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Hon'ble Prime Minister Inaugurated 103 Railway stations redeveloped under Amrit Station Scheme

In Chennai Division, St.Thomas Mount & Sullurupeta Amrit stations were inaugurated today.

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, laid foundation stone, inaugurated/dedicated to the Nation, multiple development projects worth over 26000 crore in Palana, Bikaner. **103 stations including St. Thomas Mount and Sullurupeta in Chennai Division of Southern Railway** redeveloped under Amrit Station Scheme were inaugurated by **Prime Minister today** through **video conferencing**.

In Chennai Division, Ceremonial functions were held at **St. Thomas Mount and Sullurupeta Amrit stations**. Winners of various competitions held in schools as part of the event were felicitated and Cultural programmes by staff and students showcasing patriotism were conducted. The inauguration function of the 103 stations was live streamed.

ST.THOMAS MOUNT AMRIT STATION:

Shri Dr. L. Murugan, Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affair, graced the occasion at St.Thomas Mount in the august presence of Shri T.M. Anbarasan, Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MS&ME), Shri Kaushal Kishore, Additional General Manager, Southern Railway, Shri Tej Partap Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Shri A. Ilampooranan, Chief Project Manager, Commodore J Suresh, Commandant, Embarkation, Headquarters, Chennai, Shri Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti, Padma Bhushan Awardee, Officials, Members of DRUCC, staff, Students and public participated in the function.

St. Thomas Mount Station, located in the Chennai Beach – Tambaram section, has undergone a major transformation under Amrit Station Scheme. The station was redeveloped at a cost of Rs.11.05 crore. Handling 27,000 passengers per day, with 198 EMU trains stopping at the station, it holds significant importance as it allows passengers to transfer between different rail systems - MRTS, Metro, and suburban rail - making it an important transit hub for south Chennai.

Features of Newly Redeveloped St.Thomas Amrit Station:

- Two new booking offices, at both main and second entries, equipped with ATVM facilities and PRS centre at Main Entry side have been constructed to decongest queues and facilitate faster ticketing.
- Circulating areas have been restructured with well-defined driveways, pedestrian paths, and upgraded lighting.
- Toilets have been constructed in modular design, ensuring ease of use for all passengers, including Divyangjan.
- Two-wheeler and four-wheeler parking facilities have been developed ,to cater to the growing number of passengers,
- Redevelopment of platform shelters includes new roofing, painting, gutters, and lighting.
- New granite benches and additional shelters have been provided on PF-1A.
- Platforms 1A, 3, 4, and 5 have been resurfaced to ensure a safer and more comfortable experience for commuters.
- New PF lighting with enhanced brightness adds to safety and visibility during peak hours.
- A grand entry arch facade on the main entry side and remodeling of PF-1 and 2 have significantly improved the station's aesthetic appeal.
- Enhanced commuter convenience is ensured through mobile charging points, water points, stainless steel dustbins, and illuminated signage.
- Digital enhancements include electronic train information boards and TV displays.

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