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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY CELEBRATES 76<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The 76<sup>th</sup> Independence day was celebrated today (15.08.2022) at RPF Parade Ground, Ayanavaram with patriotic fervor. Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai hoisted the National flag and accepted the guard of honor from RPF Contingents.

While addressing the gathering on the historic occasion of 76th Independence Day, Shri Ganesh, DRM said that Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated all over India with patriotic fervor and Chennai Division also conducted various events, competitions etc. with enthusiasm and active participation from Chennai Division employees & Staff.

Addressing the gathering, DRM said that, Chennai Division is tirelessly working to meet the expectations of passengers. During this financial year, Rs.90.81 crores has been planned for passenger amenities. Three new FOBs have been provided at Basin Bridge, Kadambathur and Egatur stations. Double Discharge Platforms have been completed at Chrompet, Pallavaram, Saidapet, St. Thomas mount and Kodambakkam Stations. Three lifts have been commissioned one at Perambur and 2 at Basin Bridge. 13 more lifts are planned at 7 stations for 2022-23. Six Escalators (Tambaram-2, Egmore-2, Arakkonam1 and Chengalpattu-1) have been commissioned and 06 more Escalators at 3 stations have been proposed for 2022-23.

He also added that, almost all trains have been restored. Our punctuality records both for sub-urban and main line trains are better and distribution of Linen in 1AC, 2AC, 3AC has been restored in 14 trains out of 33 trains. Remaining trains will be restored as and when the materials are received.

Chennai Division has fully geared up to meet the corporate objective of Indian Railways of loading of 1700 MT during the current financial year. We are moving steadily to achieve the target.

To maximize the asset utilization, average speeds of the freight trains with and without yard detentions shall be as high as possible. Despite running of all passenger trains, both these speeds are much better than previous years. Elimination of 14 nos. of PSRs has helped in improving the sectional speed

All departments have contributed significantly towards reliability of assets by carrying out maintenance activities are recommended interval. Reliability of Old track circuits has been a major source of concern. HASSDAC (High availability single section digital axle counter) has been provided at 12 sections and Dual 5 detection of track circuits along with MSDAC (Multi section digital

axle counter) have been commissioned at 5 automatic signaling sections. MSDAC has been commissioned at one intermediate block signaling section, also. HASSDAC and MSDAC are more reliable and will reduce the failures of signaling system substantially.

He also added, Chennai division has taken series of innovative measures to ensure safe running of trains. With regular inspections, ambush checks, safety counseling, safety drives, etc. team of Chennai division has always been striving to achieve Zero accidents. Five HABDs installed to monitor axle box temperature at strategic locations, Electronic Interlocking (EI) system at Tambaram yard, elimination of 11 manned gates, etc. are a few recent additions to have enhanced safe running of trains.

The program was attended by Shri R.Ananth and Shri S.Subramanian Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Branch Officers and staff and their family members and Representatives of Labour Unions and Associations of Chennai division.

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