



# Metro Digest

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## 75<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED AT METROS



On January 26, 2024, CMRL celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day. **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, unfurled the National Flag at the MetroS, Nandanam, Chennai.

During the event, 145 employees with 10 years of service, along with sports competition winners and cultural program participants, were honored with mementos and certificates. **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems & Operations) CMRL, Tmt. H. Jayalakshmi, CSO, GC Officials, Senior Officials**, and Staff of CMRL were present during the occasion.





## STRATEGIC CONNECTIVITY: FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR MRTS FROM POONAMALLEE TO PARANDUR SUBMITTED



On January 4, 2024, Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) for the recommendation of Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) from Poonamalle to Parandur via Thirumazhisai & Sriperumbudur was submitted by **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL** to **Thiru. Ramesh Chand Meena, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Special Initiatives, Government of Tamil Nadu** at Secretariat, Chennai.

**Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Thiru. T. Livingstone Eliazer, CGM (PP & D),** and other Senior Officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

## CMRL INTRODUCES WHATSAPP QR TICKETS AT METRO TICKET COUNTERS



On January 24, 2024, Chennai Metro Rail, in its efforts to promote digital ticketing launched a new system for delivering QR tickets via Whatsapp to passengers at Metro stations. This initiative was launched by **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**. This initiative ensures passenger's mobile numbers are not retained, thus focusing on passenger privacy.

**Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) CMRL, Thiru. K.A. Manoharan, Advisor (AFC & IT),** and other senior officials were present during the occasion.





## CHENNAI METRO RAIL MARKS A MILESTONE WITH A CUTTING-EDGE PULLER AXLE SYSTEM



On January 10, 2024, Chennai Metro Rail marked a significant milestone by implementing an innovative puller axle system, which facilitated the transportation and installation of a massive 30m 'U' girder in the Phase 2 project. This project, undertaken by M/s L&T, features the longest 'U' girder span ever achieved in metro rail construction.

This achievement underscores the dedication of CMRL and M/s Larson & Toubro to pushing the boundaries of innovation in the field of metro infrastructure. The landmark 'U' girder, the longest of its kind, was successfully constructed. The site was visited by **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects) CMRL**, along with officials from GC and M/s Larson & Toubro.

## SECOND TBM "EAGLE" LAUNCHED FROM LIGHT HOUSE METRO STATION TOWARDS BOAT CLUB STATION

On September, 1, 2023, CMRL advanced its Phase 2, Corridor 4 project with the launch of two Tunnel Boring Machines, namely "Flamingo" and "Eagle." Currently, Flamingo is tunnelling in the Down Line of Corridor 4 from Light House Station to Boat Club Station, while "Eagle" is being deployed in the Upline from Light House Station towards Thirumayilai and is expected to arrive at Boat Club Station by October 2026. **Thiru. R. Ranganathan, GM (Construction) CMRL**, along with senior officials of CMRL and staff of M/s AEON Consortium and General Consultants were present during the occasion.





## LAUNCH OF TUNNEL BORING MACHINE (PELICAN) FOR CORRIDOR 4, UG 02 AT PANAGAL PARK

On January 31, 2024, Chennai Metro Rail Limited marked a significant milestone in the development of Phase 2 Corridor 4 with the launch of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) named "Pelican." This event took place at Panagal Park, initiating the tunnelling process towards Kodambakkam Powerhouse Ramp (Upline) over a stretch of 2.1 km.

The project, covering a 26.1 km east-west alignment from Light House station to Poonamallee Depot, features 9 underground and 18 elevated stations. ITD Cementation India Limited, was awarded with constructing the metro stations and tunnels for segments C4-UG01 and C4-UG02. Two TBM's namely Flamingo and Eagle have already been launched from Light House Station towards Thirumayilai Metro Station and two TBM's namely Peacock and Pelican are being launched from Panagal Park towards Kodambakkam Powerhouse Ramp.

**Thiru T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL**, launched the TBM (Pelican). Senior officials from CMRL, General Consultants, M/s AEON Consortium, and ITD Cementation were present during the occasion.



## CMRL PAVILION AT 48<sup>TH</sup> INDIA TOURISM AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR



On January 12, 2024, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Thiru K. Ramachandran, visited the CMRL pavilion at the 48th India Tourism and Industrial Fair 2024, held at Island Grounds in Chennai. **Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary of the Tourism**, Culture, and Religious Endowments Department & Chairman of TTDC, and **Tmt. Kakarla Usha, I.A.S., Principal Secretary**, Commissioner of Tourism and Managing Director of TTDC, and senior officials from CMRL visited the pavilion. At the TTDC Fair, Phase 2 driverless train and various other features were showcased.





## PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT FOR INTRODUCING MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM CONNECTING HOSUR WITH BOMMASANDRA

On January 23, 2024, Chennai Metro Rail Limited had signed the Contract Agreement with the JV of M/s Balaji Railroad Systems Private Limited and Habog Consultants Private Limited for the Selection of Consultant for the Preparation of Feasibility Study Report for introducing a Mass Rapid Transit System connecting Hosur with Bommasandra.



In the presence of **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, and **Thiru. T. Archunan, IRSE - Director (Projects) of CMRL**, the Contract Agreement was signed by **Thiru. T. Livingstone Eliazer, Chief General Manager (PP&D)** on behalf of CMRL, **Thiru. John Rajkumar (Chief- Corporate Strategy & New Initiatives - M/s Balaji Railroad Systems Private Limited)**, and **Thiru. KP. Gopakumar (Director/Chief Financial Officer- Habog Consultants Private Limited)** on behalf of the JV of M/s Balaji Railroad Systems Private Limited and Habog Consultants Private Limited. **Thiru. D. Jebaselwin Gladson, GM (CM & CP)**, **Thiru. R. Ranganathan, GM (Civil)**, and other officials from CMRL and consultants were present during the occasion.

## TRAFFIC DEMAND FORECAST FOR STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM FROM MMBT (MADHAVARAM) TO NALLUR TOLL PLAZA



On January 30, 2024, Chennai Metro Rail Limited signed the Contract Agreement for "Preparation of Traffic Demand Forecasting report for studying the feasibility of Mass Rapid Transit System from MMBT to Nallur toll plaza" with M/s Almondz Global Infra-Consultant Limited & M/s Four Wall Consultancy (JV Consortium).

The Contract Agreement was signed by **Thiru. T. Archunan, IRSE, Director (Projects)** on behalf of CMRL and

**Thiru. K R Kumar, President, M/s Almondz Global Infra-Consultant Limited & Thiru. R. Thanigaivel, Project Manager, M/s Four Wall Consultancy. Thiru. T. Livingstone Eliazer, CGM (PP&D), Dr. D Jebaselwin Gladson, GM (CM), Thiru. Anto Jos Menachery, GM (UG)**, and Officials from CMRL, Consultant were present during the occasion.

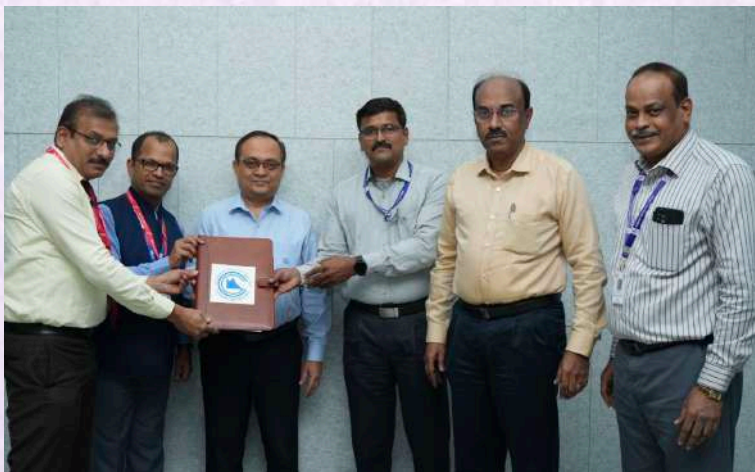


## CUTTING-EDGE ELECTRONICS LABORATORY INAUGURATED AT KOYAMBEDU METRO DEPOT



On January 6, 2024, **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) CMRL**, inaugurated an Electronics laboratory in the Rolling Stock Division of Koyambedu Depot with infrastructure enhancement and an in-house capacity building initiative. **Thiru. Ramasubbu, Advisor (RS&O), Thiru. A. R. Rajendran, CGM (RS), and Thiru. C. Balamurugan, AGM (RS), and other CMRL officials** were also present during the occasion.

## THE LETTER OF AWARD (LOA) HAD BEEN ISSUED TO STATE BANK OF INDIA FOR THE FUNDING REQUIREMENT OF CMRL PHASE 2



On January 9, 2024, **Dr. Prasanna Kumar Acharya, Director (Finance) CMRL**, issued the Letter of Award to **Thiru. Jaleel Hasanath Syed Umar, AGM**, State Bank of India, Chennai for the Rupee Term Loan costing INR 150 Crore for Phase-II AFC work and INR 300 Crore for procurement of 30 train cars for Phase-II. **Thiru. R. Murali, CGM (F&A), Dr. D. Jebaselwin Gladson, GM (CM), Thiru. Hari Ganesh, GM (F&A)**, and other officials were present during the occasion.



## CHENNAI METRO RAIL TRIUMPHS IN HR EXCELLENCE



CMRL was recognized for its exceptional human resource practices with two prestigious awards namely Best Employer Brand and **Outstanding Contributions to HR for the year 2023** at the 18<sup>th</sup> Tamil Nadu Best Employer Brand Awards.

**Dr. Prasanna Kumar Acharya, Director (Finance)**, received the awards on behalf of CMRL, accompanied by **Thiru. T.P. Vinod Kumar, AGM (HR)**, **Thiru. R.G. Ranjith, Manager (HR)**, and **Thiru. S. Raghuraman, Deputy Manager (HR)**.

CMRL had also received the award "**India's Premier Metro Rail Services in fostering the Best HR Practices for Talent Acquisition & Retention**" by Berkshire Media LLC, USA for demonstrating the best HR practices in the Urban Transportation Industry.

## CMRL HAS ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC AGREEMENT WITH OODU IMPLEMENTERS PVT LTD.

The agreement was officially signed by the CGM, Finance, CMRL, and the COO of Oodu Implementers Pvt Ltd in the presence of the **Dr. Prasanna Kumar Acharya, Director (Finance), CMRL, Advisor Finance & ERP**, and other committee members for the full-fledged implementation of the ODOO Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.





## TRAVEL, WIN, ENJOY: MEGA PRIZE BONANZA EVENT FOR SINGARA CHENNAI CARD TOP RIDERS!

To encourage more passengers to use the Singara Chennai Card (NCCM), CMRL, in association with SBI, announced a mega prize bonanza. This initiative recognizes the top 40 NCCM users based on their rides from January to March 2024.



On January 27, 2024, the Top riders of January 2024 (from 15th December - 14th January) was rewarded by **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S, Managing Director of CMRL**, during the event held at Thiru. Vi.Ka Park, Shenoy Nagar Metro Station. **Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System & Operations) CMRL**, **Thiru. Benudhar Parhi, Deputy General Manager (B&O) SBI**, **Thiru. D.C. Aswath Durai Selvam, Regional Manager, SBI**, **Thiru. Anand Krishnan, Director of Mark Metro**, and other senior officials from CMRL were present during the event.



## METRO CONNECT SERVICE FROM ARIGNAR ANNA ALANDUR METRO TO JAYANT TECH PARK



On January, 18, 2024, CMRL had tied up with Jayant Tech Park, located at Mount Poonamallee High Road, Nandambakkam, Chennai, to provide Metro Connect Services.

The route covered approximately 5 km each way, shuttling between Jayant Tech Park (Mount Poonamallee Road, Nandambakkam) and Arignar Anna Alandur Metro Station.

The Metro Connect service from Jayant Tech Park was launched by **Thiru. S. Sathesh Prabhu, AGM (RS&O), CMRL**, in the presence of **Thiru. C. Ambigapathy, Managing Director** of M/s Fastrack Cabs, and Thiru. V. Balakrishnan, Senior Property Manager at Jayant Tech Park.

## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WAS SIGNED BETWEEN CMRL AND CIDC



CMRL and CIDC have embarked on a strategic partnership to bolster the construction and metro rail sectors. This Memorandum of Cooperation, signed at Metros, Nandanam, Chennai, aims to enhance efficiency, quality, and safety through collaborative efforts. By prioritizing customer interests and advocating for best practices and environmental protection, this alliance is set to make significant strides in urban transportation infrastructure development.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL**, and **Thiru. P. R. Swarup, Director General of CIDC**.



Passenger traffic records steady growth in January, 2024 in Chennai Metro Rail over 84 lakh Passengers travelled during the month of November

CMRL has always Endeavored to provide the people of Chennai a safe, Efficient and a reliable travel partner.

The Ridership details from 01.01.2024 to 31.01.2024 are as follows:

# 84,63,384

January 12 2024 recorded the highest passenger flow for the month, with **3,64,521** passengers

- 1 Travel Card 37,92,912
- 2 Online QR 2,21,716
- 3 Static QR 2,09,136
- 4 Paper QR 25,36,178
- 5 Paytm 3,75,357



- 6 Whatsapp 3,04,232
- 7 PhonePe 97,266
- 8 Token 15,456
- 9 Group Ticketing 8,792
- 10 NCMC Card 9,02,336





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