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**Press Release**

**Sub:** Chennai Metro Rail Project – Dengue Awareness Program in all Underground and System Packages.

Chennai Metro Rail works are in progress at different parts of the city. Twenty-six stations have been completed and commissioned for operation as on October 2018 which consists of both Elevated and Underground Stations. Works are on-going in the balance underground stations and associated tunnels.

Around 5000 labours are engaged in the project, with high intensity works being carried out in the project in both day and night shifts the labour are exposed to climate fatigue and illness on account of other epidemic viral diseases.

To protect the workmen, regular health check-up and health awareness camps are conducted for all workers at the site location and labour camps. Stagnant water at work sites and labour camps are cleared periodically, fogging and chemical spraying are done throughout the work location and labour camps and food waste is disposed on a regular basis and not allowed to accumulate. Contractors are given instructions to give regular awareness on this to all in their site, regular inspection and audits of work sites and labour camps are conducted by CMRL representatives with contractors to ensure systematic housekeeping and prevent water stagnation.

To create Awareness on Dengue, CMRL project has taken extra efforts to protect its workers from the deadly diseases. The workers are given special training at site locations on vector control diseases, its implications and steps to be taken to control the same. Doctors were present to explain about the seriousness of the disease and awareness videos were played for better understanding. Labours were given Nilavembu Kashayam for the prevention of dengue. The distribution of Nilavembu Kashayam is done regularly at work sites and labour camps.