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## VISUALLY-IMPAIRED FRIENDLY CHENNAI CENTRAL AND CHENNAI EGMORE RAILWAY STATIONS

## BRAILLE MAPS INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATION AND ITS AMENITIES

For the first time in Chennai Division, special Braille navigation Maps under the CSR initiative of M/s. Renault Nissan and Standard Chartered Bank, have been installed at Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore Railway stations respectively. This facility aims to help visually impaired passengers navigate station premises independently and access the passenger amenities with ease.

The Braille map measuring about 3 x 3 feet fixed at the entrance of the above stations gives an overview of the Railway station. In addition to enlisting the basic facilities available at the station, these maps guide visually impaired passengers to navigate across the station premises and access ticket counters, concourse area, water taps, Differently-abled friendly toilets, Waiting rooms, cloak rooms, Foot Over Bridge, platforms, entry and exit points, etc. QR codes have been provided on the Braille boards/signages. They can be scanned with smartphones to activate audio messages guiding such passengers towards their intended destination.

To make the platforms more safe and secure for such passengers, guiding path with checkered tiles / tactile tiles, has been laid at the edge of platforms. Stainless steel handrails have been provided in the Foot Over Bridges for hassle-free movement of visually challenged passengers. Further, Braille signage's have also been installed to help the visually-impaired in accessing various passenger amenities available at the stations.

At Tambaram, Chengalpattu, Arakkonam and Katpadi railway stations, it is proposed to install Braille maps and other signages shortly. Chennai Division will continue its concerted efforts to provide adequate facilities for persons with disabilities to make their travel in trains safe and hassle-free.

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