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**“GANDHI JAYANTHI AND SWACHH DIWAS CELEBRATION CEREMONY OBSERVED ON 02.10.2024”
AT PURATCHI THALAIVAR Dr. MGR CHENNAI CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway observed “Swachh Bharat Diwas” today October 02nd 2024 at Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway station – Marking the culmination of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign & celebrating Gandhi Jayanthi. Shri Kaushal Kishore, Additional General Manager of Southern Railway, graced the event as Chief Guest along with the Principal Head of Departments of Southern Railway, Shri B. Vishwanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Tej Partap Singh, Shri Ankur Chauhan, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Branch Officials & staff of Chennai Division. The event saw enthusiastic participation from school & college students, NCC cadets, members of NGO’s and rail passengers.

To commemorate Mahatma Gandhi’s 155th birth anniversary, Southern Railway Additional General Manager and Senior Officials paid a floral tribute. Divisional Railway Manager, Shri B. Viswanath Eerya delivered the welcome address, kicking off the Swachh Bharat Diwas celebrations.

The event featured patriotic performance by railway staff, 10 minute portrait drawing of Mahatma Gandhi by renowned artist, Shri M. A. Sankaralingam and a signature campaign. Drawings and paintings emphasizing cleanliness were showcased alongside a Photo exhibition on Ghandiji’s life memorable inaugurated by the Additional General Manager. Certificates and shields were awarded to the winners of competitions held during the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign including scouts & Guides, NGOs, NSS & NCC college students.

Swachhata Hi Seva campaign:

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, commemorating the 10th anniversary of **Swachh Bharat Mission**, intensive cleanliness drives across Chennai Division’s, Railway stations, Coaching Depots, workshops, railway colonies and health units. Key highlights include, planting over 3,500 trees, promoting eco-friendliness, sensitizing 840 cleaning staff, engaging 1,585 participants from school & college students, NGOs and Welfare Associations joined hands with Railways.

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway reaffirms its commitment to cleanliness and sustainability aligning with the Swachh Bharat Mission’s vision of a **Cleaner and Greener India**.

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