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CHENNAI DIVISION COMMEMORATES 150 YEARS OF “VANDE MATARAM”

Chennai Division of Southern Railway, today joined the nationwide commemoration of **150 years of “Vande Mataram”**, the iconic song penned by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee** that inspired generations during India’s freedom struggle.

A solemn and spirited programme was held at the **Divisional Railway Manager’s Office, Chennai**, marking the occasion. **Shri Shailendra Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai**, led the soulful recitation of Vande Mataram along with Branch Officers and staff members, echoing the patriotic fervour that the song continues to evoke even after a century and a half.

Speaking on the occasion, **the Divisional Railway Manager** highlighted the song’s enduring message of devotion to the Motherland and its significance in inspiring generations during India’s freedom movement. He urged all railway personnel to uphold the spirit of patriotism and public service that the song embodies.

At Dr. MGR Central railway station, Shri J. Manjunathan, Station Director, Chennai, led the event. Station Masters, Ticket Checking staff, Loco Pilots, Track Maintainers, Cleaning staff and passengers joined in a collective rendition of **Vande Mataram**, reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of national pride and service. The event was also observed across all Workshops, EMU Car sheds and Loco Sheds in Chennai Division. Nearly 19,000 officers and staff members participated in the mass rendition observed across Chennai Division.

The event marked the **launch of a year-long nationwide commemoration (Nov 2025 – Nov 2026)**, celebrating 150 years of the composition that became a rallying cry for unity and national pride. The celebration aligns with the national initiative inaugurated by the Hon’ble Prime Minister to rekindle the legacy of Vande Mataram across the country.

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