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# INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY AT VELACHERY RAILWAY STATION – A NEW INITIATIVE BY CHENNAI DIVISION, SOUTHERN RAILWAY

The Commercial Branch of Chennai Division, Southern Railway, is launching an innovative initiative to establish an Indoor Sports Facility at Velachery Railway Station. This dynamic concept integrates wellness, recreation, and revenue generation, transforming underutilized station space into a thriving hub for fitness and community engagement.

#### PROJECT PURPOSE:

- **Promote Health and Wellness**: Offer regular sports and recreational activities to encourage fitness.
- **Expert Coaching**: Provide training in various sports with qualified coaches.
- **Community Engagement**: Offer engaging activities for passengers and local residents.
- Revenue Generation: Increase non-fare revenue by utilizing unused station space.
- **Community-Friendly Stations**: Develop railway stations that are modern, vibrant, and passenger-centric.

## **SCOPE OF FACILITIES:**

The facility will offer a range of indoor and outdoor sports and games, including badminton, table tennis, gymnasium, basketball, volleyball, and more. The selected contractor will operate and maintain these facilities, catering to the needs of daily commuters and local residents.

This project, proposed to be awarded through a commercial contract via open e-bidding on the Indian Railways e-Procurement portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**), aims to transform underutilized station space into a vibrant hub for fitness and community engagement. The facility is designed to benefit both daily commuters and residents in the surrounding locality.

As per the tender conditions, the facility must engage qualified coaches and instructors to provide proper training and supervision. This initiative reflects Indian Railways' continued focus on enhancing passenger experience, promoting innovative use of station infrastructure, and contributing to the overall well-being of the community.

## **Tender Participation Details:**

The tender process will be conducted through e-Auction on the IREPS portal (<u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>). Interested bidders are advised to log on to the portal for complete details, schedule of auction, and participation guidelines.

Prospective bidders may also contact the below mentioned communication address for further clarifications:

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