



Inauguration of Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 14th February 2021

On 14-02-2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, **Thiru. Narendra Modi** inaugurated the passenger services in the Phase-I Extension of CMRL Project from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar for a distance of 9.05 km at a total cost of Rs. 3770 crores at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit**. The event was presided over by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, **Thiru. O. Paneerselvam**, Hon'ble Speaker **Thiru. P. Dhanabal** and Hon'ble Minister for Industries, **Thiru. M.C. Sampath** and other dignitaries participated in the function.



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Salient Features of Phase- I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project



The Phase-I of Chennai Metro Rail Project with two corridors covering a total length of 45 Km with 32 metro stations, is currently under operation. Corridor-1 is Blue Line from Washermanpet Metro to Airport and Corridor-2 is Green line from Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro to St. Thomas Mount Metro. The Phase-I extension project from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar for a distance of 9.051 Km has now been completed.

The newly inaugurated Phase-I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project covers a distance of 9.051 km and consists of 2 Underground and 5 Elevated Metro Stations located at the heart of North Chennai. The project completion cost of Rs.3770 crores is funded by Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Now Phase - I of CMRL Project covers a total distance of 54 km with 21 Underground and 18 Elevated Metro Stations. The passengers from North Chennai can reach Chennai Airport within 60 minutes.

The Phase-I of Chennai Metro Rail Project has been designed to provide connectivity to long distance trains at Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central and Egmore Railway Stations, Suburban trains and MRTS at Park and Park Town Stations, long distance buses at Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (CMBT), Koyambedu and MTC buses at several locations. In Phase-I Extension, the Elevated Metro Stations of Tollgate and Thiruvottriyur have been integrated with the existing MTC Bus Terminuses, with provision for parking and footpaths for hassle-free travel. These measures will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30198 tCo2. About 2 lakh people are expected to commute every day by Chennai Metro in this stretch. This Project is part of National Infrastructure Pipeline Project.



With successful completion of Phase - I, CMRL's ambitious Phase-II project, the single Largest Metro Rail project to be implemented in one go for a distance of 118.9 km with 128 stations at a cost of Rs. 63,246 crores will reach the entire city to augment its coverage to 173 km and is expected to be completed in 2026 will transform Chennai into a world class destination for investments, tourism and economic activities.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries Inspection at Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar on 10th February 2021

The Hon'ble Minister for Industries, **Thiru. M.C Sampath** inspected the Phase-I Extension of CMRL Project on 10th February 2021.

The Hon'ble Minister inspected the final finishing works being carried out at Toll Gate and Wimco Nagar Metro Station and also reviewed on the rest 5 Metro Stations also. The Hon'ble Minister informed the officials of CMRL to expedite the final finishing works on war footing basis to facilitate the commercial operations.

Managing Director of CMRL, Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government Special Initiatives Department, Thiru.M.A. Siddique, I.A.S, along with Thiru. Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Project), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) and other Senior Officials of CMRL were present during the inspection.



Hon'ble Minister for Industries inaugurated the Free Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines on 23rd February 2021

The Hon'ble Minister for Industries, **Thiru. M.C Sampath** inaugurated the free Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines which have been installed at all 39 Metro Stations and CMRL Admin Building on 23rd February 2021 in the presence of Managing Director of CMRL, Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S.,

CMRL in association with Geo India Foundation has embarked on a novel mission in providing free sanitary napkin services at all 39 metro stations and CMRL Admin Building. Women Passengers can now avail this Facility of free sanitary napkin service in case of emergency.

Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) along with Tmt. Kamala Muthupaliappan, District First lady, Rotary International dist 3232, Tmt.Sarada Ramani - President Rotary club of Thiruvanniyur, Tmt. Priya Jemima- Founder Geo india Foundation, Tmt. Tharakeshwari Jeyan, Founder Dream TN NGO were present during the occasion.



Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) Thiru Durga Shankar Mishra, I.A.S., and Chairman of Chennai Metro Rail Limited inspected Phase-I Extension Metro Stations on 13th February 2021

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) Thiru Durga Shankar Mishra, I.A.S., and Chairman of Chennai Metro Rail Limited had inspected the Metro Stations in Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar on the eve of the inauguration on 13th February 2021.

During the inspection, the Chairman reviewed various aspects namely Multi-Modal Integration, Passenger Safety and various other special arrangements made for the benefit of passengers at Wimco Nagar and New Washermanpet Metro Stations.

Thiru Pradeep Yadav., I.A.S., Managing Director along with Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Project), Thiru Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) and other Senior Officials of CMRL were present during the inspection.



Swacch Bharat and Social Welfare themes adopted at Metro Stations

The newly inaugurated Phase-I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project covers a distance of 9.051 km and consists of 2 Underground and 5 Elevated Metro Stations. These Metro Stations connect the major business district of Chennai at the heart of North Chennai.

In line with the CMRL's objective to provide a sustainable Eco-friendly mode of transport to the public. Several social welfare schemes such as Swacch Bharat, Plastic Free, Women Welfare Scheme posters and awareness videos have been displayed at the 7 Metro Stations. Posters and videos related to Swacch Bharat on conserving the environment and segregation of waste have been displayed at Wimco Nagar and Toll Gate Metro Stations. Awareness on Plastic pollution, Women welfare social messages have been displayed at Thiruvottriyur and Kaladipet Metro Stations. These social welfare messages have been displayed to make the public aware on the importance of conserving the environment.



CMRS Inspection conducted at Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar

The Commissioner of Metro Railways Safety, Thiru. Abhai Kumar Rai, CMR/S. Circle, Bangalore along with his team inspected the underground stretch of Phase-I Extension, from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar stretch from 5th February 2021 to 7th February 2021.

The Commissioner of Metro Railways Safety was accompanied by 3 Dy, CMRS, Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., MD, CMRL along with Thiru. Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Project), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) and Chief General Manager (Underground) Thiru. Vijay Kumar Singh, and other Senior Officials of CMRL.

Several Civil, operations and system readiness namely OHE height and stagger measurement, Demonstration of fire hydrant at Ramp Area, Demonstration of TVS Jet fans, Ramp Sump Pump Inspection and Overview, Measurement of Schedule of Dimensions (SODs), Gauge, level and clearance measurement at every 200m intervals, Demonstration of Passenger Emergency Telephone (PET), Public Announcement (PAP) and Passenger Information Displays (PIDS), Lifts and Escalators, HV room, System readiness and pier bearings in the Up-line and Downline, Train Operation Safety, Signalling was inspected and documents were reviewed.

This inspection paved way to CMRL's plan for fully completing the entire Phase I extension works from Washermanpet to Thiruvottriyur (Wimco Nagar) covering 9.051 kms with 7 Metro Stations (2 Underground and 5 Elevated Metro Stations) which connected the northern part of the city to the Central Business District Area.



Tapping into the Artistic and Cultural Aspect at the heart of North Chennai

Phase-I Extension of CMRL Project has been designed and constructed for a distance of 9.05 km consists of 2 Underground and 5 Elevated Metro Stations at the heart of North Chennai constructed at a cost of Rs. 3770 crores with financial assistance from Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu and JICA.

The Metro Stations in Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Thiruvottiyur/Wimco Nagar has been designed keeping in mind the space availability without hindering the heavy traffic that flows through the arterial roads of the said location. Keeping up with the surrounding cultural attributes of Washermanpet to Thiruvottiyur/Wimco Nagar, the exteriors of the stations are designed artistically and vibrantly to add to the travel experience of the passengers. Station buildings act as the unique landmarks and contribute to the fabric of the city.

Use of modern graphical pattern on the walls add curiosity to the people living around and encourage them to explore the Metro Rail System. Two types of graphic pattern have been provided throughout the line on the gable end, to break the monotony of the corridor running parallel to the Thiruvottiyur High Road. The shades of blue & white used in the Elevated Metro Stations are inspired by the Chennai Metro Rail Logo.



Several vibrant colours have been utilized underneath the station buildings to create a positive and bright environment throughout the Medians also. All the structural elements of the Metro Station buildings are painted in different colours to enable people living in the vicinity in identifying the Metro Stations easily and also differentiate between different structural elements while driving through the stations. LED lights have been fitted with all Metro Station Signages to enable passengers to identify the Metro Stations with ease.

CMRL has been a pioneer in introducing several unique facilities to benefit the people of Chennai by connecting major transport hubs, public places and by providing consistent punctual service and well maintained Metro Stations. No doubt this will transform Chennai into a world class destination for investments, tourism and economic activities.

Sustaining Growth with Inclusivity and Diversity

Chennai Metro Rail Limited has always endeavoured to provide a diverse and inclusive work culture in the organization. Building the diversity of our workforce, and creating an inclusive workplace culture is a key focus at CMRL. Presently, CMRL has commenced commercial operations in the Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar. This new route enhances the availability of several jobs as well as seamless access to densely populated North Chennai region comprising predominately of Working class people.



In the line with the objective of achieving inclusive participation, CMRL emphasises on diverse workforce. Hence, CMRL has employed 13 nos of Transgender persons working at its Chennai Metro Rail Stations in the newly launched Phase-I Extension through a contracting agency.

These 13 enthusiastic transgender persons have been stationed at New Washermanpet Metro Station for various operational and customer care related services namely Ticketing, interacting with passengers and guiding them to the correct platform for reaching their end destination.

Cash Awards and Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of noble life-saving contribution

On 24th February 2021, a passenger who was traveling in Metro Train between Nehru Park and Egmore Metro Station suffered a health emergency in the Metro Train. Based on the co-passenger's information through Passenger Emergency Intercom installed in the Metro Train, the Train Operator, Thiru. P.M Rajeev immediately conveyed the information to Operation Control Centre and requested for timely medical emergency assistance at approaching Station (Egmore Metro). The ailing passenger was provided immediate assistance by performing First Aid by Egmore Metro Station Controller, Thiru. J. Rajesh and was shifted to the nearest hospital. Their timely assistance helped in saving the passenger's life.



As part of encouraging such humane gestures, CMRL has decided to reward Train Operator, Thiru. P.M Rajeev and Egmore Metro Station Controller, Thiru. J. Rajesh. In this connection, Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S, Managing Director, CMRL appreciated them and gave away Cash Awards and Certificates of Appreciation, in recognition of their noble life-saving contribution on 26th February 2021.

Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru. Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Projects), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) and Senior Officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

1,08,691 no of passengers utilized the Metro Train Services on 25th February 2021

The Extension of Phase-I from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar was inaugurated on 14th February 2021. CMRL witnessed a surge in passenger traffic as the public welcomed the new stretch which saw 1,08,691 passengers traveling in the Metro Train in both the Blue Line and Green Line and a total of 15,148 passengers have taken the Metro Train Services on 25th February 2021.



Covid-19 Awareness Events

As part of creating safety awareness among general public and passengers travelling in the Metro Train on Covid-19, CMRL had associated with On the Streets of Chennai an independent performing group had performed a live music session at Wimco Nagar Metro Station on 20th February 2021. Nimirvu Kalaiyagam, an outstanding Parai performing group performed at New Washermnppet Metro Station on 26th February 2021. The Group will also be performing at Toll Gate Metro Station on 27th February 2021 and at Wimco Nagar Metro Station on 28th February 2021 .



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