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**SECOND BATCH OF 264 PARTICIPANTS DEPARTS FOR
KASHI TAMIL SANGAMAM 4.0**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OPERATES 7 SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES FOR THE EVENT

Chennai Division of Southern Railway, today facilitated the smooth departure of the **second batch of delegates and artists** for **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0**, marking a significant milestone in this year's expanded cultural initiative. A total of **264 participants - 216 delegates and 48 artists** from the South Zone Cultural Centre - departed from **Dr MGR Central Railway Station** by **Special Train No. 06003 (Chennai Central-Banaras)** at **04:15 hours**. Dedicated help desks were deployed to ensure efficient boarding and seamless assistance for all travellers.

The departure coincides with the inaugural ceremony of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0 being held today at Namohat, Varanasi, officially marking the commencement of this year's cultural and academic programmes.

This year's theme, "Let Us Learn Tamil - Tamil Karkalam," places Tamil language learning at the centre of the event. The initiative aims to deepen the cultural bond between Tamil Nadu and Kashi and encourage participants from the Kashi region to engage in Tamil learning activities.

More than 1,400 participants from Tamil Nadu—including students, teachers, writers, artists, farmers, professionals and researchers—are set to take part in cultural, academic and knowledge-sharing engagements in Kashi. This represents one of the largest delegations since the Sangamam began in 2022.

To support the large-scale movement of participants, Southern Railway is operating seven special train services in coordination with IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU). These include:

- **Chennai Central – Banaras - 03 services**
- **Kanniyakumari – Banaras - 02 services**
- **Coimbatore – Banaras - 02 services**

The first batch of delegates departed from Kanniyakumari on 29th November 2025. Chennai Division remains committed to providing safe, comfortable and well-organised travel arrangements for all participants and continues to support this important cultural link between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.

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