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Metro Rail Service to Provide Extended Train Service to Cater to Audience for T20 World Cup Cricket Match in Chennai

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) is delighted to announce a special collaboration with Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) to ensure seamless and convenient travel for fans attending the Super 8 match of the ICC T20 Men's World Cup 2026 – India vs Zimbabwe, scheduled on 26th February 2026 at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chepauk, Chennai.

As part of this initiative, event organizer is sponsoring Metro rides for match attendees on the event day. Importantly, match tickets (unique QR codes) will also serve as CMRL Metro tickets, distributed by the event organizer to the match attendees. Each match tickets valid for one round trip on the day of the event (i.e. 26th February 2026).

This means ticket holders can travel from any Metro Station to Government Estate Metro Station and back, simply scanning the same QR code at the Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) gates for a hassle-free journey.

To accommodate the return crowd after the match, CMRL is extending train services from Government Estate Metro Station:

- The last train towards Wimco Nagar Depot Metro Station (Corridor – 1) will depart from Government Estate Metro Station at 00:00 hrs.
- The last train towards Airport Metro Station (Corridor – 1) will depart from Government Estate Metro Station at 00:00 hrs.
- During the special train service (i.e. after 11:00 PM), Passengers travelling towards Green Line (Corridor – 2) can interchange only at Chennai Central Metro Station.
- Passenger entry into Government Estate Metro Station will close 10 minutes prior to the departure of each respective last train.

Passengers are requested to kindly download their tickets in advance through the respective mobile app or website before arriving at the Metro station. While presenting the QR tickets at the AFC gates, it is advised to keep the QR code readily accessible on the mobile screen to avoid inconvenience, delay, or discomfort during entry/exit.

This collaboration highlights CMRL's commitment to providing safe, efficient, and innovative transport solutions while supporting cultural and entertainment events in Chennai. By integrating event access with Metro travel, CMRL ensures a seamless experience for concertgoers, enhances traffic flow, and promotes the use of sustainable public transport.

CMRL invites Chennai residents to make full use of this sponsored travel offer and enjoy the movement with peace of mind, knowing their event ticket doubles as their Metro ticket.

CMRL also encourages other major event organizers in the city to explore similar collaborations under its Mega Events Ticketing Integration scheme, designed to promote eco-friendly mobility solutions for large gatherings.

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