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General Manager's Message



I extend my hearty greetings to the members of South Central Railway family on the momentous occasion of the 61st Railway Week Celebrated all over Indian Railways from 10th to 16th April 2016 in commemoration of the first Train run on Indian Soil. The celebrations have set the tone for analyzing our performance and sharing achievements.

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going" is one adage that comes to mind when I think of how SCR has registered an extremely satisfying performance in the last fiscal 2015-16, in the face of enormous challenges that were encountered. We have proved capable to the task by ensuring that our traffic volume and earnings show a sizeable growth in 2015-16, when compared to the previous year. Resultantly, the gross originating earnings clocked Rs.13212 crs, registering an upswing of 1.1% over the last fiscal. The freight loading

during the year 2015-16 was 107.163 Million Tones which generated revenue of Rs.9225 crs. In the passenger segment, SCR carried 366.75 millions of passengers, generating Rs.3312 crs, signifying 7.2% increase over last year. The rail infra works on SCR during the last fiscal has seen a brisk pace of activity. We have been able to commission a record 177 kms. of new line and tripling works in the year gone by, with the aim focused on last mile connectivity of Rail projects. Electrification works too have been completed for 130.7 Track kms during the year.

I feel happy to share the fact that SCR has been awarded with six all India performance efficiency shields viz., Comprehensive Health Care, Stores, Civil Engineering, Commercial, Safety and the newly constituted Environment Management Shield. Four of our employees have been bestowed with the Railway Minister's Award. I would like to reiterate once again that the core area of our priority shall be Safety, Security, Passenger facilities and amenities provided to the valued rail users and there shall be no stone left unturned to achieve this objective.

The challenges ahead for Indian Railways are quite daunting and expectations from the rail users are high. It is the need of the hour that we perform to our best so as to attain greater glory in the year ahead, more so on account of the fact that SCR carries a worthy reputation to maintain.

(Ravindra Gupta)
General Manager

From Chief Editor's Desk

*"Some people want it to happen,
some wish it would happen, others make it happen."*

Shri Ravindra Gupta Ji, our beloved General Manager, has proved capable of making it happen for SCR in the fiscal 2015-16 by taking on the challenges and triumphing over them.

At a time when the tidings were unfavourable, results reflected an uneasy slump, market conditions were sluggish, Shri Ravindra Gupta Ji's leadership since the time he took charge of SCR virtually changed the direction of the graph for the Zone. Overcoming all odds, SCR has been able to perform reasonably good for the financial year 2015-16. In the words of the General Manager himself, "credit goes to each of the SCR workforce who rose to the task, put hands together as a team and strived to fulfil the confidence reposed in them and achieved positive results".

Let us all join in to celebrate the fact that SCR has been awarded Six Performance Efficiency Shields at National Level. Four of our Officers/Staff

were recipients of Individual "Outstanding Service Awards" at National Level.

The last quarter was a hectic period for the Zone, with General Manager undertaking intensive monitoring of Performance parameters on a continuous basis. Meetings across a wide spectrum took place. These include meetings with Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Zonal Rail User's Consultative Committee and Performance Reviews. The launch of a mobile app for paperless ticketing, various passenger facilities, new train service, also marked the calendar.

All the events in the last three months, performance analysis of SCR and other events find mention in this issue of Hum-Dum. I am sure that every one of you would browse the Magazine and get to feel inspired for more achievements in the times to come.

All the Best for the new Financial Year ahead.

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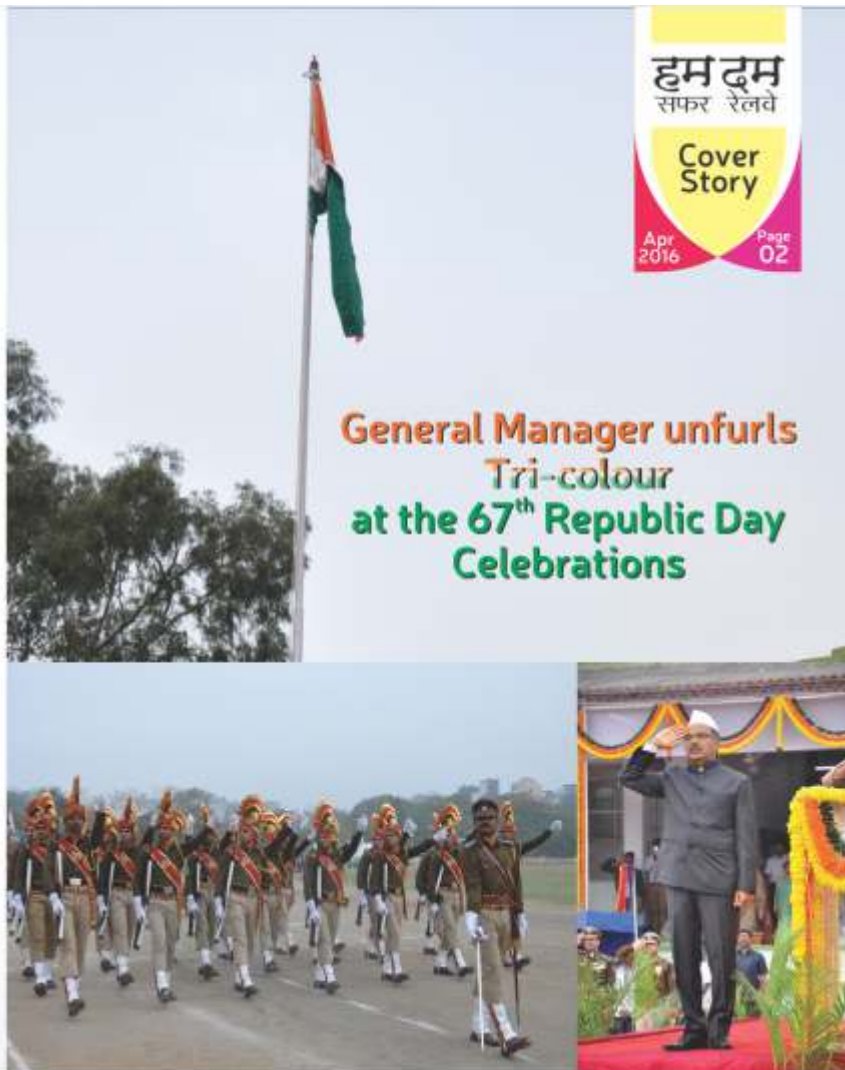
There is no shortcut to Safety on the Railways and the most important component of Safety is duty-centric Railway personnel, stressed Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager. Addressing a large gathering of Railway Officials, Staff & members of the public at the 67th Republic Day Celebrations on SCR on January 26, 2016 at Railway Sports Complex Grounds, Secunderabad, the General Manager defined the core priority areas for SCR as providing safe, secure and efficient travel for the rail users.

The General Manager spelt out the steps taken on the Security front towards making passenger journeys secure and said that the Security Helpline No. 182 has come handy for passengers to communicate any complaints, which are immediately attended to. Besides, the RPF has been able to recover stolen property by apprehending those committing theft of passenger belongings to a sizable extent, he added. He emphasized that the comfort and convenience of genuine passengers should be ensured.

Shri Ravindra Gupta also highlighted the passenger amenities / facilities being prioritised on SCR, which include provision of Automated Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), Cash cum Coin Ticket Vending Machines (CoTVMs), Onboard House Keeping Facility (OBHs), nomination of Clean Train Stations (CTS), provision of Bio-toilets, Escalators, Lifts, Energy Conserving LED Lighting, use of Solar energy etc. The use of Social Media platform for faster dissemination of information from and to the Railways was also brought out.

Earlier, Shri Ravindra Gupta unfurled the National Flag and received the guard of honour presented by various contingents representing Railway Protection Force, Civil Defence, National Cadet Corps, Scouts and Guides, etc. Patriotic songs were rendered by students of Railway educational institutions while RPF contingent presented drills and patriotic songs on the occasion.

General Manager unfurls Tri-colour at the 67th Republic Day Celebrations



Shri Suresh Prabhu Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches Customer Complaint Portal & Mobile App



Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched a 'Customer Complaint Web Portal and Mobile Application' (android/windows based) for Indian Railways on March 2, 2016 at a function held Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion the Railway Minister said that this 'Customer Complaint-cum-Suggestion' portal and mobile App which can be freely downloaded, will be very useful as one can track the status of the complaints which he or she registered on this portal with the help of mobile app. He said that Railways welcome suggestions from the people to further improve the passenger services and valuable suggestions on this newly launched portal can be incorporated in all possible ways, if found suitable.

He appreciated the efforts made by Railway officials and thanked them for implementing this new customer friendly initiative in a very short time, just three days after the announcement of the same in the Railway Budget 2015-16.

The passengers who want to complain or make any suggestions may download the mobile App from the URL www.coms.indianrailways.gov.in. The passengers can also file their complaints and suggestions on the web page www.coms.indianrailways.gov.in

Also present on the occasion were, Chairman, Railway Board, Shri A K Mital, Board Members and other senior officials of the Indian Railways.

The Complaint Management System (COMS) portal consists of the following applications: A mobile app based complaints and suggestions application (currently on the android platform). A web based complaints and suggestions application on URL www.coms.indianrailways.gov.in. This Customer Complaint Portal will also be available in Hindi and other regional languages.

A SMS based complaints and suggestions application on the number +91-9717630982. Complaint or suggestion can be sent as free flow text as SMS to the number 9717630982. Complaints will be also be assigned a unique complaint ID number which can be used for tracking. A link to Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) will also be provided.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways in the presence of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of state for Railways flagged off the inaugural Service of the Anandwan Express between Lokmanya Tilak - Kazipet on January 11, 2016, through Video conferencing from Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.



New Weekly Train Service between LTT (Mumbai) and Kazipet flagged off Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways



Chennai Central – Shalimar AC Suvidha Express via Vijayawada flagged off



Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways Flagged off the inaugural Service of Train No. 22840 Chennai Central – Shalimar AC Suvidha Express (via Vijayawada) by remote flagging from Tambaram on February 7, 2016.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches 'UTS on Mobile' App for Paperless Suburban Unreserved Tickets



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Centre For Railway Information Systems (CRIS)

Marking the fulfilment of a budget promise, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched a "Mobile Application for Paperless Unreserved Tickets" meant for rail commuters on Suburban (MMTS) section in the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad, through Remote Video Link from New Delhi on February 10, 2016. This launch is yet another step forward of Indian Railways in its endeavour to serve suburban rail users better.

The launch function was simultaneously held at Secunderabad Railway Station at which Shri V Hanumantha Rao, Hon'ble MP was the distinguished Guest. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager; Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Additional General Manager and other Railway officials were amongst the present.

Addressing the gathering before the launch, Shri Ravindra Gupta highlighted the focus accorded on the zone towards IT-enabled initiatives, with a view to provide better services to the passengers. The launch of the new App for paperless ticketing is another step ahead in this direction, he averred. Elaborating on the salient features of the App, The General Manager informed that this will facilitate ease of booking for passengers, avoids cash transactions, reflects green technology without the use of paper, offers convenience of round the clock ticketing and takes away the worry of losing the Rail ticket.

Going on to detail the use of Information Technology towards affording convenience to rail users in the twin cities, Shri Ravindra Gupta stated that user-friendly mobile Apps HYLITES to disseminate live status of MMTS trains on run

and RISSTA for strengthening security cover of MMTS passengers have become immensely popular.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways who addressed the gathering from the Conference Hall, Railway Board, New Delhi after launching the mobile app, stated that Indian Railways is taking several measures towards ensuring a comfortable travel to rail users, keeping the requirements of various sections of rail commuters in view. The mobile app for unreserved ticketing in the suburban MMTS sections of Falaknuma-Lingampalli, Hyderabad-Falaknuma and Lingampalli-Hyderabad in Hyderabad city, follows the launch of the facility in four other metros of New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai earlier, he stated. The plans of Indian Railways lay stress to extend these sort of innovative measures to cover more areas on its network.

Along with the launch of 'UTS' Mobile App for Paperless Unreserved Tickets meant for rail commuters on Suburban



(MMTS) section in the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad, the Hon'ble Minister of Railways also launched handheld terminals for Travelling Ticket Examiners on Northern Railway and E-booking of bedrolls at New Delhi & Hazrat Nizamuddin Stations.

Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways also spoke. Shri A K Mital, Chairman Railway Board was amongst the Officials present at New Delhi.





70th ZRUCC Meeting held on SCR

The 70th Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager on March 30, 2016 at Secunderabad. Forty Six ZRUCC Members including Shri M Murali Mohan, Hon'ble MP (Rajahmundry); Shri A P Jithender Reddy, Hon'ble MP (Mahabubnagar), Shri D Rajeswar Rao, Hon'ble MLC attended the meeting. The members of ZRUCC nominated by respective State Govts., Hon'ble MPs, MLAs, MLCs, elected members from DRUCC (Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee) of six Divisions, Public Sector Undertaking, Principal Chamber of Commerce & Trade Associations, Registered Passengers Association, nominees of Hon'ble Minister of Railways under special interest category participated in the meeting.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM/SCR speaking on the occasion informed that South Central Railway stands among the best performing Zonal Railways on Indian Railways. SCR's performance during the current financial year has been promising and it has achieved a freight loading of 107 million tonnes during the current financial year. In order to ensure high quality passenger amenities 68 stations have been declared as Adarsh Stations. Out of which, works at 53 stations have been

developed as Adarsh stations and works are under progress at 15 more stations, he added. 34 lifts and 36 escalators have been provided at important railway stations towards enhancing passenger comfort. Works are under progress to provide 8 lifts and 15 escalators at several more stations said the General Manager. Shri Ravindra Gupta assured the ZRUCC members that their suggestions and views expressed during the meeting will be given due consideration while formulating plans for improving amenities and services.

The members were also apprised of the performance of SCR and developmental works under progress through a power point presentation.

The members appreciated the efforts of SCR and its positive response to representations of members. The suggestions from various members include setting up of an additional terminal at Bolarum or Charlapalli to ease the burden on Secunderabad station, speedy completion of MMTS Phase-II works, coach

indicators / lighting facilities at various Railway Stations; improving the cleanliness at stations and trains; opening of more number of booking counters; extension of platforms; augmentation of trains by additional coaches; provision of additional stoppages; introduction of new trains; provision of summer special trains; construction of ROB/RUBs; provision of Lifts / Escalators at various stations; enhancing security of trains especially for women passengers.

Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager and Principal Heads of all departments participated in the meeting. Shri Neelakanta Reddy, Deputy General Manager (General) and Secretary ZRUCC convened the meeting.



58th DRUCC Meeting held in Hyderabad Division



58th Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee Meeting of Hyderabad Division was held on February 18, 2016, under the Chairmanship of Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division. Shri BSK Rajkumar, ADRM/HYB Division, Shri B D Christopher, Sr. DCM/HYB Division & Secretary DRUCC, and other Branch Officers of Hyderabad Division were also present in the meeting. Shri S Ramulu Naik, Hon'ble MLC along with six DRUCC members attended this meeting.

Initiating the meeting Smt. Aruna Singh highlighted the financial performance of the Division and requested the members for their support to improve the passenger traffic. The members were also informed about various important passenger amenity works completed and in progress at various stations in this year.

The members expressed their satisfaction over the improvements made at stations especially the cleanliness at stations. DRM requested support of the members to sponsor amenities at stations through MPLAD scheme or through CSR route. Shri Ramulu Naik declared to provide a fund of Rs.5.00 Lakh for undertaking emergency passenger amenity works.

General Manager holds Meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament

South Central Railway conducted a meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament belonging to both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, covering the jurisdiction of the Zone. The Members of Parliament representing the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra, whose constituencies fall on the network of SCR, took part in the meetings held on 6th, 7th and 8th January, 2016 at Secunderabad, Vijayawada and Nanded.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager in his welcome address, stated that the deliberations of the meetings would immensely help the Railways in finalizing the Railway developmental plans for the people of the region. The suggestions and views expressed by the Hon'ble MPs would be given due consideration while formulating the proposals for new works / services while those requiring the nod of Railway Board will be accordingly forwarded to the Board, he added.

The Hon'ble MPs complimented the initiative of SCR in convening the meetings. They raised several issues related to Railway developmental works / services in their respective constituencies. The demands raised by the Hon'ble MPs mostly related to construction of new lines, introduction of new trains, extension of existing train services, additional stoppages to existing trains, construction of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges and providing improved passenger amenities / facilities, etc.

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Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Maganti Venkateshwar Rao (Eluru), Shri Y.S. Avinash Reddy (Kadapa), Shri Thota Narasimham (Kakinada), Shri J.C. Diwakar Reddy (Anantapur), Shri Galla Jayadev (Guntur), Shri Nimmala Kristappa (Hindupur), Smt. Butta Renuka (Kurnool), Shri Konkalla Narayana Rao (Machilipatnam), Shri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao (Narsaraopet), Dr. Gokaraju Ganga Raju (Narsapuram), Shri Mekapati Rajamohan Reddy (Nellore), Shri Y.V. Subba Reddy (Ongole), Shri Maganti Murali Mohan (Rajahmundry), Shri Kesineni Srinivas (Vijayawada), Shri Malyadri Srinam (Bapatla), Smt. Thota Seetharama Lakshmi (West Godavari (Rajya Sabha)) attended the meeting held at Vijayawada.



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Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Godam Nagesh (Adilabad), Dr. Boora Narsaiah Goud (Bhongir), Shri Bhagwanth Khuba (Bidar), Shri Konda Vishveshwar Reddy (Chevella), Shri B. Vinod Kumar (Karimnagar), Prof. A. S. S. Ram Naik (Mahabubabad), Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy (Mahbubnagar), Shri Ch. Malla Reddy (Malkajgiri), Shri Nandi Yeliah (Nagarkurnool), Shri Gutliha Sukender Reddy (Nalgonda), Shri Baika Suman (Peddapalli), Shri Pasunoori Dayakar (Warangal), Shri B.B. Patil (Zahirabad), Shri Rapolu Aranda Bhaskar and Shri T. Devender Goud (Rajya Sabha) took part in the meeting held at Secunderabad.

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Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Ashok S. Chavan (Nanded), Shri Chandrakanth B. Khaire (Aurangabad), Shri Rajeev Satav (Hingoli) and Shri Sanjay Jadhav (Parbhani) participated in the meeting at Nanded.

South Central Railway – *Marching ahead*

South Central Railway has shown a substantial growth in all spheres during the last financial year (2015-16). Rationalization of operational practices, maximizing the rolling stock utilization and increased focus on systemic improvements in the working of Railways at various levels helped in marking a considerable growth in all aspects of the Zone. Some of the performance highlights, initiatives/ improvements brought about in various fields during the last fiscal 2015-16 are as detailed.

Traffic Volume and Earnings

- Gross Earnings of Rs. 13212 crs, +1.1% as compared to previous FY
- Originating freight loading of 107.163 Million Tonnes, yielding earnings of Rs. 9225 crs.
- Carried 366.75 millions of originating passengers. Passenger earnings Rs.3312 crs, +7.2% over previous fiscal
- Operating ratio, indicator of financial health is pegged at 79.03%.

Safety and Security

- SCR follows a 'No-compromise' approach with Zero-tolerance on Safety
- 68 Unmanned level crossings were eliminated as against target of 48
- Security strengthened in trains by deploying 740 RPF/GRP personnel on escort duty in 540 identified express trains
- All India Security Helpline '182', monitored for instant remedial action.
- For the security of passengers, especially women passengers travelling by MMTS trains a user friendly mobile app 'RISSTA' (Railway Interactive Security Solutions for Travellers' Assistance) launched and is well appreciated by the commuters



Passenger Services

- Introduced 2 new originating train services viz., Tirupati-Sainagar Shirdi and Kazipet-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus
- 64 coaches were permanently augmented by 78 train services
- A total of 1686 special trains (including 823 Godavari Pushkaram specials) run and attached 12642 extra coaches
- Wi-Fi facility has been introduced at Secunderabad Railway Station
- New mechanized laundry at Kacheguda under BOOT system made operational with capacity of 12 tons per day. In addition, foundation stone laid for establishing mechanized laundry at Tirupati.
- Supply of woollen blankets directly wrapped in a cotton pouch extended to First AC Coaches of all trains in SCR
- Provision of mobile charging points in 520 Non-AC coaches



Passenger Amenities

- 9 escalators were commissioned at 7 major stations totaling to 39 escalators and 34 lifts covering 22 stations
- 5 stations developed as Adarsh Stations. With this, SCR has 53 Adarsh Stations
- Washable aprons have been provided for 15 platforms at 13 stations
- 9 New Foot Over Bridges were provided at 9 stations over the Zone
- To expand reach of ticketing, 299 Automated Ticket Vending Machines at 146 stations, 54 Cash-cum-Coin Ticket Vending Machines at 40 stations and 4 Yatri Ticket Suvidha Kendras were established
- 'UTS', an user-friendly mobile app introduced for purchasing paperless unreserved tickets on mobile phones in the Suburban (MMTS) sector of Hyderabad and Secunderabad
- On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) provided in 40 pairs of express trains. 'Clean My Coach' SMS service for travelling passengers has been implemented for trains under OBHS
- 2221 bio-toilets were fixed in 653 coaches and fitment of bio-toilets is on track to achieve 100% implementation by 2019
- Online booking of retiring rooms introduced for 53 stations over SCR
- SMS messages to waitlisted passengers of the regular trains: Whenever Suvidha/Special fare trains are notified, the waitlisted passengers of the regular trains are informed through SMS regarding the availability of vacant berths by these Special trains. This has helped in optimum utilization of vacant berths of Special trains.

Capacity Augmentation and Details of Projects Completed

- A record 177 kms of new line/ tripling works has been commissioned during the last fiscal. This includes
 - 51 kms of new line between Jagityal-Morthad of Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad new line project
 - 92.5 kms of new line between Yerraguntla- Nossam-Banaganapalli of Nandyal -Yerraguntla new line project
 - 10 kms of new line between Mellacheruvu-Matthampalli of Jaggayyapet-Mellacheruvu-Janpachad-Vishnupuram new line project
 - 24.3 kms of tripling line between Mandamari-Mancheriyal and Ramagundam-Peddampet of Raghavapuram-Mandamari section tripling project
- Electrification of 117 TKMs of Gooty-Dharmavaram section and 13.7 TKMs of patch tripling of Mandamari-Raghavapuram section have been completed.
- 33 RoBs/RuBs and Limited Height Subways constructed.
- Works pertaining to modernization of Lallaguda Carriage Workshop and Electric Loco Shed at Guntakal have been completed.
- In order to improve reliability in communication network, 114 Rkms of Optic Fibre Cable and 221 Rkms of Quad cable have been laid.
- The work of MMTS phase-II is progressing well and targeted to complete by the end of 2017.

Energy Conservation measures adopted

- Installation of 300 kWp capacity solar panels at stations / buildings/ pumps / LC gates
- Provision of 11900 LPD capacity solar water heaters at service buildings
- Installation of 105 number natural day light pipes at service buildings / workshops
- Provision of 100% LED lighting at 38 stations over the Zone
- All the above measures have yielded good results there by reducing the specific energy consumption from 781 Kwh/Kw in FY 2014-15 to 773 Kwh/Kw in FY 2015-16.
- SCR bagged 7 National Energy Conservation Awards-2015 from Ministry of Power, Government of India
- The Zone has started using 5% blend of Bio-Diesel in Diesel Locomotives with an intent to contribute towards reducing Carbon footprints and saving expenditure on Diesel
- In the last fiscal, 358 KLs of Bio-diesel was issued to 3308 Diesel locomotives from 2 RCDs at Sanathnagar and Kacheguda
- SCR bestowed with 07 awards by the Horticultural department, Government of Telangana during the Garden Festival



Staff Welfare

- 2 Pension Adalats conducted and cleared 1201 grievances cases
- Promotions given to 9400 staff
- Panel issued for recruiting 2535 Group 'D' vacancies before December 2015 to enable them to get VII Pay Commission benefits
- Patients' Attendants Dormitory commissioned at Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad and a renovated children ward also started
- 'IMMIS' programme has been introduced for timely supply of medical items to 9 major hospitals over the Zone

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager attends meeting convened by Government of Andhra Pradesh to discuss arrangements for Krishna Pushkarams



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager attended a high level review meeting of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh chaired by Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh at Vijayawada on February 26, 2016 to deliberate on the arrangements for the ensuing Krishna Pushkarams in the State being held from 12th to 23rd August 2016.

Shri Ravindra Gupta broadly indicated the plans drawn by South Central Railway towards readying required arrangements to cater to the anticipated rush of rail pilgrim traffic during the Krishna Pushkaram period. The plan includes:

- Vijayawada, Krishna Canal, Guntur, Mangalgi, Vishnupuram, Krishna and Gadwal Railway Stations identified to have more traffic and arrangements are made to cater to the same.
- Gunadala and Rayanapadu Railway stations are also being developed in addition to above as per AP State Government request.
- Provision of 75 additional booking counters and enquiry counters
- Augmentation of Passenger Amenities like permanent/temporary sheds; toilets, drinking water, lighting, first aid, catering, cloak room, help desk and strengthening of security is also being planned at these stations.
- Running of special trains in both reserved and unreserved segments and also to augment regular trains with additional coaches.
- Additional SCR staff will also be deployed during Pushkaram for assisting the pilgrim passengers.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager meets Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager met Dr. Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana at Secretariat, Hyderabad on January 29, 2016.

The General Manager

discussed with the Chief Secretary on the various ongoing Railway Projects in Telangana State. He was thankful to the Govt. of Telangana for extending its co-operation to projects concerning development of rail network in the newly formed state. Amongst the Rail developmental plans which came up during discussions are MMTS Phase-II Project and extension of the MMTS network to reach till Yadadri Temple (upto Raigir); development of two new passenger rail terminals at Cherlapalli and Nagulapalli; two new freight terminals in the outskirts of Hyderabad city for catering to the freight traffic needs etc.



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SCR Women's Welfare Organization celebrates 67th Republic Day

The South Central Railway Women's Welfare Organization (SCRWWO) celebrated 67th Republic Day on January 26, 2016 amongst the school kids of Vidya Vihar High School, Chilkalguda, Secunderabad and at Aakansha, 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 Aakansha. 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 skill and cultural talent. Later, Smt. Shikha Gupta along with executive members of SCRWWO distributed fruits to the in-patients at Central Hospital, Lallaguda.



Giving the Girl Child her due, the SCRWWO undertook an unique exercise to bolster the confidence of the mothers of newly born, by presenting them with cash incentives alongwith baby-care products. Going a step ahead in the mission, the SCRWWO also gifted an LED TV, toys, story books to the Children Ward of Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad.



SCRWWO pooled in its resources to sponsor prizes/gifts to the kids who participated in the 'Well Baby Show' conducted at Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on March 11, 2016. The 'Well Baby Show' was organised to bring about awareness regarding the nutritional value of food during the growing years of the babies.



SCRWWO gave away cash incentives to the Railway employees who underwent sterilization operation during the camps organised in March, 2016 throughout the Zone.



SCRWWO sponsored gold medals to the meritorious students in various disciplines of academics & sports of Railway Degree College, Lallaguda, Secunderabad.

Shri Ravindra Gupta inaugurates Aadhar Enabled Bio-metric Attendance System at Central Railway Hospital & Hi-Tech Offset Printing Machine for Ticket Printing

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Two new facilities have been commissioned on South Central Railway on February 9, 2016 at the hands of Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway. The newly inaugurated facilities are set to enhance SCR's in-house efficiency in varied measure.

Aadhar Enabled Bio-metric attendance system at Central Railway Hospital, Lallaguda Commissioned

The Bio-Metric attendance system has been installed as an employee welfare centric measure at the Central Hospital, Lallaguda, since it enables the Doctors, Para Medical & Support staff to attend to duties in time, thereby ensuring that the Out Patient Departments, Wards etc., are manned / attended without causing any inconvenience to patients. A total of eight Bio-metric machines have been installed at the premises.



Hi-Tech Offset Printing Machine for Ticket Printing Commissioned

The SCR Printing Press, Secunderabad which started functioning in 1966 with Letter Press Technology shifted to the use of Offset Technology in 1981. Taking a giant leap forward, the Printing Press has imbibed Hi-tech Offset Printing Technology with the introduction of sophisticated 9 Colour Web Offset Printing Machine for production of Passenger Reservation / Unreserved tickets (PRS/UTS).

The Offset Printing machine is capable of printing tickets with multi colour on both sides with absolute accuracy and reliability. The newly inaugurated printing machine is designed to meet the requirements of four Zones viz., South Central Railway East Coast Railway, South Western Railway and South East Central Railway.

The machine is also capable of undertaking multi colour printing works on mass scale. With the commissioning of the new facility, the Ministry of Railways will also overcome the need for Printing PRS/UTS tickets through outside sources in the region.



Inauguration of Escalators at Various Stations on Vijayawada Division during March 2016



(1) Inauguration of Escalator (replacement) at Vijayawada Railway Station by Group 'D' Staff, Shri C Yesudasu, Pointsman retiring the same day i.e. March 31, 2016 (2) Inauguration of Escalator at Vijayawada Railway Station by Shri Srinivas Kesineni (Nani) Hon'ble MP on March 29, 2016 (3) Inauguration of Escalator at Gudur station of by Dr. V Vara Prasad Rao, Hon'ble MP & P Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble MLA on March 25, 2016 (4) Inauguration of Escalator at Ongole station by Hon'ble MP Mr. Y. V. Subba Reddy on March 20, 2016

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager addresses Press Conference on Railway Budget 2016



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway addressed a Press Conference on Railway Budget 2016 on February 25, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Press Conference was attended by several Principal Heads of the Departments of the Zone.

Shri Ravindra Gupta highlighted the fact that South Central Railway has got the highest allocations for the ongoing projects, as compared to earlier years while addressing the media on the occasion.

Pre-Rail Budget Campaign

- 35 Bytes from passengers seeking their opinion
- 55 Creatives about ensuing Rail Budget on SCR Twitter handle
- 90 Posts on SCR Facebook page on the Rail Budget

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Rail Budget 2015-16 Announcement	Status on SCR
Widespread with 5% branding introduced	☒
Energy conservation - Use of Solar Power at Offices, Stations, Level Crossing Gates, etc.	☒
Solar based geysers are provided at Staffing Rooms, etc.	☒
Issuing of Railway Receipts has been computerized	☒
Sanction for disposal of scrap meeting in transparency	☒

South Central Railway www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in [SCRZone](https://twitter.com/SCRZone) [SCRZone](https://www.facebook.com/SCRZone)

- 4 Videos Uploaded on YouTube
- Arrangements were made at all the important stations for live relay of Rail Budget through CCTV network.

New Works Project:

- ➔ Ghatkesar-Raigir (Yadadri) MMTS project at an estimated cost of Rs.330 Crs
- ➔ Development of satellite Rail Terminal at Cherlapalli Railway station at an estimated cost of Rs.80 crs
- ➔ Development of Tiruchanur Railway station (conversion of 'C'-class to 'B'-class Station) to decongest Tirupati Railway station at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crs.
- ➔ 40 Road Over Bridges (ROB) have been sanctioned over SCR jurisdiction
- ➔ Kazipet-Workshop for Wagon Periodical Overhauling sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 269 Crs and an amount of Rs.20 Crs allotted in this year
- ➔ Rajahmundry - Augmentation of MEMU rake maintenance facility sanctioned at a cost of Rs.7.2 Crs
- ➔ Kazipet Electrical Loco Shed augmentation of homing capacity from 125 locos to 175 locos at an estimated cost of Rs.18 crs
- ➔ Budgetary Allocations for important ongoing new line projects:
- ➔ Rs.70 Crs for Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad project.
- ➔ Rs. 110 Crs for Jaggayyapet-Mellacheruvu-Janpahad project.
- ➔ Rs. 100Crs for Nandyal-Yerraguntla project
- ➔ Rs 80 Crs for Gulbarga-Bidar project.
- ➔ (This high allocation will enable in completing the above three projects.)
- ➔ Rs.180 Crs for Munirabad-Mahabubnagar project.
- ➔ Rs. 30 Crs for Manoharabad-Kothapalli project.
- ➔ Rs.180 Crs for Nadikudi-Srikalahasti project.
- ➔ Rs.200 Crs for Kotipalli-Narsapur
- ➔ Rs.80 Crs for Vijayawada-Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu doubling and electrification.
- ➔ Rs.31 Crs for Mancherial-Peddampet tripling project.

New Works on SCR under Partnership with State Governments (JV) as announced in Railway Budget-2016:

- ➔ Doubling of Railway Track between Guntur to Guntakal (443 kms)
- ➔ Gadchandur-Adilabad New Line (70 kms)
- ➔ Sec'bad-Zahirabad New Line (70 kms)
- ➔ Bodhan-Bidar New Line (100 kms)
- ➔ Latur-Nanded via Loha and Ahmedpur
- ➔ Gadwal-Macherla New Line (84 kms)



GM holds "Post Rail Budget" Review Meeting to discuss Developmental Plans

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway held a high level "Post Rail Budget" review meeting of the Principal Heads of Departments on March 1, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Addressing the meeting, the General Manager categorically stated that the large scale of funds allotment to South Central Railway in the Railway Budget-2016, has put the onus on the Zone to effectively utilize the same for execution of works in the financial year 2016-17. He instructed the officials to meticulously plan the works, so as to ensure that the high budgetary outlay for SCR results in the railway project works proceed at a fast pace. Towards this, the General Manager directed that a system be put in place for real time monitoring of progress of works.

With regard to the progress of ongoing projects concerning new railway lines, doubling/tripling of railway lines, traffic facilities, Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges etc. targeted for completion by March, 2016 in the current fiscal, Shri Ravindra Gupta emphasized that the deadlines shall invariably be adhered to.

Amongst the officials who attended the meeting were Shri A K Gupta, AGM; Shri R C Boolchandani, CAO/Construction; Shri S N Singh, PCE and Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, FA&CAO/SCR.

New Surveys on SCR as announced in the Railway Budget-2016:

- Mahboobnagar–Dhone Survey for doubling for a distance of 175kms
- Nallapadu–Bibinagar for doubling for a distance of 243 kms
- Bodhan–Biloli–Mudkhed–Jal kot–Latur Road New Line Survey for a distance of 130 kms
- Vijayawada–Guntur via Amravati for New Line Survey for distance of 67 kms
- Narasapur–Machilipatnam New Line Survey for a distance of 85 kms
- Darsi–Narsaraopet New Line Survey for a distance of 65 kms
- Cumbum–Ongole New Line Survey for a distance of 115 kms
- Chittoor–Kuppam New Line Survey for a distance of 118 kms
- Obulavaripalli–Vayalpadu New Line Survey for a distance of 150 kms
- Tuni–Kottavalasa New Line Survey for a distance of 112 kms

Other Highlights connected to SCR

- Proposed to take up Dedicated Freight Corridor North–South (New Delhi to Chennai) and East Coast Corridor Kharagpur–Vijayawada passing through SCR through innovative financing mechanism including PPP
- Priority for development of Passenger Amenities and beautifications on Stations at pilgrim centers of Tirupati and Nanded and also to run Aastha Circuit Trains to connect important pilgrim centers
- Intend to partner with Telangana State Government for developing Suburban Section
- For Senior citizens, the quota of lower berth will be increased per coach by 50% resulting in almost 120 lower berths per train for senior citizens.
- For women passengers, middle bays will be reserved in coaches for women security.
- Development of Satellite Terminal under PPP mode (Nagalpalli)
- As a part of computerization, Fuel Management System to be commissioned at a cost of Rs.4.20 Crs

Post-Rail Budget Campaign

- 7 Press conferences – One at Zonal Headquarters by General Manager and one at each Division, conducted to disseminate Rail Budget highlights
- 45 lakh SMSes were sent to publicize the Rail Budget Highlights
- 5 lakh E-mails were sent to individuals and 15 interest Groups with details of Rail Budget
- 108 Messages through Whatsapp
- 510 Articles/ News items and 60 Editorials covered in print media
- 120 Bytes covered by News channels/ electronic media
- 70 Bytes from passengers seeking their opinion on Rail Budget
- 45 Creatives on SCR Twitter handle
- 103 Posts on SCR Facebook page
- 4 Videos uploaded on YouTube



All that Glitters is Gold!



Gold is among the most loved precious metals in the world. It's a wonderful ornament to wear as well as a great hedge against inflation and falling markets. Another significant attribute of gold is that it can be liquidated easily around the world.

For us Indians, gold is a symbol of purity, prosperity and opulence. But how well do you know your gold jewellery and what things should you keep in mind while buying gold ornaments?

Here's what you need to know – Tips when buying Gold Jewellery.

- 1) **Understand** that there are variations in gold that affect its purity, quality and price - the main factors to consider include purity, gram weight and design.
- 2) **Purity** - When it comes to purity, most gold has markings inside that indicate its Caratage. Pure gold is too soft to use it as jewellery. So it is alloyed with a mixture of metals like silver, copper, nickel, and zinc to give it strength and durability. The most common 'Carat' options are 18 K, 22K or 24 K. The higher the number, the higher the purity of the gold.
- 3) **Price** - The price of gold jewellery is determined by the purity of the gold, which alloy it is combined with, and by the amount of skill and labour that goes into the piece – the higher the skill and labour, the higher the making charges.
- 4) **Colour** - Gold has many variations. In addition to yellow gold, white gold and rose gold are also popular options. You can also find many two-tone styles, if you prefer a mix of colors.

Combining pure gold with other metals creates a new and diverse colour palette. Mixing in white metals, such as palladium or silver in combination, creates white gold, now the overwhelming choice for wedding bands in the US. The inclusion of copper results in the soft pink complexion of rose gold. And gold can now be created in a spectrum of other colours, such as green, purple and even black. But the greatest demand for gold around the world remains for yellow gold, warm, rich, and subtle - the ultimate in precious metals.

- 5) **Identification** - In many countries including India, local law requires that every item of gold jewellery bears a clear stamp indicating its caratage. This identification is often controlled through a hallmarking system.

Branded Jewellers usually stamp the jewellery themselves, displaying both their own identifying mark and the caratage or 'finesness' of each piece.

Government of India has identified BIS as a sole agency and The BIS Hallmarking Scheme has been aligned with International criteria on hallmarking (Vienna Convention 1972). As per this scheme, licence is granted to the jewellers by BIS under Hallmarking Scheme. The BIS certified jewellers can get their jewellery hallmarked from any of the BIS recognized Assaying and Hallmarking Centre.

- 6) **Jeweller's Reputation** - Buying gold is based on trust and you are building a lifelong relationship with the jeweller. Ensure that brand is well established and has proven reliability and authenticity.

Taking Care of Your Gold

Be it a simple gold chain or a gold necklace with stones on it, they need to be protected from getting damaged. To maintain its shine one can try various methods, including polishing to washing with soap and water, say jewellers.



"Gold jewellery can be cleaned with a mild detergent diluted in warm water. After cleaning, it should be dried and polished with a soft cloth," Chandresh Zaveri, director of Zaveri & Co, told IANS.

The simple cleansing method will make your gold pieces shine again, but the ones with gemstones need extra care.

"Don't submerge the piece into a bowl of water and soap. Use a clean, dry cloth that has been dampened with the mixture. Take a cloth to clean your jewellery and gently rub over the gemstones. Use a separate, slightly damp cloth that hasn't been dipped in soap water to rinse the jewellery," said Sanjay Jagwani, director of Notandas & Sons Jewellers.

The pieces should be stored in small individual pouches or boxes wrapped in tissue paper individually. Zaveri also said that ensure they don't get tangled.

Exposure to air affects silver jewellery or other items' shine. To restore its shine and remove that dark black coating, Jagwani suggests to store them in a cool and dry place.

"Silver tarnishes when exposed to air, so it's a good idea to keep your silver in airtight zip lock plastic bags or an airtight container when not in use. This will help to slow the tarnishing process," he added.

While swimming, remove your silver jewellery.

"Take a professional jewellery polishing cloth to clean silver. The cloth is treated with cleaning chemicals and not only will the cloth last a long time, it will give you an amazing shine. Rub gently in a lengthwise motion and it will also make the stones shine," Zaveri said.

Known for its intense lustre, platinum doesn't get tarnished, but keeping it clean is advised.

"Either use a mild solution of soap and warm water and gently rub it with a soft cloth, or buy a jewellery cleaning solution," said Zaveri.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspects Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS)

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway inspected the field trials of Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) system on March 21, 2016 on Lingampalli-Vikarabad Section of Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway. TCAS is an indigenously developed system of Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow and South Central Railway.

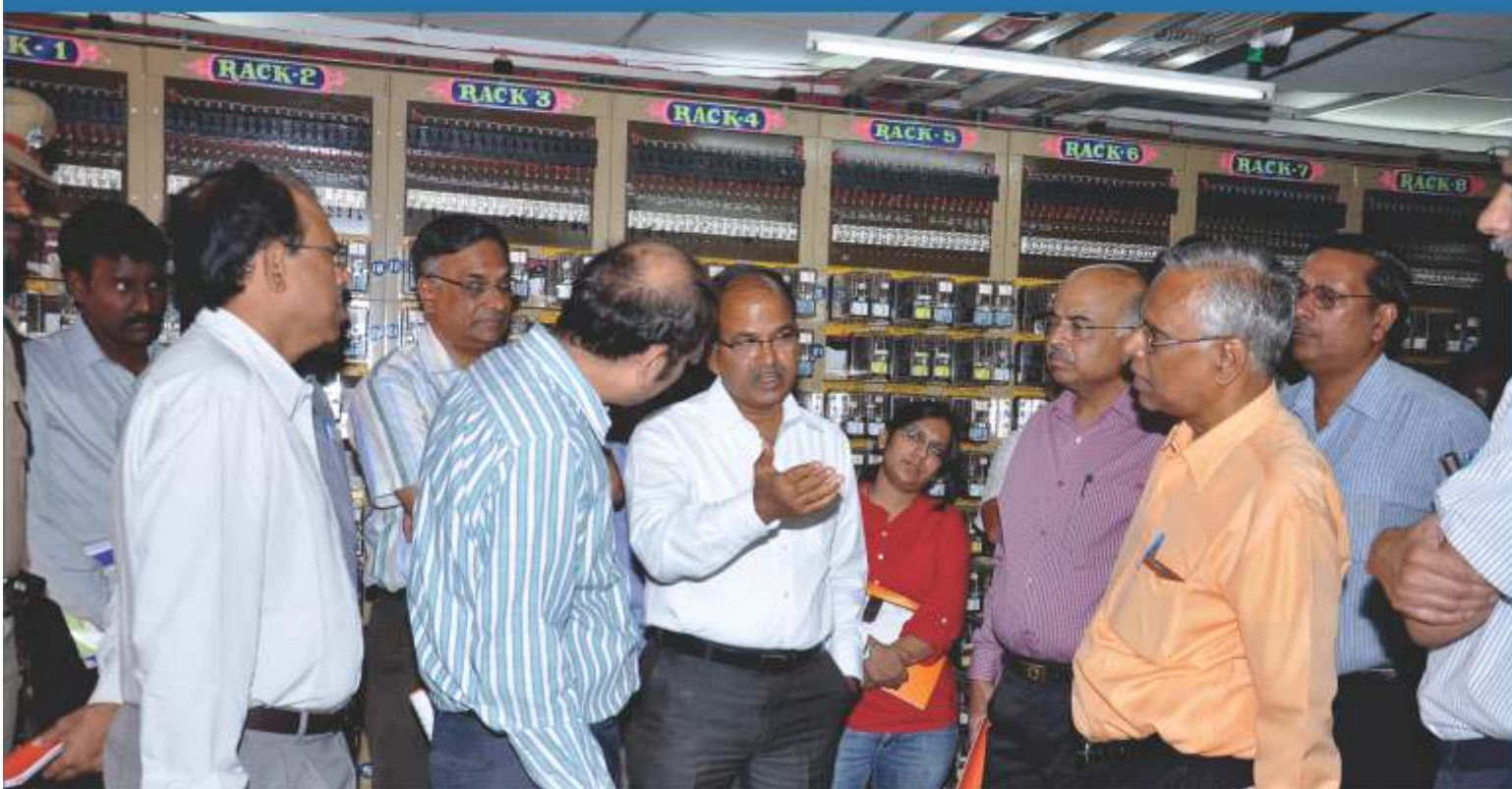
TCAS provides real-time display of signaling information inside Locomotive cab to provide aid to drivers and to enable them to run the trains at higher speeds. It also enhances safety by taking care of any misjudgment by train drivers in applying the brakes and prevents Signal Passing at Danger by automatic application of brakes. This would also be helpful in foggy weather.



The General Manager extensively reviewed the implementation of TCAS and inspected the functioning of the system on run. He wanted that the field trials be completed at the earliest by addressing the teething problems of the system during use. TCAS has been introduced on passenger trains and is in function on 250 km stretch of Lingampalli – Vikarabad – Wadi Section and on Vikarabad – Bidar section.

Shri MS Mahaboob Ali, Chief Signal & Telecommunications Engineer;

Shri Solan Gupta, Chief Electrical Engineer; Shri N Madhusudan Rao, Chief Operations Manager; Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, Shri L K Mansukhani (Project Director) and other senior officers were present.





Commercial Shield



Safety Shield



Civil Engineering Shield

South Central Railway
receives
**All India Performance
Efficiency Shields – 2016**
presented by
Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu,
Hon'ble Minister for Railways
**at the 61st Railway Week
National Awards Function**



Environment Management Shield



Comprehensive Healthcare Shield

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway attributed the performance achievements of the Zone to the commitment and duty mindedness of the work force. It is their zeal, which led to SCR attaining significant results by overcoming challenges, he said.

SCR has made a mark at the National Level amongst all Zones on Indian Railways by bagging All India Performance

Efficiency Shields in Six disciplines. The awards are- Performance efficiency shield for Comprehensive Health Care; Stores; Civil Engineering; Commercial; Safety and Environment Management.

These awards were presented by Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways at the Railway Week Central function of Indian Railways held on April 16, 2016 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



Stores Shield

SCR bags Seven Awards in the 2nd Garden Festival – 2016 organised by Horticulture Department, Government of Telangana



The initiative of Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager towards creating a green environ in the Railway neighbourhood borne results with South Central Railway bagging seven prestigious awards at the 2nd Annual Garden Festival-2016, organized by Department of Horticulture, Government of Telangana State. These awards were given for the best maintenance of gardens. Awards were judged from among 156 entries under 10 categories for State wide horticulture competition. Shri Venkatram Reddy, Addl. Director & I/c Commissioner, (Horticulture), Govt. of Telangana State presented these awards to SCR's Officials at a function held at Hyderabad recently. SCR participated in seven categories and has won in all. It has got 4 trophies and 3 individual prizes. The seven awards received this year, is the best such record on SCR bettering the last year's achievement of six awards for SCR in this festival.



The Seven awards were received under the Category V (Gardens Maintained By Individuals)

'Rail House', the residential house of Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager won the 1st Prize under the Landscape area above 150 sq.mtrs, the most notable award among this category. The bungalow of GM has a sprawling garden, maintained beautifully by Hyderabad Division, SCR. It is adorned by large variety of ornamental plants, fruit bearing plants inclusive that of a seasonal flower bearing varieties.

Shri Ravindra Gupta and Smt. Shikha Gupta occasionally spend large part of their early morning hours in seeing the development and proper upkeep of the garden and systematically nurture the garden. The General Manager's bungalow also won First Prize under 'Kitchen Garden below 200 Sqm' category.

In addition, the garden being maintained at the bungalow of Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division in South Lallaguda bagged 2nd Prize in 'Landscape area above 150 Sqm. In the 'Landscape area in between 100 to 150 Sqm' category the bungalow of Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer/SCR and Shri S P Sahu, Chief Safety Officer/SCR won first and second prizes respectively. In the 'Landscape area below 100 Sqm' category Shri DK Singh, Commissioner Railway Safety won 1st prize. And in the 'Roof Garden – Urban Vegetable Farming' category Roof Garden of Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad won the 2nd Prize.



Science Express Climate Action Special (SECAS) coaches developed by Centre for Environment Education (CEE) on behalf of MoEFCC, Govt. of India is exclusively devoted to information, case studies and material related to various aspect of Climate change, the underlying science, impacts, adaptation activities, mitigation solutions and policy approaches in a manner that is easy to understand and interesting for not just school students but also the masses.

SECAS will travel across the country for about 7 months, halting at 64 locations in 20 States, covering about 19,800 km.



Science Express Climate Action Special on SCR

Sl. No.	Station Name	State	Dates of Exhibition	Total Visitors
1	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	14-16 February 2016	69,537
2	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	17-19 February 2016	70,726
3	Zahirabad	Telangana	20-23 February 2016	67,534
4	Adoni	Andhra Pradesh	24-26 February 2016	1,00,355
5	Kadiri	Andhra Pradesh	27-29 February 2016	1,28,316
6	Nizamabad	Telangana	9-11 April 2016	27,217



SECAS 1.5 million visitor, G.Madhapur, 8th class student felicitated at Zahirabad

At Adoni, on the very first day, SECAS registered highest number of students (14,252) from highest number of educational institutions (78) and highest number of total visitors (24,204), for first day of exhibition, in the current phase.

Kadiri turned out to be a landmark station in the journey of SECAS, with over 1.28 lakh people visiting the exhibition train in three days – the highest, for any station, in the current phase, till date. Besides, the second day of the exhibition turned out to be historic, as on this day Science Express, cumulative of all its phases (Phase I-VIII) crossed 1.50 crore total visitors' mark and SECAS also crossed 17 lakh total visitors' mark.

At Kadiri, SECAS team celebrated National Science Day (28 February) by conducting different activities which included discussions on 'Importance of National Science Day' and 'Application of Science in day to day life', in which students actively participated.

"Staff Welfare is Pivotal for Success"

– Ravindra Gupta, General Manager

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Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager reviewed the working of Personnel Department Officials over the Zone on February 12, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The meeting discussed at length on the action plan for filling up of vacancies in various safety category posts through Railway Recruitment Board and Railway Recruitment Cell.

While addressing the meeting, Shri Ravindra Gupta emphasised the pivotal role played by personnel officers in the welfare of 85,000 Railway Employees working in various divisions and field units of South Central Railway. He indicated that employee satisfaction will boost up the productivity and yields good results. He advised all the personnel officers to reduce delay in payment of various dues to the employees and also show compassion for speedy disposal of appointments to the wards of deceased employees on compassionate grounds.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager stressed upon the expeditious action in respect of transfer cases of employees. Shri R R Prasad, Chief Personnel Officer/SCR, Senior Divisional Personnel Officers and Workshop Personnel Officers of the zone were amongst those present.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM inaugurates Patients' Attendants Dormitory at Central Railway Hospital, Lallaguda



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inaugurated Patients' Attendants Dormitory at Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on February 15, 2016. This facility has been setup in the hospital premises for the convenience of Patients' attendants coming from far off places on the Zone.

The patients' attendants dormitory consists of 2 dormitory halls accommodating 11 beds in each hall. Separate six single bedded rooms were also constructed for the convenience of attendants. These provisions are given to attendants at a nominal price of Rs. 25 per day for a dormitory and Rs. 50 per day for a single bedded room.

Shri A K Gupta/ AGM, Smt. Aruna Singh/ DRM/ Hyderabad Division, Shri Solan Gupta/ CEE were present. Shri M Raghavaiah/ General Secretary/ NFIR and Shri G Shankar Rao/ General Secretary/ SCR MU present on the occasion appreciated the efforts of Medical Department in coming up with this facility.



Integrated Material Management Information System for Hospitals on SCR Launched



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager launched Integrated Material Management Information System (iMMIS) for monitoring receipt,

account, stocking and distribution of medicines in an on-line real time mode covering all the nine Hospital Units on South Central Railway at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on March 16, 2016. This facility, designed by Stores Department of SCR will streamline the availability of medicines in Railway Hospitals, thereby serving the healthcare needs of railway men and their families.

The General Manager expressed his confidence that the implementation of iMMIS on SCR will go a long way in ensuring stock availability of medicines in all the nine hospital units on the Zone at any given time. The step marks yet another initiative of SCR in leveraging technology towards improving service levels to employees and suppliers, he opined. Shri Ravindra Gupta also released a User Manual booklet detailing the iMMIS, so as to help the officials involved.

Shri A K Gupta/ AGM, Shri R L Pawar/ COS, Dr. Usha K Madalli/ CMD, Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan/ FA&CAO, Shri R R Prasad/ CPO were amongst the dignitaries present.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway and Chief Patron of South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA) inaugurated the state of the art Synthetic Outdoor Basketball Court at Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad on March 17, 2016. It is first of its kind in Telangana State and on the Zone.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, appreciated the efforts of SCRSA in providing excellent sports facility in the premises of Railway Sports Complex which will help the players immensely. The General Manager opined that it is a first of its kind facility in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, matching to the international standards, which should be invariably

utilized to achieve best results. He called upon the railway sports personnel to make best use of the sports facilities and strive hard to reach the top slot on Indian Railways and also at National levels.

Shri Gajanan Mallya, SDGM and President of SCRSA said that most modern and latest technology incorporating PU Synthetic Cushion Flooring has been employed for the purpose, in tandem with facilities world over. The fine finish and quality of the Court is sure to give fillip to the game of Basketball not only in the City but also on Indian Railways he added.

Shri A K Gupta/AGM, Shri S N Singh/PCE, Shri N Madhusudana Rao/COM, Shri R R Prasad/CPO, Shri K V Sivaprasad/CPTM and General Secretary/SCRSA were amongst the dignitaries present on the occasion.



The Special Features of the Outdoor Basketball Court are:

- Affordable and long lasting, durable multi-sport surface
- Enhanced the aesthetic value of the Court.
- Speed variation from fast to slow.
- True bounce & ball response qualities
- Reduces fatigue of muscles
- Excellent grip in all weather conditions.
- Effective ball rebound, bounce and vision quality
- Minimal impact on the knees, feet, shins and ankles.
- It's sheer enjoyment to play on it.



Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad Gets a New International Standard Synthetic Outdoor Basketball Court



Ms. Mithali Raj, Skipper, Indian Women's Cricket team who is employed with South Central Railway called on Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager on February 11, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The General Manager congratulated her for the victory registered in Australia.

SCR Hockey Team Emerges Winners at the 43rd All India Shri Guru Gobind Singh Gold & Silver Cup Hockey Tournament

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The South Central Railway Hockey Team clinched the gold at the prestigious 43rd All India Shri Guru Gobind Singh Gold & Silver Cup Hockey Tournament, held at Nanded from 10th to 16th January, 2016. Twenty four teams participated in the league-cum-knock out tournament. The SCR players were arrayed against five tough teams before coming out triumphant. In the quarter finals, SCR was pitted against Bombay Engineers Group (BEG), Pune. In the Semi-finals, SCR prevailed over Pioneer Corps Training Centre. In a all Railway final, SCR outplayed Western Railway 3-1 to win the Cup. The winning team also went home rich by the cash prize of one lakh rupees.

SCR Women Kabaddi Team Wins Championship at the 50th All India 'A' Kabaddi Tournament



The South Central Railway Women Kabaddi Team bagged the Championship at 50th All India 'A' Kabaddi Tournament held at Dindigul from 19th to 22nd January, 2016.

Sixteen teams participated in this event, which included two teams from Indian Railways. SCR beat the Shanmugam Memorial Club, Dindigul with a score of 24-22. SCR won over Delhi Sports Club (37-09) in quarter finals and Palam Sports Club (21-07) in semi finals. The championship also includes a cash award of Rs. 2 Lakhs.

Earlier, South Central Railway Women Kabaddi Team won the 35th All India 'A' Grade Tournament held at Narasapur from 14th to 18th January, 2016.

Lines opened for Goods Traffic

Mellacheruvu – Mattampalle Non-Electrified Broad Gauge Section opened for Goods Traffic

The newly commissioned railway line between Mellacheruvu – Mattampalle a stretch of 10.10 kms non-electrified Broad Gauge Section has been opened for Goods Traffic with effect from March 15, 2016. This line facilitates Mattampalle connect with Jaggayypeta Town located at a distance of 33.72 kms, benefitting the industry around.



Nossam – Banganapalli Section of Nandyal – Yerraguntla New Railway Line Project opened for Goods Traffic

The Nossam - Banganapalli Section (a length of 45.30 kms) of the Nandyal - Yerraguntla New Railway Line Project has been opened for Goods Traffic from January 23, 2016.

Nandyal – Yerraguntla New Railway Line Project was sanctioned for a distance of 123 kms with an estimated cost of Rs. 843 crores and the work for this Project has been taken up in 3 Phases. Phase-I of the project includes a distance of 47.2 kms between Yerraguntla–Nossam section. The same has been completed and opened for Goods traffic in October 2012.

Phase-II works between Nossam - Banganapalli, a distance of 45.3 kms is now completed and opened for Goods traffic from January 23, 2016. The left over distance of 30.5 kms between Banganapalli - Nandyal has been taken up in Phase-III and the works are progressing at a fast pace.

General Manager leads Crisis Management in the wake of agitators setting fire to Ratnachal Express



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR took stock of the situation arising out of the disturbance to train movements on Vijayawada - Rajahmundry - Visakhapatnam Section of Vijayawada Division due to Train No. 12717 Visakhapatnam - Vijayawada Ratnachal Express being set on fire by Agitators near Tuni station, at a emergent Disaster Control Meeting held with higher officials at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on January 31, 2016.

Shri Ravindra Gupta personally spoke to the Chief Secretary and Additional Director General / Law & Order, Government of Andhra Pradesh to discuss on the Security situation, keeping in view the priority towards Passengers Safety. The Railway Officials of Vijayawada Division too are in continuous touch with the Andhra Pradesh State Government Officials to review the ground level situation, so as to plan for resumption of normal train services in the Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam Section at the earliest.

With several trains being regulated at various stations on the Vijayawada - Rajahmundry - Visakhapatnam section, the General Manager issued instructions to ensure that the needs of the Passengers travelling by the trains are taken care of, to ensure that they are not put to inconvenience. Accordingly, SCR Officials have made arrangements wherever trains have been regulated to provide food, water and medical needs including the requirements of children and senior citizens. Additional number of Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel has been deployed to provide Security to rail passengers. Help lines have been set up at Vijayawada, Rajahmundry & Tuni stations to provide information to the passengers. Information on regulation / cancellation of train services is being disseminated continuously through print, electronic and social media (Twitter/Face book) etc., so as to keep rail users informed.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM reviews performance of Secunderabad Division



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR reviewed the performance of Secunderabad Division of the Zone at a high level meeting held at Sanchalan Bhavan on February 11, 2016. Shri A.K.Gupta, AGM, Shri Ashesh Agrawal/DRM/ Secunderabad Division, Ms. Chandrima Roy/ADRM (O), Shri P C Tamta/ ADRM (T), Secunderabad Division and other Branch officials were present at the meeting which was held to assess the performance, plans for improvement of passenger amenities and increasing freight traffic on Secunderabad Division.

The General Manager emphasized on the role that Secunderabad Division plays on SCR, owing to the fact that the Division covers a large part of Telangana, part of Karnataka and part of Maharashtra States. He advised the Railway officials to formulate strategies for enhancing freight and passenger traffic.



General Manager holds meeting with Cement Industry to Improve Cement Traffic by Rail

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Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway assured the Cement Industry of all possible help from railways so as to encourage and enhance cement traffic by rail. He was addressing representatives of various Cement companies located on the SCR network, who attended a meeting called on March 29, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad to discuss on plans and strategy for increasing transport of cement.

The meeting was called by SCR to interact with the cement sector with a view to plan for increased rail share of cement transport. The General Manager advised representatives of cement industry to utilise the concessions offered by Railways in notified Empty Flow Direction routes and

plans shall be drawn to meet the specific requirements of the cement industry to enable them utilise the rail sector for transport of cement, both for short lead and long lead distances. Railways is open to new ideas including special tariff system and mini rake system said the General Manager adding that the Railway Board will be apprised of the suggestions given by the representatives of the participant industries.

Representatives from the cement industry spoke on their expectations and needs from the Railways in terms of Operating and Commercial support. The issues raised by them concerned Freight discount schemes, settlement of claims etc. They expressed confidence that, the share of cement loading

on Railways will see an increase in the ensuing period. The cement companies which were represented at the meeting include Ultra Tech, Vasavadatta, Kesoram, Vikat Sagar, Manikgarh, Ramco, My Home, India Cements, JayPee, Pennar, Zuari cements etc.,

Earlier, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager/SCR welcomed the representatives of Cement Industry and promised maximum cooperation from the Zone towards better loading. He emphasised on having long term commitment by cement industry for better prospects. Shri M P Reddy, Chief Commercial Manager/SCR was also present.



"Need for Improvement in Women Parity Ratio in Employment"
-General Manager, SCR

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway stressed upon the need to plan for improving women parity ratio in employment on the Railways. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at a meeting held on the occasion of International Women's Day, organized by South Central Railway Employees Sangh (SCRES) at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad on March 9, 2016. The General Manager emphasized on providing conducive working environ for women employees, so that they do not feel any kind of discrimination and problem in discharging their duties. A positive working atmosphere particularly in the technical and

skilled sector will encourage women to take up employment in more numbers, thereby leading to a proper women parity ratio, he added. He opined that the Society as a whole does not treat women as an equal partner to men reflecting a biased attitude. Shri Ravindra Gupta, called for a positive and responsive attitude towards women, which will go a long way in ensuring a healthy society around.

Shri R.R. Prasad, Chief Personnel Officer, SCR; Dr. Usha K Madalli, Chief Medical Director, SCR, Shri Prabhakar Andrews, President, SCRES and other dignitaries participated.

Tuberculosis Awareness Program held at Railway Central Hospital



Railway Central Hospital, South Central Railway conducted health education program on Tuberculosis on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day on March 24, 2016 at its premises in Lallaguda, Secunderabad. Dr. Ch. Padma, Sr. Divisional Medical Officer, Health & Family Welfare organized the awareness program while Dr. TSR Murthy, Chief Staff Surgeon, Central Hospital, Lallaguda presided.



Dr. Pooja Datta, Sr. Divisional Medical Officer explained regarding the symptoms of tuberculosis, diagnosis procedures and treatment of Tuberculosis. Dr. Ch. Padma informed about this year's World TB Theme i.e. "Unite to End TB". Dr. Murthy spoke on how Tuberculosis spreads from person to person and what preventive measures to be taken to control its spread. Dr. Srikanth Mahapatra, Chief Physician spoke on the importance of taking medicines regularly to achieve normal health. He also spoke about multi drug resistant tuberculosis and how to avoid the phenomenon. Doubts raised by the beneficiaries were also clarified by the doctors.

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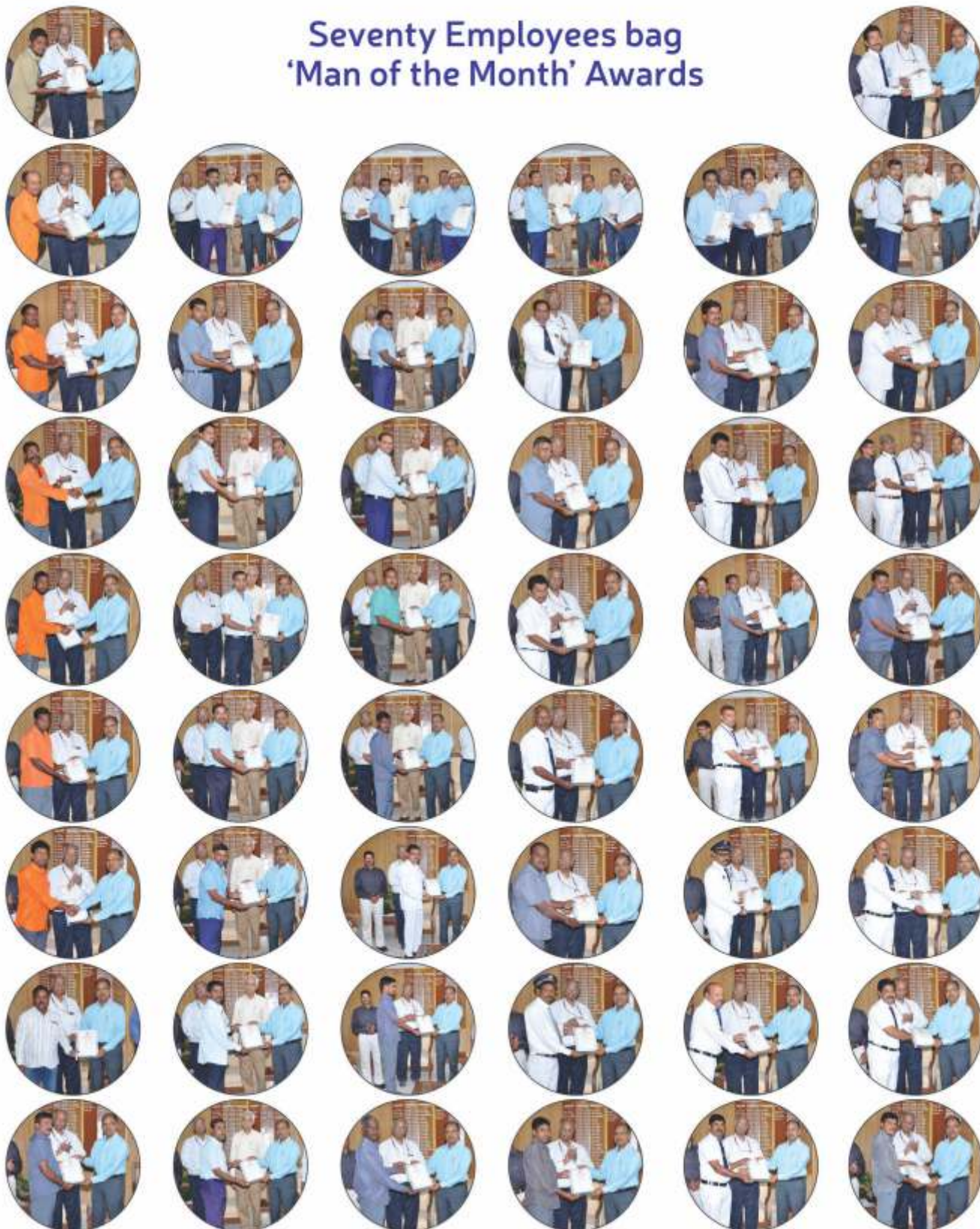
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South Central Railway bestowed Seventy employees with "Man of the Month Award" for the months of September, October, November and December 2015. The Awards were presented by Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager on February 15, 2016 at General Managers Chamber, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri A K Gupta/AGM, Shri S P Sahu/CSO, Shri S N Singh/PCE, Shri Kabir Ahmed/CME, Shri Solan Gupta/CEE, Shri Sivaprasad/CPTM were present on the occasion.

Belonging to various safety categories, the band of awardees consists of Loco Pilots, Loco Inspectors, Station Managers, Train Guards, Points Men, Night Patrol Men, Engineering Staff, Gate Men, Carriage & Wagon Technicians, Signal & Telecommunication Technicians, Electrical Staff and RPF Staff from all the Divisions. Upon noticing unsafe conditions on the tracks or on the trains, these awardees responded quickly to avoid untoward incidents which might have endangered the safety of passengers/railway properties. They have promptly informed the authorities concerned for appropriate immediate action to rectify the defects. The unsafe conditions noticed by them include roller bearing failures, weld failures, rail fractures, break binding, body bulging, jerk messages, Level Crossing in open condition, smoke/fire on the rolling stock, etc.

Seventy Employees bag 'Man of the Month' Awards



Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM reviews performance of Hyderabad Division

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, reviewed the performance of Hyderabad Division of the Zone at a high level meeting held at Hyderabad Bhavan on January 28, 2016. Smt Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division and other Branch officials were present at the meeting which was meant to assess the performance, plans for improvement of passenger amenities and to explore new avenues for increasing freight traffic on Hyderabad Division.

The General Manager emphasized on the role that Hyderabad Division plays on SCR, owing to the fact that the Division covers a sizeable part of Hyderabad city, several districts of Telangana and a small stretch of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. He advised the Railway officials to formulate strategies for enhancing freight and passenger traffic. He sought that the Egg & Poultry merchants be approached and encouraged to utilize Railways for transport of poultry.



"Swachhta" on SCR

Continuing our commitment towards Cleanliness and in attaining the objective of 'Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat', regular intensive cleanliness drives are organised in addition to the regular maintenance of the railway premises.

These mass movements are being taken up on SCR duly involving Railway Officers and Staff at all levels and also taking up public awareness campaigns seeking the co-operation of passengers in maintaining Railway premises clean.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspected Machilipatnam Railway Station



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspected Machilipatnam Railway Station on February 26, 2016. He was accompanied by Shri Ashok Kumar, DRM/Vijayawada Division and other Branch Officers who briefed on the rail facilities

and passenger amenities available at the station.

The General Manager made a keen study of the station development plan and thoroughly inspected the booking counters, cloak rooms, waiting halls, drinking water facilities, pay & use toilets etc. Later, Shri Ravindra Gupta met Shri Kollu Ravindra, Hon'ble Minister for BC Welfare & Empowerment, Handlooms & Excise, Government of Andhra Pradesh. They discussed developmental plans for rail facilities at Machilipatnam.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspected Aurangabad Railway Station

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager inspected Aurangabad Railway Station on March 14, 2016. He was accompanied by Shri A K Sinha, Divisional Railway Manager/Nanded Division and other Branch Officers.

During the course of inspection the General Manager covered the entire station premises of Aurangabad station including the circulating area, platforms, food outlets, parcel offices etc. In Smooth handling of crowd in ticket booking areas, the General Manager shared his plans with DRM for enhancing passenger convenience with regard to ticketing facilities available. He also checked hygiene conditions of the kitchen and keenly observed the quality of food being served at Bhojnalaya.

Later, Shri Ravindra Gupta interacted with representatives of Trade and Industry. He also addressed a press meet to deliberate on the developmental plans of the Aurangabad Station.





Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway stressed upon the need to focus priority on the key elements of Safety, Punctuality and Passenger

Amenities, factors which indicate the efficiency of rail services and convey user satisfaction. He was addressing a high level review meeting attended by senior officials of various departments of the Zone on January 12, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The review meeting also involved video conferencing with the Divisional Railway Managers of

Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal and Nanded Divisions.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, strongly stressed on implementation of safety procedures without fail. He sought that required system improvements in safety of train operations be undertaken continuously. Punctuality is another major area which is pivotal in attaining passenger satisfaction, the General Manager emphasised. He instructed that a concerted plan be evolved for smooth and punctual running of trains by means of regular monitoring and coordination.

On the performance front, the General Manager expressed optimism that, both the passenger and freight sectors will

show a positive growth in the ensuing months, towards which all the Divisions should draw firm plans. He also stressed on the need for stringent Ticket Checking activity all over the Zone, which will lead to plugging of revenue leakage as well as ensure a comfortable journey to genuine rail travellers.

Speaking on the aspect of Passenger Amenities/Facilities, Shri Ravindra Gupta categorically stated that all such developmental works should be expedited, fully utilising the allocated grant for the financial year, so as to enhance passenger convenience. Shri S N Singh, AGM and PCE; Shri J N Jha, COM; Shri S P Sahu, CSO, SCR were amongst those present.

Shri Rajeev Satav, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Hingoli, Maharashtra State met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam on March 28, 2016 and discussed on railway developmental plans in his area.



Shri B Vinod Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Karimnagar met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager at Rail Nilayam on February 1, 2016 and discussed on railway developmental plans in his constituency.



Shri B. Janardhan Reddy, Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation called on Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager on March 8, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad and discussed issues of Civic concern in the twin cities of Secunderabad and Hyderabad, pertaining involvement of the Railways.

Shri Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao (Avanthi), Hon'ble MP, Anakapalle meets General Manager

Shri Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao (Avanthi), Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Anakapalle met Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on January 22, 2016 and discussed on railway developmental plans in his area.

The Hon'ble MP sought stoppage for Howrah-Yesvantpur, H.S. Nanded-Visakhapatnam Express

trains at Anakapalle & stoppage for Ratnachal and Janmabhumi Express trains at Ellamanchili railway stations. Introduction of MEMU train service between Rajahmundry and Visakhapatnam leaving Rajahmundry in the morning and Visakhapatnam in the evening was also amongst the issues he represented.

"Speed up Projects, Improve Punctuality and Safety"

-Shri Ravindra Gupta indicates priorities to officials



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway reviewed the progress of all ongoing projects over the zone along with Punctuality and Safety aspects at a high level review meeting attended by senior officials of various departments January 27, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The review meeting also involved video conferencing with the Divisional Railway Managers of Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal and Nanded Divisions.

The General Manager critically reviewed the progress of all ongoing projects on

SCR and stressed upon the need to complete the targeted works as per schedule. He emphasized the need to complete all last mile projects which will strengthen infrastructure and help in capacity augmentation.

On the aspect of punctuality, he advised on the need to monitor the same on a continuous basis. The General Manager also stressed on implementation of safety procedures without fail. Towards

this, he sought that required system improvements in safety of train operations be undertaken continuously.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager; Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer; Shri J N Jha, Chief Operations Manager; Shri Bhoolchandani, Chief Accounts Officer (Construction), Shri S P Sahu, Chief Security Officer/SCR were amongst those present.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, GM conducted Intensive inspection of Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, conducted intensive inspection of Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati on February 4, 2016. He was accompanied by Shri B Gopinath Mallia, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division and other Branch Officers all through the inspection.

During the course of inspection the General Manager covered the entire Carriage Repair Shop premises including the Carriage Body Repair Shop, Painting Shop, Trimming Shop, Wheel Shop, Roller Bearing Cleaning Plant, Bogie Shop etc. The Chief Workshop Manager, Tirupati briefed the General Manager on the nitty-gritty of each shop floor. He detailed that Trimming Shop floor ensures neat and finished seating cover arrangements for

comfortable rail journey. The Painting Shop ensures aesthetics of the coaches are being maintained to perfection. After the inspection the General Manager planted a sapling in the premises of Carriage Repair Shop so as to inculcate environment conservation amongst the staff.

Later the General Manager, inspected Tiruchanur Halt Station and discussed with Divisional Officers to develop it as a Crossing Station. General Manager advised to lay additional loops at Tiruchanur to handle more traffic to Tirupati.





Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister of State for Railways addressing the Press at Tirupati regarding Railway Budget-2016 provisions and projects to be developed in Tirupati area on March 24, 2016.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager met Shri Ch. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam to discuss developmental plans of Tirupati Railway Station on February 4, 2016 at Tirupati. They also interacted with the Media to brief the developmental plans.



Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda maintaining Stringent Standards of Coach Maintenance

A guided Media Tour of the Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad was organised on February 22, 2016 to showcase the rigorous system of maintenance of coaches undertaken at the facility. Shri K P Somkuwar, Chief Workshops Engineer/ SCR, Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy/Chief Workshop Manager, Shri Hem Singh/Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer/Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda and Shri Umashankar Kumar/Chief Public Relations Officer/SCR briefed the media on the stringent maintenance schedule of the Workshop during the tour.

The Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, was established in 1893 under the aegis of "The Nizam Guaranteed State Railways" for undertaking overhauling and repairs to Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge Steam Locomotives, Coaches and Wagons. Subsequent to the formation of South Central Railway in 1966, the Workshop took up overhauling of coaches and was named as Carriage Workshop and presently handles maintenance of a wide variety of Coaches. It is considered to be one of the most prominent coach maintenance facilities on Indian Railways.

-Media Visits Workshop

The Carriage Workshop is one of the 22 such facilities on Indian Railways and holds the capacity to undertake Periodic Overhaul (POH) of 131 coaches per month. With a staff strength of around 3500 personnel, the Carriage Workshop undertakes Overhauling of all types of Passenger carrying Coaches which include Integral Coach Factory & Rail Coach Factory designed coaches, Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU), Diesel Hydraulic Multiple Unit (DHMU), Multi Modal Transport Service (MMTS), Link Hofmann Busch (LHB) & Double Decker coaches. Apart from these, the workshop also maintains Accident Relief Trains (ARTs), Medical Relief Vans (MRVs), Inspection Cars etc.,

The Workshop also is known to be the first such facility on Indian Railways to implement Information Technology (IT) enabled Workshop Information System for coach maintenance procedures. The Railway officials highlighted that the maintenance procedure involves Overhauling of Coaches to ensure 100% safety.



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चैत्र ही एक ऐसा माह है, जिसमें वृक्ष तथा लताएं पल्लवित व पुष्पित होती हैं। इसी माह में उन्हें वास्तविक मधुरस पर्याप्त मात्रा में मिलता है। वैशाख मास, जिसे माघव कहा गया है, में मधुरस का परिणाम मात्र मिलता है। इसी कारण प्रथम श्रेय चैत्र को ही मिला और वर्षारंभ के लिए यही उचित समझा गया।

जितने भी धर्म कार्य होते हैं, उनमें सूर्य के अलावा चंद्रमा का भी महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है। जीवन का जो मुख्य आधार अर्थात् वनस्पतियां हैं, उन्हें सोम रस चंद्रमा ही प्रदान करता है। इसीलिए इसे औषधियों और वनस्पतियों का राजा कहा गया है। शुक्ल प्रतिपदा के दिन ही चंद्र की कला का प्रथम दिवस है। अतः इसे छोड़कर किसी अन्य दिवस को वर्षारंभ मानना उचित नहीं है। संवत्सर शुक्ल से ही आरंभ माना जाता है, क्योंकि कृष्ण के आरंभ में मलमास आने की संभावना रहती है, जबकि शुक्ल में नहीं।



जब सृष्टि का निर्माण हुआ, तब इस तिथि को 'प्रवरा' (सर्वोत्तम) माना गया। इसलिए भी इसका महत्व ज्यादा है।

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे पर क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 151वीं बैठक का आयोजन

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और वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने तिमाही के दौरान किए गए विशेष

प्रयासों और पिछली बैठक में लिए गए निर्णयों पर की गई कार्यवाही के बारे में जानकारी दी।

क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 151वीं बैठक श्री रवींद्र गुप्ता, महाप्रबंधक की अध्यक्षता में दि.18.03.2015 महाप्रबंधक सभागृह में संपन्न हुई। रेलवे बोर्ड द्वारा इस रेलवे के लिए नामित रेलवे हिंदी सलाहकार समिति के माननीय सदस्य श्री दत्ताराम पुन्जाजी धुगे, श्री सतिंदर कल्याल और श्री जौ.सी.शर्मा प्रेक्षक सदस्य के रूप में इस बैठक में उपस्थित थे।

मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री एस.एन.सिंह ने सभी सदस्यों का स्वागत किया और प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की कि इस रेलवे का अधिकांश भाग "ग" क्षेत्र में होने के बावजूद यहां राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति काफी अच्छी है। इस रेलवे पर राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए हिंदी कवि सम्मेलन, हिंदी नाटक प्रतियोगिता, हिंदी में तकनीकी सेमिनार, हिंदी कार्यशाला, प्रसिद्ध साहित्यकारों की जयंतियां आदि कार्यक्रमों का नियमित आयोजन किया जाता है।

उन्होंने बताया कि राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा एक Whatsapp Group बनाया गया है जिसमें अधिकारीगण अपनी निरीक्षण संबंधी टिप्पणी फोटो सहित पोस्ट कर सकते हैं।

महाप्रबंधक महोदय ने अपने अध्यक्षीय संबोधन में अधिकारियों से कहा कि वे अपने निरीक्षणों में हिंदी की मर्मां का अवश्य निरीक्षण करें, स्टेशनों और जनसंपर्क स्थलों पर प्रदर्शित बोर्डों, बैनरों में हिंदी का रूप, वर्तनी सही होना सुनिश्चित करें, उन्होंने पुस्तकालय के रख-रखाव पर विशेष ध्यान देने के लिए कहा और चाहा कि पुरानी पत्रिकाएं अस्पताल में मरीजों को दी जाएं, अधिक से अधिक कर्मचारियों से हिंदी में काम करवाया जाए और उन्हें पुरस्कृत किया जाए।

इसके बाद बैठक को मानक कार्यसूची पर विस्तार से चर्चा की गई और तदनुसार निर्णय लिए गए। उप महाप्रबंधक

इस बैठक में उपस्थित रेलवे हिंदी सलाहकार समिति के सदस्य श्री दत्ताराम पुन्जाजी धुगे ने सुझाव दिया कि हिंदी पत्रिकाओं की अधिक खरीद की जाए। श्री सतिंदर कल्याल ने कहा कि हिंदी पुस्तकालयों में पुस्तकें नई पीढ़ी के हिसाब से खरीदी जाएं। श्री शर्मा ने इस रेलवे को बधाई दी कि अहिंदी भाषी क्षेत्र होने पर भी इस रेलवे पर राजभाषा के क्षेत्र में अच्छा काम हो रहा है। बैठक में उपस्थित मंडलों के अपर मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं अपर मंडल रेल प्रबंधकों व कारखानों के मुख्य कारखाना प्रबंधकों ने अपने-अपने कार्यालयों में हो रहे राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन पर संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की।



दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के स्टेशन एवं रेल परिसरों में प्रदर्शित बोर्डों पर प्रयोग होनेवाले हिंदी शब्दों को मानकीकरण हेतु राजभाषा संगठन के अधिकारियों और अनुवादकों की एक बैठक दिनांक 20.01.2016 को आयोजित की गई। इस बैठक में शब्दों का मानकीकरण किया गया।



प्रधान कार्यालय में दिनांक 29.02.2016 को भारतीय रेलवे संवर्ग - प्रबंधन प्रणाली विषय पर हिंदी में तकनीकी संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। इस संगोष्ठी में मुख्य सामग्री प्रबंधक/सामान्य के साथ-साथ भंडार विभाग के सभी अधिकारियों ने भी भाग लिया।



प्रधान कार्यालय के भंडार विभाग के कर्मचारियों के लिए दिनांक 25.02.2016 को राजभाषा विभाग के कर्मचारियों द्वारा टेबल ट्रेनिंग और कुंजीयन प्रशिक्षण दिया गया।

इंजीनियरी विभाग में कार्यशाला एवं संपर्क अभियान आयोजित

श्री अध्यक्ष कुमार शा, मुख्य इंजीनियर/कार्य तथा श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी द्वारा दि. 24.02.2016 को प्रधान कार्यालय के इंजीनियरी विभाग के विभिन्न अनुभागों में हो रहे राजभाषा संबंधी कार्य की समीक्षा और कर्मचारियों को राजभाषा हिंदी में कार्य करने हेतु प्रेरित करने के लिए उनसे संपर्क किया गया तथा इस संबंध में स्थापना अनुभाग में एक दिवसीय टेबल कार्यशाला का आयोजन भी किया गया। इस कार्यशाला में श्री अध्यक्ष कुमार शा, मुख्य/कार्य ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि कंप्यूटर में पहले से ही मौजूद राजभाषा के साफ्टवेयर को सक्रिय कर कर्मचारी अपना अधिक से अधिक कार्य राजभाषा हिंदी में करें। श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने राजभाषा नीति की संक्षिप्त जानकारी दी।



Let's take a pledge to Preserve Water Every Way

**Water is as precious on Railways,
as it is everywhere else.**

The Railways does its part in conserving water through following means:

- Construction of Rail Water Harvesting pits at Railway Stations, Colonies, Administrative Offices, workshops, etc.
- Making use of mechanized cleaning at pit lines, railway stations and in trains to get maximum cleaning done with minimal use of water
- Making use of mechanized laundries to clean bed rolls, minimizing water consumption
- Setting up of effluent water treatment plants, to recycle and reuse the water
- Fitting bio-toilets in trains, to help reduce the usage of water for cleaning of tracks as well
- Using anti-corrosion water pipeline to arrest water leakages



Please follow a few DOs and DON'Ts during your rail travel:

- Use toilets and wash basins responsibly, so that water is used only for the purpose
- Do not run the taps continuously. Open to use and immediately close.
- Do not use train toilets while train is stationed on platforms. It takes a lot more water to clean the aprons on stations.
- Do not wash clothes/utensils, etc. On rail premises or bathe next to railway tracks. The water is meant for use during rail journey.
- Fill drinking water in glass /container only till the extent you need. Do not just take a sip and throw away the remaining water.

Think twice before you waste water even once.

