

# Trailer carrying iron sheets collapses near Central

## Vehicle gets trapped after makeshift steel deck caves in

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In a freak accident, a truck trailer carrying heavy iron sheet rolls collapsed after a makeshift path used on a steel deck suddenly caved in near the Central railway station. No one was injured in the incident.

Chennai Metrol Rail Limited has been constructing a subway near the station since last July after erecting a steel deck using beams and sheets. Vehicles were allowed on the temporary path on E.V.R. Salai.

According to the police, as the truck, weighing around 60-70 tonnes, reached the spot, the deck caved in unable to withstand the heavy load of the trailer, and it sank into the hole.

### Headed for harbour

According to a CMRL spokesperson, around midnight, the trailer carrying seven sheets, each weighing 11 tonnes, was going to the harbour. The overall weight, in-



**Restoring normalcy:** The caved-in deck on E.V.R. Salai near Central station being repaired on Monday. ■ S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

cluding that of the trailer, was 90 tonnes. The overloaded trailer damaged the decking plate, which collapsed.

Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, N. Kannan and other officers reached the spot and launched an operation to pull out the vehicle. Traffic diversions were implemented on E.V.R. Salai due to the ongoing emergency work.

Mr. Kannan said, "With

the help of men and machinery from CMRL, our personnel pulled out the vehicle in the morning. We worked on a war footing to restore traffic flow. The traffic was normalised by Monday night."

Normal traffic resumed after authorities certified the rebuilt deck as fit for use by traffic, the police said. The Traffic Investigation Wing registered a case against the driver of the trailer for overloading.