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FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND SERVICES IN INDIAN RAILWAYS: SANITIZED BEDROLLS FOR SLEEPER CLASS PASSENGERS BY CHENNAI DIVISION, SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Chennai Division, Southern Railway, is proud to announce the launch of a pioneering service to enhance comfort and hygiene for Sleeper Class passengers. **Starting from 01st January 2026**, Non-AC Sleeper Class travelers can request sanitized, ready-to-use bedrolls on an **On-Demand – On-Payment** basis.

Till now, Sleeper Class passengers did not have access to organized provision of bedrolls during their journeys. To address this, Chennai Division implemented a pilot project under the **New Innovative Non-Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme (NINFRIS) during 2023–24**. The pilot project received an overwhelmingly positive response from passengers, prompting the Railways to introduce this service as a regular **Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) initiative**.

Benefits of the Service:

- Enhance comfort for Sleeper Class Passengers
- Affordable, ready-to-use bedrolls available on demand
- Improves overall travel experience
- Additional revenue generated for Indian Railways

Under this initiative, a licensee will manage the entire process, including procurement, mechanized washing, packing, loading, distribution, and storage of bedrolls. The service will initially be implemented on ten trains maintained by Chennai Division for a period of three years, generating an annual license fee of ₹28,27,653.

<u>BEDROLL PACKAGE DETAILS</u>		
Package No	Contents	Cost (₹)
1	One Bedsheet, One Pillow & One Pillow Cover	50
2	One Pillow & One Pillow Cover	30
3	One Bed Sheet	20

TRAINS COVERED UNDER THIS SERVICE (10 TRAINS):

S.No	Train No	Train Name
1	12671 / 12672	Nilgiri Superfast Express (MAS-MTP-MAS)
2	12685 / 12686	Mangalore Superfast Express (MAS-MAQ-MAS)
3	16179 / 16180	Mannargudi Express (MS-MQ-MS)
4	20605 / 20606	Tiruchendur Superfast Express (MS-TCN-MS)
5	22651 / 22652	Palghat Express (MAS-PGT-MAS)
6	20681 / 20682	Silambu Superfast Express (MS-SCT-MS)
7	22657 / 22658	Tambaram–Nagercoil Superfast Express (TBM-NCJ-TBM)
8	12695 / 12696	Trivandrum Superfast Express (MAS-TVC-MAS)
9	22639 / 22640	Alleppey Superfast Express (MAS-ALLP- MAS)
10	16159 / 16160	Mangalore Express (MS-MAQ-MS)

With this initiative, Chennai Division continues its commitment to **practical, passenger-focused improvements** while strengthening revenue through **innovative services**.

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