

# Metro daily patronage sees tenfold increase

Over 3.8 crore people have used the service since June 2015

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In the last four years, over 3.8 crore passengers have taken the Chennai Metro.

The first service began on June 29, 2015, on the 8-km stretch between Koyambedu and Alandur. At first, only about 8,000-9,000 people travelled. Four years on and with the commissioning of the 45-km Phase I, the system has close to 95,000 people using it daily.

## Key issues

Though they have brought in mini buses, share autos and share cars at many stations, such services would be extended to all 32 stations in the coming months. "Once that happens, we expect the average number of people taking the Metro to cross one lakh a day easily," an official said.

Though the daily ridership did touch one lakh in April, the average number of people travelling in the Metro still continues to be nearly 95,000 a day.

From the time the system was implemented, the ridership has grown gradually. It started with 26 lakh in the period between June and December 2015, and has recorded one crore passengers between January to May 2019.

## Gaining traction

In four years, Chennai Metro has seen its ridership grow by leaps and bounds



June-December 2015

26,33,890

January-December 2016

36,30,216

January-December 2017

73,99,282

January-December 2018

1,43,88,969

January-May 14, 2019

1,00,51,442

TOTAL: 3,81,03,799

## RIDERSHIP SO FAR THIS YEAR

JANUARY

17,36,744

FEBRUARY

23,61,287

MARCH

23,88,319

APRIL

24,30,713

TILL MAY 14

11,34,379

"We expect the patronage to cross one lakh after fixing last-mile issues," an official said