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**CHENNAI DIVISION APPEALS PASSENGERS COOPERATION DURING
TEMPORARY OPERATIONAL CHANGES AT CHENNAI EGMORE DUE TO
REDEVELOPMENT WORKS**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway informs passengers that, in view of the ongoing redevelopment works at Chennai Egmore Railway Station aimed at improving passenger amenities and infrastructure, temporary changes have been made to the schedule of EMU train services in the Chennai Beach – Chengalpattu section with effect from **20.02.2026 to 05.04.2026**.

During this period, suburban train services normally operated from Platform Nos. 10 and 11 will be operated from Platform Nos. 05 and 06 (regular reception and dispatch platforms for Express trains) at Chennai Egmore Railway Station with revised timings.

The temporary changes were notified in advance through a Press Meet conducted on 17.02.2026 under the aegis of Shri Shailendra Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai Division, and through press release and all official social media handles of Chennai Division for public awareness and convenience.

Chennai Egmore Railway Station has 11 platforms, including dedicated suburban platforms (10 and 11). The redevelopment works are being carried out in a phased manner and major works are now scheduled to be undertaken at Platform No. 10 and 11 on the Poonamallee High Road side.

Major Works Planned During the 45-Day Block Period:

- Foundation works for Track Crossing Structures at Platforms 10 and 11, Parcel Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Arrival FOB, and Departure Concourse and Through Roof structure (25-metre height) covering all platforms.
- Execution of 115 piles, 27 pile caps, and 86 pedestals along the entire length of Platforms 10 and 11.

The execution of these works requires deployment of heavy machinery including 8 piling rigs, concrete mixers, cranes, trucks and other equipment. Considering the magnitude of work and continuous day-and-night operations, a minimum block period of 45 days is essential.

Earlier, EMU train services operated on the dedicated suburban lines (Platform No. 10 and 11) at a speed of 55 kmph, with simultaneous reception and dispatch facilities without cross movements. However, operations from Platforms 05 and 06 do not provide similar operational flexibility and train movements can run at

a speed of 15 kmph. Therefore, delays to suburban train services may occur at times because at entry and exit of Chennai Egmore Railway Station Mail/Express and suburban train services are running commonly on parallel tracks.

Considering the needs of both long-distance passengers and daily commuters, every effort has been made to operate train services efficiently for passenger convenience.

Chennai Division sincerely regrets the temporary inconvenience caused and appeals to all passengers to plan their travel in advance and extend their valued cooperation. These temporary adjustments are part of long-term infrastructure improvements designed to provide upgraded facilities, enhanced operational efficiency, and a superior passenger experience in the future. All efforts are being taken to complete the redevelopment works in a time-bound manner and restore normal operations at the earliest.

Chennai Division has coordinated with Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) and Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) to provide additional support. MTC has consented to operate additional services during the block period. Further requests have been made to operate shuttle bus services between Chetpet and Chennai Beach Railway Station and to increase Metro train frequency to facilitate office-goers, students, and the general public.

Chennai Division of Southern Railway seeks the continued cooperation and understanding of the travelling public during this essential redevelopment phase.

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