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# ***Kochi Metro Connect***



## August 2021

A new beginning: Lokanath Behera takes charge as KMRL's Managing Director.



Former DGP, Shri. Lokanath Behera took charge as KMRL's Managing Director on 31 August 2021, and visited Kochi Metro on the same day.

## Flower carpets in bloom: Onam festivities at Kochi Metro.

The Pookkalam Malsaram organized as a part of the Metro's Onam celebrations saw KMRL employees, security, staff & Kudumbashree staff coming together to put up vibrant flower carpets at MG Road, JLN Stadium, Edappally and Aluva metro stations. The Pookkalam that fetched the maximum number of likes on Kochi Metro's social media pages was chosen as the winner of the competition.





## Freedom fuels growth: Independence Day celebrated at Kochi Metro.

As a part of the Independence Day celebrations, the national flag was hoisted by Shri. K. R. Kumar, Director- Finance, at Muttom yard in the presence of KMRL employees, security staff joined the function with enthusiasm



## September 2021

In connection with the prestigious Kochin Water Metro project



Shri.Loknath Behera,MD  
,KMRL visited Cochin Shipyard  
Limited to look into the boats  
that are being built at CSL

September 3rd



## Appreciation



A reward for excellence...!  
Shri.Loknath Behera, Managing Director issuing the certificate of appreciation to Mr.Sreelesh S.K,Manager IT, who developed software for visitor management system in KMRL corporate office.

September 4th

## Appreciation



September 6th



"Appreciation is a great way to recognize the hard work and efforts "  
Shri.Loknath Behera,MD KMRL, giving the certificate of appreciation to the O&M team for installing the access control system in OCC within 18hrs.



Employee elated at the surprise visit paid by MD to her home,at Kochi metro Thodupuzha ,Muttom.

September 8th





# Inauguration

## Train Lifting Facility is inaugurated in Kochi Metro Muttom Depot



Pitjack, which is a train lifting facility was inaugurated on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 by Shri Loknath Behera, Managing director, Kochi Metro.



"Completion and commissioning of the Pitjack marks, achievement of a major milestone in enhancing the maintenance facilities at Muttom Depot of Kochi Metro. With this, Kochi Metro Muttom depot is fully equipped to carryout major or minor maintenance of the trains, which will ensure safe journey of the passengers" said Shri Loknath Behera, Managing Director, Kochi Metro.

September 8th

## Interaction

Shri. Loknath Behera, MD  
- KMRL, interacts with  
Kochi Metro's frontline  
staff  
(Station controllers and train operators)

September 8th



## Inauguration



Cochin Corporation Mayor Shri M Anil Kumar inaugurated the installation of an automatic sanitizer machine to strengthen COVID safety measures for metro passengers. Similar machines will be installed at all stations as part of the CSR activity of Kairali TMT. Manufactured by Ligerio Kochi, a Kerala startup, it allows touchless hand sanitization. Kairali TMT Executive Director Shri Humayun Kaliyath spoke on the occasion. Metro General Managers Shri Manikandan, Shri Nireesh, Advocate Arun Antony for Team Ligerio Kochi, Shri.Dixon Alice Poullose.

Shri.Emil Jegy,Shri Rashad and Shri Ashraf were also present.



September 10th





September 17th

Shri. Loknath Behera, Managing Director, KMRL inaugurated nine docking stations for Bike inside the Infopark Campus, Kakkanad. This facility would enable the Infopark techies to use bicycles inside the Campus.

## Initiatives by KMRL

Post covid, To encourage awareness about safety at metro station, A cake fest was organized at Edappally metro station.

### Cake Festival



**When your journey meets yum!!!**



September 18th

Safety



First



The safety team of KMRL had conducted a full-scale emergency passenger evacuation mock drill on Monday after the revenue hours to ensure the operational readiness and security measures in the metro during emergencies.



The monthly drill conducted through the collective coordination of other departments.

## KMRL's message to public

KMRL cherishes the relationship with riders and strives to ensure absolute safety & comfort.

**All our staff are vaccinated.**  
**Your safety is our prime concern.**

September 21th







## Press conference by MD:

While addressing press conference Loknath Behera. MD KMRL announced 50% discount for all passengers on 2nd October 2021. He also declare that metro ride will be absolutely free for mentally challenged and accompanying passenger will be charged only 50% of the fare.

September 22th



Kerala Police assured that they will be the part of Public Bike Sharing scheme.

The public bike share system to have the logos of all the three stake holders.

September 22th



## Few snaps from the ongoing Mehendi /Tattoo festival @ Edappally Metro Station

September 24th



KMRL partnered with Auto for feeder service from metro station. In order to integrate last mile connectivity & aim for a common ticket, KMRL selected Maharajas station as a pilot station to provide e- Auto with pre issued tickets. Commuter from any station can take feeder e- auto ticket as shared or single journey. Efforts shall made to encourage customers to utilize this service. Based on the feedback of trial for one week, service shall be extended to other stations.

September 28th



## Appreciation

Congratulations to Shri Sunil PJ (Grade 10562) Senior Civil Police Officer of Traffic East Police Station who caught a python in front of the J.L.N stadium metro station from Kochi Metro!!



September 30th

His timely intervention managed to avoid panic between passengers and other people. Appreciating his courage, conscience, and sense of duty KMRL. Managing Director Shri. Loknath Behra presented cash award and certificate at the function held today at Metro Corporate Office.



## Kochi Metro : Named it's trains

### The first Indian Metro to have named trains

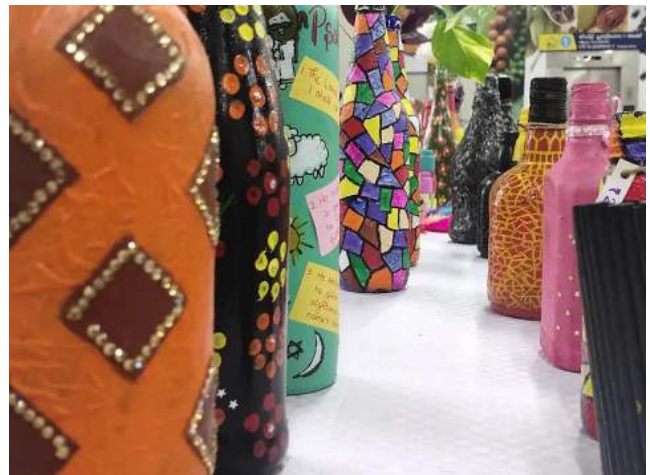
For the first time in India, Metro train coaches are going to be recognised by real names. Kochi Metro has taken this maiden step in line with the pattern set by the regular trains of Indian Railways. The names synchronise with the culture of our country and would assist commuters in quick and easy identification of the trains.



September 30th

# October 2021

## "THINK OUTSIDE THE BIN"



## Exhibition & Sale of products made out of waste materials

October 2nd

## Kudos... to the employees Employee Of The Month



### BEST EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Smt.Joan Sandra Nobert,Exe(Admin) from Corporate office

Shri.Akhildas O.P, SC/TO from O&M

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (for conducting passenger survey)

Shri.Praveen C,Manager (RS)

Shri.Shinodas D,Manager (ELE)

Shri.Manoj Kumar G, Asst.Manager (STN)

Shri.Loknath Behera,MD,KMRL handed over the certificates in the presence of Shri.K.R.Kumar,Director Finance and Smt.Mini Chhabra,GM(HR&ADMIN)

October 7th



## A Date With Special individuals: KMRL invited all special needs citizens of Kochi for a taste of Metro travel:

Captured on lens are moments from the unique trip of children from Social Mental Rehabilitation Centre under Kothamangalam Peace Valley.

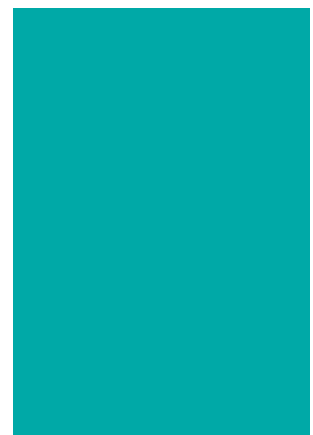
District Collector Jafar Malik joined the IAS joined them in this journey and distributed snacks to all Children



Holding tight to the collector's hand Shymoluda, who has been living in a wheelchair for twenty-seven years, had a smile on his face.



The four year old Tipu viewing through insight



October 7th

## Medical Camp

Health check-up camp conducted at corporate office on 24 Sep



As a part of our endeavour to promote good health , Human Resource department organised a basic medical camp for the employees in association with M/s Kinder Hospital, Pathadipalam



on 24th September 2021 at Corporate Office and on 8th October 2021 at Operation Control Centre (OCC), Muttom. A total of 81 employees attend the camp organised in the corporate office while 58 utilised the facility in OCC.



## Kochi Metro Rail Limited handed over 10 bicycles



Kochi Metro Rail Limited handed over 10 bicycles to the students of Greets Public School, Kaloor on free of cost . In a function held at KMRL Corporate office, Shri.Loknath Behera, MD KMRL handed over the cycles to the students in the presence of SmtJaya Sabin,Principal Greets Public School. The cycle will be used by the students for commuting between metro station to school and back. KMRL has envisaged this concept of providing free bicycles to the students of schools and colleges for using them as first mile/last mile connectivity. The respective school/ college taking over the cycles will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the same. Interested institutions can contact KMRL to avail this free bicycle facility.

October 13th

## Mayor of Kochi Adv.M. Anil Kumar visited the corporate office today



Honorable Mayor of Kochi Adv.M. Anil Kumar visited Kochi Metro corporate on 14th October. LB KMRL update on the progress of various projects of KMRL such as Phase 1 extension, Phase II, Water Metro, IURWTS and NMT works. Honorable Mayor expressed his support in all the projects



Honourable Mayor expressed his desire to visit the sites of Water Metro jetties and water metro boat along his councillors.

Mayor said that he were impressed by the various works undertaken by KMRL and wished KMRL continue to do so for Kochi in the years to come.

October 14th

## Chocolate Fest:

Held at Metro Station



Despite of the heavy rainfall in the city, there was tremendous response from the public towards the chocolate festival held today at Edapally Metro Station. More than 50 chocolate makers exhibited their products, date nutty, choco spark, nutty and fruity fantasy, choco SMS etc were some among the new tastes for the commuters. Dark chocolate made with more than 70% of coco grabbed the attention of chocolate lovers. some the participants who had a good exposure in the cake festival too were also came to exhibit their products made out of chocolate. Most of the variety chocolates were sold out by noon itself as the exhibitors didn't expected such a huge response and was out of stock.

October 16th

## Appreciation

A passenger of Kochi Metro after reaching airport called KMRL customer care and reported he missed his wallet in the auto he boarded at Aluva. Metro Station. The Station Controller was able to locate the auto driver and he reported that wallet is found in the auto. Auto driver again took a trip to the airport to hand over the wallet and the passenger confirmed the customer care he got back the wallet. Shri. Loknath Behera, MD, Kochi Metro Rail Limited handed over certificate of appreciation to Mr. Rajesh CG, the auto driver for his honesty and integrity.



October 18th



## Prize distribution done by Shri.Loknath Behera



Prize distribution done by Shr.Loknath Behera, MD KMRL to the winners of the patriotic song competition conducted by KMRL & STORY TEL

October 29th

## Pledge Taking Ceremony Held @ KMRL Coparate office : Vigilance Awareness Week 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021



Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) is being celebrated every year and coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known to be a man of high integrity. In pursuit of the vision of the Government of India to make a New India by the year 2022, which is the 75th anniversary of our independence, the Central Vigilance Commission, as the apex integrity institution of the country, endeavours to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in public life.

Vigilance Awareness Week : 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021 with the theme: Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity

Pledge taking ceremony held at KMRL Corporate office today.



# The music performance by St. Teresa's college

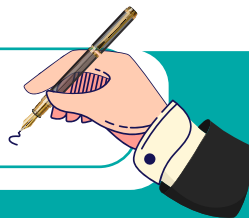


Kochi Metro in

association with the St. Teresa's College Ernakulam conducted a musical event at Vytilla Metro Station on 30th October 2021 from 4 pm to 7 pm.



## From MD's Desk...



As the country and State is recovering from the pandemic, Kochi Metro is putting all efforts to give a safe and comfortable experience to all commuters. All the new initiatives and events conducted at various metro stations are aimed towards the same. Our efforts are to make Metro, everyone's metro.



This newsletter is a great initiative to connect all employees of Metro family of our great country and create a bond amongst all. It captures all the remarkable events of the past months wherein KMRL staff and other stakeholders participated.

**Wishing you all the best!**

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