

CMRL: 3.28 crore passengers travelled by metro in 2019

Chennai: As many as 3.28 crore passengers travelled on metro trains in 2019 after Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) began operations across the entire 45km lines of phase-1. More than 6.08 crore passengers have used metro rail services since the first line began operations in June 2015.

In a release, CMRL said that in January 2019, 17.36 lakh people travelled in metro trains. In February, the last leg of phase-1 from Washermenpet and AG-DMS started operations. In December 2019, CMRL recorded as many as 34.32 lakh passengers using their service. Between June 29, 2015 when the first operations began, and December 2018, 2.80 crore passengers travelled. The release further added, more than one lakh passengers travelled for 19 days in August 2019, 21 days in September 2019, 22 days in October 2019, 24 days in November 2019 and 26 days in December 2019. CMRL average daily ridership now stands at 1.16 lakh. "CMRL has come up with several efficient and sustainable initiatives to increase patronage like providing parking space and last mile connectivity including share auto, share taxi and metro cab feeder services, which are available in a few stations and would soon be extended to all 32 metro stations," the release said. TNN