

Metro's patronage goes up by 64% since Jan this year

CHENNAI: Chennai Metro Rail has been witnessing a steady rise in its daily patronage after its first phase became fully operational. The monthly patronage of the Metro has grown by 64 per cent since January this year.



In September, the monthly patronage touched 31.89 lakh as against 19.37 lakh in January. The daily patronage crossed more than one lakh for 21 days in the last month, with the maximum of 1.19 lakh on September 13. In August, the daily patronage crossed more than one lakh for 19 days, with the maximum of 1.3 lakh on August 30.

In total, 2.23 crore passengers have travelled in Metro trains in 2019. "CMRL has undertaken several initiatives for providing last-mile connectivity. Share autos and share taxis, metro cab services are operated from Metro rail stations in addition to small buses run by MTC. Tempo traveller feeder services to IT corridors on OMR have also been provided," a statement from CMRL said.



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(June 2015), Little Mount to Chennai airport (September 2016), Alandur to St. Thomas Mount (October 2016), Koyambedu to Nehru Park (May 2017), Nehru Park to Chennai Central (May 2018) and Little Mount to AG-DMS (May 2018). The last section to be commissioned was AG-DMS to Washermenpet via Central in February this year.

As the new section was

The incident happened in the evening when they tried to pull the concrete body for post-mortem. The build-
Dhandapani died on the spot. While Vijayakumar has been critically admitted at the hospital, the three labourers were treated as out patients. On information, Chromepet police have registered a case and sent Dhandapani's body for post-mortem. The build-
in contact with the overhead live cables in Tirunelveli on Wednesday.