

## CMRL Achieves Key Milestone with First Phase 2 Trial Run



On March 20, 2025, CMRL commenced its testing and trial run of the first Phase II train between Poonamallee Depot Metro Station and Mullai Thottam Metro Station of Corridor 4.

The event was witnessed by **Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government (Special Initiatives)**, along with **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects)**, **Thiru. S. Krishnamoorthy, Director (Finance)**, **Thiru. A.R. Rajendran, CGM (RS, S&T)**, **Thiru. S. Ashok Kumar, CGM (T&EC)**, **Thiru. S. Ramasubbu, Advisor (O&RS)** and other senior officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

This initial stretch spans approximately 3 km, from Poonamallee Bypass Station to Mullai Thottam Station, and is interconnected with the Poonamallee Depot, which serves as the central hub for coordinating testing and commissioning activities.

As the trials progress, CMRL will add more sections to the testing & trial programme. These efforts are important to ensuring the safety, reliability, and comfort of the system before commencing passenger operations under Stage 1 of Corridor 4.

# Key Milestone Achieved in Chennai Metro Phase II Corridor 4



CMRL has achieved a significant milestone in Phase II Corridor 4, with the successful completion of grade separator work between Mullaithottam and Karayanchavadi stations on March 1, 2025.

As part of this achievement, a motor trolley was transported from Poonamallee Depot to Mullaithottam Station, reaching Pier No. 424, the designated starting point for the grade separator construction. Additionally, the RRV (Road cum Rail Vehicle), essential for Overhead Equipment (OHE) works, was moved from Poonamallee Depot to Mullaithottam Station, marking a crucial step in the project's progress.

The inspection was conducted in the presence of **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects)**, **Thiru. S. Ashok Kumar, CGM (Track & Elevated)**, **Thiru. A. R. Rajendran, CGM (Rolling Stock)**, **Thiru. Latief Khan Mohammad, Chief Project Manager-GC (Track)**, along with officials and staff of CMRL and contractors.

## Final U-Girder Erected for Phase II Corridor 4 Viaduct



On March 8, 2025, CMRL successfully completed the erection of the 624th and final U-girder for the Phase II Corridor 4 viaduct between Poonamallee Bypass and Porur Junction. This milestone marks the completion of the viaduct structure from Poonamallee Bypass to Porur Junction, a key step in the progress of the Phase II expansion.

**Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL, Thiru. S. Ashok Kumar, CGM (Track &**

**Elevated), CMRL, Tmt. Rekha Prakash, CGM (Planning & Design), CMRL, Thiru. Kandasamy, Vice-President, KEC International,** along with senior officials from CMRL, the GC, and the contractor team were present during the occasion.

## AIIB reviews funding prospects for Chennai Metro Rail Phase II



The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) conducted a periodic review mission for the Chennai Metro Rail Phase II project in Chennai on March 28, 2025, which the AIIB is already funding.

The AIIB team expressed interest in further financing phase II projects and carried out preliminary inspections focusing on multimodal integration and technical aspects at Tambaram and Kilambakkam. During the visit, the AIIB team inspected Poonamallee to Parandur and Koyambedu to Avadi projects.

**Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CMRL, Thiru. Wenyu Gu, Project Team Leader, AIIB, Tmt. Yi Geng, Senior Financial Management Specialist, AIIB, Thiru. Moohyun Cho, Project Consultant, AIIB, Thiru. Siva Rama Krishna Sastry Jyosyula, Senior Social Development Specialist, AIIB, Tmt. Rekha Prakash, CGM (Planning and Design), CMRL, Thiru. S. Ashok Kumar, CGM (Track & Elevated Constructions), CMRL,** and other officials were present during the visit.

## CMRL Partners with CSKCL to Facilitate Metro Travel for IPL 2025



CMRL partnered with Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited to facilitate seamless metro connectivity for cricket fans during IPL 2025 matches at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai.

As part of this initiative, metro train services will be extended on all CSK match days scheduled in Chennai. Additionally, valid IPL ticket holders will be eligible for a sponsored round-trip metro journey between any Metro Station and Government Estate Metro Station

On match days, Metro operations will be extended up to 90 minutes post-match or until 1:00 AM, based on passenger demand.

## CMRL Enhances Universal Accessibility in Phase II Metro Stations

On March 17, 2025, CMRL signed a contract with M/s v-shesh Learning Services Private Limited to review and refine the design for 15 Phase II Metro stations, ensuring compliance with India's Harmonized Guidelines for Universal Accessibility at a value of ₹13.50 lakh.

The contract agreement was signed by **Tmt. Rekha Prakash, CGM (P&D), CMRL** and **Thiru. P. Rajasekharan, Director & Co-Founder, M/s v-shesh Learning Services Private Limited**.

Other officials from CMRL and the consultant were also present during the occasion.



## Enhanced Passenger Comfort - Upgraded Parking Facility at Thirumangalam Metro Station

On March 15, 2025, CMRL expanded the parking facility at Thirumangalam Metro Station to accommodate the growing passenger demand. The newly renovated parking area can accommodate an additional 400 two-wheelers, enhancing the existing capacity of 1,000 two-wheelers.



The upgraded parking area was inaugurated by **Thiru. B. Gobinath Mallya, Chief Advisor (Operation and Maintenance), CMRL**, in the presence of **Thiru. S.K.Natarajan, (Advisor E&M), Thiru. S. Satheesh Prabhu, AGM (Rolling Stock & Operations)**, along with senior officials and staff of CMRL.

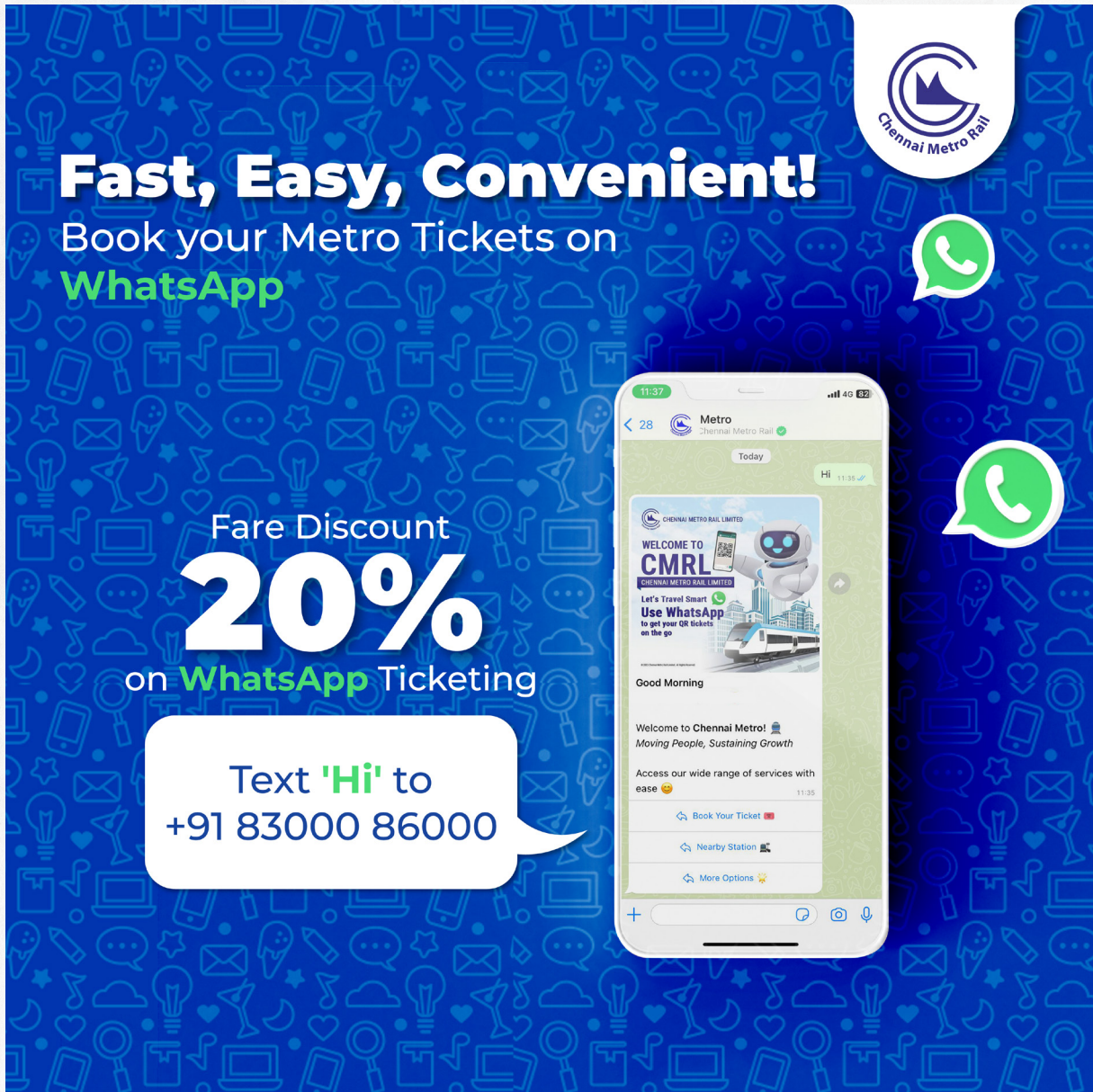
## Seamless Metro Travel for Major Events

CMRL, in partnership with event management companies, offered exclusive Metro rides sponsored by the agencies for attendees of major events held in Chennai in March 2025:

- ▶ KYN Live – Chennai's Biggest Fusion Concert on March 29, 2025
- ▶ 'Shreya Ghoshal Live – All Hearts Tour' on March 1, 2025
- ▶ Football Match on March 30, 2025

Valid ticket holders received exclusive Metro passes, enabling sponsored round-trip travel.





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