



75th Independence Day Celebrated at Chennai Metro Rail Limited

Chennai Metro Rail Limited celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India on 15th August 2021. Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL hoisted the National Flag and accepted the parade salute at CMRL Administration Building, Koyambedu.

Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System and Operations), Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Senior Officials and Staff of CMRL participated in the event by maintaining social distancing.

Dr. D. J. Pandian, Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) visited Chennai Metro Rail Headquarters on 10th August 2021

Dr. D. J. Pandian, I.A.S., (Rtd), Vice President for Investment Operations South and South East Asia of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) had visited CMRL headquarters at Koyambedu on 10th August 2021. During the visit, Dr. D. J. Pandian, was given a brief presentation on CMRL project and its facilities.

Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director of CMRL explained the present status of the ambitious CMRL Phase-II project especially the proposed AIIB funded civil elevated packages of Corridor 4 and balance of Corridor 5. The Vice President of AIIB also visited the Operational Control Centre (OCC) of CMRL Depot at Koyambedu and undertook a Metro Train ride from Koyambedu Metro to Puratchi Thalaiavar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro Station.

Thiru. Amit Kumar, Senior Investment Operations Specialist, AIIB, Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System and Operations), Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), CGMs, GMs and other Senior Officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.



Celebrating 10th Year Milestone at CMRL !

In an endeavour to recognize and congratulate the employees who had completed their 10th year milestone service in CMRL, a Certificate of Appreciation and Memento were given to 21 such employees during the Independence Day celebrations by Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL.



List of employees who have completed 10 years of service

S.No.	Name (Thiru/Tmt.)	Designation	Department
1	Sasikala. S	Sr. PA	LA
2	Asaithambi.R	Advisor (GR)	Admin
3	Vinod Kumar.T.P	JGM (HR) & CVO	HR
4	Srinivasan.R	DGM (C & M)	Elevated Construction
5	Murali Manoharan C.	AGM (EC)	Elevated Construction
6	Anburajan.M	Manager (Electrical)	Electrical
7	Narendra Kumar.R	DGM (Planning & BD)	P&BD
8	Ravi K	AGM (Design)	Design
9	Madhavan.S.K	AGM - PM (RE)	Construction
10	Kolli Venkataramana	JGM (Civil UG)	Arbitration
11	Thiagarajan.P	DGM (RS)	Rolling Stock
12	Saravanan.N	Manager (MEP)	MEP
13	Aswin Vishnu.V	Manager (Signal)	Signal
14	Vinod Kumar.NE	DM (Depot)	CM
15	Prateek Jain	DM (RS-Mech)	Rolling Stock
16	Simson Antony.A	DM (Mech. Sys 1)	TVS
17	Thirukumaran.C	DM (MEP)	MEP
18	Bhavya S	DM (RS-Elec)	Rolling Stock
19	Brigita.E	DM (UG)	Construction
20	Vignesh R	DM (UG)	Construction

*Thiru. R. Govindarajan, AEE(Electrical) has been on deputation for 10 year period intermittently (2009-2014 and 2016 to till date)

Sports Celebrations at Chennai Metro Rail Limited

On the occasion of Independence Day Celebrations, to encourage sportsmanship among fellow colleagues, sports competitions for Badminton, Table Tennis, Brisk Walk (Men & Women) and Walkathon were conducted for CMRL Officials and Staff in which several officers and staff participated and the prizes for 40 officials and staff were distributed by Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL.



Brisk Walk 50 years & Above(Men)			
S.No	Prize	Name (Thiru/Tmt.)	Designation
1	1 st Prize	T.Sampath	DM(Accounts)
2	2 nd Prize	G.Murali Daran	Technician
3	3 rd Prize	WgCdr.Gurunath Reddy.D	AGM (CP)
Brisk Walk Below 50 years(Men)			
4	1 st Prize	Mayil Samy	Station Controller
5	2 nd Prize	P Vijayaramachandran	Accts Asst (O&M)
6	3 rd Prize	A.Lokesh	OA-AGM (CP)
Brisk Walk 50 years & Above (Women)			
7	1 st Prize	Usha Sivashankaran	DGM(Design)
Brisk Walk below 50 years (Women)			
8	1 st Prize	G.Usharani	Stenographer -CGM(PP&D)
9	2 nd Prize	P.Vijaya	Typist-(F)
10	3 rd Prize	i)Jabamalai Christy Bamila ii)Sovmiya	i) Accounts Asst ii)Station Controller
Badminton-Singles (Men)			
11	1 st Prize	S.Rajaram	AM(HR & Admin)
12	2 nd Prize	S.Faizul Ahmed	Traffic Controller
13	3 rd Prize	S.Parthiban	Track Technician
Badminton-Doubles (Men)			
14	1 st Prize	i)WgCdr.Gurunath Reddy.D ii)S.Rajaram	AGM(CP) AM(HR & Admin)
15	2 nd Prize	i)Mohammed Hussain B ii)Stalin M	Station Controller Station Controller
16	3 rd Prize	i)S.Faizul Ahmed ii)P.Purusothaman	Traffic Controller Technician MEP
Table Tennis-Singles (Women)			
17	1 st Prize	K.Ratna Sravani	AM(Civil)
18	2 nd Prize	S.Keerthana	PS -AGM(CP)
19	3 rd Prize	N.Vaisagi	AM(Civil)
Table Tennis -Doubles (Women)			
20	1 st Prize	i) K.Ratna Sravani ii)N.Vaisagi	AM(Civil) AM(Civil)
21	2 nd Prize	i)S.Fathima ii)S.Keerthana	SE(Civil) PS-AGM(CP)
22	3 rd Prize	i)G. Usharani ii)Bhuvaneshwari	Stenographer -CGM(PP&D) PA-CLA(Stenographer)
Badminton-Singles (Women)			
23	1 st Prize	N.Vaisagi	AM(Civil)
24	2 nd Prize	K.Ratna Sravani	AM(Civil)
25	3 rd Prize	Bhuvaneshwari	PA-CLA(Stenographer)
Badminton -Doubles (Women)			
26	1 st Prize	i)K.Ratna Sravani ii)N.Vaisagi	AM(Civil) AM(Civil)
27	2 nd Prize	i)S.Fathima ii)S.Keerthana	SE(Civil) PS-AGM(CP)
28	3 rd Prize	i)G. Usharani ii)Bhuvaneshwari	Stenographer -CGM(PP&D) PA-CLA(Stenographer)
Table Tennis-Singles (Men)			
29	1 st Prize	Govind G	Asst. Manager (Civil)
30	2 nd Prize	P.Sankar Ganesh	Sr.Quantity Surveyor
31	3 rd Prize	Shivashankar.R	Resident Engineer
32	Consolation Prize	M.Prabu	Station Controller
Table Tennis -Doubles (Men)			
33	1 st Prize	i)Rajashankaram R ii)Govind G	Manager(Civil-Design) AM(Civil)
34	2 nd Prize	i)T.P Vinod Kumar ii)Kumar Ashutosh	JGM(HR)/CVO AM((S&T)
35	3 rd Prize	i)P.Sankar Ganesh ii)Surendar D	Sr.Quantity Surveyor Engineer(Design)



**Chennai Metro Rail Limited
celebrates
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**



India at 75 Interschool Competition and Youth Conclave Winners Prize Distribution conducted at CMRL Admin Building

As part of **“Azadi Ka Amrut Mahostav”** initiative to inculcate Patriotism and to create awareness about 75th Anniversary of India’s Independence among School and College Students, CMRL in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)’s Young Indians (YI), Chennai Chapter conducted several events through Online Mode namely Interschool Competitions (Painting Competition, Poster Making Competition, Slogan Writing, Article Writing, Insta Minds providing Solutions for the Future) for School Children from 1st Standard to 12th Standard and “Youth Conclave on India at 75” for College Students. A total of 5500 participants participated in the Competitions and the awards for the 57 winners were distributed by Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL during the Independence Day celebrations held in the CMRL Admin Building on 15th August 2021.

Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Finance), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (System and Operations), Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Senior Officials and Staff of CMRL participated in the event by maintaining social distancing.



Walkathon conducted on 13th August 2021 for Commemorating of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav - 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. In an endeavour to encourage sportsmanship among the Officers and staff of CMRL, Walkathon was conducted on 13th August 2021. The event was Flagged off by Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL. A total of 250 Officers and Staff participated in the event enthusiastically.



United We Stand!

CMRL has always strived to provide several unique measures for the benefit of passengers. On the occasion of 75th Independence Day, few initiatives were carried out at Metro Stations for the benefit of the passengers namely;

1. Plantation of Tree Saplings was conducted at various Metro Stations by Station Staff on 15th August 2021.
2. Metro Stations were decorated with Rangoli and posters depicting 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.
3. Station Officials also distributed National Flag to Metro Passengers to invoke patriotism.



The Admin Building of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Koyambedu was decorated with colourful lights to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence



Lighting the Metro Stations



Decoration of Alandur Metro Station



22.74 lakh passengers travelled in Chennai Metro Trains in August, 2021

Chennai Metro Rail Limited has been operating its passenger services from 21st June 2021 post lock down imposed by Government of Tamil Nadu due to COVID-19 pandemic. Presently, CMRL is operating its Metro Train Services with 50% capacity as per the instructions of Government of Tamil Nadu.

CMRL offers a 20% discount on QR Code ticketing namely Single Journey Q.R Ticket, Return Journey Q.R Ticket, Group Q.R Ticket and Q.R Trip passes from 11th September 2020. 20% discount on fares for using Metro Train Travel Cards is being offered from 22nd February 2021.

- A total of 44,76,111 passengers have travelled in the Metro Trains from 21st June 2021 to 31st August 2021.
- A total of 3,55,579 passengers have travelled in the Metro Trains from 21st June 2021 to 30th June 2021.
- A total of 18,46,466 passengers have travelled in the Metro Trains from 01st July 2021 to 31st July 2021.
- A total of 22,74,066 passengers have travelled in the Metro Trains from 01st August 2021 to 31st August 2021.

On 27th August 2021 a maximum of 88,579 passengers have used the Metro Trains to commute. In the month of August, 2021 a total of 35,180 passengers have utilised the QR Code ticketing system, while 12,19,967 passengers have used Travel Card Ticketing System.

In addition, a penalty of Rs.200/- is being imposed for not properly wearing Face Masks in Metro Trains and Metro Stations. So far a total of 242 passengers have been levied penalty from 21st June 2021 till 31st August 2021 for non-adherence and a sum of Rs.48,400/- has been collected as penalty.

Passengers are requested to avoid unnecessary travel outside their home. It is mandatory to wear face masks at all Metro Station premises and inside Metro Trains as also to maintain social distancing while waiting in the Metro Stations and during traveling in Metro Trains. Request all passengers to cooperate with CMRL in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

To cater to the increased demand by passengers for extending of Metro Train Services during night hours, CMRL has decided to extend its Metro Train services from 05:30 am to 11:00 pm from 23rd August 2021 for weekdays (Monday to Saturday). The peak hour services will be from 08:00 am to 11:00 am in the morning and from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm in the evening with existing 5-minute headway during Peak hours and 10-minute headway during Non-peak hours.

Metro Train services will be on Sundays and Government Public Holidays from 07:00 am to 10:00 pm with 10 minutes headway throughout the day.

Extension of Metro Train Services from 05:30 am to 11:00 pm from 23rd August 2021 with several safety measures

5th & 6th Vaccination drives for CMRL Employees and Support staff in co-ordination with Greater Chennai Corporation Conducted



In an endeavour to vaccinate all the Officers, Staff of CMRL and their families on war footing basis, CMRL in coordination with Greater Chennai Corporation arranged a two-day in-house vaccination drive at CMRL Admin premises at Koyambedu on 5th and 6th August 2021.



A total of 250 nos. of Officers and staff along with their families were vaccinated with Covishield dosage .

The vaccination drive was conducted following all Covid protocols such as social distancing, wearing of face mask and also providing hand sanitizer whenever required.

LIC Credit Card Camp Conducted

CMRL in association with LIC conducted a 3 - day camp for promoting LIC credit cards from 9th August 2021 to 11th August 2021.



Aadhaar Camp Conducted

CMRL in association with Chief Post Master of General Post Office, Chennai organized a two day camp for Aadhaar card for the benefit of CMRL employees and staff on 11th and 12th August 2021. A total of 250 employees and staff benefited from the camp.

Spoken Tamil Classes Conducted



To encourage the use of regional language Tamil, CMRL in association with Tamil Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu has been successfully conducting Spoken Tamil class on regular basis for the Non-Tamil speaking employees of CMRL.

Free Medical Camp Conducted

CMRL in association with MGM Hospitals conducted a Free General Health Camp for CMRL Officers, Staff and their family members on 26th August 2021 at CMRL Auditorium. A total of 200 CMRL Officers, Staff and their family members benefited from this camp.

The General Screening camp consisted of BMI (Height & Weight), Blood Pressure, Random Blood sugar, Consultation etc.



Heartful Meditation Conducted

In an endeavor to release the stress of day to day activities and also to invoke self-transformation, a lecture on Heartful meditation was conducted for CMRL employees on 27th August 2021 at CMRL Auditorium



Welcome to the CMRL Family!



Dr. K. Prabhakar
CSO



Thiru. S. Murugesan
AGM (Construction)



Thiru. Arul Raj Sankar
DGM (Track Maintenance)



Thiru. S. Soundar Rajan
Ultrasonic Testing Expert

Hard Work Never Fails!



A cash award and certificate of appreciation were issued to Thiru S. Ramesh, JE (Mechanical) and Tmt. I. Arulmozhidevi, JE (Mechanical) towards their significant contribution for Lift and Escalator CAMC tender and license for escalators at Vadapalani Metro Station (04 nos)

Creating Social Awareness Through Mural Painting at Metro Stations

Chennai Metro Rail Limited in association with Geo India Foundation, has been painting the exterior walls of Thiyagaraya College and New Washermanpet Metro Stations in Chennai. The association was made as an initiative to beautify public spaces by painting them. The Metro Stations have been painted with several social awareness themes for public awareness.



Thiyagaraya College Metro Station has been beautified highlighting the importance of **“Solid Waste Management”**. New Washermanpet Metro Station has also been beautified highlighting the importance of **“Climate Change”**.

Sports Prize Distribution Gallery



Alandur is Chennai's Arakkonam

Courtesy – Times of India

Madras by the Metro is a metaphor for what Chennai is, an intriguing mix of the old and the new. We hop on Chennai's newest mode of transport and hop off at a few stations along the way to wander through streets that tell us stories of what went before and how life goes on. All roads may lead to Rome, but as far as the Chennai metro goes, all rails lead to Alandur.

At a little over 35 metres, the elevated Arignar Anna Alandur Metro, the "interchange station" between the two metro lines in the city – the Blue Wimco Nagar–Airport line and the Green Chennai Central–St Thomas Mount – isn't just the city's first multi-level railway station, and its tallest, but is also the only station where passengers from the two corridors can swap routes.

The steeple of the Garrison Church was lowered by the airport authority. The fence of the church was made by melting the weapons of Tipu Sultan. You could say it's the metro counterpart of Southern Railway's Arakkonam junction, one of the oldest junctions in the country that links major cities. And like Arakkonam, which for most travellers is more a transit point than a destination, Alandur too gets missed in the dash of the daily commute. Alandur was the chosen one, explains R Ramanathan, former director (projects), Chennai Metro Rail. How could it not be, when the nodal hub connects to north Madras, south Madras, GST Road, Koyambedu, and the airport. It also had enough space to spare, both horizontally and vertically.

But is there more to Alandur?

Just by looking out that metro train window, we can tell you there is. A battleground, for starters. We don't just mean the constituency, from where M G Ramachandran made his electoral debut in 1967 (although it was called Parangimalai then), but an actual battlefield. History buffs, while on the metro, one of the spots you're likely to pass near Alandur junction is the OTA golf course, which was once the spot where a battle unfolded in 1759. It was here that the French under Thomas Arthur, Count of Lally, lost to British troops commanded by Major-General Stringer Lawrence. The battlefield now doubles up as a golf course as well as a tactical training field for budding army officers.

it's pretty much off-limits in terms of walking in, but hey, you can catch a glimpse on the metro, and that's free. Architect and artist Srishti Prabakar, who has done sketch walks in Alandur, calls the area a juxtaposition of worlds past and present. "On the one hand, you have the old world chaos of the market, the bustle of people bargaining over their fish, haggling over why their pomfret looked fleshier the previous week. On the other, you have the swanky metro, and then you notice all of it set against the backdrop of the majestic St Thomas Mount. It's a junction of not just the metros but of the city's culture and history."

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6. Alandur is Chennai's Arakkonam - Courtesy : Times of India

Every time the sketch-walk group ambles up to Alandur, says Srishti, they end up spending most of their time soaking in the marvel of the metro station. "Being so elevated it's beautiful to see the train almost emerging out of thin air, hills, and trees in the background." Now, if you're game for a wander, a little away from the metro station is the St Thomas Garrison Church, incidentally No.1 GST Road.

Constructed for less than Rs 50,000, the church was opened in 1830. The church with its bomb-proof roof is now a heritage monument under the Archaeological Survey of India. This was also the spot that Lieutenant-Colonel William Lambton, British soldier and surveyor, began his Great Trigonometrical Survey of India in 1802, a study that ended near Everest. Well, who would have thought... even the Everest tracks to Alandur!



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