

# 45k Metro users utilised feeder services in July

**CHENNAI:** Nearly a year after the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) commenced share auto and share taxi feeder services, 4.40 lakh passengers had utilised the service. In the month of July, around 45,000 passengers used the services.

Metro Rail operates share auto feeder services on designated routes charging a fixed fare of Rs 5. Similarly, the share taxi feeder services at six select Metro stations are being operated at Rs 10 fixed fare covering a 3 km radius.

According to a statement from Metro Rail, 4,40,087 passengers have utilised the share auto and share taxi services between August 11, 2018 to July 31, 2019. In July, 44,974 passengers used the facilities, of which 38,473 rides were on share auto. Guindy Metro station recorded the highest number of share auto rides – 12,575. Metro Rail had also tied up with a Bengaluru-based firm to provide app-based feeder service at six Metro stations, namely Chennai Central, Government Estate, LIC, Thousand Lights, AG-DMS and Nandanam, from August 5.

The patronage of Metro Rail went up by 45 per cent to touch 28.17 lakh in July, from 19.37 lakh in January. The daily average patronage crossed one lakh in July, with the highest of 1.07 lakh registered on July 13. Around 26 lakh people used Metro between June and December 2015. After the commissioning of phase I, the ridership crossed 1.68 crore from January 1 to July 31, 2019.