Metro introduces smart card with month-long validity

At ₹2,500, it will allow commuters to avail themselves of unlimited rides on the 45-km network

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Chennai Metro has introduced a card that will allow commuters unlimited rides for a whole month. The new card will cost ₹2,500, with a refundable deposit of ₹50.

According to Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) officials, many tourists and marketing professionals use the services on a daily basis and such a plan will be useful for them.

At present, there is a daily tourist card which allows people to take any number of rides for ₹100.

“If a commuter buys this new monthly card, he can travel anywhere on the 45-km stretch and take any number of rides. He can take rides for 30 days. The card itself is valid for three months, he can recharge this card in case he wants to continue using it,” an official said.

Chennai Metro has a smart card (that provides a 10% discount) and a trip card (that offers a 20% discount and allows people to take a fixed number of rides between two stations). Sources said that nearly 30% of commuters use smart cards and another 30% trip cards; even today, there are many who prefer to buy a token.

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