

» CMRL allows handy bicycles on train

CHENNAI: In an effort to promote energy-efficient transport mode, Chennai Metro Rail has announced that it would allow passengers to take "small, smart and handy bicycles" inside the train from Friday. "As part of providing several amenities to the Chennai public, as a one of a kind initiative and a first for Metro across India. Now passengers are allowed to take 'small, smart and handy bicycles only' inside the Metro stations and trains from February 14. The initiative is part of the sustainable and eco-friendly measures undertaken by CMRL," an official release from the CMRL said. The passengers would not be charged additionally for taking their bicycle on the train. "Only modern and smart bicycles would be allowed. There are bicycles which could be folded and taken along with them. We will not allow the regular bicycles inside the train," a CMRL official said. The CMRL has posted the announcement in its social media pages where users have sought clarification on the "small, smart and handy" bicycles. "Does small, smart and handy means - foldable bicycles? If yes, relax this rule and allow commuters with normal bicycles to travel in coaches," responded Kaushik Srinivasan on Facebook. Vignesh, another social media user, commented that in Delhi Metro, one doesn't get space to stand while Chennai Metro allowing cycles.