

HISTORY

Indian Railways has a glorious history of more than 150 Years. In this period the Railways have passed through many developmental stages. The Buildings, Bridges, Wagons and other artifacts of the yesteryears are a testimony for the entrepreneurship, skills and innovativeness of the Railway men. The Artifacts of heritage value need to be preserved for posterity. This can be done in a focused manner through development of museums.

Indian railways already has a National rail museum at Delhi which serves the purpose well. However, Regional Rail Museums are essentially required due to space constraints at National Rail Museum. Accordingly RRM was established in March 2002. Its development is watched with keen interest by Railway Board, It has to serve a model for the other RRM s being planned at Kolkata and Pune.

Proposals were made for setting up of Regional Rail Museum (RRM) in Chennai as early as 1993 - 94 based on Secy. Railway Board's D.O. Letter No. 93/ Regional museum/ AB PT.11 Dt. 17.08.93 addressed to General Manager ICF , followed by various meetings by Director Rail Museum with CE/ ICF. Accordingly Regional Rail Museum was set up and opened by the then Rly Minister . Shri Nitish Kumar on 31.03.2002. The museum was opened to Public from 16.04.2002.

The Regional Rail Museum (RRM) is located at the North West Side of ICF Furnishing division and adjacent to New Avadi Road at an area of 6.25 acres. At the center, it has a built up area of 360 square meters having a Photo Gallery and a Model Section. Out door exhibits are located on the front side of the built up area amidst of landscape.