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Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalithaa on Monday launched the Chennai Metro Rail, which will connect Alandur in the city's southern parts to Koyambedu, a hub connecting the northern parts. *Business Standard* looks at the Metro train services in across India

METRO	KOLKATA	CHENNAI MRTS	DELHI	BENGALURU	MUMBAI	JAIPUR	CHENNAI
STARTED	1984	1995	2002	2011	2014	June 2015	July 2015
NETWORK	24 stations over 28 km	17 stations over 19 km	142 stations over 193 km*	19 stations over 19.1 km*	12 stations over 11.4 km (Line 1)*	9 stations over 9.6 km (Phase-I)	2 corridors to cover 45.1 km (Phase-I)
AVG RIDERSHIP	650,000 a day	76,800	2.4 million	110,000	277,000	About 60,000	—
AVG SPEED	30 kmph	29 kmph	36 kmph	34 kmph	33 kmph	32 kmph	35 kmph
FARE/KM	₹1*	₹5 (1-20 km)*	₹0.95*	₹0.25*	₹3.5*	₹1.56*	₹1.4*
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	* Distance-wise slabs from (₹5 for up to 5 km, ₹10 for 5-10 km and so on)	* Fares are 8-9 times higher for first-class travel; MRTS refers to Mass Rapid Transit System	* 5 colour-coded lines and 1 express line; this is world's 13th-largest Metro service	* Currently operates two lines. Phase-I to cover 4.2.3 km upon completion. Phase-II to span 72.1 km	* To be built in three phases over 15 years ending 2021 (3 more lines to add another 100 km)	* The current fare structure is valid for first six months only	* The project cost, first estimated at ₹14,600 crore, has now risen to ₹20,000 crore

IN WAITING: ■ Kochi and Hyderabad (likely in 2016) ■ Navi Mumbai and Lucknow (2017) ■ Ahmedabad and Nagpur (2018) ■ Kanpur, Meerut, Patna, Surat, Vijayawada, Thiruvananthapuram and Visakhapatnam (Metros proposed; no clarity on commissioning date)