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चेन्नै मंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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CHENNAI DIVISION CELEBRATES 76TH REPUBLIC DAY

The 76th Republic Day celebrations of Chennai Division were held today (26.01.2025) at RPF parade ground, Ayanavaram, Chennai. Shri B.Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, unfurled the National Flag and took the salute at the parade consisting of RPF contingents including Women Platoons and St. John Ambulance brigade.

Shri Tej Partap Singh, Shri Ankur Chauhan, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Shri A.Ilampooranan, Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, Chennai Division, Branch Officers & staff and their family members, Representatives of Labour Unions and Associations of Chennai Division, Office Bearers and members of SRWO, participated in the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Shri B.Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager recalled the sacrifice by our great leaders. He further stated that Indian Railways network helps in maintaining and spreading the country's cultural heritage and tradition. In his keynote address, the Divisional Railway Manager commended the outstanding performance of Chennai Division and shared an overview of its notable achievements.

Excerpts from Divisional Railway Manager's Speech:

- Chennai Division had achieved highest ever revenue of Rs.4513 crores during the last financial year and Rs.3300 crores during current financial year up to December 2024.
- Chennai Division has achieved a Loading of **10.1MTs** during 2023-24 and **7.31 MTs** during current financial year.
- Station redevelopment under ABSS (Amrit Bharat Station Scheme) is in progress at 17 railway stations at a cost of **Rs.200 crores**. These stations are being provided with modular facilities, upgradation in infrastructure and state of the art facilities. Also, **Rs.160 crores** will be spent for constructing 27 FOBs at 27 stations.
- Chennai Division is currently having 3 coaching terminal stations at Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore and Tambaram. A proposal for developing 4th coaching terminal station between Perambur and Villivakkam has been sent for approval of Railway Board.
- Passenger Amenity works Rs.95 crores has been completed during this current financial year up to December 2024 as against Rs.72 crores completed during the last financial year.

Following major passenger amenities have been provided / proposed.

- Lifts – At present, 82 lifts are existing and 62 lifts are proposed at 32 stations. This year 24 lifts commissioned at 13 stations, 11 will be completed by March 2025.
- Escalators – 67 escalators are provided so far and 15 escalators have been proposed in which 11 escalators are commissioned upto December 2024 and 4 will be commissioned by March 2025.
- CCTV Surveillance System available at 40 stations and work is in progress at 99 stations.
- Train indication boards are available at 15 stations and work is in progress at 85 stations.
- Coach indication boards are provided at 10 stations and work is in progress at 11 stations.
- To bring down the queue length for purchasing UTS tickets, 108 ATVM machines are now functioning over the Division at 57 locations. Tuesday – ‘Digital Day’ has been launched to promote digital payments in alignment with Government Digital India Campaign.
- Parking contracts are available at 80 stations for 96 sites with multi-level 2 wheeler parking at Katpadi & Chengalpattu and contract has been awarded at Guindy station.
- Chennai Division has operated 19761 special trains to various destinations during last financial year and 17101 special trains till December 2024 during the current financial year.
- RPF officials have done excellent job in rescuing **726 run away / left behind children** and life of **28 passengers** is saved during last and current financial year up to December 2024.
- Sports persons of Chennai Division has excelled in various National and International sports event and brought laurels to the nation.

The event featured captivating cultural programs by RPF personnel, Students of Railway Higher Secondary School, Bala Bhawan and staff from various departments. These performances added a festive touch to the celebrations.

The Divisional Railway Manager extended his thanks to the Trade Unions and Associations for their constructive cooperation, which has played a vital role in strengthening industrial relations within the Division. He also extended his heartfelt appreciation to all Railway employees and their families of the Chennai Division for their unwavering dedication and valuable contributions toward the continued progress and success of the Railways.

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