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## THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU INAUGURATED THE PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY-2



On February 27, 2024, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru M.K. Stalin**, inaugurated the pedestrian subway-2 near Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital.

Constructed by Chennai Metro Rail Limited under the Central Square Project at a cost of Rs. 9.75 crore, the subway aims to enhance multi-modal connectivity in the Chennai Central area. This project, funded by Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), contributes to creating a world-class landmark and ensures hassle-free movement for the general public, particularly at the junction of Evening Bazaar Road and Poonamallee High Road.

Thiru P.K Sekarbabu, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru Dayanidhi Maran, Member of Parliament (Chennai Central), Thiru Shiv Das Meena I.A.S., Chief Secretary, Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary (Special Initiatives Department), Thiru C. Samayamoorthy I.A.S., Secretary (Housing and Urban Development), Thiru Anshul Mishra I.A.S., Member Secretary (Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority), and Senior Officials of Government were present during the occasion

## CHENNAI METRO LAUNCHED ONDC NETWORK INTEGRATION FOR DIRECT TICKET BOOKING

On February 2, 2024, CMRL announced an exciting collaboration with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), marking the first Metro Rail service in India to join the **ONDC Network**. Passengers can purchase single journey and return journey Metro tickets through buyer apps on the ONDC Network, including Rapido, Namma Yatri, and redBus.

This initiative was launched by **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations), CMRL,

Thiru. A. Shanmugasundaram, I.A.S., Commissioner of Transport and Road Safety, Thiru. I. Jeyakumar, Special Officer of CUMTA, Thiru. Manoharan, Advisor (AFC and IT), CMRL, Thiru. Shireesh Joshi, Chief Business Officer, ONDC, Thiru. Nitin Nair, Senior Vice President, ONDC, and other senior officials of CMRL and ONDC were present during the occasion.



## CMRL INTRODUCED PINK SQUAD FOR ENHANCED WOMEN'S SECURITY

CMRL has deployed the Pink Squad, consisting of martial arts-trained women security personnel, to increase vigilance against incidents like eve teasing and other offenses against women. The squad, consisting of 23 members, received training in martial arts, self-defense, customer service, and communication skills. They are strategically deployed at busy metro stations such as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro, Arignar Anna Alandur Metro, and Airport Metro, particularly during peak hours.

The induction of Pink Squad members into CMRL's security team, managed by M/s CISB Services Pvt Ltd, occurred at MetroS, Anna Salai, Nandanam on February 15, 2024. **Thiru. M.A.Siddique, I.A.S., MD, CMRL** at MetroS, Anna Salai, Nandanam. Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Tmt. H. Jayalakshmi, Chief Security Officer, other senior officials and staff of CMRL were also present during the occasion..



# MANUFACTURING OF DRIVERLESS TRAINS FOR CHENNAI METRO PHASE 2



CMRL awarded the contract to Alstom Transport India Limited for the supply of 36 Unattended Train Operation (UTO) Driverless Train Sets for Phase 2, valued at INR 1215.92 Crore. The contract encompasses the design, manufacture, testing, commissioning, personnel training, spare parts supply, and defect liability.

On February 8, 2024, **Thiru. M.A.Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, initiated the manufacturing of 36 driverless trains for Phase 2 at Alstom Transport India Limited, Srivity. Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) CMRL, Thiru. A.R. Rajendran, CGM (RS) CMRL, Thiru. Anilkumar Saini, Managing Director - Rolling Stock Alstom, and other senior officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.



## REVOLUTIONIZING METRO COMMUTING: CMRL INTRODUCES INNOVATIVE PAYMENT MODES AND SINGLE QR FAMILY TICKETS

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has introduced two innovative payment modes for parking facilities and Single QR Family Tickets to revolutionize the commuting experience for metro users. The Singara Chennai Card (NCCM by SBI) and Store Value Pass (SVP) QR are now available through the CMRL Mobile App as additional payment options for parking facilities. The Single QR Family Tickets, a collaborative effort with **M/s Ford Mobility**,

enable seamless entry for groups of up to five passengers through metro gates.

**Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director CMRL**, launched this initiative at MetroS, Anna Salai, Nandanam. Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations), CMRL, Thiru. E. Magesh, Director General CDAC, Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL, Thiru. Suraj Kumar Sinha, Deputy General Manager, Digital & Transaction Banking, SBI, Thiru. Vijay Srinivasan, Director of Engineering, Ford Mobility, along with other senior staff of SBI, CDAC, and CMRL were present during the occasion.



## CMRL AWARDS PHASE 2 LIFTS & ESCALATOR CONTRACT TO SCHINDLER INDIA

Chennai Metro Rail Limited has successfully awarded the Phase 2 Lifts & Escalator Works contract for Corridor 3 & 5 (From Sholinganallur Lake-I to Siruseri Sipcot II and Koyambedu Market to Elcot Park Metro Stations) to M/s Schindler India Private Limited for Rs. 295 crores. **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) CMRL**, officially issued the Letter of Acceptance to M/s Schindler India Private Limited. Other senior officials from both CMRL and Schindler India Pvt Ltd were present during the occasion.



## MUSIC METRO MAGIC: SPONSORED METRO PASSES FOR "ROCK ON HARRIS 2.0" CONCERT ATTENDEES



CMRL partnered with media production company Noise and Grains Private Limited to offer seamless transportation for the **'Rock on Harris 2.0' concert on February 3rd, 2024**. The company distributed sponsored metro passes for attendees, valid for one round trip. The passes allowed passengers to travel from their nearest station to Nandanam and back for the event

## CMRL AND MAKING MOMENTS ENHANCED THE COMMUTE FOR SANTHOSH NARAYANAN'S "NEEYE OLI" CONCERT ATTENDEES

CMRL partnered with media production company **M/s Making Moments** to sponsor metro rail travel for valid Sporfy ticket holders attending **Santhosh Narayanan's "Neeye Oli" concert on February 10, 2024**. This allowed them to travel without separate tickets, allowing them to access the event from **Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G Ramachandran Central Metro Station**. The arrangement did not apply to tickets purchased through other booking sites..



## CMRL'S MEGA PRIZE BONANZA, BEATS@METROS, REWARDS TOP SINGARA CHENNAI CARD USERS



To promote the usage of the Singara Chennai Card (NCCM) among passengers, CMRL announced a mega prize bonanza sponsored by SBI. This initiative aimed to recognize and reward the top 40 NCCM users based on the maximum rides made during January, February, and March 2024.

On February 24, 2024, the Top riders of February 2024 (from 15th January - 14th February) were felicitated by **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System & Operations) CMRL**, during the Beats event held at MetroS, Nandanam, Anna Salai. Thiru. Benudhar Parhi, Deputy General Manager (B&O) SBI, and other senior officials from CMRL were present during the occasion.

The event featured a live music performance by Srineesha, Sridhar Sena, accompanied by the Bachelors Band.



## CMRL PARTNERS WITH SIMS HOSPITAL TO INTRODUCE AI-INTEGRATED PHARMACIES AT 40 METRO STATIONS

CMRL and SIMS Hospital have launched SIMS Pharmacy outlets in 40 metro stations across Chennai, offering AI-driven services like home delivery, automated prescription processing, "Hello Doctor" home care, "Doctor on Wheels" initiative, free vital assessment tests, and teleconsultation services. The inauguration ceremony took place at Vadapalani Metro Station, in the presence of **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operation), CMRL**, **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL**, Dr. Ravi Pachamuthu, Chairman, SRM Group and Dr. Raju Sivasamy, Vice-President, SIMS Hospital. Metro passengers can enjoy a 20% discount on MHC packages at SIMS Hospital on Sundays and public holidays.





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