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Chief Patron's Message

South Central Railway is all geared for a strong take off in the financial year 2017-18. New ideas, enhanced expectations, positive innovations, peak performance are the parameters on which rests the onus of overcoming challenges. The first quarter of the current fiscal between April-June, 2017 has been extremely encouraging and has met my confidence on the commitment of the work force of this fine zone, which I feel proud to lead.

Public expectations from Indian Railways have increased enormously in the last few years, more so because the organization is also firmly on the path of fulfilling its objective as a reliable and responsive service provider. I wish to reiterate the priority areas that I have chosen for SCR – Safety, Punctuality, Mobility, Infrastructure execution efficiency coupled with good financial results. Attaining these bench marks needs a firm resolve to perform. What is important is planning to perfection. Remember, a goal without a plan will just remain a wish.

SCR's network has seen a flurry of activities with some major events happening in the month of June, 2017. Our Hon'ble Rail Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu ji graced two important functions in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, which also saw the presence the two respective Chief Ministers. This good augury reflecting developmental initiatives are bound to continue.

I wish that the firm steps taken by SCR to start the new fiscal, will set the momentum for a great journey of excellence ahead.

(Vinod Kumar Yadav)
General Manager

From Chief Editor's Desk

South Central Railway, the proud member of Indian Railways family has got an enormous task to achieve results and targets in the current financial year 2017-18. The challenge needs us all on the zone to work with unfathomable zeal and prove our capabilities. As the new fiscal set in, the myriad events and happenings on SCR's network have set the surge. Official programmes heralded growth and development, recognitions received conveyed the urge to excel, extensive meetings marked task priorities while welfare related activities have shown the importance attached to our valued human resources. For team HUMDUM, it is always a matter of satisfaction when all the positive milestones meet space in the pages inside.

Let us together dedicate ourselves to reach the ultimate in terms of performance during the fiscal 2017-18. All it needs is team effort and coordination.

All the best.

(M. Umashankar Kumar)
Chief Public Relations Officer











The secret of getting ahead is getting started. South Central Railway has commenced the fresh fiscal in right earnest with two mega events happening on its network, within the span of a fortnight.

The programmes marked a host of developmental initiatives either getting commissioned or taking off.

On June 3, 2017, the holy town of Parli Vaijnath in Beed district of Maharashtra was the chosen one for several auspicious events being inaugurated across a major part of Maharashtra from Sholapur till Aurangabad. With the Hon'ble Rail Minister, was the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and a galaxy of other leaders in attendance.

Immediately later, on June 15, 2017, the buzzing business hub and capital gateway of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada saw the Hon'ble Rail Minister sharing stage with other Hon'ble Union Ministers and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to set the ball rolling for several rail initiatives including the introduction of HUMSAFAR express services.



Shri Devendra Fadnavis Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches Several Rail Developmental Initiatives in Maharashtra

A host of Rail Developmental Programs took off at various locations in the state of Maharashtra on June 3, 2017 at the hands of Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways and Shri Devendra Fadnavis Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra in the presence of other public representatives.

The main program was held at Parli Vaijnath Railway station while other programs were held at Nanded, Aurangabad, Solapur and Ahmednagar.

Speaking on the occasion at Parli Vaijnath Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu stressed on the achievements of Railways in the last 3 years and stated that Rail Development in Maharashtra including Marathwada will pickup pace on priority. Shri Devendra Fadnavis in his address said that the Railway Ministry under Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is genuinely giving importance to Maharashtra like never before. He assured of all co-operation for Rail Projects in the state. Smt. Pankaja Gopinath Munde, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare, Govt. of Maharashtra also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Shri Devendra Fadnavis Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other dignitaries released a Booklet "South Central Railway – Three Years Performance" brought out by the Zone to highlight the progress made in the last 3 years. Another booklet "Innovations on South Central Railway" was also released by the dignitaries on the occasion.



Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway welcomed the dignitaries and the gathering. Shri Amit Vardhan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division proposed the vote of thanks.







Foundation Stone for New Railway Line between Parli and Beed



- The new Railway line between Parli and Beed is a part of the Ahmednagar-Beed-ParliVaijnath new Rail Project to a length of 261 kms.
- This new Railway line has been taken up on a 50:50 cost sharing basis involving the Railways and Government of Maharashtra at a cost of Rs.2272 Crore, a testimony of the co-operation extended by the State Government towards development of Railways in the region.
- The new rail line connects the heart of Maharashtra which was hitherto not on the Rail Map with the potential to bring in strong rail connectivity in various directions, on completion.

Dedication of Daund–Bhigwan Electrified Railway Line to the Nation



- The Daund – Bhigwan Electrification work is a part of the Electrification of Daund-Wadi Section in Solapur Division.
- The Section Electrified covers 26.55 Route Kms and 65.2 Track Kms.
- The stretch serves the critical and busy Mumbai – Chennai / Hyderabad / Bengaluru rail corridor.
- The Electrification of the section enables in speeding up of Train services.

Dedication of Mohol–Vakav Doubling and Akkalkot Road–Tilati Sections to the Nation





- The two sections of Mohol-Vakav and Akkalkot Road-Tilati form part of the Daund-Gulbarga Doubling Project (225 km) estimated to cost Rs.713 crore.
- While the Mohol-Vakav section covers a length of 22.59 Kms, the Akkalkot Road-Tilati section is 13.88 Kms in length.
- The Doubling of these two stretches on the busy Solapur – Wadi rail route has led to strengthening the rail operations in the section, with the capacity to handle more number of trains.

Dedication of Improved Façade & Circulating Area of Solapur Railway Station to the Nation



- Solapur is one of the major rail stations in Maharashtra, catering to rail services between different destinations.
- With the huge growth of the city, the footfalls and movement of traffic in the rail station area has enormously increased.
- Keeping the same in view, the façade of the station and the circulating area around has been developed at a total cost of Rs. 89.38 lakh.
- The works completed here include provision of porch, extension of circulating area, provision of auto-rickshaw parking place and two wheeler pay and parking area.
- The added convenience at this station is bound to earn immense rail user satisfaction as well as the goodwill of the citizens of the city.

Inauguration of Upgraded Passenger Amenities at Parli Vaijnath Railway Station



- To accommodate the requirements of the pilgrim tourists, the existing retiring rooms at Parli Vaijnath Railway station have been renovated with modern facilities including Double Bed Cots with vitrified flooring, Deluxe wall finishes, beautiful cup-boards and to beat the heat, the rooms are air-conditioned offering more comfort to rail users.
- The Railway station has been provided with renovated spacious common waiting hall to cater for those tourist pilgrims who cannot afford hiring of retiring rooms. The well ventilated waiting hall is provided with vitrified tiles, granite cladding and granite benches for easy maintainability and aesthetic looks.
- The Station has also been equipped with the User friendly and easy to access Passenger Operated Enquiry Terminal which enables Information on availability of accommodation by Trains and PNR status of tickets. This information can be obtained by simple operating instructions, which can be undertaken by any person with ease.

Inauguration of Upgraded Passenger Amenities at Aurangabad Railway Station



- The Aurangabad Railway Station, located on the Manmad - Mudkhed section of Nanded Division is a "A" category station, which sees a continuous flow of pilgrim and tourist traffic.
- With a view to upgrade Passenger Amenities here, Cover Over Platform for a length of 96 meters covering an area of 1200m^2 towards Nanded end has been provided at a cost of Rs 37.00 lakh, with the work getting completed in 2016-17.
- The VIP Lounge at Aurangabad Railway Station has been renovated to cater to the significant flow of VIPs and Foreign Dignitaries. The lounge boasts of pleasing and beautiful aesthetics show casing the images from Ajantha Caves. The lounge is also impressive in terms of space, having been spaciously done to accommodate sizeable numbers.
- In tune with its status, Aurangabad Railway Station has been provided with Free Hi-speed Wi-Fi facility, to afford fast connectivity. To ensure the standards, a total of 19 access points have been set up with a bandwidth of 1 GBPS. A simple procedure will enable rail users to access the Wi-Fi services for free.

Dedication of Two Lifts and an Additional Pit Line at H.S.Nanded Railway Station to the Nation

- H.S.Nanded Railway Station is the Gateway to the most revered Sachkand Sahib Gurudwara besides being the rail hub for the city, which is one of the biggest in Maharashtra.
- To ensure more comfort and convenience to rail users, particularly the Senior Citizens, Divyang, Women with kids and passengers carrying heavy luggage, two Lifts have been provided at Platform No.1, 2 & 3. These Lifts, which are technologically most modern with required safety features, have been installed at a cost of Rs. 80 Lakh and can accommodate 20 persons at a time.
- To serve the increased traffic and train services at H.S.Nanded, an additional Pit Line with following facilities is constructed –

1. Three tier LED lighting arrangements (below catwalk, above catwalk, inside pit line)
2. Carriage watering facilities throughout the length.
3. High pressure coach washing system throughout the length.
4. Air pipe line and testing arrangements
5. Service building for Electrical & Mechanical establishment
6. Storage racks for Store
7. Air compressor and Ready to Run (RTR)
8. Welding cable arrangement
9. Battery charging facility

Dedication of Two Escalators at Aurangabad Railway Station to the Nation



- Aurangabad Railway Station is gateway to a huge rush of rail traffic, including a sizeable number of foreign tourists visiting this popular tourism destination.
- In tune with the status, two modern escalators have been provided at Platform No. 1 and 2&3, so as to enhance the standards of Passenger convenience here.
- The escalators have been installed at a cost of Rs. 1.52 Cr and can carry 100 passengers per minute at a speed of 0.5 meters per second.
- These escalators are provided with Variable Voltage Variable Frequency drive for energy conservation and a host of Safety features including Smoke detector, brake lining Safety switch, wrong entry indication device, Safety brake on main shaft, soft stop etc.

Augmentation of Train No. 12730/12729 H.S.Nanded-Pune Express to 17 Coaches



- Train No. 12730/12729 Hazur Sahib Nanded-Pune-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express is a very popular service connecting two important cities of Maharashtra, passing through several other major destinations.
- The patronage for this train service has enormously increased, leading to demands for more accommodation.
- To serve this purpose, the train has been augmented to run with 17 Coaches from its existing composition of 11 Coaches, thereby significantly increasing the carrying capacity of train.



Inauguration of Unified Reservation System at Mukundwadi Station

- Mukundwadi Railway station is a part of Aurangabad city surrounded by several industries and residential colonies, catering to ever increasing rail user traffic.
- At present 06 pairs of Passenger Trains and 01 pair of Express Train is handled here, with a footfall of 2800 Passengers every day.
- Consequent upon up-gradation of this station, several passenger amenities like high level platform, tea stall, and water troughs have been provided. In addition ladies waiting hall and general waiting hall are under construction.
- For quick and un interrupted dispensing of tickets, computerised ticketing has been commissioned with the installation of Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) here. Passenger Reservation System.
- This has helped local residents to have easy access for both reserved and un-reserved tickets for their rail journey, with the present average of Ticket Sales from both Reservation and Unreserved segment, amounting to Rs. 62,000/- per day.

Dedication of Improved Façade & Circulating Area of Ahmednagar Railway Station to the Nation



- Ahmednagar is a major rail hub of Maharashtra, located on the Daund – Manmad and Pune - Aurangabad Section.
- With a view to enhance the facilities here in tune with the Traffic needs, works have been undertaken for provision of 3 bay Cover Over Platform each on Platform No. 1 & 2.
- Work on the external façade of the station building and the second entry has been taken up involving improvement to parking area, provision of entrance gate, improvement to entrance area and development of lawns and plants, painting of station building, repairs to existing slab of station and replacement of AC sheets besides improvement to front portion of station building etc.
- The expenditure being incurred for work is to the tune of Rs.3.45 Crore.

Flagging off of Extension of Train No. 77683/77684 Jalna – Nagarsol DEMU to Sainagar Shirdi



- The Jalna – Nagarsol DEMU is a locally popular Passenger Train service connecting several towns enroute.
- There has been a demand from the local public and rail users to extend the service upto Sainagar Shirdi so as to meet the needs of Pilgrims to the shrine of Sai Baba.
- Accordingly, the train has been extended to run upto Sainagar Shirdi in both the directions, conveniently scheduled as a day service.



Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches Several Rail Infra Works and Flags off three New Trains

Heralding a new era in the development of rail infra structure in Andhra Pradesh to better passenger comforts, Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched various rail infra developmental works on June 15, 2017 at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram, Vijayawada. Simultaneously functions were also held at Tirupati, Guntakal, Kadapa on South Central Railway and Visakhapatnam on East Coast Railway involving public representatives and dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering at all the five locations from Vijayawada on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu informed that a fund of Rs.3,75,000 crs are being invested as capital investment on Indian Railways. He acknowledged the cooperation extended by the Andhra Pradesh State Government towards developing Railway network in the State. Further, he assured of holistic development of the State by strengthening integrated transport solutions, dedicated freight corridors and port connectivity etc. The Railway Minister announced "Tejas" train facility to the state of AP in the near future. He said that railways allocated 166% more funds than previous year for speeding up projects such as New lines, Doubling, Tripling and Electrification etc. He announced Railway claims tribunal for the state of AP. He also announced new stoppage for Train No.12795/12796 Secunderabad-Vijayawada-Secunderabad Intercity Express at Mangalagiri from June 16, 2017.

Shri N Chandrababu Naidu complimented South Central Railway for the developmental initiatives on a large scale in the state of Andhra Pradesh. He stated that the rail projects in the State have been given due attention and allocated funds for their progress. He announced that State Government is keen on floating a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) as part of Joint Venture Project to take up 10 Major projects in rail infra structure development with a view to provide safe and cost effective means of transportation.

Shri M Venkaiah Naidu stated that transformation is the need of the hour and Indian Railways is on the path of reform, perform and transform. He complimented Railway Ministry for the achieving the fastest pace of growth as desired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

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Flagging off of Vijayawada – Howrah Humsafar Weekly Express and Tirupati – Jammu Tawi Humsafar Weekly Express

- Indian Railways has come out with a new concept in overnight train travel, in tune with the need to make rail journeys a convenient and comfortable experience. Aptly named as Humsafar Express to connote the bond shared by Railways with the valued rail users, these trains offer a wide array of facilities and new features.
- The exterior of coaches have a futuristic look with the use of Vinyl sheets.
- The interior of coaches showcase improved aesthetics to convey a comfortable ambience.
- The Train coaches (AC III Tier) feature side curtains in the coach corridors including for the side berths (like AC II Tier) which offer more privacy to every passenger and lessen disturbances during travel.
- GPS based passenger information display system is in place inside the coaches.
- Passenger announcement system is available in the coaches.
- Safety enhanced with the provision of Fire and Smoke detection and suppression system
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) is set up as a enhanced security measure.
- Charging Ports provided for charging Electronic devices such as mobiles, laptops etc.
- Integrated Braille displays is available, for the convenience of those requiring the facility
- Provision of Tea, Coffee and Milk Vending machines
- Food brought from home during travel, can be kept warm or cold as there is a heating chamber as well as a refrigerating box.
- Bio Toilets are provided in all the compartments.

Vijayawada – Howrah Humsafar Express

- This new train is a weekly service connecting the gateway to Capital of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with the largest metropolis of the country, Kolkata.
- The train is conveniently scheduled in the weekends, departing from Howrah on Saturdays to arrive Vijayawada on Sundays and in the opposite direction, departing from Vijayawada on Sundays to arrive Howrah on Mondays.
- The service is also, the fastest between the two cities as compared to the other super fast trains as Coromandel Express and Chennai – Howrah Mail, taking a average time of 19hrs 15mins.
- The train has got stoppages at Rajahmundry, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Bhubaneshwar, Cuttack and Kharagpur enroute.

Tirupati – Jammu Tawi Humsafar Express:

- The train heralds a significant connectivity between the footsteps of two revered pilgrim centres of the country, Tirumala Temple at Tirupati and Vaishnodevi near Jammu.
- This is a weekly service which departs Tirupati on Tuesdays and reaches Jammu Tawi on Thursdays, while in the opposite direction, the train departs Jammu Tawi on Fridays to reach Tirupati on Sundays.
- The service is a fast link between the two cities covering the distance in around 52hrs from Tirupati to Jammu Tawi and around 54hrs in the return journey.
- The train has got stoppages at Guntakal, Adoni, Raichur, Lingampalli, Secunderabad, Kazipet, Ballarshah, Sewagram, Nagpur, Habibgunj, Jhansi, Delhi Safdarjung, Panipat, Ambala, Rajpura, Sirhind, Khanna, Ludhiana and Jalandhar Cantt stations enroute.





Dedication of 3-Phase Electric Locomotive Simulator at ETTC, Vijayawada to the Nation



- The provision of 3 Phase Electric Locomotive Simulator at Electric Traction Training Centre (ETTC), Vijayawada supplied by M/s. SYDAC, Australia at a cost of Rs. 13 Crore will significantly enhance the capability of Simulator based Training.
- The software for Training on the Stimulator is based on the Mandamari – Balharshah and Charlapalli – Hafeezpet section and Renigunta – Balapalle (under development) of the Zone, and offers immense scope for planning time tables and trials on load, punctuality etc., in addition to the main objective of training.
- The 3 Phase Electric Locomotive Simulator facilitates all Loco Pilots to get familiar with both the CCB2 brake system and E.70 brake system in use.
- The Simulator provides realistic experience to Loco Pilots while driving in Loco Cabs to look back in curves, with the provision of side vision and rear vision monitors.
- Six part Task Trainers provided which are most useful for giving Learning road on new terrains before giving training on Main Simulator which allows training for more number of trainees at a time.
- Procedural Trainer (Trouble shooting console) provided to simulate more than 100 Three Phase Loco faults and Train faults like brake binding release etc.,
- 3D images of several objects of Computer Generated Images give realistic feel during simulation abnormal weather conditions.
- Recording of Training sessions facility which can replay the training session of the Loco Pilot as and when required.
- 4 TB storage capacity for saving the soft copies of the training sessions to store the two years database.



Dedication of Doubling and Electrification of Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi Section to the Nation

- The commissioning of Doubling and Electrification on Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi section marks a significant milestone in strengthening rail infrastructure on South Central Railway.
- The section forms a vital link on the Mumbai-Chennai Rail corridor, linking the West and North Indian cities with the South including Chennai and Bengaluru, there by offering scope to run more train services on this busy route, besides increasing average speeds.
- The Electrification project was sanctioned in the year 2009-10, to a length of 228 Route Kilometres (RKMs) and 547 Track Kilometres and was completed at a cost of Rs. 207.7 Crore.
- The Electrification of this section enables running of trains seamlessly on Electric Locos between major cities as Chennai – Mumbai, Chennai – New Delhi, Bengaluru-New Delhi, Bengaluru-Mumbai etc.,
- The Doubling project was sanctioned during the year 2003-04 and executed in various phases at a cost of Rs. 345 crore.



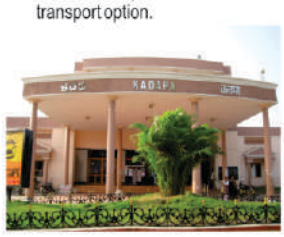
Laying of Foundation Stone for Wagon POH Workshop at Vadlapudi near Visakhapatnam

- Laying of foundation stone for setting up of Wagon Periodical Overhauling (POH) Workshop of 200 Nos. capacity at Vadlapudi near Duvvada Railway Station, East Coast Railway
- POH Workshop of 200 Nos. capacity near Vadlapudi near Duvvada Station sanctioned in 2015-16 at a total cost Rs.213.97 Crore.
- The Zone caters to freight transportation of minerals i.e., Iron Ore, Coal, Bauxite etc to different parts of country by utilising different types of Wagons. Since, there is no Wagon POH Workshop on the Zone, the Wagons have to be maintained on other Zones leading to excess time consumption and revenue loss.
- This new Wagon POH Workshop will facilitate in undertaking the maintenance of Wagons within the Zone thereby increasing Wagon utilisation time and Rate of Revenue generation.
- The work will be executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited and expected to be complete by July, 2019.

Commissioning of Kadapa – Pendlimarri New Railway Line & Flagging off Kadapa – Pendlimarri DEMU Train



- The Kadapa – Pendlimarri section forms part of the prestigious Kadapa – Bengaluru (255.4 kms) new railway line project sanctioned in the year 2008-09 at a cost of Rs 2050.00 crore.
- The Kadapa – Pendlimarri stretch, completed in Phase-I of the project work is to a length of 21.8 kms.
- The new line covers areas which hitherto were not on railway map, thereby opening up new avenues of rural economic growth.
- The commencement of new DEMU train service between Kadapa – Pendlimarri is sure to enhance the mobility of people in the area, on the strength of a cheap short distance transport option.



Laying o Foundation Stone for Doubling of Gooty – Dharmavaram Section

- The Doubling of Gooty – Dharmavaram Section to a length of 90 Kms has been sanctioned by the Railway Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 636.38 Crore. It is also planned to complete Electrification of this section.
- The Section connects important places in the Rayalseema region of Andhra Pradesh such as Gooty, Pamidi, Kalluru, Anantapur and Dharmavaram.
- The completion of Doubling and Electrification of this section and also the Doubling between Yesvanthapur – Penukonda in progress, the travel time will be reduced between major cities of Andhra Pradesh and Bengaluru.
- With the works having already commenced, the entire work is targeted for completion by 2019-20.
- Rs.75 Crores is allotted for this project in the current financial year 2017-18.



Mechanised Laundry under BOOT Scheme at Tirupati

- Under Swachh Bharat Swachh Rail mission, Railway Board has issued guidelines for setting up Mechanised Laundries for washing of linen under Built Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) scheme to improve the quality of the linen supplied to the travelling passengers of AC coaches.
- Capacity of the plant: 2500 Bedrolls per day.
- The contract includes collection of soiled linen from Tirupati station, transportation to laundry washing, packing the washed linen, transportation to Tirupati station.
- The firm has to build the laundry and operate it for a period of 10 years and on expiry of the contract, transfer the ownership of all the facilities to Railways.

Project Highlights:

- Use of fully automatic Micro Computer Controlled Washer cum Extractor with Auto Chemical dosing system, Tumbler, Calendaring Machine with Auto adjustable speed for different conditions.
- Hygienic washing with less manual intervention.
- Use of high quality detergents to improve the quality of washing.
- Pneumatic water pressure system for optimum utilization of water.
- Water softening system to ensure proper washing and to maintain health of the linen.
- In house Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) plant for re-cycling of waste water.



"World No-Tobacco Day" Observed at Central Hospital, Lallaguda

The Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad observed the "World No-Tobacco Day" on May 31, 2017. Dr. TSR Murthy, MD, Dr. Srikanta Kumar Mahapatra, CSS, Dr. Suparna Goswamy, ACHD (Admin), Dr.T S Malathi, ACHD (ENT) and Dr. Pooja Datta, ACHD (Psychiatry) attended the programme.

Dr. Ch. Padma, ACHD (H&FW) gave introductory speech on ill effects of tobacco. She explained the importance of observing World No Tobacco Day and She also spoke about this year's theme, i.e. "Tobacco: A Threat to Development". She also explained that smoking causes impotence in males and fetal abnormalities and miscarriages among females.

Dr. Pooja Datta explained about the hazardous effects of smoking on lungs including cancer, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases and various asthmatic problems.

Dr. TS Malathi spoke about how tobacco chewing in the form of Ghutka, raw tobacco leading to oral cancer. She gave power point presentation on oral ulcers turning into cancers and symptoms. She emphasised that people are purchasing dreadful diseases like cancers of oral cavity and lungs through tobacco because of which there is so much loss to families in terms of financial burden and also loss of productivity in the society.

Dr. Srikanta Kumar Mahapatra explained about the effects of tobacco in development of heart diseases, strokes, hypertension, cancers, kidney diseases and respiratory diseases. He also spoke how people are influenced by the advertisement of tobacco by cinema actors, which should be stopped in order to curb tobacco use among youths.





Dr.TSR Murthy explained the theme of the year and also the burden of tobacco use in the world in terms of mortality and morbidity because of use of tobacco in various forms. He interacted with the audiences. He stated that to stop tobacco usage every individual should take initiative to stop smoking and tobacco usage by himself in order to protect himself, his family and society by spreading awareness about the ill effects of tobacco usage.

Smt. Usha Rani, Clinical Psychologist, spoke about the habit forming and addiction to smoking by individuals. She explained to the audience that a person can quit smoking with the help of medical aid and also family support and can lead happy and healthy life.

All the people present in the programme took a pledge to stop using tobacco products, quit smoking and support others to do so in order to have healthy life. Posters regarding ill effects of tobacco were displayed and pamphlets regarding how to quit smoking were distributed to increase awareness level. About 80 railway beneficiaries attended the programme.

Helping the underprivileged is paying real tributes to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar

-Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM/ SCR

South Central Railway celebrated the 126th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Babasaheb Dr B.R.Ambedkar on April 17, 2017 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway was the Chief Guest.

Shri N.V.Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer and other Principal Heads of Departments were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that Dr.B.R.Ambedkar is not only the architect of Indian constitution, but he was also a great Economist, Educationist, Social reformer and a great visionary. He always fought for the rights of down trodden and under privileged people. Dr.Ambedkar proved that one can achieve anything with willpower and empowerment is nothing but education. The real tribute to Dr. Ambedkar is helping people without any resources, which is a real celebration and gives a great satisfaction, he added. Everyone in the society should take inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar and try hard to achieve the best in life.

Shri V V Naik, All India Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes Association, SCR; Shri Perumal, Working President, All India Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes Association; Shri Prabhakar Andrews, President, South Central Railway Employees Sangh; Shri Dr.CH.Sankara Rao, General Secretary, South Central Railway Mazdoor Union; and Shri Dheekonda. Padmanabham, Zonal President, South Central Railway Other Backward Class Association also spoke on the occasion.





SCR holds Meetings with Hon'ble Members of Parliament

South Central Railway conducted meetings with Hon'ble Members of Parliament belonging to Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha covering SCR's jurisdiction from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra on 9th, 11th and 12th May, 2017 respectively.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR welcomed the dignitaries during the meetings and briefed them on the performance of South Central Railway and various steps initiated for improving the passenger amenities on the Zone. The General Manager stated that the deliberations in these 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 Members would be given due considerations while formulating the proposals for new works / services. Proposals for new works / services which are beyond the powers of the Zone would be forwarded to Railway Board, he added.

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament complimented the initiative of SCR in convening these meetings. During the course of the meetings, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament raised several issues related to Railway developmental works / services in their respective constituencies. The demands raised by the Hon'ble Members included construction of new railway 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 etc.

At Vijayawada

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Y S Avinash Reddy (Kadapa), Shri Thota Narasimham (Kakinada), Shri J C Diwakar Reddy (Anantapur), Shri Nimmala Kristappa (Hindupur), Smt. Butta Renuka (Kurnool), 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 Malyadri Sriram (Bapatla), Shri Magantti Venkateshwara Rao (Eluru), Shri P V Midhun Reddy (Rajampet) and Dr. V Vara Prasadrao (Tirupati) participated in the meeting.



At Secunderabad

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Godam Nagesh (Adilabad), Dr. Boora Narsaiah Goud (Bhongir), Shri Bhagwanth Khuba (Bidar), Shri Konda Vishweshwar Reddy (Chevella), Prof. A Sitaram Naik (Mahabubabad), Shri Nandi Yellaiah (Nagarkurnool), Shri Gutha Sukender Reddy (Nalgonda), Shri Kotha Prabhakar Reddy (Medak), Shri Balka Suman (Peddapalli), Shri Pasunoori Dayakar (Warangal), Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad (Latur), Shri B V Nayak (Raichur), Shri Palvai Govardhan Reddy (Rajya Sabha), Shri Rapolu Ananda Bhaskar (Rajya Sabha), Shri Garikapati Mohan Rao (Rajya Sabha) participated in the meeting.



At Nanded

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament – Shri Ashok S Chavan (Nanded), Shri Rajeev Satav (Hingoli) and Shri Sanjay Jadhav (Parbhani) took part in the meeting held.



General Manager meets Chief Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway met Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh at AP Secretariat, Amaravati on May 1, 2017.

The General Manager discussed on the progress of various ongoing Railway Projects in Andhra Pradesh including New Line Projects, Doubling/Tripling of existing lines and development of Vijayawada Railway Station. Road Over Bridge (ROB) / Road Under Bridge (RUB) project works in AP State were also reviewed in detail. The General Manager was thankful to the Govt. of AP for extending its co-operation to projects concerning development of rail network in the newly formed State. He also requested the AP Govt. to help in issues concerning land acquisition for rail developmental works including for the development of Tirupati Railway station.

Zonal Pension Adalat held

Half Yearly Pension Adalat on June 28, 2017 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad.

South Central Railway has made rapid progress since its inception and pensioners of the zone are partners in the progress of the Zone, said Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager. Success of any organization depends on the committed services rendered by the serving and retired staff. He acknowledged and complimented for the good work done by the staff of Personnel and Accounts departments in solving the problems and grievances of the pensioners to bring down the pending cases to a minimal. Further, AGM greeted the pensioners for their good health.

Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer complimented the representatives of the Railway Pensioners' Federation and Associations for bringing the grievances of pensioners to the notice of administration. He also said that conducting the Pension Adalat is not only for pension related grievances but also for other issues. A separate cell has been established in the CPO's office with association of Accounts department to monitor the grievances on timely mannered.

Smt. Purna M Cherla, FA&CAO (G) stated that from July, 2017 onwards, a newly developed software will be introduced, which will help to resolve the pension review cases. Shri Venkataramana, President, All India Officer's Pensioners Association and Shri Y N Sastry, President, All India Retired Railway Employees' Federation spoke on the occasion. Shri G Srinivasa Reddy, CPO (Admin) and trade union members from SCRES and SCRMU also participated.



General Manager meets Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Buildings & Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana





Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager met Shri Thummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Buildings, Telangana State and Shri Shekhar Prasad Singh, Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana at Secretariat, Hyderabad on May 17, 2017.

The General Manager discussed on the progress of various ongoing Railway Projects in Telangana including New Line Projects, Doubling/Tripling of existing double line routes. He also discussed on funds for the cost-sharing projects in the state of Telangana; Requirement of land for the railway projects in the state of Telangana including new terminal stations; Consent of the state government for closure of LC gates consequent to construction of Limited Height Subways (LHS) or diversion to the nearby LC gates in close vicinity; ROB/RUB related issues; Completion of approach portion of work of ROBs where railway portion of work is completed; Finalization of Agency for execution of ROB/RUB works in GHMC limits; Nomination of Nodal Officer from the state government for redevelopment of railway stations in the state of Telangana; Certification and reconstruction of Railway Land Boundary Plans; Consent of government of Telangana for procurement of additional 24-Car for MMTS Phase-II under material modification.

The General Manager was thankful to the Govt. of Telangana for extending its co-operation to projects concerning development of rail network in the State. He also requested the Telangana Govt. to help in issues concerning land acquisition for rail developmental works including for the development of various Railway stations.

Commissioning of Electrification on Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi Section and Nallapadu-Cumbum Section of SCR; - Significant Milestone in the path of progress

South Central Railway achieved another significant milestone with the commissioning of Electrical Traction on Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi section and Nallapadu-Cumbum section of Guntur-Nandyal rail route. Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) issued authorisation for introduction of Electrical Traction on these two routes with a length a 301 Route kilometres and 517 Track Kilometres in one go. CRS authorization issued for electrical traction of Guntakal-Chiksugur section (136 Rkm) and Nallapadu-Cumbum section (165 Rkm).

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway has been focussing on providing new impetus to the speedy completion of all infrastructural works on SCR. He conducted extensive works review meetings with Rail Viksas Nigam Limited (RVNL) and Centre for Railway Electrification Organisation (CORE) officials to facilitate timely execution of the projects. His initiatives facilitated timely approval of plans, budgetary sanctions and speedy execution of the works as well as prompt certification of Commissioner Railway Safety for the projects which helps in the Operational convenience and improving the mobility of Passenger and Freight Trains. It is a new record in the history of South Central Railway to get CRS authorisation for 517 kms length of Electric Traction in one go

Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi Electrification project

The Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi section which provides a vital link towards Mumbai and North India from Chennai, Bengaluru and Southern parts. Guntakal-Wadi Electrification project was sanctioned in the year 2009-10. This section has 228 Route Kilometres and 547 Track Kilometres. The Guntakal-Chiksugur section comprising 136 route kilometre length was authorized for introduction of electrical traction by Commissioner of Railway Safety recently. The entire project was executed with an expenditure of 207.7 crores. The electrification works of this section were taken up in two parts i.e., Wadi-Raichur & Guntakal-Raichur sections. Wadi-Raichur section has a length of 107 route kilometres and a length of 260 track kilometres. Guntakal-Raichur section has a length of 121 route kilometres and a length of 287 track kilometres. This section is having a total of 26 stations Enroute, 49 Manned level crossings and 17 Un-manned level crossings.

The completion of electrification between Wadi and Guntakal will enable to run Trains with Electric engines between Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru, Chennai. Commissioner of Railway Safety authorised for running of electrical locomotives on Chiksugur-Guntakal Section recently.

Electrification of Nallapadu-Cumbum Section (165 Rkm)

The electrification of the Section Nallapadu-Cumbum-Diguvametta-Dhone-Guntakal, with a total 426 Route Kilometer was sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 363.32 Cr. during the year 2012-13. So far an amount of Rs.261.46 was incurred for the Nallapadu–Diguvametta section.

As a part of the electrification project, the section between Nallapadu–Cumbum is completed on Guntur–Nandyal– Guntakal rail route. Nallapadu–Cumbum section comprises of 165 Route Kilometers and 200 Track Kilometers. Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle/Secunderabad has conducted statutory inspection and authorized for introduction of passenger train services on electric traction was issued.

The advantages of this Electric Traction in the section of Nallapadu-Cumbum will be –

The passenger Trains between Tenali-Markapur can be converted from Diesel Loco hauling to Electric Loco hauling which will save diesel cost, avoid pollution with increased sectional speed for optimum utilization.

All Diesel hauled Trains (Passenger/ Goods) will run on Electric Traction from Vijayawada to Guntur and can be extended up to Markapur covering also Narsaraopet and Vinukonda.

General Manager inaugurates Loco Stimulator at ETTC, Vijayawada

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager also inspected Electric Traction Training Centre (ETTC), Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada and inaugurated the State of art 'Loco Simulator' at ETTC on May 1, 2017. The stimulator is used for training of Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots. He also released a manual concerning the Loco Train Driving Simulator. He also laid foundation stone for augmenting the Trainee's Hostel facilities at the ETTC. The General Manager also inspected Electric Loco Shed, Vijayawada and advised completion of the infrastructural augmentation works here on priority.

The General Manager also conducted a detailed review meeting with all the branch officers of Vijayawada Division at the DRM's Office. The General Manager reviewed aspects related to Safety, Punctuality, progress of Passenger Amenity works and Freight Loading performance of the Division. Addressing the officials, he stressed that these priority areas should meet total attention so that the performance of SCR scales to the best levels.







International Day of Yoga Celebrated on SCR

South Central Railway celebrated the International Day of Yoga at Indoor Stadium of Railway Sports Complex, Secunderabad on June 21, 2017. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager participated along with Shri John Thomas, AGM; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, CPO, Principal Heads of Departments, other Senior Railway Officials of SCR. A large number of Staff, family members, trainees and school children too participated in large number.

Shri Murari Mohan Renowned Yoga Teacher, Hyderabad conducted the session with yogaasanas, pranayama, meditation etc., as part of the program to a large gathering who participated with enthusiasm. A pledge was administered to the participants for practising Yoga in daily life.

Speaking on the occasion, the General Manager highlighted the importance of practicing Yoga in everyday life.

He said that the initiative taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India widely reached and being practiced regularly. Yoga has immense importance in upkeep of Health & Mind of every one. SCR is propagating Yoga in a big way by conducting various camps and is being regularly undertaken in Institutions and offices.



Shri Murari Mohan, State Coordinator, Art of Living Foundation called upon the gathering to practice Yoga in everyday life to attain good health, sound thinking and spiritual discipline. A Meditation Session was also conducted by Sister Rajkumari, from Brahma kumaris Hyderabad.

As part of International Day of Yoga celebration, a Seven day Yoga & Meditation Camp was organised at RRC Pavilion from 14th to 20th June 2017 which was attended by around 100 participants under the eminent training of Yoga Guru Shri P Ram Koteswar Rao and Meditation classes was undertook by Brother Datta Ronade of Brahma Kumaris, Pune. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav complimented the trainers and organisations for taking up initiative to impart training in yoga & meditation to SCR employees.





Yoga & Meditation Centre Inaugurated at Signal and Telecom Training Centre, Moula Ali

Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (Signal & Telecom), Railway Board, New Delhi inaugurated a new Yoga & Meditation Centre at Signal & Telecom Training Centre (STTC), Moula-Ali on May 5, 2017. Shri N Kashinath, Additional Member (Signal), Railway Board; Shri M S Mahboob Ali, CSTE; Shri L P Sinha, Director, IRISET, Secunderabad and Shri Arun Kumar Jain, DRM, Hyderabad Division were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Akhil Agrawal advised the trainees to strictly follow the procedures and ensure safe running of trains. Hard work will always get the due recognition and brings good name to the organization as well as staff, he said.



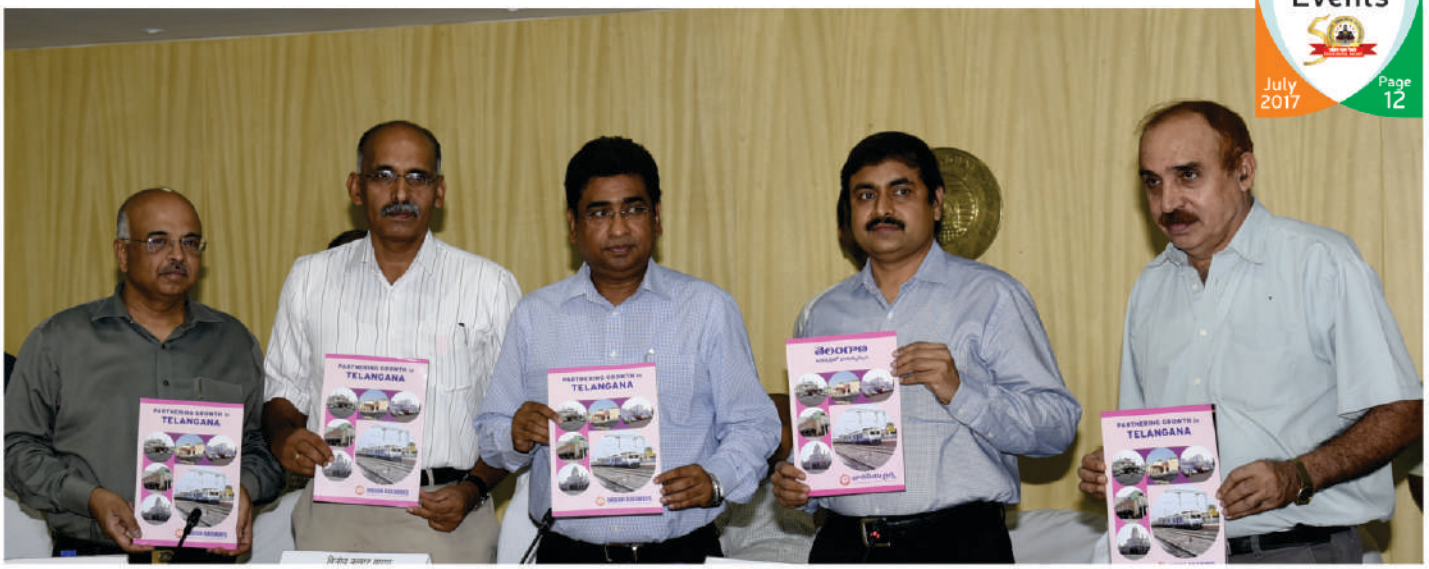




He complemented the STTC as the best training institute on Indian Railways which is providing excellent training and good discipline. He also suggested the staff and trainees to utilize the facility of the Yoga & Meditation Centre and live a stress free and healthy life.

Later, Shri Akhil Agrawal released Mobile App for the benefit of Signal & Telecom staff working on South Central Railway. This App will provide trouble shooting solutions to technical problems in the day to day work. He also inaugurated renovated Dining Hall facility for the trainees and planted saplings in the premises of STTC as part of Green Initiative.

General Manager releases a booklet on Achievements of SCR pertaining to Telangana State



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager released a booklet on achievements of South Central Railway pertaining to Telangana State during a Press Meet held at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on June 2, 2017. General Manager briefed the media on the highlights of the three years achievements pertaining to South Central Railway. Shri John Thomas, AGM; Shri N Madhusudana Rao, COM; Shri R C Boolchandani, CAO/C were also present on the occasion. Shri M Umashankar Kumar, CPRO welcomed the Media.

28 IRSSE Probationary Officers (2014 Batch) Pass out from IRISET







The Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IRISET), Secunderabad was host to the 'Passing Out' function of 28 Indian Railways Service of Signal Engineering (IRSSE) Probationary Officers-2014 Batch at its premises, at a function held on June 12, 2017 at IRISET Auditorium. Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (S&T), Railway Board and Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager presented the Passing Out certificates and mementoes to the Probationary Officers. A souvenir named "Pratibimb" containing the articles of probationers was released on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering of Railway Officers, Probationers etc, the Chief Guest stated that learning is a continuous process and it is more relevant in the scenario of fast changing technology. Indian Railways and Signal & Telecommunications department are continuously progressing with the help of technological advantages. He said that the future of Indian Railways is significantly dependent imbibing advanced technologies for efficient services to the passengers. He called upon the Probationary Officers to assimilate the working of all departments in railways and resolve on hardworking.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav who presided over the function advised the probationers to develop positive approach in working and own the organization for better satisfaction. He also stated that duty mindedness and responsibility are key factors for the growth of individuals. He called upon them to identify the problematic areas in the field and work for the system improvements.

Shri L P Sinha, Director, IRISET in his welcome address detailed that 28 Probationary Officers of IRSSE 2014 have passed out successfully in the training programme. He informed that IRISET has been imparting training in various modules of signal engineering & telecommunications including to trainees from foreign countries and Public Sector Undertakings.

Shri Akhil Agrawal inaugurated renovated 'Blue Bells' primary school run by IRISET Women's Welfare Organization at Railway Colony, Mettuguda. A 32 seat ISUZU SML Bus was flagged off by Shri Akhil Agrawal. A modern interactive white board with advanced features of teaching aid was inaugurated in one of the classrooms.



Shri John Thomas, IRSEE Additional General Manager



Shri John Thomas has taken charge as Additional General Manager, South Central Railway on May 30, 2017. He belongs to 1982 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE).

He started his career on Indian Railways in 1984 and has held several important assignments on various Zones including on Southern, Central and South Central Railway till present.

Commencing his service as Assistant Electrical Engineer on Southern Railway in 1986, Shri John Thomas has went on to serve in several important posts during his career till present. Amongst the assignments he has held are - Divisional Electrical Engineer, Sr.DEE/ Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Additional DRM, Chennai, Chief Electrical Loco Engineer, Chief Projects Manager (Railway Electrification), Chennai and DRM, Solapur, Division, Central Railway. He also served as Chief Safety Officer, Southern Railway. Prior to the new posting, Shri John Thomas was holding charge as Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR.

During his stint as Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR, Shri John Thomas has initiated various innovative measures towards energy conservation leading to the Zone achieving national level recognition by winning a record 09 National Energy Conservation Awards for 2016 from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India. He has also been instrumental in initiating efforts towards better work efficiency and boosting work force morale amongst the Loco running staff on the Zone.

Shri M G.Sekharam, IRTS – Chief Commercial Manager



Shri M G Sekharam took charge as Chief Commercial Manager, South Central Railway on May 1, 2017. He belongs to the 1986 batch of Indian Railway Traffic Service. Before taking over the charge of the new assignment, he served as Chief Commercial Manager (Freight Services), SCR. He brings with him varied experience of working in Operations, Safety and Commercial wings of Railways. He started his career in Chennai Division in 1990. Thereafter, he has worked at Madurai, Hubli, Guntakal, Vijayawada, Bhubaneshwar and Delhi. Among the assignments he held are Sr.DCM, Vijayawada Division; CCM (FS), East Coast Railway and ADRM, Hyderabad Division. On a deputation to Container Corporation of India, he worked as Regional Manager, Hyderabad.

Shri A A Phadke, IRSEE – Chief Electrical Engineer



Shri A A Phadke has taken charge as Chief Electrical Engineer, South Central Railway on June 8, 2017. 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 Electrical Services Engineer and Chief Electrical Loco Engineer, SCR. Shri A A Phadke has done M.Tech from IIT, Madras in 1983. He joined the Indian Railways as Assistant Electrical Engineer in South Central Railway and has worked in various capacities including as ADRM, Pune Division; Senior Professor/IRIEEN/ Nasik, Chief Workshop Manager, Traction Machine Workshop, Nasik.

Shri Vijay Agrawal, IRSE – Chief Adminstrative Officer (Construction)



Shri Vijay Agrawal has taken charge as Chief Administrative Officer/Construction, South Central Railway on July 13, 2017. He belongs to 1982 batch of Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE).

Shri Vijay Agrawal, who passed out from IIT Rourkee in 1981 has served in various capacities on Indian Railways. He worked as Asst. Engineer/ Dornakal, Secunderabad Division; Divisional Engineer, Vijayawada; Executive Engineer/Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala; Dy. Chief Engineer/Track Machines on SCR; Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Secunderabad and Guntakal; and later as ADRM, Bangalore Division, SWR. Prior to his new posting on SCR, he was working as Chief Track Engineer, SWR.

Shri R. Dhananjayulu, IRTS Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division



Shri R Dhananjayulu, has taken over as Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division on April 17, 2017.

Shri Dhananjayulu, joined Indian Railways in the year 1989 and worked in various capacities in Operations, Commercial, Safety and General Administration departments in Hubli, Hyderabad and Vijayawada Divisions and also in the Headquarters Offices of South Central Railway. He also worked on deputation with Container Corporation of India. As part of his official duties, he visited several countries such as Germany, Belgium, Italy, Singapore, Malaysia and China.

Shri Amit Vardhan, IRTS Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division



Shri Amit Vardhan has taken charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division on April 20, 2017. He belongs to the Indian Railways Traffic Service, 1988 batch of Civil Services. Before taking over charge of the new assignment, he served as Chief Traffic Planning Manager, Northern Railway.

Shri Amit Vardhan is a postgraduate in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and Management from the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University. He held several positions in Operations, Commercial, Safety, Information Technology, Public Relations and Vigilance wings of the Indian Railways, at Divisional, Zonal Head Quarter and Railway Board level.

Shri Arun Jain, IRSSE Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division



Shri Arun Jain has taken charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway on April 24, 2017. He belongs to the Indian Railways Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE), 1986 batch. Before taking over charge of the new assignment, he served as Group General Manager (Co-ordination) & Chief Vigilance Officer, Railtel Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi.

Shri Arun Jain is a postgraduate in Computer Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur. He has held various positions in Signal & Telecommunication at Divisional level. He has also worked in Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) & Railtel Corporation.

Shri Vijay Pratap Singh, IRSEE Divisional Railway Manager Guntakal Division



Shri Vijay Pratap Singh has taken charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division on July 6, 2017. He completed his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT, Kanpur. He belongs to the 1986 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers. His career on Indian Railways commenced with his first posting as Assistant Electrical Engineer at Chitranjan Locomotive Works. He has worked in various capacities in Train Operations, Traction Distribution, EMU's and Coaching Services on Northern and North Central Railway. He has also been on deputation on the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd., for 07 years.

Newly Constructed RPSF Staff Quarters inaugurated by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav









Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager inaugurated newly constructed Staff Quarters in the campus of 7th Battalion, Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF), Moula Ali on June 16, 2017. Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager; Shri S N Singh, PCE; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer; Shri Mahim Swami, IG-cum-Director/RPF Training Centre; Shri Sanjay Sankrityayan, Chief Security Commissioner; Shri Valleswara B Thokala, Commanding Officer, RPSF, 7th Battalion were also present. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM along with the other Principal Heads of Department planted saplings in the premises of newly constructed railway quarters to encourage green initiatives.

Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inaugurated Brindavan Park at Railway Colony, Moula Ali.

Total 72 officers and staff quarters comprising Type-IV (08), Type-III (16) and Type-II (48) have been constructed providing amenities like huge parking place and greenery in the campus. 7th Battalion of RPSF was raised at Lumding (Assam) over North Frontier Railway under the control of IGP of Assam and later on 15.02.1973 this Battalion was withdrawn from the control of IGP/Assam and placed under Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF. In October 1994, the battalion Head Quarters was shifted to Moula-ali, Hyderabad. The Battalion campus is spread over of 34.5 acres of land.

'MEE KOSAM' Passport Mela conducted for Railway Staff

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager handed over passports to Railway staff at a Grand Valedictory function of "MEE KOSAM" Mega Passport Mela at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad on April 4, 2017. Dr. E. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad, Shri A.K.Gupta, Addl. General Manager, Shri N.V.Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer were the Guests of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager said that it is glad to see the happiness on the faces of Railway Employees who got Passports during the Passport Mela. It is a gift to the Railway Staff who are working diligently and relentlessly to provide safe passage of trains. The Railway Administration is committed to take care of the welfare of the staff. Mega Passport Mela "MEE KOSAM" was planned to extend the welfare oriented programs and it is happy to note that 5252 members of Railway family have availed the opportunity during the Mela. More such type of Melas will be organized in the future for the benefit of staff, General Manager informed.

Dr. E Vishnu Vardhan Reddy speaking on the occasion stated that Passport in not a privilege but the Right of every Indian Citizen. Passport will provide wings to the dreams of persons who aspires to fly high. Ministry of External Affairs has simplified the procedures to get passport so that all the citizens of the Nation will have passport without any hassle.

The integration of Aadhar system for obtaining passport has transformed the process for the benefit of citizens.

SCR in association with Ministry of External Affairs organized a Mega Passport Mela "MEE KOSAM" is first-of-its-kind on Indian Railways exclusively for the benefit of Railway Officers / Staff and their family members of Telangana area. It got tremendous response from the employees and their families.





SCR Men Hockey Team Emerges Winners at the All India Hockey Tournament

The South Central Railway Hockey Team clinched the winner's position at the prestigious All India Hockey Tournament, held at Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu from 5th to 14th May, 2017. Sixteen teams from all over the India were participated in the tournament.

The Tournament was played under League cum Knock out mode. During the tournament, SCR played five matches of which it played the quarter final against East Coast Railway and the Semi-final against Army. In the final match, SCR played with ONGC and won the Cup by 2-2 regular time and 4-3 in Tie Breaker.

The winning team called on Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager at Rail Nilayam on May 16, 2017. The General Manager congratulated the team for the triumph and wished that the team continues to perform to the best.



Chess Coaching Camp Conducted by SCR Sports Association







South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA) organized a Chess Coaching Camp and Tournament for children up to the age of 15 years at Railway Officers Club, Secunderabad from 2nd to 8th June, 2017. Competitions were also held between the participants on the concluding day of the Camp.

The Camp was inaugurated by Shri K S Prasad, President, Hyderabad District Chess Association on June 2, 2017. Shri M Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, SCR & Secretary (Chess) SCRSA was the guest of honour on the occasion. Shri S M Naim, Sr. Sports Officer, SCR was also present.

80 children up to the age of 15 years participated in the coaching camp including 10 International rated players. Master PDS Girinath and other well known Chess players from the Railways conducted the camp and trained the participants.

Kum. Dronavalli Harika, Arjuna awardee and winner of the Grandmaster Title was the Chief Guest for the concluding function and presented the mementos to the winners. Shri K Siva Prasad, General Secretary, SCRSA; Shri M Umashankar Kumar; Shri K S Prasad, President, Hyderabad Chess Association, Dr. G Krishna, Sports Pscycologist were the distinguished guests.

Kum. Harika advised the parents of the participants to encourage the children in playing chess with consistency. She complimented the South Central Railway Sports Association for the intiative of holding a coaching camp and competitions. Such camps will certainely help the budding talent and growth of sportive atmosphere.

Winners of Chess Competition

Below 7 years

Kum. Anjana Sahasra
Won the Cup in the Girls' category

Master Shourya
Won the Cup in the Boys' category

Below 10 years

Kum. Aishwarya
Won the Cup in the Girls' category

Master Aarnav Pradhaan
Won the Cup in the Boys' category

Below 15 years

Kum. G Dheekshitha
Won the Cup in the Girls' category

Master Sibi Srinivas Reddy
Won the cup in the Boys' category

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways releases Advanced Life Support Ambulances under MPLADS

Hon'ble Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu released thirteen Advanced Life Support Ambulances under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) Funds at Vijayawada on May 25, 2017. Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Amit Shah, President, Bhartiya Janata Party formally flagged off the Ambulances.

The Advanced Life Support Ambulances are equipped with all the required Medical Equipments and facilities to attend the Medical emergencies and rush the needy to hospitals. Trained Para Medical staff will be available with the ambulances round the clock. These ambulances will be run under '108' services of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.



Interacting with the media after the launch of ambulances, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu stated that these ambulances are meant to reach out to the people in medical emergencies and added that he has undertaken this initiative under his MPLADS funding to serve the noble cause of saving lives.

Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati awarded 'GreenCo-Gold Certification' by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)





The Carriage Repair Shop (CRS), Tirupati on South Central Railway has achieved the distinction for being first of its kind on Indian Railways for any Workshop to receive the prestigious "GreenCo-Gold Rating" Certification for maintaining Passenger Coaches. The GreenCo-Gold Trophy and Certificate awarded by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The Trophy and Certificate was presented by Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways during the World Environment Day Celebrations held at National Rail Museum on June 5, 2017.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager who guided this initiative, expressed his happiness at the Workshop getting recognition with this prestigious honor and complimented the entire set of officers and staff who were responsible for attaining the landmark. The team led by Shri Arjun Mundiya, CME called on the General Manager at Rail Nilayam, SCR Headquarters.

To achieve this, the Tirupati Workshop has strived hard during the last one year and reduced energy consumption, water utilization drastically. Energy and water resources management have been put in place. The workshop has added renewable energy measures i.e., solar energy, day pipe lighting, replacement of conventional fittings by LED etc., The green coverage of the workshop has also been increased by planting numerous plants. Solid waste management and scrap disposal management have also been put in place.

Efforts have been made to ensure that water consumption is minimized by inducing water recycling systems. Water harvesting pits at appropriate locations have been developed. The Workshop is also in the process of developing phyto-remediation to mitigate environmental problems without the need to excavate the contaminated material and dispose it off elsewhere.

The Staff of the Workshop have shown exemplary zeal and dedication with the guidance of Shri M Vijaya Kumar, CWM, CRS in getting this Certification. Shri K P Somkuwar, CWE and Shri Arjun Mundiya, CME, SCR were instrumental in guiding the plan implementation to enable the Tirupati workshop get this Certification.

Rs. 11.78 Crore collected from Ticket Checking Drives over SCR






The regular ticket checking campaigns conducted over South Central Railway to curb Ticketless / Irregular / Un-booked luggage have resulted in detection of 3.37 lakh cases of Ticketless / Irregular / Un-Booked luggage in the month of May, 2017. An amount of Rs.11.78 Crores was collected as fare and penalty. Ticket Checking campaigns are being conducted to prevent antisocial elements from recurrent ticketless travel and curb unauthorised Hawking / Vending in trains.

SCR has launched 45 special Magisterial drives in the month of May, 2017. These checks are aimed at prosecuting habitual offenders violating the various provisions of the Railway Act and have been conducted with Squads comprising of ticket checking and Railway Protection Force Personnel, over all the divisions. During the month of May, 2017 and 1,458 persons have been prosecuted, realising an amount of Rs.2.89 Lakhs as a fines from Magisterial drives.

As a part of this effort a massive Prosecution check was conducted over Hyderabad Division on June 2, 2017 with Manorabad and Shadnagar stations as bases. A total of 179 persons were apprehended, travelling without tickets and 12 passengers were found travelling with excess Un-booked luggage realising a total of Rs.54,095 as fare and penalty. In addition seven persons were also prosecuted during the checks.

The special magisterial drives will be continued to be organised in the ensuing months with a view to prosecute ticketless travellers, unauthorised Hawkers, males travelling in ladies coaches, people occupying the physically handicapped cabins, etc and other regular defaulters. SCR requests the public to travel by trains and to enter the Railway stations only on valid journey and platform tickets.



Plantation of sapling at Railway Claims Tribunal, Secunderabad Bench premises on June 28, 2017 by Shri A K Pande, Hon'ble Member (Judicial) and Shri Pulla Ganeswar Rao, Hon'ble Member (Technical)

General Manager Commends Railway Doctor for Exemplary Service during derailment



A newly inducted Doctor into Railway service, proved her commitment to serve with duty mindedness. Dr. B Rajitha, Additional Divisional Medical Officer, Parli, Secunderabad Division who joined Railways less than a month back rose to the task during the derailment of Train No.57550 Aurangabad– Hyderabad Passenger near Bhalki in Karnataka State on April 21, 2017. She personally checked for the well being of the passengers in the affected train and ensured correct status of the derailed train to Headquarters promptly.

Acknowledging the exemplary service rendered by the Doctor, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager presented a Special Appreciation Certificate to Dr B.Rajitha in recognition of the way she handled her duties during a crisis situation. Dr. K H K Dora, Chief Medical Director was also present.

Members of Parliament call on Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager to discuss various Rail developmental works pertaining to their respective constituencies



Shri Y S Avinash Reddy, Member of Parliament, Kadapa met General Manager on April 17, 2017



Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Member of Parliament, Bidar met General Manager on April 18, 2017



Shri M Murali Mohan, Member of Parliament, Rajahmundry met General Manager on April 19, 2017



Smt. Butta Renuka, Member of Parliament, Kurnool met General Manager on May 24, 2017

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways inaugurates Renovated Officers' Hostel at IRISET





Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways inaugurated the renovated Officers' Hostel at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IRISET), Secunderabad on April 19, 2017 in presence of Shri A K Mital, Chairman, Railway Board and Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (Signal and Telecom), Railway Board through video remote link from New Delhi. The newly inaugurated hostel facility marks a major upgrade to the infrastructure of this premier S&T Training Institute in the country.

The residential needs of the trainees at IRISET are catered by 4 well-furnished hostels. The Officers' hostel has three blocks 'A' and 'B' with 30 rooms each to accommodate 60 Trainee Officers and a 'C' wing with 15 suites for Senior Officers. The renovation of Officer's hostel has been undertaken for providing a comfortable stay for the trainees at a cost of around Rs.0.81 Crore. Due to the construction of Metro Rail in Hyderabad, which passes through the Institute, the entrance to the hostel has been totally redone with the front elevation of the building undergoing a changeover. Provision of covered sheds and portico with murals to the new entrance has been done, to enhance aesthetics. Ms. Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division, coordinated the renovation work undertaken by the Engineering wing of the Division.

The need for training has considerably increased over the years due to technical advancements in Signal & Telecommunication Systems and the challenges to meet growing demand for new services & capacity building. Since inception, the Institute has trained more than 78,000 Officers and Supervisors and enabled them to handle operation, maintenance, expansion and modernization of Indian Railways as well as other foreign Railways. IRISET holds a massive training based infrastructure comprising of 10 state-of-the-art laboratories and 12 well-equipped class rooms besides the hostels.

Ensure Top Notch Convenience for Pilgrims at Tirupati Railway Station

-Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager inspected Tirupati Railway Station on May 3, 2017. He reviewed the progress of works initiated by the Railways and indicated the officials that priority should be accorded for the convenience of pilgrims. He was accompanied by Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager and other Officials of Guntakal Division.

The General Manager undertook a swift inspection of Tirupati Railway Station, covering the entire station premises and reviewed plans for the expansion of the station to reduce the congestion of the Tirupati station. He also inspected passenger amenities in the station premises and sought the feasibility of providing additional facilities at Tirupati Railway Station as soon as possible. Later, the General Manager interacted with Media and assured that development of Tirupati Railway Station will be completed with all passenger amenities within stipulated period. Later, the General Manager visited the Carriage Repair Shop Hospital inspected the progress of ongoing developmental works.

Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inspected the Level Crossing Gate No. 31 at Rachagunneri station between Renigunta and Srikalahasti and held a detailed review of safety aspects, the equipment available to meet the emergency situations and the alertness of the Gate Keeper at the Level Crossing Gate.

During the course of the inspection, the Divisional Railway Manager appraised the General Manager on the developmental plans of Tirupati Railway Station. The General Manager stressed upon the long term perspective for the development programs with anticipation of growth in passenger traffic at Tirupati.













General Manager inspects Renigunta–Chittoor Section and Chittoor Railway Station

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager inspected Renigunta-Chittoor Section of Guntakal Division on May 4, 2017. He was accompanied by Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager and other Divisional Officers of Guntakal Division.

The General Manager undertook window trail inspection of Renigunta-Pakala-Chittoor section of Guntakal Division and reviewed the safety aspects of the entire section with the Divisional Officers. Later, the General Manager conducted a detailed inspection of Chittoor Railway Station covering the entire station circulating area, food stalls, booking office, parcel office. He reviewed the passenger amenities available at the Chittoor Railway Station and suggested the officials for further improvement as per the extant rules. The General Manager also met several public representatives of the area and assured them on the railway facilities.

Smt. D A Sathya Prabha, Member of Legislative Assembly, Chittoor; Smt.K Hemalatha, Mayor, Chittoor Municipal Corporation representatives of rail unions, passenger associations also called on the General Manager.

General Manager undertakes Window Trailing Inspection of Guntur –Nandyal – Guntakal Section and Nandyal Railway Station

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager undertook inspection of Guntur-Guntakal Section and Nandyal Railway Station on June 7, 2017. He was accompanied by Shri Vijay Sharma, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division up to Nandyal from where Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division accompanied the General Manager further.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav undertook inspection beginning with window trailing of Guntur–Nandyal–Guntakal Section and reviewed the safety aspects of the entire section with the Divisional Officers. Later, the General Manager conducted a detailed inspection of Nandyal Railway Station covering the entire station circulating area, food stalls, Waiting Halls, Booking office, Parcel office, Retiring Rooms, Panel boards at Station Superintendent Room and discussed with officials on plans for further development.

General Manager also reviewed the availability and interacted with passengers regarding passenger amenities at the Nandyal Railway Station and suggested the officials for further improvement as per the extant rules. General Manager also inspected Running Room, Nandyal and interacted with Loco Pilots and took stock of facilities made available.











Highlights of performance during the first quarter of 2017-18

Some of the performance highlights, initiatives/ improvements brought about in various fields of South Central Railway during the period April to June 2017 are as detailed.



Traffic Volume and Earnings

- During the first quarter of current fiscal (April-June 2017), Gross Originating Earnings registered an amount of Rs.3320.58 Crore.
- During this period SCR carried 98.67 Million originating passengers. The Passenger earnings are Rs. 989.90 Crore in the first quarter.
- In the freight segment Zone has loaded 24.51 Million Tonnes, with an earnings of Rs. 2184.47 Crore.

Safety and Security

- SCR accord top priority to safety and security
- Safety audits and frequent surprise inspections are being carried out by Senior Officials to ensure all safety systems are being followed in the field.
- Towards achieving 'No unmanned level crossing', 16 such crossings have been eliminated during April to June 2017 as against the targeted 132 this year.
- Security has been strengthened in trains by deploying around 700 RPF/GRP personnel on escort duty every month in 250 identified express trains

Passenger Services

- 95% punctuality has been achieved during April to June 2017. Close monitoring of functioning of assets is being done and to further enhance the punctuality.
- The works related to commissioning of lifts and escalators have been speeded up. So far 40 lifts and 38 Escalators have been commissioned till end of June 2017.
- SCR has successfully faced the challenge of huge passenger rush in the recent summer. During April-June 2017 around 2.65 lakh passengers have been carried on 238 special trains.
- The system of monitoring the waitlist and attaching the extra coaches has earned appreciation from public. During April-June 2017, 1.6 lakhs of waitlisted passengers have been cleared through extra coaches attached to popular trains on an average 25 extra coaches were augmented per day.
- To enhance cleanliness, On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) has been provided in 74 pairs of express trains. 'Clean My Coach' SMS service for travelling passengers has been implemented for trains under OBHS
- To keep Station premises clean and hygienic and also towards environmental protection, so far 6740 bio-toilets were fitted in 1793 coaches and fitment of bio-toilets is on track to achieve 100% implementation by 2019.

SCR sets a new record in Electrification of Rail network. 397 Kms of Railway Line electrified during last three months.

The initiative of Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager towards enhancing the pace of completion of projects on the Zone has yielded significant results. The Zone has attained a new achievement of completing electrification of railway lines on its network to the extent of 397 Kms during April - June 2017. This record completion of 397 Kms electrification comes in comparison to 93 Kms commissioned during the last fiscal of 2016-17 and sets a high benchmark, reached for the first time.

The sections completed during April - June 2017 are:

- Guntakal–Chiksugur for a distance of 135.58 Route Kms
- Nallapadu–Cumbum for a distance of 164.48 Route Kms
- Guntakal–Dhone for a distance of 69 Route Kms
- Gooty–Pendekallu for a distance of 28 Route Kms

Electric traction continues to play a dominant role in the Railway since it is a clean technology and energy efficient mode of transport. Electric traction is best suited for mass and rapid transport, it reduce running time of passenger trains and makes possible to run longer train. Being energy efficient system it is also preferred for long and heavy freight trains to ensure quicker transportation of goods.

In South Central Railway electrification has been under progress on large scale. In current financial year, in addition to the 397 Route Kms electrified, it is planned to complete electrification in several other stretches too.

The Guntakal–Wadi section which includes the newly electrified Guntakal–Chiksugur section has already been commissioned for rail services with electric loco motives hauling the trains. This has made seamless operation of trains on electric traction without any change of locomotive from New Delhi to Bengaluru via Secunderabad. The Bengaluru–Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express via Secunderabad will be running on electric traction entirely between the two destinations. Commissioning of electrification on this section has speeded up the coal transportation to Raichur thermal power plant.



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

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager assured the representatives of Cement Industry on the cooperation of railways to improve the cement loading by the railways. He addressed representatives of Cement companies located on the SCR jurisdiction on May 30, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad to discuss on strategy for increasing transport of cement. He informed the representatives of industry to utilize several freight friendly incentive schemes of railways to enhance cement loading through rail network for the current fiscal 2017-18.

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.

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, Bharati, Manikgarh, Ramco, My Home, ICL, Orient, Penna, MCW and Dalmia etc.,

Earlier, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, COM 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 G Sekharam, CCM; Shri B Nagya, CFTM was also present.



High Level Coordination Meeting on Safety, Security of Passengers and Traffic Congestion held withState Government Officials



South Central Railway conducted a high level meeting on the Security, Safety and Traffic congestions at the Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Kacheguda Railway Stations with the State Police, GHMC, TSRTC and Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) officials on June 5, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri M G Sekharam, CCM; Shri T Krishna Prasad, Addl. DGP (Railways and Road Safety) and Senior Executives from GHMC, TSRTC and Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) participated in the meeting.

Shri M G Sekharam sought the co-operation of State police and others in better management of the traffic during the peak hours to provide easy mobility to the rail commuters. He proposed introduction of Pre paid Auto services at Hyderabad and Kacheguda stations to provide safe, secure and economical travel to the passengers. Further he discussed on the issues like surveillance at the circulating area of main entrance of Secunderabad station, shifting of the bus stop location at Chilkalguda to the appropriate place and discussed on the foot path occupation by the Hawkers in front of railway station etc.

Later, Shri T Krishna Prasad stated that the safety and security of the rail commuters is of paramount importance and state police will extend support to resolve the issues. He suggested several corrective measures on the safety and security related issues and suggested measures to the improvement of parking structure to tackle future requirements and advanced scanner management towards enhanced security to avoid threat perception. Shri Sanjay Sankrityayan, Chief Security Commissioner, SCR and Dr. V Ravindar, Jt. Commissioner of Police (Traffic) also participated.

Introduction of Blanket Covers in First AC Coaches
– to ensure supply of hygienic blankets

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR advised officials to implement innovative idea of supplying blankets with covers to the passengers in order to ensure cleanliness and hygiene. As per the guidelines of the General Manager and in tune with the Railway Board directives, SCR head quarters conducted trails by supplying blankets in covers for a period of six months both at Hyderabad and Secunderabad coaching depots in Mumbai Express and in Nizamuddin Duronto Express respectively. The blankets with different coloured cover for onward and return journey have been supplied to the passengers. An excellent feedback has been rewarded by the passengers during trail period, 79% of the passengers indicated the new scheme as excellent and 21% marked it as very good. On the basis of feedback from passengers with enhanced satisfaction, the new scheme has been approved by the General Manager to implement on all the 1st AC coaches of trains originating from Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Accordingly, Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer, SCR has launched the innovative scheme of supplying the blankets with covers to the first AC passengers in Devagiri Express at Secunderabad Railway station on June 9, 2017. Shri Amit Vardan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad formally distributed the blankets with covers at Hyderabad Railway station to the 1st AC passengers travelling in Godavari Express.

This scheme will be implemented on regular basis in all the trains having first AC coaches viz. Express Trains – Charminar, Mumbai, Telangana, Hyderabad–Narsapur, Falaknuma, Narayanadri, Ajanta, Simhapuri, Secunderabad-Lokmanya Tilak Duronto, Secunderabad–Visakhpatnam Duronto Express, Secundrabad–Hazrat Nizamuddin Duronto, Secunderabad–Shalimar Superfast and Secunderabad–Visakhpatnam Weekly Superfast.



Secunderabad Division leverages Twitter for Fast Response to Customer Needs

Secunderabad Division has set a new benchmark in attending to Rail users' needs and queries on the strength of social media platform, Twitter. The Division has embarked on "Mission Five Minutes" as part of which, a maximum time of five minutes has been fixed as First Response Time.

The advent of social media is changing the interaction between Railways and its esteemed Passengers/Customers. For massive customer outreach and to strengthen the connect with its customers, Twitter accounts are being operated at various levels and at the Divisional level by Divisional Railway Managers.

The Twitter account of DRM, Secunderabad Division (@drmsecunderabad) has been evolving as an effective interface between the Division and the Customers. Tweets received are in the nature of Complaints, Suggestions and Assistance required. They are relating to coach maintenance, cleanliness, security, electrical and for medical/catering assistance etc. Any Tweet received is assigned to concerned Department of the Division for necessary action. Some need to be assigned to other Divisions of the zone and even to other Zonal Railways also. This assigning to the concerned Division/Department is crucial in the entire cycle of solving the complaint/providing assistance as it involves informing the issue to the concerned who actually take action. This is called as First Response Time. Dedicated staff are monitoring the Twitter handle 24 ×7and assigning them to the concerned for quickest possible response.



Secunderabad Division has embarked on "Mission Five Minutes", as part of which the Division has set the maximum time of five (5) minutes for First Response Time. On analysis of the 185 tweets received in the first week of June 2017, the average FRT is 4.07 minutes. Apart from quick First Response Time, the prompt action by staff concerned is resulting in positive feedback from Passengers. During the period, around 35 Passengers have re-tweeted about the quick response and expressed satisfaction on the action taken.

In one instance, on June 5, 2017, a passenger of Tr.No.12771 Secunderabad-Nagpur Express tweeted about a problem with the berth at 21:43 hrs. It was assigned to concerned Department at 21:48 hrs and the problem was attended promptly before departure of the Train at 22:00 hrs. The passenger retweeted as "Issue solved in less than 5 min before train departure... Thank you very much for your prompt response sir...can sleep in peace now".

In another instance, a passenger tweeted on 2nd June, 2017 that he needs a porter at Begumpet Railway station. The porter was arranged and the passenger re-tweeted as "Porter was waiting for me. Thank you so much..."

Those Rail customers who do not hold a Twitter account can call on 182 for Security related issues and 138 Helpline for other than Security issues, for real-time assistance. Secunderabad Division has ensured that both these Helplines are manned by staff round-the-clock.

General Manager holds meetings with Principal Heads of Departments and Divisional Railway Managers to formulate plans and monitor implementation in key areas of Rail operations and development

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR is on a mission to frame priority areas for the zone and ensure implementation, so as to attain the targets set as well as optimize customer satisfaction. Taking aside time from his hectic schedule, the General Manager has been conducting meetings with various Principal Heads of Departments, and wherever required through video conferences with Divisional Railway Managers too, on all issues of focus. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav has laid down the key areas for the zone as Safety, Punctuality, Asset maintenance and Infrastructure development.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav has been continuously making comprehensive review of the Safety aspects pertaining to train operations on the zone, including derailments occurring in yards, loco failures and unsafe working. He has clearly spelt out that corrective action should be to the optimal standards, without any shortcut methods. He has also laid stress on improvements to the signalling system, so as to enhance speed of train movements and optimize punctuality levels.

The General Manager has been stringent in the aspect of arresting technical failures and alertness of the staff while on duty, to ensure Safety, Efficiency and Punctuality of train services. Highlighting that the rail work force are key members, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav wanted that utmost concern is accorded to the welfare of loco pilots, guards, patrolling men etc., and counsel them on the importance of Safety. His advice to the officials is to identify the root causes for asset failures and initiate system improvements.

With the onset of monsoon, the General Manager has called upon the entire workforce to remain alert, so as to handle any exigency and ensure passenger comfort. Monitoring of tracks, signals, bridges etc., is a must during the monsoon season, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav opined.

The General Manager has directed the Engineering departments to expedite action plans for executing various ongoing rail projects works, so as to meet targeted deadlines. He has been undertaking meticulous review of the entire status of ongoing projects, so as to identify bottle necks and ensure that the same are cleared in coordination with other departments.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav has also been presenting the "Man of the month" to those of the staff who have performed exceedingly well in the key area of Safety of rail operations, with their timely and committed action of detecting any flaw or risk in rail movements.















दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय को 'रेल मंत्री राजभाषा रनिंग शील्ड' और लालागुडा कारखाना को आदर्श कारखाने को शील्ड से सम्मानित

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हिंदी प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन



प्रधान कार्यालय में 19 और 20 जून, 2017 को क्षेत्रीय हिंदी निबंध, वाक् और टिप्पण व प्रारूप लेखन प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया. इन प्रतियोगिताओं में प्रधान कार्यालय, मंडलों और कारखानों के कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया. हिंदी निबंध लेखन प्रतियोगिता 'भारतीय रेलों में पर्यावरण संरक्षण के प्रयास', राजभाषा की प्रगति में आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी का योगदान' विषयों पर आयोजित की गई. हिंदी वाक् प्रतियोगिता 20 जून, 2017 को आयोजित की गई, जिसके विषय थे - 'राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन की चुनौतियां', 'स्वच्छ भारत की चुनौतियां'. इस वाक् प्रतियोगिता के लिए निर्णायक के रूप में डॉ.ए.वी.एस.के.प्रसाद, मुख्य चिकित्सा निदेशक और श्री विक्रम गुप्ता, मुख्य इंजीनियर उपस्थित थे.







प्रधान कार्यालय में हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन

इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय में दि.30.05.2017 को एक हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें प्रधान कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया. इस कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुए मुख्य कारखाना इंजीनियर श्री के.पी.सोमकुंवर ने कहा कि कार्यालयीन कामकाज का प्रारंभ टिप्पण लेखन, पत्र का जवाब तथा पत्र के प्रेषण से होता है. सरकारी पदाधिकारी होने के नाते हमारा कर्तव्य है कि कार्यालयी पत्राचार का शुभारंभ राजभाषा से करें. इससे राजभाषा में पत्राचार की वृद्धि होगी और राजभाषा के प्रति नैतिक दायित्व के पूरा किया जा सकेगा.

इस कार्यशाला के प्रथम सत्र में उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ.श्याम सुंदर साहु ने राजभाषा नीति, उपबंध तथा विभिन्न प्रावधान आदि के बारे में जानकारी दी. दूसरे सत्र में वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने राजभाषा का व्यावहारिक ज्ञान दिया. उन्होंने विभिन्न विभागों के दैनंदिन कार्य को समझाते हुए प्रशासनिक शब्दावली की उपयोगिता की जानकारी दी और प्रतिभागियों को हिंदी में कार्य करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया. इसके बाद सिकंदराबाद मंडल के वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अरुण कुमार मंडल ने वाइस टाइपिंग का प्रयोग कंप्यूटर और मोबाइल पर करना सिखाया.







क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 154वीं बैठक

प्रधान कार्यालय, सिकंदराबाद में क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 154वीं बैठक दि.17.05.2017 को महाप्रबंधक श्री विनोद कुमार यादव की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित की गई. प्रधान कार्यालय और लालागुडा कराखाने को रेल मंत्री राजभाषा शील्ड मिलने पर बधाई देते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे राजभाषा के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट व अनुकरणीय कार्य कर रहा है, जिसका प्रमाण ये दोनों पुरस्कार हैं. इन पुरस्कारों की प्राप्ति से हमारी जिम्मेदारी और बढ़ जाती है. उन्होंने चाहा कि सभी अधिकारीगण राजभाषा के क्षेत्र में नए कार्य करने की दिशा में पहल करें जिससे हमारी रेलवे जन सुविधाएं संबंधी सूचनाएं सहज भाषा में उपलब्ध करा सके.

बैठक में उपस्थित सदस्यों का स्वागत करते हुए मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर श्री अर्जुन मुंदिया ने दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे पर हिंदी में हो कार्य पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त करते हुए तकनीकी स्वरूप के कार्य राजभाषा में करने की अवश्यकता पर विशेष बल दिया और अपने कार्यालयीन काम में वाइस टाइपिंग का प्रयोग करने के लिए कहा. उन्होंने चाहा कि स्टेशनों पर बोर्डों को द्विभाषिक रूप प्रदर्शित करने से पहले राजभाषा अनुभाग से अवश्य जांच करवा लें ताकि बोर्ड की भाषा सही रूप में जनता के समक्ष प्रदर्शित हो.

इस बैठक में रेलवे हिंदी सलाहकार समिति के सदस्य श्री दत्ताराम पुन्जाजी घुगे ने इस रेलवे पर राजभाषा में हो रहे कार्य की सरहाना की और इस रेलवे द्वारा प्रकाशित गृह पत्रिका 'रेलसुधा' में प्रकाशित रचनाओं की विशेष रूप में प्रशंसा की.

इस बैठक में प्रधान कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित पत्रिका 'रेलसुधा' के 34वें अंक का महाप्रबंधक महोदय के करकमलों से विमोचन किया गया.

रेलवे बोर्ड व्यक्तिगत नकद पुरस्कार योजना के अंतर्गत इस रेलवे के दो अधिकारियों, डॉ.ए.वी.एस.के.प्रसाद, उप मुख्य चिकित्सा निदेशक और श्रीमती ज्योत्स्ना पी.कुसुमाकर, वरिष्ठ मंडल कार्मिक अधिकारी, सिकंदराबाद मंडल को तथा पांच कर्मचारियों, श्रीमती टी.बी.पी.श्यामला, वरि.लिपिक, विजयवाडा मंडल, श्रीमती पी.वेंकटलक्ष्मी, मुख्य मेट्रन, गुंतकल मंडल, श्री विकास कुमार, स्टेशन मास्टर, हैदराबाद मंडल, श्री पी.बी.वी.एस.राममूर्ति, तकनीशियन, मुद्रणालय, श्री नवल कुमार, स्वास्थ्य निरीक्षक, नांदेड मंडल को पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ, जिसके प्रमाण पत्र का वितरण महाप्रबंधक महोदय के करकमलों से किया गया.

इस बैठक में अपर महाप्रबंधक, सभी प्रमुख विभागाधयक्ष, विभागाध्यक्ष, मंडलों के अपर मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, मुख्य कारखाना प्रबंधक, अध्यक्ष रेलवे भर्ती बोर्ड और अन्य अधिकारी उपस्थित थे.

बैठक के दौरान उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ.श्याम सुंदर साहु ने पिछली तिमाही के दौरान प्रधान कार्यालय, मंडलों और कारखानों द्वारा किए गए विशेष कार्यों की जानकारी दी और राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन संबंधी विविध मदों पर सभी कार्यालयों की स्थिति प्रस्तुत की.

उपस्थित सभी अधिकारियों ने अपने-अपने कार्यालयों में हिंदी में हो रहे कार्य और आगामी तिमाही में किए जानेवाली कार्ययोजना के बारे में संक्षिप्त जानकारी दी.

श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के साथ बैठक संपन्न हुई.







All five 'A1' Category Stations on SCR find place in Rankings for Top 20 Clean Stations on Indian Railways

Secunderabad Station is the 2nd Cleanest Station

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It was good tidings for South Central Railway when Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways released the Third Party Audit Report on Station Cleanliness after Inaugurating the Swachh Rail Portal at New Delhi on May 17, 2017.

All the five 'A1' category stations on the Zone earned a coveted rank amongst the top 20 'A1' stations on Indian Railways. The busiest, Secunderabad Station earned honors as the 2nd Cleanest Railway Station, followed by Vijayawada at 4th rank, Kacheguda at 11th rank, Hyderabad at 16th rank and Tirupati at 19th rank.

In the list of 'A' category stations on Indian Railways, Khammam Railway station stood as 2nd Cleanest Station. Mancheriyal stood at 5th, Warangal at 8th, Kazipet at 17th, Chirala at 25th and Nizamabad at 26th in the category, amongst the top 50.

In terms of Zonal rankings, South Central Railway was ranked at 4th position on Indian Railways, based on the average of total scores achieved by its 'A1' & 'A' Category Stations amongst 16 Zones on Indian Railways.

Indian Railways has started third party Cleanliness Index of Stations since last year. This index instills competitive spirit among the stations. The parameters adopted for conducting the rankings are, Evaluation of Process of cleanliness in Parking, main entry area, main platform, waiting room, (33.33%) direct observation by QCI assessors of cleanliness in these areas (33.33%) and passenger feedback (33.33%). A 24x7 control room is set up and images geo-tagged to monitor progress. The survey is conducted through interviews with respondents on the questionnaire on cleanliness indicators for each of the 407 stations across 16 Zonal Railways. Every passenger is asked to rate the cleanliness of stations objectively on 40 different cleanliness parameters. The Ministry of Railways has dedicated "SWACHH RAIL PORTAL" to showcase rankings of stations and trains, methodology adopted for rankings and stations/trains specific dashboards. This web portal http://www.railswachh.in will also be leveraged to seek passenger feedback on cleanliness on a continual basis.

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