



दक्षिण रेलवे/**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
चेन्नै मंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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Chennai Division Celebrates 73rd Republic Day

The 73rd Republic Day celebrations were held at RPF parade ground, Ayanavaram, Chennai today (26.01.2022), Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, unfurled the National Flag and inspected the parade by RPF contingents in the presence of Senior Officers and staff of Chennai Division.

While addressing the gathering, Shri Ganesh, DRM, Chennai Division, recalled the sacrifice by our great leaders in ensuring the equality to all the citizens of India and making it the largest democratic republic of the world. He further said that Covid pandemic and resultant lockdown severely restricted our activities. Despite the challenges, we achieved freight loading of 6.905 Million Tonnes, during the year 2021-22 up to December-21 (9 months), earning revenue of Rs.801.73 crores. This is 32.8% increase towards loading and 62.51% towards earnings when compared to previous year. Chennai division has opened the 3rd automobile hub at Singaperumal Koil Station for Automobile traffic. DRM has also stated that the division has achieved average speed of 50.7 Kmph in freight trains up to Dec-2021 and this is an improvement of 14.4% when compared to corresponding period of last year (44.3 kmph).

DRM Chennai further mentioned that 05 nos. of manned Level Crossings were closed during the year 2021(up to Dec-2021). Chennai Division has installed 2 Nos. of escalators at Chennai Egmore, 2 Nos. of escalators Tambaram each & one escalator at Arakkonam stations. A new lift and a new FOB were recently inaugurated at Perambur and Egattur stations respectively. Recently 159 nos of new POS machines have been provided to the Chennai division booking counters and 34 ATVMs have also been provided at 19 suburban stations.

Chennai division has received consent from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for operation of the plant and discharge of emissions for Perambur, Mambalam, Guindy, Velachery, Chennai Egmore, Chengalpattu, Jolarpettai, Tiruvallur, Tiruttani, Avadi and Perungulathur stations. The DRM further added Mr. Suneet Sharma, former Chairman & CEO/Railway Board and Ex Officio Principal Secretary to Government of India has inspected and appreciated the chennai division team for the Crew Friendly Single Key Operated 'Dual Mode Shunting Loco (PASUMAI 3.0) on 06.11.2021. Yet another GoGreen effort, 'Prakriti', a re-furbished EMU motor coach and trailer coach into tower car converted by Avadi Coaching shed was inaugurated by the General Manager.

DRM Chennai listed out the Security measures taken by the RPF department during the period April 2021 to December 2021.

- 209 missing persons were traced.
- 405 runaway children have been rescued.
- 87 persons possessing stolen Railway property.
- 99 touts and 53 criminals involved in theft of passengers' belongings were arrested.

To enhance the safety and security to the travelling public, modern gadgets like 100 Nos of walkie-talkies, 53 Nos of CUG smart mobiles and 18 Nos of loud hailers have been issued to all RPF.

DRM Chennai congratulated Chennai division's sports team and he proudly shared the matter of pride that Ms.Anitha Pauldurai,CTI/Mambalam, National Basketball player has been honoured with the prestigious Padmasree award earlier this year. He also complemented Mr.Anandaraj, Ms.Kanimozhi, Mr.Pawan Gupta, Ms.Hemalatha and Ms.Padma for their outstanding performance in their respective sports.

Mr.Ganesh has lauded the efforts of chennai division's medical team in successfully handling the pandemic situation and going all out to ensure the safety of divisional staff and their family members, risking their own lives.

The function was attended by Divisional Officers, staff and their family members and Office bearers of unions/association duly following the SOP.

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