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**Chennai Division operates 101 Shramik Specials in 30 days – Over 1.42 lakh stranded guest workers sent back to home states**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway commenced the operation of Shramik Special trains from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to ferry stranded migrant workers, patients, students and tourists, brought and facilitated by the Government of Tamil Nadu back to their home towns. On 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, a total of 6 Shramik Special trains were operated from Chennai which includes 3 trains from Dr.MGR Chennai Central to Howrah (West Bengal), Dharbhanga (Bihar) and Jiribham (Manipur). One train was operated from Chennai Egmore to Dibrugarh (Assam), one from Tiruvallur to Madhubani (Bihar), one from Chengalpattu Junction to Bapudham Motihari (Bihar).

Chennai Division of Southern Railway has transported over 1,42,304 stranded migrant workers and others in 30 days through Shramik Special trains. As on 30<sup>th</sup> May,2020 a total of 101 Shramik Special trains have been operated from Chennai to major destinations across the country.

51 Shramik Special trains originated from Dr.MGR Chennai Central, 14 Special trains from Chennai Egmore, 17 trains from Tiruvallur, 1 train from Arakkonam Junction, 9 trains from Katpadi Junction, 8 trains from Chengalpattu Junction and 1 train from Kanchipuram station.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway co-ordinated with state authorities and accommodated the passengers brought and facilitated by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Arrangements for food, Water bottles, Bread and Biscuit packs were made for the benefit of the passenger travelling in the Shramik Special trains. The guidelines and directives issued by the Home Ministry, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that includes social distancing norms were enforced at all railway station of the division.

A dedicated team of frontline staff including RPF, Medical staffs, Ticket checking staff, Commercial clerks and Supervisors were deployed at railway stations to assist passengers in thermal screening, issuing tickets, social distancing and for distribution of food, water bottles and other eatables to passengers. Special care was taken to ensure a comfortable and safe journey for passengers travelling in Shramik Special trains.

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