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## HON'BLE PM TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 8 RAILWAY STATIONS IN CHENNAI DIVISION UNDER 'AMRIT BHARAT' SCHEME

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will lay the foundation stone for the upgradation/redevelopment of eight stations in Chennai Division of Southern Railway such as Perambur, Tiruvallur, Arakkonam, Jolarpettai, Tiruttani, Guduvancheri, Chengalpattu and Gummidipundi.

Shri B. Vishwanath Eerya, DRM/Chennai, convened a Press Meet today (4th August 2023) and briefed media about the proposed redevelopment of stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Under the Phase 1 of this scheme, eight stations will be redeveloped with a focus on improving passenger-friendly amenities. Tenders for consultancy contract were called and Letters of Acceptance have been issued for these 8 stations. The work under Phase-1 of the scheme based on master plans submitted by project consultants will be completed by the end of the Financial Year 2023-24.

State-of-the-art and 'feel good' amenities for the convenience of passengers will be provided at the stations slated for redevelopment under the scheme. Some of the facilities are lifts and escalators, toilets, waiting halls, aesthetic façade, beautification of circulating area, provision of uniform signage, good quality durable furniture, entrance porches, High Level platforms, cover over platforms, Foot Over Bridge, to mention a few.

The 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term vision. It caters for introduction of new amenities as well as upgradation and replacement of existing amenities. It emphasizes the importance of sustainability, safety, and accessibility in railway station redevelopment, making it a model for future transportation hubs.

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