



दक्षिण रेलवे/SOUTHERN RAILWAY

चेन्नै मंडल/CHENNAI DIVISION

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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY GEARS UPTO
TACKLE CYCLONE MANDOUS**

In the light of the cyclone MANDOUS, Chennai Division of Southern Railway has made all out efforts for cyclone preparedness. Shri Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division has instructed the Branch Officers concerned and field Officers to reiterate safety instructions and alert all the frontline staff so that safe train operations are maintained.

The Disaster Control Cell at Chennai Division has been activated and a team of Officers from Operating and Commercial departments are manning the cell and monitoring the evolving situation closely round-the-clock. The weather bulletins issued from IMD are monitored and weather warnings are disseminated in a timely manner to Stations to alert Station Masters, Trackmen, Engineering, and Electrical & Signal/Telecom maintenance staff. All frontline staff have been alerted and sensitized to take all necessary precautions as per the Disaster Management Manual in anticipation of the heavy to very heavy rains owing to Cyclone MANDOUS.

In Chennai Division, both day and night monsoon patrolling has been stepped up as per norms. Engineering teams have been deployed at stations to attend tree falling / earth fall at locations and clear the track immediately.

In the jurisdiction of Chennai Division, all the bridges and other vulnerable locations identified by the Engineering department are frequently patrolled. Helpdesk has been set up at Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Tambaram Railway stations ahead of cyclone MANDOUS. An Emergency Control cell has been set up in the Division control office from 08th Dec, 2022. Rail passengers have been requested to call the **helpline numbers (044-25330714/044-25330952) for assistance**. This is being manned round- the-clock by senior officials to monitor the situation and they shall co-ordinate with the State Government officials wherever required.

Earth moving equipment (JCB) is kept ready for emergencies. Frontline teams of Electrical technicians are also mobilised and are on alert in various sections of Chennai Division to attend OHE failures/snapping of electrical wires/poles due to gusty wind arising from the cyclone. Staff of Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Trackmen of Engineering Departments are on alert and are monitoring vulnerable locations in their sections.

Suburban trains may be cancelled /rescheduled if necessary, to prevent untoward incidents, based on weather warning reports and the prevailing situation. Close liaison is being maintained with the State Meteorological Department and adjoining Railway zones for managing the situation.

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