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PUBLIC ADVISORY: STRICT PROHIBITION ON FLYING KITES IN AND AROUND RAILWAY PREMISES

Chennai Division of Southern Railway appeals to the general public, especially children and youth, to strictly refrain from flying kites in and around railway tracks, stations, overhead electric lines (OHE), and other railway premises.

Flying kites near railway infrastructure poses serious safety hazards. Kite strings, particularly those coated with metallic or synthetic materials (manja), can get entangled in Overhead Electric (OHE) lines carrying 25,000 volts of electricity. Such incidents may result in:

- Severe electric shock or fatal accidents
- Disruption of train services
- Damage to critical railway infrastructure
- Serious threat to passenger safety

Even a moment of negligence can endanger hundreds of passengers and railway staff and lead to major operational disruptions.

Cases Registered & Legal Provisions:

Flying kites in railway areas is a punishable offence under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989, particularly under:

- Section 147 – Trespass and unlawful entry into railway premises
- Section 150 – Malicious acts endangering the safety of persons travelling by railway
- Section 151 – Damage to railway property

Violators are liable for:

- Monetary fine **upto Rs.1000**
- Imprisonment **upto 06 months** as per Railways Act 1989

Parents and guardians are requested to counsel children about the dangers involved and ensure they do not play or fly kites near railway tracks or stations. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Let us work together to prevent accidents.

Sd/-

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