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Alstom Powers Chennai Metro Phase II with Its Driverless Metropolis Trainsets



Chennai, 13 Oct 2026: Alstom, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, has commenced passenger services with its advanced driverless Metropolis trainsets on Corridor 4 of Chennai Metro Phase II, inaugurated in the presence of Hon ' ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. The 26-km corridor connects Poonamallee Bypass to Light House through 28 stations, comprising 18 elevated and 10 underground stations. Alstom has completed manufactur ing 36 trainsets, comprising 108 metro cars, to enhance urban connectivity with a faster, safer and more sustainable commuting experience.

Designed at Alstom's engineering centre of excellence in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and manufactured at its Sri City facility in Andhra Pradesh, the next-generation trainsets are configured for driverless opera tions at speeds of up to 80 kmph. Each three-car train can accommo date up to 1,000 passen gers and features air conditioning, regenera tive braking, real-time passenger information displays, CCTV cameras, emergency evacuation doors, dedicated spaces for women and persons with disabilities, and advanced cyber security. Inspired by Chennai's cultural heritage, the train designs incorporate elements of Bharata natyam mudras and Tamil Nadu's tradi tional kolam art. The 2023 contract, valued at €124 million, covered design, manu facturing, supply, testing, commissioning and training.

Olivier Loison, Managing Director, Alstom India, said the commencement of passenger services marks a proud mile stone and reinforces the company's long-standing partnership with Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL). Alstom has supported Chennai's metro network since 2010, supplying 208 metro

power systems for Phase I. In addition to the 108 cars delivered for Phase II, manufac turing of 96 additional driverless Metropolis metro cars ordered in 2025 is commencing at Sri City.

With six industrial sites and five major engineering centres in India, Alstom conti nues to support the country's rail infra structure development and Make in India and Atmanir bhar Bharat initiatives. Its metro trains serve Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow, Kochi and Mumbai, as well as the Agra–

Bhopal metro projects.