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## GRAND RECEPTION FOR TIRUNELVELI - CHENNAI EGMORE VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS AT CHENNAI EGMORE BY DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER.

**Shri B. Viswanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division** of Southern Railway and other Senior officials of the Division and staff accorded a warm reception to the inaugural special of Tirunelveli – Chennai Egmore as it arrived at Chennai Egmore at 22.25 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023. A ceremonial function was organized at Chennai Egmore marking the event.

Thiru Nainar Nagenthran, MLA, Tirunelveli constituency who travelled in the inaugural service was given a warm welcome at Chennai Egmore. Thiru Nainar Nagenthran expressed his happiness and narrated his experience of travel in the prestigious Vande Bharat service.

Shri B. Vishwanath Eerya , Divisional Railway Manager convened a Press Meet and elaborated the media about the features of Vande Bharat Train with regard to the fare, food and journey duration in comparison with the Bus Transport (AC Volvo). Shri Tej Partap Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager II, Shri E. Harikrishnan, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and other officials of Chennai Division were present during the Press Meet.

At Dr.MGR Chennai Central, the inaugural service of Vijayawada- Dr MGR Chennai Central 'Vande Bharat' Express arrived ahead of the scheduled time at 22.05 hrs. It was accorded warm welcome by Shri Sachin Punetha, Additional Divisional Railway Manager–I and Shri B.N.S. Challam, Chief Project Manager, Gati Sakthi, Chennai Division along with Officials of Chennai Division. School students, Scouts and Guides participated in the event.

Further, Ceremonial functions were organized at all the enroute stations of the inaugural run. The Vande Bharat trains were accorded a rousing welcome by students, rail passengers, Scouts & Guides and general public.

The maiden regular service of Train No. 20665 Chennai Egmore – Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express is running to full capacity today (25.09.2023).

SD/-

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