



दक्षिणरेलवे/SOUTHERN RAILWAY
चेन्नैमंडल/CHENNAI DIVISION

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CHENNAI DIVISION, SOUTHERN RAILWAY – DIWALI SAFETY APPEAL

Chennai Division of Southern Railway appeals to all rail passengers to refrain from carrying or transporting inflammable items, including firecrackers, in trains or railway premises.

To prevent accidents involving firecrackers and other hazardous materials ahead of the Diwali festival, Chennai Division has implemented the following safety measures:

- CCTV surveillance has been intensified at major railway stations for added security.
- The Railway Protection Force (**RPF**) and Government Railway Police (**GRP**) have formed special team's at all major stations to monitor passengers and parcels for suspicious items, aided by sniffer dogs.
- Awareness programs are being conducted by RPF teams to educate passengers about the risks associated with carrying firecrackers.
- An intensive ticket checking drive has been planned by Chennai Division's Ticket Checking Team in Suburban/Express trains to ensure safe journeys and curb ticketless travel/unauthorized passengers.
- Passengers found traveling with or in possession of flammable and explosive articles are liable to punishment under **Sections 67, 164, and 165 of the Railway's Act 1989, including fines up to Rs. 1000 or imprisonment up to 3 years or both** and liability for losses/injuries/damage caused.
- Regular public announcements are made to keep passengers informed and vigilant. Passengers are urged to cooperate with railway authorities and report any suspicious items to ensure a safe travel experience. Passengers can contact the toll-free Railway helpline (139) or approach railway staff on duty.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway reaffirms its commitment to delivering a secure, efficient, and enjoyable travel experience. All rail users are requested to join hands with Railways in ensuring a safe and joyful Diwali for all.

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