

# 9,972 commuters use North Chennai Metro line in a day

**CHENNAI:** A Chennai Metro statement said 80,152 passengers travelled on Metro, including 9,972 who used the North Chennai line on Monday. The North Chennai line from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar, which began commercial services on Monday after it was inaugurated on February 14, saw patronage of 9,972.

Among the seven new Metro stations in North Chennai, Wimco Nagar witnessed the highest footfall of 1,727 followed by Kaladipet and Tiruvottiyur with 1,645 and 1,544 respectively. The least patronage was at Tondiarpet Metro with 854 commuters. The central Metro recorded the highest footfall of 7,562 among all the stations followed by the Airport with 4,791 and Tiru-



mangalam with 4,320. A CMRL official said the metro patronage is expected to go up further following the opening of the Washermanpet-Wimco Nagar stretch. The Metro, which was carrying about 1.1 lakh people a day before the COVID lockdown, saw its patronage decline by over 50 per cent last month even after resuming services in September 2020.