

More than 1cr metro riders in 4 months

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Chennai: Since the opening of the last leg of 45km phase-1 earlier this year, more than one crore people have travelled in metro trains, including the daily ridership that reached 1.02L on April 26. A total of 3.81cr 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 23.61L in February from 17.36L in January. It was because CMRL opened the last stretch of the phase from Washermenpet 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 1.02L on April 26.

CMRL recorded 26.33L ridership from June to December 2015 after the first line between Koyambedu and Alandur was opened. The ridership increased by about 10,000 passengers in 2016 with 36.3L passengers. With more lines, the ridership jumped to 73.99L in 2017 and touched 1.43cr in 2018.

“One of the initiatives that helped in the rise in patronage is the share auto and taxi services as last mile connectivity in 13 stations. We will extend this service to all 32 stations soon,” an official said.