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**DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER CHENNAI DIVISION HOLDS  
PRESS MEET ABOUT 'STARTUPS FOR RAILWAYS'**

Shri. Ganesh, DRM and Shri. R.Ananth, ADRM Chennai, held a press meet today in connection with 'StartUps for Railways' initiatives to leverage innovative technologies developed by Indian StartUps/MSME/Innovators /Entrepreneurs to improve operational efficiency and Safety of Indian Railways.

DRM mentioned that Indian Railways has come out with the policy for encouraging StartUps in Indian Railways. He informed that Hon'ble MR, Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav, inaugurated the IR Innovations portal yesterday in which Railways have listed out the technical issues currently faced by the Indian Railways.

DRM added that concrete solutions can be provided by young innovators in India through the StartUps for Railways platform. He stated that this opportunity will pave the way for indigenous solutions to the technology issues faced by Indian Railways and enhance self reliance. Indian Railways have identified more than 100 out of which 11 problems have identified like Rail Fracture, Headway reduction etc. have taken up for phase I of this programme.

Indian Railways will grant 1.5 Crore to innovator on equal sharing basis with the provision of milestone-wise payment and the implementation in the field is going to be 3 Crore. Indian Railways is expecting the smaller industries to give better and cost-effective solutions and this information should disseminated among the people to apply for this project which is published in Southern Railway website.

With these StartUps, Divisions will also overcome crack detections problems in the railway tracks, which takes place frequently. This StartUps will be helpful to identify the crack detentions in advance, so that it can be avoided through a planned maintenance work.

Later, DRM interacted with Presspersons and replied to their queries relating to Railways.

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