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**CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY CELEBRATES
70TH RAILWAY WEEK – RAIL SEVA PURASKAR 2025**

The **70th Railway Week Celebrations – Rail Seva Puraskar 2025** of Chennai Division, Southern Railway, was held today (07.11.2025) at the Chennai Rail Auditorium, NGO Annexe, Park Town, Chennai.

Shri **Shailendra Singh**, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest of Honour**, while Smt **B. Lavanya**, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, welcomed the gathering.

The event commenced with a vibrant cultural programme featuring solo and group performances by students of **Railway Bala Bhavan School, Railway Higher Secondary School, Perambur** and Railway staff.

In his **presidential address**, Shri Shailendra Singh lauded the officers and employees of the Division for their dedication, hard work and commitment to excellence. He appreciated the inspiring contributions of employees, including **unsung heroes and nominees**, who continually strive for the smooth functioning and progress of the Division.

He also highlighted key milestones for Chennai Division — the **approval of the Tambaram–Chengalpattu 4th line project by the Railway Board**, with work scheduled to commence soon. The project is expected to significantly enhance train operations and improve passenger convenience. Additionally, he noted that the day coincides with the **participation of Chennai Division in the nationwide commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram**. This celebration aligns with the **national initiative inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister** to rekindle the legacy of Vande Mataram across the country.

During the celebration, **three officers and 74 employees** were felicitated for their **meritorious service during 2024–25**. Shri Shailendra Singh extended his **heartiest congratulations** to all awardees for their dedication, exemplary achievements, and valuable contributions to the growth and success of Chennai Division.

The event was attended by Shri **B.N.S. Chalam**, Chief Project Manager (Gati Shakti), Shri **Tej Pratap Singh**, and Shri **Ankur Chauhan**, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, along with Senior Branch Officers, staff members, and their families.

The celebration concluded with the **Vote of Thanks** proposed by Smt **K. Sriranganayaki**, Assistant Personnel Officer, Chennai Division.

Shri **M. Senthil Kumar**, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, had the privilege of announcing that the **Divisional Railway Manager had conferred a group cash award of Rs. 50,000 to the cultural team** in recognition of their outstanding performance.

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