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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY UPGRADES 9-CAR EMU
RAKES TO 12-CAR RAKES ACROSS CHENNAI SUBURBAN NETWORK**

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has successfully upgraded **all existing 9-car Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) rakes to 12-car EMU rakes of the suburban railway network in South West Line and North East Line.**

The augmentation was carried out in a **phased manner** at the **EMU Car Shed, Avadi**. As a result, **all EMU services** on the following routes are now operated with **12-car rakes**:

- Chennai Beach – Chengalpattu section
- Chennai Central – Arakkonam section
- Chennai Central – Gummidipundi/Sullurupeta section

The Chennai Division facilitates the travel of approximately **1.2 million passengers each day**, comprising around **8.6 lakh suburban commuters** and **3.4 lakh non-suburban passengers**. The upgrade from 9-car to 12-car EMU rakes has resulted in a **21% increase in seating capacity**, effectively enabling the division to accommodate an **additional 4 lakh passengers daily**.

This initiative is expected to substantially reduce passenger congestion on suburban trains by increasing capacity, thereby providing a more convenient, safe, and comfortable commuting experience particularly during peak-hour traffic on high-demand corridors.

With this upgrade, the Chennai Division reiterates its dedication to prioritizing passenger comfort, safety, and convenience, thereby ensuring an improved travel experience for all suburban commuters.

Now all the major suburban routes are equipped with 12 CAR EMU rake.

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