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CHENNAI DIVISION OPENS FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND OUTDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT VELACHERY RAILWAY STATION

In a significant step towards innovative utilization of railway land and the promotion of community-centric infrastructure, Chennai Division of Southern Railway inaugurated a new Outdoor Sports Centre at Velachery Railway Station on 05.02.2026. This initiative marks one of the first instances in Chennai Division where vacant railway land has been transformed into a multi-sport public facility.

The facility was inaugurated by Shri Tej Partap Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, in the presence of Shri M. Bharat Kumar, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, along with other officers and staff.

Developed under a five-year license agreement, the project will generate an annual Non-Fare Revenue of ₹12.07 lakh, with a total contract value of ₹64.09 lakh, underscoring Chennai Division commitment to sustainable revenue generation without impacting core passenger services.

The Outdoor Sports Centre provides modern and accessible sports infrastructure, including a Box Cricket turf, Pickleball court, Skating rink and dedicated spaces for traditional Silambam coaching, thereby promoting fitness, recreation and indigenous sports among youth and local residents.

This initiative of the Commercial Branch of Chennai Division is expected to enhance public engagement with railway spaces, encourage healthy lifestyles and position Velachery Railway Station as a neighbourhood activity hub, in line with Indian Railways' broader vision of community-oriented station development.

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