



दक्षिण रेलवे/**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
चेन्नै मंडल/**CHENNAI DIVISION**

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**TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY: CHENNAI DIVISION REITERATES
NEED FOR VALID TRAIN TICKETS**

Chennai Division of Southern Railway appeals to all passengers to ensure that they are in possession of a valid train ticket before boarding, in the interest of safe, comfortable, and orderly travel.

Travelling with a valid ticket is not only a statutory requirement but also a social responsibility. It contributes to the improvement of railway services and ensures fairness to bona fide passengers who plan their journeys in advance. Unauthorized travel leads to overcrowding, adversely affecting passenger safety, comfort, and the overall travel experience.

To safeguard passenger interests and curb irregular travel, Chennai Division has been conducting intensive and continuous ticket-checking drives across Suburban, Mail/Express, and Special train services.

During the Financial Year **2025-26**, ticket-checking teams detected **12.24 lakh** cases of ticketless and irregular travel. These enforcement measures resulted in a penalty realization of **₹65.16 crore**, surpassing the annual target.

Passengers are advised to avoid penalties and legal action by purchasing valid tickets prior to entering station premises. For convenience, passengers are encouraged to use digital platforms such as the **RailOne app** for booking both reserved and unreserved tickets. Tickets are also available through **Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs)** installed at major stations, as well as through booking counters.

Passengers are further advised to verify their tickets before commencing their journey.

Chennai Division seeks the cooperation of all passengers in ensuring safe, orderly, and equitable rail travel for all.

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