



SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CHENNAI DIVISION

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PRESS RELEASE

DO NOT TRESPASS TRACKS – USE SUBWAYS AND FOOT-OVER BRIDGES!

WAIT & WATCH FOR TRAIN BEFORE YOU CROSS LEVEL CROSSINGS!

CHENNAI DIVISION LAUNCHES VIGOROUS SAFETY AWARENESS DRIVE

Chennai Division accords utmost priority to the safety of rail users and general public. In light of recent trespassing mishaps, the Division has geared up its workforce for strict vigil on trespassers loitering near the railway track over its jurisdiction or crossing tracks illegally. Every effort is being made to discourage rail/road users, from indulging in any practice detrimental to their safety.

In the year 2019-20, in jurisdictions of Chennai Division, over 2,422 persons were arrested and prosecuted by RPF for trespassing and a fine of Rs.11.98 lakhs was collected from them. In 2021- till Jan 2022, 1,402 people were arrested and prosecuted by RPF for trespassing. Under section 147 IR Act, a total fine of Rs.5 lakhs was imposed on them by courts.

With a view to control accidents on railway tracks, Chennai Division has taken various steps to minimize trespassing:

- Removal of encroachments on Railway Land.
- Construction of boundary wall at sensitive locations.
- Counselling of people attempting to trespass into track areas.
- Awareness camps are being regularly conducted by the Chennai Division RPF team, as well by Scouts and Guides.
- All level crossings have been closed through installation of Limited Height Subways (LHS).

FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS WILL ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RAIL USERS / GENERAL PUBLIC:

- Do not trespass the railway tracks at railway stations or in mid-sections.
- Make use of Foot-over Bridges (FOB), Subways, Road over/under Bridges (ROB/RUB), track crossing etc., to cross the railway track.
- Do not use mobile phones, while walking on/near railway tracks or while boarding/alighting the trains.

- Do not crowd or indulge in any activity in the vicinity of the railway track.
- Do not indulge in any form of photography including taking selfies in the vicinity of railway tracks.
- Do not stand on the foot board of trains or on the edge of the platforms.
- Do not cross the level crossing gates when it is closed.
- Do not board/alight a running train or crowd at the entrance of the coach which hampers the movement of the passengers.

It shall be noted that any person found trespassing the railway track will be liable for prosecution under section 147 Railway Act, 1989 which entails punishment with imprisonment for a term upto 6 months or with a fine of Rs.1,000 or both.

Sd/-

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