

E-scooters at four Metro stations

Shared car and auto services at all stations soon

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Chennai Metro plans to bring in share cars and share autos to all 32 stations in phase I, to help improve last-mile connectivity. In addition, on Monday, it brought in electric scooters from the firm Vogo and made them available for rent to commuters at four stations.

The scooters will be available at Guindy, Alandur, Vadapalani and Anna Nagar Tower Metro stations and then subsequently at other stations as well.

Padmanabhan Balakrishnan of Vogo Automotive Pvt. Ltd said they were already running their service in Hyderabad Metro and had nearly 3 lakh users.

“We have brought in this electric scooter to give peo-



Easy ride: Commuters can start the scooter through a one-time password. ■ S. R. RAGHUNATHAN

ple an easy mode of transport to reach the stations. It is affordable because people will be charged based on the distance they travel,” he said.

The scooter will have an internet of things (IoT) box fitted and it will help the commuter have access to the ‘key’ through a one-time password.

Also, the scooters can be tracked on a real-time basis and commuters can pay online for the ride.

According to officials of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), the contract for operating share autos and share cars in all stations has been awarded and this project will take off in a few months.