



The Metro is here

For most part of the last decade, we put up with dug up roads, barricades and traffic snarls, all for that one mode of transport: Metro Rail. Public transport in the city meant elbowing our way in crowded MTC buses and suburban trains. And so the Metro came as a breath of fresh air: there was air conditioning, comfortable seating, the novelty of plastic travel coins, underground commute... For some people in the city, Metro provided their first tryst with automatic ticket vending machines, turnstiles and their swift wings.

People celebrated the inaugural ride like a festival. On the first day of the launch of Phase I, we saw families who had travelled all the way to the city from places like Krishnagiri for the Metro experience. They took selfies, walked about the swanky stations, and cheered when the train arrived. Travel is Chennai will never be the same again.

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