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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY LAUNCHES DIWALI SAFETY PROGRAMME
TO PREVENT FIRECRACKER HAZARDS**

The Safety Department of Chennai Division, Southern Railway, launched an awareness programme on **Safe and Incident-Free Travel** ahead of the forthcoming Diwali festival at **Chennai Central Suburban Terminal (MMC)** today (16.10.2025).

Shri Tej Partap Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, led the initiative and distributed awareness pamphlets to passengers onboard EMU trains, appealing to passengers to cooperate in ensuring a safe and incident-free festive travel experience.

As part of the programme, **Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel** conducted intensive checks on suburban terminal platforms with the assistance of **sniffer dogs**. During the inspection, a passenger carrying firecrackers was detected and subsequently penalized by the RPF team.

To further spread awareness, **public announcements** were made, and pamphlets were distributed to all passengers entering the suburban station.

Addressing the Press and Media, the Additional Divisional Railway Manager urged passengers **to refrain from carrying firecrackers or inflammable articles** in trains or on railway premises.

During the programme, **Shri R. Sathiyaseelan, Senior Divisional Safety Officer, Shri Manjunathan, Station Director, Shri Subramanian, Safety Counsellor**, and other safety branch staff were present.

Safety Appeal to Passengers:

- Do not carry firecrackers or any other inflammable or explosive materials in trains or within railway station premises.
- Carrying such items poses severe risks to fellow passengers and railway property.
- Carrying of inflammable articles is a punishable offence.
- Passengers found traveling with or in possession of flammable and explosive articles are liable to punishment under Sections 67, 164, and 165 of the Railway's Act 1989, including fines up to Rs. 1000 imprisonment up to 3 years or both

Chennai Division appeals to all passengers to strictly adhere to safety guidelines and join hands with Railways to ensure a safe, secure, and joyous festive journey for everyone.

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