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APPEAL FOR PASSENGER COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING CLEANLINESS AT RAILWAY STATIONS AND TRAINS

Chennai Division of Southern Railway earnestly appeals to all rail passengers to actively cooperate in maintaining cleanliness at railway stations and on trains. The railway premises are shared public spaces and it is the collective responsibility of every commuter to ensure that these areas remain clean, hygienic and welcoming. By avoiding littering and using the facilities provided, passengers can help create a safe, comfortable and pleasant travel environment for themselves and fellow travelers.

Despite the extensive measures undertaken by Railways — including flagship initiatives such as **Swachhata Abhiyan** coupled with continuous housekeeping efforts, intensified awareness campaigns and periodic cleanliness drives — the problem of littering remains a serious concern. Platforms and train coaches are still frequently found strewn with **empty water bottles, snack wrappers, polythene covers, tea cups, food packets and other discarded materials**. Such irresponsible disposal not only undermines the sustained efforts of the Railways but also hampers the overall passenger experience, creating persistent challenges in maintaining a clean and hygienic environment.

Such practices not only degrade the ambience and hygiene of railway stations but also attract **rats, stray dogs, and even cattle** into the premises in search of discarded waste. This compromises cleanliness and sanitation, poses safety risks and creates an unpleasant environment for passengers, affecting the overall quality of their travel experience.

To address this issue, **special cleanliness drives** are regularly conducted at stations and on trains in coordination with **NGOs, Scouts and Guides, Rail Passenger Associations, Civil Society Organizations, Schools & Colleges and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) team**.

The Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025 aligns with the national theme "Swachhotsav," focusing on clean and green initiatives and zero-waste practices from **17th September to 02nd October 2025**. These drives focus on:

- **Creating awareness** among passengers about their responsibility in maintaining cleanliness & hygiene.
- **Ensuring proper collection and disposal** of waste at stations and onboard trains.

- **Strengthening the Swachhata Abhiyan initiative** across the railway network.

Chennai Division once again appeals to all passengers:

- **Do not throw bottles, food packets, cups or any waste** on platforms, tracks or inside trains.
- **Always use the dustbins provided.**
- **Actively cooperate with the Railway in keeping stations and trains clean, hygienic and passenger-friendly.**

Littering is a punishable offence under section 145 of Railways Act 1989 and Indian Railways Rules 2012.

A little care from each and every passenger ensures a big improvement in cleanliness and enhances passenger comfort.

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