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Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, SCR speaking at a Works Review Meeting on 20th November, 2014.

SCR bestowed with 4 Energy Conservation Awards - 2014 by Union Power Ministry

1st Prize in
Office Buildings Sector

2nd Prize in
Zonal Railways Sector

2nd Prize in
Railway Workshops Sector

Certificate of Merit in
Railway Workshops Sector

From Chief Editor's Desk

At the outset, I extend my warm greetings to all the fine members of SCR family, to which I proudly belong.

We are into the penultimate quarter of the financial year 2014-15, and as envisaged by our dynamic General Manager, Sri. P.K. Srivastava, the aim of every SCR personnel shall be to strive and attain the best in terms of performance and results by the end of the FY. When a leader leads by example, isn't it that the team should also live upto the task? We at team Hum – Dum, feel that this in-house journal of ours, is also contributing its bit to generate team spirit and a sense of oneness, by keeping everyone abreast of the happenings, achievements, performance etc., of the Zone during each quarter.

The period Oct-Dec'14 has been event filled for SCR. The biggest honor for the Zone during the period is the bouquet of energy conservation awards received at the national level from the Union Power Ministry. Credit for this laurels in due measure, goes to our ever encouraging General Manager, who really has electrified us to attain this objective. Several meetings, including those organized during the course of the visit of Hon'ble Members of Railway Board to review SCR's performance on various aspects marked the quarter. The sporting talent on the zone also had a field day, registering good performances.

The pages inside cover all these events in detail along with a fair amount of leisure reading. The most important back cover page carries the reminisces of our Inspirational Prime Minister, Sri. Narendra Modi ji of his childhood and the infatuation he had of the ubiquitous 'Rail Gadi'. *Surely a must read for all.*

As we near the course for the FY 2014-15, let us be committed to reach the pinnacle of our performance, by contributing to the best of our working ability.

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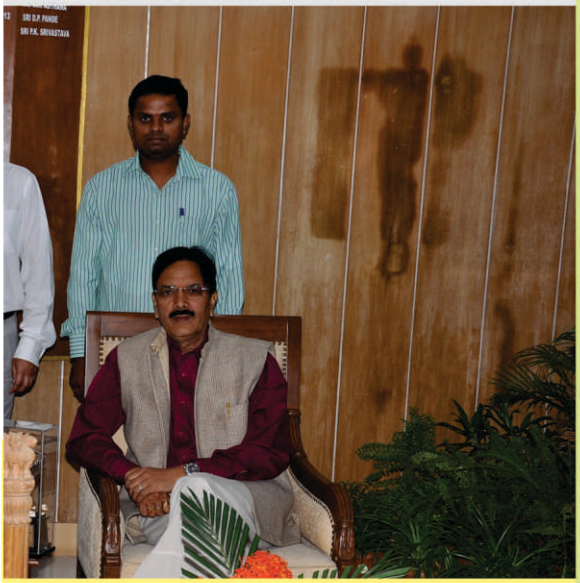


General Manager's "Clean mission gets Four National Energy Cons

South Central Railway has created yet another record, bagging four National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2014, for the first time. The glittering award presentation ceremony was organised by the Union Power Ministry at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 14th December 2014. The awards received by SCR are - "First Prize" to Divisional Railway Manager's Office Building, Hyderabad (Hyderabad Bhavan) in Office Buildings sector; "Second Prize" in Zonal Railways sector; "Second Prize" to Diesel Loco Shed, Vijayawada in Railway Workshops sector and "Certificate of Merit" to Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda in Railway Workshops sector in recognition of its achievements in the arena of energy conservation. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy (Independent Charge) presented the Shields to Officials of SCR.

Divisional Railway Manager's Office building, Hyderabad has reduced specific energy consumption (kWh/sq.m.) in 2013-14 by 30% (from 57.37 to 40.17 kWh/sq.m.); Zonal Railway has reduced specific energy consumption (kWh/kW) in 2013-14 by 3.41% (from 880 to 850 kWh/kW); Diesel Loco Shed, Vijayawada has reduced specific energy consumption (kWh/Loco) in 2013-14 by 21 %





Energy - Green Energy" a big boost. ervation Awards for SCR

(from 4478 to 3536 kWh/Loco) and Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda has reduced specific energy consumption (kWh/Coach) in 2013-14 by 6.15% (from 1559 to 1463 kWh/Coach) as compared to last year. These efforts resulted in saving of 2.9 Lakh units of electricity amounting to Rs. 25 Lakhs for SCR during 2013-14.

The reduction has been possible by implementing various energy conservation measures i.e. use of renewable energy sources at stations/service buildings etc., use of star labeled electrical equipments, LED based lighting, use of energy efficient pumps, automation of pumps, energy efficient/lower wattage fittings in place of higher wattage fittings, timers for water coolers/lighting circuits/high masts etc., energy savers for AC units/machines etc. and occupancy sensors in service buildings etc.

SCR has consistently been receiving BEE efficiency awards for energy conservation for the last 5 years. However, it is for the first time now that SCR has won four awards in one year.

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager congratulated Shri J S P Singh, CEE/SCR and Shri Rakesh Aron, DRM/Hyderabad Division and other officials for the recognition achieved by the Zone in the field of Energy Conservation.

Focus on Energy Saving Measures and Renewable Energy Sources - Shri P. K. Srivastava, GM

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 17th December 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. He stated that SCR is strongly committed to the cause of energy conservation. Focus is being given on the use of renewable energy sources at stations/service buildings etc. to enhance the efficiency of energy utilization on SCR. The need of hour is for every one to contribute their efforts in day to day life so as to save power and in turn environment, the GM added.

Shri P K Srivastava 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.

Shri S K Agarwal, Additional General Manager, in his presidential address, said that energy conservation should become part of our work culture and more awareness should be created on energy conservation to cut down operational cost, reduce import of fossil fuel and carbon footprint to save environment from pollution. He explained the need for replacing conventional electrical fittings / equipments with star rated ones to conserve energy and also highlighted the importance of using non-conventional sources of energy.

Shri J S P Singh, Chief Electrical Engineer in his welcome address, detailed the various energy conservation measures being adopted on SCR. He stated that SCR is continuously improving the efficiency of electrical assets. He informed that through energy conservation measures, SCR saves around 50 million units of energy amounting to a saving of Rs.35 cr each year.

At an exhibition organised on the side lines of the seminar at Rail Nilayam, several electrical equipment manufacturers/suppliers setup stalls displaying the latest technologies and products in the field of energy conservation. Papers were presented by experts on energy saving practices etc. in the seminar conducted.

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. Shri Rakesh Aron, Divisional Railway Manager/ Hyderabad Division and other senior officials were present.

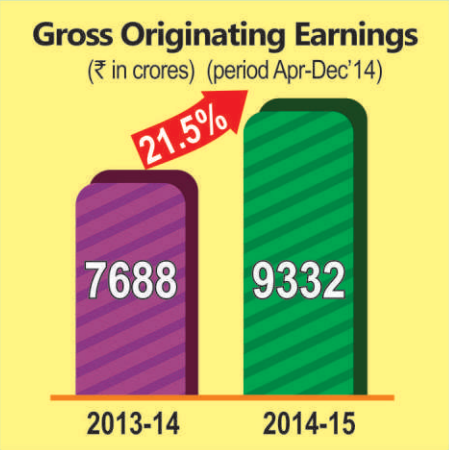


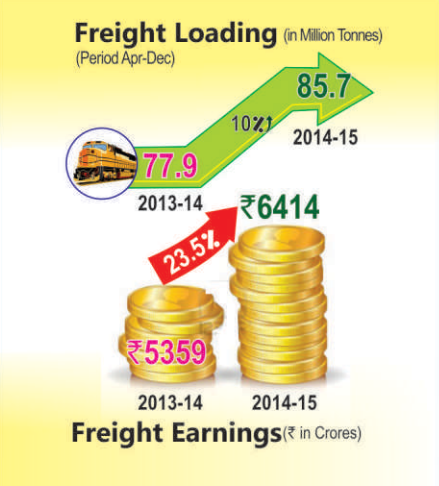




Performance of South Central Railway at the end of Third Quarter of 2014-15
(April-December 2014)

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, SCR led with his leadership skills yet again to formulate and succeed in his avowed objective of catapulting SCR to the best during the financial year 2014-15. Towards this, SCR has recorded remarkable performance in gross earnings and traffic volume, till the end of December 2014. Consistent performance in the current fiscal has resulted in the Zone posting impressive growth rates, surpassing the Railway Board's target also in the freight loading and gross earnings at the end of third quarter of FY 2014-15 (April - December, 2014).









Traffic Volume and Earnings

- The Gross Originating Earnings on SCR have shown a significant growth of 21.5% during the first three quarters of the current fiscal i.e. April to December 2014. The Zone has earned an incremental revenue of ₹1644 Crs with Gross Originating Earnings of ₹ 9332 Crs in this period, as compared to ₹7688 Crs last year.
- In the Freight segment, SCR has done an incremental Freight loading of 7.8 million tones in this period, with a growth rate of +10% compared to the loading of 77.9 million tones during the same period of last year.
- The Freight earnings during this period has shown impressive growth of 23.5%. The revenue from Freight activities constitutes around 70% of the gross earnings of the zone.
- Coal loading contributes 53% of the total freight loading being done on SCR
- The huge surge in rail traffic handled at Krishnapatnam and Kakinada ports have been instrumental in registering exceptional top-line growth during April-December 2014
- Focused and intensive marketing efforts have yielded fruitful results as the zone captured new streams of freight traffic on SCR. These include Imported Iron ore from Krishnapatnam port, Exports & Cement in containers, Bauxite from Kakinada port, Stone chips from Balanagar and Quartz from Veldurthi
- During this period SCR carried 276 million originating passengers i.e., 10 lakhs passengers on an average per day

Financial performance - Operating Ratio

- Special emphasis is being given on minimizing unproductive expenditure and maximizing the revenue to enhance financial efficiency of the zone
- Conscious efforts in this direction have resulted in generating a healthy operating ratio of 78.2% on SCR for the period April - December 2014
- This is the lowest operating ratio since 2009
- The operating surplus for this period is Rs. 4219 Crs

Passenger Amenities

- By the end of December 2014, 34 lifts and 29 escalators have been commissioned at 17 stations.
- Works are in progress for commissioning 26 more lifts and 19 more escalators at major stations over the zone
- Online booking of the retiring rooms facility has been extended to 19 stations over the zone
- To expand the reach of both reserved and unreserved ticketing system authorised agents were appointed at 21 Yatri Ticket Suvidha Kendras (YTSK) over the zone

Passenger Services

- The Zone has achieved 97% punctuality in running of Mail/Express trains during the period April –December 2014.
- One more new train announced in the budget between Aurangabad - Renigunta was flagged off in the month of December, with this so far 4 new trains were introduced as announced in the railway budget 2014
- SCR has successfully faced the challenge of huge passenger rush during summer and festive season. For the period April - December 2014, Zone operated 602 special trains and attached 8414 additional coaches to clear extra rush benefitting 8.3 lakh passengers.
- In addition, 21 additional coaches were attached by different trains on permanent basis during the above period.

Capacity Augmentation

- The much awaited project of twin cities commuters i.e., MMTS Phase-II Field works took off and are inactive progress.

Energy, Time, Priority, Work/Life:
4 New Ways To Organize Your "To-Do" List

Traditionally, "To-Do" lists embody the Theodore Roosevelt quotation "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." Most of us write down our tasks in no particular order, with no way of prioritizing them. To really supercharge your to-do list, however, we need to add "contexts" to our action items.



Contexts are the meta-data for our to-do lists. Not all tasks are created equal. As our workdays become increasingly complicated, we need efficient ways to focus on the things that matter. This starts by adding deeper meaning to the items on our to-do lists. Here are some ideas of contexts that go beyond the norm to get you started:

1. Energy-based Context

An energy-based context works incredibly well because how we are feeling energy-wise is something we can recognize no matter where we are. Using this context allows you to move things forward even when you're not feeling up to certain items on your to-do list.

I assign high energy to anything that is going to take a lot of my mental energy, low energy to anything that is fairly easy to complete, and normal energy to anything that falls in between. Using an energy-based context requires honesty. If you're feeling great, then do the things that require higher levels of energy — don't cheat yourself by doing something lightweight instead.

One of the greatest benefits of using an energy-based context is that if you're not feeling all that well (or even have called in sick), you can still make some progress with low energy tasks. Even the smallest steps forward are at least steps that are moving you in the right direction and a few low energy tasks can sometimes give you momentum to tackle the bigger fish.

2. Time-based Context

If you're trying to manage your time and tasks for different parts of the day, then using a time-based context to enhance your to-do list is a smart move. These contexts are especially useful if you're trying to work on building a business outside of your day job, which often requires work outside of "normal" office hours.

Let's use your inbox as an example. You will want to check email more than once per day,



so writing "check email" won't be nearly as effective as "check morning email" and then assigning it with the morning context. The flipside of this is that you may only check email three times a day and assign contexts like morning, afternoon, and evening to the task "check email," which will keep you out of your inbox a lot more (which is usually a good thing) and completing that task only during the assigned time of day.

Further, when you find yourself feeling "lost" in the midst of your day, you can just look at the appropriate column on your list and get back on track.

3. Priority-based Context

Another former president of the United States, Dwight Eisenhower, used a decision-making tool widely known as "The Eisenhower Method" (although it was popularized years later by Stephen Covey as "The Priority Matrix"). The Eisenhower Method offers four categories for tasks: urgent/important, not urgent/important, not important/urgent, and not important/not urgent.

These work well because it allows you to quickly decide whether or not it is something that needs to be done now, later, or perhaps not at all. You'll get better awareness with tasks and projects that are more



important as well as more urgent, which allows you to complete your to-do list in a more balanced way (as opposed to just focusing on every item on your to-do list and not getting to the important stuff on it in time). Again, not every task is created equal.

4. Work/Life-based Context



Your to-do list item of "washing the dishes" does you little good at the office. To help you focus on the right task at the right time, try dividing your tasks by their location. For example, tasks or projects that are purely work-related can be titled as work, while ones that are life-related can be labeled as life. This context is especially useful for remote workers or freelancers who can easily be reminded (and distracted by) household chores throughout the workday.

Keep in mind that you can use a combination of these context types. No matter which way you decide to go, it's important to add meaning to your to-do list in a way that uniquely makes sense for your workflow.

15 ways to be in 2015 with KINDNESS

Years of Kindness Box
Throughout the year fill up a box with compliments you receive, thank you notes, moments of kindness you witnessed, RAKs (Random Acts of Kindness) you did, inspiring quotes, etc. Then after the year is over, review the contents. 1

Create a Gratitude Journal
A five-minute a day gratitude journal can increase your long-term well-being by more than 10 percent. That's the same impact as doubling your income source. Happy Human. 2

Three Compliments
Compliment the first three people you talk to. 3

52 Thank You Notes
Express your gratitude for the people in your life, write one thank you note every week to a different person. 4

A Kind Twist on Happy Hour
Invite a group of people you know (friends, family, co-workers) to the happiest of happy hours and spend one hour doing acts of kindness for others. 5

Positive Sticky Notes
Carry a stack of positive sticky notes with you wherever you go, Post them when you're somewhere that needs a little bit more kindness. 6

Morning Kindness
Before you get out of bed, focus on kindness. Think of a kind motto for your day or text a positive good morning note to a friend. 7

Daily Positivity
Every day think of a random person. Send them a positive message via text, email, social media post, phone call, letters etc., 8

Volunteer
Think of a cause you care about or a group in your community that could use some help. Volunteering results in some serious health benefits too! 9

Beauty of Surroundings
Spend 10 minutes picking up litter in your neighborhood, park or other commonly visited locations. 10

Kind Body Image
Place positive body image sticky notes on dressing room mirrors 11

Coupon Fairy
Save unused/unwanted coupons and put them next to relevant products next time you're at the grocery store. 12

Be Kind to the Earth
Research ways to be kind to the environment and reduce your carbon footprint. 13

Smile
Each time you smile, you throw a little feel good party in your brain. The act of smiling activates neural messaging that benefits your health and happiness. 14

Be Kind To Yourself
Do one kind thing every week for yourself. Enjoy a treat you love, exercise, eat a healthy meal, or do something you love but rarely have time to do. 15

"Vigilance Awareness Week - 2014"

'Vigilance Awareness Week-2014' was observed by South Central Railway from 27th to 31st October, 2014. The theme for current year's 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.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Parakh expressed his happiness to be part of Vigilance Awareness Programme organized by SCR. While acknowledging the existence of rampant corruption in the government which badly impacts economy and social life, he said that this is a matter of serious concern and needs remedial attention. He said that the CVC has aptly selected this year's theme which shall go a long way in checking the corruption at various levels. Delving deep into the reasons of corruption prevailing in the society and government, he reasoned out that the sociologists attribute this phenomena to the theories of utility, equity, differential association whereby an individual inherits or imitates his parents, teachers, peers, colleagues and superiors as an adult. Shri Parakh also brought out that the sociologists had a solution to come out of these traits by following moral/informal/formal sanctions i.e. a child learns good habits from parents and teachers which in his future career, keeps him away from indulging in corruption. In addition to these time tested theories, he has also felt that the technology would play an active role in combating corruption by eliminating opportunity in the processes and dealings. He also released a Vigilance Bulletin of SCR, brought out on the occasion.

Shri Srivastava, presiding over the function stated that South Central Railway has adopted Technology and Innovations in many



areas to combat corruption thereby saving the public from the evil effects. He has pointed out that the SMS based complaint system is receiving tremendous response from the travelling public. While explaining that of the 1.8 lakhs odd complaints received through this system since inception, 97.5% of them have been resolved which shows the commitment of the Railways to have a corrupt-free service to its customers. While highlighting that the Technology-based Innovations in areas like e-procurement of stores, medicines, Train Operation Information System enabling the customers to know the train arrival/departures status over mobile phone, is a step towards the future technology that is going to be introduced in Railways in futures.

Earlier, Shri Gajanan Mallya, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer/SCR welcomed the gathering and gave an account of the Vigilance activities of the Department during the year including operation and usage of Vigilance website. Various case studies on Vigilance related matters were also presented during the week to educate officers and field staff on avoiding common mistakes. A set of DOs & DONTs are published in the Vigilance Bulletin which would be found useful for day-to-day working.

An educative skit 'Fayda' (Benefit), suiting to the theme of the year was presented by employees. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri O V Suresh Kumar, Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer/SCR.





Vigilance Awareness Week Pledge

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager administered the Vigilance Awareness Week Anti - Corruption Pledge to *SCRians* at the Headquarters office, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on November 1, 2014. Shri S K Agarwal, Additional General Manager and Shri Gajanan Mallya, Senior Deputy General Manager were also present.

The Pledge seeks that the public servants shall continuously strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of activities and work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life. It also imbibes the public servants to remain vigilant and strive for the growth and reputation of the organisation, they serve.

Modern Signal Engineering and Telecom Technology, the Focus of Future Rail Transport Needs - opines A.K. Mital, Member Electrical & Staff/Railway Board



Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISET), the premier training institute on Indian Railways celebrated its 57th Annual Day on 24th November, 2014 at its premises at 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.

Addressing the big gathering of officers, staff, trainees, faculty etc, Shri A.K. Mital, Member Electrical & Staff/Railway Board said that IRISET holds a unique status all over the world, as one of the best training institutions in the ever evolving field of signal engineering and telecommunications on railways. The institute can rightly be termed as the only one which has evolved over time, keeping abreast with technology continuously. With the increasing demands on infrastructure of Indian Railways, both in terms of freight and passenger traffic being carried, there is a need to ensure safe operations and increased throughput, he said. IRISET is surely capable of meeting these needs with the best in terms of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications training, he averred. Shri Mital also laid stress on the fact that Signal Engineering and Telecommunications will be the focus area of rail transport needs in the future.

Shri P.K. Srivastava, GM/SCR, in his address highlighted the fact that the process of train operations banks on signalling. "Safety is the synonym of signal engineering and telecommunications on railways" and IRISET ably serves this purpose, he opined. The General Manager also praised the faculty for furthering the future requirements of IRISET purposefully.

Shri Satyender Kumar, Director IRISET, in his welcome address briefed on the training methodology of IRISET and detailed the setting up of new signal and telecom labs at the institute for imparting state-of-the-art training. Giving details on trainees, he said that during the current calendar year till October 2014, 117 courses have been conducted and 3297 personnel trained at IRISET. Amongst the trainees, were foreign nationals too.

Shri Mahesh Mangal, Addl. Member (Telecom) and Shri S. Manohar, Advisor (Signal) Railway Board, also spoke on the occasion. Later, merit awards were given away to the trainees by the dignitaries present and the in-house newsletter 'Gyandeep' was released. This was followed by cultural programmes performed by the trainees.

Earlier, in the morning, Shri A.K. Mital along with Senior Railway Officials examined and monitored the trials of Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) on Tandur - Kurgunta Section of Secunderabad Division, SCR.

High Level Works Review Meeting

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

During this meeting, Shri Srivastava critically reviewed the status of ongoing developmental works on SCR, especially the progress of works related to traffic facilities, track renewals, developing new passenger terminals, Road Over Bridges / Road Under Bridges, elimination of unmanned level crossings, electrical, signal & telecom works, improving passenger amenities and staff amenities etc.

At present, there are around 637 major developmental works worth Rs. 5,490 Cr are under progress under various Plan categories mentioned above. The GM monitored the physical and financial progress of these works and the utilization of allotted funds so far in the current financial year 2014-15. In view of the resource constraints, he emphasized on prioritizing the sanctioned works and speeding up the critically important and last-mile projects to bring about tangible results.

In addition, the General Manager also reviewed the proposals submitted by the Divisions and various Departments for major works to be sanctioned for the next fiscal i.e. FY 2015-16. Keeping in view the huge backlog of the previously sanctioned works, he underscored the need to finalize only those proposals which provide quick results in enhancing the traffic handling capacities and in improving amenities needed by passengers. Creating necessary infrastructural facilities to strengthen safety; and to increase the line capacity and the terminal capacities to enable running of more number of passenger / freight trains shall be given top priority, stressed the GM.

In this connection, some of the works highlighted by Shri Srivastava for submitting to Railway Board for new sanctions include- development of new passenger terminals for twin cities at Moula-Ali and Nagulapalli to ease out the present congestion at Secunderabad Junction; provision of CCTV surveillance cameras with central monitoring system at all MMTS stations in Hyderabad for strengthening security and monitoring cleanliness activities; and elimination of unmanned level crossings through manning / subways / diversion roads for enhanced safety etc.



General Manager inaugurates Modernized Control Office

Shri P K Srivastava inaugurated the newly renovated, modernized Control Office of Secunderabad Division on 28th October , 2014 at the Divisional Headquarters of Secunderabad Division, Sanchalan Bhavan. Shri S K Agarwal, Additional General Manager; Shri J N Jha, Chief Operations Manager; Shri S K Mishra, Divisional Railway Manager/Secunderabad Division 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. The conceptual plan for the modern Control Office laid stress on replacement of the old control communication and administrative communication network with state-of-the-art advanced communication systems as well as optimal utilisation of the floor area with a well drawn plan for distinctly earmarked workstations.

The technology up-gradation of the Control Office imbibes salient features for improving effective train controlling/decision making; Efficient Disaster Management arrangements in terms of Conference Hall equipped with Control Office Application, Freight Operations Information System, Coaching Operations Information System, RAILNET & Yard monitoring system (data logger) through Multi screen display system in terms of Video Display Units. The Conference Hall also carries state-of-the-art communication facilities and is Wi-Fi enabled.

The work area of the newly renovated Control Office provides the best in terms of work facilities and energy efficient ambience so as to ensure a stress free work environment. Each Control Cubicle is designed with spacious area, UV protected anti glare glasses for the windows to reduce intensity of sunlight, twin glasses to cut out on outside noise, water proof and sound absorbing thermally insulated aerolite false ceiling which makes the control cubicles sound proof. The centralized airconditioning is designed to operate according to the load requirement of air conditioning area. Provision for smoke detectors is made to cover the entire control office. The floor area is designed to get the best in terms of natural lighting which is further supplemented by the provision of energy efficient LED based lighting system.

Shri Srivastava complimented the officers and staff of the Division for setting up the best in terms of infrastructure and technology in the newly renovated Control Office. He also expressed confidence that the office will work with minimal of paper usage and the maximum in terms of technology output. Shri G Ravi Kumar, Sr. DOM/SC Division briefed the General Manager on the working system of the Control Office, which handles a very sizeable load of train movements on the Zone.



National Unity Day Pledge



SCR observed National Unity Day on 31st October, 2014 in commemoration of 139th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Independent India. As a part of the same, *SCRians* over its jurisdiction took National Unity Day Pledge.

At Rail Nilayam, the SCR Headquarters, Shri S K Agarwal, Additional General Manager administered the pledge to the employees. *SCRians* took the solemn pledge to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and to strive hard to spread the message among all Indians.

The pledge reads as, *" I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the Nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my Country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my Country".*

Shri Alok Johri, Member Mechanical, Railway Board lauds SCR's Performance

Shri Alok Johri, Member Mechanical, Railway Board, New Delhi made a visit to South Central Railway 14th November, 2014. During the course of his one day 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.

Addressing the review meeting, Shri Alok Johri was all praise for the work culture and the delivering mechanism of SCR which thrives on seeking excellence through innovations. The Zone is known for the absolute synergy maintained between the mechanical and stores wings, which is an essential attribute for performance excellence, he added.

Shri Alok Johri stressed on the changing trends of management and opined that e-working shall be the core-factor to bring about transparency in working system. The Mechanical and Stores department on railways have got a close interlink for efficient working, towards which quality and reliability of the material and supply chain management is very important, he stated. While dwelling upon the techniques of procurement and utilization of store items, he advised the officials to maintain optimum balances at any point of time in order to save money and also ensure availability of vital store items whenever they are required for maintenance activities

Earlier, Shri S Kabir Ahmad, Chief Mechanical Engineer/SCR in his welcome address briefed on the performance of Mechanical department on SCR and outlined that the Zone has attained the pinnacle and the challenge ahead is to maintain the same tempo all-through.

Shri Umesh Singh, Controller of Stores, SCR dwelt on the achievements of the Stores department on SCR.



General Manager assures Railway Pensioners of all Possible Help from Administration

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager assured the retired railway pensioners on the Zone of all possible help from the administration to address their grievances if any. He was addressing the 32nd Pensioners Day Celebrations held under the aegis of All India Retired Railwaymen's Federation (AIRFF) on 17th December 2014 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. The General Manager stated that the administration acts with all responsibility towards the retirees on the Zone and accords due honour to them for the service rendered to the organisation. He also advised the retired employees to take care of their financial security with care, so as to ensure that their retired life is smooth and peaceful.





Shri N Narasimha Reddy, Hon'ble Home Minister, Govt. of Telangana who was the Chief Guest on the occasion stressed the fact that the retired employees are the backbone of any organisation and deserve to be treated equally well later. He appreciated the retired railway employees for their unity and commitment to ensure the welfare of their brethren. The Minister assured of all his help to the cause of retired railway employees.

Shri Y N Sastry, President/AIRRF spoke at length on the grievances of the pensioners on railways. He praised SCR administration for exhibiting utmost concern towards the welfare of pensioners and in conduct of Pension Adaalats at all Divisional levels to solve their issues.

29th Pension Adaalat held

The 29th Pension Adaalat was held across SCR on 15th December, 2014 to redress the grievances of retired employees. The Pension Adaalat was conducted at Rail Nilayam premises, Secunderabad, the Headquarters area including Secunderabad and Hyderabad Division as also at Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded Divisions.

Shri S K Agarwal, Addl. General Manager, SCR was the Chief Guest at the Pension Adaalat held at Rail Nilayam. Addressing the gathering, he appreciated the personnel and account branch officers for speedy redressal of grievance of the pensioners / their wards. He said that out of 777 cases, received all over the Zone in response to the notification issued in August 2014, a total of 626 cases have been settled and an amount of Rs.19.08 lakh has been disbursed to the beneficiaries.

Shri G Sreenivasa Rao, CPO (Admin), Shri E V Krishna Reddy, FA&CAO (Stores and Workshops) and Dr. Prabhakar Rao, CHD addressed the pensioners. Shri P S Venkatraman, President, Retired Railway Officers' Association and Shri Y N Sastry, President, All India Retired Railwaymen Federation also spoke on the occasion. Shri M B Muralidhar, Dy. CPO/ Industrial Relations presented the vote of thanks.







Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, SCR opens exhibition of multi color illustrations on the issue of Cleanliness in Railway





Ace Badminton Star P.V. Sindhu joins Swachh Bharat Mission at Lingampalli Railway Station

Arjuna Awardee and International Badminton Star, Ms. P.V. Sindhu joined the Cleanliness Campaign undertaken by Secunderabad Division of SCR at Lingampalli Railway Station on 1st November, 2014 as a part of "Swachh Bharat Mission" initiated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Senior Railway officials including Shri K. Siva Prasad, CPTM and Shri M. Umashankar Kumar, Sr. DSTE (Co-ord), SC Divn, participated in the campaign. A sizeable number of Railway staff working at Lingampalli railway station, students from various school in the neighbourhood, rail commuters joined the campaign whole heartedly.

Ms. P V Sindhu participated in the shramdhaan by sweeping the railway premises and planting trees. She also addressed the gathering and said that the clarion call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, shall be honored. It is the responsibility of every one of us to maintain cleanliness in the public places including Railway Stations like how we do at our home. We have to stop littering and spitting on the roads and open areas by getting in to the habit of using garbage bins and spittoons. She appealed to the rail users to help railways to maintain cleanliness at railway premises and train compartments to ensure a happy and pleasant rail travel.

During the shramdhaan, the participants cleaned the circulating areas of the Lingampalli Railway station including its approach roads and vehicle parking areas.

Ms. Sindhu, who is the daughter of Shri P.V. Ramana, Assistant Sports Officer, SCR also administered the "Swachh Bharat Mission" Pledge to the gathering.

Cine-Hero Manchu Manoj undertakes Swachh Bharat Activity

The popular cine hero of tollywood, Manchu Manoj undertook a "Swachh Bharat" campaign at Lingampalli Railway Station on 21st November, 2014, joining hands with a big gathering of volunteers from Art of Living, a social service organization. The volunteers undertook cleanliness of the entire station premises and it's precincts. Manchu Manoj appealed to the people to maintain cleanliness at their home and at all public places in order to realize the vision of "Clean India". The Actor nominated Cine- Heros Ravi Teja and Junior NTR to undertake cleanliness campaign as part of Swachh Bharat Mission.



Shri P.K. Srivastava, GM / SCR Releases SCR Wall Calendar-2015 and Table Top Planner-2015



Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway, released the SCR Wall Calendar-2015 and SCR Table Top Planner-2015 on 29th December, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

The SCR Wall Calendar-2015 depicts the entire official Calendar for the year 2015 along with the list of General & Restricted Holidays on the Zone. This Calendar is to be distributed over the Zone covering all the administrative offices, workshops, railway stations and other units.

The SCR Table Top Planner-2015 is a multi-colour month-wise planner, aesthetically conceptualised and designed incorporating photographs showing rail network and trains on the move at various locations and topographies on the Zone. The Planner enables to plan the schedule of official engagements / tasks to be undertaken in an easy to access format.





Premises as a part of 'Swachh Bharat Mission' at Rail Nilayam drawn by Shri Kiran, Dy. Station Superintendent, Gooty Station

21st State Rally of Bharat Scouts & Guides Held at Nanded

Nanded district of South Central Railway Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) hosted the 21st State Rally of SCR, BS&G from 28th to 31st October 2014 at Nanded. Nearly 600 Scouts, Guides, Rovers & Rangers and Adult Leaders representing all the Districts of SCR and guest contingents from South Western Railway, Southern Railway and Maharashtra State participated.

Shri B.I. Nigarale, Rtd. IAS & National Commissioner Bharat Scouts & Guides was the Chief Guest on the inaugural function.

The Rally witnessed competitions such as Physical Display, March Past, Deshgaana (Patriotic songs)





Gate making, Camping Standard and Camp Craft, Activities of Scout skill potentials, Essay writing, Rangoli, Pioneering projects, Dance (Folk dance & Camp Fire) Nukkad Natak, Village Fair, Poster making, Ikebane (Rangers) food plaza, Quiz, Exhibition etc., were conducted in addition a cleanliness drive was also organised on 29th October, 2014 and a Tree Plantation Programme on 30th October, 2014.

Shri Umesh Singh, COS & State Chief Commissioner was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function. Shri Gajanan Mallya, SDGM, Shri G. John Prasad, CTPM & State Commissioner (Scouts), Smt. K. Padmaja, CTM(G&PP), State Commissioner (Guides), Shri Vikram Gupta Dy. CE & State Secretary, SCR were also present.

The Rally was organised under the able Guidance and the Leadership of Shri P.C. Sharma, Dist. President & DRM/NED, Shri P.B. Ninawe, Dist. Chief Commissioner & ADRM/NED, Shri Raj Kumar Wankhed, Dist. Secy. & Sr. DEN/Co-Ord, Shri Guruswamy, Dist. Commnr (S) and State & Districts Scout Officials.

Nanded District of South Central Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides is regularly participating in activities as community development programmes, blood donation camps, conducting Aids & Awareness rally, summer water service camps etc., The district is actively taking part in the International Jamboree, National Jamborees, Indian Railway Jamborees, National & State level events.



First ever 'Road Mobile Accident Relief Van' introduced – General Manager examines on-field Demonstration





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, General Manager, South Central Railway, who conceived the idea of "Road Mobile Accident Relief Van" on SCR launched the same on 10th December, 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.



1105 Railway Engineer Regiment (Territorial Army) Organizes Blood Donation Camp

1105 Railway Engineer Regiment-Territorial Army (TA), Moula Ali, Hyderabad organized a blood donation camp in its premises as a part of the celebrations of Territorial Army Day on 9th October, 2014. Among the officials who donated blood at this camp were Shri S K Agarwal, AGM and Shri Gajanan Mallya, SDGM. 53 territorial army personnel also donated blood.

Shri Agarwal, the Chief Guest on the occasion, appreciated various achievements of the TA Unit / Moula Ali. He also lauded its noble initiatives in conducting a blood donation camp on the occasion of 'Territorial Army Day' and admired the Railway Terriers for their enthusiastic participation.

Shri Mallya, the Guest of Honour on the occasion, appealed to railway staff who were newly recruited in railways through RRB and RRC to join Territorial Army to serve the Nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Dr. Usha K Madali, CMD/SCR, briefed on the various advantages of donating blood and admired Lt. Col. V Vinod and his team for their best efforts in organizing the blood donation camp.

Dr. AVSK Prasad, Dy.CMD (Family Welfare)/SCR, educated and motivated the participants through a PowerPoint presentation on 'various aspects and advantages of blood donation'.



Fortnight long Special Safety Drive on 'Fire Prevention'

South Central Railway launched a fortnight long special drive on 'Fire Prevention' over its jurisdiction from 1st November, 2014. During this fortnight, Special Safety Teams comprising of officers and staff from Commercial Department, Railway Protection Force (RPF), and Government Railway Police (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.

The special safety teams carried out surprise checks against carriage of explosive materials, crackers, other inflammables, gas cylinders, sigri and stove etc., in passenger carrying trains. Random / surprise checks were made to check the luggage and parcels in trains and at Parcel Offices of Railway stations before they are loaded into trains. Parcel Porters / labours were kept under constant vigil to prevent smoking in the course of loading / unloading activities. The drive included checks on



unauthorized vendors selling tea / coffee / eatables in the trains by using sigries/ stove and passengers cooking in the trains and Station premises.

Availability of fire extinguishers in working condition and their effectiveness in Locos, Brake Vans, Air Conditioned Coaches, Pantry cars etc was ensured. Availability of adequate electrical devices in the coaches as per laid down norms and their proper maintenance was also closely monitored.

The fire prevention drive focused on checking Pantry Cars for ensuring proper maintenance and upkeep of electrical devices, boilers, refrigerators, chimneys, wiring systems and junction boxes etc. Condition of over-load / over voltage protection devices, use of standard size fuses, proper wiring / earthening, insulation especially at joints / junctions etc. in the Pantry Cars was verified. The drive ensured adequate fire suppression measures and their proper maintenance in the Pantry Cars. The knowledge of the staff including Pantry Car staff in operating Fire Extinguishers was tested. All Loco Pilots, Guards, travelling Carriage & Wagon staff and Pantry Car Staff were subjected to scrutiny on the availability of Center Buffer Coupler (CBC) keys with them.

Awareness campaigns were undertaken during the fortnight on the hazards of carriage of inflammable articles through frequent announcements through Close Circuit Television(CCTV) and Public Address System at stations. The campaign included publishing and telecasting of safety news / messages / display advertisements over print and electronic Media.

As per section 67, 154, 164 and 165 of the Railways Act 1989, carrying inflammable and explosive articles on Railways is a punishable offence entailing a punishment of up to 3 years imprisonment or fine up to Rs. 1000/- or both, besides being liable for the loss / injury or damage caused.



Southern Railway General Manager Visits Secunderabad Railway Station

Shri Rakesh Misra, General Manager, Southern Railway, visited Secunderabad Railway Station on 27th November, 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.

Shri Rakesh Misra visited CCTV surveillance monitoring room, mobile help desk, garbage collecting van, cleaning machines, pay & use waiting halls, pay & use deluxe toilets, etc., at platform no. 10 and 1 of this Station. He enquired the SCR officials about deployment of staff for cleaning woks and garbage disposal methods. While SCR officials were explaining about the operations of MMTS / Suburban train services in Hyderabad / Secunderabad, Shri Misra enquired about the details of Hyderabad Live Train Enquiry System app (HYLITES) and informed that he proposed to develop one such system for Suburban train services at Chennai.

When Shri Misra sought the opinion of Ayyappa Pilgrims waiting to board Sabari Express, they informed that the arrangements made by South Central Railway and Southern Railway to run special trains to Kottayam for Ayyappa pilgrims is very satisfactory. He requested them to desist from lighting camphor, incense sticks and bathing in the train compartments.



GM Interacts with Hon'ble MPs

Shri J C Diwakar Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament / Anantapur; Shri Balka Suman, Hon'ble Member of Parliament/ Pedapalli; Smt. Butta Renuka, Hon'ble Member of Parliament/ Kurnool met Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Hon'ble MPs discussed with the General Manager on various Railway Developmental activities in their respective constituencies.







Secunderabad Division bags Inter-Divisional Volleyball Championship

The Inter Divisional Volleyball Championship of SCR got off to a sedate start on 8th October, 2014 at the Railway Sports Complex Grounds. Shri Umesh Singh exhorted the players to show their skills and team spirit to claim the laurels. He informed that best players from the Championship will be selected to represent SCR in the All India Railway Volleyball Tournament to be held in the ensuing month.

Seven Teams Viz., Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Head Quarters, Guntakal, Vijayawada, Nanded and Combined Workshop are participating in the tournament. Shri Gajanan Mallya, Sr. Deputy General Manager, SCR & President, South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA), Shri K.V. Siva Prasad, Chief Engineer (Construction-I) & Secretary, SCRSA, Shri D. Anjaneyulu Reddy, Secretary, Volleyball, SCRSA and Sports Officers were present on the occasion.

Secunderabad Division of SCR emerged the winner at the Inter Divisional Volleyball Championship, which was held at the Railway Sports Complex Grounds from 8th to 10th October, 2014. Vijayawada Division finished as the runner up.

Shri G. Laxmi Narayan, Chief Commercial Manager, SCR, the Chief Guest on the occasion, gave away the Trophies and Prizes to the winner and runner up.

Shri Laxmi Narayana congratulated the winning teams for their sportsmanship and team spirit to claim the laurels. He informed that best players from the Championship will be selected to represent SCR in the All India Railway Volleyball Tournament to be held in the ensuing month. Seven Teams Viz., Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Head Quarters, Guntakal, Vijayawada, Nanded and Combined Workshop participated in the tournament.

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South Central Railway Mens Kabaddi Team Clinches Title



The South Central Railway Mens Kabaddi team clinched the title at the VIII All India Men & Women A Grade Kabaddi Tournament organized by the Kanyakumari District Kabaddi Association at Kanyakumari in Tamilnadu.

The SCR team outclassed Hi-tech, Chennai 21-16 in the keenly contested finals. On the way, SCR had beaten Vijaya Bank, Bangalore in the Quarter Finals and Integral Coach Factory, Perambur, Chennai in the Semi Finals.

A total of 16 top teams from all over the country participated in the tournament, which had a prize money of Rs 1.5 lakhs to the winners. Shri Ravi of South Central Railway was adjudged the best player of the tournament.



GM Felicitates Star Railway Athlete K Manikanta Raj

Shri P K Srivastava, General Manager, congratulated K Manikanta Raj, International Athlete, employed on Vijayawada Division for his recent achievements in top level track and field events. The athlete called on the General Manager on 13th November, 2014 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri Gajanan Mallya, Senior Deputy General Manager and President, SCR Sports Association was also present.

The SCR athlete, K.Manikanta Raj put up a sterling performance in the Open National Athletic Championship held recently at New Delhi from 2nd to 5th November, 2014. In the 4 x 100 mts relay, he performed exceedingly well with the other team members, to enable Indian Railways clinch the coveted Gold Medal as winners. In the individual 100 mts event, Manikanta Raj bagged the Bronze Medal, coming 3rd with a timing of 10.68 seconds.

The Star Athlete has been continuously winning Gold Medals for the last five years in Inter-Railways Championships. His performance during the last All India Railway Championships held at Chennai in September, 2014 was also remarkable. In the 100 mts sprint, he bagged the Gold and in 200 mts, he came second to take the Silver Medal.

Manikanta Raj represented the Country in the Asian Track & Field Meet 2013-14 held at Pune and was also a part of the Relay team which picked up the Bronze Medal in the 4 X 100 mts relay event at the 2012-13 Asian Grand Prix held at Bangkok.

South Central Railway Mens Team Triumphs in All India 'A' GradeKabaddi Tournament; Womens Team come Runners-Up

The South Central Railway (SCR) Mens Kabaddi team put in a sterling performance to bag the Rana Kabaddi Champions Trophy-2014, an All India 'A' Grade Kabaddi Tournament held at Mudhol town, Bagalkot District, Karnataka from 29th October to 02nd November, 2014 conducted by Karnataka Rajya Ameteur Kabaddi Association under the auspices of Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India. The SCR Womens Kabaddi Team fell at the last post, to come up Runners-Up in the Tourney.

In the Mens category, 20 teams vied for honors including such strong teams as Central Railway, Vijaya Bank, MEG etc. SCR over came Maharashtra in the Quarter Finals, beat Mahindra & Mahindra by 12 points in Semi Finals and went on to outclass Vijaya Bank, Bangalore in the toughly contested finals. The SCR team



received a cash prize of Rs. 2 Lakhs for winning the Championship. Ravi Dalal of SCR was awarded the "Best Raider" and Charlathan the "Best Defender" prizes, in the form of Gold Coins of 5 grams each.

In the womens section, which also saw 20 teams battling for the trophy, SCR beat Central Railway by 8 points in Quarter Finals, Palam Sports Club, Delhi by 4 points in Semi Finals but unfortunately lost by a whisker, i.e. by 1 point to Haryana in the Finals. The team received a cash prize of Rs. 75, 000/- for being Runners-Up. Kavitha Singh of SCR was recognized as the "Best All Rounder" and was the recipient of Gold Coin of 5 grams for the same.

Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway congratulated the teams for their sterling performance in the tournament.

SCR bags Bronze Medal in All India Railway Kho Kho Championship 2014



The eleven member team of South Central Railway won Bronze Medal in the recently concluded All India Railway Kho Kho Championship 2014 held from 20th to 22nd November 2014 at Bilaspur, South Eastern Central Railway.

Five teams took part in the All India Railway Kho Kho Championship. Western Railway and Central Railway bagged 1st and 2nd Place respectively. South Central Railway secured third place beating the host team South East Central Railway in a tough fight by 12-10 points.

Shri P.K. Srivasatava, General Manager, SCR complemented the team for winning the bronze medal in the championship.

SCR Emerges the Champion at the All India Railway Ball Badminton Championship for Men-2014



South Central Railway clinched the All India Railway Ball Badminton Championship Trophy for Men-2014. The team came out triumphant outclassing the opponents at the tourney which concluded on 28th November, 2014, at the Railway Sports Complex Grounds, Secunderabad. Southern Railway finished as the runners up while Western Railway, the present holder of the Trophy, secured the third place. Shri S.K. Agarwal, Addl. General Manager, SCR, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, gave away the Championship Trophy and medals to the successful players.

Shri Agarwal, while addressing at the valedictory function, congratulated the SCR team members for winning the Trophy. Ball Badminton is becoming popular in the Country day by day. SCR aims at producing national / international players by promoting various games. SCR encourages various sports by offering job to fifty to sixty sports persons in a year, Shri Agarwal added. Shri Agarwal felicitated Shri Ram Babu, Ball Badminton Coach, (Chief Ticketing Inspector, Kacheguda Station) for his excellent contribution to Ball Badminton. Shri Ram Babu.

Shri Gajanan Mallya, President, SCR Sport Association, Shri K.V. Siva Prasad, General Secretary, SCRSA, Shri N. Srinivasa Raju, Secretary, (Ball Badminton), SCRSA, Shri M. Srinivasa Rao, Advisor, Ball Badminton Federation of India and other senior officials were present at the occasion.

Mithali Raj, Captain, Indian Women Cricket Team Felicitated

Shri P. K. Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway, congratulated Ms. Mithali Raj, Captain, Indian Women Cricket Team, for leading India to a historic victory against England in the recent cricket test match in England. Ms. Mithali Raj is an employee of South Central Railway, working at Secunderabad.



"Customer Care shall be the utmost priority for Railway Personnel"



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

Addressing the large gathering of trainees of the Institute, the General Manager, 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. He praised ZRTI for living up to the task of training a large number of employees on a continuous basis, which was vital for ensuring that SCR performs exceedingly well to attain the status of being one of the best Zones on Indian Railways in terms of Performance and Earnings. Calling upon the trainees to start putting in their best from day one of their service, Shri Srivastava advised them to study hard and equip themselves with required knowledge at the institute during their training, for meeting this goal. He also assured that the future requirements of ZRTI will be analyzed and plans drawn accordingly to develop the infrastructure including hostels and laboratories. The GM also presented certificates of merit to the toppers of various training batches and announced a cash award of Rs. One Lakh to the Institute.

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.

Shri S.K.Agarwal, Addl. General Manager, SCR acknowledged the capability of ZRTI in meeting challenges of imparting training to large number of employees. ZRTI ranks as probably the best training institute on Indian Railways, he opined. Shri J N Jha, Chief Operations Manager and Shri G Laxminarayana, Chief Commercial Manager, SCR also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Shri S. Ramesh Babu, Principal, ZRTI presented his welcome address and briefed the gathering on the achievements of the Institute during the year. He stated that ZRTI has imparted training to Railway employees joining as Ticket Collectors, Commercial Clerks, Guards, Loco Pilots etc. He informed that the institute is training the personnel from other organizations as Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. and Private Sidings, which relate to rail operations in general.

The Annual Training Programme schedule of ZRTI for the year 2015 was released on this occasion. Cultural programmes followed to make the evening a glittering show.







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

South Central Railway observed 'Mahaparinirwan Diwas (Death Anniversary) of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar today (08th December, 2014) at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, SCR, was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Shri S.K. Agarwal, Addl. General Manager, and Shri Ravinder Kumar, Chief Personnel Officer, SCR were the Guests of Honour. Senior railway officials, trade union leaders and staff participated in large number. The event began with the lighting of a Ceremonial Lamp by the Chief Guest. Senior officials of SCR and trade union leaders paid floral tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by garlanding his statue.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri P.K. Srivastava, General Manager, SCR, said that Dr. Ambedkar was an unique personality in Indian history since he relentlessly strived for human dignity, especially concerning the down trodden. He said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was heading the Constitution drafting committee and drafted an unique Constitution most suitable for Indian socio-economic life. He was a great socio-political reformer, philosopher, jurist, author of many books and educationalist. His ideals would be fortified if we follow them in our life, he added.

Shri S.K. Agarwal, Additional General Manager, SCR, in his tribute, said that the country owes its democracy to a large extent to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar for drafting the Constitution. He took up a struggle with strong resolve for the emancipation of poor and less privileged against many odds and achieved his cause to a great extent. Further, he said that Bharat Ratna Ambedkar was an outstanding scholar and visionary whose ideals stood forthright in bringing parity in the society.

Representatives of South Central Railway Employees' Sangh, South Central Railway Promotee Officers' Association also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, Shri Ravinder Kumar, Chief Personnel Officer, SCR welcomed the gathering.





Special Rail Safety Measures initiated on SCR for Winter Season ;

General Manager, reviews the Safety Status at a High Level Review Meeting

Shri P.K.Srivastava, General Manager/SCR, conducted a safety review meeting with all the principal heads of the departments and the Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) from all the 6 Divisions through video-conferencing at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad today i.e. on 27th November, 2014. During this high level meet, the General Manager reviewed the safety performance on SCR during the period April - November, 2014, so far in the current financial year. 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.

Shri Srivastava took stock of the failures of assets related to running of trains such as track, coaches, wagons, signal & telecom gears and electrical equipments etc. There shall not be any complacency at any level in proper maintenance of assets to facilitate safe train operations, he stressed.

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 emphasized on implementation of special safety measures during winter, which include provision of double rubber pads underneath the rails over sleepers near weld joints for additional resilience de-stressing of rails and track alignment correction etc. wherever necessary. The behaviour of long welded rails regarding development of any internal stress due to contractions etc. shall be closely watched through regular inspections, the GM stated.

Reiterating that safety shall be accorded utmost priority in train working, the General Manager advised all the Divisional Railway Managers to quickly complete the enquires into any untoward incidents/accidents and take stringent disciplinary action against staff found responsible. Critical analysis of previous mishaps shall be done to enable to undertake necessary systemic corrections, duly counseling the staff on the identified issues.

In this connection, Shri P.K.Srivastava directed all the DRMs to conduct the weekly safety review meetings with the departmental heads at various field units such as stations, maintenance depots and crew lobbies etc. where large number of staff directly associated with train operations will be present. The aim is to hold safety meetings beyond the confines of Divisional offices, take them to the field and conduct in an interactive mode involving the key frontline staff to get the pulse of field working conditions related to safety, he stated.

Aurangabad-Renigunta Weekly Express Flagged Off

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

Shri Khaire, in his address stated that the new train has fulfilled needs of the people of this region. The train will particularly be a boon to the pilgrim traffic travelling to the abode of Lord Venkateshwara at Tirupati, providing a convenient and comfortable avenue of travel, he added.





Railway Junior College, Lallaguda Celebrates Annual Day

Railway Junior College, Lallaguda celebrated its Annual Day on November 14, 2014. Shri G Srinivasa Rao, CPO (Admin) and Smt. Ganga Srinivasa Rao were the Chief Guests. Shri C Venu Gopal, Sr.DPO and Chairman/Railway Junior College presided over the function. Dr. (Smt.) V Indira, Principal of the College and Shri BVSP Sharma, Vice Principal were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Srinivas Rao exhorted the students to strive for academic excellence to achieve their goals. He appreciated the all round development of the college with the emphasis on overall development of the students. He assured all help from the railway administration for infrastructure development required for the Junior College. Shri Venu Gopal while addressing the gathering, appealed to the parents to admit their children in Railway Junior College to get the best education in the lease cost. He admired the College for having the best infrastructure including Library and Laboratory. He asked the faculties to develop best character and knowledge in every student.

Earlier, Dr. Indira, while presenting the annual report, informed that the college secured 97% of pass in the 2013-14 academic year which is the best since the inception of this college.

Shri Srinivas Rao released the "Jyothi" the annual Souvenir of the College. Shri Srinivas Rao, Smt. Ganga and Shri Venu Gopal gave away academic excellence awards and Sports awards to the students. The cultural programmes presented by the Students of the College enthralled the audience.

दिनांक 18.12.2014 को आयोजित क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 146 वीं बैठक

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक प्रदीप कुमार श्रीवास्तव ने क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 146 वीं बैठक में उपर्युक्त विचार व्यक्त किए । उन्होंने बैठक में उपस्थित उच्च अधिकारियों को संबोधित करते हुए आगे कहा कि वे भी निरीक्षणों के दौरान उक्त सामग्रियों की जांच करें और पाई गई त्रुटियों से राजभाषा विभाग को अवगत कराएं, जिससे राजभाषा का कार्यान्वयन उचित प्रकार से हो सके । राजभाषा के उचित कार्यान्वयन के लिए उन्होंने राजभाषा की संवैधानिक स्थिति, धाराएं और नियमों का एक कार्यक्रम बनाने के निदेश दिया ।



इसके पूर्व मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर श्री एस.कबीर अहमद ने अपने संबोधन में यह कहा कि हम प्रतिदिन अपने कार्यालयीन कामकाज की शुरुवात हिंदी के एक वाक्य से करें जो राजभाषा के प्रति अपने कर्तव्य को निभाने की दिशा में एक अच्छा कदम होगा और इससे हमारे कर्मचारी भी प्रेरित होंगे ।



बैठक के प्रारंभ में वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने सभी उपस्थित सदस्यों का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि हमारा यह निरंतर प्रयास रहता है कि विभिन्न गति-विधियों और क्रिया-कलापों के माध्यम से हम राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण बनाएं । दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार की दिशा में अग्रणी है तथा यह सब हमारे उच्च अधिकारियों के सहयोग, अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के राजभाषा के प्रति लगाव के कारण ही संभव हो रहा है ।

दि. 19.12.2014 को आयोजित मुख्यालय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 36वीं बैठक

मुख्यालय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक में श्री एस.कबीर अहमद, मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी और मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर ने यह उद्‌गार व्यक्त किये. उन्होंने कहा कि इस समिति के कार्य क्षेत्र में आनेवाले कार्यालयों में काफी अच्छा कार्य हो रहा है, फिर भी हमें वास्तविकता से इसका मिलान कर लेना चाहिए. हमारा तैयारी इस तरह होनी चाहिए कि जब कभी भी संसदीय राजभाषा समिति निरीक्षण करें, हमें इसके लिए हमेशा तैयार रहना चाहिए. जैसा कि हम सभी जानते हैं धारा 3(3) का अनुपालन एक सांविधिक अनिवार्यता है, अत: इसका अनुपालन सुनिश्चित किया जाए और इसके लिए चेक पाइंटों को मजबूत किया जाए. उन्होंने आगे कहा कि वेबसाइट का द्विभाषिक रूप में होना अनिवार्य है. उन्होंने इस बात पर बल दिया कि प्रशिक्षित कर्मचारियों को हिंदी में कार्य करने के लिए प्रेरित किया जाए ताकि हिंदी में काम करनेवालों की संख्या में और वृद्धि हो.

इससे पूर्व बैठक में सभी का स्वागत करते हुए श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी, प्रधान कार्यालय ने कहा कि इस प्रकार की बैठकों का उद्देश्य राजभाषा के कार्य के लिए आपसी तालमेल और अनुकूल वातावरण का निर्माण करना भी है. यह एक ऐसा मंच है जो विभिन्न विभागों के बीच संपर्क सूत्र का कार्य करता है.





इसके पश्चात् सदस्य-सचिव ने इस कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों में राजभाषा के क्षेत्र में किए जा रहे कार्यों से संबंधित एक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की और राजभाषा के कार्य को और बढ़ाने के लिए टैम्पलेटों के प्रयोग पर बल दिया और कहा कि आशुलिपिकों की सेवाओं का उपयोग करने के लिए विभागवार कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन किया जा रहा है ताकि आशुलिपिक इस पुनश्चर्या कार्यशाला में प्रशिक्षित होने के बाद हिंदी में डिक्टेशन ले सकें. उन्होंने विभागीय बैठकों और संगोष्ठियों के आयोजन पर भी बल दिया.

कार्मिक विभाग में आशुलिपिकों के लिए हिंदी कार्यशाला संपन्न





दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे, प्रधान कार्यालय के **कार्मिक विभाग** में दस दिवसीय हिंदी कार्यशाला दिनांक 10.11.2014 से 21.11.2014 तक आयोजित की गई. राजभाषा प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए बनाए गए नियमों और नीतियों, प्रावधानों की जानकारी देते हुए राजभाषा में काम करना कितना सरल है यह बताया गया.

राजभाषा कार्यशाला प्रेरणा का कार्य करती है और हम सभी को कार्यशाला में पढ़ाए गए विषयों को अपने दैनिक कार्यों में प्रयोग करना चाहिए.

इन प्रतिभागियों ने फीड बैक में कहा कि यह कार्यशाला उनके लिए अत्यंत लाभदायक और प्रेरणादायक रही साथ ही इससे उनकी राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रति रुचि भी बढ़ी. उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि आगे से राजभाषा में ही अधिकाधिक कार्य करेंगे.

महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय/जनसंपर्क विभाग/ सतर्कता/ विधि विभाग में आशुलिपिकों के लिए हिंदी कार्यशाला संपन्न





दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे, प्रधान कार्यालय के **महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय, जनसंपर्क विभाग, सतर्कता विभाग और विधि विभाग** के आशुलिपिकों के लिए दस दिवसीय हिंदी कार्यशाला दिनांक 08.12.2014 से 19.12.2014 तक आयोजित की गई. इस कार्यशाला में उक्त अनुभागों के आशुलिपिकों को जिन्हें हिंदी आशुलिपि का ज्ञान तो है किंतु भाषाई कठिनाई की वजह से प्रयोग करने में संकोच महसूस करते हैं उनके संकोच को दूर करने के लिए दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक श्री पी.के. श्रीवास्तव के निदेश पर आशुलिपिकों के लिए कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया.

इस कार्यशाला में राजभाषा नियम, अधिनियम और नियमों के साथ-साथ आशुलिपिकों के लिए उनके विभागों में प्रयुक्त पारिभाषिक शब्दों, वाक्यांशों की एक पुस्तिका बनाई गई, जिसका अभ्यास इस कार्यशाला में पूर्णरूपेण दिया गया. अंतिम सत्र में कंप्यूटर पर कुंजीयन के अलावा राजभाषा के प्रयोग का अभ्यास भी कंप्यूटर पर कराया गया.

दो मार्मिक लघु कथाएं

गेटमैन

"बेटी, रुक जाओ अब बस गाड़ी आने ही वाली है."

"चुप रहो मुझे जल्दी है."

"बेटी, तुम्हारे ही उम्र की मेरी भी बेटी थी. एक दिन उसने भी यही गलती की और .....

बेटा, मैं रिटायर्ड गेटमैन हूँ. मैं नहीं चाहता कि कोई और उसी गलती को दोहराए."



दर्द



"बेटा, मैं अब यहीं छोटे के पास रहूँगी. तुम जाओ" - माँ ने कहा.

छह माह बाद पिताजी की बरसी में हम भाई-बहन छोटे के घर में मिले. बरसी कार्यक्रम निपटने के बाद हम सभी माँ को घेर कर बैठ गए.

"माँ, देवरजी ने तो आपकी बहुत अच्छी व्यवस्था कर रखी है. नौकर-चाकर सेवा में लगे हैं" - बड़ी भाभी बोली.

"बड़ी बहू, सब कुछ अच्छा है". कुछ देर रुककर माँ फिर बोली – "आप छोटे से यही कहो कि दिन में मुझे एक बार "माँ" कहकर पुकार ले. मैं यह शब्द सुनने के लिए तरस गई हूँ.

ऑफिसियल व्यंग दोहे

ऑफ़िस में पड़े रहो, मत करो कुछ काम,
निकम्मों की मौज है, और काम हराम?

दिवास्वप्न की चादर है, ताने रहो दिन-रात,
काटो बखत बस येन-केन, और बड़ी क्या बात?

बॉस पूछे जब काम की, करो भिखमंगे सा मुख,
रोना रोओ बीमारी का कि बदल जाए सब रूख?

जीवन तो उसका भला, जिसने किया ना काम,
आठो पहर सोया रहा, फिर चला गया यमधाम?

रहिमन ऐसे सोईए, ज्यों घोड़ा बेच के चोर,
कभी ना खटिया छोड़िए, क्या संध्या क्या भोर?

आलस ऐसी चीज है, जो कभी व्यर्थ ना जाए,
जो जागे सो रोवे है और जो सोवे सुख पाए?

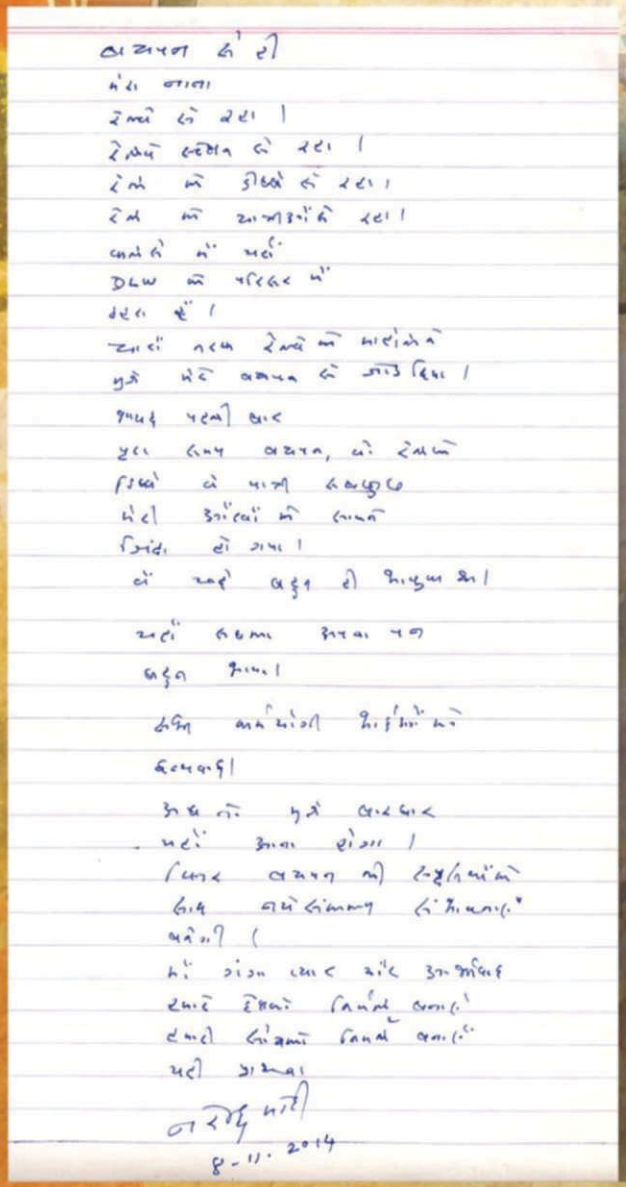
हे मानव क्यों मर रहा, खट-खट के दिन-रैन,
मेहनत है बुरी बला और आलस दे सुख-चैन?

कह कवि अरुण, सुनो हे जग के परम-कपूत,
सारे बदगुण त्याग के आलस का रस लूट?

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HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI AT DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS (DLW), VARANASI

HON'BLE PM REMINISCES ABOUT HIS CHILDHOOD IN REMARKS IN VISITORS' BOOK AT DLW, VARANASI



बचपन से ही मेरा नाता रेल्वे से रहा,
रेल्वे स्टेशन से रहा,
रेल के डिब्बे से रहा।
रेल के यात्रीयों से रहा।

कल से मैं यहीं
DLW के परिसर में ठहरा हूँ।
चारों तरफ रेल्वे के माहौल ने मुझे मेरे बचपन से जोड़ दिया।

शायद पहली बार
पूरा समय बचपन,
वो रेल के डिब्बे, वे यात्री, सबकुछ
मेरी आँखों के सामने ज़िंदा हो गया।
वे यादें बहुत ही भावुक थी।

यहां सबका अपनापन बहुत भाया।
सभी कर्मयोगी भाइयों को धन्यवाद।

अब तो मुझे बार बार यहां आना होगा।
फिर बचपन की स्मृतियों के साथ
नए संकल्प, संभावनाएं बनेंगी।

माँ गंगा प्यार और आशीर्वाद
हमारे देश को निर्मल बनाये,
हमारी सोच को निर्मल बनाये
यही प्रार्थना।

(नरेन्द्र मोदी)
8.11.2014