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Coldplay concerts record higher Metro footfall than key matches

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MORE PEOPLE used the Metro to travel to Narendra Modi stadium in Motera in Ahmedabad for the Coldplay concert than they did for cricket matches, including key World Cup ties in 2023.

On the first day of the concert, Saturday, the Metro recorded its highest figure of passenger journey. In a statement Monday, the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) said, "GMRC has achieved its highest passenger journey 2,13,735 in Ahmedabad on January 25, 2025. Further 1,91,529 passenger journeys were achieved on January 26."

About 1 lakh additional passengers travelled on Metro trains during the British band's concert as compared to the Saturdays and Sundays in the previous two weeks, indicating that about 50,000 additional passengers utilised the Metro on each of these days resulting in additional 1 lakh journeys (counting both onwards and return trip) on each day.

Against 1.16-1.17 lakh passengers on previous Saturdays (January 11 and 18), Metro traffic stood at 2,13,735 on January 25. Against 92,000 to 1 lakh passengers on previous Sundays (January 12 and 19), the Metro recorded 1,91,529 passengers on January 26 – the second day of the concert.

These numbers also beat passenger traffic during key cricket matches. The previous highest



Visitors heading into Narendra Modi Stadium for Coldplay concert. *Express*

HIGHEST TRAFFIC DAYS

JAN 25, 2025 (Coldplay concert): 2,13,735 passengers

JAN 26, 2025 (Coldplay concert): 1,91,529 passengers

MAY 22, 2024 (IPL eliminator match): 1,65,504 passengers

OCT 14, 2023 (India Vs Pakistan Men's World Cup): 1,42,972 passengers

NOV 19, 2023 (India Vs Australia World Cup final): 1,37,801 passengers

Source: Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Data

traffic day for the Metro was 1,65,504 passengers on May 22, 2024, for the IPL 2024 Eliminator cricket match where Rajasthan Royals beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by four wickets. The Coldplay concert on January 25, 2025 beat this record despite 439 trips being scheduled for the match against 406 trips for the concert. Passengers heading to the stadium for the concert also beat the 1,37,801 passenger count

recorded during the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 final match where Australia beat India by six wickets on November 19, 2023.

It also beat the passenger count of 1,42,972 on October 14, 2023, during the Men's World Cup match when India beat Pakistan by seven wickets.

As per BookMyShow, 3.5 lakh people attended the five Coldplay concerts in India, with the highest on January 26, at 1.34 lakh.