

# BMTC starts feeder service on two routes from K.R. Pura metro station

Many employees from companies along the ORR have started utilising the service

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**W**ith the entire Purple Line of Namma Metro now operational, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board, catering to commuters in the tech corridor of the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The BMTC launched feeder services on two routes originating at K.R. Pura metro station.

The first route runs from K.R. Pura to Central Silk Board, with a frequen-



Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated BMTC feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board.

cy of 5 minutes during peak hours and 8 minutes during non-peak hours.

The second route is a circular service from-and-to K.R. Pura metro station via Marathahalli, Kundalahalli, ITPL, and Garuda-  
charpalya, operating every 5 minutes during peak hours and every 10 mi-

minutes during non-peak hours. The BMTC has also introduced Route 3, connecting Kadugodi to Kadugodi via Hope Farm, ITPL, Graphite India, AECS Layout gate, and Route 4 from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthur Kodi, and Siddapura.

On Wednesday morn-

ing, Mr. Reddy, accompanied by M.V. Rajeev Gowda, vice-chairperson of the State Institute For the Transformation of Karnataka (SITK), BMTC managing director G. Sathyavathi, Srinivas Alavilli, a fellow at WRI, and Manas Das, president of the Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), boarded a bus at K.R. Pura metro station.

Many employees from different companies along the ORR also utilised the bus service.

The Personal2Public initiative launched by B.PAC and WRI India has been encouraging people to shift from personal vehicles to public transport at least twice a week.

**CEOs OF ORACLE, GOLDMAN SACHS, INTEL, VMWARE TAKE BUSES; JOIN WALK THE TALK INITIATIVE**

# Use Public Transport Twice a Week: Minister Tells CEOs

**BEATING TRAFFIC WOES** As BMTC starts feeder buses connecting ORR to KR Puram metro station, techies, corporate heads laud move

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Bengaluru : Wednesday morning saw many of Bengaluru's technology workers including CEOs and senior government officials boarding buses from the new expanded purple metro line to the Intel campus on the outer ring road (ORR), as transport minister Ramalinga Reddy added 38 new buses to the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) fleet.

The minister urged the tech belt's best and the brightest, to take an oath to use public transport at least twice a week to reduce congestion along the ORR. "We are planning to purchase 2,000 more buses this year... There will be a lot of changes in the next six months in BMTCL," he said.

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) is building a metro line from Central Silk Board to KR Puram via the ORR stretch, forcing



Transport minister Ramalinga Reddy flags off new feeder buses from KR Puram metro station in Bengaluru on Wednesday. N Narasimha Murthy

authorities to plan several measures to deal with vehicle congestion.

Heads of companies like Oracle, Goldman Sachs, Intel, and VMware took the buses as a part of the 'Walk the talk' initiative by research organisation WRI India, aimed at modelling a public transport habit to the people. They joined the transport

minister, the MD of BMTCL Sathyavathi. G, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) MD Anjum Parwez, and State Institute For The Transformation of Karnataka (SITK) vice chairman M.V Rajeev Gowda among others.

"The aim here is to move people from private to public transport.

**RAMALINGA REDDY**  
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Feeder buses will make last mile connectivity seamless here," said Gowda. Using public transport like metros, he added, will reduce any stress people might have while going to work about not making it on time. "The onus is now on the people to overcome any hesitation they have in using buses and metros and to take the first step," he said.

The new metro feeder buses will be available from the KR Puram Metro station along five routes to the ORR and will run every five minutes. The launch follows the long awaited opening of the completed purple metro line to Whitefield on Monday.

Companies lauded the metro-feeder buses, saying they would take steps to encourage the use of public transport among their own employees as well. There are, however, some issues pending with last-mile connectivity. VMware MD Ramkumar Narayanan told ET. "When we get off the buses, we still see broken footpaths, lack of streetlights, bad arterial and sub arterial roads... it makes it unsafe to get home from the bus stops," he said. The civic bodies must work in tandem with each other to resolve people's issues so that they take to using public transport, he added.

The ORR has about five technology parks, 500 technology companies, 10-15 lakh employees and about five lakh cars trying to enter the parking areas, which often causes gridlocks. The road sees almost 3.5 lakh cars every day. Two weeks ago, there was a massive traffic jam on the stretch, trapping techies, buses and other vehicles on the road for almost four hours.

# Tech titans all aboard feeder buses

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**W**ith the much-awaited Namma Metro Purple line from Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Challaghatta now operational, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) has launched high-frequency feeder bus services to improve connectivity between the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and the various metro stations.

As part of the Personal2Public outreach program, which aims to inspire commuters to use public transport at least twice a week, the Transport Minister, Ramalinga Reddy, and Professor Rajeev Gowda, Vice Chairperson, State Institute For The Transformation of Karnataka (SITK) along with many CEOs, CxOs and senior management, chose to 'Walk the Talk' by riding the Metro feeder buses trav-



**CEOs from companies on ORR take metro feeder by BMTc**

elling from the KR Pura Metro station to Intel's Ecospace office. Professor Rajeev Gowda further administered an oath to the audience comprising tech honchos to use public transport (metro/bus/com-muter rail) at least twice a week.

A first-of-its-kind outreach program, Personal2Public aims to inspire commut-

ers to use public transport at least twice a week. It is a citizen-led initiative supported by WRI India, the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC), corporate and civil society organisations, auto driver unions, and research organisations. The initiative is also actively supported by BMTc, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), and Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) in their efforts to improve connectivity to the metro for residents and employees in and around the ORR.

Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow, WRI India, said, "WRI India is delighted with the steps taken by the government to integrate metro and bus for a better commute and by the active participation of corporate sector to encourage their employees to switch. As responsible citizens, we can take small actions that add to transformative change."

# Companies on ORR want to buy Metro smart cards in bulk for their employees

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** Honchos of several top companies located along Outer Ring Road joined forces with civic activists and other stakeholders on Wednesday, to promote use of public transport by their employees.

The company chiefs and others accompanied transport minister Ramalinga Reddy and other officials on board a newly launched BMTC feeder bus at KR Puram Metro station. The team travelled till Intel Ecospace. Determined to promote use of public transport by its employees, several companies along ORR are already in talks with Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited on bulk purchase of smart cards for their staffers.

ORRCA president Manas Das said: "We are persuading our member-companies to incentivise employees using public transport. We are requesting the companies, if they can afford, to give free passes to the employees or subsidise them in some way." BMRCL confirmed it is getting enquiries from companies along ORR and in Whitefield on bulk purchase of smart cards. BMRCL chief PRO BL Yeshawanth Chavan told TOI that a company in Whitefield has already purchased 500 smart cards for its employees.

"At present, passengers are using contactless smart cards and National Common Mobility Cards to travel by Metro. We are in discussion with companies that are looking for bulk purchase of smart cards and modalities are being worked," the official said.



K Sunil Prasad

Bigwigs from firms located on ORR accompanied transport minister Ramalinga Reddy and officials on a newly launched BMTC feeder bus at KR Pura Metro station

## COMING TOGETHER TO EASE COMMUTE

Manas Das, Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) president; Ramkumar Narayanan, MD, VMware; Jayen Desai, chief of staff VMware & co-founder Sustainability Ecosystem Connect; Muthu Ranganathan, senior director Oracle and Jayaram S Govindaiah from CIRE were among those who took the bus ride along with transport minister Ramalinga Reddy.

MD of VMware, Ramkumar Narayanan, said: "Using public transport is the way forward. Feeder services from Metro stations make travelling more convenient for regular commuters. When BMRCL had opened Metro services on the Green Line, we started providing feeder services from Yelachenahalli to our campus in JP Nagar. On ORR, once the authorities decide on new passes, we will take measures to incentivise employees using public transport."

Commuters have been demanding that both BMRCL and BMTC provide common platform for purchase of tickets. Representatives of Slum Dwellers Foundation, Bangalore Apartments Federation, Greenpeace, Alli Serona,

Mobility Agenda and HSR Layout Citizen Group, CiRE, BPac and WRI India were also present. The initiative was part of Personal2Public campaign to promote use of public transport. Vice-chairman of State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka, Rajeev Gowda, urged employees to use public transport at least twice a week.

### Reinstate bus-priority lane

Urban expert RK Misra said: "On priority BBMP and BMRCL should reinstate bus-priority lane on ORR, wherever feasible. Now, most Metro construction on the median of the road is complete between Iblur and KR Pura. Barring station work areas, the priority lane can be reinstated on this stretch."



# Minister flags off BMTC's metro feeder services to IT corridor

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The BMTC on Wednesday launched a new metro feeder route from the KR Pura metro station to Silk Board on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), besides three others for the east and southeastern parts.

The buses were officially launched by Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy at the KR Pura metro station early on Wednesday morning, following which, he went on a ride in the first bus with MV Rajeev Gowda, vice-chairperson of the State Institute for the Transformation of Karnataka; G Sathyavathi, managing director, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC); and other officials.

A total of 38 buses — both AC and non-AC — will be running on four new feeder routes to connect more people to the metro, especially employees in the ORR and other companies in the city's eastern and south-eastern parts.

Urging everyone to collaborate with government bodies for collective action, Sathyavathi appealed to the CEOs to adopt a bus shelter and upgrade them with the BBMP.

Gowda, who collaborated with several agencies to push for the greater adoption of public transport in the city, explained the government's vision to make 75% of the population shift to public transport. He administered an oath



Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy travelled in a BMTC bus during the launch on Wednesday. DH PHOTO/BK JANARDHAN

## Bus routes

- 22 buses on the V-MF-1C route from the KR Pura metro station to Central Silk Board via Mahadevapura, Marathahalli bridge, Kadubeesanahalli, and Agara.
- 8 buses on the MF-2 route from and to KR Pura metro station via Mahadevapura, Marathahalli bridge, Kundalahalli Gate, Graphite India, and Garudacharapalya.
- 4 buses on the MF-3 route from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, ITPL, Graphite India, AECA Layout.
- 4 buses on the MF-4 route from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthur Kodi and Siddapura.

to the audience to use public transport at least twice a week and encouraged the public to do so as well.

Yulu co-founder RK Misra hinted at providing free metro passes to the employees of

companies along the ORR who prove they are taking the metro and the feeder buses.

Several CXOs (chief experience officers) of Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) member companies

## New AC e-buses to airport

BMTC managing director G Sathyavathi revealed the transport corporation's plans to procure 320 AC electric buses that will be operated to the Kempegowda International Airport, while scrapping old Volvo buses. "We will be adding another 1,000 electric buses to our fleet and will be recruiting more crew."

rode on two of the feeder buses towards Intel's Ecospace office on the ORR, in a bid to encourage their employees to use them to commute to office.

The feeder bus service was the result of B.PAC and WRI India's Personal2Public initiative of encouraging people to use public transport at least twice a week.

## Public transport

MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), said that using public transport is the only long-term solution to ease the city's traffic congestion.

"In just two days (Monday and Tuesday), we could see at least a 20% decrease in traffic volume in four junctions — NGEF, Benniganahalli, Tin Factory, and Lowry," he told *DH*.

# ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್ ಸೇವೆ ಶುರು

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## ■ ವಿಳಾಸಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ)ಯು ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರ ಅನುಕೂಲಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಹವಾನಿಯಂತಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಾನಿಯಂತಣ ರಹಿತ 38 ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ನಗರದ ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ಬಳಿ ಬುಧವಾರ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿ

ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಚಿವ ರಾಮಲಿಂಗಾರಾಜ್, "ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ರೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುವವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ, ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿಯ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರಿಗೆ ಲಾಸ್ಟ್ ಮೈಲ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಟಿವಿಟಿ ಸೇವೆ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ 2000 ಬಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ," ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

## ಐಟಿ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳ ಸಿಇಒಗಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ

ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ದಿನವಾದರೂ ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಬಸ್, ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಅಥವಾ ರೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಐಟಿ-ಬಿಟಿ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳ ಸಿಇಒಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಿಗಳು ಇಕೋಸ್ಪೇಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪರಿವರ್ತನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ (ಎಸ್‌ಐಟಿಕೆ) ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಪ್ರೊ. ರಾಜೇಶ್‌ಗೌಡ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, "ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಆರಾಮದಾಯಕ ಸಂಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮೂಹ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಬಳಸಬೇಕು. ಇದರಿಂದ ಸಂಚಾರ ದಟ್ಟಣೆಯೂ ತಗ್ಗಲಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ಬಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಮ್ಮೆಗೆ 75 ಮಂದಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು. ಪ್ರತಿ ಕಾರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಒಂದು ಬಸ್ 36 ಕಾರುಗಳು ರಸ್ತೆಗಿಳಿಯುವುದನ್ನು ತಡೆಯುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ," ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕಿ ಜಿ.ಸತ್ಯವತಿ, ಜಂಟಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಆಯುಕ್ತ (ಸಂಚಾರ) ಅನುಚೇತ್, ಬಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಸಿಇಒ ರೇವತಿ ಅಶೋಕ್, ಒಆರ್‌ಆರ್‌ಸಿಐ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಮಾನಸ್ ದಾಸ್ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

# ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಬಳಸಲು ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಹೊರವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ದಿನ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಬಸ್ ಬಳಕೆ



ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಹೊರವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (ಒಆರ್‌ಆರ್)ಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಟ್ಟಣೆ ತಗ್ಗಿಸಲು ಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಸೇರಿ ಆ ಮಾರ್ಗದ ಪಾಹನ ಸವಾರರು ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಎರಡು ದಿನ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಬಳಸುವ ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ಈಚೆಗೆ ನೇರಳೆ ಮಾರ್ಗ (ವೈಟ್‌ಫೀಲ್ಡ್- ಚೆಲ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ)ದಲ್ಲಿ 'ನಮ್ಮ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ' ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸೇವೆ ಮುಕ್ತಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿ ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿಯು ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಬಸ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಚಯಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ಜತೆಗೆ 'ಪರ್ಸನಲ್ 2 ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್'

(ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನದಿಂದ ಸಮೂಹ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಕಡೆಗೆ) ಅಭಿಯಾನಕ್ಕೂ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಚಿವ ರಾಮಲಿಂಗಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪರಿವರ್ತನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ (ಯೋಜನಾ ಮಂಡಳಿ) ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಪ್ರೊ. ರಾಜೇವ್‌ಗೌಡ ಅಭಿಯಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ನಿವಾಸಿಗಳ ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು, ನಿತ್ಯ ಹೊರ ವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಬಳಸುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದರು. ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕಿ ಸತ್ಯವತಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.





**ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ**

ಐಟಿ ಕಾರಿಡಾರ್: 38 ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ

# ‘ದಟ್ಟಣೆ ನಿವಾರಣೆಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ’

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ‘ಐಟಿ ಕಾರಿಡಾರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಹನ ದಟ್ಟಣೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ’ ಎಂದು ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಚಿವ ರಾಮಲಿಂಗಾರ್ಡ್ಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್‌ನ 38 ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬುಧವಾರ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿ ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

ಹವಾನಿಯಂತ್ರಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಾನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ರಹಿತ ಬಸ್ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಚಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮುಂದೆ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕಿ ಸತ್ಯವತಿ ಜಿ. ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ‘ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಉದ್ಯಮಿಗಳು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಎಂದು ಪರಿಭಾವಿಸಿ ಸುಸಜ್ಜಿತ ಬಸ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ, ತಂಗುದಾಣಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಇದು ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ, ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿಯವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಂದು ಸುಮ್ಮನಿರಬಾರದು’ ಎಂದು ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ 20 ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳು ಸಂಚರಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಈ ವರ್ಷ



ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ಫೀಡರ್ 35 ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬುಧವಾರ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ‘ಸ್ವಂತ 2 ಸಾರಿಗೆ’ ಘೋಷಣೆಯ ಫಲಕವನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಿ ‘ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡು ದಿನ ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಾಹನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ’ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಬೋಧಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಸದ್ಯವೇ ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 1,000 ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳು ಸಂಚರಿಸಲಿವೆ. ಮುಂದೆ ಮತ್ತೆ 1,000 ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ವಿವರಿಸಿದರು.

ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ: ‘ವಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 2 ದಿನವಾದರೂ ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಬಸ್, ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ರೈಲು ಮುಂತಾದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಾಹನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ’ ಎಂದು ‘ಸ್ವಂತ 2 ಸಾರಿಗೆ’ ಅಭಿಯಾನದ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಜ್ಞೆ ಬೋಧಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಚಿವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪರಿವರ್ತನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ರಾಜೀವ್ ಗೌಡ, ಒಆರ್‌ಆರ್‌ಸಿಎ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಮನಸೋದಾಸ್, ‘ಬಿ-ಪ್ಯಾಕ್’ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಿಇಒ ರೇವತಿ ಅಶೋಕ್, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಅಲವಿಲ್ಲಿ, ವಿಎಂವೇರ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ರಾಮಕುಮಾರ್ ನಾರಾಯಣನ್, ಸಸ್ಪೆನ್‌ಬಲ್ ಇಕೋ ಸಿಸ್ಟಂನ ಜಯನ್ ದೇಸಾಯಿ ಸಹಿತ ಅನೇಕರು ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಇಂಟೆಲ್ ಇಕೊಸ್ಪೇಸ್ ಕಚೇರಿವರೆಗೆ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸಿದರು.

## ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳ ವಿವರ

ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಮಹದೇವಪುರ, ಮಾರತ್‌ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸೇತುವೆ, ಕಾಡು ಬೀಸನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಅಗರ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಸಿಲ್ವಿಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ಗೆ 22 ಬಸ್‌ಗಳು, ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಮಹದೇವಪುರ, ಕುಂದಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗೇಟ್, ಗ್ರಾಫೈಟ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ, ಗರುಡಾಚಾರ್ ಪಾಲ್ಕೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಪುರ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ 8 ಬಸ್‌ಗಳು ಸಂಚರಿಸಲಿವೆ.

ಕಾಡುಗೋಡಿಯಿಂದ ಹೋಪ್ ಫಾರಂ, ಐಟಿಪಿಎಲ್, ಗ್ರಾಫೈಟ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ, ಗರುಡಾಚಾರ್ ಪಾಲ್ಕೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಮಾರತ್‌ಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 4, ಕಾಡುಗೋಡಿಯಿಂದ ಹೋಪ್ ಫಾರಂ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ, ವರ್ತೂರು ಕೋಡಿ, ಕುಂದಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಮಾರತ್‌ಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 4 ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್‌ಗಳು ಚಲಿಸಲಿವೆ.

## **Ee SANJE**



ಕೆಆರ್ ಪುರಂನ ಮೆಟ್ರೋ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ಬಳಿ ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ಫೀಡರ್ ಬಸ್ ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಇಂದು ಸಚಿವ ರಾಮಲಿಂಗಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಬಳಸುವಂತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಬಿಎಂಟಿಸಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕಿ ಸತ್ಯವತಿ, ಯೋಜನಾ ಅಯೋಗದ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ರಾಜೀವ್‌ಗೌಡ, ಬಿಎಂಆರ್‌ಸಿಎಲ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಹಲವರು ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

**परिवहन मंत्री ने किया बस सेवा का शुभारंभ**

## के.आर. पुरा मेट्रो स्टेशन से जुड़े चार नए फीडर रूट

दिलाई सप्ताह में 2 दिन सार्वजनिक परिवहन के उपयोग की शपथ

बेंगलूरु @ पत्रिका. नम्मा मेट्रो के पर्पल लाइन पर पूर्ण परिचालन शुरू होने के बाद सरकार और गैर सरकारी संगठन लोगों से ज्यादा से ज्यादा सार्वजनिक परिवहन सेवाओं का उपयोग करने की अपील कर रहे हैं। मेट्रो स्टेशनों और गंतव्य के बीच आवागमन की समस्या को दूर करने के लिए बेंगलूरु महानगर परिवहन निगम (बीएमटीसी) ने के. आर. पुरा मेट्रो स्टेशन से फीडर बसों की सेवा शुरू की है। सरकार और प्रशासन को उम्मीद है कि इससे बाहरी रिंग रोड पर मेट्रो कनेक्टिविटी में सुधार होने के साथ ही अधिक संख्या में लोग मेट्रो में सफर करेंगे।

परिवहन मंत्री रामलिंगा रेड्डी और स्टेट इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर द ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन ऑफ कर्नाटक (एसआईटीके) के उपाध्यक्ष प्रो. एम.वी.राजीव गौड़ा ने बुधवार को के.आर.पुरा मेट्रो स्टेशन पर आयोजित समारोह में मेट्रो फीडर बस का शुभारंभ किया। बीएमटीसी की प्रबंध निदेशक सत्यवती जी. और कई कंपनियों के सीईओ और सीएक्सओ भी उपस्थित थे। अतिथियों ने मेट्रो रेल की सवारी भी की।



### ये हैं नए रूट

बीएमटीसी ने जिन चार मार्गों पर फीडर सेवा शुरू की है, उसमें दो के.आर. पुरा मेट्रो स्टेशन से शुरू होंगी। इसमें से एक के.आर. पुरा से सेंट्रल सिल्क बोर्ड के बीच चलेगी जबकि दूसरी के.आर. पुरा मेट्रो स्टेशन से सर्कुलर सर्विस है, जो के.आर. पुरा मेट्रो से मारथहल्ली, कुंडलहल्ली, आईटीपीएल और गरुडचारपाल्या के रास्ते के.आर. पुरा मेट्रो तक चलेगी। तीसरा, काडुगोडी को होप फार्म, आईटीपीएल, एईसीएस लेआउट गेट क्षेत्र से जोड़ेगा। चौथा, काडुगोडी से होप फार्म, वर्तूर कोडी और सिद्धापुर को जोड़ेगा। इन नए रूट पर 22 वातानुकूलित व 16 गैर वातानुकूलित बस सेवाएं प्रति दस मिनट में उपलब्ध रहेंगी।

### सप्ताह में दो दिन करें सार्वजनिक परिवहन का उपयोग : प्रो. गौड़ा

प्रो. गौड़ा ने लोगों को सप्ताह में दो दिन सार्वजनिक परिवहन सेवा मेट्रो, बस, कम्प्यूटर रेल का उपयोग करने की शपथ दिलाई। बी. पैक की सीईओ रेवती अशोक ने कहा कि आईटी कंपनियां सार्वजनिक परिवहन का उपयोग करके वॉक द टॉक करें। श्रीनिवास अलविल्ली ने कहा कि कॉर्पोरेट कंपनियों के अधिकारी व कर्मचारी बेहतर आवागमन के लिए मेट्रो और बस को चुनें।



## A power-push for public transport: CEOs, CXOs board feeder buses for last-mile Metro connectivity

The launch of 35 feeder buses is expected to facilitate the connection to the new purple line section from KR Pura Metro station to ORR (Silkboard) and Whitefield.



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Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated 35 BMTC Metro feeder buses on Wednesday. (Supplied)



About a decade and a half ago, when I had the opportunity to interview S Ramadorai, the then CEO and MD of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), he had emphatically shared how he seeks opportunities in adversities.

Fifteen years later, on October 11 2023, I witnessed a similar sentiment among the CEOs and CXOs of Bengaluru's top IT companies who had gathered outside the newly-opened KR Pura Metro station, on a sultry Wednesday morning.



The event was held at the KR Pura metro station premises. (Supplied)

## Feeder buses for Metro connectivity

Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and Prof Rajeev Gowda, ex MP, and the Vice Chairman of the State Institute for the Transformation of Karnataka and Brand Bengaluru inaugurated 35 feeder Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) Metro feeder service buses. These buses are expected to facilitate the connection to the new purple line section from KR Pura Metro station to ORR (Silkboard) and Whitefield that was thrown open to the public on October 9 2023.



Feeder buses to connect newly opened Purple Line metro stations. (Supplied)

Making this dream of lakhs of Bengalureans come true is the team at #Personal2Public, which is an initiative to inspire the citizens to switch to public transport at least twice a week in order to reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

"Today, ORR is dream destination for many people who come here to work. We are now going to make their mobility better because of this partnership between DULT, BMRCL, BMTc, BBMP and BTP, auto unions and aggregators, civil society groups, research organisations and corporates," shares Srinivas Alavalli, senior fellow at WRI India, who spearheaded this initiative.

## The supply-demand balance

Once known for its pleasant weather, large lakes, lush gardens, the IT hub of India — Bengaluru — seems to have earned the ill-repute of suffering the worst traffic nightmares. **Case in point is September 27 2023 when a massive, unprecedented gridlock on Bengaluru city's tech corridor, the Outer Ring Road (ORR), left Bangaloreans fuming.** Several motorists complained that they took about four hours to cover 15 km. Parents were worried as students, stuck in the bumper-to-bumper traffic, reached home late in the night. Traffic victims of this day might even live to tell this tale to their future generations.

To address this concern, Bengaluru's city planners, urban architects and environmentalists have been tirelessly making a case for an increased and sustained use of public transport, which influences the urban road system in many ways.

The inauguration of the feeder buses is the beginning, says Manas Das, President of Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA).

"This is a 12-year-old organisation that has been working with 500 companies and 9,50,000 people on the Outer Ring Road. We met the Deputy CM of Karnataka, DK Shivakumar, recently, where we tabled all the issues. On the supply side, we are trying to solve road-related issues, frequency of transport, overall walkability, bus shelters etc. The demand side involves P2P adoption. If we don't adopt, the government is going to question us. We are trying to balance both the sides. The idea is to show the government that there is a phenomenal number of people using it," explains Das.



City planners, urban architects and environmentalists have been making a case for a sustained use of public transport. (Supplied)

## Walk the talk

It's a given that the CEO of any organisation helps change happen by communicating its significance, modeling the desired changes, and getting personally involved. This is exactly what the campaign aims to achieve too, if you were wondering why CEOs and CXOs were part of the bus-ride activity. But given our cynical nature, the obvious next question is — will they actually use public transport?



#Personal2Public initiative aims to inspire citizens to switch to public transport. (Supplied)

"CEOs taking this ride is symbolic. They don't need to. It is the 95% of employees in any organisation that need to. For instance, I took the Metro today. So what's the message I am taking forward? If 80-90% of a company takes public transport, that's half the congestion battle won," highlights Das.

However, Ravi Chandar, who works on city causes, and is a self-described patron saint of lost causes, disagrees.

"CXOs and CEOs have to walk the talk. They must adopt public transport because if they do it, they will have the

right to demand it from their employees," he insists.

Rajeev Gowda calls this Personal to Public initiative a historic moment for Bengaluru. CEOs, he urges, will lead by example.

For Ram Narayanan, VP and MD of VMWare, who took the Metro from Nallurhalli to KR Pura Metro this morning, symbolism is the first step. The message of using public transport needs to spread within and beyond the organisation, he remarks. "As I was on the train, I put out a LinkedIn post. By being part of this activity I am also sending a message to my peers in the industry to join me," he tells

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## Can Bengaluru emulate Mumbai's public transport system?

Meanwhile, it was only earlier this year, in a report published by *Time Out*, where Mumbai ranked at number 19 on a list of cities with the world's best public transport, thanks to its intricate local train network. In fact, it was the only Indian city on the list.

Perhaps what unites Mumbai and Bengaluru is that its people don't have the luxury of time. Can Bengaluru then adopt a system similar to Mumbai?

Comparison is not a good idea, says Das. Attributing to the difference in the scale and movement of traffic, he points out that competing with Mumbai's model would be difficult.

Chandar concurs. Mumbai has twice the population of Bengaluru, but it has half the vehicular population of the latter.

"Bengaluru has four times more vehicular stress compared to Mumbai," he adds.

But if this campaign becomes a role model, adoption will be easier, notes Das. "When someone sees that the Whitefield and ORR corridors are successful in doing it, the fever will spread. When corporates and white-collar working professionals spread the word, movements like this will become endemic," he asserts.

Does this mean Bengaluru is ushering in a new era of creating a unique role model for sustainable use of public transport?

Narayanan believes it is. "For the first time, any of us living in Whitefield can take public transport to get anywhere. Buses always existed but it was not as convenient as finding your nearest Metro station, getting on it and reaching your destination," he details, rushing to board the bus for its debut ride.



If there is connectivity, more people will travel in the Metro. (Supplied)

## In public transport, we trust

Packed with media professionals elbowing their way through to get bytes from the Transport Minister, CEOs and CXOs, we surely got a VIP ride to reach Intel's Eco Space campus in Bellandur, in a record 26 minutes. Will this be a norm though or is it a purely one-day wonder given the stature of dignitaries riding on it?

"Earlier the population of the city was less. Now it is about 1.4 crore. So we have to take measures to improve the transport. Particularly where the Metro is running, connectivity is important. If the connectivity is there, more people will travel in the metro. That way, the congestion will come down," Ramalinga Reddy, Transport Minister shares with **South First** while assuring that more buses will be launched this year.



A pledge was taken by all participants to use public transport at least twice a week. (Supplied)

For Chandar, this is a long, overdue initiative. He is hopeful that the experience with the feeder buses along the KR Pura and ORR stretch will result in a similar demand for feeder buses along the entire Metro network. This, he says, is imperative in improving the ridership of the Metro and reducing the burden of private vehicles on the road.

"My fervent hope is that this will lead to a greater demand. Once you have market forces, bus manufacturers will launch smaller buses, which will be more economical for feeder buses," he explains.

Speaking at the pledge ceremony at the Intel campus, Revathy Ashok, Managing Trustee and CEO of Bangalore Political Action Committee, requested the minister for 15,000 additional buses. "Today we are at 6,500 buses. We need 15,000 more. Our next project is the Inner Ring Road connecting Indira Nagar to Domlur to Koramangla. That is going to be another big one, exactly like the Outer Ring Road. So, let's launch the next one," she says, calling for support.

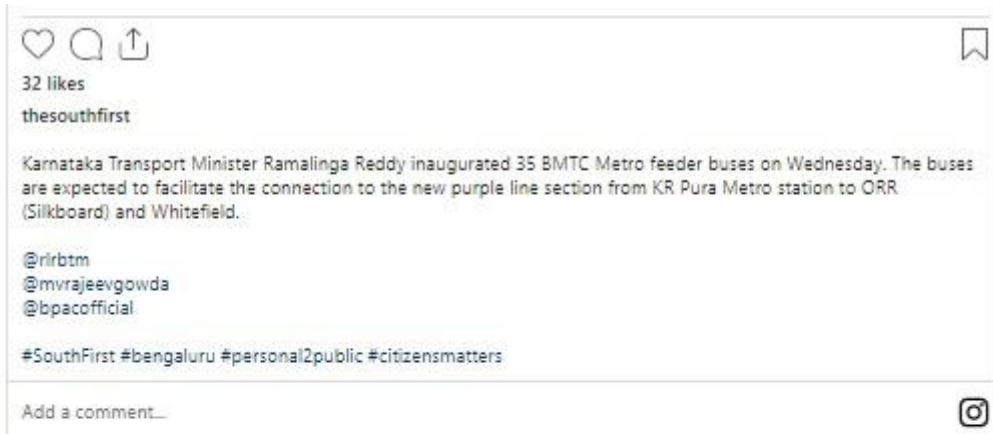
Chandar believes it's all about a behavioural mind shift. Politicians, bureaucrats and CEOs can play a crucial role, he affirms.

## The last mile

For urban architect RK Misra it was heartening to see the initiative finally transpire. "The Whitefield Metro has been in the coming for so many years. I think the Metro and public transport are the only solutions to the city's traffic woes. We have over 1.2 crore vehicles registered in the city for 1.4 crore people. At any given time, there are 30 lakh vehicles on the road. And we have only 1000 km of arterial, sub-arterial roads. Every kilometre has over 3000 vehicles on average, which is unsustainable. So unless we get on public transport, there won't be a solution," he emphasises.

Stressing the need for bus priority lanes, he adds, "When people see that the buses are going faster than other vehicles, and that they offer connectivity to the Metro, they will be more willing to take the Metro."





Rajeev Gowda reminds the crowd that when they learned about this as part of the newly formed government, there was excitement. "We had promised in our manifesto that we would shift people to public transport. We have a grand ambition of making travel 75% on public transport and the first step was taken today," he assures, urging everyone to join him in taking the pledge to support and use public transport.

The public-private partnership seems to be a viable model. Because as cities evolve, so must transit. And we are sure that Bengaluru remains hopeful of these baby steps to a million miles — or in this case, the last mile!

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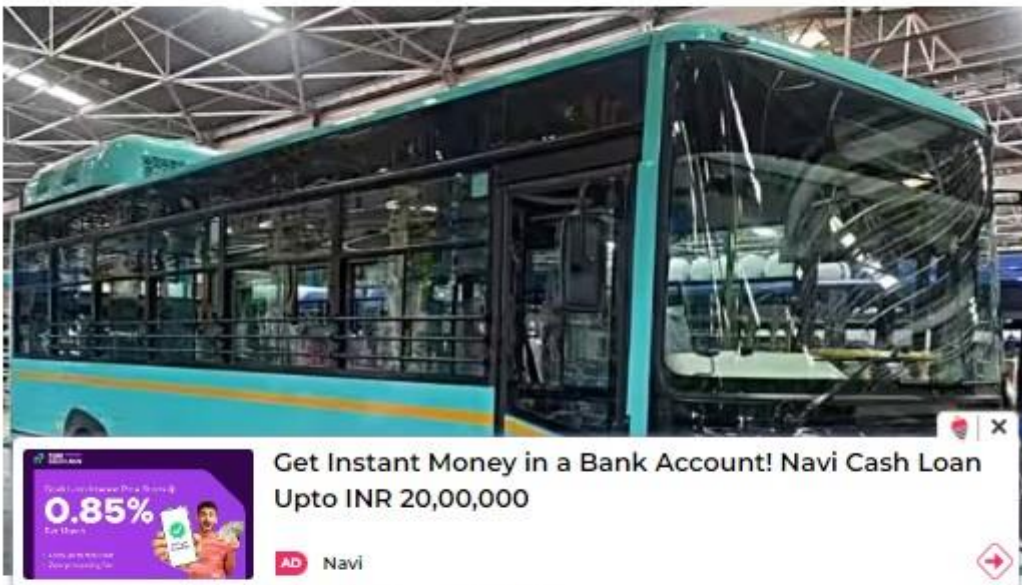
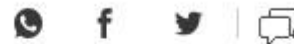
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# Bengaluru: 37 BMTC feeder buses to bridge last-mile gap between KR Puram Metro station and Outer Ring Road

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The Metro feeder buses will operate on two routes. (File)

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Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy Tuesday flagged off 37 BMTC (Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation) feeder buses that will ply between KR Puram metro station and the Silk Board Junction on the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The launch of Metro feeder buses came in the wake of the BMRCL (Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited) operationalising the Baiyappanahalli-KR Puram and the Kengeri-Challaghatta sections of the Metro Purple Line.

The move also came in the wake of the 'personal2public' campaign launched by Prof Rajeev Gowda, vice chairman of the State Institute For Transformation of Karnataka (SITK). The campaign encourages residents to switch to public transport at least twice a week in order to reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

The buses will operate on two routes. Route 1 feeder buses will ply from KR Puram metro station to Silk Board via Marathahalli-Kadubeesanahalli-Iblur at a frequency of five minutes during peak hours and eight minutes during non-peak hours.

Route 2 buses will travel from KR Puram station and back via Marathahalli-Kundalahalli-Garudacharpalya at a frequency of five minutes and 10 minutes during peak and non-peak hours, respectively.

While Metro feeder buses answer the challenge of last-mile connectivity, the launch of feeder buses also aims to reduce traffic on the ORR and encourage Metro use, said transport experts.

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According to the BMRCL, the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield section recorded a ridership of 61,179 on October 9 and 72,712 on October 10. Earlier, this section used to record an average daily ridership of around 28,000.

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While traveling in one of the newly inaugurated feeder buses, the transport minister said, “We want more people to travel in the metro... by deploying more feeder buses. We are also planning to purchase 2,000 more buses this year. There will be a lot of changes in the next six months for the BMTCL.”


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Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated the 35 feeder buses, which will operate on two routes in the city. (Photo: X/@east\_bengaluru)



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As many as 35 Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) Metro feeder service buses were inaugurated in Bengaluru on Wednesday. These feeder buses will facilitate the connection to [the new purple line section that became operational on Monday](#).

Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated the 35 feeder buses, which will operate on two routes in the city. The transport minister highlighted that significant changes are in the pipeline for BMTC in the next six months, and the government is planning to purchase an additional 2,000 buses.

"More people should travel in the Metro. That's why we are providing connectivity. To provide last-mile connectivity, we have to give more buses. We are planning to purchase 2,000 more buses this year. There will be a lot of changes in the next six months for BMTC," Reddy said while travelling in one of the newly inaugurated feeder buses.

Vice-chairman of the State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka (SITK) Professor Rajeev Gowda said, "People will make this switch because it's safer and more comfortable. We will all be happier and more productive. This will ease traffic congestion. One bus will carry 75 people, while one car will carry two people. One bus will help remove 36 cars on the road."

CEOs, IAS officers, and IPS officers took a BMTC bus ride from KR Puram Metro to Intel Ecospace after the inauguration.



The feeder bus routes are as follows:

- KR Pura Metro to Silk Board via Marathahalli-Kadubisanahalli-Ibluru
- KR Pura Metro and back via Marathahalli-Kundalahalli-Graphite India ■

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## **THE NEWS MINUTE**

# **BMTC launches feeder bus services from KR Pura metro station: Full details**

*The BMTC feeder buses will run at intervals of five minutes during peak hours and eight minutes during non-peak hours, connecting the KR Pura station to the Central Silk Board.*



Rajeev Gowda with the feeder BMTC bus

With the Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line from Challaghatta to Whitefield, becoming fully operational, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) launched a new high-frequency feeder bus service on Wednesday, October 11. These feeder buses will run at intervals of five minutes during peak hours and eight minutes during non-peak hours, connecting the KR Pura station to the Central Silk Board. The service was inaugurated by Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy.

BMTC has launched feeder services along two routes that start from the KR Pura metro station. The first route goes from KR Pura to the Central Silk Board, with a frequency of five minutes during peak hours and eight minutes during non-peak hours. The second route is a circular service that travels to and from the KR Pura metro station, passing through Marathahalli, Kundalahalli, ITPL, and Garudacharpalya. This route operates every five minutes during peak hours and every ten minutes during non-peak hours.

During the launch, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy was accompanied by MV Rajeev Gowda, Vice-Chairperson of the State Institute For The Transformation of Karnataka (SITK), BMTC Managing Director G Sathyavathi, Srinivas Alavilli, a fellow at the World Resources Institute (Integrated Transport and Road Safety), and Manas Das, President of the Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA). Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Bengaluru City, MN Anucheth also participated in this initiative called 'Personal2Public'.

The 'Personal2Public' campaign held at the Intel office drew a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, citizen groups, corporate employees working in the ORR and others. Participants pledged to use public transport at least twice a week.

Prominent campaigners, including MV Rajeev Gowda, Srinivas Alavilli, and Revathy Ashok, CEO of the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC), lauded the initiative as a significant step in promoting a shift to public transport. The first bus departed from KR Pura station around 9.15 am and reached Intel's RMZ Ecospace office at Bellandur in 30 minutes.

Traffic Commissioner MN Anucheth said that 20 percent reduction in traffic on Old Madras Road was observed following the full operation of the Purple Line, with significant improvements at junctions like NGEF, Byappanahalli, and Tin Factory. The entire Whitefield-Challaghatta Metro corridor (Purple Line) commenced passenger service on October 9.

## Bengaluru Purple Line Welcomes 38 New Metro Feeder Buses



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### HIGHLIGHTS

Executives Pledge Commitment to Public Transport

**Bengaluru:** In a move aimed at enhancing the convenience of public transport in Bengaluru, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (**BMTTC**) has unveiled 38 new Metro feeder buses to serve commuters at various metro stations across the city.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated this initiative outside the KR Puram Metro Station, and the occasion was marked by a noteworthy commitment from Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of various companies. These corporate leaders vowed to incorporate public transport into their routines, promising to use it at least twice a week.

The newly launched feeder buses come in two variants, offering both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned options to cater to diverse passenger needs. Of these, 30 feeder buses have been initiated from the bustling KR Puram Metro Station. This move resonates with the much needed efforts to promote the use of public transport as a means to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the city's carbon footprint.

Several CEOs from tech companies, IAS and IPS officers, and other professionals chose to experience the convenience of these feeder buses as they made their way to the Metro station. The feeder buses are expected to maintain a commendable frequency, with buses arriving at intervals of 5-8 minutes.

To ensure seamless connectivity and accessibility, these feeder buses have been strategically planned to serve key routes.

MF-1C buses departing from KR Puram Metro Station will journey through Mahadevapura, Marathahalli Bridge, Kadubeesanahalli, Agara, before reaching Central Silk Board.

MF-2 route covers Mahadevapura, Marathahalli Bridge, Kundalahalli Gate, Graphite India, and Garudacharpalya.

MF-3 buses Run from Kadugodi to Hopefarm, ITPL, Graphite India, and AECS Layout, these feeder buses promise increased connectivity in the city's tech corridor.

MF-4 buses commence their journey from Kadugodi and will connect passengers to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthurkodi, and Siddapura, further enhancing the reach of public transport.

Notably, the expansion of the Bengaluru Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to KR Puram has significantly boosted ridership, bridging the gap between the city's IT hub and its central regions. The new feeder buses serve as a pivotal link in this enhanced connectivity, facilitating a smoother and more sustainable commuting experience for Bengaluru residents.

## Bengaluru: After Metro's Purple Line, 35 BMTC Feeder Buses Inaugurated; Check Routes Here

The city on Wednesday got a total of 35 Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) Metro feeder service buses to facilitate locals.

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**Bengaluru:** The city on Wednesday got a total of 35 Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) Metro feeder service buses to facilitate locals. This comes following the inauguration of purple line of Bengaluru Metro became operational.

Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy dedicated the feeder buses that will be operating on two routes in the Bengaluru. Speaking on the bus feeder services, the state minister emphasized on the significant development to be made for better transportation.

He said the ministry has already mulled over and decided to roll out a few changes in BMTc in next six months. For instance, the government has planned to purchase more 2,000 buses.

While travelling in one of the newly-inaugurated feeder buses, Reddy stated "More people should travel in the Metro. That's why we are providing connectivity. To provide last-mile connectivity, we have to give more buses."

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"We are planning to purchase 2,000 more buses this year. There will be a lot of changes in the next six months for BMTc," added the state minister.

On the day of inauguration, CEOs, IAS officers, and IPS officers also boarded BMTc bus from KR Puram Metro to Intel Ecospace.

**Bengaluru passengers must know that the feeder will run on two routes only. They are:**

- KR Pura Metro to Silk Board via Marathahalli-Kadubisanahalli-Ibluru
- KR Pura Metro and back via Marathahalli-Kundalahalli-Graphite India

The Bengaluru Metro's Purple Line, which is also known as the Whitefield-Challaghatta Metro corridor was dedicated to locals on October 9. It should be know that the expansion included 2.1-km Baiyappanahalli-KR Pura and 2.05-km Kengeri-Challaghatta sections.

These sections are are part of the 42.85 km Purple Line, stretching from Whitefield to Challaghatta in the east and west.

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## New BMTC feeder bus services connects Outer Ring Road to K.R. Pura metro station in Bengaluru

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Many employees from different companies along the ORR have started utilising the bus service

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Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated BMTC feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board in Bengaluru, on October 11, 2023.

With the entire Purple Line of Namma Metro now operational, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board, catering to commuters in the tech corridor of Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Bengaluru, on October 11.

BMTC has launched feeder services on two routes originating at K.R. Pura metro station.

The first route runs from K.R. Pura to Central Silk Board, with a frequency of 5 minutes during peak hours and 8 minutes during non-peak hours.

The second route is a circular service from-and-to K.R. Pura metro station via Marathahalli, Kundalahalli, ITPL, and Garudacharpalya, operating every 5 minutes during peak hours and every 10 minutes during non-peak hours.

BMTC has also introduced Route 3, connecting Kadugodi to Kadugodi via Hope Farm, ITPL, Graphite India, AECS Layout gate, and Route 4 from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthur Kodi, and Siddapura.



On October 11 morning, Mr. Reddy, accompanied by M.V. Rajeev Gowda, Vice-Chairperson of the State Institute For The Transformation of Karnataka (SITK), BMTC Managing Director G. Sathyavathi, Srinivas Alavilli, a fellow at WRI, and Manas Das, president of Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), boarded a bus at K.R. Pura metro station.

Many employees from different companies along the ORR also utilised the bus service.

The Personal2Public initiative launched by B.PAC and WRI India has been encouraging people to shift from personal vehicles to public transport at least twice a week.

NEWS

## Bengaluru News: BMTC Introduces 37 Metro Feeder Buses To Serve Outer Ring Road-East Bengaluru IT Corridor

Bengaluru's Purple Line metro services commenced yesterday, connecting Challaghatta to Kengeri on one end and Baiyapanahalli to Whitefield on the other. The Purple Line metro service was built for Rs 363.48 crore.

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Two new routes between Krishnaraja Puram metro station and Silk Board intersection will be used for the metro feeder services (Image Credits: X/@east\_bengaluru)

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) launched 37 new metro feeder buses to serve the Outer Ring Road-East Bengaluru IT corridor, a day after the Bengaluru Metro began its services on the new Purple line on Monday.

Two new routes between Krishnaraja Puram metro station and Silk Board intersection will be used for the metro feeder services.

Bengaluru's Purple Line metro services commenced yesterday, connecting Challaghatta to Kengeri on one end and Baiyapanahalli to Whitefield on the other. The Purple Line metro service was built for Rs 363.48 crore.

The new line, which connects the East-West corridor, was inaugurated without celebration. The metro service was launched between Krishnaraja Puram and Byappanahalli, with extensions to Whitefield.

This new metro line is said to cut down 40 per cent of the city's traffic woes, which have been increasing over the years.

### **Metro Timings**

Train services will start at 5 am from all stations. The last train from Whitefield (Kadugodi) will depart at 10.45 pm and from other terminal stations at 11.05 pm.  
Travel time- Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Challaghatta: 82 minutes

**Fare:** Rs 60

**No of trainsets (6 coaches each):** 33

**No of trips:** 180

## Transport Minister launches feeder bus facilities to enhance Metro rail connectivity in Bengaluru

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Image for representation

Days after the Metro Rail services on the Purple Line became fully operational here, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday launched feeder bus services between the Metro stations and key stops on Outer Ring Road to facilitate last mile connectivity and reduce traffic congestion. As many as 35 feeder buses were flagged off by Reddy from KR Pura Metro station.

The Minister said as of now 35 feeder buses have been provided to ensure connectivity along the new sections of Purple Line that became operational from Monday. During peak hours, bus services will be available every five minutes and during non-peak hours, the facility

will be available every eight minutes. Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTc) has launched feeder bus services on two major routes starting at KR Pura Metro station. This will benefit the commuters in the tech corridor of Outer Ring Road.

According to BMTc, the first route is from KR Pura Metro station to Central Silk Board via Mahadevapura, Marathahalli bridge. The second route involves service from-and-to KR Pura Metro station via Marathahalli, Kundalahalli, ITPL and Garudacharpalya.

It has also introduced another route connecting Kadugodi to Kadugodi via Hope Farm, ITPL, Graphite India, AECS Layout gate, and another route from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthur Kodi and Siddapura. "If you don't give connectivity, people will have to come by their own vehicles to the Metro station, they will have to come by auto or taxi. That will cause pollution and further add to traffic congestion. That's why we provided connectivity to around seven-eight km of Purple Line," Reddy told PTI while taking a ride in the newly launched bus feeder service from KR Pura Metro station.

Encouraging commuters to use public transport, he said, "For now, we have provided 35 buses. We will watch how the services are being used by the public and based on that if some more buses are required, we will do the needful." Employees of various tech firms who took the feeder bus services from the metro station said this has come as a huge relief for them. They can now travel smoothly without being stuck in jams and can reach their respective destinations faster without any inconvenience. Dayna, a commuter who has been a regular on Outer Ring Road for the last 15 years, said, "I have seen how this area developed and I have seen the importance of this feeder line today. It is a big achievement. It is a big step towards what we call it as Silicon Valley city Bengaluru."

Another commuter, Shailesh Yadav said his company is located in Whitefield and with this KR Pura Metro service now being operational, commuting has become much easier for him. "KR Pura Metro service has started, it's a huge respite. Usually, work is not a challenge but commuting is a challenge for us. If you go in a car, it takes around two hours to reach your company. Then there's traffic. Now that feeder buses have also been provided, the problem with last mile connectivity is also sorted. It is a great help. We can reach our destination much faster without any inconvenience. Plus time is saved and that time can be utilised in doing other things," he said.

Kalpna Kataria, Executive Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said, "I find this is wonderful for the city of Bengaluru. People can travel from Challaghatta to Whitefield straight without changing any line in 82 minutes and the fare is also Rs 60 which is cheap. It's a comfortable ride. People who want to go to Outer Ring Road can at present get down at KR Pura and take the feeder buses that have been started by the BMTc. We have signed an MoU with BMTc under which we have decided to work together. BMTc will be providing the first mile and last mile connectivity for BMRCL." Meanwhile, BMTc Managing Director, Sathyavathi G who also took the bus ride told PTI, BMTc plays a crucial role in encouraging commuters to use public transport. With the new feeder buses being flagged off by the Minister, there will be around 314 bus trips to cover KP Pura, Central Silk Board and Outer Ring Road, Kundalahalli and other places.

"It is very important that commuters don't have to use their two-wheelers and private cars which will also help in reducing Bengaluru traffic. It is also very safe to use public transport," she said.

# Companies on ORR want to buy Metro smart cards in bulk for their employees

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Bigwigs from firms located on ORR accompanied transport minister Ramalinga Reddy and officials on a newly launched BMTC feeder bus at KR Pura Metro station



BENGALURU: Honchos of several top companies located along Outer Ring Road joined forces with civic activists and other stakeholders on Wednesday, to promote use of public transport by their employees.

The company chiefs and others accompanied transport minister Ramalinga Reddy and other officials on board a newly launched BMTC feeder bus at KR Puram Metro station. The team travelled till Intel Ecospace. Determined to promote use of public transport by its employees, several companies along ORR are already in talks with Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited on bulk purchase of smart cards for their staffers.

ORRCA president Manas Das said: "We are persuading our member-companies to incentives employees using public transport. We are requesting the companies, if they can afford, to give free passes to the employees or subsidise them in some way." BMRCL confirmed it is getting enquiries from companies along ORR and in Whitefield on bulk purchase of smart cards. BMRCL chief PRO BL Yeshawanth Chavan told TOI that a company in Whitefield has already purchased 500 smart cards for its employees.

"At present, passengers are using contactless smart cards and National Common Mobility Cards to travel by Metro. We are in discussion with companies that are looking for bulk purchase of smart cards and modalities are being worked," the official said.

MD of VMware, Ramkumar Narayanan, said: "Using public transport is the way forward. Feeder services from Metro stations make travelling more convenient for regular commuters. When BMRCL had opened Metro services on the Green Line, we started providing feeder services from Yelachenahalli to our campus in JP Nagar. On ORR, once the authorities decide on new passes, we will take measures to incentivise employees using public transport."

Commuters have been demanding that both BMRCL and BMTc provide common platform for purchase of tickets. Representatives of Slum Dwellers Foundation, Bangalore Apartments Federation, Greenpeace, Alli Serona, Mobility Agenda and HSR Layout Citizen Group, CiRE, BPac and WRI India were also present. The initiative was part of Personal2Public campaign to promote use of public transport. Vice-chairman of State Institute for Transformation of Karnataka, Rajeev Gowda, urged employees to use public transport at least twice a week.

### **Reinstate bus-priority lane**

Urban expert RK Misra said: "On priority, BBMP and BMRCL should reinstate bus-priority lane on ORR, wherever feasible. Now, most Metro construction on the median of the road is complete between Iblur and KR Pura. Barring station work areas, the priority lane can be reinstated on this stretch."