
Document Title: Passenger Services Notice – Digital Ticketing Upgrade

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To enhance commuter convenience and reduce dependence on paper tickets, Kochi Metro is implementing an upgraded Digital Ticketing System effective from 01 October 2025.

Key Features:

1. QR Code Tickets: Passengers can now purchase single-journey and return tickets via Kochi1 app and scan directly at AFC gates.
2. UPI & Wallet Integration: Payment options expanded to include UPI, ~~RuPay~~, and mobile wallets.
3. Smart Card Auto-Top-Up: Smart cards can be linked with bank accounts for seamless recharging.
4. Multi-Lingual Support: Ticketing app updated with English, Malayalam, and Hindi options.
5. Green Initiative: Reduction of paper tickets by 60% within the first six months.

Implementation Schedule:

- Pilot testing at Aluva, Maharaja's College, and Pettah stations between 20–27 September | 2025.
- Full rollout across all 22 stations by 01 October 2025.
- Passenger awareness campaign to run from 22 September onwards.

Passenger Advisory:

During the transition phase, traditional paper tickets will continue to be available. Commuters are encouraged to download the Kochi1 app and register in advance for faster onboarding.

Enforcement:

From 01 November 2025, passengers found misusing QR codes or duplicate tickets will be penalized under the Metro Railway (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2002.

KMRL's Operations & IT Divisions will jointly oversee this initiative, with periodic monitoring by the Finance Department.