

SAFETY BRANCH: GNT DIVISION

Objective:

The Safety Branch shares a common purpose in its drive towards increased reliability and availability of the rail system while seeking to continuously improve socially acceptable and reasonably practicable levels of safety. These are the very basic principles of sustainable development which seek to retain a holistic view and maintain risk in balance. There can never be zero risk and Safety branch's work is about helping the railway to consistently achieve a tolerable level of risk.

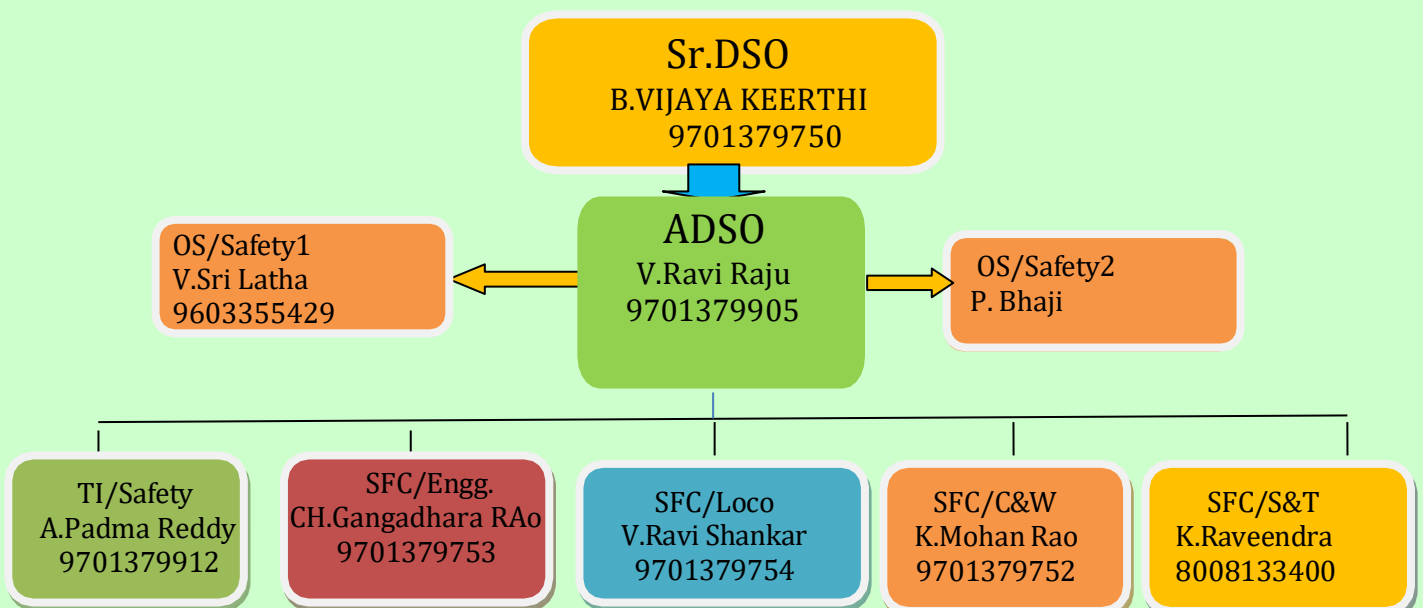
About Safety Branch:

Safety Organization was created in Indian Railways working system arising out of the recommendations in reports of Inquiries into Serious Train Accidents by Kunzru and Sikri Committees. Initially the Safety Organization was functioning as one of the wings of Operating department. Based on the recommendations of Justice Khanna Committee (Railway Safety Review Committee), a broad-based Safety department was set up with officers and staff drawn from all disciplines concerned with safety in train operations, viz. Operating, Engineering, Mechanical, Electrical and Signal & Telecommunication departments manning the posts.

Levels of Safety Organization:

The Safety Organization functions at all the three levels of organizational structure of the Indian Railways i.e. Railway Board at apex level, Zonal Railways at middle level and Divisions at bottom level. At the Railway Board level, the Safety directorate is headed by an Adviser assisted by Directors, other officers and Inspectors drawn from various disciplines. At the Zonal Railway level, the Principal Chief Safety Officer (PCSO) heads the Safety department assisted by officers and supervisory staff from other departments connected with Safety. At the Divisional level, Safety department is headed by Senior Divisional Safety Officer. Safety counselors from Supervisory level staff from all concerned departments are available for providing assistance to Sr DSO.

ORGANIZATION CHART: Safety Branch, Guntur Division.



The broad scope and functions of the Safety Branch are:

1. To sensitize all concerned staff connected with railway operations on Safety related issues.
2. To oversee & review all Safety matters and progress of safety related works.
3. To identify Safety related Susceptibilities and Vulnerabilities.
4. To collect the clues near accident spots and assist the inquiry committees to find out the causes of accidents and fixing the staff responsibility with suggestions to avoid such incidents in future.
5. To conduct ambush/surprise checks at worksites/work centers to check for alertness of staff on duty and induce sense of responsibility.

The following activities are undertaken by the Safety Branch:

1. Auditing the Safety awareness/consciousness of the Railway employees at all levels through normal and surprise inspections as well as super-checks. This will also include checks on availability and adequacy of rules and procedures laid down by various departments for ensuring safety in train operations and their compliance by various levels of staff.
2. Reporting of accidents, conducting accident inquiries, analyze the causes leading to such situations and recommend corrective action so as to prevent such incidents in future.
3. Monitoring of Disaster Management mechanism for providing effective response to untoward incidents on the Railways and also coordinating with State Government and other agencies like NDRF in disaster management activities.
4. Creating awareness amongst public for ensuring safety in Railway coaches while traveling and at level crossings.
5. Creating safety awareness amongst Railway Staff through publication of bulletins, magazines, posters, calendars etc., and also
6. Motivating Railway staff, who have acted in manner as to avoid an accident or untoward incident through cash awards and other schemes.
7. Follow-up of implementation of recommendations made by the Railway Safety Review Committee, High level committee on Disaster management, and those by the Commissioners of Railway Safety as a result of inquiries into train accidents.
8. Monitoring the progress of various safety related works and activities, keeping in view the objectives and goals laid down in the Indian Railways Corporate Safety Plan 2003-2013.

Steps taken to prevent train Accidents:

Safety Branch, Guntur division has been putting its full efforts to create safety consciousness among the field staff engaged in train operation duties for improving safety environment to provide a reliable & safe service to the customers. Aiming to reduce any possibility of accidents high priority to safety has been accorded by the division. Safety branch is playing its unique role towards achieving this goal by consistently adopting a number of measures like,

1. Number of Safety drives at regular intervals are carried out by officers and supervisors to improve awareness among staff to prevent accidents. During the drive officers and supervisors travel extensively during night and day, by engines as well as in guard vans. They meet staff working in the field and explain finer aspects of safety.
2. Number of Safety seminars are conducted on various safety sensitive subjects to improve awareness among Railway staff as accident prevention measure.
3. In House Safety bulletins are published, in which finer aspects of safety are discussed in detail.
4. Special drives are conducted to counsel, educate and improve awareness among general public regarding prevention of accidents at level crossings.
5. Printed hand outs/Pamphlets are distributed among road users near level crossings, petrol pumps and villages about precautions to be taken while crossing level crossings.
6. Advertisements are regularly published in newspapers to educate and improve awareness among public on Rail Safety Issues.
7. Advertisements are also displayed in electronic media as well as in film theatres on Railway Safety Issues.
8. Improved safety in Train operations is priority of Safety branch, Guntur Division.

Guntur division is committed for 'Accident Free train services'.

Public can help us to achieve this goal by following acts of precautions which will save passengers from any accident.

FIRE ACCIDENTS

1. To prevent fire accidents, do not carry inflammable/Combustible articles like petrol, kerosene oil, diesel, films, fireworks, gas cylinders etc. If noticed, please report the matter to nearest Railway official.
2. Do not light a cigarette in trains. Smoking is prohibited in trains and stations.
3. Do not block the pathways in coaches with heavy luggage. In case of emergency like fire even you cannot come out of the coach quickly.

MANNED NON INTERLOCKED LEVEL CROSSINGS:

Due to ignorance of safety precautions, public were involved in accidents near non interlocked level crossing gates which resulted in loss of valuable lives of innocent people across the country. Hence, as per the guidelines of Railway Board and directions from Zonal Head quarters Secunderabad, the Guntur Division has set target to eliminate all Non interlocked level crossings in phased manner by substituting with LHS/ RUBs where feasibility is available otherwise with interlocking the level crossings, During the year 2024-2025 5 lc gates were eliminated & 4 LC gates were interlocked. This has not only enhanced safety at LC Gates but also reduced fatal accidents considerably almost 'No' accidents.

MANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS:

A weeklong safety drive was launched on "International Level Crossing Awareness Week-2021" from 28.05.2025 to 05.06.2025 by involving Engineering, Operating, S&T, Security and Safety departments to educate the road users at level crossing gates.

The public are advised to follow the safety precautions while crossing manned level crossings.

1. Control the speed of your vehicle in the vicinity of LC Gates.
2. Be prepared to stop the road vehicle when hooter sound is heard indicating closure of gate.
3. Do not try to cross the level crossing gate when it is closed.
4. Do not compel the gateman to open the gate when it is closed for train movement.
5. Be prepared to Stop near LC Gates for 10-15 minutes Psychologically during your journey.
6. Tress passing underneath the Gate booms when it is in closed condition, such behavior is not only dangerous also punishable crime.
7. Exhibited/displayed the safety banners near LC Gates educating the public about safety near LC gates.



Counselling of road users by safety team/GNT.

LC gate No. 312 (E)At
Km 3/5-6 GNT-NLPD
section



Counselling of road users
by SSE/PWAY/PGRL & IPF
PGRL LC gate No. 64 (T)
PGRL-PGRN section at KM
73/1-2.



Counselling of Gatemen by
safety team/GNT at NLPD.



Joint checks with RTA
officials, Local Police & RPF
officials
LC gate No. 3 (E) GNT-NBR
section At Km 3/25-27



DRM conducting safety inspection at Repalle Railway station.



Joint checks with RTA officials, Local Police & RPF officials at LC gate No. 6 (E) NLPD-BDPL section At Km 9/4-5



Counselling of track maintainers by ADEN/NLDA. At CTYL on summer precautions.



Counselling of gateman & gangmen by safety team/GNT LC Gate No. 67 in section PGRL-TMLU at KM no 75/7-8.



Counselling of road users at
LC 304(E) in section
PRCA-PPM at KM no
12/43-13/01



DRM & Sr.DSO conducting
safety inspection at Girder
bridge no 47 at KM 01/24-27



DRM & Sr.DSO inspecting
LC no 312 GNT-NLPD
section at KM no 3/11-13.



DRM conducting family
counselling session at NDL.



Safety team conducting ambush check of gatemen.



Demonstrating fire extinguishers operation to employees at GNT coaching depot



MOCK EXERCISE WITH NDRF AND OTHER STAKE HOLDERS

Conducted mock exercise at regular intervals simulating conditions of passenger train involved in accident followed by monitoring of relief and restoration activities



PCSO/SC, DRM/GNT & Sr.DSO controlling the situation from central command post at VJA.



Rescuing trapped passengers from coaches



Cutting of coach roof for rescuing passenger



Rescuing passengers from roof of the coach

Safety Performance of Guntur division during 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025:

S.No	ACTIVITY	ACHIEVED
ACCIDENT STATISTICS		
1.	Consequential accidents	Nil
2.	Indicative accidents	Nil
3.	Other train accidents	04
4.	Yard & Misc accidents	01
5.	LC gate open cases	Nil
*By conducting special safety seminars on NI gate working, man to man counselling and conducting increased ambush checks both by day & night, the LC gate open cases have reduced drastically thereby achieved NIL gate open cases during the above period.		

SAFETY ACTIVITIES				
			Target	Achieved
1.	Night inspections	Officers	420	416
		Supervisors	828	1662
	Day Inspections	Officers	1050	1270
		Supervisors	2070	4050
2.	Safety seminars		06	18
3.	Cross safety audits		03	04
4.	Safety drives		13	33
5.	Mass safety awareness programmes		52	67
6.	Ambush checks		94	512
7.	Counselling of LC gate staff		180	195
8.	Standing committee inspection (Running room)		04	08
9.	JAG joint inspection of ART		01	02
10.	Full scale mock drill of ART		02	03
11.	Signal sighting committee		02	04
12.	Inspection of safety at work sites		24	48
13.	Private sidings inspection		01	02
14.	Distribution of pamphlets to public		6,000	6,500

“With the dynamic leadership of DRM/GNT and guidance of ADRM/GNT, the performance of the Guntur Division on Safety front has been marvelous and the figures of accident statistics speak for it. It can be stated proudly that during the last year there has been no accident/incident involving passenger trains. This has been possible only with sincere and dedicated participation of each and every member of team Guntur”.

**ACCIDENT BRINGS
TEARS
SAFETY BRINGS
CHEERS**

Sr.DSO/GNT