Metro services extended till 9 pm

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The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) on Thursday extended its services by one hour from 7 am to 9 pm considering requests from passengers. Earlier it was from 7

am to 8 pm. This comes apart from the

increased train stoppage time at stations from 20 seconds to 50 seconds to maintain social

distancing and fresh air circulation. Earlier, CMRL conducted its services with peak hour headway of 5 minutes and non-peak hour headway of 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, more than 24,354 passengers have used the Metro services since the resumption of its service after five months due to the pandemic. According to a release issued by CMRL, services with smart card while 637 travelled with the QR code ticketing system.

On Thursday 13,980 passengers travelled in the metro. While 11,091 passengers used the smart card, 325 pa-

ssengers utilised the QRcode.

The metro rail services resumed its blue line on Monday between Washermenpet to airport followed by green line services between Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro Station to St. Thomas Mount Metro Station 18.769 passengers used metro Via Koyambedu on Wednesday. Alternate services between

Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro Station to Airport Metro Station via Kovambedu have also restarted from Thursday.