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SCR to a
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Special Issue



Chief Editor's Desk

An event filled glorious financial year 2014-15 for SCR has come to an end. Yes, the Zone has achieved some record shattering results in its vital performance avenues. All credit goes to Shri P. K. Srivastava Ji, who led from the front and set the benchmark for us to attain.

Hum Dum, your eagerly awaited House Journal, has also played its role with remarkable success all through the year. The magazine acted as the right medium to showcase SCR's performance parameters, assimilate developments, convey news on events and happenings etc. I am sure, the sense of bonding amongst us all as members of one rail family remains always strong, with Hum Dum too contributing its part as a very active avenue of communication.

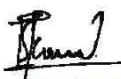
When the editorial plan for the April issue of Hum Dum was being drawn up, the discussion ultimately centered around making this, a Special Issue. The prime reason was to chronicle SCR's attainments in one comprehensive edition to enable the readers cherish their organisation's move on the growth path. In a way, this copy of Hum Dum will find place in the book shelves, for us to always refer and read.

Positive HR practices place employee trustworthiness as one vital aspect of motivation and loyalty towards the organisation they serve. It goes to the credit of our General Manager whose administrative capabilities are a lesson worth emulating, that he always has placed a high degree of confidence on us all. This, emboldened us to perform to our best and live up to the expectations of our leader. The results are clearly visible. SCR is the only Zone on Indian Railways which has surpassed the Railway Board's target in Freight loading in the FY 2014-15, thereby attaining a significant mile stone.

We, at team Hum Dum intend to make this journal, still more illuminating and news worthy. The growth path of this journey of progress, will be in terms of ensuring that each of the page of Hum Dum will comprise of reader interest content, that sure will grab attention. In this endeavour, I expect my colleague officers and staff to contribute their mite in terms of interesting articles, knowledge driven inputs etc.

With the Railway Week Celebrations being held all over the Zone with gaiety and fervour, team Hum Dum extends its warm greetings to all the SCRians and congratulate the Awardees who have earned recognition at various levels.

Let us all keep the momentum going....



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Readers are requested to give their feedback/comments and suggestions for further improvements and also send us their contributions on various issues of topical interest.

Message from Chief Patron and General Manager



Namaskar. Aadaab. Sat Sri Akal....

I am living a dream fulfilled. To see SCR, the Zone for which I held my heart attain the zenith, in terms of its business indices for the financial year 2014-15, I am very proud and feel privileged to lead the committed family of SCR towards this task of bettering the best, the Zone has ever attained. At the same time, I also humbly bow before you for all the love and affection showered on me, which I believe is a strong reason for you to work to the optimal best and prove me right.

It has been a very challenging time for SCR, with the FY 2014-15 bringing in many a factors of concern in its wake. A recessionary trend in the economy for some time, natural calamities, rise in user expectations, pressure to honour social obligations and demands for enhanced passenger capacity on trains are some of the issues which needed pragmatic solutions. I held a strong belief that we have got the wherewithal to overcome these challenges and prove our capabilities to the core. As the performance results of the Zone have shown, this has come true.

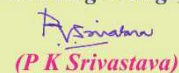
I want to put on record that the editorial team of "Hum Dum" is putting in excellent efforts to show case the news and views generated on SCR regularly, each quarter. I have got an advice for all the SCRians. Do become avid readers and enthusiastic contributors of this journal, which is undoubtedly one of the best in-house magazine, entirely done by our own creative team, both in terms of creativity and content. I acknowledge the fact that this special issue of "Hum Dum", will serve the purpose of assimilating all the news in a nut shell, and therefore can be a good reference to preserve in the bookshelf. I also understand that Hum Dum will be coming up as an e-magazine on SCR's web page which will definitely enhance its reach.

I wish that in the future too, SCR keeps its flag flying high in the comity of Zones on Indian Railways. Each of the year, will only yearn me to see SCR cross its earlier best.

As I bid *Alvida* to each one of you, I am lost for words in expressing my feelings towards all the members of this superb rail family of SCR. I can only coin this in a beautiful couplet which says -
aadmii aadmii se miltaa hai, dil magar kam kisi se milta hai!

My heart has found its home here. Amongst you all.

With best greetings,



(P K Srivastava)

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South Central Railway - A Trend Setter Scaling New Heights

South Central Railway has recorded a remarkable performance during the last fiscal. The performance highlights, initiatives/improvements brought about in various fields in the FY 2014-15 are detailed below:



Traffic Volume & Earnings

- Achieved Gross Earnings of Rs.13057 crs. (+23% over previous fiscal's Rs.10616 crs).
- Registered originating freight loading of 116.81 million tonnes (MTs), yielding earnings of Rs. 9398 crs.
- Carried 362 millions of originating passengers i.e. 10 lakh passengers on an average per day. Passenger earnings were Rs.3086 crs (+15% over previous fiscal's Rs.2674 crs).
- Operating Ratio maintained at a healthy 76.55%, generating an impressive surplus of Rs.6099 crs.

Safety and Security

- During the last fiscal 168 unmanned level crossings have been eliminated as against Railway Board target of 88.
- Action plan has been initiated to remove the remaining 'unmanned level crossings' over the zone by the year 2017.
- As a first on Indian Railways, SCR took the bold step of deploying 'Gate Mithras' at all the unmanned level crossings to counsel road users.
- 314 RPF personnel have been put on escort duty in 151 identified express trains.
- 32 major stations brought under security cover by installing 431 CCTV cameras.
- A new 3 digit 24/7 passenger security help line 182 has been launched.

Passenger Services

- Punctuality of mail/express trains improved to 96% which is the second best on Indian Railways.
- Introduced 8 new originating and 12 passing through train services.
- Frequency increased for 3 express trains.
- Operated 790 originating special trains and attached 10714 extra coaches benefitting 10.8 lakh passengers.
- Developed an innovative app - HYLITES (Hyderabad Live Train Enquiry System) compatible to both android and IOS version which shows real time information on the running of MMTS trains and live status of train arrivals/departures at Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Kacheguda stations. A first-of-its-kind on Indian Railways.
- Another innovative mobile app - TADAAS (Train Arrival Departure And Amenities at Stations) has been launched to provide live train arrival/departure information and facilities at 25 Railway Stations.

Passenger Amenities

- Passenger amenity works costing around Rs. 80 crs approximately were completed.
- 34 lifts and 31 escalators have so far been commissioned at 18 major stations; Action has been initiated to provide 26 more lifts and 17 escalators covering all the major stations.
- 48 stations have so far been developed as 'Adarsh Stations' and works are under progress at 3 more stations.
- To enhance cleanliness, On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) are provided in 36 Express trains.
- Enroute cleaning of 66 long distance trains is being done under Clean Train Station (CTS) scheme at Vijayawada and Guntakal Stations.
- 1394 Bio-toilets have so far been set up in 440 coaches.
- Refurbishing of all the EMU rakes in MMTS sector is done with the addition of several new features, improved aesthetics and facilities for better passenger convenience.

- To take care of passenger grievances and on the spot redressal of passenger complaints, a mobile and stationary "Help Desk" has been set up at Secunderabad Station.
- To expand reach of ticketing in both reserved and unreserved segments licence has been awarded for setting up of 21 Yatri Ticket Suvridha Kendras (YTSK)
- Booking of retiring rooms online has been introduced for 19 stations over the zone.

Capacity Augmentation

- MMTS Phase - II works in Hyderabad city have been started and progressing fast.

Swachh Bharat Mission

- SCR is in the fore front of the Swachh Bharat Mission campaign, in tune with the clarion call of our beloved PM.
- The Swachh Bharat Mission is covering the entire zone, with virtually every railway personnel being involved and it is our endeavor to ensure that the "Swachh" effort remains a continuous process all through.



Meetings

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway soon after taking charge Calls on the then Chief Minister of AP and H.E. Governor of AP



*Shri P. K. Srivastava calls on
Shri N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, Hon'ble CM/AP*



*Shri P. K. Srivastava calls on
Shri E S L Narasimban, H.E. Governor/AP*

Tryst with Media



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager held a Press Conference at the GM's conference hall, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on December 23, 2013. He briefed the media personnel on the performance of the Zone and also on various issues related to safety & security, punctuality, passenger services & amenities and infrastructure development.

69th ZRUCC Meeting of SCR held



The 69th Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) Meeting of SCR was held under the Chairmanship of Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager on January 23, 2014 at Railway Officers Club, Secunderabad. Principal Heads of various departments and 42 ZRUCC members participated in the discussions.

General Manager reviews progress on rail related developmental works with CMD, Singareni Collieries



Shri Suteertha Bhattacharya, Chairman and Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) called on Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager on March 10, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. They discussed on the status of various rail developmental works like provision of coal loading sidings and construction of new railway lines etc. being undertaken by SCR in the SCCL area.

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager calls on Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager called on Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh at his office, Lake View Guest House, Hyderabad on June 21, 2014.



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager called on Shri K. Chandrasekhara Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana at his office in the Secretariat, Hyderabad on July 4, 2014.

Hon'ble Members of Parliament meet Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager



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Hon'ble Members of Parliament met Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad in the month of the June 2014 to discuss railway developmental plans in their respective areas :

- (1) Shri Kadiyam Srihari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Warangal and Prof. A Seetaram Naik, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mahabubabad
- (2) Shri Maganti Murali Mohan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajahmundry
- (3) Shri Kesineni Srinivas (Nani), Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Vijayawada
- (4) Smt. B Renuka, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Kurnool

Hon'ble Minister of Railways Reviewed the Performance of SCR in September 2014



Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of Railways held a Review Meeting with Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager and other Senior Officials of the zone at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on September 19, 2014. The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the revenue position and progress of various developmental activities. Shri Srivastava made a detailed Power Point Presentation to the Hon'ble Minister on SCR's Performance in various spheres in the five months period from April to August, 2014

Meetings

General Manager briefs the media on the salient features of Rail Budget for the FY 2014-15 (final) pertaining to SCR



Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, presented the Railway Budget for the FY 2014-15 to the Parliament on July 8, 2014. The summary of Highlights in the Rail Budget pertaining to SCR was briefed to the media by Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager on the same day

General Manager holds High Level Review Meeting on RVNL Projects



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager conducted a high level review meeting at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on July 14, 2014, on the progress of the Railway projects taken up by RVNL on the Zone. Shri P Srinivas, Chief Project Manager/ RVNL/Secunderabad briefed the General Manager on the present status of various key Railway works under taken by RVNL.

Financial Commissioner, Railway Board holds review meeting with Addl. General Manager



Smt. Rashmi Kapoor, Financial Commissioner (FC), Railway Board visited SCR on September 5, 2014 and held a review meeting with Shri K Agarwal, Addl. General Manager and other Principal Heads of Departments of the Zone.

High Level Works Review Meeting held



Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager conducted a high level works review meeting with all Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers from all six Divisions of SCR through video-conferencing at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on November 20, 2014 to discuss the status of various ongoing developmental works on SCR.

Shri Alok Johri, Member Mechanical, Railway Board lauds SCR's Performance at a review meeting



Shri Alok Johri, Member Mechanical, Railway Board, New Delhi made a visit to SCR on 14th November, 2014. During the course of his visit, he made an inspection of the Carriage Repair Shop, Lallaguda and later held a review meeting with the senior officials of Mechanical and Stores Department at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Hon'ble MPs call on General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad to discuss various Railway Developmental activities in their constituencies

Meetings



Shri Balka Suman, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Peddapalli met Shri P K Srivastava on November 11, 2014.



Smt. Butta Renuka, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Kurnool met Shri P K Srivastava on November 5, 2014.



Shri J C Diwakar Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Anantapur met Shri P K Srivastava on October 21, 2014.



Addl. DGP (Railways), Telangana State called on General Manager

Shri T. Krishna Prasad, Addl. Director General of Police (Railways & Road Safety), Telangana State, called on Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager on February 20, 2015 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. He held discussions with the General Manager on several security related issues including strengthening of security measures in Railway system, establishing more number of GRP Posts in SCR, strengthening escorts by GRP in vulnerable trains etc.

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, held a Performance review meeting with all the Principal Heads of Departments at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on February 23, 2015. Divisional Railway Managers of all the 6 Divisions joined the meeting through Video Conferencing.

General Manager instructed to launch a ten day long drive commencing from February 24, 2015 all over the Zone on –

- Cleanliness at Stations & on Trains
- Overcharging by Railway Porters
- Capturing /Blocking of general seats in trains by some elements and later selling the same to public.
- Touts at Reservation Counters.

General Manager holds Performance Review Meeting

Each Division should identify 4-5 major stations for conducting the drive, which shall be taken up in right earnest, the GM advised.

With regard to the Performance of SCR during the financial year, the General Manager, stated that, every endeavour shall be made to reach to the optimal highest in freight loading. The GM wanted Ticket Checking Drives to be taken up with renewed vigour. With regard to ongoing Engineering works on the Zone, he advised the Officials to ensure that all the targeted works are completed on top priority.

On the aspect of Safety, Shri Srivastava stated that there is zero tolerance on this issue, and advised the DRMs to act accordingly. He sought that continuous checks should be conducted including Night Foot Plate Inspection, Yards Inspection, Lobby Inspections, Trip Shed Inspection etc. The DRMs shall also keep an eye on Unmanned Railway Level Crossings in their Divisions so as to avoid any untoward incidents. Counselling of Staff in Safety Categories shall be undertaken with priority, the General Manager opined.



Scotland Citizen Visits SCR In Search of His Great Grandfather's roots

Mr. Nicholas Graves, a native of Scotland, made a visit to SCR in search of his ancestral roots. He called on Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager on February 16, 2015 and shared the details of his mission. The Scottish visitor informed that he intends to find his ancestral home where his great Grandfather Mr. James Theodore, who worked in the Railways lived during pre Independence era. Way back in the year 1932, Mr. James Theodore worked as a 'Loco

Fitter' in Nizam State Railways, Lallaguda, Secunderabad. Theodore was born in India on 15th December, 1897. Nicholas brought with him a 'Pension Book' of Theodore and presented it to the General Manager.

Shri Srivastava appreciated the efforts of Mr. Nicholas Graves and assured of all cooperation in this pursuit towards searching the emotional bond, that each individual craves for.



General Manager addresses Press Conference on Railway Budget 2015



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager addressed a Press Conference on Railway Budget 2015 on February 26, 2015 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Press Conference was attended by several Principal Heads of Departments of the Zone.

Summary of Sanctioned Projects in SCR in Railway Budget 2015

The new projects sanctioned for SCR in the Railway Budget 2015 include four doubling, three tripling and one new railway line projects to a length of 1197 Kms. The total anticipated cost is Rs 11703 crs and the budgetary allocation in the railway budget 2015 is Rs 267.59 crs. The details are as below:-

- ➔ Vijayawada-Gudur Tripling of railway line project (293 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 2423 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 55.4 crs.
- ➔ Duvvada-Vijayawada Tripling of railway line project (335 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 3350 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 76.6 crs.
- ➔ Kazipet-Balharshah Tripling of railway line project (202 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 2020 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 46.19 crs.
- ➔ Gooty-Dharmavaram-Bangalore Doubling of railway line project (Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 1800 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 41.16 crs.
- ➔ Secunderabad-Mahaboobnagar Doubling of railway line project (110 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 1200 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 27.44 crs.
- ➔ Renigunta, Dharmavaram & Wadi Bypass Doubling of railway line project (21 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 300 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 6.86 crs.
- ➔ Vijayawada & Kazipet Bypass new railway line project (15 Kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs 200 crs. The budgetary allocation for the year 2015-16 is Rs 4.57 crs.

Addressing the media present on the occasion, Shri P.K. Srivastava focused on the fact that South Central Railway has got the highest allocations for ongoing projects, as compared to previous years.

The budgetary allocation highlights are as mentioned :

- Towards infrastructure, SCR has been sanctioned an staggering amount of Rs 2768 crs for the year 2015-16, which is 24% more than the FY 2014-15.
- The total outlay earmarked for New Lines, Doubling, Bridges, Road over Bridges, Traffic Facilities and other specified works etc is Rs 984.33 crs, which is 60% higher as compared to Rs 616 crs during the FY 2014-15.
- For New Lines, the budgetary grant for 2015-16 is Rs 511.6 crs., which is 23% more than previous FY.
- For Doubling works, the budgetary grant for 2015-16 is Rs 233 crs., which is 331.56% more than previous FY.
- For Bridges, the budgetary grant for 2015-16 is Rs 26.9 crs., which is 61% more than previous FY.
- For Road over Bridges, the budgetary grant is Rs 101.67 crs, for Traffic Facilities the budgetary grant is Rs 40.68 crs for the year 2015-16.

Budgetary Allocations for important ongoing new line projects

- ❖ Rs 141 crs for Peddapalli - Karimnagar - Nizamabad project.
- ❖ Rs 100 crs for Mellacheruvu-Vishnupuram project.
- ❖ Rs 130 crs for Nandyal-Yerraguntla project (This high allocation will enable in completing the above three projects.)
- ❖ Rs 20 crs for Manoharabad -Kothapalli project.
- ❖ Rs 110 crs for Nadikudi-Srikalahasti project.
- ❖ Rs 35 crs for Gulbarga-Bidar project.
- ❖ Rs 150 crs for Vijayawada-Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu doubling and electrification works.

DRUCC Meeting Held in Hyderabad Division



The 56 Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting of Hyderabad Division was held on March 11, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division.

The DRM highlighted the financial performance of the Division during the year and sought the support of the DRUCC

members to improve the passenger traffic over the Division. She wanted members to get involved in maintaining cleanliness over the Railway premises. She assured the members that their suggestions/representations would get due priority. She requested support of the members in conducting awareness camps in Kacheguda - Falaknuma section where stone pelting incidents have been noticed.

General Manager addresses IRFCA Convention

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, addressed the inaugural session of "AAO HYB" - the 10th Convention of Indian Railways Fan Club Association (IRFCA) on February 14, 2015 at the Plaza, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

The General Manager expressed his fascination for the Railways in India and stated that Indian Railways provide innumerable moments to cherish - for those who work for it and also for those who are emotionally attached to it.



Commenting on SCR, Shri Srivastava stated that the Zone is the hallmark for innovations towards passenger convenience like the mobile apps - HYLITES and TADAAS.

The convention, attended by delegates from all over India and abroad, who basically are enthusiasts keen on following the heritage and development of Indian Railways is an annual affair of the IRFCA.

General Manager holds Meetings with Hon'ble Members of Parliament to discuss Rail Developmental Activities

Meeting with Hon'ble MP's from Andhra Pradesh at Vijayawada



South Central Railway conducted an exclusive meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha - hailing from Andhra Pradesh, primarily representing the area falling under the jurisdiction of Vijayawada, Guntur and Guntakal Divisions of SCR. 18 Members of Parliament took part in this meeting, which was held at Vijayawada on January 6, 2015. Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers concerned attended this meeting.

Shri Srivastava welcomed the dignitaries and briefed them on the performance of SCR and also various measures being taken for improving service to passengers on the Zone.

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament complimented the initiative of SCR in convening the meeting. During the course of the meeting, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament raised several issues related to Railway developmental works / services in their respective constituencies.

The General Manager stated the suggestions and views expressed by the Hon'ble Members would be given due consideration while formulating the proposals for new works / services. Proposals which are beyond the powers of the Zone would be forwarded to Railway Board, he added.

Meeting with Hon'ble MP's from Telangana at Secunderabad



As part of the series of meetings conducted by South Central Railway exclusively with Hon'ble Members of Parliament representing the area under the jurisdiction of SCR, a Meeting was held with Hon'ble MPs at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on January 17, 2015. Hon'ble Members of Parliament from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – mainly from Telangana State, primarily representing the area falling under Secunderabad and Hyderabad Divisions of SCR took part in this meeting. Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge) also participated.

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager welcomed the dignitaries, who included 17 Members of Parliament from Telangana, one from Maharashtra (Beed) and one from Karnataka (Bidar) who attended the meeting. Shri Srivastava briefed the august gathering on the performance of South Central Railway and also various measures being taken for improving service to passengers on the Zone.

In his address, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), appreciated the initiative of SCR in convening this meeting. The Hon'ble Members of Parliament raised a host of issues related to Railway developmental activities in their respective constituencies.

The GM stated that suggestions and views expressed by the Hon'ble Members would be given due consideration while formulating the proposals for new works / services. Proposals for which are beyond the powers of the Zone would be forwarded to Railway Board, he added.

Meeting with Hon'ble MP's from Maharashtra at Nanded



South Central Railway conducted an exclusive Meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha - hailing from Maharashtra, primarily representing the area falling under the jurisdiction of Nanded Division of SCR, at Nanded on 8th January, 2015. 4 Members of Parliament took part in this meeting. Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager / SCR, Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers concerned attended this meeting.

Shri Srivastava welcomed the dignitaries and briefed them on the performance of South Central Railway and also various measures being taken for improving service to passengers on the Zone.

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament stressed upon early completion of Mudhked - Parbhani Doubling Works duly allocating sufficient funds, speeding up the works of Akola-Khandwa gauge conversion in co-ordination with State Government. Hon'ble Members also emphasized on enhancing rail connectivity from Nanded/Parbhani region to Mumbai, Nagpur and Hyderabad.

Meeting with Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Hingoli



Shri Rajeev Shankarrao Satav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Hingoli met Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, SCR at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on February 4, 2015 and discussed on railway developmental plans in the region.

65th Republic Day Celebrated

South Central Railway celebrated the 65th Republic Day with gaiety and patriotic fervour at Railway Sports Complex Grounds, Secunderabad on January 26, 2014. Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager/South Central Railway, Chief Guest on the occasion unfurled the National Flag and received the Guard of Honour presented by contingents of Railway Protection Force, Civil Defence, National Cadet Corps, Scouts and Guides etc.



Chairman/Railway Board Inaugurated Modern Food Plaza at Tirupati Station



Shri Arunendra Kumar, Chairman, Railway Board inaugurated a new Food Plaza developed by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) at Tirupati Railway Station on April 2, 2014.

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, Shri M P Mall, Chairman & MD, IRCTC/New Delhi, Smt. Smita Rawat, Group General Manager/IRCTC/ Secunderabad and Shri Manoj Joshi, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division were present on the occasion.

Member/Electrical, Railway Board Inaugurated S&T Lab and E-learning Centre at IRISSET



Shri Kul Bhushan, Member Electrical, Railway Board, New Delhi, inaugurated a newly constructed block which is to house Signal & Telecommunication Laboratory and E-Learning Centre at Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISSET) on April 3, 2014. Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, Shri S K Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer, (Construction) and other senior officials of SCR were present on the occasion.

General Manager addresses 56th Annual Day Celebrations of IRISSET



Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISSET) celebrated its 56th Annual Day on November 24, 2013 at its premises at Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Shri Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, General Manager presided over the function.

Addressing the gathering, the General Manager expressed his appreciation of the high standards of training being imparted at IRISSET in the streams of signal engineering and tele communications. The institute has made its mark as one of the best in terms of imbining modern technology in its training modules so as to provide the best of facilities to the trainees, he opined.

Shri M Suresh, Addl. Member (Signal) and Shri P K Srivastava, Addl. Member (Telecom)/Railway Board were the Guests of Honour; Shri K L Pandey, AGM; Shri Satyender Kumar, Director/IRISSET; Principal Heads of Departments and other Senior Officials, Faculty and Trainees of IRISSET participated in large numbers. Shri P K Srivastava released the anniversary issue of "Gyandeep", Technical Magazine of IRISSET on the occasion.

Scouts & Guides Rally at Mahbubnagar

The VIII Hyderabad District Bharat Scouts & Guides Rally was held from 9th to 12th February, 2015 at Mahbubnagar. Around 300 Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers & Adult Leaders including guest contingents from Vijayawada, Guntakal & Secunderabad Districts participated in the Rally.

The District Rally was visited by Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager & Chief Patron of the organization during his annual inspection of Hyderabad Division. Hike was conducted involving the participants to "Pillalamarri" and an All-Faith Prayer was also conducted during the rally.



Raichur-Gadwal New Railway Line Commissioned and DEMU Passenger Trains Flagged off



Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, commissioned the 58 Km long Raichur-Gadwal New Railway Line at a function held at Raichur Railway Station on October 12, 2013. He also flagged off the inaugural run of new DEMU passenger train services viz., Train No.77690/94 Raichur-Gadwal/Kacheguda DEMU after commissioning the new line.



Foundation Stone laid for Tunnel at Margutti on Bidar-Gulbarga New Rail Line



Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, laid foundation stone for the construction of a 1.5 Km long Tunnel at Margutti on Bidar-Gulbarga new rail line on October 28, 2013 at a function held at Margutti Cross, Gulbarga District.

Narayanpet Road Railway Station renamed as 'Saidapur'



Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, renamed Narayanpet Road Railway Station as Saidapur Railway Station at a function held on December 7, 2013. The Station is situated in Guntakal Division of SCR on Wadi-Raichur Section (in Yadgir District, Karnataka)

Foundation Stone laid for Doubling of Rail Line between Matmari and Manthralayam Road Stations & Re-girdering of Tungabhadra Rail Bridge

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, laid the foundation stone for Doubling of Rail Line between Matmari and Manthralayam Road Stations & Re-girdering of Tungabhadra Rail Bridge on Raichur-Guntakal Section of SCR at a function held at Matmari Railway Station, Raichur District on December 14, 2013. The work forms a component of the important rail line doubling work on this section which serves the Mumbai-Chennai Rail corridor. Earlier, Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager delivered his welcome address.



Khanapur-Humnabad New Rail Line Commissioned and Humnabad-Bidar DEMU Passenger Flagged off

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, commissioned the new Railway Line between Humnabad-Khanapur on December 29, 2013 at a function held at Humnabad Railway Station.



He also flagged off an inaugural DEMU train from Humnabad to Bidar to mark the commissioning. The train service will be running regularly to scheduled timings, thereby putting Humnabad on to the main line network from Bidar to other places.

59th Railway Week Celebrated



The Zonal level central function of the 59th Railway Week Celebrations was conducted at Rail Kalarang, Secunderabad on April 15, 2014.

At this glittering ceremony, the General Manager gave away Zonal level merit awards to 230 identified meritorious staff and officers who have shown exemplary performance during the previous year. He also presented several group awards and 58 efficiency shields under various categories to the Divisions.

IR SSE Probationary Officers of 2011 batch pass out from IR ISET



The Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IR ISET), Secunderabad was host to the 'Passing Out' of 42 Indian Railways Service of Signal Engineering (IR SSE) Probationary Officers 2011 Batch. At a glittering function held on June 13, 2014 at IR ISET Auditorium, Shri Kul Bhushan, Member Electrical, Railway Board; Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager/SCR and Shri Arun Saxena, Advisor (Signal), Railway Board presented the Passing Out certificates and mementoes to the Probationary Officers..

Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Reviews Dikshant Parade of Sub-Inspector Cadets at RPF Training Centre, Moula Ali



Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, reviewed the Dikshant (Passing out) Parade of 53rd Batch of Sub-Inspectors of Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Railway Protection Force Training Centre, Moula Ali, Hyderabad on September 19, 2014. Shri Krishna Chowdhary, IPS, Director General/RPF/New Delhi and Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager were also present on the occasion. Senior Railway officials and family members of the Cadets who passed out, were present in large numbers.



Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister inaugurates Escalator Facility at Nellore



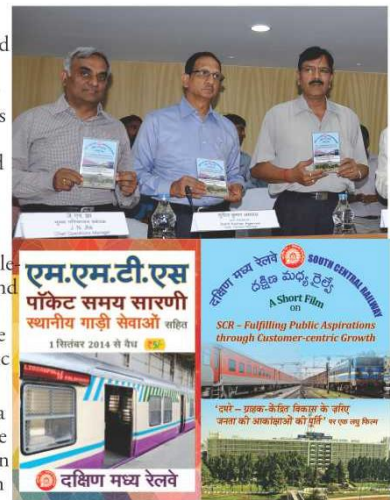
A new Escalator facility was inaugurated at Nellore Railway Station by Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Parliamentary Affairs on July 19, 2014. Shri M Rajmohan Reddy, Hon'ble MP/Nellore, Shri Shaik Abdul Azeed, Hon'ble Mayor/Nellore, Shri P Anil Kumar Yadav and Shri K Sreedhar Reddy, Hon'ble MLAs, and Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager were amongst the dignitaries and Railway officials present.

General Manager Releases Time Tables ; Station Guide Booklet and Short Film on SCR

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager released the new Southern Zone Time Table-September 2014 issue at a Press Conference held at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on August 28, 2014..

He also released the 'MMTS-cum-Local Trains Pocket Time Table September 2014' issue and 'Three Jewels', a Station Guide Booklet for the benefit of traveling public in twin cities.

'Three Jewels' is a station guide booklet, the first-of-its-kind on Indian Railways, focusing on three major Railway Stations in the Twin Cities viz., Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Kacheguda. On this occasion, the GM released a 15-minute short film on SCR titled "SCR-Fulfilling Public Aspirations Through Customer Centric Growth".





68th Independence Day Celebrated

South Central Railway celebrated with gaiety the 68th Independence Day on August 15, 2014. At a colourful and big gathering of Railway Officials, Staff, their family members and others, Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager unfurled the National Flag and received the Guard of Honour before delivering the Independence Day Message at Railway Sports Complex (RSC) Grounds, Secunderabad.

Contingents representing various battalions of Railway Protection Force (RPF), Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF), Civil Defence Organization, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Scouts and Guides and SCR Sports Persons presented the Guard of Honour and the March Past.

Energy Conservation Week Celebrated on SCR

As part of observing Energy Conservation Week from 14th to 21st December, 2014, SCR organized its central function, which included a Seminar on Energy Conservation on December 17, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Speaking on this occasion, Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager expounded various measures being adopted on SCR to conserve energy and expressed his happiness at SCR's efforts towards energy conservation, which led the zone to bag a record four prestigious National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2014 from the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

Earlier, Shri Srivastava launched a Sky Balloon in Hyderabad Division to mark the celebrations of Energy Conservation Week. He later distributed prizes to the winners of painting competition held on the topic 'Energy Conservation' conducted amongst the students of Railway Schools.



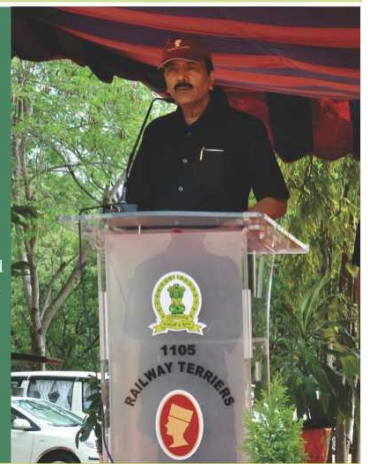
Happenings



Ceremonial Parade of Railway Engineers Regiment (Territorial Army) Annual Training Camp held

The first annual training camp ceremonial parade of the 1105 Railway Engineers Regiment (Territorial Army) was held at its premises, Moula Ali, Hyderabad on August 4, 2014. 2 officers, 4 junior commissioned officers, 94 other ranks and one recruit have successfully completed the training. Territorial Army personnel comprising platoons of Head Quarters, Locomotive, Operating and new recruits consisting of Railway officers, employees from South Central Railway (SCR), South Western Railway (SWR) and Southern Railway participated in the parade. The camp was conducted from 4th July, 2014 to 6th August, 2014.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, congratulated the platoons on their successful completion of training and expressed happiness over their impressive performance. He exhorted the Territorial Army personnel to be always alert to respond to any exigency call in situations such as war and internal emergency etc. Further, he also made an appeal to maintain high level of discipline in discharging responsibilities.



Jawans' Barracks at 7th Battalion RPSF Inaugurated



A Newly Constructed Jawans' Barracks was inaugurated by Shri S K Mishra, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division at 7th Battalion Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF), Moula-Ali, Hyderabad on August 7, 2014. The Barracks has been constructed to accommodate 158 Jawans attending training programmes at RPSF Battalion.

Signal and Telecommunication Training Centre celebrated 10th Annual Day

The Signal and Telecommunication Training Centre (STTC), Moula-Ali, Hyderabad celebrated its 10th Annual Day on September 13, 2014.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest, Shri M Suresh, Additional Member (Signal)/ Railway Board, stated that the trainees need to pickup command over the technical expertise towards efficiency in working.

Shri M.S. Mahboob Ali, Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Shri Satyender Kumar, Director, IRISSET were also present.



SCR observes "Vigilance Awareness Week - 2014"

'Vigilance Awareness Week-2014' was observed by South Central Railway from 27th to 31st October, 2014. The theme for the Vigilance Awareness Week was 'Combating Corruption- Technology as an enabler'. On this occasion, a function was held

on 27th October, 2014 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. Shri P C Parakh, IAS (Retd.), Ex-Secretary to Government of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager presided over the function. All Heads of Departments, Senior Officers, Field Officers and staff were present. A Vigilance Bulletin of SCR is also released on this occasion.



57th Annual Day Celebrated at IRISSET



Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISSET), the premier training institute on Indian Railways celebrated its 57th Annual Day on November 24, 2014 at its premises at Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Shri A.K. Mital, Member Electrical & Staff/Railway Board, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and delivered the key note address. Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager / South Central Railway presided over the function. Shri Mahesh Mangal, Addl. Member (Telecom) and Shri S. Manohar, Advisor (Signal), Railway Board, New Delhi were the Guests of Honour on the occasion. Merit awards were given away to the trainees by the dignitaries present and the in-house newsletter 'Gyandeep' was released.

ZRTI Moula Ali celebrated its 42nd Annual Day



The Zonal Railway Training Institute (ZRTI), Moula Ali, Hyderabad celebrated its 42nd Annual Day on December 17, 2014 at its premises. Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the large gathering of trainees of the Institute, Shri P.K.Srivastava stressed on the attitudinal aspect of training so as to make each of the Railway employee aware and focused towards serving the customers with care. Earlier, Shri P K Srivastava, inaugurated a state-of-the-art fully computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) – cum-Un-Reserved Ticketing System (UTS) training lab for on hand training at the institute as also a Badminton court for the trainees.

Aurangabad-Renigunta Weekly Express Flagged Off



Aurangabad – Renigunta Weekly Express was flagged off by Shri Chandrakant Khaire, Hon'ble Member of Parliament at Aurangabad Railway Station on December 13, 2014. Several public representatives and railway officials were present on the occasion.

The weekly Express Train will offer a convenient connectivity to the Marathwada region from the pilgrim center of Tirupati, there by making it easy for lakhs of devotees of Lord Balaji to have darshan.

SCR Observes Mahaparinirvan Divas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



South Central Railway observed 'Mahaparinirwan Diwas (Death Anniversary) of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on December 8, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Shri S.K. Agarwal, Addl. General Manager and Shri Ravinder Kumar, Chief Personnel Officer were the Guests of Honour. Senior railway officials, trade union leaders and staff participated in large numbers.

Be steadfast and Achieve Goals - Shri P.K. Srivastava's Call to Railway Workforce

Patriotic zeal and fervour marked the 66th Republic Day Celebrations in SCR on January 26, 2015 at Railway Sports Complex grounds, Secunderabad. The day was celebrated with Shri PK Srivastava, General Manager unfurling the National Flag. He also received the guard of honour presented by various contingents representing Railway Protection Force, Civil Defence, National Cadet Corps, National Green Corps, Scouts and Guides, etc. SCR officials with their family members participated in the celebrations in large number.

Addressing the gathering, the General Manager said that Indian Railways is indeed proud to be a partner in the Nation's progress and has been contributing to its economic and social development. SCR and its staff continue to play a significant role in this process of Nation's growth. He expressed his



delight over SCR's rapid strides both in passenger and freight segments in the recent past, he stated. The physical incremental growth in originating freight loading on SCR stands amongst the best on Indian Railways. SCR has achieved a healthy operating ratio of 78.2% during this fiscal till December end, which is the best in the last six years, he added. The General Manager called upon railway officials to be steadfast in their commitment to the service of the Nation and rededicate themselves to achieve the set goals and scale new peaks in the performance sphere.

Patriotic songs were rendered by students of railway educational institutions while RPF troupes presented patriotic cantata and martial art display on the occasion.



Electric Traction, Life Line of Indian Railways, says General Manager

A seminar was conducted on February 3, 2015 on the occasion of the "Indian Railway Electrical Engineers Day" at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. The celebration was to commemorate the first ever electric train run in India on February 3, 1925 for 16 Kms stretch of Harbour line between Mumbai (Victoria Terminus) and Kurla. The section was electrified on 1500V DC.



Shri P K Srivastava stated that the vision of Electrical Engineers in the design of Electric Traction of Mumbai sub-urban section is laudable because it has been serving for the past 90 years, carrying 40 lakh passengers per day at present.

Shri Srivastava is himself a distinguished Electrical Engineer who has made his mark on the Mumbai suburban rail services by induction of three phase Rakes, completion of AC-DC conversion projects, induction of 9 car rakes. He has immensely contributed to

the Mumbai sub-urban system, which is the life line of the city.

Shri Srivastava added that the 'Train Sets' are going to be the face changers of Indian Railways in the times to come. 'Train Sets' have Motive (Loco) Power on both sides of the train for haulage, which has 5 times faster acceleration and de-acceleration as compared to normal trains.

The General Manager said that 70% of freight and 50% of passenger traffic on Indian Railways is being carried on Electric Traction, while the fuel cost of Electric Traction is only 40% out of the total fuel bill of Indian Railways of around Rs. 10,000 Crs. This shows the cost efficiency in use of Electric Traction as compared to Diesel Traction, he added.

Earlier, Shri J.S.P.Singh, Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR welcomed the gathering and stated that under the stewardship of Shri P. K.Srivastava, the Zone has taken giant leaps forward in the field of Electrical Engineering and Energy Conservation methods. Solar panels have been installed at 100 stations all over the Zone. SCR received a record four



prizes in the National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2013-14. The awards include First prize in Office Buildings Sector, Second prize in Zonal Railways Sector, Second prize Railway Workshops Sector and a Certificate of Merit for Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda.



Happenings

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu Hon'ble Minister of Railways Meets Shri K.Chandrasekhar Rao Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways met Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana on January 19, 2015 at Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The Hon'ble Minister of Railways, who was on a day's visit to Hyderabad, discussed the status of Railway Projects in Telangana and the various Rail Developmental Plans envisaged for the State, with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways Flags off Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam AC Weekly Express and H S Nanded – Aurangabad Weekly Express

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways flagged off Train No. 12784 Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Superfast AC Express (Weekly) and Train No. 17620 H.S.Nanded-Aurangabad Weekly Express (via Remote Video Link) at a function held on January 19, 2015 at Secunderabad Railway Station.

Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment (I/C), Govt. of India, was the Guest of Honour. A host of other public representatives were present on the occasion. Shri D.P.Pande, Member Traffic, Railway Board, New Delhi, Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager and other senior railway officials also participated in the function.

Addressing the large gathering, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu stated that Indian Railways is focused on meeting the growing demands from the people for increased connectivity and improved services. Indian Railways is set to revamp its plans and strategy towards strengthening infrastructure by means of seeking investments from various new sources. The primary aim of Indian Railways is to act as the engine of growth for the economy, he said. The Hon'ble Minister spoke of plans to form separate Joint Venture corporations with the State Governments to take up rail developmental projects in partnership with them. In response to the demands from the public, the Hon'ble Railway Minister announced that a new train would be introduced connecting the two famous pilgrim centres of Tirupati and Shirdi.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager stated that the two new trains being introduced will be helpful in meeting the increasing demand for rail travel on the two busy routes of Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam and Nanded-Aurangabad.



Indian Railways Need Investments from all Possible Sources for Speedy Development of Infrastructure

- Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways

The Centre for Transportation Research and Management (CTRAM), New Delhi, an autonomous body of Transport Professionals, organized the 15th National Seminar on "PPP and FDI in Indian Railways" on January 19, 2015 at the Indoor Auditorium of Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISET), Secunderabad. Shri E S L Narasimhan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways presided over the inaugural session of the Seminar. Shri Devi Prasad Pande, Member Traffic, Railway Board, & President, CTRAM and Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager were amongst those present.

Addressing the audience comprising of delegates from across a wide spectrum of the Corporate sector, Public sector and senior Railway officials etc., Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu made a strong pitch to formulate the growth plans for Indian Railways on the basis of new ideas and innovative decisions to suit to the current realities. The need of the hour is to understand the symptoms ailing the organization first, correct identification of the problem areas next and then drawing up the required prescription for solution, he stated.

The immediate requirement is to enhance the capacities on railways to decongest the routes and vertical expansion in cities towards upgrading the network / infrastructure, he added. As money is needed to modernize Indian Railways and also keeping in view the

present fiscal constraints, Railways has to explore all possible means to mobilize resources to develop a high class infrastructure to cater to the future needs. He highlighted that Indian Railways needs investments – both financial and technological – from various sources both within and outside. Towards this, Railways is exploring to draw investments from new sources such as foreign pension funds and other institutions, he stated.

The Hon'ble Railway Minister categorically stated that Indian Railways is never going to be privatized and that it continues to be owned by the Govt. of India. The driving wheel of Indian Railways will firmly be in the hands of Railway Ministry only, he stressed.

Shri E. S. L. Narasimhan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh stated in his address that Indian Railways has come a long way from the earlier days to evolve as a modern transport system offering improved options and facilities. However, keeping in view the need to meet the future demand, it is rightly in the interest of

Indian Railways that PPP and FDI should be encouraged, he stated. Earlier, Shri D. P. Pande, Member/ Traffic, Railway Board and President, CTRAM in his address stated that Indian Railways is at the



crossroads, unable to meet the present demands due to resource crunch. He said that a staggering amount of Rs 1.18 lakh crores are needed for the completion of 359 major sanctioned railway projects.

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager in his address expressed confidence that the seminar will present a broad framework to aid in policy making on the issue of PPP/FDI in Indian Railways as a large number of eminent personalities representing the Public sector, Private sector and Railways are participating in the deliberations.



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager Inaugurates work for the Launch of Girder segments for Metro Rail Crossing over Railway lines at Bharatnagar

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway inaugurated the launch of girder segments for construction of Metro Rail bridge across the railway track



in connection with Hyderabad Metro Rail works on Miyapur- L.B. Nagar corridor at Bharatnagar on February 11, 2015. Shri NVS Reddy, MD, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) and Shri V. N. Gadgil, MD, L&T HMRL were amongst those present.

Addressing a press meet after the inauguration, Shri P.K. Srivastava stated that:

- ▶ The Hyderabad Metro Rail is sure to become the life-line of Hyderabad like the Suburban Rail network in Mumbai.
- ▶ The incremental launching of girder segments is



meticulously planned and all safety steps are in place.

- ▶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri K. Chadrashankar Rao played an important role in speeding up the bridge works, which necessitate imposing of Rail blocks, by speaking to Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhakar, who issued instructions for necessary clearance at the earliest.

▶ For the Railways, imposing a Rail block entails stoppage of train movements for 3

hours per block. With increase in freight traffic on SCR, which has led to a commensurate increase in goods train movements by about 20%, it is a big challenge to meticulously plan rail blocks, taking due care to avoid passenger inconvenience. The onus is all the more on SCR, because the Zone holds the image of being passenger friendly.

▶ For the rail block at Bharat Nagar, twice a week till April, several steps were taken to ensure that passengers of Secunderbad-Pune-Secunderabad Shatabdi Express which is being short terminated at Lingampalli on specific days are not put to any hardship. Officials were deputed to Pune in advance, so as to ensure adequate publicity, confirm the needs of the passengers and accordingly render help at Lingampalli.

GM Visits Nagole Metro Rail Depot and travels on Metro Rail:

Shri P.K. Srivastava later in the day visited the Hyderabad Metro Rail depot at Nagole and travelled on Metro Rail along with other senior officials of SCR, accompanied by the HMR authorities. During the course of the visit, Shri Srivastava made a study of the HMR operational hub, including the Traffic Control Center, Rake Maintenance Depots etc., Earlier, he inspected Nagole Metro Rail Station, where he was guided by



the L&T officials on the various facilities and amenities provided there. The General Manager travelled by a Metro Rail from Nagole to Mettuguda and back, to have a firsthand feel of the Metro Rail technology in use, including the features provided in the coaches, the driving cab, signaling system, electrical works and track infrastructure etc.,.



General Manager Inspects Secunderabad Railway Station to Review facilities to Passengers

Inspections



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inspected Secunderabad Railway Station on December 23, 2013. The inspection was meant to have a first hand feel of passenger amenities and plan for improving the amenities/facilities here for the convenience of passengers and strengthen security arrangements at the station.

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager travels in MMTS Train and interacts with commuters

As part of the inspection of the MMTS services in twin cities, Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager travelled on Secunderabad-Lingampalli- Secunderabad MMTS trains on December 11, 2013 accompanied by Shri Sushant Kumar Mishra, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior officials.

During this visit, the GM extensively interacted with the commuters to get to know the issues being faced by them. Later, interacting with the Media personnel at Lingampalli Station, he stated that improving the services to MMTS passengers is one of the priority areas. SCR is committed to modernizing and expanding the MMTS services on the lines of Sub-urban services in Mumbai. Focus would be given on punctual running of MMTS trains, especially during peak hours, which would closely be monitored by senior officers on a daily basis. The security at Stations and on-board the trains would be strengthened by increased deployment of constables/RPF personnel, he stated.

The General Manager informed that, to ensure quick dispersal of commuters from the bus at Tech City Station, provision of feeder bus services would be undertaken in co-ordination with AITC and traffic police officials. Shri P K Srivastava advised the officials

present to bring in a perceptible improvement in the services to MMTS commuters on priority through continuous monitoring and frequent inspections.



Southern Railway General Manager Visits Secunderabad Railway Station

Shri Rakesh Misra, General Manager, Southern Railway, visited Secunderabad Railway Station on November 27, 2014 and took note of the systems/arrangements related to maintaining cleanliness, ensuring passenger security and information dissemination to passengers etc. Shri B. Singaiah, Addl. Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Ravi P Padi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and other senior railway officials of Secunderabad Division were present during the visit.



Annual Inspection - 2014 conducted by GM



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager conducted a series of intensive inspections across Zone covering all the six Divisions in a month-long inspection drive as a part of annual inspection schedule, which culminated on February 19, 2014.

During the course of these inspections, the GM covered a vast part of SCR, stretched over a length of 1550 kms. He was accompanied by Principal Heads of the Departments, Divisional Railway Managers and senior officials of the Division under inspection.



"Priority being Accorded to Speed up Broad Gauge Conversion of Khandwa-Akola Railway Line; Immediate Focus on Improving the Services on this Section" - says General Manager during his Inspection



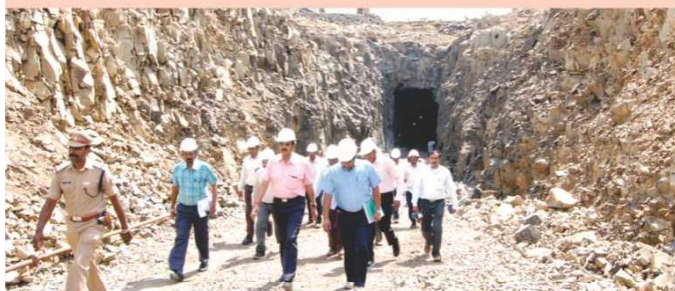
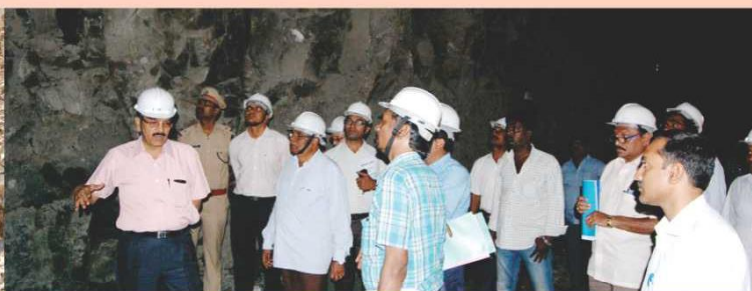
Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager conducted a comprehensive inspection of Khandwa-Akola Meter Gauge section on May 29, 2014. He was accompanied by Shri D K Singh, Commissioner of Railway Safety/SC, and other senior officials.

This work constitutes a vital part of the Broad Gauge conversion work of Ratlam – Mhow – Khandwa – Akola Meter Gauge Rail section (472.6 kms).

On completion, this new Broad Gauge line would bring the people in the South Central parts of the country much closer to the West Central parts. This line would provide a short rail link to Ajmer from Hyderabad via Khandwa and Ratlam, benefiting lakhs of people in the towns / villages situated enroute. It will help in enhancing the rail services in this region, meeting the aspirations of the local people.

General Manager Inspected works on Sultanpur-Margutti Section of Gulbarga-Bidar New Railway Line Project

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inspected the ongoing works on the Sultanpur-Margutti Section of the Gulbarga-Bidar New Railway Line Project on August 19, 2014. This prestigious project of 107 kms of new line between Gulbarga-Bidar being taken up at a total cost of Rs. 844 crs is set to herald a new dawn in the transport infrastructure scenario of Hyderabad-Karnataka region.



Inspection by General Manager at Kazipet Railway Station



Shri P.K. Srivastava, GM, undertook an inspection of Kazipet Railway Station and Railway Poly Clinic at Kazipet in Secunderabad Division on January 16, 2015. Principal Heads of Departments, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other Divisional Officers accompanied him during the inspection.

The General Manager extensively inspected the passenger amenities at Kazipet Railway station. At Poly Clinic (Railway Hospital), he made a thorough inspection of facilities and Medical services being made available to the employees and discussed on the plans to further improve infrastructure and posting of additional specialist Doctors etc., He also

interacted with Patients, Employees, Pensioners and representatives of trade unions etc.,



GM conducted Annual Inspection of all the Six Divisions accompanied by PHOD's and concerned Divisional Officers



Secunderabad Division inspection



Hyderabad Division inspection



Vijayawada Division inspection



Guntur Division inspection



Guntakal Division inspection



Nanded Division inspection

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, undertook an extensive Annual Inspection of all the Six Divisions during the month of January to March, 2015. Principal Heads of Departments, concerned Divisional Railway Managers and other Divisional officials accompanied the General Manager during the inspection.

- In Secunderabad Division inspection was conducted between Bhadrachalam Road - Warangal section.
- In Hyderabad Division inspection was conducted between Dhone - Mahabubnagar section.
- In Vijayawada Division inspection was conducted between Gudur - Tenali section.
- In Guntur Division inspection was conducted between Pagidipalli (excluding) - Guntur section.
- In Guntakal Division inspection was conducted between Gudur (excluding) - Chittor section.
- In Nanded Division inspection was conducted between Adilabad - Nanded section.

During the course of this task, Shri P.K. Srivastava thoroughly inspected the availability of Passenger amenities, station cleanliness, platforms and booking offices etc., Functioning of railway equipments like communication system, Intermediate block working and hot box detectors etc, which are vital components of safe train operations was also inspected in the above sections.

- Apart from the above, General Manager inspected the Railway quarters and colonies including Railway health units. Level crossing gates, major and minor bridges.
- During the course of inspection, General Manager inaugurated several system improvement works and staff amenities.

High Level Security Meet on Crime Prevention held



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, chaired a high level security review and co-ordination meeting with the Chiefs of Govt. Railway Police (GRP) and Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on December 18, 2013.

Shri P K Srivastava stressed on the need for close co-ordination

between GRP and RPF to prevent crime and strengthen security on Railway premises. Mutual sharing of key information on intelligence, investigation, detection and modus operandi of offenders in various crimes will enable the forces to effectively crack the cases, he emphasized. State Police Officials from A.P., Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Maharashtra were present during the meeting.

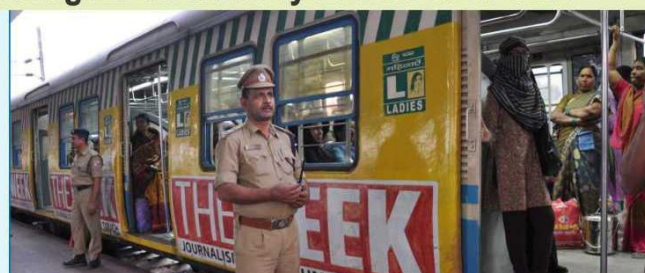
Special Focus on Security of Women Passengers on Railway Premises in SCR



South Central Railway accords utmost importance to the security of passengers in Railway premises. The security apparatus in stations / on trains is being continuously strengthened to ensure passenger security. Special emphasis is being given on measures to take care of the security needs of women passengers, especially in the MMTS / Suburban train services in twin cities.

Conduct surprise inspections at major stations with focus on security of women passengers. Surveillance cameras are also installed at key locations at important stations to watch the movement/activities of suspicious elements.

As per Section 162 of The Railways Act, 1989, males entering a compartment, room or



any other place reserved for females is a punishable offence which entails a fine up to Rs.500 apart from the offender being liable to be removed from the premises. Stringent action is being taken under relevant statutory provisions against eve teasers and any person creating trouble for or harassing women passengers in Railway premises.



Awareness Programme on Security Measures held at Hyderabad Railway Station

The Hyderabad City Police, Central Zone, held an awareness programme on safety and security measures in association with the GRP and the RPF on August 4, 2014 at Hyderabad (Nampally) Railway Station. The programme was meant to sensitize the frontline persons/stake holders such as Hawkers, Auto/Taxi Drivers, Railway Porters and Railway Staff on the need to be vigilant against any disruptive activities so as to ensure safety in Railway premises and mass contact areas.

Later, the gathering was educated through live demonstrations on potential acts of terrorist/militant groups such as planting of bombs by various means and how the bomb disposal squad acts to diffuse the bombs. Pamphlets carrying photographs of several wanted persons involved in terrorist/extremist activity were also circulated to enable identify them.

RPF Rescues Child from the Clutches of a Kidnapper

The Railway Protection Force personnel at Secunderabad Railway Station rescued a three year old boy from the clutches of a kidnapper here at Secunderabad railway station on February 21, 2015. The incident occurred when S.K. Azeem, a resident of Markapur, Prakasam district was travelling along with his wife and their three year old child S.K. Azmal from Guntur to Secunderabad in Train No. 12703. Azeem was travelling in General compartment while his wife and son travelled in ladies compartment. On reaching Secunderabad railway station, the boy was

found missing. The couple immediately informed the matter to the RPF personnel present on the platform.

Acting on the same, the RPF personnel swung into action and thoroughly undertook a check on the platform and station exits of the station. Based on the particulars of the child and facial features, the RPF was able to apprehend the kidnapper Bikshapathi and rescued the child. The accused was handed over by the RPF to the Govt Railway Police (GRP). The father of the boy appreciated the



prompt action of RPF personnel and conveyed his gratitude to them for rescuing the child.

Special Drive on Safety at Unmanned Railway Level Crossings

South Central Railway initiated a fortnight-long special drive on safety at Unmanned Railway Level Crossings (UMLCs) all over the Zone during July/August 2014. Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager held a detailed review meeting through video conferencing with Divisional Railway Managers of all the six Divisions at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on July 28, 2014 on issues related to safety at UMLCs.



Member (Electrical) examines Trials of Train Collision Avoidance System

Shri Kul Bhushan, Member / Electrical, Railway Board, New Delhi visited South Central Railway on January 29, 2014. He along with Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager and Shri S K Mishra, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division examined and monitored the trials of Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) carried out on Tandur-Wadi Section on SCR as per the directions of Railway Board. Two train engines, fitted with TCAS apparatus, were sent on the same track, but they stopped automatically by the TCAS at a safe distance from each other which avoided a collision. In addition to stopping collision of trains, this system will also prevent the train from over shooting signal on red. Shri Kul Bhushan expressed satisfaction on the ongoing trials of TCAS.



Later, Shri Kulbhushan addressed a high level meeting at Secunderabad, attended by Shri P K Srivastava, GM and Principal Heads of departments of SCR.

"Avoid any scope for Accidents" – Says General Manager SCR Confers 'Man of the Month' Award on 73 Employees; Safety Bulletin released

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager released the Safety Bulletin, brought out by the Headquarters Safety department, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on April 3, 2014. This Bulletin contains details of unusual incidents that occurred on the Zone in the recent past and also safety guidelines on various aspects of train working.

The General Manager advised the staff involved in train operations to avoid any scope for accidents. This can be possible, if one is alert during the course of duties, he added.

Earlier, Shri S K Agarwal, Additional General Manager gave away 'Man of the Month' award for the months October-2013 to January-2014 to 73 SCR employees in recognition of their safety conscious



working, alertness and dedication to duty in noticing defects and prompt action in getting them rectified which resulted in averting possible unusual occurrence.

Special Rail Safety Measures initiated on SCR for Winter Season



Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager conducted a safety review meeting with all the Principal Heads of Departments and the Divisional Railway Managers from all the 6 Divisions through video-conferencing at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on November 27, 2014. During this high level meet, the General Manager reviewed the safety performance on SCR during the period April - November, 2014. He directed the officials to intensify field inspections of stations and train working procedures and take necessary corrective action to avoid any scope for mishaps.

The General Manager emphasized on taking necessary advance action to prevent Rail failures/Weld failures in view of the onset of winter season. Highlighting the possibility of contraction of Rails and generation of stress in track in case of a severe drop in temperatures in winter, the GM instructed the Engineering officials to provide all requisite technical inputs to the track structure, to pre-empt failures. He laid stress on implementation of special safety measures during winter,

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Events on SCR



"Elimination of Unmanned Railway Crossings is the Highest Priority"

-Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager, SCR at High Level Safety Review Meeting

Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway held a high level Safety Review Meeting through Video Conference with the Divisional Railway Managers (DRM's) of all the 6 Divisions on SCR and Principal Heads of Departments (PHODs) on March 3, 2015 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

- Ø Shri P.K. Srivastava stressed on various aspects pertaining to rail safety on SCR and stated that there would be "Zero Tolerance" on the matter.
- Ø GM directed DRM's to closely monitor the progress of work on elimination of the Unmanned Railway Level Crossings (UMLCs) and all efforts shall be put to achieve the set targets by end of March. So far, SCR has eliminated 601 UMLC's and action plan has been drawn to eliminate all UMLC's by 2017. Counselling of Safety Category staff is of paramount importance and hence Officers / Supervisors shall take up the same in right earnest.
- Ø He has directed DRM's to conduct Safety Seminars to sensitize the Staff involved in Train Operations.
- Ø GM stated that, even though SCR's Safety track record is very good, no complacency shall be shown in this regard. A strong commitment shall be shown by the Officers and Staff towards achieving zero accident record.
- Ø Further Shri P. K. Srivastava stated that Safety Drives shall be taken up with all seriousness with focus on critical aspects as exchange of signals, movement of trains in yards, adequate rest to crew before booking for duties etc.
- Ø He cautioned that negligence or any violation of safety norms during the course of discharging duties by staff shall be viewed very seriously and action will be initiated for any dereliction.

- Ø Even though rail weld failures have come down by 36.3 % as compared to last year, he has advised that the preventive maintenance measures shall be continued to the fullest extent. There shall not be any complacency in carrying out the required testing procedures such as Ultra Sonic Flaw Detector (USFD) tests, he advised
- Ø Shri P.K. Srivastava has reviewed the status of provision of Safety devices like "Audio-Visual Alarm" to alert the Station Masters to set the point against the occupied line, approach warning devices for Gatemen at inter lock level crossing.

Earlier, Shri P. K. Srivastava presented a cash award to a Senior Technician of Guntur Division, Shri G.Venkatesh warulu, for his devotion to duty in ensuring safety of train movement. The Senior Technician, Carriage & Wagon, Guntur Station while on duty on 18th February, 2015 noticed a hot axle of Train No. 12604 Hyderabad-Chennai Express during the course of Rolling-In Examination while the train was entering Guntur station. He immediately acted upon the same, thereby averting any possible unsafe conditions.

The DRM's apprised the General Manager on the details pertaining to safety on their respective Divisions, measures being undertaken on the Safety matters, follow up action etc. Shri S. P Sahu, Chief Safety Officer, SCR made a Power Point Presentation on Safety. Shri S.K.Agarwal, Additional General Manager, Shri J.N.Jha, Chief Operations Manager were amongst the Officials present.



Fortnight long Special Safety Drive on 'Fire Prevention'



SCR launched a fortnight long special drive on 'Fire Prevention' over its jurisdiction from November 1, 2014. During this fortnight, Special Safety Teams comprising of officers and staff from Commercial Department, RPF, and GRP carried out drives / joint checks in trains, railway stations and parcel offices. The drive laid emphasis on intensive checking to prevent carriage of inflammable / explosives in trains and railway premises in order to ensure safety of rail passengers and railway property.

New Divisional Railway Managers take charge

Hyderabad Division



Smt Aruna Singh

Smt Aruna Singh, IRSSE (Indian Railways Service of Signal Engineers) has taken over charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division on February 21, 2015.

She held various important posts including as Chief Signal Engineer/ Northern Railway and Executive Director, Railway Electrification (Signalling and Telecommunication)

Secunderabad Division



Shri Ashesh Agrawal

Shri Ashesh Agrawal, IRSME (Indian Railways Service of Mechanical Engineers) has taken over charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division on February 20, 2015.

Prior to his new posting, he worked as Executive Director / Freight / Railway Board looking after wagon maintenance policy and design issues of entire Indian Railways.

Vijayawada Division



Shri Ashok Kumar

Shri Ashok Kumar, IRSE (Indian Railways Service of Engineers) assumed charge as the Divisional Railway Manager of Vijayawada Division on February 20, 2015.

Amongst the assignments he had held earlier are, as Executive Director (Structure) and Executive Director (Track Machines) at Railway Designs & Standard Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow.

Guntur Division



Shri Vijay Sharma

Shri Vijay Sharma, IRSE (Indian Railways Service of Engineers) has taken over charge as Divisional Railway Manager of Guntur Division on February 20, 2015.

He was serving as Chief Engineer in the office of Chief Administrative Officer/ Construction on SCR before taking on his new assignment.

Alert & Vigilant Railway Technician averts a possible train mishap

The alertness and dedication in performing the assigned duties exhibited by Shri P Prabhakar, Railway staff posted as Senior Technician at Warangal Railway station led to averting a possible accident involving Train No. 12270 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Chennai Central Durgam Express on July 9, 2014.

The incident occurred when the train was entering in to Warangal Railway station at about 11:26 am on its way to Chennai Central. Shri P Prabhakar who was on duty, was conducting a 'Rolling-in Examination' at that time.

During this examination at Warangal Railway station, Shri Prabhakar heard an unusual sound in fourth coach from the rear of Durgam Express. He immediately stopped the train at the station, and thoroughly checked all the mechanical components of the coach.

Senior Railway engineers were rushed to Warangal and conducted thorough examination of this detached coach. A detailed fracture analysis and metallurgical tests would also be done by technical experts to submit to the production unit, where this coach was manufactured, for necessary action. In appreciation of the safety consciousness and commitment shown in the course of his duty, Shri P Prabhakar was bestowed recognition by Shri P K Srivastava, GM by presenting a cash award of Rs.3000 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on July 15, 2014.



Indian Police Medal for RPF Officers

On the occasion of 68th Independence Day, the Hon'ble President of India has awarded the prestigious Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service to two Railway Protection Force (RPF) Personnel from South Central Railway. They are - Shri G M Eswara Rao, Deputy Inspector General - Cum - Principal, RPF Training Centre, Moula-Ali, Hyderabad and Shri N Shalem Raju, Assistant Sub-Inspector, RPF, SCR.

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, in his Independence Day Message delivered at Railway Sports Complex (RSC) Grounds, Secunderabad on August 15, 2014, congratulated the two RPF Officials for bringing laurels to the Zone with their exceptional performance.

Alert and Vigilant P. Way Staff avert a mishap



Shri Y. Chandru Naidu, Trackman/ Permanent Way/ Tenali, while on duty of night patrolling noticed flash butt weld failure having a gap of 8 mm which led to a level difference of 60 mm between the separated rails at around 03:20 hrs of December 15, 2013. This location is situated between Tsundur and Tenali Stations on Chennai - Vijayawada route. The track man immediately alerted the Divisional control office at Vijayawada and relayed the information about this weld failure to senior officials. In the mean time, Train No. 12621 Chennai - New Delhi

Tamilnadu Express, had already left Tsundur station towards Tenali and was promptly stopped short of the spot in time by the night patrolman.

Shri M. Sambasiva Rao, Senior Supervisor/ Permanent Way/Tenali, rushed to the spot with additional staff at 04.05 hrs, who immediately took action and set right the track by about 04.40 hrs.

In appreciation of the alertness shown and their commendable action, Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager presented them with a cash award at Rail Nilayam.

AC Double Decker Superfast Express Starts its Maiden Run on SCR amidst Fanfare



South Central Railway had its tryst with yet another milestone in its eventful journey, when the first ever Double Decker train on its network began its run on May 13, 2014 at 05:30 am from Kacheguda to Guntur on its maiden trip. The ten AC coach train, powered by two generator cars, was a visual delight with its bright yellow and vibrant red colours creating a charm, as the sun rose.

SCR sets up a high - end GPS/GPRS based system of live tracking and auto display/announcements on running of MMTS trains

SCR has taken a step forward in leveraging the Information Technology to qualitatively enhance the passengers' experience with the provision of a modern, high-end LED passenger information display system on the platforms at all MMTS stations in twin cities.

As hundreds of passengers gather at a time on platforms to board trains during peak hours, it will practically be difficult to satisfy their enquiry needs through manual counters. To handle such a



situation, universal train information display boards have been provided in a big way at all major stations on SCR. However, keeping in view the needs of the suburban commuters on MMTS system, advanced LED display monitors, which provide real-time passenger related information, have been set up recently on outsourcing basis. The architecture of this system is designed based on Global Positioning System (GPS) and General Packet Radio System (GPRS) technologies.

At present, SCR operates 121 MMTS services on Falaknuma - Secunderabad/Hyderabad - Lingampalli routes (42 kms) over 26 stations, ferrying around 1.5 lakh passengers on an average per day.

215 high- definition LED monitors

have so far been set up on 69 platforms at all the 26 MMTS Stations. A GPS based receptor module, which receives its latitude and longitude co-ordinates from satellite, is fixed in each of the motorcar in all MMTS trains.

This device encrypts, processes and transmits information on train number, route and current location etc. to a main server using GPRS. No manual intervention is required for any inputs. An external main server receives and analyses this encrypted data, decrypts and sends out information to local servers installed at stations.

The local server at a particular station feeds the relevant information to the display monitors positioned on the platforms.

These monitors display the current location of the next three MMTS trains on run that are to arrive at a particular station in either direction. This position will automatically gets updated on real-time basis as per the movement of the train. The train number, route, the live status of the train and the expected arrival/delays etc. at that station is displayed for the next three trains in sequence in three languages - Telugu, Hindi and English.

This system can be used for displaying useful information on the other regular express/passenger trains (Non-MMTS) also such as their expected time/delays and platform number etc. at major stations- Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Begumpet, Kacheguda,

General Manager inaugurates Modernized Control Office



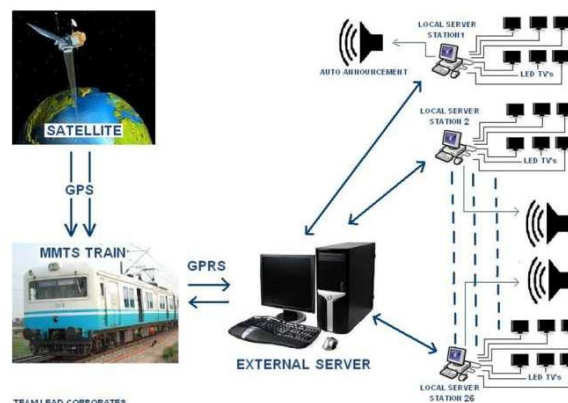
Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated the newly renovated, modernized Control Office of Secunderabad Division on October 28, 2014 at the Divisional Headquarters of Secunderabad Division, Sanchalan Bhavan. Shri S K Agarwal, Addl. General Manager, Shri J N Jha, Chief Operations Manager were amongst the host of senior officials present on the occasion.

The modernized Control Office has been planned extensively to act as the hub to monitor rail operations on Secunderabad Division, which covers several high density rail corridors/sections on the Zone.

Lingampalli and Falaknuma.

In addition, this system automatically triggers Public announcements in three languages - Telugu, Hindi and English - on the next expected trains at that station. The auto announcements for MMTS trains are given 5 minutes before and again 2 minutes before the arrival of the train for alerting the passengers.

Such live tracking of all MMTS trains and display of station specific information in a passenger - friendly format and auto announcements will be of immense help to the passengers as they get updated on the status of trains on real-time basis, obviating the need for any enquiry on this.



SCR completed Electrification of two major sections of Renigunta–Guntakal and Lingampalli–Wadi on Mumbai route



South Central Railway has completed the electrification works on 2 major sections situated on Mumbai route during December 2013. These are – 310 kms long Renigunta to Guntakal section on Chennai – Mumbai route; and 161 kms long Lingampalli to Wadi section on Secunderabad–Mumbai route.

The energization of these sections marks a giant step forward in the progressive electrification of all major routes on SCR.

At present, South Central Railway has got 41% of its route kms electrified i.e. 2375 route kms, out of a total of 5810 route kms.

Running the trains on electric traction yields several operational and economic benefits. An extended network of electrified Railway lines will enable seamless running of trains over long distances without any need for loco change from electric to diesel and vice-versa. It reduces the travel time benefitting the passengers and freight customers. Due to lesser detentions, average speed of the goods trains and passenger trains increases.



Refurbished MMTS Rake with New and Improved Features Rolled Out



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager recently travelled in an MMTS train to assess the facilities being provided to the travellers. Based on his interaction with the commuters, and in tune with its emphasis on providing modern facilities and qualitative services to the rail users, SCR has upgraded one 9-car MMTS rake (one train composition) with improved and new features. This rake, which has been refurbished as per the directions of the General Manager, has been inducted into service for passenger use on a trial basis on the momentous occasion of 65th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2014.

This passenger-friendly MMTS rake sports a new look, featuring a host of additional/ new amenities for enhanced travel experience for MMTS commuters in the twin cities.

These newly added/improved features include:-

- Improved passenger information system with repositioned GPS-based
- LED display boards inside the coaches.
- Provision of LED display boards on either side of all the coaches of the MMTS rake.
- Distinctive pink paint band for Ladies coaches of the MMTS rake to ensure easy identification.
- Significant improvement in exterior paint of the coaches.
- Enhanced quality of cushioned seats in the First Class compartments of the MMTS rake.
- Higher sweep (450 mm) fans mounted in First Class compartments to ensure enhanced ambient air circulation.



- 4 Mirrors have been provided in each of the Ladies coaches.
- Improved quality of the audio announcements.



First Passenger Carrying Train with Electric Locomotive runs on the Newly Electrified Secunderabad-Wadi Section



Yet another milestone in rail electrification on South Central Railway was attained on February 18, 2014 when the first passenger carrying train hauled with Electric Locomotive ran from Secunderabad to Wadi, marking the commissioning of the electrification of 161 kms long Lingampalli to Wadi section on Secunderabad - Mumbai route. The passenger carrying train was the General Manager's Inspection Special Train.



Innovations

First ever 'Road Mobile Accident Relief Van' introduced

South Central Railway has developed and introduced a "Road Mobile Accident Relief Van", which is a first-of-its-kind on the Zone. The relief van on road is meant to reach the spots of derailments very quickly to undertake re-railing and restoration works. Shri P.K.Srivastava, GM who conceived the idea of "Road Mobile Accident Relief Van" on SCR launched the same on December 10, 2014 at the Coaching Depot, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad. Shri Kabeer Ahmad, Chief Mechanical Engineer, SCR and Shri S.K.Mishra, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, SCR were amongst the officials present.

Later, Shri P.K.Srivastava visited Charlapalli Railway station to examine a live on-field demonstration of the capability of the Road Mobile Accident Relief Van, wherein the railway personnel undertook the task of lifting the wheels of a goods wagon derailed from the track. The derailed wagon was re-railed utilizing the equipments in the van, in a swift operation. The General Manager expressed satisfaction with the capabilities of the "Road Mobile Accident Relief Van" and appreciated the officials for developing this innovative product.

In general, in order to carry out the re-railment and restoration in case of derailments, Accident Relief Trains equipped with specialized hydraulic re-railing equipment and other special tools along with Mechanical, Electrical and Engineering materials are stationed at identified locations. Well trained staff of different departments of the Railway are nominated to carry out the restoration work. At present in Secunderabad Division such Accident Relief Trains are located at Secunderabad, Kazipet and Bellampally stations. As and when the need arises, these Accident Relief Trains are moved on priority to undertake re-railment and restoration works.

In case of minor derailment of rolling stock, running of such Accident Relief Train can be avoided on highly saturated, heavy traffic routes by deploying road-borne re-railing equipment with minimum staff for quick restoration. In order to achieve this, Secunderabad Division developed the "Road Mobile Accident Relief Van" for the first time ever on SCR, as per GM's directives.

A lorry has been suitably modified to house the hydraulic re-railing equipment along with essential special tools and a few vital materials. Further, requisite number of staff are trained and nominated to carry out the rescue operations with this Road Mobile Accident Relief Van. This will be very handy to move to the locations where road approach is available to the accident site to carry out the restoration work very quickly.

The modification of the lorry has been carried out in-house by using the available material in the Workshop. The Hydraulic Re-railing Equipment (Make – M/s.Hegenscheidt MFD GmbH & Co. KG of Germany) costing Rs.48 lakhs has been kept in this van for carrying out re-railing of the derailed rolling stock. Further, 1.5 KVA generator and other special tools have been kept in this van which are required for the re-railment and restoration work.



Indian Railways Launch "CUSTOMER COMPLAINT" Web Portal and Mobile App

As announced in the Railway Budget, Ministry of Railways has launched a 'Customer Complaint Web Portal and Mobile Application' (android/windows based mobile App). This 'Customer Complaint-cum-Suggestion' portal and mobile App which can be freely downloaded, will be very useful as one can track the status of the complaints which they have registered on this portal with the help of mobile App.

Complaint Management System (COMS) portal consists of the following applications:-

- A mobile app based complaints and suggestions application (currently on the android platform).
- A web based complaints and suggestions application on URL www.coms.indianrailways.gov.in.
- A SMS based complaints and suggestions application on the number +91 9717630982.
- A link to Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) will also be provided.

1. Mobile Apps

- The first Mobile App is on the Android platform
- The Mobile App uses the latest technology namely HTML5, JavaScript, CSS3.1
- Complaints will be provided with a unique complaint ID number and same can be used to track progress of complaints.
- The complaint will be auto assigned to the concerned railway functionary for redressal.
- Validations for station name, train number and PNR number have been built into the application for user convenience.
- The complaints will be stored in the database
- Detailed MIS reports with various zone wise, division wise, type wise, filters will enable effective monitoring at the administrative end.



2. Web based Complaint Management Application:

- Passengers can also register complaints through the Web. The complainants will be assigned unique ID number with which they can track the progress of complaints.
- The complaint will be auto assigned to the concerned railway functionary for redressal.
- This Customer Complaint Portal will also be available in Hindi and other regional languages.



3. SMS based Complaint Management Application:-

- Complaint or suggestion can be sent as free flow text as SMS to the number 9717630982. Complaints will be also be assigned a unique complaint ID number which can be used for tracking.



SCR Launches two Smartphone Apps for on-hand information

'HYLITES'



In yet another step towards leveraging information technology for providing real time information on train services, South Central Railway has brought out H Y L I T E S , (Hyderabad Live Train Enquiry System), an android based smartphone app.

Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager, launched this app on February 10, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Speaking at the launch function, Shri Srivastava said that HYLITES is a GPS / GPRS based smartphone application on android platform for disseminating real time train information via smartphones to the rail users in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. By means of direct transfer of data related to train running, SCR has come one step closer to rail users. He said that HYLITES is the first-of-its-kind on Indian Railway brought out by South Central Railway, to take care of most of the enquiry passengers in twin cities.

Further, the General Manager stated that by downloading HYLITES app into their smart phones, the passengers can have access to the real time running status of MMTS trains on the move over 26 MMTS stations in twin cities. He informed that at present SCR operates 121 MMTS services, ferrying 1.5 lakh of commuters on an average per day. Using this app, the MMTS users will be able to get the present location of all MMTS trains on run at that moment and the expected arrival timings at any boarding station of their choice, to the selected destination stations. In addition, this module also contains useful information such as MMTS time table, MMTS route Map, nearest MMTS stations and MMTS fares etc., he added.

HYLITES can be downloaded and installed for free from the Google Play Store on smart phones with Android OS version 2.2 and above. This app has been well received and won appreciation from the Public especially the Rail users in Hyderabad.

'TADAAST'

Leveraging the Information Technology, South Central Railway brought forth a new smartphone app, "TADAAST" (Train Arrival Departure And Amenities at STations), to provide live information on train services for the benefit of rail users.

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager launched "TADAAST" app at Rail Nilayam on December 2, 2014 and he said that this innovative app is aimed at disseminating information on the current status of arrivals and departures of trains on a live basis and also details of various passenger facilities provided at 25 identified major stations on SCR. Other useful features such as scheduled timetable and location of the station with route via Google maps have also been incorporated exclusively for each of the 25 stations in this app. In addition, detailed station layouts with icons showing the specific location of passenger amenities are also included in this app for Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Kacheguda stations. "TADAAST" app can be downloaded and installed for free from Google Play Store (on android-based smartphones) or Apple App Store (on iOS-based smartphones).

On this occasion, Shri Srivastava also launched iOS-based version of 'HYLITES' (HYderabad Live Train Enquiry System) app for the benefit of iPhone and iPad users. The android version of this app was released in February 2014.

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, stated that these new IT initiatives would be helpful in effectively meeting the information needs of rail users and brings SCR much closer to its valued customers.



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager opened a Help Desk Kiosk and a Mobile Help Desk at Platform No. 10 (Bhoiguda side Entrance) of Secunderabad Railway Station on May 20, 2014 in the presence of other senior Railway officials. He also flagged off three Battery-operated Carts – Mobile Help Desk, to collect soiled linen from platform, for undertaking jet cleaning of coaches.

The Help Desk (Stationary) is manned round the clock by railway staff and receives passenger complaints. Similarly, the Mobile Help Desk, which is mounted on a Battery Operated Cart, moves from one end to other end of the platform for easy access to the passengers and receives oral complaints from passengers round the clock. Immediate attention will be given and action taken by the staff manning the Mobile Help Desk (Carriage & Wagon staff, Electrical Staff and Railway Protection Personnel). After attending to the complaints / grievances, the Mobile Help Desk also gives feedback to the complainants.

General Manager opens Helps Desks at Secunderabad Railway Station



General Manager inaugurates exclusive Facilities at Central Hospital, Lallaguda for Retired Beneficiaries

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated an exclusive Out Patient Department (OPD) complex for Retired Railway Beneficiaries and a new Medical Store facility at the Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on February 20, 2015. Dr. Girija Shankar, CMD, Shri Rakesh Aron, DRM, Hyderabad Division were amongst the Senior Officials present on the occasion. Representatives of the Trade Unions and Pensioners Organisation were also present in large numbers.

The exclusive OPD wing meant for the Retired Railway Beneficiaries is an off shoot of the General Manager's initiative towards



the welfare of Retired Railway Employees and their family members with facilities like refreshment counter, a separate Registration Counter, washroom, a separate Pharmacy counter and Special lab collection center. For the comfort/entertainment of the patients during their waiting time, TV and Audio Visual system has also been provided at the seating area.

The New Medical Stores facility will substantially enhance the bulk stocking capacity for medicines at the Central Hospital. Designed on the lines of Modern Material Management plans.

Shri P. K. Srivastava, was all praise for the newly inaugurated facilities and expressed confidence that this will go a long way in meeting the needs of Retired Beneficiaries of Railways.



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager Inaugurates Renovated 'RAIL KALARANG' – Multipurpose Function Hall



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated a modern totally renovated 'Rail Kalarang' auditorium – multi functional hall at Bhoiguda, Secunderabad, on 26th January, 2015. Shri S.K. Agarwal, Additional General Manager, Shri M. Raghavaiah, General Secretary, National Federation of Indian Railwaymen & SCR Employees Sangh, Shri Ch. Shankar Rao, General Secretary, SCR Mazdoor Union were present.

Addressing the packed gathering of Railway personnel and their family members, Shri P.K. Srivastava stated that the Rail Kalarang will serve the needs of the railway fraternity as also act as the right avenue to

host various gatherings including cultural and social. The facilities including Air Conditioning, Acoustics, Lighting etc. match the best in the city, making every railway personnel proud of Rail Kalarang.

Rail Kalarang function hall has a long history. It is about 60 years old. It has witnessed many great events and performances. Rail Kalarang has been now renovated and upgraded from being an open auditorium to a Centralised Indoor AC multi-purpose function hall with state-of-the-art facilities. The auditorium is built with a seating capacity for 900 people. Also added now is a VIP lounge-cum-mini function hall which can house 100 people and is suitable for small functions.

It is primarily built to cater to the needs of railway staff and their families, to enable them to perform marriages and other social functions at a reasonable rate. The facility will also be offered for outsiders whenever there is no demand from Railway staff.



General Manager launches Three new E-smart initiatives to benefit both Serving and Retired Employees

South Central Railway is strongly committed to leverage Information Technology to provide improved services to various stakeholders in a transparent and convenient way. Some of the IT-enabled services being provided by Railways include - SMS-based Passenger Complaint/Suggestion System on SCR (SPCSS); Display of GPS based live information on train running through LED boards at Stations and the recently launched Android app - HYLITES (Hyderabad Live Train Enquiry System). Taking this process forward, SCR launched 3 new Web/SMS based I.T. enabled services towards meeting the needs of the SCR staff – both serving and retired. Shri P K Srivastava, inaugurated these three services on March 21, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Sanjay Suri, Chief Personnel Officer and other senior officials of the Zone were present on the occasion.

These services are: MY PASS (online application for complimentary passes for retired staff of headquarters) NIVARAN (Online / SMS based grievance redressal) CompTran (Common Portal for Transfers)



Renovated State-of-the-Art GM's Conference Hall inaugurated at Rail Nilayam



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated the newly renovated General Manager's Conference Hall at Rail Nilayam, SCR's Head quarters on February 17, 2014. The Conference Hall is equipped with modern communication facilities for in-house meeting as well as for video conferencing with all the Divisional Head Quarters of the Zone.

The newly renovated Conference Hall exhibits the best of aesthetics with gypsum boards ceiling, wooden wall-panelling with veneers etc. The floor has been carpeted with pastel shades matching with the curtaining of the Hall. The size of the conference Hall has also been increased and the conference tables and other furniture have been upgraded to provide comfort and convenience.

The Audio-Visual equipment is designed to organise Video Conferencing connecting to multiple locations. Three HD LED TVs have been installed along with two overhead projectors with motorised screens. A Document Camera, to project hard copy of documents on the screen, is also an added

General Manager Inaugurates Modernised Running Room



Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated a New Running room for the Loco Pilots near the Divisional Office, Vijayawada on March 1, 2014.

This is an ultra modern Running Room in the Zone, built at a cost of Rs.4 Crores. It has a total capacity of 132 beds with 67 Rooms.

Cardiac Cath Lab Unit inaugurated at Central Hospital

Dr. P S Prasad, Director General/ Railway Health Services/ Indian Railways, inaugurated a newly established Cardiac Cath Lab Unit at Railway Central Hospital on July 29, 2014 in the presence of Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager and other Senior officials of SCR. He also laid foundation stone for construction of a 100-bed Extension Block and Cardio Thoracic operation theatre at the Hospital.

Shri Srivastava directed the Hospital authorities to commence Angioplasty in January, 2015. Dr. T Anjaiah, Medical Director, Railway Central Hospital, Lallaguda proposed vote of thanks.

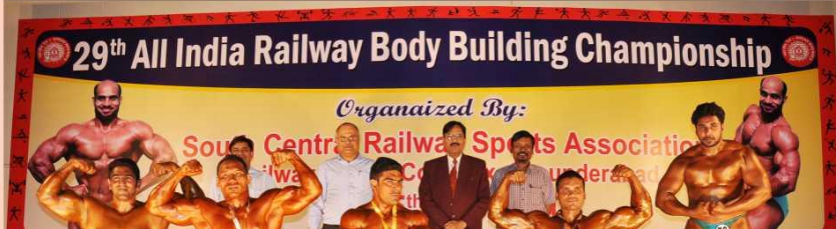


General Manager Inaugurates PREM Office

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager inaugurated the Participation of Railway Employees in Management (PREM) Office of the All India Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Railway Employees Association (AISCSTREA) on June 27, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

All India Tournaments

29th All India Railway Body Building Championship for Men 2014-15



South Eastern Railway clinched the Overall Championship title at the 29th All India Railway Body Building Championship for Men 2014-15 held here at Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad on February 5, 2015. Rahul Bisht of South Eastern Railway was adjudged the “Champion of Champions” for his brilliant performance and display.

Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, the Chief Guest of this event was all praise for the Body Builders who included several top names in the sport in the country for their performance and display in the

