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Chief Patron's Message



It has been a hectic second quarter of the current fiscal for South Central Railway. The seriousness with which the Hon'ble Minister of Railways is proceeding forward with the initiative towards Infrastructure growth on Railways, has cast a positive spell on the plans of SCR too. The Zone was privileged to host Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India who laid the foundation for the Manoharabad-Kothapalli new railway line project.

The ultimate measure of an organization is not where it stands in moments of comfort, but where it stands at times of challenge. South Central Railway was put to a litmus test during the last quarter, with several challenges coming to the fore. The most important task was

to handle the rail traffic needs of the people during the 12 day mega event of Krishna Pushkaram. I would give full marks to officials and staff of various departments who ensured successful handling of the task, on the strength of a well laid out plan and excellent co-ordination. Yet another challenge that came up was the Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) work at Vijayawada. This was a long pending issue, which needed advanced planning and perfect implementation. Facing tough time targets and the vagaries of inclement weather, our personnel commendably commissioned the work well within the schedule, setting a new bench mark on Indian Railways itself.

It was tough grind for the Zone, when heavy rains caused a major disruption to rail traffic on Guntur-Nadikudi section on account of several major breaches to the railway track. This was another hurdle which needed gigantic efforts from the work force to restore the rail track and bring rail services to normalcy. Due credit to the determination of the work force that the entire work which was analyzed for completion in 15 days was actually completed a record 9 days!

I always held confidence that SCR is one Zone which holds a lot of capability in its working system and my belief has come correct. I am sure that in the times to come, the Zone will still more excel in terms of its performance and reliability of services.

Jai Hind!

(Ravindra Gupta)
General Manager

From Chief Editor's Desk

South Central Railway is blazing ahead on the tracks of serving customers with commitment... thanks to the lead taken by our beloved General Manager Shri Ravindra Gupta in emphasizing on rail user satisfaction as the ultimate aim to achieve. The last few months offered the Zone, different situations which were not just a test to our competence but also a reflection of our strength in handling tasks of any magnitude. In every sphere of situation encountered, SCRians have proved themselves capable.

There is a new surge of enterprise on Indian Railways, with passenger friendly initiatives forming the basis for development.

As expressly said – **Change is the vitalizing factor for a organisation to stay in tune with its customers.** It is imperative that we should adapt to the expectations of our General Manager in attaining the goals set for SCR.

The ensuing months offer us an opportunity to build up on our performance sphere and put in the best to reach to the targets envisaged.

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Shri Narendra Modi Hon'ble Prime Minister Lays Foundation Stone for New Railway Line between Manoharabad-Kothapalli

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Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the Foundation stone for construction of a new Railway line between Manoharabad-Kothapalli, connecting Hyderabad and Karimnagar, apart from several other projects at a function held at Gajwel, Medak District, Telangana on August 7, 2016. Shri E.S.L. Narasimhan, Hon'ble Governor, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Union Ministers were amongst a galaxy of dignitaries present on the occasion.

Addressing the huge gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the Centre & Telangana Government joining hands to take up projects together reflects a positive sign of co-operative federalism towards taking the nation forward. Elaborating on the role of Railways in nation's growth, he stated that rail connectivity is vital for development and infrastructure growth is the need which

serves this task. Economic progress and Railway connectivity go hand in hand for National progress, he stressed.

Although the people of the state have wanted the rail line between Manoharabad and Kothapalli for a long time, their wish is fulfilled only today with the laying of foundation stone for the new line, the Prime Minister added and expressed confidence that the project will see fulfillment as scheduled.

Shri K.Chandrasekhar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, in his speech stated that the Manoharabad-Kothapalli new Railway line will basically serve as a much needed direct rail link connecting Hyderabad with Karimnagar. The taking up of this project fulfills a long cherished dream of the people, he added. He acknowledged that the dynamism of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu in resolving issues very fast, which enabled the work on Hyderabad Metro Rail to proceed smooth. Earlier, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, welcomed the Prime Minister, other dignitaries in his brief address.

Salient Features of New Railway Line

- The Manoharabad-Kothapalli new Railway line, to a length of 150 kms is being taken up at an anticipated cost of Rs.1160 Crore.
- The new line will directly connect Hyderabad with Karimnagar for the first time by rail, passing through places hitherto not on the Railway map.
- The new rail line majorly covers a stretch of 88 kms in Medak District & 59 kms in Karimnagar District with a small balance of 4 kms falling in Warangal District in between.
- The new line will have 13 Railway stations enroute, in addition to already existing Manoharabad and Kothapalli. These are Nacharam, Iranagaram, Gajwel, Kodakandla, Lakdaram, Duddeda, Siddipet, Gurrallagondi, Chinna Lingapur, Sircilla, Vemulavada, Boinpally and Wedira.
- With the major locations on the route being important towns of Telangana, the new line holds immense potential for rise in economic activity and development.
- On completion, the new line will reduce travel time between various stations enroute.
- The new line linkage holds the added benefit of acting as a viable alternative route between Secunderabad-New Delhi via Karimnagar.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager Unfurls National Flag at the 70th Independence Day Celebrations



South Central Railway joined the nation in celebrating the 70th Independence Day on August 15, 2016. At a Colorful and big gathering of Railway Officials, Staff, their family members and others, Shri Ravindra Gupta, 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 Railway Protection Force (RPF), Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF), Civil Defence Organization, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Scouts and Guides and National Green Corps presented the Guard of Honour and the March Past.

Shri Ravindra Gupta in his address, highlighted the fact that South Central Railway, which is into its Golden Jubilee year remains a proud partner in the mission of Indian Railways to serve the Nation as a core transport service provider. He also spelt the strategy of SCR to handle traffic demands by means of dynamic analysis of traffic trends and running of special trains & attaching extra coaches accordingly. SCR has been handling the requirements of passenger traffic during the ongoing Krishna Pushkarams with success, he added.

He commended Shri G.V. Sanjeeva Rayudu, Inspector, RPF/CIB/Secunderabad who is the sole recipient from Indian Railways to receive the President Police Medal. Shri V.Satyanarayana, Sub-Inspector, RPF, Sirpur Kagaznagar, Secunderabad Division & Shri R.Suresh Sub-Inspector, 7th Battalion RPSF, Moula-i for receiving Indian Police Medal award announced by the Government of India.

The Parade was followed by eye catching Cultural programmes, presented by students of Railway schools and artists of SCR, in tune with the theme of the Independence Day celebrations.



The South Central Railway Women's Welfare Organization (SCRWWO) celebrated 70th Independence Day on August, 15, 2016 amongst the school kids of Vidya Vihar High School, Chilkalguda, Secunderabad and at Aakanksha, School for differently-abled children of railway families at Mettuguda, Secunderabad.

Smt. Shikha Gupta, President, SCRWWO hoisted the National Flag in the presence of a large number of students at Vidya Vihar and Aakanksha. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Shikha Gupta called upon the students to utilize the facilities provided at the school and study well to come up in life. She also advised students to develop both academic knowledge and cultural talent. She expressed best wishes and bright future for the students pursuing their education at Vidya Vihar. Later, she distributed prizes and awards for academic excellence to the students.

Aakanksha, the school for divyang children of Railway families is run by Railway Parents Association and supported by SCRWWO. Shri Shikha Gupta inaugurated computer centre for the use of students at Aakanksha.

Later, Smt. Shikha Gupta along with executive members of SCRWWO visited Central Railway Hospital, Lallaguda and distributed items of need to the patients.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways Flags Off New Trains & Commissions Passenger Amenities

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Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways Flagged off Train No. 11307 Gulbarga-Hyderabad (Daily) Intercity Express; Train No.11083 Mumbai LTT-Kazipet (Weekly) Tadoba Express and Time Tabled (Weekly) CONCOR Cargo Express Service from Nagalapalli to Tuglakabad (via Remote Video Link). He also Commissioned Two Lifts at Nizamabad Railway Station (Via Remote Video Link) and inaugurated AC Retiring Rooms and Dormitory on Platform No.1, Secunderabad Station and 100% LED lighting at Hyderabad and Kacheguda Stations at a function held at Secunderabad Railway Station on August, 2016.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India; Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India; Shri Md. Mahmood Ali, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, ULC, Stamps & Registration; Shri Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Dairy Development Corporation and Cinematography; Shri Naini Narsimha Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Home, Prisons, Fire Services, Sainik Welfare, Labour & Employment; Shri T. Padma Rao Goud, Hon'ble Minister for Excise & Prohibition, Sports and Youth Services; Shri P. Mahender Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Transport; Dr. K. Laxman, President Bharatiya Janata Party, Telangana State were amongst a galaxy of dignitaries present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that provision of passenger amenities like lifts, escalators, retiring rooms, dormitories, improvement of lighting at stations are the top priority for Indian Railways. The introduction of two new trains between Gulbarga-Hyderabad Intercity Express and Mumbai LTT-Kazipet Tadoba Express which were a long cherished demand of the people of these erstwhile Hyderabad State regions is being realized today said the Minister. Two/Thirds of Earnings of Railways come from freight traffic, but this segment has been neglected for the past many years. Now this Ministry is taking up reforms in this segment by introducing Time Tabled cargo services said Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu.

The other areas of prime focus are reducing cost of expenditure on power. Indian Railways which is a big consumer of electricity is on energy saving mission. In order to minimize the consumption of power, Railways is tapping renewable energy sources, illuminating the stations through LED lighting, practice of prudent energy audit methods in a big way. Due to these Railways has saved Rs. 3,500 crores on power, Railway Minister said.

Telangana State the youngest state of the country is on the path of development. Railways too will take part in this progress by setting up two new time bound green field terminals at Cherlapalli and Nagulapalli with the cooperation of Telangana State Government said Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu. He also stated that the possibility of

providing rail connectivity to Shamshabad Airport from Umdanagar through underground rail network be dealt by discussing with the State Govt. The feasibility study of this project will be assigned to RITES said the Minister.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India appreciated the efforts of Railway Minister's initiatives for development of Railways infrastructure in the Telangana region. He requested the Minister of Railways to provide rail connectivity to Shamshabad Airport also through MMTS.

Shri Md. Mahmood Ali, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, ULC, Stamps & Registration, Govt. of Telangana stated that justice is now being made to Telangana.

Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India, in his speech stated that the Centre is working hand in hand with the states for progress of the nation with a slogan 'Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikas'. He thanked the Ministry of Railways for introducing a new weekly Tadoba express train between Mumbai LTT and Kazipet.



SCR's Railway Protection Force Officer awarded with President's Police Medal for distinguished Service; Sole Officer on Indian Railways to get the Award

On the occasion of Independence Day-2016, the coveted President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services has been awarded to Shri G V Sanjeeva Rayudu, Inspector, CIB, Railway Protection Force (RPF), Secunderabad, South Central Railway is the sole recipient on Indian Railways to receive this award.

Shri G V Sanjeeva Rayudu joined RPF in the capacity of Constable in the year 1983 and has risen to the rank of Inspector during his 32 years of unblemished and exemplary service, due to his hard work, sincerity and utmost devotion to duty. During his outstanding career, he has shown grit, courage, keen investigating skills and detected many important cases of outdoor training modules like drill, weapon handling etc., which made him a trainer par excellence. He possesses rare qualities of pre-empting problems, tackling the situations diplomatically and facing challenges with composure, especially during VVIP bandobust and important functions. His action against touts has brought laurels to the force. He was instrumental in extending valuable assistance to travelling passengers and saving valuable Railway property from criminal interference.



He was awarded with the prestigious Indian Police Medal for meritorious services on the occasion of Republic Day-2004. His excellent detective skills have been recognized by award of MR's Medal for best investigation in the year 2015 with a cash reward of Rs. 1 Lakh. He has been earlier conferred with Director General Insignia in the year 2002 and Director General level awards in 2005, General Manager's level awards in 2001 & 2012 and also with Divisional Railway Manager's level awards in 5 occasions i.e., 1986, 1991, 1995, 2000 & 2015 in recognition to his invaluable contribution to the organization. His qualities are worth emulating for the younger generation of the RPF.

Medical Department Conducted Health Education Programme on Seasonal Diseases



Health Education Programme on seasonal diseases including Dengue, Swineflu and Malaria was organized by Medical Department at SCRES Central Office, Chilakalguda on August 9, 2016.

Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director, South Central Railway inaugurated the Awareness Programme by lighting the

traditional ceremonial lamp. He exhorted the participants to fully utilize this programme. Shri V Venkatesh, Chief Entomologist and Shri J Vijay Kumar, Sr. Entomologist from Urban Malaria Scheme/GHMC also spoke on the occasion. They exhibited Mosquito breeding places to the participants and explained and shown the usage of Gumbasia fish for preventing Mosquito breeding. Dr. Surekha Gajbhiye, CMS/Hyderabad, Dr. N Ramesh, ACHD/Moula Ali, Dr. M Suvarna Jyothi, Dy. Chief Medical Director/H&FW/HQ/SC also participated.

Dr. Surekha Gajbhiye, Chief Medical Superintendent/Hyderabad has given away the prizes to the winners of Essay writing, Quiz & Drawing competitions organized on "Swatch Bharat Mission" for the students of Vidya Vihar School, Chilakalguda.



Dr. AVSK Prasad, Dy. Chief Medical Director/T&A/HQ/SC has presented a power-point presentation on Food, Water and Environmental hygiene. Around 300 Railway beneficiaries and student from Railway Vidya Vihar School, Chilakalguda attended the programme.

"Sadbhavana Day Pledge" at Rail Nilayam



The officers and staff of South Central Railway took 'Sadbhavana Day Pledge' on August 19, 2016. At the Headquarters, the pledge was administered by Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager to the officers and staff of General Administration Wing. The Pledge reads as follows:

"I take this solemn pledge that I will work for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region,

religion or language. I further pledge that I shall resolve all differences among us through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence".

The Pledge was administered by the Principal Head of Departments at head quarters and Divisional Railway Managers of Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal and Nanded Divisions to their respective officers and staff.

Achieve the Targets set for Completion of Rail Development Projects

– Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager

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Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager critically reviewed the progress of all ongoing newline, doubling and electrification projects over the zone with Principal Heads of the Department, Heads of Construction organization, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) and RE Projects. All Divisional Railway Managers participated through video conference on August 4, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

The General Manager emphasized upon the completion of several ongoing projects over South Central Railway and directed the officials to complete the targeted works as per schedule. He undertook a detailed review of the Nandyal–Yerraguntla, Peddapalli–Nizamabad, Bidar–Gulbarga, Vishnupuram–Motumari, Raghavapuram–Peddapet & Mancherla–Mandamra patch tripling, Kazipet – Vijayawada third line. He stressed upon the need to complete all the last mile projects to strengthen infrastructure and help in capacity augmentation for Railway network. He also reviewed the critical activities related to projects including deployment of manpower for operation and maintenance, essential passenger amenities etc.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager; Shri Bhoolchandani, CAO, Construction; Shri P Srinivas, CPM, RVNL; Shri S N Singh, PCE; Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, COM; Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM; Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, FA&CAO; Shri M S Mahaboob Ali, CSTE were amongst the officials present.



Shri A Seetaram Naik, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mahabubabad, Telangana State met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on September 3, 2016 and discussed on railway developmental plans in his area.



Shri Basawaraj Patil, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, (Rajya Sabha) Karnataka State met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on September 6, 2016 and discussed on railway developmental plans in his area.



Shri P Dayakar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Warangal met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam on September 28, 2016 and discussed various rail developmental activities in his area.



Shri J.C. Diwakar Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh State met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on September 30, 2016 and discussed on Rail developmental plans in his area.

Highlights of Performance during the First Half of 2016-17

Some of the performance highlights, initiatives/ improvements brought about in various fields of South Central Railway during the period April to September 2016 are as detailed.



Traffic Volume and Earnings

- Gross Originating Earnings during the period April - September 2016 is Rs. 5663 Crores.
- During this period SCR carried 189.6 Million originating passengers with earnings of Rs. 1789 Crores.
- The Zone loaded 46.22 MTs of freight during the period and the earnings yielded through freight loading is Rs. 3590 Crores.

Safety and Security

- SCR is firmly committed to zero-tolerance for any violation of safety norm at any level.
- In view of the safety risks associated with the unmanned level crossings, 261 unmanned level crossings were eliminated during the last three years and 61 such gates were eliminated during the current fiscal so far.
- Special drives and Public sensitization programmes have been intensified on the issue of the safety precautions to be taken by road users at unmanned level crossings.
- To enhance passenger security 367 RPF personnel and 279 GRP have been put on escort duty in 492 identified express trains.

Passenger Services

- SCR has successfully faced the challenge of huge passenger rush during the recent Krishna Pushkarams, 13 stations over the Zone identified as the important alighting stations and several temporary /permanent amenities were developed at those stations and handled the extra rush smoothly without any complaint/ problem.
- During this holy pushkaram period, SCR operated 691 special trains and augmented 4871 extra coaches by various trains benefitting around 41 lakh passengers.
- In addition, during the current fiscal by the end of September, to clear extra rush of passengers 341 number of Special trains were run and attached 6328 extra coaches benefitting 6.3 lakh passengers.

Passenger Amenities

- To take care of the needs of the senior citizens, sickly and differently-abled passengers etc, 36 lifts and 39 escalators have been commissioned at 24 stations till the end of September 2016.
- In addition, 34 more lifts and 16 escalators will also be provided at major stations like Eluru, Mancherla, Kazipet and Lingampalli etc. shortly.
- Out of 68 stations identified to develop as Adarsh station on SCR, so far works were completed at 53 stations.
- To keep the station and train premises clean and hygienic, 3639 bio-toilets were attached so far in 985 coaches. It is targeted to fix bio-toilets in all coaches by 2020.
- On SCR, 62 trains were identified to provide On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS), out of which 56 trains were provided with OBHS services and it is under process to extend the same in the remaining 6 trains.
- Around 113 trains on average per day were cleaned under Clean Train Station Scheme (CTS) at 4 major stations viz., Vijayawada, Guntakal, Renigunta and Secunderabad



Capacity Augmentation

- New Railway line for a length of 125 kms between Nandyal – Yerraguntla was commissioned.

Nandyal–Yerraguntla New Railway Line Commissioned and Nandyal–Kadapa Passenger Flagged Off



A new dawn has heralded in Rail connectivity in the State of Andhra Pradesh on August 23, 2016 when Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways joined

Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information & Broadcasting and a host of other dignitaries to commission the new 123 km railway line between Nandyal–Yerraguntla and flagged off the Nandyal–Kadapa Passenger on the route, through remote video link from Railway Institute, Vijayawada.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu described the commissioning of new railway line between Nandyal and Yerraguntla as a beginning of new phase of development of Railways in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that infrastructure development and connectivity are vital for progress of nation and the Railways want to ensure the connectivity of backward regions. The newly commissioned railway line, which connects the heart of Rayalaseema, hitherto not on the Railway Map with Amaravati, the Capital city of Andhra Pradesh is an offshoot of the same endeavor, he added. The Hon'ble Rail Minister also informed that very soon the Railways and Andhra Pradesh Government will enter into a Joint Venture to take up many more rail development projects in the State to ensure growth of infrastructure on fast track. He also expressed confidence that the flagging off of a new passenger train between Nandyal and Kadapa will enable socio-economic growth of the region, as more trains will be introduced in the future to connect important destinations.

Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in his address stated that the commissioning of Nandyal–Yerraguntla new line is an historical event and the project is a critical link in connecting backward regions of Andhra Pradesh State with the Capital region. The new line will play an important

role in the development of the state by providing crucial transportation infrastructure link with a belt rich in mineral resources and hosts several cement Plants. The new line has got the potential to develop port connectivity in the region and industrial advancement, the key elements for economic growth of the state. The Chief Minister stressed on evolving new and innovative ideas for growth of Railways and stated that the AP Government for a SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) to mobilize funds for rail projects in the states. The Chief Minister congratulated South Central Railway for handling the rush of pilgrims who utilized the train services during Krishna Pushkaram.

Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister, who also spoke on the occasion said that the Nandyal–Yerraguntla new railway line was a dream project of the people and marks fulfillment, on commissioning today. He complimented the Railway Ministry for undertaking completion of ongoing projects, without going in for new ones, as advised by Hon'ble Prime Minister. This is important since a host of projects announced in earlier years and needing huge finances are incomplete due to lack of funds he added. The Minister complimented the Railways for rendering efficient services during Krishna Pushkaram.

Earlier, Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager, SCR in his welcome address described the Nandyal–Yerraguntla new line as one of the most important initiative of Railways to be commissioned in AP. The new line is expected to boost industrial, economic and business activity in the Rayalaseema region and offers good

connectivity to Amaravati, the capital of the state.

Shri Prathipati Pulla Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Agri Processing, Marketing & Ware Housing, Animal Husbandary, Dairy Development & Fisheries and Krishna District In-charge Minister, Govt. of AP; Shri Devineni Uma Maheswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation, Command Area Development and Water Resources Management, Govt. of AP; Shri Kollu Ravindra, Hon'ble Minister for BC Welfare & Empowerment, Handlooms & Excise, Govt. of AP; Shri Koneru Sridhar, Hon'ble Mayor Vijayawada Municipal Corporation; Shri K Narayana Rao, MP, Machilipatnam; Shri Gokaraju Gangaraju, MP, Narsapuram; Shri M. Murali Mohan, MP, Rajahmundry; Shri Buddha Venkateswara Rao, Hon'ble MLC and other public representatives, dignitaries and senior railway officials participated.

Salient Features of Nandyal–Yerraguntla New Railway Line.

1. The line is to a length of 123 kms and has cost Rs. 967 Cr.
2. The line passes through Kurnool and Kadapa districts in Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh.
3. There are eight new stations enroute i.e. Madduru, Banaganapalle, Koilakuntla, Sanjamala, Nossam, S, Uppalapadu, Jammalamadugu and Proddatur.

Nandyal-Kadapa Demo Train



SCR geared for Krishna Pushkaram



South Central Railway has made elaborate arrangements to handle extra rush of Pilgrim Traffic during Krishna Pushkaram, said Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway at a Press Conference held at Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Vijayawada on August 10, 2016. The General Manager released a Special Krishna Pushkaram Time Table, comprising details of all

the special trains; Posters highlighting station wise arrangements of passenger facilities & amenities, time table brief, stoppages brief and details of all special trains and temporary stoppage of Vijayawada area and launched exclusive Web Link in SCR's Website - www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in highlighting Krishna Pushkaram train services on the occasion.

Addressing the Media, the General Manager stated that 13 Railway Stations on the Zone

are expected to see an influx of pilgrim traffic and all necessary arrangements have been put in place at these stations. 2000 additional Railway personnel have been deputed for temporary duty during Krishna Pushkaram period, who include 1250 Railway Protection Force (RPF) and 450 Commercial staff. In addition, 600 contract staff have been deployed to handle cleanliness work etc.

On the facilities for meeting pilgrim rush, the General Manager informed that several temporary and permanent passenger amenity works have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.35 Crore. In addition to the existing infrastructure in place, 30,000 Sq.mts of additional shelter (sheds) has been built for pilgrim needs. Arrangements have also been done to handle security by installing additional surveillance cameras; providing ambulance and Doctor on call; Public address system for making announcements; requisitioning services of scouts and guides and other voluntary organization etc. The General Manager also spoke of the preparedness of SCR to handle any sudden rise of traffic by means of keeping reserve stock (spare train rake) ready and expressed confidence that the public expectations will be fully met.



Swift action by SCR to enhance Pilgrims' Comfort for ongoing Krishna Pushkaram.

Officials of South Central Railway took swift action on the advice of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N Chandrababu Naidu to completely carpet the Pushkar Nagar, temporarily set up at the Railway Stadium opposite Vijayawada Railway Station for catering to the needs of pilgrim passengers on August 18, 2016. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager issued instructions to the DRM, Vijayawada Division and Principal Chief Engineer, SCR to complete the carpeting work immediately yesterday, so as to enhance the facilities commissioned for use of Krishna Pushkaram pilgrims. The carpeting of entire Pushkar Nagar at the stadium will enhance

the comfort of pilgrim passengers, offering them a proper place to rest.

Later, August 19, 2016, Shri Ravindra Gupta held a meeting with Senior Officials of the Zone at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad to review the arrangements in place made by SCR at various locations for the ongoing Krishna Pushkarams.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, analysed the pilgrim passenger traffic trends at various Railway stations nominated to handle Pushkarams traffic and advised concerned officials to be ready to meet any requirements that may crop up due to sudden spurt in rush during the final days of the event. T



Shri Arjun Mundiya, SCR's New Chief Mechanical Engineer



Shri Arjun Mundiya, IRSME took charge as Chief Mechanical Engineer on July 4, 2016. He belongs to the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME) 1983 batch and joined Indian Railway service

on 12th March, 1983. He holds a degree in Engineering from Institution of Engineers (India)-Mechanical (AMIE) and a Diploma in Management from (IGNOU).

Prior to his new posting, Shri Arjun Mundiya held charge as CWE, ECoR. Amongst the assignments he held during his career are as DRM, Sambalpur Division, ECoR and as Chief Motive Power Engineer/Diesel, ECoR.

Shri N V Ramana Reddy, SCR's New Chief Personnel Officer



Shri N V Ramana Reddy, IRPS has assumed office as Chief Personnel Officer on July 6, 2016. He belongs to the Indian Railway Personnel Service - 1986 batch. His academic attainment includes a M.Phil from Delhi University.

He has served in various capacities on SCR including as CPRO, Member Secretary, RRB, Secunderabad and as CPO (Admin). Shri N V Ramana Reddy has also held several important positions while working on deputation to Government of Andhra Pradesh including as Special Secretary, General Administration Department, AP.

Shri P K Sangewar, SCR's New Controller of Stores



Shri P K Sangewar has taken charge as Controller of Stores on October 26, 2016. He belongs to the Indian Railways Stores Service, 1981 batch of Civil Services. He is a Mechanical Engineer and joined the Indian Railway as

AMM on Eastern Railway. He continued to work in various capacities like SMM, Dy. CMM and CMM on the Indian Railways. During his entire career spanning over 33 years, he had undergone training in all the fields of Stores Department on different subjects at various places including training at Switzerland and Germany. Before joining SCR, he has worked as Controller of Stores, Rail Wheel Factory, Yelhanka, Bangalore, where for his contribution towards paperless working, received appreciation from Hon'ble Minister for Railways.

General Manager conducts Intensive Review of Safety & Punctuality

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway undertook an intensive review of Safety during the season and Punctuality of the trains on the Zone. All the Principal Heads of the Departments were present during the review meeting. Divisional Railway Managers of all the 6 Divisions on SCR attended the review meeting through video conference held on September 1, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

General Manager held extensive review of Division-wise position on monsoon safety in view of prevailing weather conditions and issued instructions to be highly alert during the season. He advised the Divisional Railway Managers to take up intensive patrolling on all vulnerable sections as per the schedule, identify the vulnerable bridges and locations so as to take all precautionary measures.

Elaborating more on the aspect of safety, the General Manager advised the officials to take

all precautionary measures and ensure safety at both manned and unmanned level crossing gates. Conduct frequent ambush checks and night inspections to keep all the railway gateman alert. He also advised to prepare an audio visual teaching aid for the benefit of gateman in performing their duties in ensuring safety. He also advised the Divisions to identify erring field staff and counsel them to work as per the laid down safety procedures.

Shri Ravindra Gupta also reviewed the punctuality position of Express and Passenger services on the Zone and at Divisional level. He suggested improvements to be done in signaling systems to achieve speeding up of train running and attaining optimum levels in punctuality.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager reviews the Progress of New Project Works

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway held a review meeting on the progress of all ongoing newline, doubling, gauge conversion works and other projects over the Zone with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Engineers and other Officials of Construction Organization at Rail Nirman Nilayam, Secunderabad on September 10, 2016.

Shri Ravindra Gupta critically reviewed the ongoing works and discussed in detail about the comprehensive plans for speedy completion of the projects. He stressed upon the need for completion of projects over South Central Railway and



directed the officials to meet the targets as per schedule. The General Manager undertook project wise detailed review to assess the progress made and strategies to speed up the works. Discussions were focused around several ongoing

projects over South Central Railway including Peddapalli-Nizamabad, Bidar-Gulbarga, Vishnupuram-Motumari, Raghavapuram-Peddampet & Mancherial-Mandamarri patch tripling, Kazipet-Vijayawada third line etc.

Shri A K Gupta, AGM, Shri R C Bhoolchandani, CAO (Construction) were amongst the officials present.



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Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR launched a massive Tree Plantation programme held at South Lallaguda Railway Colony, Secunderabad on July 11, 2016. The programme marked SCR's initiative in taking up the Green mission of Telangana State Government "Haritha Haram" forward.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, planted a sapling at South Lallaguda Railway colony, Secunderabad to formally commence the tree plantation drive. He gave a call to all the Railway men to plant one tree each and nurture its growth, so as to enable create a greener environment. He expressed the resolve of SCR to undertake all measures towards environmental protection and conservation of nature, since the same is a vital need of the present times. The General Manager was joined by Shri A K Gupta, Addl General Manager, DRMs of Secunderabad and Hyderabad Divisions and other senior officials in the tree plantation drive.

The tree plantation drive, which covered South Lallaguda, North Lallaguda, Sitaphalmandi, Mettuguda, Moula-Ali, Kacheguda, Chilkalguda Railway Colonies and around 5000 saplings were planted as a part of the same, involving the participation of Railway staff, School Children, Scouts & Guides, National Green Corps etc. At Malkajgiri, members of Lions Club and local passenger association also joined with SCR in tree plantation drive. Later, the General Manager visited Railway Mixed High School, South Lallaguda, Secunderabad for an inspection and undertook tree plantation at the school premises besides advising the young students to care for trees and environment.

Tree plantation programme was also undertaken by SCR at various other locations in Telangana State today. Around 10 acres of land at Sanathnagar, 20 acres at Cherlapalli, 30 acres between Sanathnagar and Lingampalli was levelled to undertake block plantation of 30,000 trees. Another 30,000 trees are planned in the mid section between Bhongir-Cherlapalli.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager stresses on Curbing Unauthorized Travel by Trains

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager appealed to rail travelers to avoid unauthorized

travelling in the compartments reserved for ladies, physically challenged and other coaches in trains. He stressed on the need to curb unauthorized travelling and ensure that passengers make use of only the earmarked compartments thereby enabling safer trains operations. The General Manager also called upon all the Divisional Railway Managers to carry out massive drive against unauthorized travelling in all passenger / intercity express trains and penalize the violators.

He was addressing a safety review meeting attended by senior officials of various departments of the Zone on October 3, 2016, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The review meeting also involved video conferencing with the Divisional Railway Managers of all six Divisions.

Reiterating that safety is accorded top priority on the railways Shri Ravindra



Gupta cautioned all the officers that any small incident has the potential to change into a larger one if neglected. Hence, any small unsafe incident shall be dealt seriously as per the stipulated norms said the General Manager. Shri Ravindra Gupta, instructed the DRMs to conduct Safety Seminars involving running staff and officers so it can establish a formal line of communication between them and resolve amicable solutions to prevailing issues.

Shri D K Singh, CSO made a PowerPoint presentation on Safety. Shri S N Singh, PCE, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, COM,

Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM, Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, FA&CAO were amongst the Officials present.

Acknowledging the good performance and timely alertness of the staff that lead to averting the untoward incidents, Shri Ravindra Gupta presented 'Man of the Month' awards to three employees of the Zone viz., Shri S Kiran Kumar, Chief Loco Inspector, Hyderabad Division; Shri B Ravinder, Loco Pilot, and Shri Chittaranjan Kumar, Assistant Loco Pilot of Secunderabad Division.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager addresses Open Session of Indian Railway Promotee Officers' Federation

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway called upon the Promotee Officers of Indian Railways to work with commitment for the progress of Indian Railways. Describing the ranks of Promotee Officers working on Indian Railways as backbone of the organization who carry immense experience and play vital role in organization's performance, Shri Ravindra Gupta stressed that their need not be any feeling of lesser competence amongst them. The General Manager was addressing the Open Session of the two day Executive Committee Meeting of Indian Railways Promotee Officers Federation (IRPOF) held at Rail Nilayam Auditorium on September 9, 2016 as Chief Guest. The meeting was organized by South Central Railway Promotee Officers Association.

Elaborating on various issues concerning the career and promotional avenues of Railway personnel who are promoted as Officers, Shri Ravindra Gupta stated that there is a good possibility of the promote officers getting into higher ranks, more so

Officers, Shri Ravindra Gupta stated that there is a good possibility of the promote officers getting into higher ranks, more so with younger lot getting into the grade. He advised them that the challenges of work shall be met with renewed vigor to steer Indian Railways on to the growth track. Shri A K Gupta, AGM, SCR who was the distinguished guest on the occasion stated that Promotee Officers are valuable human resources for the organisation. Their experience and understanding of the system enables attain a result oriented performance for the organization.

Shri Raman K Sharma, Secretary General, IRPOF spoke on the issues concerning Promotee Officers and conveyed his thanks to the General Manager, SCR for being positive towards addressing the same. Shri Jitender Singh, Advisor,

IRPOF also spoke on the occasion.

Shri P A Pushparaj, President, Shri Shakeel Ahmed, Working President, Shri A.K. Mandal, General Secretary, SCR Promotee Officers Association and Dr. V. Indira, Organising Secretary, IRPOF participated in the programme session. Shri Shankar Rao, General Secretary, SCR Mazdoor Union and several Principal Heads of Departments of SCR were amongst those present.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspects Tirupati Railway Station

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Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway visited Tirupati Railway Station on September 11, 2016 on an inspection. He was accompanied by Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Vasudeva Reddy, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and other Officials of Guntakal Division.

The General Manager undertook an extensive tour of Tirupati Railway Station, covering the entire station premises from the main (North side) till the South side entrance area. He checked the facilities available at the station including the lifts, apron, Booking offices, Parcel Office, Luggage Scanners, Passenger amenities in platforms, waiting areas, circulating area etc.

During the course of the inspection, Shri Ravindra Gupta sought details from the Divisional Railway Manager and other Officials of the Division on the developmental plans for the development of the station. The General Manager opined that the developmental plans shall hold a long term perspective, keeping in view the anticipated increase in passenger traffic at Tirupati.



General Manager holds Extensive Review of Safety on the Zone

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager issued instructions to provide retro reflective jackets to all the safety category staff to avoid untoward incidents during the work. He undertook an extensive review of Safety during the prevailing situation and Punctuality of the trains on the Zone. All the Principal Heads of the Departments were present during the review meeting. Divisional Railway Managers of all the six Divisions on SCR attended the review meeting through video conference held on September 16, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

General Manager held review of Division wise position for the safety situation and issued instructions to be highly alert. He advised the Divisional Railway Managers to take up intensive ambush checks to ensure safety at both manned and unmanned level crossing gates.

He also directed the Divisions to be cautious about rail breakages, rail burnings etc. He further advised the Divisions to ensure enough stocks and availability of required spare parts to quickly attend the technical issues on time.

He advised the DRMs to implement all the time tested safety procedures without fail as part of ensuring safety and punctuality. He also advised the Divisions to identify erring field staff and impart training through audio-visual modules and enable them to work as per the laid down procedures.

Shri A K Gupta, AGM; Shri S N Singh, PCE, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, COM; Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM; Shri M.S. Mahaboob Ali, CSTE; Shri R.C. Boolchandani, CAO (Construction); Shri Arjun Mundiya, CME; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, CPO were amongst the Officials present.



General Manager Reviews the Progress of Track Restoration Works on Nadikude-Guntur Section

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway visited Nadikude-Guntur section on September 24, 2016 to review the progress of track restoration works on Nadikude-Guntur section which was damaged at five locations due to flood water overflowing rail tracks on account of heavy rains in the region.

The General Manager personally reviewed the progress of restoration work in the affected locations at Anupalem near Piduguralla, Dhulipalla near Sattenapalle, Rajupalem and Reddigudem etc. He instructed that required man power shall be mobilized at the restoration work spots, if needed by deploying staff and officers from other locations on the Zone. Machinery including Earth Movers, Proclainers, Tractors etc., shall be effectively utilized for undertaking the restoration work on war foot. Material including sand, ballast, boulders, cement, quarry dust etc., shall be made available at the work spots for strengthening and normalizing the rail track, banks, bridge strengthening works etc. He expressed satisfaction over the pace of work under progress despite the odds like, lack of proper road connectivity and inclement weather condition at the work locations.

Taking stock of the situation from the officials on the spot, the General Manager instructed that the restoration work on the affected rail section should be completed efficiently at the earliest. At the same time, the restoration work should be taken up with standard safety norms and ensure passengers safety, he emphasized.

Addressing the media present at Sattenapalle, Shri Ravindra Gupta said that restoration works at five locations are being carried out simultaneously with sufficient team of engineers involving modern machinery and man power round the clock. Major trains which run on Nadikude-Guntur are being run via Kazipet section to meet the needs of passengers of this region. He expressed confidence to resume full rail traffic in the quickest possible time, in the normal route.

Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, SCR; Shri Vijay Sharma, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division and other officials were present during the General Manager's visit.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager Inspects Track Restoration Works



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway made a visit to inspect the progress of track restoration works being carried out between Piduguralla - Reddigudem - Sattenapalli stations on September 29, 2016. On account of heavy rains in this region, the track on Nadikude-Guntur section was damaged at five locations due to flood water overflowing rail tracks.

The General Manager personally inspected the progress of restoration work in the affected locations at Piduguralla and Reddigudem. Taking

stock of the situation on the spot, the General Manager instructed the officials to carry out the restoration work on war footing to restore the normalcy in train operations as early as possible. He also emphasized that the restoration work should be taken up with standard safety norms to ensure optimal safety in train operations.

Shri S.N. Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, SCR; Shri Vijay Sharma, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division and other officials were present during the General Managers visit.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager undertook Intensive Cleanliness Drive at Secunderabad Railway Station

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway undertook intensive cleanliness drive and inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station on September 18, 2016. Initiating the Swachh Station (Clean Station) drive as part of 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat-Swachhta Saptah' Shri Ravindra Gupta called upon the participation of Rail Users, NGOs, Charitable Institutions, Scouts & Guides, Unions in a big way for maintaining cleanliness of railway stations and Trains. Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior railway officials also participated in the drive.

The General Manager along with voluntary organisations created awareness on 'fill the dustbin' & 'donate the dustbin' at the station. A skit by railway employees on maintenance of cleanliness at station and in trains has been performed to create awareness among the rail users. The General Manager after inspecting the

standards of cleaning equipments being used at this station also undertook cleaning of platform with battery driven cleaning car and hand held cleaning machine.

Later, Shri Ravindra Gupta inspected the cleanliness aspect in the areas of foot over bridge, toilets, AC dormitories, retiring rooms, waiting halls, cloak room, water troughs, circulating area, concourse, parking area in the station. Further, the General Manager also boarded the Kakinada Port-Bhavanagar Express train on platform no.1 and inspected the cleanliness and hygiene of toilets, coaches and checked the availability of water. He also interacted with the onboard passengers and enquired about the amenities and facilities in trains.

The General Manager undertook thorough check of IRCTC Food Plaza on Platform No.1 at the station and inspected the quality and quantity of the food being served to the rail users. He instructed the officials to conduct

regular quality and quantity checks and impose penalties on the erring food stalls if they deviate from the approved standards.

During the course of inspection near general booking area, General Manager interacted with passengers and advised them to utilise the paperless mobile ticketing app like UTS on Mobile App, available on Indian Railways to purchase unreserved tickets which will save the time and hardship to the esteemed rail users.

Shri Ravindra Gupta in his interaction with the media detailed about the Swachhta Saptah being carried out throughout the Zone from 17th to 25th September, 2016. He also informed that sustained efforts will be made involving all stakeholders to upkeep the cleanliness and hygiene at stations and in trains all over the Zone.



General Manager inspects 3rd Railway Line (Tripling) Works between Peddampet and Manchiryal

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspected the progress of ongoing 3rd Railway Line Works between Peddampet-Manchiryal Railway stations on the Kazipet-Balharshah section of Secunderabad Division on October 6, 2016. He was accompanied by Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Officials of the Division.



The 3rd line, (patch tripling) under progress between Peddampet-Manchiryal include construction of a major bridge across river Godavari. On completion of the works, rail traffic on the route will see a sizeable smooth movement, since it falls on the Grand Trunk North-South rail corridor and is one of the busiest rail route.



The General Manager also inspected the availability of passenger amenities at Manchiryal Railway station and reviewed the progress of infra structure works here. He also reviewed the station development plan with the Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other officials. In the return, the General Manager conducted a rear window inspection from Manchiryal to Kazipet to assess the condition of the rail network.



Revival of 150 Years Old 'Salar Jung' Well

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR inaugurated a newly revived over 150 years old "Salarjung Open Well" at Moula-Ali, Hyderabad on July 18, 2016. Smt. Shikha Gupta, President, South Central Railway Women's Welfare Organization also joined the inauguration.

The reviving of this heritage well, situated adjacent to the Railway Protection Force Training Centre, Moula-Ali, Hyderabad was undertaken at the bidding of the General Manager, in tune with the emphasis of Railway Board towards conservation of water and revival of abandoned water bodies. This well, which is planned to cater to the water supply requirements of Railway Colony, Diesel Loco Shed and Electric Car Shed at Moula-Ali is expected to give a yield of about

2 lakh liters of water every day. The water yield from this source is expected to generate a substantial saving of around Rs. One Crore per annum to Hyderabad Division of SCR, against the amount presently being paid towards municipal water charges.

Later, Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM and other Officials planted saplings towards developing a green environment at the same location. The General Manager visited RPF Training Centre campus to check on another old well, and discussed plans for its revival. Yet another old well located at Alugaddabavi, Secunderabad in SCR's area, is also being revived.

Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division, SCR; Shri S.N. Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, SCR other Senior Officials and Representatives of Trade Unions were amongst those present during the Inauguration.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspects ongoing Tunnel Works at Margutti on Bidar–Gulbarga New Railway Line

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway made an extensive inspection of the ongoing tunnel works at Margutti on the Bidar-Gulbarga New Railway Line Project on September 8, 2016. The General Manager was accompanied by Shri RC Boolchandani, Chief Administration Officer (Construction) and Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway and Other Officials during the inspection.

The General Manager was updated on the actual status of the works, including the extent of completion and also the plans drawn up for completing the remaining works. Later, Shri Ravindra Gupta directed the officials to ensure that due priority is accorded for the execution and completion of the works as planned.

Commencing his inspection, Shri Ravindra Gupta, made an extensive tour of the Bidar Railway Station premises and the circulating area to check Ticket Booking counters, Signage boards, Station Circulating area, VIP Lounge, Crew Booking Lobby, Second Class waiting hall etc. He spoke to the officials of Secunderabad Division on the need to ensure that the infrastructure and passenger amenities works

are taken up in a coordinated manner so as to ensure simultaneous completion.



South Central Railway clinched the Winners Trophy at the All India Railway B a l l

Badminton Championship for Men 2016-17, hosted by Northern Railway at New Delhi.

In the final, South Central Railway beat Northern Railway by 3-1. In semi finals SCR beat South Western Railway by 3-0 and in Quarter Final SCR beat Western Railway by 3-2. In league South Central Railway won on North Western Railway by 3-0.

South Central Railway Secunderabad; Western Railway, Mumbai; North West Railway, Jaipur; South Western Railway, Hubli; Northern Railway, New Delhi; South Eastern Railway, Kolkata; Integral Coach Factory, Chennai; Southern Railway, Chennai; and East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar have participated in the Championship.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager congratulated the team and appreciated for exhibiting best of their talent. Shri Gajanan Mallya, President, SCRSA, also complemented the team members.

South Central Railway emerges as Winners at the All India Railway Ball Badminton Championship for Men 2016-17



Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways Felicitates Shri P V Ramana, Father of Ms. P V Sindhu

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways felicitated Shri P V Ramana, Assistant Sports Officer, South Central Railway and father of the Olympic Silver Medalist Ms P V Sindhu at Divisional Railway Manager's Chamber, Divisional Headquarters, Vijayawada on August 23, 2016.

The Hon'ble Minister for Railways expressed happiness at the performance of Ms Sindhu who brought laurels to the Country with her achievement by winning Silver Medal in Women's Single Badminton at Rio Olympics.



He said that the joy for Indian Railways is doubled since both the parents of Ms Sindhu hail from the Railway Family, since they were employed on South Central Railway. Shri Ramana is serving as Assistant Sports Officer, SCR while Smt. P V Vijaya, the mother of Ms P V Sindhu, who was working for SCR has taken Voluntary Retirement. Both the parents of were recruited through Sports Quota and Shri Ramana, who made his mark as a International Volleyball Player is also the recipient of Arjuna Award.

Olympics Star, PV Sindhu and International Athlete, Satti Geetha call on General Manager

Olympian Star and Silver Medalist, Ms P.V. Sindhu, called on Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway on September 1, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. She was accompanied by her parents, Shri P.V. Ramana, Assistant Sports Officer, South Central Railway and Smt P. Vijaya, also a former employee of the Zone. The General Manager was all praise for Ms P.V. Sindhu for her stupendous achievement which brought glory to the nation and expressed his confidence that she will go on to achieve many more laurels for the Country. SCR is additionally proud of the fact that she comes from a Railway family, the General Manager said.



Ms. Satti Geetha, International Athlete hailing from the ranks of SCR and the recipient of Dhyanchand Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 also called on Shri Ravindra Gupta who congratulated her for the honour received. The General Manager expressed happiness that her achievement added a feather in the cap of SCR and Indian Railways.

SCR Women's Kabaddi Team wins All India 'A' Grade Kabaddi Championship

The South Central Railway Women's Kabaddi Team prevailed over the Western Railway 23-13 in the finals to win the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike All India 'A' Grade Kabaddi Championship Trophy-2016. The Tournament, which was held from 25th till 28th August, 2016 at Bengaluru saw the participation of top notch teams from All over India.

In the pool matches, the SCR team outfit beat Gurukul, Haryana 21-14 and later overcame Best & Co, Coimbatore 39-10. In the quarter finals, the SCR Women outclassed Palam, Delhi 15-6. In the Semi-final, SCR was pitted against SMC, Dindigul in which SCR triumphed 12-8. The finals saw two teams from the Railways with SCR outperforming the Western Railway. Ms. Tejaswani Bai of SCR was adjudged as the Best All Rounder while Ms. Pinky Rai also from SCR was awarded the Best Catcher prize.

The SCR Women's Kabaddi team called on Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR in his chamber at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad today i.e, 2nd September, 2016. The General Manager

congratulated the team for bagging a prestigious All India Level Trophy and advised the team members to continue to perform to their best. Shri Gajanan Mallya, Sr. Deputy General Manager, SCR & President, SCR Sports Association; Shri K.Siva Prasad, Chief

Track Engineer, SCR & General Secretary, SCR Sports Association and Shri A K Singh, Secretary, Public Grievances, SCR & Secretary, SCR Kabaddi Team were also present.



SCR Men's Kabaddi Team Finish Runners Up in 66th All India Railway Kabaddi Championship - 2016

The South Central Railway Men's Kabaddi Team went down narrowly to Western Railway 24-20 in a pulsating final encounter in the 66th All India Railway Kabaddi Championship Trophy-2016 held at Patna from 1st to 3rd September, 2016. The tournament saw participation of 15 teams from all over Indian Railways.

In the pool matches, the SCR outfit beat North West Railway by 19-10 and Western Railway 28-13. In the quarter finals, SCR outclassed Central Railway by 25-10. In the Semi-final, SCR triumphed over Northern Railway 25-06.

The team called on Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR today at Rail Nilayam. The General Manager appreciated their performance and encouraged the team to keep performing to the best.



Mission Swachh Rail - Swachh Bharat Yields Good Results on SCR

The nine-day long Swachhta Saptah under the Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat Mission carried out from September 17 to 25 yielded good results on South Central Railway. With participation of employees, officers and other voluntary organisations the cleanliness drive concluded with impressive result. This special outreach programme was intended to spread wider awareness on sanitation and cleanliness in rail premises and make hygiene a habit amongst the travelling public.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager and Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager including Principal Heads of Departments from Headquarters Rail Nilayam, Divisional Railway Managers of all six and all the Branch Officers have energetically participated in the cleanliness drives took place at several stations and in trains.

During these various drives a total of 6424 passengers (on platforms) and 2019 passengers (in trains) were interacted personally by various officials regarding cleanliness and hygiene. A total of 6232 persons were penalized under anti-littering drive and fine to the tune of Rs12.46 lakhs were collected as penalties. In order to ensure proper segregation of garbage at stations,

2477 dust bins were provided at platforms of various stations. A total of 2308 water samples from various points were taken and tested for residual chlorine. Total 64 samples found not meeting the norms and corrective action was taken to improve the quality of water. Similarly a total water samples have been sent for bacteriological examination and results awaited.

Various awareness activities like nukkad natak, cleanliness drives, display of posters and banners were held at the station and in trains. The message

sustained "Clean Station and Clean Trains" was sent loud and clear to the travelling public. Anti-littering slogans were also posted at various locations besides, use of dustbins and role of passengers in filling them was also undertaken through Role Plays. A drive on garbage handling and disposal was also undertaken at railway stations, trains and depots. Tree plantation programmes were also held at various places.



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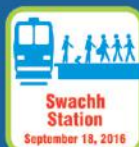
ENSURING CLEANLINESS EVERYDAY



Swachh Saptah on SCR



Swachh Paryavaran (Clean Environment) drive was held in which GM, AGM, all Heads of Departments and Divisions participated. Total 264 officers led the drive at 285 stations of SCR to improve the cleanliness of the stations and improve the ambiance, landscaping, plantation of saplings and streamlining disposal of garbage are few activities taken up on this day. About 20 NGOs participated in the drive at 16 major stations.



Swachh Station (Clean Station) drive was taken in which 243 officers at all levels led the intensive cleaning activities at 282 stations. Availability of machines and cleanliness enablers were verified and made good. Additional dust bins were provided. Total 18 NGOs were participated in 11 major stations to assist in the cleanliness campaign and building awareness among rail users.



Swachh Railgaadi (Clean Train) drive was taken up in which 144 officers were deputed to take up intensive cleaning of trains at coaching depots and train originating points. A total of 85 trains were intensively cleaned in the presence of these officers. At major stations, passengers were interacted and provision of cleaning services like On-board Housekeeping service, Clean Train Station & quality of linen were inspected on the day. Total 4 voluntary organizations participated at two stations.



Swachh Neer (Clean water) drive was taken up in which intensive inspection of water tanks and water coolers, chlorination, testing of water samples from taps were taken up. In total 153 officers have participated in the drive at 162 stations and 21 trains.



Swachh Parisar (Clean Complex) drive was taken up in which 213 officers and large number of staff were participated in 223 stations in which cleanliness and passenger amenities in the circulating area and cleaning up of drains in the station were taken up.



Swachh Sahyog (Cleanliness participation) anti littering drive was taken up and cleanliness awareness was spread through street plays at passenger interface areas. 148 officers have participated at 150 station and 8 trains. On this day a total of 871 persons were penalised for littering and collected an amount of Rs1.74 lakh over the Zone.



Swachh Samwad (Clean dialogue) drive. As part of this seminar on sanitation and up keep of stations etc has been taken up at different units. Painting and poster competitions were also organized at various railway schools and colleges. Railway staff who have done commendable job in field of sanitation has been awarded by respective Divisions.



Swachh Samarpan drive in which Prabhat pheries and street plays were organized to generate dedication to the sustenance of cleanliness. 130 officers have participated at 112 stations and 7 trains.



Swachh Aahar, an intensive drive of cleanliness and hygiene of Kitchen and pantry units and cleanliness & hygiene of the kitchen and pantry cooks and bearers and proper disposal of kitchen waste etc., has been taken up. 144 officers have participated at 167 stations and in 6 trains.

On this same day Anti Open Defecation drive at stations and along railway tracks was also taken up involving local municipal authorities from 05:00 hrs to 08:00 hrs. This was aimed at creating awareness among the people that open defecation poses threat to the health of children.



Swachhta Drive at Kacheguda Railway Station



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR launched the Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat cleanliness campaign at Kacheguda Railway Station on October 2, 2016, amidst a sizeable crowd of rail users including MMTS commuters' etc. He administered the Swachhta Shapath (Pledge) to the gathering, before formally taking to the wheels to undertake mechanized cleaning on the platform and in the circulating area. He also extensively inspected the catering stalls, passenger amenities etc at the station to check on the cleanliness and maintenance. The programme was also marked by several cultural events including songs stressing on cleanliness, skits to educate rail users on cleanliness and dances by youth groups to drive home the message of cleanliness.

Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division, other officers from Headquarters and the Division were present.

The Swachhta Divas cleanliness drive was also conducted at all major railway stations including the MMTS stations in the twin cities, led by senior railway officials deputed for each of the stations.



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स्वच्छता शपथ

महात्मा गांधी ने जिस भारत का सपना देखा था उसमें सिर्फ राजनैतिक आजादी ही नहीं थी, बल्कि एक स्वच्छ एवं विकसित देश की कल्पना भी थी।

महात्मा गांधी ने गुलामी की जंजीरों को तोड़कर माँ भारती को आज़ाद कराया।

अब हमारा कर्तव्य है कि गंदगी को दूर करके भारत माता की सेवा करें।

मैं शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं स्वयं स्वच्छता के प्रति सजग रहूँगा और उसके लिए समय दूँगा।

हर वर्ष 100 घंटे यानी हर सप्ताह 2 घंटे श्रमदान करके स्वच्छता के इस संकल्प को चरितार्थ करूँगा।

मैं न गंदगी करूँगा न किसी और को करने दूँगा।

सबसे पहले मैं स्वयं से, मेरे परिवार से, मेरे मुहल्ले से, मेरे गांव से एवं मेरे कार्यस्थल से शुरुआत करूँगा।

मैं यह मानता हूँ कि दुनिया के जो भी देश स्वच्छ दिखते हैं उसका कारण यह है कि वहां के नागरिक गंदगी नहीं करते और न ही होने देते हैं।

इस विचार के साथ मैं गाँव-गाँव और गली-गली स्वच्छ भारत मिशन का प्रचार करूँगा।

मैं आज जो शपथ ले रहा हूँ, वह अन्य 100 व्यक्तियों से भी करवाऊँगा।

वे भी मेरी तरह स्वच्छता के लिए 100 घंटे दें, इसके लिए प्रयास करूँगा।

मुझे मालूम है कि स्वच्छता की तरफ बढ़ाया गया मेरा एक कदम पूरे भारत देश को स्वच्छ बनाने में मदद करेगा।





Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat RUN



Necklace Road
Railway Station

2 Kilometer
Run

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Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Run at Necklace Road, Hyderabad heralds Golden Jubilee Celebrations of South Central Railway

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The RUN was organized in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of South Central Railway which was born on October 2, 1966 and comes on the day of the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi who espoused 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'. The RUN also marked the commencement of the third year of the Swachh Rail – Swachh Bharat Mission on Indian Railways which was launched exactly two years back on October 2, 2014.

The days programme commenced with, the General Manager administering the Swachhta Shapath (Pledge) to the huge gathering, which centered on the responsibility of every citizen to practice cleanliness in every aspect of life and make the nation a Swachh Bharat. Tri-colour balloons with "Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat" messages tagged, were released into the sky by Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM; Shri A.K. Gupta, AGM and Smt. Shikha Gupta, President, SCRWWO. Later, the RUN was formally flagged off by Smt. Shikha Gupta and was led by the General Manager.

Addressing the gathering after the completion of the RUN, Shri Ravindra Gupta called upon the rail users to join hands with the Railways in making the Mission "Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat" a success. Explaining the significance of the day, the General Manager made a point that the Golden Jubilee of SCR is an

occasion to pursue the objective of a clean railway with still more vigour. The Zone is fortunate to share its birthday with that of the Father of the Nation and is focused to fulfill the Mission towards cleanliness, as dear to Mahatma Gandhi. He also spelt out the plans of SCR in still more enhancing cleanliness on board trains and at stations.

Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, several Principal Heads of Departments of SCR were amongst those who took part in the programme.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway led a largely attended Swachh Rail – Swachh Bharat RUN organized by the Zone at Necklace Road Railway Station, Hyderabad on October 2, 2016. The station circulating premises was jam-packed with enthusiastic participants who came, all geared to take part in the run. The participants included Railway officers and staff, their family members, sportsmen and women from railways as also a sizeable number of rail users and general public, who joined for a common cause.

Golden Jubilee Painting Competition on “Indian Railways – Lifeline to the Nation” saw a huge draw



Coinciding with its Golden Jubilee Celebrations, South Central Railway organized a Painting Competition on the Theme “Indian Railways – Lifeline to the Nation” on October 22, 2016 at the premises of Railway Junior College, Secunderabad. The Painting Competition held across various categories of age groups – up to 12 years, 12-18 years, above 18 years, saw a huge participation of over 1000 participants who showed their brushing skills and immense involvement with the Railways.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager who was the Chief Guest called upon the gathering of Painting enthusiasts to exhibit their skills with utmost creativity, keeping in view the fact that Indian Railways offers a wide kaleidoscope of experiences and memories.

Smt. Shikha Gupta, President, SCR Women's Welfare Organisation formally declared open the Painting Competition. Shri Bijay Biswaal, eminent Artist from Nagpur who also hails from the Indian Railways fraternity, marked his presence

as a Special Invitee and shared his thoughts with the participants. He also held a Painting Workshop for enhancing the knowledge of amateur artists amongst the participants.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager; Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division; Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer were amongst the Officials present.



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Enthralling Musical Night “Swarna Sandhya” held



Swarna Sandhya, a Grand Musical Night, enthralled the audience with popular and classics of Hindi and Telugu songs on October 28, 2016 at Rail Kalarang AC Auditorium, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager; Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager, Smt. Shika Gupta, President, SCR Women's Welfare Organization, Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager and President SCR Lalitha Kala Samithi graced the occasion.

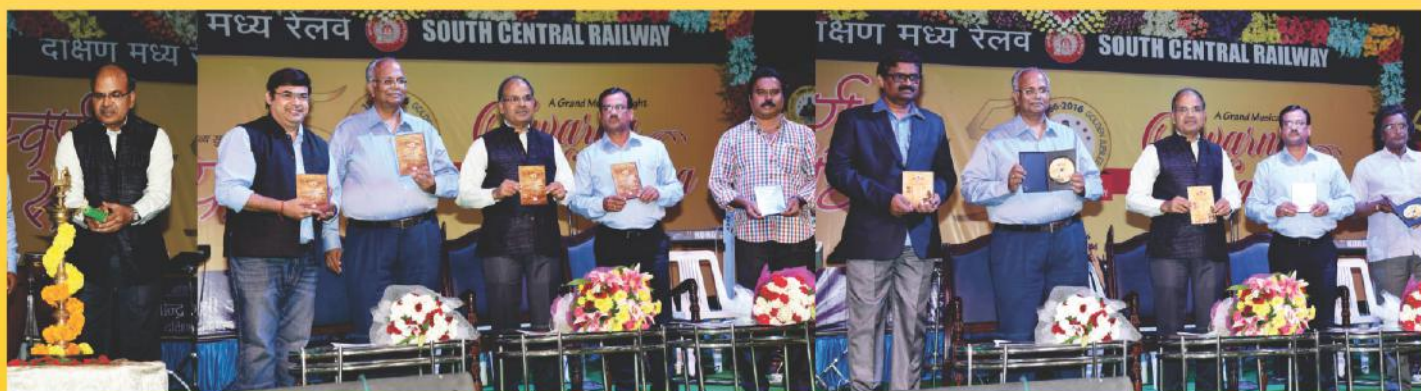
Speaking on the occasion Shri Ravindra Gupta stated that celebrating Golden Jubilee for a successful organization is a

matter of pride. He complimented all the officers and staff for running the South Central Railway on the path of progress. He also complimented the family members of staff for their background support and cooperation which enables the staff to perform their duties perfectly.

The Grand Gala Event was organized as part of South Central Railway Golden Jubilee Celebrations. All the artists participated in the musical concert were from South Central Railway and the program was directed by Nandi Award Winner and popular singer Shri Vinod Babu.

Earlier, Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager released Musical album of theme songs titled “Jaan Hun Main-Mai Hu Dhadkan”, “Jayaho Dakshina Madhya Railway” composed by Shri Nagaraju and Shri Vinod Babu containing the songs on performance of South Central Railway in Hindi and Telugu languages.

Shri Ravindra Gupta and Smt Shika Gupta distributed prizes to the winners of Painting Competitions in various categories. The painting competitions were held at Railway Junior College where more than thousand students and employees participated.



Inter Divisional Golden Jubilee Rangoli Competition



Childrens Corner 'Phulwari'
inaugurated by Smt. Shikha Gupta, President, SCRWWO
at Rlailway Sports Complex, Secunderabad





Shri Hemant Kumar, Member, Rolling Stock, Railway Board, New Delhi made a visit to South Central Railway and participated in a host of meetings held at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on October 22, 2016. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager was present along with him during the day long schedule.

Addressing the Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers at Rail Nilayam, Shri Hemant Kumar highlighted that the ambitious "Rail Vikas Shivir" an idea generating exercise to take Indian Railways forward, which is currently on, is one of the most extensive brain storming initiative ever to be undertaken by any Organisation. Focusing on the fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister will be involving in analysing the ideas that are selected at the National level, the Railway Board Member expressed confidence that good and positive results will be forth coming, both in terms of short term and long

term. He also encouraged the Officials to take on challenges and bottle necks in the working system and prevail over them for performance betterment.

Earlier, the Member, Rolling Stock, Railway Board attended and addressed the Junior Rail Vikas Shivir, a precursor to the main event slated at National level. As a mentor for the Zone, Shri Hemant Kumar expressed appreciation on the ideas that have been presented in the Shivir. He put forth to the audience, the view point of Hon'ble Prime Minister that Railway personnel themselves are capable of transformation of Indian Railways.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR in his address

expressed happiness at the various interesting and innovative ideas that have been presented on how to "Create 3X bigger Indian Railways that is economically viable". The short listing of ideas for further taking forward is itself a very challenging task and hence Railway staff and Officials are involved in marking and grading the same, he added. He was appreciative of the lead role that the Member, Rolling Stock, Railway Board played in shaping this endeavour on the Zone. Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager and other Principal Heads of Departments were present.



General Manager's Cup for Inter-Divisional Golden Jubilee Cricket Tournament

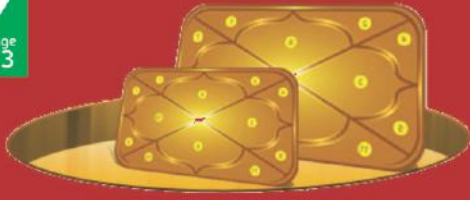
Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager attended the concluding day prize distribution ceremony as the Chief Guest for GM's Cup for Inter-Divisional Golden Jubilee Cricket Tournament at the Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad on October 28, 2016. He also distributed prizes to the winning teams.

In an intense final encounter, the Workshop XI over come Hyderabad Division to bag the GM's cup for Inter-Divisional Golden Jubilee Cricket Tournament. Hyderabad Division team put up a tough fight but has to rest content with the runners up trophy. Secunderabad Division was placed 3rd.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager; Shri Gajanan Mallya, Sr. Deputy General Manager & President, SCRSA; Shri K V Siva Prasad, CTE & General Secretary, SCRSA, Shri Ashesh Agarwal, DRM, Secunderabad Division; Smt Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division were amongst the officials present during the function.



तर्क



बिटिया और भावी वर की कुंडली लेकर पंडित जी के पास गया. कुंडली देखकर पंडित जी बोले - "अरे यजमान 36 के 36 गुण मिल रहे हैं. दोनों का जोड़ा उत्तम है."

इसके पहले मैं कुछ बोलूं, बिटियां बोल पड़ी "नहीं, पापा मुझे नहीं करनी है शादी. भले ही 36 गुण मिल रहे हो. ये दोनों अंक एक-दूसरे को अपनी पीठ दिखा रहे हैं. कभी नहीं मिलेंगे."

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हर वफ़ा को इनाम नहीं मिलता

तसल्ली करनी पड़ती है महज चराग से ही
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हर अफ़साने को अन्जाम नहीं मिलता.
हर शायर को कलाम नहीं मिलता.

यूं तो कुर्बा होते हैं लाखों आशिक मगर
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हर आदमी में इन्सान नहीं मिलता.

पूछताछ



बेसिर पैर की पूछताछ करने वालों से छुटकारा पाने के लिए उन्होंने बोर्ड लगाया - "कृपया यहाँ पूछताछ न करें." मगर वहां अब और भीड़ लगने लगी. लोग पूछने लगे - "यहाँ नहीं तो कहाँ जाकर पूछताछ करें."

- लक्ष्मण शिवहरे
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दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के मुख्यालय में शहिदी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित हिंदी पखवाड़े के दौरान विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं और कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया गया। 14 सितंबर, 2016 को आयोजित मुख्य समारोह में इस रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक श्री ए.के.गुप्ता, सभी प्रमुख विभागाध्यक्ष, अन्य अधिकारी और कर्मचारी उपस्थित थे। इस समारोह में महाप्रबंधक महोदय ने माननीय गृह मंत्री श्री राजनाथ सिंह और अपर महाप्रबंधक महोदय ने माननीय रेल मंत्री श्री सुरेश प्रभाकर प्रभु के शहिदी दिवस संदेश का पठन किया। इस अवसर पर महाप्रबंधक महोदय ने राजभाषा विभाग को जिम्मेदारी देते हुए कहा कि कार्य प्रणाली को और अधिक सक्षम बनाते हुए कार्य किया जाए ताकि राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार के सही उद्देश्य की पूर्ति हो सके। अपर महाप्रबंधक महोदय ने कहा कि राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार में पाई गई कमियों को दूर कर अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को हिंदी में काम करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जाए।

इस अवधि में प्रधान कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों और यूनिटों में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों के लिए हिंदी निबंध, टिप्पण व प्रारूप लेखन, हिंदी वाक, हिंदी श्रुतलेखन, हिंदी टंकण प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया।

इससे पहले राजभाषा संगठन के अधिकारी और कर्मचारियों का दल प्रधान कार्यालय के विभागों में जाकर अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों से संपर्क किया। उन कर्मचारियों द्वारा हिंदी में किए जा रहे काम का जायजा लिया। कर्मचारियों को सरकारी कामकाज में आनेवाली कठिनाइयों के बारे में जानकारी ली और इनका समाधान किया गया। विभागों में कंप्यूटरों में द्विभाषिक व्यवस्था की जांच की गई। कार्यालयों में प्रयुक्त रूटीन प्रकार के पत्रों, टिप्पणियों के द्विभाषिक टैपलेटों के उपयोग पर बल दिया गया। हिंदी में कार्य करने में किसी भी प्रकार की सहायता के लिए राजभाषा अनुभाग से संपर्क करने के लिए कहा गया।

19 सितंबर, 2016 को एक साहित्यिक संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया और गृह मंत्रालय पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अर्जुन मुंदिया उपस्थित थे। साहित्यिक गोष्ठी में व्याख्यान देने के लिए उस्मानिया विश्वविद्यालय के हिंदी विभाग के पूर्व विभागाध्यक्ष प्रो.एम.वेंकटेश्वर आमंत्रित थे। उन्होंने बताया कि दक्षिण के कई लेखकों ने हिंदी साहित्य का तेलुगु भाषा में और तेलुगु साहित्य का हिंदी में अनुवाद किया है। देश की एकता को बनाए रखने के लिए अनुवाद रूपी सेतु बनाना आवश्यक है। भारतीय होने के नाते सभी भाषाओं की रक्षा करना सबकी जिम्मेदारी है। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी ने कहा कि सरकारी की राजभाषा नीति को स्वीकार करना सबका कर्तव्य है। कंप्यूटरों में हिंदी के प्रयोग से हिंदी के कार्यान्वयन में आसानी होगी।

इसके बाद वर्ष के दौरान हिंदी में सराहनीय कार्य करनेवाले प्रधान कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों के कर्मचारियों को गृह मंत्रालय पुरस्कार योजना के अंतर्गत पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए।



20 सितंबर, 2016 को हिंदी पखवाड़े के समापन समारोह के अवसर पर सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर हिंदी में उत्कृष्ट कार्य करनेवाले अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को महाप्रबंधक पुरस्कार योजना के अंतर्गत पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए। राजभाषा पखवाड़े के दौरान आयोजित विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं के पुरस्कार विजेताओं को भी इस अवसर पर पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए। सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे द्वारा लिखित हिंदी नाटक शऔरों के पास, अपनों से दूर नाटक का मंचन किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि अपर महाप्रबंधक श्री ए.के.गुप्ता थे। उन्होंने इस अवसर पर कहा कि इस रेलवे के सभी अधिकारी और कर्मचारी हिंदी के कार्य में अपनी उत्कृष्टता का प्रदर्शन करें। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी ने कहा कि दैनिक सरकारी कामकाज में कंप्यूटरों और इंटरनेट का उपयोग अधिकतम किया जाए।

उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ.श्याम सुंदर साहु ने हिंदी पखवाड़े के आयोजन के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट किया।

वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के बाद कार्यक्रम समाप्त हुआ।





दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के स्वर्ण हिंदी कवि सम्मेलन



राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार की दृष्टि से दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा महाप्रबंधक श्री रवीन्द्र गुप्ता के मुख्य आतिथ्य में एक श्रव्या हिंदी कवि सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया गया। इस कवि सम्मेलन में प्रतिष्ठित कविगण पद्मश्री अशोक वक्कर, श्री महेश गार्ग वेधडक, श्री संपत सरल, श्री दिनेश खुरांशी, श्री अनिल अग्रवंशी, श्री सुदीप भोला और श्रीमती शिखा गुप्ता ने अपनी काव्य रचनाओं से श्रोताओं को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर श्री अर्जुन गुंडिया जी ने आमंत्रित मुख्य अतिथि तथा गणमान्य कवियों का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि यह सुखद संयोग है कि दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के स्वर्ण जयंती वर्ष के अवसर पर कवि सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया जा रहा है और हम आशा करते हैं कि आमंत्रित कविगण अपनी रचनाओं से हमें प्रफुल्लित करने के साथ-साथ हमारे चिंतन को भी प्रभावित करेंगे।

कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि महाप्रबंधक श्री रवीन्द्र गुप्ता ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि आज के तनाव भरे जीवन में इस प्रकार के आयोजन हमारा तनाव दूर करने के साथ-साथ हमारे मन मस्तिष्क को तरोताजा भी करते हैं।

इस कवि सम्मेलन के संवातक श्री दिनेश खुरांशी ने इसका शुभारंभ पद्मश्री अशोक वक्कर के पिता श्री शंभूश्याम जी की पंक्तियों से किया। सबसे पहले उन्होंने नर्मदा नगरी से पधारे वन्यकार युवा कवि श्री सुदीप भोला को काव्य पाठ के लिए आमंत्रित किया जिन्होंने अपनी पंक्तियों द्वारा सामाजिक संस्कार को जगाया -

‘इन तुजुनों को पलकों पे बिठाकर रखना,
वरना उड़ जाएंगे ये सत के रूखों की तरह’

राजनैतिक घुट देते हुए उन्होंने आज की व्यवस्था पर कटाक्ष किया जिसे श्रोताओं ने बहुत सराहा।

दूररे कवि के रूप में पधारे अपनी ठेठ हरियाणवी के लिए विष्वक् प्रसिद्ध कवि श्री अनिल अग्रवंशी ने श्रोताओं को अपनत्व से जोड़ते हुए कहा -

‘हंसना-हंसाना आदत है मेरी, अपना बनाना आदत है मेरी’ भाषाई संस्कार पर टिप्पणी करते हुए उन्होंने आज की पीढ़ी के बस्ते में अंग्रेजी किताबों का जिक्र करते हुए अपनी भाषा को भुला देने की बात कही।

काव्य मात्रा के तीसरे पुष्प के रूप में आमंत्रित दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे महिला कल्याण संगठन की अध्यक्षा श्रीमती शिखा गुप्ता ने नारी जीवन के महत्व को रेखांकित करते हुए नारी जागृति की बात कृष्ण इस तरह कही -

‘वीर हरण को हाथ बंढे तो,
नारी फिर तुम आग बनो’

जयंती वर्ष के अवसर पर मन का आयोजन



नारी अधिकार की बात उन्होंने सवेदनशील शब्दों में यूँ कही-

‘सूरज न मिल पाए तो भी धूप का टुकड़ा तेरा है.’

अगले प्रख्यात रेल कवि श्री महेश गर्ग ‘वेधङ्क’ ने अपनी छत्रस्य रचनाओं में घड़ी और पानी की समानता और असमानता की तुलना करते हुए श्रोताओं को हंसाया. उन्होंने हिंदी वर्णमाला के अक्षरों द्वारा अपने देश की संस्कृति को विदेशी संस्कृति से अधिक आधुनिक सिद्ध किया. अंत में उन्होंने भारतीय रेल पर भी एक रचना प्रस्तुत की.

काव्य माला के अगले गोती, जयपुर निवासी श्री संपत सरल ने राजनैतिक विसंगतियों की बात करते हुए आज की व्यस्त जीवन शैली की सोशल मीडिया पर निर्भरता पर कटाक्ष किया. आधुनिक तकनीक कितनी भी तरक्की करले मगर उनके शब्दों में -‘उजाला बनाया जा सकता है, धूप नहीं बनायी जा सकती’ इसके बाद कार्यक्रम के संवाकक तथा ‘गों’ पर सबसे अधिक काव्य रचना करने वाले कवि श्री दिनेश खुरवंशी ने अपने मार्मिक काव्य पाठ से सभी श्रोताओं की आंखें नम कर दीं. उन्होंने आज की पीढ़ी के व्यवहार पर कहा -

‘अपना हिस्सा मांग रहा है, जिसको अपना हिस्सा समझा

गों की स्मृति में उनका कवि हृदय बोल उठा -

‘गमों के वादलों को छंटने वाला कोई तो हो,
मेरी गलती पर मुझको डांटने वाला कोई तो हो’

इस काव्य माला के रत्न पद्मश्री श्री अशोक चक्रधर ने जीवन की विभिन्न झांकियां प्रस्तुत करते हुए श्रोताओं को अपने काव्य रूपी झूले पर बैठकर काफी रौर कराई. झूले का हिंडोरा जहाँ नहीं पहुँच पाए वहाँ उन्होंने सबको वादल से पहुँचाने की बात कही. सामाजिक व्यवस्था पर कटाक्ष करते हुए एकल प्रयत्नों की मार्मिक काव्य कथा सुनाकर उन्होंने श्रोताओं को भावुक कर दिया. जातक कथाओं को काव्य रूप में प्रस्तुत करते हुए मेमने, बकरी, शेर, मगरमच्छ, बंदर आदि को प्रतीक बनाते हुए उन्होंने राजनैतिक कटाक्ष किए.

श्रोताओं से स्वागत व भरे रेल निवास समग्रगृह में सभी कवियों की रचनाओं का स्वागत करता स्वनि से उदाहृत किया गया. इस छत्रस्य कवि सम्मेलन में श्रोताओं ने जीवन के सभी रसों का रसास्वादन भ्रूपूर किया. इस हिंदी कवि सम्मेलन में दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के सभी प्रमुख विभागाध्यक्ष, विभागाध्यक्ष, वरिष्ठ अधिकारी, महिला कल्याण संगठन की पदाधिकारी, अन्य अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारी भारी संख्या में उपस्थित थे. इस अवसर पर दम रेलवे महिला कल्याण संगठन द्वारा प्रयोजित ‘आकांक्षा’ केंद्र के वक्तों द्वारा बनाई गई कला कृतियों की एक सुंदर प्रदर्शनी आयोजित की गई जिसे सभी ने सराहा.

उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) श्री श्याम सुंदर साहू और वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने इस कार्यक्रम का समन्वय कार्य किया.





The South Central Railway is on the threshold of a great moment, its Golden Jubilee. The commitment of around one lakh work force has brought the organisation close to the hearts of people across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and adjoining states. Through the route length of 6000 kms, and 700 trains hurtling through its network spanned by 710 railway stations, the Zone, at present carries around 370 million tonnes of freight each year. The Zone owes it to its valued customers for making this mission possible.

We mark this moment with a special logo etched with the iconic Sir Alec Engine, and the Six Stars representing the vibrant Divisions of the South Central Railway.

