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चेन्नै मंडल/Chennai Division

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**Chennai Division Celebrates 71st Republic Day**

Chennai Division celebrated 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day today (26.01.2020) with fanfare at NGO Annexe Building, Park Town Chennai. **Shri P.Mahesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division** unfurled the National Flag in the presence of Senior Officers and staffs of Chennai Division and accepted the Guard of Honour by the RPF contingents.

While addressing the gathering, **Shri P.Mahesh, DRM, Chennai, Southern Railway highlighted some of the important achievements made during this current year.**

Chennai Division has achieved a loading of **6.873 Metric Tonnes** during the first nine months, from April to December 2019. During this year, Chennai Division achieved all time high in loading of **293 automobile rakes** with earnings of **Rs.73.36 Cr.** showing an increase of **17.83%**, over corresponding period of last year. Earnings of **Rs.2465.55 Crores** was achieved by the division during the first **nine months** and **Rs.15 Crores** was earned towards ticket checking.

He said, an average punctuality of Mail/Express trains upto December 2019 is **80.71%** and Suburban trains is **89.86%**. Data loggers to monitor punctuality has been installed at all the train interchange points with adjacent division, this ensures accurate punctuality monitoring.

He also said Rs. 38.97 lakhs was saved due to commissioning of Solar power plants at Arakkonam, Katpadi, Tambaram, Royapuram, Moore Market Complex, Jolarpettai and Chengalpattu during this year. Detour line between Takkolam & Arakkonam for a length of 9.44 Km was commissioned and electrified.

**DRM has also highlighted some of the passenger amenities provided by Chennai division during this current year.**

Chennai division spent an amount of Rs. 40.82 Cr. towards passenger amenities during the year 2019. Provision of escalators at Chennai Egmore & Katpadi and One lift at Arakkonam. Free WIFI connection to passengers, has been provided at 135 Railway Stations at Chennai division.

He stated that a portable Unreserved Ticketing System made functional at Urappakkam Halt station from 10.10.19, and food track A2B inaugurated at Dr.MGR Chennai Central. Double discharge platforms is under progress at 8 stations (Chennai Egmore, Chennai chetpet, Guindy, Kodambakkam, Saidapet, St.Thomas mount, Pallavaram & Chrompet). 2735 RM of boundary wall has

been constructed in sub-urban sections to prevent run over of human and cattles. On an average, 70 trains including weekly trains and EMU services are escorted by RPF/Chennai Division on a daily basis considering the vulnerability of the train/section during night hours. Women RPF staff are being deployed for 6 ladies/general trains running in Arakkonam-Velachery-Arakkonam & Tambaram-Chennai Beach-Tambaram section on daily basis.

RPF contingents presented a colourful march past and guard of honour to the Divisional Railway Manager. A large number of Divisional Officers, Office bearers of unions/association and employees were present on the occasion

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