



METRO DIGEST



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INAUGURATION OF KATHIPARA URBAN SQUARE BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the Kathipara Urban Square on 16th December 2021, a multi-modal transport hub that has several facilities including bus bays, parking lots, eateries, and play area. The Kathipara Urban Square was developed by the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), with financial assistance from the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) spread across an area of 5.9 lakh sq ft, and was built at a cost of Rs 14.5 crore.



Accessible from all the major roads and is well connected with all the nearby Metro stations (Ekkattuthangal Station in the North, Alandur Metro Station in the South and Guindy Metro station on the East). The place is also well integrated with City Transport. Kathipara Urban Square has been developed as a milestone in fulfilling the objectives of the Singara Chennai 2.0 Project.



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Areal View of Kathipara Junction and Kathipara Urban Square

9.80 crore passengers have travelled in Chennai Metro Rail from 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2021

CMRL commenced its Metro Train operations from 29th June 2015 and has become the lifeline for the people of Chennai. Come rain or shine, CMRL has always endeavored to provide a safe, efficient and a reliable travel partner for its loyal commuters. This can very well be seen in the monumental increase in the patronage in 2021 wherein 2.53 crore passengers travelled in Chennai Metro observed Managing Director, CMRL Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S.

The Managing Director also added that in addition to providing world-class infrastructure facilities, CMRL has come up with several efficient and sustainable initiatives to increase the patronage. Availability of ample parking space at Metro Stations and 12 Mini Bus Feeder services are presently available at select Metro Stations.

In addition, CMRL witnessed a monumental increase in its ridership since the commencement of Metro Train Operations in 2015.

- 2,80,52,357 passengers travelled between 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2018.
- 3,28,13,628 passengers travelled between 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.
- 1,18,56,982 passengers travelled between 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020
- 2,53,03,383 passengers between 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

So far, a total of 9,80,26,350 passengers have travelled in Chennai Metro between 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2021. Metro Train services were suspended from March 2020 - September 2020 and from May 2021 - June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

CMRL thanks all its passengers for accepting Chennai Metro as their lifeline in public transport and for cooperating in maintaining the Metro Trains, Stations and wish their continued support in future.

Metro Train Services to commence from 5:30 am during Government Public Holidays with effect from 01.01.2022

In an endeavour to enable smooth travelling for passengers during Government Public Holidays, CMRL has decided to run its Metro Train services from 05:30 am to 11:00 pm instead of 7:00 am to 10:00 pm with 10 minutes headway throughout the day. And 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm with 15 minutes headway throughout the day. There will be no peak hour services in the Holiday Timetable Schedule.

Weekdays Train Service Schedule:

Metro Train Services during weekdays (Monday to Saturday) will remain the same from 05:30 am to 11:00 pm with existing peak hour services from 08:00 am to 11:00 am in the morning and from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm in the evening with 5 minute headway during Peak hours and 10-minute headway during Non-peak hours.

Sunday Train Service Schedule:

Metro Train services will run on Sundays with existing train timing schedule from 07:00 am to 10:00 pm with 10 minutes headway throughout the day. There will be no peak hour service.

Chennai Metro Travel Card to be available from Authorized Agents

CMRL's vision to create a smooth and effortless travelling experience for the public is being achieved today with a unique new pilot venture. Chennai Metro Travel Card can be obtained from Authorised Agents who have been thoroughly vetted and scrutinised to sell the Travel Card.

To begin with, the first set of Metro Train Travel Cards was entrusted to Thiru R. Premnath, an authorized agent by Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL.

During this occasion, Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL reiterated that the travel card must easily be available to public in all modes thereby enabling a smooth travel experience for them. Steps are being taken to sell the Chennai Metro Train travel card through authorized agencies besides Chennai Metro Stations. An authorized letter from CMRL will be issued to the agents confirming their genuinity.

A 5% commission incentive will be given to the authorized agent for the sale of Metro Train travel card. Usage of Chennai Metro Travel Card attracts 20% discount for travellers and can be recharged



through CMRL mobile app or at any Chennai Metro Stations.

Application for enrolling all agents will be available at Metro Stations. The travel card can be obtained at the respective metro stations by submitting the completed applications and paying the prescribed amount for the travel card. People willing to become agent can contact the helpline number - 18604251515, email - customercare@cmrl.in and mobile number - 9445196185. Those who want to avail travel card facility can approach the nearest Metro Station or CMRL Authorized Agents and Vendors.

Metro Margazhi Edit 2021-22

As part of celebrating the rich traditions of Chennai and Tamil Culture and Heritage, CMRL had collaborated with several artists and organizations to give the people of Chennai a glimpse into the world of Music and Arts of Tamil Culture at the Metro Stations and Metro Trains. The Metro Margazhi Edit 2021-22 commenced from 18th December 2021.

Parai Performance:

CMRL in association with 'Nimirvu Kalaiyagam' conducted Parai Performances at the following Metro stations: on 19th December 2021 at Vadapalani Metro Station and 26th December 2021 at Guindy Metro Station. Several passengers and Public were enthralled by their performance.

On the Streets of Chennai Music Performance at Metro Stations

CMRL in association with 'On the Streets of Chennai', a group of singers performed a live music session at several Metro Stations and inside Metro Train in both Blue Line and Green Line on 18th and 19th December 2021.

Sargam Choir Group Music Performance at Metro Station

'Sargam Choir by Dr. Sudha Raja' performed a live music session at Arignar Anna Alandur Metro stations on 27.12.2021 and a Certificate of Appreciation were given to the participants during the event.



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