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चेन्नै मंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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CHENNAI DIVISION CELEBRATES 75 TH REPUBLIC DAY

The 75th Republic Day celebrations of Chennai Division were held at RPF parade ground, Ayanavaram, Chennai today (26.01.2024). Shri B.Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, unfurled the National Flag and inspected the parade by RPF contingents in the presence of Officers and staff of Chennai Division.

Addressing the gathering, Shri B.Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager recalled the sacrifice by our great leaders and stated that from the day the Constitution came into effect to the present day, it has been an amazing journey and that India has inspired many other nations. He further stated that Indian Railways network helps in maintaining and spreading the country's cultural heritage and tradition.

Excerpts from Divisional Railway Manager's Speech:

- Chennai Division is handling daily 1.15 million passengers every day
- Chennai Division recorded total revenue of **Rs.3236.56 crores** during the year 2023- 24 so far, which **is an increase of 4.7% over corresponding period of last year.**
- Chennai Division has achieved loading performance of **7.413 Million tonnes in FY 2023-24 till December 2023.**
- During this financial year 2023-24 so far, three Vande Bharat trains have been introduced, namely, Dr MGR Central – Coimbatore, Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli and Dr MGR Central - Vijayawada Vande Bharat Express services.
- 8 Nos. of manned Level Crossings have been eliminated during 2023-24 during current financial year by providing Limited Use Subway/Road under Bridge and diversion of road traffic.
- Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Platinum Shield was awarded to Dr.MGR Central railway station for achieving the Highest Rating in Green Railway Stations Rating System.
- Passenger Amenity works in the Division costing **Rs.63.08 crores** during the current financial year 2023-24 has been completed.
- 130 Nos. of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) have been functioning as a part of Digital India Mission and booking through UTS on mobile is gaining momentum.

- The works of provision of additional CCTV surveillance system at 128 stations is under progress and will be completed by July 2024. Work on Passenger Information system at 89 stations is progressing in full swing.
- For benefit of passengers, Emergency Medical Room cum Pharmacy and Executive lounge has been made functional at Chennai Central and at Chennai Egmore. The First 'Rail Coach Restaurant' was launched at Dr. MGR Central Railway station on 28.08.2023. Battery-Operated Cars service started at Tambaram and Chengalpattu to meet the passenger's needs. 28 new catering stalls started functioning in 24 stations during the current financial year.
- The sectional speed of Arakkonam – Chengalpattu single line section has been increased from 90 kmph to 110 kmph. The sectional speed of Arakkonam – Jolarpettai section has increased from 110 –130 kmph. Electronic Interlocking has been commissioned in 7 stations and 6 MSDAC has been commissioned in 6 block sections to enhance the reliability of signaling system.
- 249 run away / left behind children and 15 passengers lives were saved by RPF personnel during 2023-24.
- During MICHAUNG cyclone exceptional commitment and diligence was exhibited by staff of Chennai Division.
- Ms.Padma, CTI/Chennai Park, Shri.N.Ajith, CCTC/Katpadi, Ms.Maria Sebastian, CCTC/MAS, Shri.N.Kalaiselven, CCTC/Chennai Egmore & Shri. S.Karthik, Sr CCTC/MAS, Sports persons of Chennai Division have excelled in various International and National sports events and brought laurels to the nation in the year 2023-24.
- A full-fledged Physiotherapy Unit has started functioning at Health Unit/NGO. An amount of **Rs.99.70 lakhs** has been sanctioned for renovation of Divisional Railway Hospital, Arakkonam and also Digital Radiography System sanctioned which will be installed shortly at DRH/AJJ. HMIS has also been implemented in all Health Units and Divisional Railway Hospital.
- Public grievances received through RailMadad and CPGRAMS complaints have been promptly resolved by Chennai Division. Staff grievances have also been addressed.
- SRWWO of Chennai Division is actively promoting welfare measures among Railway employees, families, and other down trodden people.

Cultural programmes by RPF and performances by various departments including the Railway School followed the Flag unfurling and March Past.

Further, the Divisional Railway Manager extended his thanks to the Trade Unions and Associations for their constructive support which has been the catalyst for better Industrial relationship in the Division. He further expressed his heartfelt thanks of all Railway Employees and their family members of Chennai Division for contributing effectively in to the progress of Railways.

Divisional Officers, staff and their family members and Office bearers of Unions/Association participated in the Republic Day celebrations of Chennai Division in large numbers.

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