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**Press Release**

**Flamingo TBM Achieves Breakthrough at Thirumayilai Station**

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has achieved another key construction milestone on Corridor-4 of its Phase-2 network, with the second tunnel boring machine (TBM) under the UG-01 contract completing its breakthrough at the Thirumayilai shaft.

The downline TBM, named Flamingo S-1352A, break through at the Thirumayilai station today (27.02.2026), marking the successful completion of the first downline tunnel drive between Light House and Thirumayilai. This breakthrough follows the earlier completion of the upline tunnel by TBM Eagle under the same contract on 09.02.2026.

The 1985-metre tunnel, executed by Cemindia Projects Limited, passes beneath some of Chennai's most sensitive and congested stretches, including the Lighthouse area, the All India Radio campus, the Russian Embassy zone, Rosary Church, and several heritage and high-importance structures such as the MRTS bridge and Buckingham Canal. The drive navigated challenging geological conditions, including rocky strata, shallow overburden, deepest overburden due to stacked tunnel configuration, and unforeseen gas pockets.

CMRL deployed two TBMs—TBM Eagle S-1073B and TBM Flamingo S-1352A—for this section. With today's breakthrough, both tunnels on the Light House–Thirumayilai stretch under the UG-01 package have now been fully completed.

CMRL stated that the breakthrough of Flamingo S-1352A marks an important step in advancing Corridor-4, which will significantly enhance connectivity across Mylapore, Luz and Central Chennai upon commissioning.

A CMRL release noted that the tunnelling team safely completed the complex 1981-m drive while adhering to the highest engineering and safety standards. Both TBMs known as Flamingo and Eagle will now be relaunched from Thirumayilai for the next drive towards Boat Club.

The milestone events took place in the presence of Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL; Thiru. R. Murali, Chief General Manager, (Finance), Thiru. R. Ranganathan, General Manager (Construction), CMRL; Thiru. C. Murugamoorthy, Team Leader, General Consultants, along with officials from CMRL, M/s AEON Consortium, and M/s Cemindia Projects Limited (formerly ITD Cementation India Limited).

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