

Get a monthly pass and take multiple rides on metro rail

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Chennai: Commuters can now enjoy rides on metro trains multiple times in a day as Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has launched a monthly pass. Passengers will have to pay ₹2,500 with an additional refundable fee of ₹50 to purchase the 'tourist card'.

"With this card, commuters can travel to any station at any time of the day for an entire month," an official said.

While smartcards were introduced for commuters to avoid waiting in queues, metro rail officials said the new monthly tourist card is for office-goers and tourists who use the metro rail facility multiple times in a day.

The launch of the new

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tourist card comes a month after the last leg of the 45km phase-1 started operations and the CMRL is taking efforts to introduce new commuter facilities like feeder services to increase the footfall in its 32 stations. Now, metro service has an average ridership of 90,000 per day.

At present, the CMRL offers a tourist card for ₹100 + ₹50 as refundable fee that allows unlimited rides only for a single day. There is also a trip card that allow passengers to a set specific number of trips within a specific number of days between two stations.

The CMRL also tested their smartcards with MTC's electronic ticket machines in an effort to introduce a common mobility card that will enable smooth transition of commuters across different modes of transport. The ETMs were upgraded with a software to conduct the trials. The same card can also be used to avail CMRL feeder services and at station parking lots.