

2 crore people rode metro rail in 9 mths

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Chennai: More than 2.23 crore passengers travelled in metro trains for their daily commute in the last nine months. In September, as many as 32 lakh commuters boarded metro trains in the two existing corridors in the city.

In a release, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) said the daily ridership reached more than a lakh over 21 days.

It includes 1.19 lakh passengers on September 13, over 1.16 lakh on September 6 and 12, 1.15 lakh on Sep-

tember 16, around 1.14 lakh on September 2 and 30 and 1.01 lakh on September 7.

Metro rail officials said the introduction of feeder services for last mile connectivity such as share auto, share taxi, MTC small buses, rental bike, car and cycle and air-conditioned van services to IT corridors helped increase the patronage. Besides this, CMRL also introduced bicycle, bike and car on rent services which helped in increasing the patronage. CMRL, however, is yet to reach its estimated daily ridership of 7.75 lakhs for the 45km phase-1.