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## GUINDY & St. THOMAS MOUNT RAILWAY STATIONS ARE SET TO BECOME STATE-OF-THE-ART RAILHEADS

Chennai Beach- Chengalpattu section is the busiest route of Chennai Division handling lakhs of passenger footfall every day. Guindy and St. Thomas Mount railway stations in this section, located prominently in the heart of Chennai city, have been identified for redevelopment in the first phase of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The works in these two stations are targeted to be completed by end of this financial year.

### A. Redevelopment of Guindy Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:

Guindy railway station is an important railhead registering a footfall of more than 60,000 per day. It serves as the gateway to the famed educational institutions such as Anna University, IIT Madras and many more engineering and arts colleges. This station is also renowned for Guindy Race Club and Guindy National Park. The popular Phoenix mall is also located near this station.

Under the Amrit Bharat Station scheme of Indian Railways, Guindy station is set to transform with enhanced facilities at a cost of Rs.13.50 Crores.

The following Re-development works have been planned and the work is in progress:

- ❖ New Booking office on GST road side with elegant façade.
- ❖ Improvements to Circulating area on GST road side and Race course side for better vehicular movement and pedestrian movement.
- Public toilets on both entries.
- \* Re-surfacing of all platforms.
- \* Re-roofing of platform shelters.
- Development of two-wheeler parking area.
- ❖ Provision of improved passenger information display system in platforms and concourse.
- Provision of CCTVs.
- ❖ Provision of lifts under the Foot over Bridges (03 no's).

### B. Redevelopment of ST.THOMAS MOUNT Railway Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:

Meeting the diverse needs of city commuters, St. Thomas Mount Railway Station in Chennai Beach- Tambaram section stands at the forefront. The station is named after St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. The presence of the St. Thomas Mount, a small hillock nearby, adds a touch of spirituality and historical significance to the station. Being a buzzing commercial hub, this station ensures swift connectivity to various parts of the city.

St. Thomas Mount is set to become a significant intermodal hub for suburban, Metro, MRTS, MTC transportation as the Velachery - St. Thomas Mount MRTS Phase-II project is nearing completion.

Recording a footfall of more than 30,000 per day, St. Thomas Mount railway station is set to undergo a massive transformation at a cost of Rs. 14.15 Crores.

The following Re-development works has been planned and work is in progress:

- New booking offices: 02 no's.
- Circulating area re-development.
- \* Re-surfacing of all platforms.
- \* Re-roofing of platform shelters.
- ❖ Additional Platform shelters in PF no. 1A.
- Development of two-wheeler parking area on both sides
- ❖ New second entry from CMRL side with new Booking office block, Two-wheeler & four wheeler parking and pedestrian path.
- ❖ Provision of improved passenger information display system in platforms and concourse.
- Provision of CCTVs.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme aims at upgrading infrastructure, ambience and amenities at railway stations offering a holistic and positive travel experience for Railway passengers. The revamped railway stations will be equipped with facilities at par with world class standards.

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