## Metro trains now at every 5 minutes

Chennai: From Friday, metro trains will be available every five minutes during peak hours and every 10 minutes in nonpeak hours. Chennai Metro Rail Limited has increased frequency of services, reverting to its pre-Covid operating frequency due to increase in ridership. Trains will run from 5.30am to 11pm.

Since services resumed in September after five months of lockdown, trains were operated every seven minutes during peak hours from 8am to 10am and from 4pm to 7pm and 20 minutes during non-peak hours. Recently, TOI reported that due to ridership steadily increasing from 14,000 to 44,000 average daily patronage, many commuters demanded the frequency be increased to prevent crowding in trains.

In a release, CMRL said trains would be operated every 15 minutes between 10pm and 11pm. On Sunday and public holidays, trains will be available every 20 minutes without peak hour services. TNN