

Press Release

58,528 students have been taken the experiential learning trips in Chennai Metro Rail

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Children with diverse learning needs should be provided equal access to a public education. Chennai Metro Rail has been revolutionizing the concept of Mass Urban Transportation across Chennai City.

In an effort to ensure children gain experience in travelling independently and safely, 26 students from Swabodhini Special School, Thiruvanmiyur were taken on a Metro Train Ride from Guindy to Wimco Nagar Metro Station today (30.07.2022). This effort was undertaken to give the children the experience on organised travel on the Metro Rail, to enhance their confidence to travel and eventually be able to travel independently. Such trips facilitate improving their social integration and interaction skills.

This experiential learning trip was organised by CMRL in association with Swabodhini Special School. Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System and Operations), CMRL travelled along with Officials from CMRL and Swabodhini Special School Volunteers.

CMRL has been providing experiential and educational trips to the students of Government Schools, Government Aided Schools from Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram District. The trips aim to create awareness on how children can travel in the Metro Trains safety and independently. The features of the Metro Train and its Stations are also explained to the students during the trip.

From 2018 to 2022 a total number of 58,528 students from Government Schools and various charitable organizations have travelled in Chennai Metro Trains in more than 300 trips.

Hemamala, Director of Swabodhini Special School, Thiruvanmiyur, said about the trip:

The Metro Rail is accessible for the differently abled persons. There is a lift to go from the concourse to the platform, and there is a facility for differently abled people to sit on the train in their wheelchairs. Also the wheelchair can move from one compartment to another without any difficulty. They can sit comfortably in the

space reserved for them. She said that it is not only them but everyone from School is happy to go on an educational tour with these facilities.

To avail such experiential and educational trips, Government and Government Aided Schools from other districts may email to girirajan.l@cmrl.in and shrutishambavi.r@cmrl.in

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