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CHENNAI DIVISION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMMENCES EXTENDED MRTS SERVICES UP TO ST. THOMAS MOUNT

Chennai Division of Southern Railway successfully commenced the much-anticipated extension of the **Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS)** services from **Velachery** to **St. Thomas Mount** today. The extended services began with the first train departing at 05:00 hrs from both Chennai Beach and St. Thomas Mount, marking a **significant milestone** in the expansion of **Chennai's suburban rail network**.

The inaugural services witnessed an **enthusiastic response** from commuters and rail enthusiasts who gathered early in the morning to witness the **historic first run**. Passengers travelled with great enthusiasm and **expressed happiness** over the commencement of the extended MRTS services, which have long been awaited by the public.

The newly commissioned elevated stretch forms a vital link in **Chennai's urban rail network**, seamlessly connecting the existing Chennai Beach – Velachery MRTS corridor with the **important transit hub** at St. Thomas Mount. This connectivity significantly improves travel options for commuters across the city.

With this extension, residents of **southern suburbs** will benefit from a direct and **convenient rail link** to major IT corridors such as Taramani and Perungudi through a **seamless train journey**. The extended MRTS services will particularly benefit students and working professionals residing in Nanganallur, Madipakkam and Adambakkam, enabling faster and **hassle-free access** to important employment and educational hubs including Taramani, Perungudi and Thiruvanmiyur.

At present, Chennai Division is operating **43 pairs** of extended EMU services along with **5 pairs** of shuttle services, ensuring frequent and convenient connectivity for daily commuters.

The commissioning of this section reflects the commitment of Southern Railway, Chennai Division towards **strengthening** the city's public **transport network** and providing an integrated, efficient and environmentally **sustainable mobility solution**, while significantly **reducing travel time** for commuters across South Chennai

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