

Nandanam Jn made four-way again

Was Closed To Facilitate Metro Work

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Chennai: The fourth light in the traffic signal at the busy Nandanam junction finally began blinking on Friday evening, seven years after it was delinked to facilitate metro rail work on Anna Salai. Motorists can now travel from Venkatanarayana Road in T nagar to RA Puram in Mandaveli via Chamiers Road. (right) Police have also made North Boag Road a two-way stretch.



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given the go-ahead for reverting to the old arrangement at the junction and that police had begun preparations.

A traffic police officer said, "We have made this a four-way junction, operated manually by our personnel. We will monitor the situation to see if it works. We will also talk to road

users and see if there are any pile-ups."

That it will take some time for motorists to adjust to the situation was evident after the old system came back. S Ramanathan, a software engineer, said vehicles stretched for half a kilometre on all sides. "It took at least 20 minutes to cross



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the signal."

As part of the preparation, a traffic enforcement team in March supervised construction of a 200-metre-long median and closed one side of the road. The next month, they allowed traffic on both sides from Cenotaph Road to Anna Salai but had to go back to the

old system after complaints of pile-ups.

Police have made North Boag Road, from GN Chetty Road to Residency Towers on Theyagaraya Road, a two-way stretch, erecting barricades in the middle of the road. However, the lack of signboards and police personnel to regulate things have led to many road users continuing to treat North Boag Road as a one-way stretch.

Similarly, Mayor Sundararao Road, linking Anna Salai and GN Chetty Road, has been reversed for vehicular movement. Earlier, only vehicles from GN Chetty Road were allowed to proceed towards Anna Salai via Mayor Sundararao Road. Now, motorists from Anna Salai can also proceed along the road and join GN Chetty Road.