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**Press Release**

**CMRL Hosts “I-Metro’s Rolling Stock Working Group 1st Meeting at Metro Rail Systems”**

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) hosts the First meeting of “Rolling Stock Working Group” on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at MetroS, CMRL Head Office, Chennai.

The first-of-its-kind Conference after forming the Rolling Stock Working group, with CMRL as the Working group Leader, participated by various other Metro Rail Systems as members across India, is an initiative supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and organised by CMRL in collaboration with I-Metro (Indian Metro Rail Organisations Society) for the benefit of Metro Rail Systems, exchanging their knowledge, best practices being followed, maintenance strategy, etc. among metro systems across India.

The event is witnessed by Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director of CMRL, accompanied by Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems & Operations), Thiru. A.R.Rajendran, Rolling Stock Working Group Leader & Chief General Manager (RS, S&T), Thiru. Gopinath Mallya Chief Advisor (O&M), Thiru. S. Ramasubbu, Advisor (O&RS) and witnessed active participation from senior officials and technical experts of Rolling Stock representing various Indian Metro Rail Systems including Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL), Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC), Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL), Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation (Maha Metro), Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation (JMRC), Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC), and Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Limited (MMMOCL).

This significant initiative marks a step forward in fostering unified development, operation and maintenance in metro rail technology, particularly in the domain of Rolling Stock. The event is also important for Chennai Metro Rail because CMRL is currently preparing for completion of the stage 1, followed by start of operation of the section by end the year 2025. The lessons learned from the sessions will enhance the capability of CMRL to start operations of the Phase 2 with more focus on adopting cutting edge technology and more automation in the operation and maintenance of the Trains, thereby reliable service is made available to the common public.

Key discussion topics during the meeting included:

- Exchange of best practices in Rolling Stock maintenance and operations
- Innovations in maintenance practices and Overhauling.
- Obsolescence Management.
- Vendor Development, Indigenization/Localization of Spares.
- Adoption of AI and data-driven technologies for Asset Management and Rolling Stock maintenance
- Enhanced maintenance methodologies and life-cycle cost optimization
- Identification of common goals, challenges, and key achievements across metro networks.

The meet offers a powerful platform for metro operators to align on strategic priorities, share technical knowledge, and explore new-age solutions for improving reliability, efficiency, and passenger comfort in metro operations and maintenance.

By hosting this collaborative forum, CMRL reaffirms its leadership and commitment for building and maintaining a more connected, technologically advanced, and sustainable metro ecosystem in India.

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