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Shri Vashishta Johri, General Manager, Southern Railway has taken over additional charge as General Manager, South Central Railway on December 1, 2016.

Shri Vashishta Johri belongs to Special Class Railway Apprentice of 1975 batch and joined Indian Railways in Indian Railways Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME) in the year 1979. He has worked in various capacities including Jt. Director, Research Designs and Standards Organization, Lucknow; Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division and Senior Deputy General Manager, South Central Railway and Chief Mechanical Engineer, South Western Railway, Hubli. He also served as Advisor, Production Units (PU)/Railway Board, New Delhi.

He has attended various training programme including foreign training, DRM's Management Programme at H.E.C/Paris and Technology transfer for cranes at M/s Gottwald, Germany. He underwent training on Appreciation of Ergonomics in working and design at Central Labour Institute, Mumbai and Industrial Engineering Training at IIT/Kharagpur. He has also undergone training in "Strategic Management" at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA.

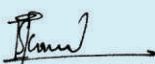
From Chief Editor's Desk

An event filled year 2016 has come to an end bringing in its wake, a mixed bag of results. A lot to be satisfied about, while a little to be concerned too. As we now move to the final quarter lap of the fiscal, it is time to put in our best efforts so as to attain the bench marks set at the beginning of the financial year. I am sure we will come up triumph at the end.

HUM-DUM, your much awaited quarterly journal has yet again come to you carrying a host lot of information on the happenings and events of prominence, the Zone has seen in the last three months. The fag end of December was infact the busiest for SCR with two major functions held at Secunderabad and Vijayawada, involving the participation of Hon'ble Minister for Railways as well as several other prominent personalities. The culmination of Rail Vikas Shivir with SCR being adjudged as the best Zone and a bag full of awards connected to Energy conservation sector for SCR, brought a feeling of pride for us all.

As we enter a new year, it is time for us to draw resolutions that lift us up both on the professional as well as the personal front. Remember, what the new year brings to you, depends a great deal on what you bring to the new year. So, make the right move.

Wishing you good luck all the way.


(M. Umashankar Kumar)
Chief Public Relations Officer

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu and Rail Infrastructure



Giving a sizeable boost to better passenger convenience, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched various rail infra developmental works on December 29, 2016 at a function held at Rail Bhavan, New Delhi and simultaneously at Secunderabad and Lingampet Jagityal Railway Stations.

The works which were launched are:

- ✦ Commissioning of 500 kWp Grid Connected Solar System at Secunderabad Railway station.
- ✦ Commissioning of LED based lighting at MMTS stations in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- ✦ Inauguration of renovated MMTS Booking office on Platform No.6/7 at Secunderabad Station.
- ✦ Inauguration additional Foot over Bridge at Hyderabad Station.
- ✦ Launch of Hi-speed Wi-Fi at Secunderabad and Hyderabad Stations.
- ✦ Flagging off extension of Karimnagar-Lingampet Jagityal DEMU service upto Morthad.

Addressing the gathering at all the three places from New Delhi on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu acknowledged the cooperation being extended by the Telangana State Government towards developing Railway network in the State. The Railways is looking forward to use the potential of the State by signing a JV for jointly developing Railway

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches various Passenger Facilities and Infrastructure Developmental Works in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh



projects in Telangana, towards which the State Government too is forthcoming, he added. Focusing on Safety of the Rail services as the foremost priority, the Railway Minister stated that a Safety plan is made to address the inadequacies which are inherited as a bad legacy. Indian Railways is sure to become the preferred mode of transportation in the future, he stressed.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India who was present at New Delhi stated that in the last two years, the rail projects have been given due attention and funds allocated for completion. He stated that the completion of Nizamabad-Karimnagar-Peddapalli Railway line will provide excellent Rail connectivity in the State. He also opined that the MMTS Phase-II project in progress will help in enhancing civic infra to suburban places around the twin cities such as Medchal and Bhongir. Smt. K Kavitha, Hon'ble MP, Nizamabad also spoke at the function at New Delhi.

Earlier, Shri Vasishta Johri, General Manager in his welcome address highlighted the salient benefits of the various Rail initiatives launched and stated that the Zone is committed to serve the people to the best.

Hon'ble Ministers, Telangana – Shri P Mahender Reddy; Shri Naini Narsimha Reddy and Shri Mohd. Ali Khan, Hon'ble MP also spoke on the occasion at Secunderabad. Shri T Padma Rao Goud, Hon'ble Minister, Telangana and Shri Bonthu Rammohan, Hon'ble Mayor were also present.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways and Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh launched various rail infra developmental works on December 30, 2016 at Railway Institute, Vijayawada, giving a sizeable boost to better passenger convenience. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways participated in the programme from New Delhi through remote video link. Simultaneously functions were also held at Guntur, Piduguralla, Tirupati on SCR and Rayadurga in SWR involving public representatives and dignitaries. The works which were launched are:

- ✎ Laying of Foundation Stone for Construction of New Railway Line between Nadikudi and Srikalahasti Stations.
- ✎ Launch of High Speed Wi-Fi at Guntur Station.
- ✎ Dedication of Route Relay Interlocking, Vijayawada to the Nation.
- ✎ Dedication of Newly Constructed Hostel Building in Electric Traction Training Centre, Vijayawada to the Nation.
- ✎ Flagging Off of Train No. 22708 Tirupati-Visakhapatnam Double Decker AC Express via remote video link.
- ✎ Commissioning of Rayadurg-Kalyandurga Section (Part of New Line between Rayadurg and Tumakuru) organized by SWR.

Addressing the gathering at all the five locations from New Delhi on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu acknowledged the cooperation extended by the Andhra Pradesh State Government towards developing Railway network in the State. He assured of holistic development of the State by strengthening integrated transport solutions and integrated port connectivity. Further the Railway Minister stated that the Ministry has increased the budget outlay for the State in last two years for speeding up projects such as New lines, Doubling, Tripling and Electrification etc. On this occasion, Ministry of Railways and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have signed a Joint venture agreement for taking up rail infra development of the state.

Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh stated that Indian Railways is progressing with high speed since last two years. The rail projects in the State have been given due attention and allocated funds for their progress. He advised the Railway officials to prepare plans for the future needs, launch them, ground them and take forward with determination. He assured cooperation for the progress of rail works in the State.

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of South Central Railway, a coffee table book titled "Wheels of Change" was also released by the dignitaries on this occasion. Earlier, Shri Vashishta Johri, General Manager, in his welcome address highlighted the salient benefits of the various Rail initiatives launched and stated that the Zone is committed to serve the people to the best.

Shri Ashok Gajapati Raju, Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation; Smt. Gadde Anuradha, Hon'ble Chairperson, Zilla Parishad, Krishna District; Shri Koneru Sridhar, Hon'ble Mayor Vijayawada Municipal Corporation; Shri Kesineni Srinivas, Hon'ble MP, Vijayawada; Shri Buddha Venkateswara Rao, Hon'ble MLC; Shri P J Chandrasekhara Rao, Hon'ble MLC; Shri Jaleel Khan, Hon'ble MLA, Vijayawada (West) were amongst the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Salient Features of Various Works

500 kWp Grid connected Solar System at Secunderabad Station

- Solar Power has been harnessed in a big way to meet the energy consumption need of Secunderabad Railway Station with the system contributing 36% of electricity consumption of the Station.
- 500 kWp ON GRID solar power plant has been commissioned at the station, with the platform roof tops being used for installation of Solar panels.
- With an average generation of 2250 units per day, the annual savings in terms of expenditure towards power consumption at Secunderabad Railway Station is around Rs.66.52 Lakhs.
- Being a source of Green energy, the solar system here entails reduction of carbon foot prints by 793 tonnes per annum.
- The Solar Module comprises of 60 Multicrystalline silicon solar cells in series
- Features as High energy yield anti-reflective glass, Torsion and corrosion resistant anodized aluminium frame etc., ensure the quality of the solar installation, which holds a 25 years linear performance Power Warranty.



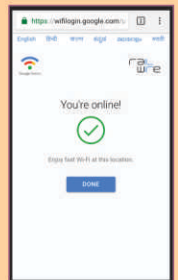
Additional Foot Over Bridge at Hyderabad Station

- Hyderabad, one of the three major rail hubs in the city handles over 100 trains, seeing a footfall of around 45,000 passengers each day.
- To enable smooth movement of passengers on the station premises, an additional Foot Over Bridge (FOB) has been constructed here, connecting Platform Nos. 5 & 6 at a cost of Rs. 2.68 Crs.
- The new FOB will provide connectivity to the circulating area besides the existing FOB.
- The new FOB holds a span of 6 metres width to enable to provide escalator/lift too.



Hi-Speed Wi-Fi at Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Guntur Stations

- The launch of High Speed Wi-Fi broad band facility to rail users is a step towards fulfillment of Hon'ble Prime Minister's Digital India initiative.
- Google is the Technological partner of Rail Tel, the subsidiary of Indian Railways for setting up High speed Wi-Fi network.
- The fast rail wire Wi-Fi facility at Secunderabad where the normal services were already available and at Hyderabad and Guntur, is free to use and can easily be connected through simple steps.
- 80 Wi-Fi access points at Secunderabad, 29 at Hyderabad and 42 at Guntur have been installed to cover the entire station area. All the Wi-Fi access points are networked with Optic Fiber Cable (OFC) as a back haul.
- Since Railway stations are the places where a cross section of the society is always visible, this initiative will bridge the digital divide.
- Rail passengers will be immensely benefited in terms of rail information on the move and on line including on the live status of train running, reservations, grievances etc.,



- The Wi-Fi facility will enhance passenger comfort during waiting time for trains at the station by providing quality uninterrupted internet access to videos, movies, songs, games, news etc.



Extension of Karimnagar-Lingampet Jagityal DEMU Service upto Morthad

- The flagging off of DEMU train services in Karimnagar – Lingampet Jagityal section upto Morthad marks the dawn of Rail era on the stretch between Lingampet Jagityal and Morthad.
- This Rail link and services will generate a spurt in mobility amongst the masses in this area, thereby contributing to increased economic and commercial activity.
- The new DEMU service comes as an affordable and cheap mode of transport, as compared to other options.
- The commencement of this service signifies the run of trains on the Peddapalli- Karimnagar -Nizamabad, 178 KMs long new Railway line to the extent of 135 KMs, thereby nearing the fulfillment of a much anticipated Rail link in Telangana State.
- With the balance 43 KMs length nearing fast completion, the Peddapalli- Karimnagar -Nizamabad will open up a viable alternate Rail route towards the North of India from the Deccan and the Marthwada region.

Renovated MMTS Booking Office on PF 6/7 at Secunderabad Station

- Secunderabad Station is an important A-1 category station on SCR handling 1.5 Lakh passengers per day and around 229 trains are passing through the station.
- This station provides connectivity to suburban areas through MMTS network by running 112 Suburban trains per day.
- Passengers arriving by long distance/passenger trains are facing difficulty in buying suburban tickets from booking offices on either ends of Secunderabad station.
- In order to mitigate this problem, a booking office was opened with 1 booking counter facility on platform 6 & 7. Since, the response and patronage was good, the booking office was renovated with provision of 4 counters at a cost of Rs.6 lakhs. At present, 2 booking counters are being operated for issuing MMTS tickets and on need basis other 2 counters will also be used.



LED based Lighting at MMTS Stations of South Central Railway

- LED lighting, the energy efficient, cost effective, aesthetically elegant has been used to illuminate the MMTS Railway stations in Hyderabad/Secunderabad.
- The plan envisaged 100% LED lighting of MMTS stations service buildings, circulating area and platforms, with increase in brightness as compared to the conventional CFL/tube light fittings.
- The provision of LED lighting enables clarity in vision and comfort to the eye, thereby generating rail user satisfaction too.
- The total cost incurred for LED lighting of 21 MMTS stations is Rs. 22.44 lakhs
- The energy savings in terms of unit consumption is 96,293 units per annum, thereby saving around Rs. 8 Lakhs annually.
- The payback period for the expenditure incurred for LED lighting is 03 years.



Dedication of Newly Constructed Hostel Building in ETTC, Vijayawada to the Nation

- Electric Traction Training Centre/ Vijayawada imparts various trainings viz., initial, refresher, promotional and special courses to Running, TRS, EMU & TRD staff of S.C.Railway and occasionally to staff of other Railways
- Training on state of the art 3 phase electric locomotives is also provided here was commenced from January 2007.
- In-motion Loco simulator is also provided here for effective on hand training.
- In tune with the requirements, a modern 96 bedded Hostel building has been constructed at ETTC
- The Hostel building is equipped with 26 rooms, kitchen room, Dining Hall with 150 seating capacity and all other facilities which offer a comfortable and convenient ambience to trainees.



Nadikudi – Srikalahasti New Railway Line



Project Highlights

- The New rail line to a length of 309 route kms was sanctioned in the year 2011-12 and is anticipated to cost Rs. 2299 cr. The budget grant for the same in 2016-17 is Rs. 180 cr, while it was Rs.110 cr in 2015-16.
- The new Line takes off at Piduguralla (New) X-ing Station on existing Secunderabad – Guntur rail route and connects to Venkatagiri Station on Gudur- Srikalahasti section.

The work will be executed in 3 phases:

- **Phase 1** – Piduguralla to Savalyapuram (46 km approx). This phase will connect Secunderabad – Guntur and Guntakal – Guntur Railway line.
- **Phase 2** – Gundlakamma to Atmakur (174 km approx). This phase will connect Guntur – Guntakal line to Atmakur town which is Revenue subdivision
- **Phase 3** – Atmakur to Venkatagiri (89 km approx). This will be final phase and will connect the line through from Piduguralla to Venkatagiri on Gudur – Renigunta Railway line.

Project Features

- Total Land required : 2453.717 hectares
- Major Bridges : 84 including important Bridge on Pennar River
- Minor Bridges : 248
- Road over / under Bridges : 172 (28 RoBs + 144 RuBs)
- Enroute Stations : 26 Crossing and 11 Halt stations

Project Benefits

- The new Railway line marks a major milestone in spreading the rail network in Andhra Pradesh, connecting the hinter land and interior areas of Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore Districts, thereby bringing several major towns like Darsi, Podile, Kanigiri, Atmakur, Rapur etc., on the Railway map.
- The new Railway line will provide a viable alternative link to the Kazipet – Vijayawada & Vijayawada – Gudur – Tirupati / Chennai Coastal Grand Trunk rail route and also enable decongest the route.
- The new rail line will serve handy in times of natural calamities as an alternate route in the State uninterrupted rail services.
- The new line will also serve as the shortest route between Guntur and Tirupati besides improving connectivity from remote areas of Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore Districts to the Capital city, Amaravati.
- The new rail holds potential to boost economic and industrial progress of the region, facilitating utilization of Mineral resources in the unexplored area.

Dedication of Route Relay Interlocking, Vijayawada to the Nation

- ✧ Vijayawada Railway station the gateway to South of India and the rail head for capital of Andhra Pradesh. One of the biggest and busiest station on Indian Railways.
- ✧ Over 260 passenger carrying Trains and 100+ Goods Trains wind their way via Vijayawada each day. 10 Platforms serve the station, which handles a passenger foot print of 1.40 lakh every day.
- ✧ Vijayawada junction handles trains from 05 directions of Kazipet, Visakhapatnam, Gudivada, Gudur and Guntur.
- ✧ The Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) system at Vijayawada outlived its capacity, having been set up in 1976. Plans were finalized to commission a new Ultra modern RRI system in place at Vijayawada in 2012.
- ✧ Analyzing the challenges of Traffic with precision, RRI works were taken up between 21st to 23rd September, 2016.
- ✧ With the rail route being very critical, bare minimal 12% cancellation of trains was envisaged.
- ✧ A man power of 650 Officers/Staff, requisitioned from other locations to work tasked for the job. In addition, 1000 workforce was engaged by the Contractor for the work.
- ✧ RRI work was taken up for 3 days, 24/7 under flood lights amidst heavy monsoon rains.
- ✧ The challenge was successfully completed well within the schedule.
- ✧ The work which involved entirely indigenous technology set a new bench mark for any such task of the same scale on Indian Railways.
- ✧ The new RRI holds a total of 733 no of routes, as against 450 earlier, thereby enormously enhancing flexibility of train movements at Vijayawada.
 - 30 % increase in availability of platforms
 - 10% increase in handling of 24 coach train
 - Waiting time for coaching trains reduced considerably
- ✧ New RRI has enormously enhanced Safety on the strength latest state of the Art Signal Technology.
- ✧ Vijayawada Railway Station is now fully geared to meet the demands of rail traffic
- ✧ For South Central Railway, it is a note worthy achievement in serving the rail passengers best.



Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways flags off Two New Train Services from Tirupati through Remote Video Link from New Delhi



Sri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager, SCR was present at Tirupati to welcome the dignitaries. In his address, he highlighted the fact that the introduction of this new train service is yet another testimony to the credentials of SCR as a Zone which remains ever eager to fulfil genuine passenger needs.

The 2nd new train to hit the tracks is the Tirupati – Visakhapatnam AC Double Decker Express, which was flagged off by a host of eminent dignitaries on December 30, 2016. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways gave the green signal to the train from New Delhi through remote video link, while Sri N.Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh simultaneously joined in at a glittering function held at Vijayawada to flag off this new train along with a host of other inaugurals. Sri Ashok Gajapati Raju, Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation and other public representatives were also present. At Tirupati Railway station, Shri B Gopala Krishna Reddy, Hon'ble Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh; Dr. N Sivaprasad, Hon'ble MP; Shri Y Srinivasulu Reddy, Hon'ble MLC; Smt. M Sugunamma, Hon'ble MLA and Dr. Chadalawada Krishnamurthy, Hon'ble Chairman, TTD Trust Board. The Rail Minister formally flagged off the train through remote video link from New Delhi.

The commitment to live up to the expectations of the people was once more reaffirmed on South Central Railway, when 2 new train services were introduced, both holding potential to meet heavy patronage.

Sri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways flagged off the first of these two trains, i.e. the Tirupati – Vasco Da Gama Express, linking the most visited pilgrim destination in the country with Goa, the tourist's paradise which is a favourite for not just the domestic traveller but also the international tourist traffic. The function, which was held

on December 29, 2016 at Tirupati Railway Station saw the presence of several important dignitaries including Shri B Gopala Krishna Reddy, Hon'ble Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh; Smt. Geervani Chandra Prakash, Hon'ble Chairperson, ZP, Chittoor; Hon'ble MPs – Dr. V Vara Prasada Rao & Dr. N Sivaprasad, Shri Y Srinivasulu Reddy, Hon'ble MLC; Smt. M Sugunamma, Hon'ble MLA and Dr. Chadalawada Krishnamurthy, Hon'ble Chairman, TTD Trust Board. The Rail Minister formally flagged off the train through remote video link from New Delhi.

Tr.No. 22708 Tirupati- Visakhapatnam AC Double Decker Express

- ✳ The new train service is a significant upgrade in terms of end to end rail service connectivity, since it links south Andhra with the Northern core of the state.
- ✳ The train is set to substantially meet the demands of the pilgrim traffic connecting Tirupati with the two biggest cities of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.
- ✳ The train offers convenient overnight connectivity between the two destinations.
- ✳ The train affords cost effective travel option in terms of air-conditioned travel at minimal cost.
- ✳ Being a double-decker service, the train has got sizable capacity in terms of 1200 seats, which will cater to the needs of intermediate halts of Gudur & Tenali too.



Train No. 17419 Tirupati-Vasco Da Gama Express



- ✳ The new train service is the first direct link between Goa on the west coast with the abode of Lord Venkateswara, Tirupati.
- ✳ The train also is expected to cater to the requirements of the Hubballi – Dharwad belt of Karnataka with regard to direct rail access to Tirupati.
- ✳ Being a fast service with convenient morning arrivals, the train will surely meet patronage of rail users.
- ✳ The train will serve the requirements of passengers across all social strata, in terms of options with regard to class of travel.
- ✳ The train will enable lessen pressure on other train services in the section, thereby enabling increased availability of accommodation in other trains.

The Vigilance Awareness Week on South Central Railway commenced on October 31, 2016 with a seminar on the theme of

"Public Participation in Promoting Integrity and Eradicating Corruption". Justice L Narasimha Reddy, former Chief Justice, Patna High Court graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address at a programme held at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager presided over.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice L. Narasimha Reddy expressed his happiness to be part of Vigilance Awareness Programme organized by the South Central Railway. He acknowledged the relevance of current year's theme to the present society. While equating corruption to a disease and integrity to that of health, Justice Narasimha Reddy stressed the need of public participation in keeping up the health of the body i.e. promoting the integrity of the non-corrupt. Reasoning out that nobody is born to be corrupt, he said that the traditional system of education which used to teach values and imbibe character in a child is required to eliminate corruption because of the

Existence of Corruption Denotes Illness

– Justice L. Narasimha Reddy, Former Chief Justice, Patna High Court



reason that corruption is increasingly found to be among the educated. While stating that technology has brought down corruption, he reminded the audience that the same cannot be solely depended on bringing down corruption and requires individual commitment from the employees of the organisation to dedicate themselves to bring down corruption to zero level.

Justice L Narasimha Reddy also released a 'Vigilance Bulletin 2016' and 'Sachetan' a quarterly magazine published by SCR's Vigilance Department.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager presiding over the function stated that steps like e-auction, e-tendering, public display system, role of RTI has improved transparency in the organisation. He advised the participants that public are alive to the systems, have become vigilant and raising the right questions expecting right answers. Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager explained the changes brought in by various IT enabled services and adopted by the organisation coupled with RTI in maintaining transparency in

areas concerning external and internal customers of the organisation.

Earlier, Shri Gajanan Mallya, Sr. Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer welcomed the gathering and gave an account of the activities of the Vigilance department during the year. He mentioned that Vigilance department has closely monitored procurement of medicines, issue and account of the same through iMMIS (Integrated Material Management Information System), ensured installation and monitoring of surveillance cameras through mobile apps at strategic locations of Central Hospital/Lallaguda, Parcel Office at Secunderabad, various Railway Coaching Depots and Scrap Depots and systematically monitored online complaints received through official website of South Central Railway. Seminars were conducted at Headquarters and various divisions on "Service Contracts" to bring out awareness among Officers and Staff.

"Constitution Day" Pledge administered on the Zone

The officers and staff of South Central Railway took "Constitution Day" (also known as Samvidhan Divas)

pledge on November 25, 2016. At the Headquarters, the pledge was administered by Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager to the officers and staff of General Administration Wing. It was on 26th November, 1949 that our Constitution was adopted and given to the Nation".



The Pledge reads as:

"We, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens; JUSTICE, social, economic and political; LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation.

The Pledge was administered also by the Principal Head of Departments at head quarters and Divisional Railway Managers at the 6 Divisions to their respective officers and staff.

MoU Signed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Urban Development for Station Re-Development in Tandem with Smart City.

Tirupati Railway Station in the List of Station Re-Development Plan



The Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Urban Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for re-development of Railway Stations in tandem with Smart City. The MoU was signed on October 19, 2016 at New Delhi in the presence of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union

Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information & Broadcasting. The railway stations and adjoining areas will be redeveloped on Smart City lines for enhancing passenger amenities, easy access to stations, enabling optimal utilization of land at railway stations, as a part of Smart City development.

Tirupati railway station of South Central Railway is in the list of 10 railway stations planned for station re-development to begin with. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR was present at the function through video conference from Secunderabad.

In his address, the Hon'ble Minister of

Railways described the MoU as an important landmark which is sure to bring together the synergy required for holistic development of cities, since railway stations are identified as icons representing the flavor of the cities. The station re-development will envisage provision of integrated facilities, he added.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information & Broadcasting, stated that the coming together of Urban Development and Railway Ministry is a historic turnaround in development of cities, which will see qualitative improvement. He added that the city urban development and Rail development should go hand-in-hand. Railway stations shall convey the culture heritage etc., of their respective cities. Shri Rajen Gohain, Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways was also present on the occasion.



Chairman Railway Board Holds Safety Review Meeting through Video Conference

Shri A K Mittal, Chairman, Railway Board complemented Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager for maintaining the Zone as "No Consequential Accident Zone" during the video conference held on November 28, 2016 today from Railway Board, New Delhi. He appreciated the efforts initiated by SCR in providing safety and improving asset reliability. The Chairman along with Board Members conducted a Safety Review Meeting with all General Managers of the Zonal Railways through video conference.

Appraising the safety records of SCR, Shri Ravindra Gupta informed the Chairman that Zone is keeping top vigilance on safety and continuously monitoring the situation. He also informed that minor incidents of unsafe conditions are also reviewed with utmost care and deep analysis so that no such incidents will be repeated.



Focus on Safety of Train Services

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager also held a review meeting with Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers of all the six Divisions on the Zone on November 28, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Addressing the meeting, Shri Ravindra Gupta emphasized on the need to focus on precautions to be observed during winter and alertness in issues concerning safety of rail condition, weld failures etc., on the Zone on a continuous basis. The General Manager sought the issue of corrosion dealt on top priority as a special drive for two weeks, officers and supervisors are instructed to conduct intensive inspections in corrosion prone sections so as to enhance safety standards on the Zone's network. He also advised to all the Divisional Railway Managers to undertake inspection of the training centers located in their respective jurisdictions and initiate measures to enhance quality of training given to the railway staff particularly safety category. These efforts will definitely provide dividends in the long run in terms of safety, he said.

Shri Ravindra Gupta suggested awards for the staff who are showing alertness in identifying the unsafe features of the assets on regular basis to provide motivation and dedication during the duty. He also instructed to inquire deeply and analyze carefully to find the causes of unsafe incidents and fix the responsibility in case of erring staff.

Shri A K Gupta, AGM; Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnana, FA&CAO; Shri Arjun Mundiya, CME; Shri N Madhusudana Rao, COM; Shri S N Singh, PCE; Shri D K Singh, CSO; Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM were present at the review meet at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

South Central Railway Hockey Team Clinches 51st Bombay Gold Cup 2016

The South Central Railway Men's Hockey Team outclassed Punjab National Bank by 4-3 in the finals to bag the 51st Bombay Gold Cup 2016 championship title.

The Tournament was held from 28th November to 7th December, 2016 at Mumbai and saw the participation of twelve teams namely South Central Railway, Punjab & Sind Bank, Hockey Karnataka, Indian Oil, Army XI, Central Railway, Comptroller & Auditors General, Punjab National Bank, Delhi XI, Indian Navy, Western Railway and Bombay Republicans.

In the pool matches, the SCR team lost to Hockey Karnataka by 1-2 and defeated Punjab & Sind Bank by 4-0; In the Knock Out Stage (Quarter Finals) SCR beat Central Railway by 6-3; and in Semi Finals SCR prevailed over Comptroller & Auditors General by 6-1. In the final match South Central Railway beat Punjab National Bank by 4-3 in a thriller to clinch the title.



The winner SCR Men's Hockey team called on Shri Vashishta Johri, General Manager in his chamber at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on December 8, 2016. The In-charge General Manager congratulated the team for the triumph and wished that the team continues to perform to the best.

SCR bags Silver in 54th All India Railway Cycling Championship



The 54th All India Railways Cycling Championship, three day Cycling Championship was hosted by South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA) at Osmania University Cycling Velodrome, Hyderabad. A total of nine Zones including the host South Central Railway participated in the championship.

North Western Railway scored 64 points and emerged as overall champions at the 54th All India Railways Cycling Championship. Northern Railway which scored 43 points stood in second place, Eastern Railway and South Central Railway scored 35 and 30 points each and stood in third and fourth places respectively. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR gave away trophies to the winning teams. In 4 km Team Pursuit, South Central Railway gave tough fight to North Western Railway, but however it had to rest content with second place and take the Silver Medal.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, in his address congratulated all the teams for their participation and commendable performance in the championship. He conveyed good wishes to the teams and hoped that the team members will put in more efforts in future events and bring laurels to their respective Zonal Railways.

Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General, Manager, SCR, Shri Gajanan Mallya, SDGM & President, Shri K Siva Prasad, CTE & General Secretary, SCRSA, Shri Ashesh Agarwal, DRM, SCR were amongst the Officials present.

SCR hosts 26th All India RPF Volleyball Championship 2016



SCR Sports Association hosted 26th All India RPF Volleyball Championship 2016 at Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad in October, 2016. Southern Railway RPF Team clinched the gold in the Championship. The winner team beat East Coast Railway by 25-15, 25-22, 25-22. Eastern Railway team stood in 3rd position and **South Central Railway stood 4th in the Championships**. A total of 17 Volleyball teams (16 Zonal Railway teams including SCR and RPSF) participated in the tourney.

SCR hosts 62nd All India Railway Volleyball Championship



A total of 19 Volleyball teams participated in the championship. In the first semi finals ICF team beat Northern Railway and in the second semi finals North Eastern Railway beat Southern Railway team. The winner team beat North Eastern Railway by 25-19, 25-18, 25-17. Southern Railway team stood in 3rd position.



Up-gradation of Secunderabad-Nagpur Corridor for Semi-High Speed Rail Services

A delegation from Russian Railways held a meeting with officials of South Central Railway to discuss on up-gradation of Secunderabad-Nagpur Corridor for Semi-High Speed Rail Services on December 7, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager led the team of SCR officials while Vladimir A Finov, Head of Russian Railways Office in India led the Russian Railway team at the discussions. Shri Ashesh Agrawal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division was also present.

The meeting was held as a carry forward of the MoU signed last year between the Ministry of Railways in India and the Joint Stock Company "Russian Railways" on technical co-operation in Railway sector and subsequently the signing of a

protocol in October, 2016 between the two entities on co-operation in "Semi-High Speed Rail". Both the parties intend to carry out a Joint Technical and Execution Study for up-grading the speed of passenger trains on the Nagpur-Secunderabad Rail Corridor up to 200 kmph.

The discussions centred around the analysis of the Secunderabad-Ballarshah Section of Secunderabad-Nagpur Corridor, which forms a part of SCR's network. The Russian delegation sought to know the technicalities of the section in terms of its Engineering, Geography, Traffic forecast, existing Infrastructure etc. The Additional General Manager briefed them on the salient aspects of the Railway line and highlighted the average traffic flow of

passenger carrying and goods trains in the section. Issues concerning various components of Rail Infra such as Civil Engineering involving Bridges, Tracks and Maintenance Technology; Signalling; Rolling Stock pertaining to Locomotives and Coaches, Power Supply etc also came up during the extensive dialogue.

The 12 member Russian Railways delegation will be holding more discussions with SCR officials tomorrow before travelling on inspection of the Secunderabad-Ballarshah section for two days to make a field study on the feasibility and implementation of the Semi-High Speed Rail Corridor between Secunderabad-Nagpur. Officials of Secunderabad Division will accompany the delegation during the Study Tour.

Shri Pradeep Kumar, Member Staff, Railway Board Visits Secunderabad. Addresses SCR Officials and SCR Employees Sangh Golden Jubilee Meet

Shri Pradeep Kumar, Member Staff, Railway Board, New Delhi accompanied by Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR visited Secunderabad on October 17, 2016 and addressed two meetings, interacted with Officials and Staff.



Meeting of Principal Heads of Departments, SCR

Shri Pradeep Kumar, Member Staff addressed a meeting of the Principal Heads of Departments of SCR at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Applauding the work culture of the Zone, the Member Staff sought that new ideas shall come through from the officers and staff so as to infuse a fresh dynamism to Indian

Railways. Stressing that change is imperative for any organisation, he called upon the Officials to channel the avenue of change. He spoke on the Railway Ministry's commitment towards positive Human Resource practices and added that issues concerning career progression and employee welfare are being given renewed focus by the Railway Board. He appreciated the completion of RRI work at Vijayawada on SCR, ahead of schedule and opined that the credit goes to the Officers and Staff who undertook the challenge with success.

Golden Jubilee Meeting of SCR Employees Sangh

The SCR Employees Sangh (SCRES) celebrated its Golden Jubilee on October 17, 2016 at Rail Kalarang, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad. Shri K. Rosaiah, Former Governor of Tamil Nadu; Shri Pradeep Kumar, Member Staff, Railway Board and

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, SCR were the Chief Guests.

Shri K. Rosaiah complimented the SCR Employees Sangh for its relentless service towards the welfare of the Railway staff on the Zone for the last five decades and wished that the same shall continue. He praised Shri M. Raghavaiah for leading the SCRES through the last four decades responsibly. Shri Kasu Venkata Krishna Reddy, Former Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N.V. Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, SCR and Shri Prabhakar Andrews, President, SCRES were the other dignitaries present.



Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General, Signal & Telecom, Railway Board addresses All India Conference of Chief Signal & Telecom Engineers



Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General, Signal & Telecom, Railway Board addressed the All India Conference of Signal & Telecom Engineers, being hosted by South Central Railway on November 27, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Conference deliberated on various issues

concerning Signalling and Telecommunication on Indian Railways and plan measures to enhance asset reliability.

Calling for stringent measures and sustained practices towards ensuring quality of Signalling works, the Director General stated that Safety shall remain the prime consideration for the Signalling & Telecommunications wing of the Indian Railways, as the same contributes a lot towards reliability of the service. He also focused on meeting the targeted schedules for Signalling works all over and advised that funds shall be utilized on time to ensure completion without delay. Stressing on the need to analyse causes for Signalling failure, Shri Akhil Agrawal dwelt on the various reasons that go into it and sought that every effort be made to negate the same.

Shri N Kasinath, Additional Member, (Signal) Railway Board conducted the proceedings of the Conference and highlighted the critical aspects of Signalling that are to be critically discussed and an action plan envisaged. Shri Arvind Mital, Executive Director (Signal), Railway Board in his welcome address acknowledged that this important National Level Conference being held on SCR for the first time is bound to have a positive outcome towards enhancing the reliability factor of Signalling on Indian Railways.

Shri S K Goel, Executive Director, Signal (Projects); Shri Shobhan Chaudhuri, Executive Director (Tele); Shri Sunil Gupta, Executive Director (Mobility, S&T) from Railway Board were present. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineers of all the Zones attended the Conference. The host Zone, South Central Railway was represented by Shri M.S.Mahaboob Ali, Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer. A host of presentations concerning various subjects to improve mobility on Indian Railways, in terms of Signalling & Telecommunication were made by the participants.



New Postings

Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer



Shri John Thomas took charge as Chief Electrical Engineer, South Central Railway on November 7, 2016. He belongs to the 1982 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers.

Before taking over the charge of new assignment, he served as Chief Safety Officer, Southern Railway.

Shri John Thomas is an Electrical Engineer and joined the Indian Railways as Assistant Electrical Engineer in Southern Railway. He continued to work in various capacities like Divisional Electrical Engineer, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai, Chief Electrical Loco Engineer, Chief Projects Manager, Railway Electrification at Chennai. He also worked as Divisional Railway Manager, Sholapur, Central Railway.

During his entire career spanning over 32 years, he had undergone several training programs in all fields of Electrical Department at various places.

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Secunderabad

Shri Ram Kripal, IRSSE (Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers) took charge as the Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Secunderabad on November 21, 2016. He is an IRSSE officer of 1982 batch and holds a Graduate Degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering and a Masters Degree in Computer Science, besides a Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Engineering, all from the University of Roorkee (presently IIT-Roorkee).



He carries a vast experience of over three decades in Railways, having served in various capacities, starting from his first posting on North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur in 1984. Shri Ram Kripal has worked in various capacities in Sonapur, Varanasi, Izatnagar and Lucknow divisions of North Eastern Railway up to 1998, and then in Vadodara and Ahmedabad of Western Railway for four years. Thereafter, he served on North Western Railway, East Central Railway besides at Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISET), Secunderabad. Later he worked as Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, North Western Railway, Jaipur.

Shri Ram Kripal has been involved in various signal and telecom related activities including maintenance and execution of major Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) projects. He was associated with several telecom projects like Commissioning and Maintenance of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) network. He has also undergone training abroad in Hong Kong, Italy and Germany in advanced signaling. He is also the recipient of meritorious service awards from General Manager and Chairman Railway Board, during the course of his service.

Shri Ram Kripal was an active member of Scouts and Guides and has received the prestigious Silver Star & Silver Elephant awards at the hands of Hon'ble President of India.

Shri Vashishta Johri, GM, SCR Receives National Energy Conservation Awards for 2016 at New Delhi



Shri Vashishta Johri, General Manager and the team of Officials of the Zone received National Energy Conservation Awards at the hands of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (I/C) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy and Mines at the Award Ceremony held at New Delhi on December 14, 2016. For the first time ever, South Central Railway has bagged a record Nine (09) National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2016 out of the total of 27 awards received by entire Indian Railways.

The awards for South Central Railway includes the first Prize in Zonal Railways, Railway Workshops and Office Building (Greater than 10 lakh kWh Unit/Year) Sectors. This has been possible by implementing various energy efficient technologies & energy conservation measures intensively by South Central Railway.

South Central Railway has been receiving Bureau of Energy Efficiency awards for energy conservation for the last 6 years consistently. In the last year, SCR had received 7 awards, which has been bettered by the 9 awards received this year.

The Nine awards are:

1. "First Prize" in Zonal Railways sector to South Central Railway.
2. "First Prize" in Office Buildings (more than 10 Lakh kWh/year consumption) sector to Passenger Reservation System (PRS) office/Secunderabad.
3. "First Prize" in Railway Workshops sector to Electrical Loco Shed/Kazipet.
4. "Second Prize" in Office Buildings (less than 10 Lakh kWh/year consumption) sector to Lekha Bhavan (FA&CAO) office/Secunderabad.
5. "Second Prize" in Universities & Engineering Institution Buildings sector to Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering & Telecommunications (IRISET)/ Secunderabad.
6. "Certificates of Merit"
 1. in Hospitals sector to Railway Hospital/Nanded.
 2. in Universities & Engineering Institution Buildings sector to Electric Traction Training Centre/Vijayawada.
 3. in Railway Stations sector to Pakala station.
 4. in Railway Workshops sector to Diesel Loco Shed/Vijayawada.

Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR; Shri S K Agarwal, Chief Electrical General Engineer, SCR; Shri M. Gopal, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Secunderabad Division and Shri Ananda Chekkila, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Hyderabad Division accompanied the General Manager for receiving the awards.

Energy Conservation is equal to Energy Production



Conserving the energy is not only saving but also equal to production of energy, South Central Railway is strictly following these principles and obtaining positive results said Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager, South Central Railway.

Speaking at a seminar organised as part of the observance of National Energy Conservation Week held on December 21, 2016 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, Shri A K Gupta stated that focus is being given on the use of renewable energy sources at stations/service buildings etc., use of star labelled electrical equipments, LED based lighting systems, use of energy efficient Pumps, energy efficient fittings to enhance the efficiency of energy utilization on SCR. He also wanted implementation of innovative methods and systems which would save electrical energy and contribute towards reduction of Carbon foot print to arrest climate change.

Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR informed that SCR has implemented several new initiatives on both electric traction and non-traction areas. On traction side guidelines have been issued on regeneration, coasting, judicious application of brakes etc. Loco pilots are advised to use Multiple Loco power only on those sections where it is required, after achieving maximum permissible speed. All these measures have resulted in saving of 59.11 Million Units of power and Rs. 39.84 Crore during the financial year 2015-16.

Shri S K Agarwal, Chief Electrical General Engineer, Shri A A Phadke, Chief Electrical Loco Engineer made presentations on the various Energy conservation methods being implemented on South Central Railway.

Dr. Garikapati Narasimha Rao delivers lecture on "Bheema in Mahabharata"



Renowned Telugu scholar and Maha Sahasravadani Dr. Garikapati Narasimha Rao delivered a literary lecture on "The Personality of Bheema in Mahabharata" as part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of South Central Railway December 9, 2016 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. Shri P. Ganeshwara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager and President SCR Lalitha Kala Samithi graced the occasion.

Shri Garikapati described the personality of Bheema as courageous and emotional person with 'Stula Buddhi'. He also stated that when subjected to humiliations Bheemsena was provoked and took pledge for revenge against Kauravas and thus led to the Kurukshetra war. He stated that Mahabharata has possessed with all facets of human nature that exist on earth and this gives us an opportunity to learn all facets of life. He advised the audience to stay balanced in life and do not get disturbed with worldly pleasures like power, wealth, beauty etc.

Earlier, Shri P Ganeswara Rao along with the Chief Guest lit the ceremonial lamp and offered prayers to Goddess Saraswati. Shri BVPR Vithal, General Secretary, SCR Lalitha Kala Samithi was also present. The programme was organized by the South Central Railway Lalitha Kala Samithi the cultural body consisting of Railway officers and staff.



"Ruhaniyat" Captivates Audience

It was an evening that left the audience spell bound and seeking for more. "Ruhaniyat", the Ghazal and Sufi Nite organised by the SCR Lalitha Kala Samithi (SCRLKS) on November 15, 2016 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad saw a jam packed auditorium listening to some beautiful renditions coming from artists of repute from the City – Poorva Guru and Imran Khan.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager who was the Chief Guest on the occasion lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the commencement of the musical evening. He had a word of praise for the artistes and the accompanying musicians for their talent and opined that Hyderabad, with its rich culture and history is home to music of every sphere. Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager and Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager & President SCRLKS were amongst those present.

The popular Ghazals and Sufi songs which were rendered by the artists included those of Talat Aziz, Pankaj Udhas and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.



SCR Civil Defence Annual Day Celebrated



South Central Railway celebrated the Civil Defence Annual Day on December 6, 2016 at Sanchalan Bhavan, Secunderabad. Shri Ashesh Agrawal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division was the Chief Guest for the function.

Addressing the gathering of civil defence volunteers and large numbers of public who assembled to view the Civil Defence demonstration, Shri Ashesh Agrawal stated that the efforts of Civil Defence Personnel in rendering service during times of disasters are enormous. Their intervention contributes a lot in saving lives of people and minimizing damage to national property, he added. The Divisional Railway Manager was appreciative of the fact that the Civil Defence Organisation has conducted demonstration on Secunderabad Division this year, which will enable the general public and railway employees to gain knowledge on the role played by the organization in the society. He said that the services of Civil Defence Personnel will be utilized during emergent situation or in organizing major events on the Division in the future.

Earlier, the Civil Defence Personnel demonstrated various life saving and rescue skills for the benefit of people. They, along with the personnel from Telangana State Fire Services Department demonstrated methods to put off fire of all types like - fire on oil, fire from gas cylinder in kitchen and large scale fire. Different methods of giving first aid to the injured under the process of CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation), rescue of human life from high-rise building and from critical location were also demonstrated, which received huge applause from the audience.

Shri P C Tamta, ADRM (Traffic), Ms Chandrima Roy, ADRM (Operations) of Secunderabad Division, Shri Prasun Chakraborty, DGM(G), SCR & Controller of Civil Defence, and other Officers & Staff were present.



Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway receives the 'Best Team of Rail Vikas Shivir Award' from Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at Surajkund, Delhi NCR on 20.11.2016



BEST TEAM OF चौखंड इकोनोमिक्स

**Shri Ravindra Gupta,
General Manager, South Central Railway
with Team Members of Rail Vikas Shivir
at Surajkund, Delhi NCR**

20.11.2016

Team Members of Rail Vikas Shivir

Shri A K Gupta, AGM; Shri N Madhusudana Rao, COM; Shri Ch.Shankara Rao, Gen.Secy/SCRMU; Shri Ashesh Agrawal, DRM/SC; Shri Amitabh Ojha, DRM/GTL; Shri K. Siva Prasad, CPTM; Shri S.K. Gupta, CME/Plg; Smt. Purna M. Cherla, FA&CAO/G; Shri D. K. Singh, CSO; Shri C. M. Gupta, ADM/NED; Shri K. Mutyalu Naidu, Secy to PCE; Dr. B.S.Christopher, Sr.DOM/SC; Shri M. Gopal, Sr.DEE/SC; Shri A.K. Singh, Secy/PG; Shri Ch. S. Reddy, Dy.CEE/Loco; Shri C. Neelakanta Reddy, Secy to GM; Shri J. Pradeep Kumar, Sr.DME/BZA; Shri Nagaraj, DEE/ELS/LGD; Ms. Priya Agrawal, Dy.CSTE/TCAS/SC; Shri Gaurav Gupta, AME/Ds/I/Goody; Shri Bandar Bala Subrahmanyam, C/NED; Shri Tata Suresh Kumar, T/Plg/SC; Shri P.S.Narayana Rao, CL, CEE/O/SC; Shri G. Pakkappa, JE/TM/GTL; Shri M.V.Subrahmanyam, Tech-I/Sig/GHZ and Shri V.Sai Babu, Tech-III, DME/Ds/BZA



Highlights of Performance during April-November 2016

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



Traffic Volume and Earnings

- Gross Originating Earnings during the period April - November 2016 is Rs. 7697 Crores.
- During this period SCR carried 253 Million originating passengers with earnings of Rs. 2370 Crores.
- The Zone loaded 62.87 MTs of freight during the period and the earnings yielded through freight loading is Rs. 4957 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, 277 unmanned level crossings were eliminated during the last three years and 77 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.

Passenger Services

- In addition, during the current fiscal by the end of September, to clear extra rush of passengers 546 number of Special trains were run and attached 7533 extra coaches benefitting 8.45 lakh passengers.

Passenger Amenities

- To take care of the needs of the senior citizens, sickly and differently-abled, divyang 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 59 stations.
- To keep the station and train premises clean and hygienic, 3861 bio-toilets were attached so far in 1044 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 58 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





Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISET), the premier training institute of Indian Railways celebrated its 59th Annual Day on November 27, 2016 at its premises at Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (Signal & Telecom), Railway Board, New Delhi was the Chief Guest. Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager, South Central Railway presided over the function. Shri N. Kashinath, Additional Member, (Signal), Railway Board, Shri M.S. Mahaboob Ali, Director, IRISET & Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, South Central Railway and other officials participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Akhil Agrawal stated that IRISET is a Pioneering Institute on Indian Railways which imparts training to Signal & Telecommunication Officers and Supervisors with excellent teaching

modules. He appreciated the role of Signal & Telecom department in running the high volumes of traffic with safety and punctuality. He advised them to imbibe new technologies and systems to further the growing demands of Traffic on Indian Railways.

Shri Ravindra Gupta, General Manager while addressing the gathering opined that IRISET is one of the best Institutes with very good facilities. He said that with the emerging scenario in traffic patterns the emphasis on safety has reached optimum and role of Signal & Telecom department has become crucial. IRISET plays a vital role in designing, imparting training, operating and trouble shooting in the maintenance of S&T assets. IRISET has been always alive in changing needs of its technical cadre. IRISET has been upgrading the teaching content and introducing new courses as per the requirement of the systems on Indian Railways.

Shri M S Mahaboob Ali, Director, IRISET in his annual report said that IRISET organized 121 courses were conducted and trained 2923 persons during the current calendar year up to October, 2016. 19 Refresher training courses have been conducted in which 912 trainees have attended. Seven special courses on safety have been conducted in which 106 trainees participated. Further, IRISET also took initiative by developing E-learning modules for interactive learning on "Anywhere Anytime" basis, which is uploaded on IRISET Website. The Institute has extended its class room virtually to all Zonal Training Centres which are spread over length and breadth of the country through video conferencing and E-learning.

Shri N Kashinath, Additional Member, (Signal), Railway Board also spoke on the occasion. Later, merit awards were given away to the trainees by the dignitaries present and the in-house newsletter 'Gyandeep' Technical Magazine was released. This was followed by cultural programmes performed by the trainees. Earlier, Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (S&T) inaugurated a Gymnasium and Solid State Block proving Axle Counter (Digital)-Block Signalling Lab at IRISET premises.

Zonal Railway Training Institute (ZRTI), Moula Ali Celebrates 44th Annual Day



The Zonal Railway Training Institute, Moula Ali celebrated its 44th Annual Day on December 7, 2016 at Open Air Auditorium in its premises. Shri N Madhusudana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, SCR was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri P. Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, SCR presided over the function. Smt. K Padmaja, Chief Transportation Manager (G& PP) and

several other officials, faculty members, instructors and trainees participated in the large gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Madhusudana Rao stated that Safety Record of SCR is best on Indian Railways and this has to be carried forward. Raising concerns over the Safety the Chief Operations Manager called upon the trainees to avoid unsafe things and shortcuts. The Chief Operations Manager along with other dignitaries released Annual Training Programme-2017 and also Operating & Commercial Study Materials of ZRTI for the year 2017.

Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, SCR appealed to trainees to take the training programme seriously and do not found wanting. He advised the trainees to upgrade their knowledge suiting to the fast changing technological trends taking place in the Railways. Smt

K. Padmaja, stated that the institute is inculcating safety and alertness among staff by formulating various courses.

Earlier, Shri P Ramesh Babu, Principal, ZRTI presented the annual report of the ZRTI. The capacity utilization of the institute has been on an increasing trend with 65% in 2015-16 and 81% in 2016-17 recording an increase of 20 percent over previous year. He stated that during 2016-17 till November, 125 courses were conducted and trained 4773 candidates. Further he stated that the institute is also catering to the training needs of other Zonal Railways too. ZRTI has trained 151 probationary Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs) of South East Central Railway, and this year till now 30 ALPs of East Coast Railway, 75 Ticket Examiners of Central Railway were trained said the Principal. Later the dignitaries gave away awards to 66 candidates who topped in the various courses during the year 2016-17.

रिश्ता

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— ए. के. सिंह
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बहुत समय पहले की बात है। नदी के तट पर एक गांव बसा था और उसी के नजदीक एक संत का आश्रम था। एक बार संत अपने शिष्यों के साथ नदी में स्नान कर रहे थे, तभी एक राहगीर वहां आया और संत से पूछने लगा, "महाराज, मैं परदेस से आया हूँ और इस जगह पर नया हूँ। क्या आप बता सकते हैं कि इस गांव में किस तरह के लोग रहते हैं?"

यह सुनकर संत ने उससे कहा, "भाई, मैं तुम्हारे सवाल का जवाब बाद में दूंगा। पहले तुम मुझे यह बताओ कि तुम अभी जहां से आए हो, वहां किस प्रकार के लोग रहते हैं?"

इस पर वह व्यक्ति बोला, "उनके बारे में क्या कहूँ महाराज! वहां तो एक से एक कपटी, दुष्ट और बुरे लोग बसे हुए हैं।"

तब संत ने उससे कहा, "तुम्हें इस गांव में भी बिल्कुल उसी तरह के लोग मिलेंगे-कपटी, दुष्ट और बुरे।"

इतना सुनकर वह राहगीर आगे बढ़ गया। कुछ समय बाद वहां से एक और राहगीर का गुजरना हुआ। वह भी किसी नई जगह पर बसने की इच्छा रखता था। उसने संत से पूछा, "महात्मन, मुझे यहां की आबोहवा ठीक लगती है। क्या आप बता सकते हैं कि इस गांव में कैसे लोग रहते हैं?"

संत ने उससे भी वही सवाल पूछा, जो उन्होंने पहले राहगीर से पूछा था। इस पर राहगीर ने जवाब दिया, "महात्मन, मैं जहां से आया हूँ, वहां तो बहुत ही सभ्य, सुलझे और नेकदिल इंसान रहते हैं।"

तब संत ने उससे कहा, "तुम्हें यहां भी उसी तरह के लोग मिलेंगे, सभ्य, सुलझे हुए और नेकदिल। तुम्हें यहां रहने में कोई परेशानी नहीं होगी।" इतना सुनते ही वह राहगीर संत को प्रणाम कर आगे बढ़ गया।

शिष्य यह सब देख रहे थे। राहगीर के जाते ही उन्होंने संत से पूछा, "गुरुदेव, आपने दोनों राहगीरों को एक ही स्थान के बारे में अलग-अलग बातें क्यों बताई?"

इस पर संत ने उनसे कहा, "वत्स, आमतौर पर हम चीजों को वैसे नहीं देखते, जैसी वे हैं। बल्कि उन्हें हम उसी हिसाब से देखते हैं, जैसे कि हम खुद हैं। हर जगह हर प्रकार के लोग होते हैं। अब यह हम पर निर्भर करता है कि हम किस तरह के लोगों को देखना चाहते हैं। अगर हम अच्छाई देखना चाहें तो हमें अच्छे लोग मिलेंगे और बुराई देखना चाहें तो बुरे।"

— संकलित

तुम होते ...

कभी सोचे ये दिल मेरा
तुम होते तो क्या होता

जमीं होती मेरी कैसी
ये कैसा आस्मां होता

बहारें खुशनुमा होतीं
नज़ारे भी हसीं होते

ये बिंदिया चांद सी होती
आंचल सितारों भरा होता

नज़र होती मेरी रौशन
मेरा दिल आइना होता

कभी सोचे...

— श्रीमती मनदीप कौर
वरिष्ठ अनुवादक, प्र. का

चाल

“सर मेरे माता-पिता काफ़ी बुढ़े हो गए हैं उनकी सेवा करना चाहता हूँ, इसलिए तबादले का अनुरोध कर रहा हूँ.”

बड़े साहब रहमदिल थे अनुरोध पर विचार कर इच्छित स्थान पर स्थानान्तरण कर दिया।

अब वह अपने बच्चों को स्कूल से जाने-लाने, बाजार जाने, घर के काम करने के लिए बाई की चिंता से मुक्त था।

— लक्ष्मण शिवहरे
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राजभाषा संगठन के अधिकारियों और अनुवादकों की बैठक का आयोजन



मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी की अध्यक्षता में दि.11.11.2016 को राजभाषा संगठन के अधिकारियों और पर्यवेक्षकों की बैठक का आयोजन किया गया। इस बैठक में इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय, मंडलों, कारखानों, अन्य यूनिटों के राजभाषा संगठन में कार्यरत सभी अधिकारियों और अनुवादकों की बैठक का आयोजन किया गया। इस बैठक में मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी ने राजभाषा के कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिए कंप्यूटर और इंटरनेट के प्रयोग पर विशेष बल दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि राजभाषा संगठन के हर कर्मचारी के पास इंटरनेट की सुविधा के साथ कंप्यूटर उपलब्ध होना चाहिए और प्रत्येक कर्मचारी को कंप्यूटर का पूरा ज्ञान होना चाहिए। ई-मेल और ई-शब्दकोश के प्रयोग पर विशेष पर उन्होंने जोर दिया। उन्होंने इस बात विशेष बल दिया कि कंप्यूटर के अधिक प्रयोग से काम को सरलता से और तेज गति से किया जा सकेगा, जिससे राजभाषा के काम को महत्ता प्राप्त होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार के लिए किए जा रहे रूटीन कार्यों के अलावा कुछ नए कार्य किए जाएं ताकि अधिक से अधिक अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को हिंदी के प्रति आकर्षित किया जा सके।

इसके बाद राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रयोग-प्रसार के कार्य में आनेवाली कठिनाइयों, राजभाषा संगठन के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की वैयक्तिक कठिनाइयों के बारे में चर्चा की गई। उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) ने इस बैठक का संचालन किया। श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के बाद बैठक समाप्त हुई।

हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन



प्रधान कार्यालय में दि.28.10.2016 को हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें सभी विभागों के कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया। इस कार्यशाला में राजभाषा नीति, नियम, हिंदी व्याकरण, राजभाषा के प्रयोग के लिए लागू प्रोत्साहन योजनाओं के संबंध में कर्मचारियों को विस्तृत जानकारी दी गई और उनके दैनिक सरकारी कामकाज में हिंदी के प्रयोग के संबंध में आनेवाली कठिनाइयों को दूर किया गया। उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ. श्याम सुंदर साहु और श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी ने कक्षाएं लीं।



मुख्यालय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक का आयोजन

दि.20.10.2016 को मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर श्री अर्जुन मुंदिया की अध्यक्षता में मुख्यालय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक का आयोजन किया गया। उन्होंने उपस्थित सदस्यों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के मुख्यालय में राजभाषा में बेहतर कार्य हो रहा है। इसे हमें और बेहतर बनाने के लिए वर्ष भर के कार्यों का एक कैलेंडर बनाया जाए और सेमिनार, कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया जाए। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर देते हुए कहा कि राजभाषा का कार्य आपसी संपर्क और विचार-विमर्श से ही आगे बढ़ता है इसलिए हम सभी को राजभाषा संगठन द्वारा आयोजित किए जानेवाले सभी कार्यक्रमों में उपस्थित होना चाहिए इससे राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार को और बल मिलेगा।

इससे पूर्व वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने बैठक के अध्यक्ष और उपस्थित सदस्यों का स्वागत किया। सभी सदस्यों ने मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी द्वारा राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए बताए गए विचारों से सहमति व्यक्त करते विभागों में हो रही राजभाषा की गतिविधियों की जानकारी दी तथा भविष्य में किए जानेवाले सेमिनार, कार्यशाला आदि की जानकारी दी और राजभाषा विभाग से उनके मिलनेवाले सहयोग एवं अपेक्षाओं के बारे में बताया।

इस बैठक के दौरान मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी के करकमलों से एक टेबल कार्ड का विमोचन किया गया, जिसमें कार्यालयीन कार्य में प्रयोग में लाए जानेवाले वाक्यांशों का प्रकाशन किया गया। इस बैठक में सभी विभागों के प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित थे। इस बैठक के सफल आयोजन में राजभाषा संगठन के कर्मचारियों ने अपना पूरा सहयोग दिया।



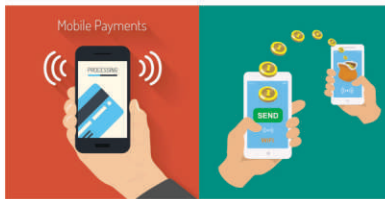
क्षेत्रीय हिंदी प्रश्न-मंच प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन



दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के मुख्यालय में 20.12.2016 को क्षेत्रीय हिंदी प्रश्न-मंच प्रतियोगिता के आयोजन के दौरान मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर श्री अर्जुन मुंदिया ने कहा कि इस प्रकार के आयोजन से जहां एक ओर राजभाषा का प्रयोग-प्रसार के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण बनता है वहीं दूसरी ओर ज्ञानवर्धन होता है और स्मृति ताजा होती है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की कि इस प्रतियोगिता में इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय सहित सभी मंडलों और कारखानों ने भाग लिया।

उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ. श्याम सुंदर साहु ने इस प्रतियोगिता की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत की और इस प्रतियोगिता का संचालन किया। इस प्रतियोगिता में कुल 10 चक्र रखे गए और प्रत्येक चक्र में प्रत्येक टीम से प्रश्न पूछे गए। इस प्रश्न-मंच में साहित्य एवं संस्कृति, राजभाषा, हिंदी सिनेमा तथा संगीत, भारतीय रेल आदि विषयों से संबंधित प्रश्न पूछे गए। सभी राउंड में प्रत्येक टीम से अलग-अलग प्रश्न पूछे गए। अंतिम राउंड रैपिड राउंड था। इस प्रतियोगिता में हैदराबाद मंडल की टीम (श्रीमती टी. सरस्वती, श्रीमती के.सुधा रानी, श्री राम कृष्णा, श्री सुकुमार दत्ता, श्री रियाज मोइनूद्दीन) को प्रथम पुरस्कार, सिकंदराबाद मंडल टीम (श्री ए.सुरेश रेड्डी, श्री राजेश जोसफ मिंज, श्री रघुपाल रेड्डी, श्री जी.वी. नरेंद्र, श्री कृष्ण कुमार यादव) को द्वितीय पुरस्कार और प्रधान कार्यालय की टीम (श्रीमती ललिता सयन्ना, श्रीमती करमजीत कौर, श्रीमती जी.जी.संध्या, श्री मुकेश कुमार, श्री मधुसूदन राव) को तृतीय पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी के करकमलों से विजेता टीमों को पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए। इसके अलावा प्रधान कार्यालय स्तर पर आयोजित हिंदी प्रश्न-मंच प्रतियोगिता के विजेताओं को भी पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए।

राजभाषा विभाग, प्रधान कार्यालय के सहयोग से इस कार्यक्रम का सफल आयोजन किया गया। श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के साथ इस कार्यक्रम का समापन हुआ। इस कार्यक्रम के आयोजन में श्री अरुण कुमार मंडल, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी, सिकंदराबाद ने अपना सहयोग दिया।



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