More than 1cr metro riders in 4 months

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Chennai: Since the opening of the last leg of 43km phase I earlier this year, more than one crore people have travelled in metro trains, including the daily ridership that reached 1.60L on April 13th. A total of 3L passengers have boarded metro trains since its first operation in June 2015.

In a release, Chennai Metro Rail Limited said the monthly ridership had jumped to 30.0L in February from 17.5L. In January, it was because CMRL opened the last stretch of the phase from Washermanpet to AG-DMS, linking crucial locations along arterial Anna Salai while also providing commuters with the shortest travel route from Central railway station to the airport.

In April this year, the ridership increased to 24.3L with daily patronage touching 1.68L on April 13th.

CMRL recorded 36.3L ridership from June to December 2015 after the first line between Royapuram and Alwarpet was opened. The ridership increased by about 30,000 passengers in 2016 with 36.3L passengers. With more lines, the ridership jumped to 19.0L in 2017 and touched 1.68L in 2018.

"One of the initiatives that helped in the rise in patronage is the Bharatminto and tax service as last mile connectivity in 32 stations. We will extend this service to all 32 stations soon," an official said.