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**CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAY SAFETY TO CONDUCT STATUTORY INSPECTION
OF MRTS PHASE-II EXTENSION – VELACHERY TO ST. THOMAS MOUNT ON 05TH
MARCH 2026**

Shri Janak Kumar Garg, Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS), New Delhi, will conduct the Statutory Inspection of the newly constructed Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) section between Velachery and St. Thomas Mount on 05th March 2026 (Thursday).

As part of the inspection programme, a motor trolley inspection will be carried out from St. Thomas Mount to Velachery for detailed examination of the track and associated infrastructure.

In addition, a high-speed trial run will be undertaken using an AC-EMU (9-Car) rake on both Up and Down lines between Velachery and St. Thomas Mount stations. The trial will assess track geometry, riding quality, signaling performance, overhead equipment and compliance with prescribed safety standards. Advanced Track Recording Systems (OMS 2000) will be deployed during the speed trial to verify track parameters and ensure adherence to safety and quality norms.

The inspection constitutes the final statutory requirement prior to commissioning of this important extension of the MRTS network. The Velachery – St. Thomas Mount section is expected to significantly enhance suburban rail connectivity in Chennai and strengthen multi-modal integration in the southern part of the city.

A key feature of this extension is the development of St. Thomas Mount as a major multi-modal transport hub. The station provides seamless interchange between MRTS, Chennai Metro Rail and the existing suburban railway network, thereby enabling efficient transfer of passengers across different corridors. This integration is expected to reduce travel time, ease road congestion and improve last-mile connectivity for commuters.

The extension also includes the newly constructed stations at Puzhuthivakkam and Adambakkam, which will serve densely populated residential and commercial areas. These stations are designed with modern passenger amenities, improved accessibility features and enhanced safety infrastructure, thereby improving commuter convenience and expanding rail-based mobility options in these localities.

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