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**CHENNAI DIVISION CONDUCTS COVID AWARENESS INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway conducted a COVID awareness interactive program exclusively for parents and children at Health Unit, Avadi on 24.08.2021 (Tuesday).

CoVID-19 pandemic has made an adverse impact on the health and economic situations and the psychosocial well-being of the society. Medical experts have given a forewarning that children would be a susceptible population in the third wave of COVID.

Lockdown and restriction of movements imposed by the State and Central Governments has constrained particularly the children for access to socialization, play and even physical contact. Closure of schools have prevented children to stay home safe and continue their studies online. Apart from school syllabus, children have to be educated on appropriate behaviour of CoVID-19 pandemic.

In view of anticipated third wave which is likely to affect Paediatric population as experts have cautioned, Chennai Division of Southern Railway has taken initiatives in conducting regular programs on creating awareness among rail passengers and general public. CoVID awareness interactive programs are being conducted throughout the Division at various places which includes railway stations, offices, residential areas and health units.

One such CoVID awareness interactive program was conducted at the Health Unit, Avadi on 24.08.2021. Dr. Saraswathi Selvam, a Medical Practitioner of Fever Clinic in the Unit interacted with a group of parents with children of varying ages. Doubts raised by parents regarding use of facemasks, handsanitizers by children and vaccination were clarified during the general discussion. Parents were advised to encourage their children on hand washing, wearing of facemasks, maintain social distancing and also vaccination of their children above 18 yrs.

Similar awareness program is periodically conducted for adults and children in Divisional Railway Hospital, Arakkonam and all Health Units of Chennai Division

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