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CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY STEPS UP ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS AGAINST RAILWAY TRACK TRESPASSING

The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has intensified its efforts to curb the dangerous and illegal practice of trespassing on railway tracks, which continues to be one of the leading causes of accidents and fatalities on the Indian Railways network.

During the current year 2025 (from January to August), a total of **944 persons** were apprehended by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Chennai Division for trespassing on railway tracks. These offenders were prosecuted under relevant provisions of the **Railways Act, 1989**, and penalties amounting to **₹4,45,600/-** were realized through court proceedings. This strict enforcement underscores the Division's firm commitment to ensuring passenger safety and deterring unsafe behavior around railway premises.

While enforcement remains a priority, the Chennai Division has also adopted a **proactive approach through education and safety awareness campaigns**. As many as **126 awareness programmes** have been conducted so far this year at schools, colleges situated near railway tracks, and in communities located close to accident-prone areas. Through interactive sessions, demonstrations, distribution of pamphlets and safety seminars, railway officials have highlighted the life-threatening risks of track-crossing and emphasized the importance of using designated safe passages such as **Foot Over Bridges (FOBs), subways and level crossings**.

These awareness initiatives are specifically focused on **students and young commuters**, who form a significant portion of those found engaging in trespassing. By reaching them early, the Division aims to instill a culture of safety and responsibility, thereby reducing the likelihood of accidents caused by negligence.

The Division also continues to work closely with **Local Authorities, Educational Institutions and Passenger Welfare Associations** to extend the safety message beyond railway premises and into surrounding communities.

Chennai Division earnestly appeals to all passengers and members of the public to **strictly avoid crossing railway tracks**. Even a moment's carelessness can result in irreversible tragedy. The public is strongly urged to use only authorized crossings, FOBs and subways for their own safety and that of their loved ones.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and the cooperation of every citizen is vital in eliminating track trespassing and saving precious lives.

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