

Last-mile connectivity to IT companies has helped boost footfall

Service to be extended to more firms

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After an initial dismal response, Chennai Metro's efforts at improving last-mile connectivity seem to have an impact as the patronage has improved. One of the reasons for the gradual increase in ridership over the months can be attributed to the fact that last-mile connectivity has been extended to some of the IT companies in recent times.

According to officials of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), a few months ago, they began van services to Tidel Park and Ramanujam IT Park from Little Mount Metro station and now, there are passengers taking it on a daily basis. Similarly, they also began services between DLF and Alandur Metro station and around

600 people take it everyday.

"A few weeks ago, we began share car services to transport passengers from MEPZ to Airport Metro station and the response has been quite good, with 200 people taking it everyday; we expect it to grow substantially in the coming weeks," an official said.

There are talks to rope in a few more firms as well. Employees of these companies living close to Metro stations have been identified and they would be given a monthly allowance for payment of Metro fares.

The staff will take the Metro and get off at Alandur Metro station from where, their company bus will take them to their offices, sources said.