

In three months, 31.5L avail metro rail services

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After resuming the services suspended due to the lockdown, Chennai metro rail attracted 31,52,446 (31.5 lakh) passengers in the last three months.

It was on September 7 that Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) resumed its service in a phased manner. The services got 30 lakh passengers at a time when a significant portion of workforce in the city, especially the IT and IT-enabled sectors, continued work from home due to the pandemic.

According to CMRL, a steady increase in passenger count was registered, since services were resumed. A total of 3,60,193 passengers travelled in September,

while around 7,03,223 passengers used the Metro train in October.

In November, 8,58,546 people utilised the services, and at least 12,30,484 people travelled in metro trains in December.

"A total of 83,813 passengers utilised the recently launched QR code ticketing system from September 2020 to December 2020 and 18,49,944 passengers used the travel card ticketing system from September 2020 to December 2020," CMRL said.

The highest single day commuter count was recorded on December 21, with 47,214 passengers. It may be noted that CMRL received nearly 1.2 lakh people each day during the pre-pandemic days.