Metro daily patronage sees tenfold increase

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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 1, 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.

“Our target is to attract people to use the Metro to travel to work, and we have seen a significant increase in the number of passengers,” 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.

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