

# Central-airport direct metro service today

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**Chennai:** Three days after Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) resumed services in a graded manner after a five-month break, it will start operation of the direct line from Central Metro to Airport via Koyambedu from Thursday. It will also extend the train timing from 7am to 9pm following requests from the public. On Wednesday, CMRL began operating the second corridor of phase-1 from Central Metro to St Thomas Mount via Koyambedu.

“Train services from Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MG Ramachandran Central Metro to St Thomas Mount metro station and from Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MG Ramachandran Central Metro to Airport metro via Koyambedu will run as



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alternate trains from September 10,” CMRL said in a release.

It means, passengers heading from the airport to CMBT to board a bus or vice

versa could reach their destination in the same train, which will change corridors through the loop line at Alandur metro. Without this service, passengers may have to

physically change corridors at Alandur metro.

From Thursday, the train timings too will be extended from 7am to 9pm after, “considering several requests from public, passengers and domestic/international travellers.” CMRL began operations on Monday opening corridor-1 from Washermenpet to Airport amid strict restriction from 7am to 8pm.

“We were waiting for the line to open, as it is otherwise difficult and expensive to spend for an auto or cab to reach my office. As of now, there is no issue with maintaining social distancing since the crowd is less. We have to wait and see,” said S Menaka, a regular commuter from Shenoy Nagar, who uses the service to reach her workplace in Anna Salai.