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CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY CONDUCTS 66TH RAILWAY WEEK AWARD DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

DRM HIGHLIGHTS THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DIVISION

The 66th Railway Week award distribution of Chennai Division of Southern Railway was held today, 22nd of October 2021 at ICF Dr. Ambedkar Arangam, Chennai. Railway Week Celebration is being observed every year from 10th to 16th April to commemorate the first passenger train run on Indian Soil from Bombay to Thane in 1853. Due to Pandemic situation this year Railway Week award distribution could not be organized during April.

Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division was the Chief Guest of the function and distributed 'Individual Awards' for 19 Gazetted officers, 485 non-gazetted staff and 48 Group Awards were also given covering 465 staffs for their meritorious performance in the presence of Additional Divisional Railway Managers Shri. Ananth, Shri. Sachin Punetha, Shri. S. Subramanian and Shri. B.N.S Chalam, Chief Project Manager, representatives of the Labour Unions, Officers and Staffs of Chennai Division participated in the function. Keeping in view the Covid Restrictions, the crowd was limited and the function was live telecasted for the benefit of the Press and Media, Railway Officers and Staffs and their families and public.

Shri B.A. Aravind, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Chennai Division welcomed the gathering.

Speaking at the function, Shri Ganesh, DRM appreciated the employees of Chennai Division for their commendable performance and dedication to duty during the times of crisis. He mentioned that the loading achievement of 7.819 MTs during the year 2020-21 and 4.454 MTs during the current financial year up to September-2021 and corresponding revenue during these periods have been Rs.1407.23 Crores and Rs.1175.59 Crores respectively. He also pointed that out of 675 commuter trains, 643 services have been restored and 90% of the Mail/Express services in the division have been resumed after the pandemic.

He also highlighted the increase of speed of freight trains the division has achieved the highest average speed of 50.1 kmph up to July-21 when compared to 45.1 kmph during 2020-21 which is 11.08% higher compared to the last year. Chennai Division achieved many-a-milestone by effectively removing permanent and temporary speed restrictions, increasing speeds of critical sections, modern signaling, proper upkeep of assets and other continued efforts by the team of Chennai division. He also highlighted the various passenger amenities provided/commissioned during pandemic period like Escalator facility at

Chennai Egmore, Tambaram, Thiruvallur, Mambalam and Arakkonam, New FOB at Ambattur, GPS Clocks at 51 stations, Auto Announcement System at 19 stations, Free Emergency Medical Centre at Chengalpattu & Tambaram stations apart from Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Katpadi & Jolarpettai stations, 36 new catering units including Moore market complex and Chennai Egmore railway stations.

An audio visual, 'Chennai Division achievements', was played during the event showcasing the concerted efforts of employees during COVID situation and lockdown. The event concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri. Shanmugarajan, Divisional Personnel Officer, Chennai Division.

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