

Now, catch a cab ride for ₹10 from metro stations

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Chennai: Now finding a cab to reach your destination from the nearest metro station is only a click away.

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) on Monday launched feeder service cabs where commuters could book them from their location and reserve a seat before boarding. At the end of their trip, they can swipe the metro smart-card to make cashless payment. State industries minister M C Sampath, who launched the services, also inaugurated charging stations for electric

vehicles at Nandanam metro station. "CMRL has many firsts to its credit when it comes to commuter services and metros in other cities have been following us. With this feeder service, we want to provide easy and affordable service," said Sampath.

The feeder service launched in collaboration with Bengaluru Megacabs Private Limited has been linked to an app developed by Ford Mobility. The app, now integrated with CMRL's mobile app, will operate like those used by cab aggregators. The app is designed with a minimum of five pickup points for every sta-

tion. Commuters can choose the nearest pickup and the app will provide distance to the point and the arrival time of the nearest cab. Passengers can reserve a seat of their choice and either pay before taking the trip or swipe their card at the end of the trip. The

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LAST-MILE LINK: Metro rail feeder services were inaugurated at the Nandanam station

service will cover a distance of six to eight kilometres from every station and will be available for a flat rate of ₹10.

CMRL managing director Pankaj Kumar Bansal said every station will have at least two cabs and the service will be extended to all stations in the next three months.

The electric vehicle charging station, launched in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a government of India enterprise, will be extended to 26 stations. Each station will have two ports that can be used for two, three and four-wheelers for a fee of ₹10.