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Press Release

Chennai Metro Rail Limited - Trial Run up to Vadapalani

Today (11.01.2026), Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) achieved another significant milestone in the Phase-2 Corridor-4 (C4) project with the successful trial run of train from **Porur Junction to Vadapalani on the Down Line** of 5.5 km length.

It may be recalled that CMRL had completed trial runs from **Poonamallee Bypass to Porur Junction**, covering **9.1 km with 10 stations** in **June 2025**. Thereafter station works and other system works have been done and the process of obtaining Speed Certificate from Railway Board has been initiated immediately thereafter. Subsequently Interim Speed Certificate of the Board was received on 18th December 2025 following which Commissioner of Metrorail Safety (CMRS) conducted his statutory inspection on 30-31 December 2025 and has sought further report from RDSO. Upon receipt of RDSO report, the Railway Board's Permanent Speed Certificate will be obtained. Thereafter, CMRS will be requested to inspect the project line and undertake safety assessment for public operation of the line. After making any changes that he may suggest, the proposal will be forwarded to the Railway Board for issue authorisation for opening the section for passenger services. On receipt of such authorisation, the passenger services would be commenced. These regulatory requirements are necessary to ensure safety of the passenger services. It is expected that these regulatory clearances can be obtained by the end of January 2026 and the train operations can be commenced in the month of February.

Meanwhile, though the next stage from Porur to Vadapalani section has been planned for completion by June 2026 due to challenging double decker stretches of nearly 4 km, considering that commissioning of stretch from Poonamallee Bypass to Porur Junction alone would not provide commuters direct access to Phase 1 metro-lines, it was felt that ridership would not be high enough and the new line would not fully benefit the passengers. Considering this and making best use of the time needed for regulatory clearances, CMRL decided to prioritise the viaduct for C4 line in the double decker stretch and extend the train services from Porur Junction upto Vadapalani, without having any intermediate stops as an interim measure for the benefit of the commuters. The remaining stations in Porur Junction to Kodambakkam stretch would be commissioned as they get ready, before June 2026.

Today's event marks completion of the viaduct including track laying and electrification of the down line from Porur Junction to Kodambakkam Power House

and the running of the first train on this new line. Following today's successful down-line trial run, up-line trial runs from Kodambakkam Power House to Porur Junction are scheduled to be conducted within the next few days.

Advancing the viaduct work from Porur Junction to Vadapalani and Kodambakkam Power House well ahead of earlier planned schedule of June 2026 has been one of the most challenging works undertaken by CMRL. To accomplish this task, intensive construction were undertaken in the last four months under severe site constraints, mostly in the night time. In the past four months alone:

- **1,200 precast elements**, including U-girders and I-girders, were erected
- **161 nos of deck slabs** were completed.
- **14,800 running metres of track work** were completed
- **1,000 traction masts** were installed
- More than **4,000 labourers** were deployed
 - Around **3,200 labourers** for civil works (stations and viaducts)
 - About **500 labourers** for track works
 - **300 labours** for electric traction and signal works.

It is expected that the regulatory clearances will be obtained by the end of January 2026 and the train operations can be commenced from Poonamalee Bypass to Vadapalani in the month of February.

Thiru. Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Special Initiatives, Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL, accompanied by CMRL Directors Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Thiru. S. Krishnamurthy, Director (Finance), Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems & Operations) along with senior officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

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