

A chit-chat ride on metro

Soon after metro rail services were commissioned between AG-DMS and Washermenpet, residents of the northern suburb who walked into metro stations were dumbstruck with the way the underground stations and tunnels were built. Though they enjoyed free rides on packed trains on the inaugural day, they were not impressed by the cost of tickets advertised at the stations. And they were heard saying that they may never pay to ride on the metro. "Metro trains will never see such crowds with such ticket fares," guffawed a group of men, who had taken free rides at least five times on a single day. Soon, more people joined the discussion when a woman was heard offering her two cents, "Sir, metro trains are cheaper for long distances and for people who are time and environment conscious. When people start valuing both, we'll see crowd." Suddenly, there was pin drop silence.

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