

## Chennai Metro Rail Limited Wins Global Environmental Leadership Project of the Year 2026

Chennai Metro Rail Limited had been honoured with the Global Environmental Leadership Project of the Year 2026 in the Transportation Sector – Metro Rail Category at the GEEF Global Environmental Excellence Awards 2026. The award was presented at the Global Energy Leader’s Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

This prestigious global recognition highlighted CMRL’s exceptional leadership in integrating robust environmental considerations across all phases of the metro rail network in Chennai, including its planning, construction, and daily operations.

## CMRL Installs 55 New Escalators Across Phase 1 and Extension Stations to Enhance Passenger Experience

A total of 55 escalators have been added across 27 existing Phase 1 and Extension stations for enhancing convenience based on passenger demand. The total number of escalators installed across the CMRL Phase 1 network has now reached 281.



## First Anti-Drag Enabled Train Introduced in CMRL

The Anti-Drag feature, introduced in Phase 1 trains, is designed to detect garments or objects trapped in train doors and automatically stop train movement by applying brakes and reopening the doors. This marked the first implementation of the Anti-Drag safety feature in the Indian Metro network.

Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems and Operations), flagged off the train, in the presence of senior officials of CMRL, Thiru. S. Ramasubbu (Advisor – Electrical), Thiru. Gopinath Mallaya (Chief Advisor – Operations & Maintenance), Thiru. A.R. Rajendran (Chief General Manager – Rolling Stock), Thiru. S. Satheesh Prabu (General Manager – Operations & Maintenance), and Thiru. C. Balamurugan (Additional General Manager – Rolling Stock) and the contractor's higher officials from M/s Faiveley Transport Rail Technologies India Pvt Ltd and M/s Alstom Transport India Limited along with other officials and staff of CMRL and the contractors, were present for a major passenger safety milestone.



## TBM “Servarayan” Breakthrough at Moolakadai Metro (North) shaft

A significant milestone had been achieved in Phase 2 construction with the breakthrough of TBM Servarayan (S99) at the Moolakadai North Shaft. The tunnel boring machine successfully completed a 824.6-metre tunnel drive from Madhavaram High Road Metro Station to Moolakadai Metro Station (Down Line), marking the 9th TBM breakthrough.

With this achievement, CMRL completed its 23rd TBM breakthrough in the Phase 2 project. The tunnelling work was executed through challenging conditions, including passage beneath the Buckingham Canal and a live traffic corridor, while ensuring minimal settlement and uninterrupted public utilities. Officials from CMRL, the General Consultant, and Tata Projects were present during the breakthrough event.



## CMRL recorded 90.14 lakh passengers in May

A total ridership of 90,14,959 passengers in the month of May, 2026. May, 18 2026 recorded the highest passenger flow per day for May, 2026 with 3,45,384 passengers. A total of 4,72,00,562 passengers travelled in Chennai Metro from January 1,2026 to May 31, 2026.



## Ride to the Roar: Sponsored Metro Travel for IPL 2026 Fans

Collaboration with the Chennai Super Kings, continued to provide exclusive sponsored Metro Rail services for IPL 2026 spectators in Chennai. Sponsored metro rides were operated for the League Matches held in May, 2026. A total of 31,444 passengers benefited from this collaboration.

Cricket enthusiasts with valid match tickets availed complimentary round-trip metro travel between operational Metro Stations and Government Estate Metro Station by scanning their physical or digital tickets at the Automatic Gates. CMRL also operated extended special train services from Government Estate Metro Station till 01:00 AM towards Wimco Nagar Depot Metro Station and Airport Metro Station.



## Music Metro Magic. ft.- Ilaiyaraja Live Concert 2026

ACTC Studio Private Limited had collaborated with CMRL to provide sponsored Metro travel for attendees of the Ilaiyaraja Live Musical Concert held on May, 2026 at Nehru Outdoor Stadium. Concert-goers were provided with unique QR-based Metro passes, enabling complimentary round-trip travel between any operational Metro station and Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Metro Station. 18,468 passengers made use of these QR based metro passes.

To ensure a smooth return journey after the event, CMRL operated services until 1:00 AM towards Wimco Nagar Depot, Airport, and St. Thomas Mount.



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