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BOOST TO PASSENGER SAFETY AND TRAIN SERVICES

**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPLETED CRITICAL MAINTENANCE
WORKS AT CHENNAI EGMORE YARD**

Prioritizing safety of train operations, Chennai Division of Southern Railway undertakes rail safety measures at regular intervals. On 28.07.2024 (Sunday), a mega block of 12 hours (07.45 AM to 07.45 PM) was permitted in Chennai Beach-Chengalpattu section to carry out the construction work of a new culvert at Chennai Egmore Yard.

A new twin-box culvert was constructed by utilizing 150 ton capacity road crane. 30 pre-cast boxes of 2m x 2m size covering UP suburban, DOWN suburban and the single line between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore. The construction of this Bridge was a long pending demand from State Government. The construction of the culvert prevents water logging in adjoining areas and at Chennai Egmore Yard. This facilitates smooth train operations during monsoon season.

Utilizing the above block period, a shadow block was utilized to carry out several major works in Chennai Beach–Chennai Egmore section including:

- Complete dismantling of two FOBs (Foot Over Bridge) at Chennai Park Railway station and one at Chennai Fort for the construction of 4th line work.
- Signal & Telecommunication Department works including cable meggering, point and rods replacement, EI spare card testing and calling-on signal testing works.
- Major track maintenance works, OHE work using heavy machinery were also carried out.

As this crucial line block had to be necessarily carried out during daytime, suburban train services had to be cancelled during the said period.

However, to cater to the demands of passengers, Chennai Division had written to Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) requesting operation of additional bus services on account of cancellation of train services for the above work. Acceding to the request, additional bus services were run on the route.

The work has been carried out successfully within the given block period. More than 400 staff and heavy machineries were deployed in the above work under the aegis of Divisional Railway Manager, along with the supervision of Engineering and other Branch Officers of Chennai Division. The successful completion of these maintenance works ensures smoother train operations and enhances passenger safety.

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