

# New Anna subway opens up for public

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AS part of multi-modal integration initiatives, the old Anna Subway near Chennai Metro Rail Government Estate Underground Metro Station has been renovated and opened on Wednesday.

The old subway, one of the biggest subways in the city, is located beneath Arignar Anna Statue. In order to complement the aesthetics of the surrounding metro entry, it has been renovated with ACP cladding, granite flooring, wall tiling, new lighting and designer GFRC Jalli works.

The subway has direct connectivity to Government Estate Underground Metro Station Concourse Level and provides convenient access to the station for the passengers' benefit from Wallajah road, Ellis road, Blacker's Road and Anna Salai. It also connects to the iconic Khadi Bhavan and Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Specialty Hospital at Omandurar Government Estate.



The renovated Anna subway that was thrown open on Wednesday | P JAWAHAR

Adequate signboards have also been installed at the entry gates to guide passengers. A Chennai Metro Rail spokesman said that nine subways have been renovated till now. This include subway across Poonamallee High Road near Central Metro (park Station to Moore market complex), subway from Broadway bus stand to High Court and Subway across Poon-

amallee High Road near Central.

After resumption of services, metro rail's patronage has increased significantly with both lines recording a flow of 65,038 passengers as recorded from September 7 to September 13. The newly introduced QR coding ticket system has compelled 3,567 passengers availing this facility.