

Motorists rejoice as Anna Salai near LIC made two-way

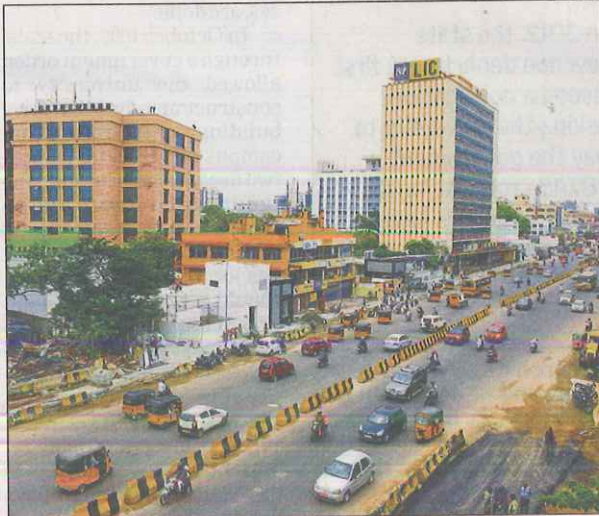
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System May Be Extended Based On Patronage

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Chennai: The stretch of Anna Salai, near the iconic LIC building, has become a two-way stretch after seven years. On day one of the temporary arrangements, there were some complaints and much jubilation among road users, as it cut short travel on ever-busy General Patters Road.

The stretch from Tarapore Towers to Thousand Lights mosque is home to top brands, showrooms, theatres, malls and corporate offices. All these years, commuters had endured disruptions and road cuts. From Wednesday, GP Road and Whites Road have been made two-way for vehicular movement. "The traffic police personnel should have sealed the median properly as many road users especially bikers violated traffic rules and took a 'U'



BREATHING EASY AGAIN: General Patters Road and Whites Road have been made two-way for vehicular movement. The true test will be on Thursday when offices open for business as usual

turn through narrow openings in the median," said Saravana Kumar, an advocate, about the change.

Moideen, a mechanic at a car repair shop on General Patters Road, said police personnel should have advertised about the traffic changes a couple of days in advance. Police stopped his bike from entering General Patters Ro-

ad from Anna Salai, as the stretch of GP Road from Royapettah clock tower to Anna Salai remain one way.

Several other commuters, especially those who live and work in and around GP Road, said they faced many traffic-related problems.

Joint commissioner of police (south zone), K Ejilearassane and subordinate offi-

The arrangement is only for two days, said senior police officers. Many said that the law enforcers should have advertised the changes a couple of days earlier

cial kick-started the two-way flow of traffic on Anna Salai near Tarapore Towers. At least 80 police personnel were deployed on the busy stretch to streamline and address the grievances of road users.

Under the new arrangement, vehicles travelling on Pattulas Road shall be permitted to turn left on to Whites Road to reach Royapettah clock tower and proceed further. Though the new traffic arrangements have been announced for two only days, police said they would continue with the new arrangement based on patronage.

The woes will come to an end by Thursday, said a police officer, claiming that Thursday is a routine working day and many road users might use Anna Salai.