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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.

**SULLURUPETA AMRIT STATION:**

Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, graced the occasion along with Dr. Nelavala Vijayasree, Member of Legislative Assembly, Sullurupeta, Shri B. Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, Dr. Venkateswar, I.A.S, District Collector, Tirupati, Ms. E. Kiranmayee, Revenue Divisional officer, Shri Narasimha Rao, Tashildar, Shri Chinnaiah, Municipal Commissioner, Shri A Anil Kumar Reddy, Mandal PrajaParishad (MPP) and Shri Srimanth Reddy Municipal Chairman. Members of DRUCC, staff, Students and public participated in the function.

The Sullurupeta Railway Station, an important transit point in the Chennai Central – Gudur section, has undergone a significant transformation under the Amrit Station Scheme at a cost of Rs. 14.50 crores. This NSG-5 category station, serving around 9,000 passengers handles 28 EMU train services, 148 passing express trains with 42 Express trains making scheduled stops at the station. Sullurupeta Railway Station serves as a crucial transportation hub, particularly as the gateway to the prestigious Satish Dhawan Space Centre (ISRO) at Sriharikota.

## **Features of Newly Redeveloped Sullurupeta Amrit Station:**

- A new high-roof concourse with elegant ceiling lighting and Porch of temple architecture has been constructed to offer a spacious and aesthetically pleasing transit experience.
- The station is equipped with a foot over bridge and two passenger lifts, ensuring smoother and safer mobility across platforms.
- Special attention has been given to Divyangjan with dedicated facilities in parking areas, booking counters, platforms, and toilets.
- The station building has been completely reconstructed, along with a new booking office, porch, modular toilet blocks, and extensive waiting hall seating.
- Existing platform shelters have been redeveloped with new roofing, gutters, and lighting, while additional shelters and granite/stainless steel seating have been added across all platforms.
- Both the main and second entries have been upgraded with improved driveways, landscaping, lighting, and parking zones for two-wheelers, four-wheelers, and autos.
- Electronic coach guidance display boards, video displays, and at-a-glance information boards have been installed to provide train information.
- A new station façade inspired by temple architecture with dedicated lighting enhances the visual identity of the station.

The transformation of St. Thomas Mount & Sullurupeta under the Amrit Station marks a significant step elevating the commuter experience, enhancing connectivity, improving accessibility, and making the station an important part of public transport network.

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