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**VELACHERY – ST. THOMAS MOUNT MRTS EXTENSION READY FOR
COMMISSIONING FOLLOWING CCRS AUTHORISATION**

Chennai, 12 March 2026 – The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has received the **Provisional Authorisation Certificate** from the **Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS)** for the commissioning of the **Velachery – St. Thomas Mount Phase-II section** of the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS).

Following the CCRS authorisation, the Railway Administration has completed all necessary compliance works and is fully prepared to commence train services on this important suburban rail extension.

During the CCRS inspection, it was observed that the **removal of shuttering at an obligatory span** by **Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)** was required. CMRL has requested 24 hours to carry out the activity to ensure full compliance with safety standards.

Train services will commence **from 14 March 2026, including 43 pairs of MRTS services between Chennai Beach and St. Thomas Mount, 2 pairs of services between Chennai Beach and Velachery, and 3 pairs of services between St. Thomas Mount and Velachery. This extension will enable direct connectivity across the MRTS corridor**, providing a seamless suburban rail experience for daily commuters.

The commissioning of this section marks a **significant milestone in strengthening Chennai's suburban rail network. It will also facilitate multimodal integration at St. Thomas Mount**, a key interchange point connecting MRTS, Chennai Suburban Railway, and Chennai Metro services.

Southern Railway reaffirms its commitment to providing safe, reliable, and efficient rail services for the citizens of Chennai.

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