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Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President with the winners of National Energy Conservation Awards 2017



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister flagging off Bidar-Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) from Bidar Railway Station

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- ☆ The new rail line project which covers 110.40 Kms has 12 new railway stations enroute.
- ☆ A total of 259 bridges, which include 01 important and 13 major bridges have come up as a part of the project work.
- ☆ 13 Road over Bridges (ROBs) and 51 Road under Bridges (RUBs) have been constructed on the project route, providing for road connectivity across the new railway line by grade separation and elimination of railway level crossings altogether.
- ☆ A major roadblock encountered in execution of the project related to the tunnel work to a length of 1.7 Kms near Margutti Railway Station, which was taken up in 2014-15 after obtaining clearance of the forest department. Most of this tunnel work passed through an area which had inferior quality rock, requiring highly skilled work execution in stages by way of heading and benching, followed by permanent steel structural support duly encased in concrete lining. The fag end of the tunneling work covered a soft soil section of 120 metres which put a spanner to the task. This needed a 24/7 work schedule to strengthen the soft soil portion of the tunnel and complete the work within stipulated time.



**Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister
Dedicates New Railway Line to the Nation and
Flags off DEMU Train Service between Bidar – Gulbarga (Kalaburagi)**

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India dedicated the New Railway Line between Bidar and Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) to the Nation and Flagged off DEMU Train Service between Bidar – Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) at a function held on October 29, 2017 at Bidar Railway Station.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Coal, Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Statistics & Programme Implementation; Shri Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs; Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Shri R V Deshpande, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries and Infrastructure Development, Govt. of Karnataka; Shri Eshwara B. Khandre, Hon'ble Minister for Municipalities, Local Bodies & Public Enterprises and Bidar District In-charge Minister, Govt. of Karnataka; Dr. Basawaraj Patil, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Shri Bhagwant Khuba, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bidar and Shri B S Yeddyurappa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament were present on the occasion.

The New Railway line between Bidar – Gulbarga (Kalaburagi), which criss crosses the Bidar and Kalaburagi Districts, has brought a vast extent of the region on to the Railway Map for the first time, opening up new vistas of economic, industrial and agricultural growth. The project, funded jointly by Railways and the Karnataka State Government on 50:50 basis, extends to a length of 110.40 Kms, and has been completed at a cost of Rs.1542 Crs.

Work was taken up in the 1st Phase between Khanapur – Humnabad for a length of 37.20 kms while in the 2nd Phase, the balance portion between Humnabad – Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) was completed to a length of 73.19 kms. 12 New Railway Stations have come up enroute. To begin with, two pairs of Passenger Services will be running in the section.

The new Bidar – Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) rail line is going to offer a very convenient and faster transport access from Bidar/Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) to various cities. The distance from Bidar to Bengaluru will be reduced by 52 kms, from Bidar to Mumbai by 115 kms, since the trains can run directly towards Kalaburagi and further. The distance towards North of India will also get reduced, while the new route will also act as an alternative rail route access from Kalaburagi towards Hyderabad too.



South Central Railway registers Top Record amongst all Zones on Indian Railways in achieving Key Performance Indicators.

Achievement Registered during Half Yearly Performance analysis for all Zones during 2017-18 Fiscal

South Central Railway has registered the top place in performance amongst all the 16 Zones on Indian Railways for the half yearly period from April to September, 2017 in the current fiscal. The attainment is based on analysis of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), which have been evaluated in detail and intimated to all the Zones by the Railway Board on December 13, 2017.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager expressed happiness with the achievement of SCR, in the very first instance of analyzing the Key Performance Indicators for all Zones by the Railway Board. He complimented the workforce of the Zone for the Performance and expressed optimism to achieve and better the targets for the balance months of the current fiscal, as directed by the Chairman, Railway Board.

The Ministry of Railways had come out with a target plan, basing on which Annual Performance Agreements (Memorandum of Understanding) along with target for 2017-18 were signed between General

Managers of all Zonal Railways and Secretary, Railway Board. In this MoU, the General Managers had agreed to achieve the targets set, related to 27 identified parameters called Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

SCR achieved the highest 71.90 % of marks amongst the Sixteen Zones of Indian Railways on all the combined KPI's. SCR was followed by South Eastern Railway with 69.09 % and Western Railway with 66.29 % at the Second and Third places.

In the Operational and Financial segment of the KPIs, SCR registered Revenue Earnings of Rs. 7717.49 Crore; Originating Passenger Traffic of 192.54 Million and Freight Loading of 48.34 Million Tonnes & Punctuality of Train Services registered, was 95 %.

In the Segment of Capacity Enhancement, which primarily covers Infrastructure development, New Lines have been completed to a length of 40 kms; Electrification of Railway Lines completed to a length of 443 Kilometers; Doubling

has been completed to a length of 17 kms; 23 Unmanned Level Crossings have been eliminated and increase in average speed of Freight Trains by 21.10 kms per hour.

Capacity Utilization is another segment of the KPIs which has shown visible increase on SCR. The existing Track length has been replaced (Track Renewal) to a length of 229 kms; Average Diesel Loco Utilization registered as 480 kms and Electric Loco Utilization registered as 429 kms.

Asset Reliability, another vital segment of the KPI, which speaks of quality maintenance standards, has also shown remarkable improvement on SCR. Rail failures have been brought down to 95 incidents; Diesel Loco failures has been pegged to 60 cases; Electric Loco failure has been pegged to 71 cases and Over Head Equipment Failures have been kept to 2 cases. No accident per million train kms has been recorded on the Zone. In the aspect of Manpower, increase in training man days per employee and grievance redressal efficiency index has also shown excellent results on SCR.

Highlights of performance of SCR

The performance of South Central Railway during the period April to December 2017 is in upward trend in all spheres as compared to the same period during last year. The Originating Earnings, No. of Passengers Carried and its Earnings, Goods Loading and its Earnings comparing with last year are depicted in graphical manner below.



Originating Earnings (in Crore)
(up to Apr-Dec'17)



Passengers Carried (in Millions)
(up to Apr-Dec'17)



Passenger Earnings (in Crore)
(up to Apr-Dec'17)



Goods Loading (in Million Tonnes)
(up to Apr-Dec'17)



Goods Earnings (in Crore)
(up to Apr-Dec'17)

South Central Railway observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2017 “My Vision – Corruption Free India”

South Central Railway observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 4th November 2017, as directed by the Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi. This week is observed to coincide with the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhai Patel falling on October 31, 2017. Sardar Patel is credited with the setting up of administrative structure of Government of India post independence. The objective of the Vigilance Awareness Week is to bring about alertness amongst the public and government employees through participative and proactive vigilance management and to remove the menace of corruption.

The inaugural programme to commence the Vigilance Awareness Week 2017 was held at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad on October 30, 2017 with a seminar on the theme for current year's Vigilance Awareness Week “My Vision – Corruption Free India”. Shri P Sharath Kumar, Advisor to the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Police graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager presided over the function. Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager, Senior Officers and staff were also present.



Addressing the seminar, Shri Sharath Kumar opined that corruption is basically a demand – supply link and the supply side is vital to negate corruption. Ethicality plays an important role in the fight against corruption. He advocated that private sector corruption which basically relates to the supply side, should also

be brought under the purview of vigilance commission for more effective monitoring of corruption. Shri Sharath Kumar also stressed on the use of technology towards vigilance and identification of fraudulent and corrupt practices, and added that this has enabled block over two lakh shell companies, in the recent times. Acknowledging the relevance of the current year's theme of “My Vision – Corruption Free India”, the speaker said



that corruption is akin to Brahma Padarth, the mythological term for God's creation which is invisible. Shri Sharath Kumar also gave a detailed presentation on methods employed by the various agencies to increase their business at the cost of their Customers' hard earned money. He cautioned the audience to make it a habit to ensure that they get quality of service they pay for. He also released a Vigilance Bulletin of South Central Railway, brought out on the occasion.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav presiding over the function, stated that steps like e-procurement, e-auction, e-tendering, e-payments have resulted in eliminating complaints. He added that the South Central Railway has introduced CCTV surveillance in areas like Departmental examinations, Parcel Offices and Station cleanliness etc., to have transparency. The General Manager highlighted that, apart from the technological initiatives, the Railway has been working for dissemination of information through the Official website to benefit the stakeholders viz., Passengers, Freight-loaders, Contractors and Suppliers. Shri John Thomas cautioned against

corrupt practices which reduce the quality of service resulting in making the organization economically unviable in the long run. He stated that the Vigilance Awareness Week helps in generating awareness about corruption and provides an opportunity to explore ways to improve transparency and eradicate corruption.

Shri Ashesh Agrawal, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer welcomed the gathering and gave an account of the activities of the Vigilance department during the year. He stated that the Vigilance team of South Central Railway is conducting over 1300 preventive Vigilance Checks. He also informed that during the Week, the Vigilance Department conducts various programmes such as Quiz Contests, Skits and Presentation of case studies at Headquarters and Divisional offices. A special drive is also undertaken to generate public and staff awareness against corruption by launching campaign through posters and personal counseling by Vigilance Officials at important public and staff contact areas in the field. He hoped that these measures will bring down corruption at grass root level to move towards a Corruption Free India.

Vigilance Awareness Week

30th October to 4th November 2017

It takes less time to do a thing right,
than to explain why you did it wrong.

Somebody once said that in looking
for people to hire,
you look for three qualities:
integrity, intelligence, and energy.
And if you don't have the first,
the other two will kill you.

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SCR Conducts Chief Freight Traffic Managers Conference of All Zonal Railways



South Central Railway hosted Chief Freight Traffic Managers Conference of the Indian Railways on 5th & 6th October, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Shri Mohd. Jamshed, Member Traffic, Railway Board, New Delhi visited South Central Railway Headquarters on October 6, 2017 and addressed the All India Conference of Chief Freight Transportation Managers (CFTMs) of all Zones at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. In addition to the CFTMs, other senior officials from the Freight Transportation Directorate of Railway Board including Shri Ambrish K Gupta, Additional Member (Traffic Transportation) attended the meeting. Shri N Madhusudana Rao, Principal Chief Operations Manager, SCR was also present.

The Member Traffic, Railway Board laid emphasis on the priority areas for Indian Railways, as spelt out by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Railways and stated that the same shall be the mission area for attaining goals. He said that Safety on Railways in terms of maintenance of the existing infrastructure, both Rolling Stock Infra and Fixed Infra shall be to the optimum, so as to ensure utmost Safety levels. Towards this, Indian Railways is looking into track renewal wherever due on the existing system as the first priority before taking up rail laying for new lines, doubling etc. To meet the requirements, it is planned to invite Global Players for supply of Rails, he added. The Member Traffic stated that total Electrification of the Indian Railway Network is on cards, and work will be expedited so as to Electrify the entire balance network of 33, 000 Route Kilometers on Indian Railways in next four years.

Speaking on the Freight Traffic front which is the prime revenue earner, Shri Mohd. Jamshed said that there is a need to undertake fundamental changes in the way the running of

Freight Trains is involved. He added that, for the first time, Time Tabled Freight Trains will get into the Indian Railways Time Table. The key element for increasing freight traffic and resultant revenue is to look into mobility issues concerning streamlined and smooth running of Goods Trains which needs exemplary co-ordination between various departments and Zones. The Member Traffic expressed optimism that the Indian Railways Freight loading target of 1180 Million Tonnes for the current financial year will be met, by means of a commitment from all the Freight Transportation Manager's to perform efficient and deliver results. He also wanted the Zones to concentrate on Coal Loading on Railways, which is expected to show a surge in demand. Shri Jamshed stressed on the fact that perfect planning, keeping issues such as Foggy weather conditions, anticipated commodity traffic trends, innovation of alternate ideas to serve freight customer needs etc., will enable achieve freight targets for Indian Railways.

Shri Mohd Jamshed, Member Traffic, Railway Board inspected Secunderabad Railway Station

Shri Mohd. Jamshed inspected Secunderabad Railway Station on October 6, 2017. He was accompanied by Shri Amit Varadan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division; Shri M G Sekharam, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, SCR;



Shri N Madhusudana Rao, Principal Chief Operations Manager, SCR.

Member Traffic during his inspection undertook extensive inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station and checked passenger amenities available at the station and interacted with a cross section of rail users to seek their feedback on the quality of rail services provided. He also reviewed the Security Surveillance System at the Station which monitors the entire premises including rush of passengers at various locations, suspicious movements etc., 24 x7. He was also apprised on the plans afoot for further developing of passenger amenities at the station.

Later, the Member Traffic along with Shri Arun Kumar Jain, Hyderabad Division and the Principal Chief Operations Manager, SCR undertook a rear window Tower Car inspection of the Secunderabad-Falaknuma-Umdanagar Suburban Section.



South Central Railway enters into a MoU with Indian School of Business

South Central Railway and Indian School of Business (ISB) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in Capacity Building and Research. The MoU was exchanged by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR and



Inspiring others is what is needed for a Leader, he opined. He also added that risk taking is essential to challenge status quo and overcome limitations. Speaking on value creation, Prof. Rajendra Srivastava, spoke on Customer Value and

Prof. Rajendra Srivastava, Dean, ISB on December 6, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Prior to that, the Dean, ISB and Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, SCR jointly signed the MoU.

The MoU broadly envisages co-operation and engagement between the two entities' towards Research and Knowledge sharing. The forms of co-operation and engagement cover:

- ➔ **Hosting of Leadership Lecture Series** by faculty from ISB on topics such as Leadership, Strategy Management, Negotiations skills, Change Management etc., which are critical for the Railway Officers.
- ➔ **Holding of Capacity Building Workshops** to train and update Officers of SCR in areas like Performance Management, Strategy Management, Change Management etc., encompassing various topics as Infrastructure, Project Management, Customer Relationship Management, Operations, Revenue Management, Innovations etc.,
- ➔ **Undertaking Collaborative Research** involving both the institutions on critical issues like Brand Capitalization, Customer Satisfaction, Operational Efficiency, Business Innovation etc., which impact the efficiency and service delivery of the organization.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR in his address to all the Principal Heads of Departments, Divisional Railway Manager's and other Senior Officials stated that this tie up of SCR and ISB is an excellent initiative towards enhancing the Management

and Operational Skills of the decision makers, in tune with the present day challenges of the market. Appreciating the positive work culture and team spirit prevalent on SCR, the General Manager said that the track record of the Zone, which has been awarded five performance efficiency shields at All India level last year, speaks of the commitment of the workforce. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav expressed optimizing that the Lectures, Workshops and Research activities of ISB will infuse a fresh dynamism on SCR and inculcate new perspectives of Management towards success. He thanked the Dean, ISB for formalizing the MoU in a short time, after it was discussed by the two.

Delivering the first lecture of the series, Prof. Rajendra Srivastava, Dean, ISB espoused the learning philosophy of the Business School, Leadership lessons and value creation. He stressed on Research, Inquiry and Managerial Action as the key elements that enable multi disciplinary thinking, to build up an Organization. Drawing upon history and comparing its similarity with the new world, the Professor spoke of Leaders as Mahatma Gandhi and Abdul Kalam in the same vein as Satya Nadella and Bill Gates who all had a vision and the capability for problem solving.

Innovation which leads to doing things better. Citing several successful Business Models, the Professor wanted that there shall be competition for a Customer's Business and it should be won by Operational efficiency. Evolution of a brand is important, he stressed on the Railways to take on competition by means of coming up with plans that match Customer needs. The Professor expressed confidence that Integration of Research and Training will give a new thrust to the Railways. The Lecture was followed by a Question and Guidance session, during which Prof. Rajendra Srivastava interacted with the Railway Officers and shared his thoughts on their questions.

Amongst the Railway Officials present was, Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager, SCR. From the ISB, Shri Kumara Guru, Director, External Relations, ISB;

Ms. Mamata Reddy, Senior Associate Director, Centre for Executive Education, ISB and Shri Sandeep, Senior Manager, External Relations, ISB graced the program. Shri M. Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, SCR presented the welcome address and conducted the program.



General Manager inspects Rain hit Gooty–Dharmavaram Section



The incessant rainfall in the region had its impact on rail operations on the busy Gooty–Dharmavaram Section of Guntakal Division on October 12, 2017. With continuous downpour, the section saw water flowing dangerously close to the rail track at two locations, between Kalluru – Pamidi and between Kalluru – Khaderpet from the early morning hours and later overflowing the rail track itself.

Information was received from the Gatemen, Shri Razack Vali at Railway Level Crossing No.144 and Shri Hariprasad at Railway Level Crossing No.1 that between Kalluru – Pamidi at around 06.30 hrs that water is flowing briskly close to the Railway track. Immediately, the Junior Engineer, Permanent Way, Kalluru was intimated to proceed to the spot and check on the position. In the meanwhile, Train No. 18463 Prashanti Express was safely escorted through the route at 06.45 hrs.

Basing on the information shared by the Junior Engineer, Kalluru that the water level was raising fast and a bank slip has occurred between Kms 244/0 – 244/9, the Senior Section Engineer of the section and the Assistant Divisional Engineer, Anantapur reached the spot at 07.50 hrs. On close scrutiny, they found that the water flow has risen to the cess level and seepage of water has occurred besides the railway track. Analyzing the need, a speed restriction of 20 kmph was imposed in the affected section.

But, more rain was in store (about 120 mm) in the surrounding mandals of Urvakonda and Vajrakarur, the catchment area of Penna River which presented a challenge situation. The flood water level rose still more to flow close to Railway Bridge No. 45 (Penna Bridge) at Km. 241/1-2. The Assistant Divisional Engineer too who was at the bridge site monitoring the flood water, allowed Train No. 12628 Karnataka Express to pass the bridge at a cautious speed of 15 kmph per hour at 09.30 hrs. It was observed that due to flood water, there was erosion of formation and bank slipping beside the abutment of the railway bridge no. 45. The affected track length was about 25 to 30 meters and about 40% width of formation was washed away, with the sleepers hanging precariously.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inspected the rain affected section to analyse the impact of the rail damage and oversee restoration work. He was accompanied by the Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division and other Officials. The General Manager visited the affected Penna Bridge too. He advised officials to undertake restoration works wherever needed by utilizing required men, machinery & material. He advised officials undertaking the work to closely monitor track strength in the section so as to ensure total safety in train operations. He also wanted that required facilities and amenities be provided to passengers on board the trains which were diverted / partially cancelled and also arrange for required Catering facilities etc so as to take care of their needs.



Immediately as soon as the water level started receding, the restoration work commenced on a massive scale at 15:00 hrs, by means of diverting the water flow upstream so as not to obstruct the work. A total of 8 Hitachi Machines along with a strength of 200 labour force were engaged for the work, towards which the required quantity of material i.e., sand, ballast, sleepers etc., was shifted to the work spots in the quickest possible time. The relentless efforts of the entire Railway workforce involved in the restoration work, who braved the tough work conditions, enabled complete the entire restoration of the affected Railway line in the section in a record time by midnight and the track was certified fit to commence normal rail operations at around 02.00 hrs (intervening night of 12th–13th October, 2017).

Around 46 trains were diverted on account of the track breach, but consequent to restoration of the rail line, several trains were put back to run on the original route itself, so as to minimize inconvenience to rail users. The General Manager was appreciative of the commitment of the railway staff, supervisors and officers for having brought the section back to normal in the shortest possible time, thereby enabling rail users travel more conveniently to their destinations.

Mobile App Launched to Educate Railway Staff

Shri N Madhusudan Rao, Principal Chief Operations Manager launched a mobile application for updated information for Railway staff on all subject matters concerning Operating and Commercial departments at Zonal



Railway Training Institute (ZRTI), Moula Ali, Secunderabad on October 17, 2017. He interacted with the trainees at ZRTI and advised them to perform their duties perfectly and said that most of the unusual incidents occur because of not following the rules and advised them to go through each one of the rules and strictly adhere. Shri K V Rao, Chief Traffic

Manager/G&PP, Shri ALN Reddy, Principal, ZRTI also participated in the Program.

Speaking on the Occasion, Shri Madhusudan Rao stated that the App is very much useful and helpful to the down level staff also

because they can view the information and get their knowledge updated with latest information, Circulars etc with regard to issues pertaining to operating and commercial departments. He opined that the Nation is moving towards digitalization in every aspect, so Railway is also planning to digitalize all the documents and registers such as Train Signal Registers, Private Number

Exchange Registers etc. Further, he advised the staff to improve their skills and knowledge to meet the requirements of the Nation. He appreciated the ZRTI faculty for developing such a useful mobile app.

The Mobile App is uploaded in Google Play Store which can be downloaded by staff in any smart mobile with Android compatibility. The faculty of ZRTI will upload the mobile app with updated information, amendments and important circulars etc. The updated information up to the last updated time will remain for reference when the user is offline. The app also contains animated clippings on Train working during abnormal conditions.

Indian Railways and German Railways sign Joint Declaration of intent on carrying out a feasibility study on existing Chennai-Kazipet corridor for increasing the speed of trains to 200 kmph



A Joint Declaration of Intent was signed between Ministry of Railways and Germany today October 10, 2017 at Rail Bhavan, New Delhi in the presence of Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board regarding carrying out of feasibility study on existing Chennai-Kazipet corridor of Indian Railways by German Railways for increasing the speed of passenger trains to 200 kmph on 50:50 percent cost sharing basis.

The current Joint Declaration of Intent is intended to deepen the cooperation, more specifically towards the achievement in the priority area of Semi High Speed Rail: the upgrading of current passenger services to SHS (Semi High Speed) upto 200 kmph on the Chennai-Kazipet corridor (643 km).

The Project is envisaged to consist of three phases to be carried out over a 22 month period with the objectives to provide:

Phase 1: Definition of three demand-based Upgrade scenarios for the corridor.

Phase 2: Selection of the preferred Upgrade scenario for SHS on the corridor, based on Analysis of respective operations and economic-financial impact.

Phase 3: For preferred scenario, Reference design and technical Tender document:

1. Development of Reference design for technical solution on preferred Upgrade scenario.
2. Procurement concept for Construction works and Railway Systems.
3. Concept and Requirements for construction phasing under Railway Operations.
4. Preparation of technical tender documents for preferred Scenario usable for Design & Build tendering.

5. Development of recommendations on the implications for a larger SHS program for India.
6. Possible financing options for the implementation of the corridor.

The cost of the feasibility study will be shared 50:50 percent by the Ministry of Railways of the Government of India and Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. The final terms and conditions of carrying out of this feasibility study shall be completed through signing a separate Agreement.

A Protocol on cooperation in Rail sector was signed between both sides in May, 2016 in Germany, with following priority areas.

- Concepts for increasing the design and the actually driven speeds;
- Concepts for increasing the capacity of railway lines in passenger and goods transport;
- Concepts for improving operational safety to avoid incidents and accidents;
- Concepts for reducing operational costs, in particular by means of energy efficient railway Operations;
- Concepts for the cooperation between education and training facilities in India and
- Germany with the objective of enhancing the railway know how;
- Supporting the expansion of the high speed and semi high speed network;
- Joint development of user oriented standards and norms for India with the participation of the competent regulatory authorities;
- Concepts for speed raising on longer stretches for multiple traffic;
- Concepts for station redevelopment on modern lines.

Salient Features of Chennai-Kazipet Corridor

- Route: Chennai-Gudur Jn-Nellore-Tenali Jn-Vijayawada Jn-Warangal-Kazipet Jn Total length of the corridor – 643 km (135 km in Southern Railway and 508 km in South Central Railway) and the entire corridor is electrified.
- Divisions Involved: Chennai (135 km), Vijayawada (311 km) & Secunderabad (197 km).
- The maximum sectional speed on the corridor is 110 kmph in Southern Railway and 120 kmph for South Central Railway.
- There are 216 (Southern Railway-68 & South Central Railway-148) level crossings on the corridor and all are manned.
- There are 1979 (Southern Railway-514 & South Central Railway-1465) number of bridges on this corridor.
- There is only one direct train from Kazipet to Chennai i.e. Train No. 12760/Charminar SF Express taking 11 hours 20 minutes with 13 stoppages at an average speed of 57 kmph.
- Majority of the trains are from Warangal to Chennai (638 km) and the fastest train is Train no. 12433/12434 Rajdhani Express taking 8 hours 29 minutes with average speed of 75.3 kmph with one stoppage at Vijayawada.
- Details of coaching trains on the route: Garib Rath-1, Janshatabdi-1, Superfast-40, MailExpress-21 & Holiday Special-8, Total-71.
- Total number of enroute stations – 108 (Southern Railway-28 & South Central Railway-80).
- Total number of stations where platform is on the mainline – 29 (Southern Railway-23 & South Central Railway-06).
- Southern Railway – Automatic/Absolute signaling, SCR-Mainly absolute and MACLS.



Secunderabad Railway Station gets IGBC – CII Silver Rating. First Railway Station on Indian Railways to get the Certification



Secunderabad Railway Station has earned the distinction of being the first Railway Station to be certified as 'Green Railway Station' by the Indian Green Building Council – Confederation of Industry (IGBC-CII), in association with Indian Railways. The Station has bagged the coveted Silver Rating in the category, adding yet another feather to the cap of SCR.

Mr. Tai Lee Siang, Chairman and Ms. Terri Wills, Chief Executive Officer, World Green Building Council presented the Shield, Plaque & Certification of the coveted honour to the officials of Secunderabad

Division, SCR during the Green Building Congress-2017 held at Jaipur on October 5, 2017. The Certification is valid for a period of 3 years.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR who was instrumental in drawing the plan to meet the norms for Green Railway Station Certification for Secunderabad, was highly appreciative of the Officials involved in attaining the achievement.

Secunderabad Railway Station holds a total area of 13.34 acres and has got several 'Green' inputs which enabled the Certification Rating. There are 408 different species of trees available in the station area, organic fertilizers and pesticides are being used, Solar Photo Voltaic installation cover 41.2 % of the exposed station roof area, 500 Kwp Solar Plant has been installed in 2016, which generates 2500 units of power per day,

accounting for 37 % of Energy requirements of the station, leading to savings of Rs. 72.92 Lakh annually. The lawn and shade area is to the extent of 12876.00 Square Meters, covering around 55% of total area. With a total number of 4864 fixtures, Secunderabad station is 100% LED lit.

Amongst the other Green initiatives in practice at Secunderabad Railway Station are, a Sewerage Treatment Plant with a capacity of 5 Lakh Liters per day, availability of Central waste collection for hazardous, wet and dry substances, bottle crushing machine, CO2 sensors provided at AC waiting halls, certified Green products used for Cleanliness and maintenance, energy and water audit conducted once in three years, 100% hot water through Solar Power plant (1600 Liters per day), Rain water harvesting pits at circulating area and sub metering for energy and water usage.

SCR, the first on Indian Railways to Sign Energy Performance agreements with M/s. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a JV of Power Ministry

South Central Railway has earned yet another distinction of being the first Zone on Indian Railways, where all the Six Divisions of the Zone viz., Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur & Nanded Divisions have signed Energy Performance Agreements with M/s. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a Joint Venture Company of PSUs of Ministry of Power, Government of India under Energy Service Company (ESCO) model at a time. The agreement was signed October 10, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad by the officials of

South Central Railway & Energy Efficiency Services Limited.

The agreement signed, is to implement Energy Efficiency projects at 22 selected 'A1' & 'A' class stations on the Zone as per Railway Board guidelines involving provision of Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, super energy efficient Brushless DC electric motor (BLDC) ceiling fans and super energy efficient Inverter ACs replacing conventional



lights, conventional ceiling fans and conventional Air-conditioners involving an approximate Energy Savings of 9.8 Lakh Units per annum amounting to Rs. 88 Lakh.

Kacheguda Railway Station – First Energy Efficient Railway Station on Indian Railways

Kacheguda Railway Station has earned the unique distinction of being the First Energy Efficient 'A1 Category' Railway Station on Indian Railways. Kacheguda Railway Station on Hyderabad Division of South Central Railway has achieved the 100% Energy Efficiency by replacing 1312 conventional lights with Light-emitting diode (LED) Lighting, 370 ceiling fans with Brushless DC Electrical (BLDC) motors energy efficient fans and 12 no's of Air Conditioners with energy efficient Inverter type Air Conditioners.

With the provision of these energy efficient LED luminaries, BLDC fans and Inverter type AC units, it will save about 1.76 Lakh units and Rs. 14.08 Lakhs per

annum with reduction of the connected load by 46.18 kW for Railways. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager complimented Shri Arun Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division for the achievement. The initiative was possible on account of the efforts of Shri V. Venkata Ramana, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer and Shri P. Prem Kumar, Senior Section Electrical Engineer, Kacheguda who put in extensive efforts which made it possible to achieve this distinction.

The Kacheguda Railway station is a historic and the most beautiful Station building on South Central Railway and one of the landmarks of Hyderabad city

which has completed 100 years. Situated in the Heart of the city of Hyderabad. This imposing structure was built in the year 1916 by the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway during the reign of Mir Osman Ali Khan, the seventh Nizam.



South Central Railway receives 2 National Energy Conservation Awards for 2017



South Central Railway has received two National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2017, presented by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India. These awards are in recognition of its achievements in the arena of energy conservation. The Award Ceremony was held on December 14, 2017 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Two awards are

1. **"Second Prize" in Office & BPO Buildings (above 10 Lakh kWh/year) sector to Sanchalan Bhavan, Divisional Railway Office, Secunderabad Division.**
2. **"Certificates of Merit" in Office & BPO Buildings (above 10 Lakh kWh/year) sector to Secunderabad Station Building.**

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager received the Award for the Office & BPO Buildings category i.e for Sanchalan Bhavan, Secunderabad Divisional Office from Shri R K Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India. Shri Amit Varadan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division accompanied the General Manager to receive the award. The Certificate of Merit for Secunderabad Station Building was received by Shri A Koteswara Rao, Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Secunderabad Division.

Brief on the background of Awards:

1. Sanchalan Bhavan Building, Divisional Railway Office, Secunderabad Division:

Sanchalan Bhavan building, received 2nd prize in the Office & BPO Buildings (Above 10 lakh kWh) sector in National Energy conservation Award, has seen savings in electrical energy to the tune of 2.7 Lakh units/annum and savings



in terms of an amount of Rs. 8 Lakhs/ annum duly adopting various energy policy methods as -

- Adopting /going for energy efficient and environment friendly equipment -technologies.
- Promoting and increasing Use of Renewable energy resources.
- Adopting National Energy Conservation norms and codes in new building constructions as well as in existing buildings.
- Conducting periodic Energy Audits and implementing all improvement measures.
- Creation of awareness on energy conservation amongst all employees.
- Monitoring and review of energy performances vis-à-vis targets.
- Sharing and enriching our experiences on energy conservation within our Division, other Divisions and also on other Zones over Indian Railways.
- Complying with National Energy legislations and other related legislations.

2. Certificate of Merit to Secunderabad Railway Station building:

Secunderabad Station Building, which

received Certificate of Merit in the Office & BPO Buildings (Above 10 lakh kWh) sector in National Energy conservation Awards has seen Savings in electrical energy to the tune of 8.2 Lakh units/annum and savings in terms of an amount of Rs. 67 Lakhs/annum duly adopting various energy policy methods as -

- Adopting /going for energy efficient and environment friendly equipment -technologies.
- Promoting and increasing Use of Renewable energy resources.
- Adopting National Energy Conservation norms and codes in new building constructions as well as in existing buildings.
- Conducting periodic Energy Audits and implementing all improvement measures.
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- Sharing and enriching our experiences on energy conservation within our Division, other Divisions and also on other Zones over Indian Railways.



Elimination of Unmanned Level Crossing to Ensure Safety is Priority for SCR

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager conducted intensive review meetings on Safety, Punctuality, Freight loading, Passenger amenities and cleanliness at regular intervals at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad along with Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) from all six Divisions i.e. Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded attended the meeting through video conference.

The General Manager stressed upon according top priority to ensure safety related works and instructed the Officials to ensure elimination of all Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on the zone by the end of 2018. He informed that the safety aspects related to UMLCs are monitored by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways on a regular basis. General Manager instructed the officials to conduct focused inspections on the

safety aspects and to counsel the staff to avoid unusual incidents and to ensure safe rail travel. Further he instructed all DRMs to send the proposals for safety related works immediately as it is the top priority item related to safety and monitored by the Railway Board. Further he advised to speed up the elimination of UMLC gates works over the zone.

Speaking on the punctuality, General Manager, South Central Railway instructed the Officials to make action plans to improve the punctuality above 95% over the zone. General Manager instructed the officials to focus for early completion of ongoing foot over bridge (FOB) works and widening of platforms and instructed to take proper initiatives in crowd managements. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav complimented the officials for good maintenance of the employee's facilitation hub at Head quarters in solving the grievances and he advised

the officials to establish these type of facility hubs at all the divisional offices also. Further, he instructed the officials to take up the quarter's repair works as priority item over SCR and to complete early.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, presented "Man of the Month" safety awards to 44 employees for showing alertness in the duty and taking timely action to prevent unsafe conditions.

Shri John Thomas, Addl. General Manager along with Shri K Siva Prasad, PCE; Shri N Madhusudana Rao, PCOM; Shri M G Sekharam, PCCM; Shri Arjun Mundiya, PCME; Shri A A Phadke, PCEE; Shri V M Srivastava, PCSTE; Smt. Padmini Radha Krishnan, PFA; Shri D K Singh, CSO; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, PCPO and Shri KHK Dora, PCMD were amongst the officials present during the meetings held.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager with the 'Man of the Month' Awardees

Mission Indradhanush, Immunization Drive Conducted at Central Railway Hospital, Secunderabad

An Intensified Immunization vaccination drive "Mission Indradhanush Programme" was conducted at Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on October 8, 2017. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director; Dr. TSR Murthy, Medical Director; Dr. C K Venkateswarlu, Chief Health Director; Dr. S K Mahapatra, Chief Physician; Senior Doctors and Nursing staff of Central Hospital, Lallaguda Secunderabad, conducted the program.

The aim of this mission is to identify the unimmunised and partially immunised children and immunise them against 7 preventable diseases under cover of

Universal Immunisation Programme including pregnant women also. A team of Paramedical staff were sent to Railway Colonies and surrounding areas to educate parents about this mission and to identify

drop out children and immunise them. Wide publicity was given in Railway Colonies and Workshops regarding the programme. Railway Employee Children's and Outsiders were also vaccinated.



Shri Kadiyam Srihari, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, TS holds Meeting with GM

Shri Kadiyam Srihari, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State held a meeting with Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR on October 9, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.



Hon'ble Members of Parliament Shri K. Sitaram Naik, Mahbubabad; Shri P Dayakar, Warangal; Hon'ble MLAs – Shri T Vinay Bhaskar, Warangal (West); Smt. Konda Surekha, Warangal (East); Shri N Narender, Hon'ble Mayor, Warangal, Ms. K Amrapalli, IAS, District Collector, Warangal; Ms. Shruti Ojha, Commissioner, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation along with Senior Officials from Roads & Buildings Department, Telangana State, Principal Heads of Departments

and Senior Officials of Railways were also present.

The meeting discussed on issues pertaining to developmental works at Kazipet, Warangal, Mahbubabad areas on Secunderabad Division.

Smt K.Kavitha, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nizamabad meets General Manager

Smt. Kalvakuntla Kavitha, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nizamabad met Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager on November 9, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Hon'ble MLAs – Shri Bajireddy Govardhan, Shri B Ganesh Gupta, Shri A Jeevan Reddy, Shri Md. Shakil, Shri G Vittal Reddy, Shri K Vidyasagar Rao, Shri P Madhu participated. Shri John Thomas, AGM; Shri M G Sekharam, PCCM; Shri Vijay Agrawal, PCAO (Construction), Shri Arun Kumar Jain, DRM, Hyderabad Division and Senior Officials of Railways were also present.

The meeting discussed on issues pertaining to developmental works at Nizamabad, Bodhan, Korutla and Jagityal areas.



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



Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Hon'ble MP, Bidar met General Manager on September 14, 2017



Shri Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, Hon'ble MP, Chevella met General Manager on November 9, 2017

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager meets Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager met Shri Dinesh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh today i.e., 7th December, 2017 at AP Secretariat, Velagapudi. Shri Vijay Agrawal, Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, SCR; Shri P. Srinivas, Chief Project Manager, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited and Shri R Dhananjayulu, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division were also present during the meeting.

The General Manager discussed on the progress of ongoing and new Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh state. The works related to new rail line, electrification, cost sharing of railway projects, elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings UMLCs, construction of ROB / RUB in the State were also reviewed in detail.

During the discussion the General Manager requested Chief Secretary to resolve the issues related to land accusation in a stretch of 38.5 acres in Guntur District for expediting laying of new railway line works between Nadikudi – Sri Kalahasti. He also requested to prioritize the ongoing Railway Projects in the state to facilitate allocation of funds. General Manager informed that the feasibility report on new railway line work connecting Amaravathi with an estimated cost of Rs. 3200 Crores has been sent to Railway Board. He sought the financial assistance from the Government of AP to make this project financially viable. During the meeting discussion were also held for nominating a Nodal Officers from Railways and State Government for formation of Joint Venture Company. The General Manager was thankful to the Govt. of AP for extending its co-operation to projects in the newly formed State.



Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman



Visit to Carriage Workshop Lallaguda

The Chairman Railway Board, later visited the Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda and inspected all the maintenance and repair shops at the Workshop. The Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri Arjun Mundiya and Chief Workshop Manager, Shri M Vijay Kumar briefed him on the modernization plan of the Workshop, which is considered to be one of the premier Coach Maintenance facility on Indian Railways. The CRB was impressed with the quality of work here and also expressed his appreciation for the technology up gradation, ambience and the green initiatives undertaken here.



Inspects Secunderabad Railway

Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman Railway Board (CRB) visited Secunderabad on December 6, 2017. During this maiden visit of the CRB to South Central Railway, he undertook an extensive inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station and Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda before addressing a meeting of Officers at Rail Nilayam, the Zone's Headquarters. He was accompanied by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager during his day long schedule. Commencing his visit with the inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station.

Shri Ashwani Lohani was all praise for the excellent standards of upkeep being maintained at the station. He undertook a check of the maintenance of platforms, the waiting rooms, toilets, retiring rooms, catering units, water dispensing facility circulating area etc. He was appreciative of the quality of services at the station. The Chairman was shown around the Security surveillance control room at Secunderabad station and was briefed on the Hawks eye being kept on the entire station premises through the CCTV Cameras and Monitors. He was also apprised of some cases, where the CCTVs helped nab culprits.



Addresses Meeting of Officers at Rail Nilayam

Later during the day, Shri Ashwani Lohani, reviewed the performance of the Zone at a meeting held at Rail Nilayam, which was attended by all Senior Officers of the Zone, besides the Divisional Railway Managers of all six divisions through video conferencing.



Addressing the meeting, the CRB said that SCR integrates the best work practices of the North and the South of India, owing to its own central location on the Indian Railway map. Calling upon the Railway Officials to accord utmost priority to safety, punctuality and mobility, he stated that these three aspects reflect the competence of Railways. There should be no unsafe condition on Railways, he stressed. He also wanted that the work process on Railways be simplified and a HR-centric approach be adopted.

Sharing his views, the Chairman Railway Board stated that the Women workforce shall be given all facilities at the workplaces. He wanted that the stakeholders of Railways should be considered as partners, so as to buildup a common positive approach towards taking the organization forward. He assured of all encouragement to the officers in their decision making and wanted them to work without fear.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager made a power point presentation on SCR's performance and achievements. The Divisional Railway Managers also interacted with the Chairman Railway Board.

Railway Board visits Secunderabad



Chairman Railway Board receives Green Building – Gold Rating Award for Rail Nilayam from Confederation of Indian Industry

The SCR Headquarters office building, Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad has been awarded the prestigious IGBC – Green Existing Building Gold Rating by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Indian Green Building Council (IGBC). The plaque of honour was presented to Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman Railway Board and Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR on December 6, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad by Shri C. Shekar Reddy, Chairman, IGBC, Hyderabad Chapter.

Rail Nilayam, which houses the Zonal Headquarters of SCR was built in 1969 over an area of 8.71 acres. The total built up area of the building is approximately 36797 Sq. meters extending over 4 blocks. The main Block 'A' comprises of 7 floors. Over 250 trees are planted all around the building, which handles employee strength of 2650.

The IGBC Gold Rating was achieved for the building by means of undertaking various water saving measures, waste management, Electrical energy saving & generation, water conservation, occupants comforts and other eco friendly practices. The Green practices in existing building will help address National issues like water efficiency, energy efficiency, reduction in fossil fuel use in commuting, handling of waste and conserving natural resources.



SCRSA hosts South Central Railway Golden Jubilee General Manager Chess Cup 2017-18

The South Central Railway Golden Jubilee General Manager Chess Cup 2017-18, hosted by South Central Railway Sports Association (SCRSA) and organized under the aegis of Telangana State Chess Association (TSCA) held at Rail Kalarang, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad from 25th to 27th December, 2017. The event was inaugurated by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager.

Addressing the gathering at the inaugural function, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager highlighted the encouragement being given to sports on Zone. This is possible because of the excellent environment being provided to the sports persons recruited by the Zone in various disciplines to hone their skills and perform to the best. The chess team of SCR also holds an excellent pool of players, who have bought laurels to Indian Railways. Shri M.Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, SCR and Secretary, Chess, SCR Sports Association welcomed the gathering and detailed on the objective of the Chess festival organized by SCRSA and TSCA. He spoke of the efforts made by the SCRSA in the conduct of this event and credited the General Manager, SCR as the main source of inspiration for the same.

The SCR Golden Jubilee General Manager Chess Cup saw over 200 players in action, from Telangana and several other states. Vikramjit Singh of



SCR is the top seed while V.Varun of Telangana is seeded second. The total prize money is Rs.2.38 lakh. The tournament was won by Saypuri Srithan, while V Varun was the Runner up. The third prize went to GV Srinivasa Rao.

Shri Arjun Mundiya, President, SCRSA; Shri E V Krishna Reddy, General Secretary, SCRSA, Shri A Narasimha Reddy, President, TSCA and Bar Council Chairman, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh State and Shri K S Prasad, Secretary, TSCA spoke on inaugural day. Shri M Umashankar Kumar Secretary/ Chess, SCRSA gave away the prizes along with Major Siva Prasad, Vice President and Shri K S Prasad, General Secretary, Telangana State Chess Association.



Master Yash Varma, Student of Railway Junior College, Secunderabad bags Medals in 63rd National School Games Federation of India

Master. Yash Varma Student of Junior Intermediate (1st Year CEC) of Railway Junior College, Tarnaka, Secunderabad participated and secured Gold Medal in 400 mtrs in Individual Medley & Bronze Medal in 200 mtrs in Butterfly Swimming category at the 63rd National School Games Federation of India on November 28, 2017. The Games were held from 26th to 30th November, 2017 in New Delhi. The Railway Junior College, Tarnaka, Secunderabad is being run by Hyderabad Division of SCR.



SCR Bags “1st Best Innovation” Award on Indian Railways

Ministry of Railways awarded “1st Best Innovation Award” to South Central Railway in the category of Suggestion Scheme of Best Innovations by Indian Railways for the year 2016-17. South Central Railway won the award for its innovative contribution in train operations with the idea of “Automatic Single Car Test Rig” developed by Carriage Work Shop, Lallaguda. This award comprises a cash prize of Rs.3 Lakhs. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager complimented Carriage Work Shop, Lallaguda for the achievement. The second best innovation award was given to Railway Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO), Lucknow and third best innovation award was given to Eastern Railway.

Automatic Single Car Test Rig designed and developed by Carriage Work Shop, Lallaguda is used to perform air brake testing on coaches to ensure proper functioning of Air Brake System. Automatic

Single Car Test Rig is designed with state of art programming, which makes it a unique product on Indian Railways. This system authenticates testing of Single Car Air Brake system which ensures Passenger safety in train operation. This machine is so designed that it can work in any climatic condition; robust and suitable for Railway working system. This is a portable machine which will give a power backup up to 6 hours.

The existing manual Air Brake testing system will consume more time and the testing parameters cannot be recorded whereas, the Automatic Single Car Test Rig minimizes the time for testing, avoids human errors, records the tested parameters and stores the data in the Database. The Automatic Single Car Test Rig is developed based on the Micro-Controller programming. The stored data can be printed in the standard format by connecting a printer using the USB port or the data can be transferred to any data



storage device. The machine is inbuilt with Data Base Management System (DBMS) to store the test parameters and the same can be retrieved to generate various reports and Managerial information. The stored information can also be used to analyze performance.

Rail Nilayam – the First fully LED-lit Headquarters Building on Indian Railways

Rail Nilayam, the Zonal Headquarters Office of South Central Railway has become the first fully LED lit Zonal Headquarters office building on Indian Railways, marking another major milestone in the endeavour of SCR towards energy conservation. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager appreciated the Electrical Department of the Zone

and Hyderabad Division for this achievement.

The achievement has been attained by replacing 3048 conventional light fittings with Energy Efficient LED lights. The connected load earlier, of conventional light fittings of Rail Nilayam was 112.25 KW which has been

reduced to 65.8KW after provision of the new LED lighting, lessening the connected load by 46.45 KW. This initiative is anticipated to ensure savings of around 1.33 Lakh Units per annum, thereby reducing the expenditure by Rs.10.64 lakhs per annum.

4 Divisions of the Zone are now fully LED-lit



Vijayawada Division



Guntakal Division

SCR has achieved yet another distinction as 4 of its 6 Divisions are now fully LED-lit taking a step closer towards eco-conservation.



Hyderabad Division



Guntur Division

Bramhasri "Chaganti Koteswar Rao" delivers Spiritual Discourse on "Srimad Ramayanam-Manaveeya Sambandhalu"

Eminent spiritual scholar Brahmasri Chaganti Koteswara Rao delivered spiritual discourse on "Srimad Ramayanam-Manaveeya Sambandhalu" amidst huge gathering of enthusiastic audience at Rail Kalarang, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad on October 14, 2017.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager participated in the program as the chief guest and felicitated Sri Chaganti Koteswar Rao with a shawl and a memento. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav

appreciated the contribution of Sri Chaganti Koteswar Rao in educating the people about Puranas, richness of the Great Hindu culture and Sanathana Dharma. Delivering the spiritual discourse on "Srimad Ramayanam-Manaveeya Sambandhalu", Shri Chaganti Koteswar Rao highlighted the importance of human relations for a happy family and healthy society. Emphasising on the Dharma called Pitru vakya Paripalana with reference to relations between Dasaratha Maharaja and

Sri Rama as depicted in Ramayana, he highlighted the deepest love and respect in between a father and son. He also defined the relationships between brotherhood, husband and wife, Mother and children, Teacher and Disciple with reference to various instances and events in the Ramayana Maha Kavyam. His entire discourse was followed spellbound by the huge gathering of Railway Employees and their Family members.



Hasya Kavi Sammelan & Comedy Nite" by SCR Lalita Kala Samiti

South Central Railway Lalita Kala Samiti is organizing a cultural program 'Hasya Kavi Sammelan & Comedy Nite' on December 22, 2017 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad.

The eminent Hindi Poets like Shri Kamalakar Dilair, Shri Kailash Bhatnagar, Shri Munawar Ali, Shri Suresh Jain, Shri W P Qaderi and Shri N Rai, popular comedians like Shri Shabbir Khan, Shri Suraj Khan and Smt. Noorjahan

participated in the program.

Shri A A Phadke, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer & Mukhya Rajbasha Adhikari will be the Chief Guest, Shri B Vijaya Bhaskar, President SCR Lalita Kala Samiti & Chief Commercial Manager (Freight Service) presided over the function and Shri YSS Syamala Rao,

General Secretary, SCR Lalita Kala Samiti coordinated the function.



SCRian performs at India@UK2017

2017 has been declared the UK-India Year of Culture (India@UK2017) following the joint announcement in 2015 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and then-Prime Minister Shri David Cameron of a bilateral initiative to mark the deep cultural ties and the 70th anniversary of India's Independence, a commitment that was reiterated during Prime Minister Theresa May's visit to India in November 2016.

The Year of Culture is a year-long celebration of partnership and the long relationship between India and the UK. Both nations, strengthened by the uniqueness of their rich histories and cultural traditions, have a dynamic and culturally animated relationship.

The Independence Gala was presented by High Commission of India - London UK; Ministry of Culture - Government of India; Indian Council for Cultural Relations and curated by leading Indian festival producer Teamwork Arts with support from Diageo and BP.



The final performance as part of the UK-India 2017 Year of Culture will see the Bharat Symphony (India Symphony) to be performed by Dr L. Subramaniam and the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican Concert Hall on the 28th November 2017.

SCRian, Flautist Nagaraju Talluri had the privilege of participating in the team to the above concert led by Dr. L Subramaniam along with Kavitha Krishnamurthy, on vocals, DSR Murthy on Mrudangam and Tanmoy Bose on Tabla.

Ms. R. Manisha of SCR bags 2nd Place in Inter-Railway Dance Competition - 2017

In the Solo Dance competition event, Ms. R. Manisha from South Central Railway bagged 2nd prize for performing the Solo Kuchipudi (Classical) dance.

Ms. R. Manisha, studying in 8th standard at Gyana Vidyaniketan School, Kothagudem daughter of Shri R Narsaiah, Track Man under Senior Section Engineer, P.Way, Bhadrachalam, Secunderabad Division bagged 2nd prize in the Inter-Railway Dance Competition held during November, 2017 at Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli. A total 16 Teams representing various Zonal Railways and Production Units participated in the competition.

The competition was judged by a jury of prominent personalities in the field of dance Dr. Kumkum Dhar, Head of Department from renowned Bharatkhande Sangeet Vishvavidyalaya, Lucknow; Prof. Rasraj Mukharjee & Prof. Mohit Kapur.



Join Civil Defence Organization to Serve the Nation -Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager called upon the staff to join the Civil Defence Organization, SCR to serve the nation in times of exigency. He was the Chief Guest on the occasion of Annual Day Celebrations of Civil Defence Organization held on December 4, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that the services of Civil Defence Volunteers during the times of disasters are commendable. Their timely intervention and services contributes a lot in saving lives of people and minimizing damage to national property, he added. He informed that volunteers of civil defence organization saved the lives of several passengers during recent Krishna Pushkaram season. The General Manager also appreciated the courage and perfection of the volunteers during demonstrations.

Shri Prasun Chakraborty, Deputy General Manager (General) and Controller of Civil Defence Organisation in his address said that this year around 6,000 staff were enrolled in Civil Defence Organization and were imparted training. During the year, 143 Volunteers have been imparted training in basic/intensive courses pertaining to rescue methods and disaster management. This year three volunteers have been trained at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur, he informed.

Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager, SCR; Principal Heads of

Departments; Divisional Railway Manager's, of Secunderabad & Hyderabad Divisions and Officials participated during the celebrations.

Earlier, the Civil Defence Personnel demonstrated

various life saving methods as part of rescue and relief during disaster. Different methods of first aid to the injured persons under the process of CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) were demonstrated. Rescue of human life from high-rise building and from critical location were also demonstrated, which received huge applause from the audience. Personnel from Telangana State Fire Services Department demonstrated methods to put off fire on all types like-fire on oil, fire from gas cylinder in kitchen and large scale fire. Civil Defence volunteers, Officials, Staff and public assembled in large number to view the civil defence demonstrations.



Signal Engineering critical for Safety of Train Operations. -Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager



Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISSET), the premier training institute involved in imparting training in the specialized area of Signalling and Telecommunications on Railways Internationally, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee - 60th Annual Day on November 24, 2017 at its premises at Secunderabad.

Shri Akhil Agrawal, Director General (Signal & Telecom), Railway Board, New Delhi was the Chief Guest. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway and Dr. Vidya Sagar Reddy, Chief Post Master General, Telangana Circle and Shri N. Kashinath, Additional Member, (Signal), Railway Board were the Guests of Honour on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Agrawal stated that the courses and teaching methodology of IRISSET bears the hallmark of a tremendous job, to keep the rail wheels moving safe. Signal Engineering which underwent a change from Mechanical to Electrical, has now taken the fast track to adopt Electronic Signalling system. This pace of change is resulting in distances getting nearer by time, in other words, the Geography is turning into History. With the involvement of major contracting agencies in infrastructure works on Railways, IRISSET should contemplate introducing Contract Management Courses too.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager in his address lauded IRISSET and stated that it belongs to the league of the most premier institutes all over the world, involved in imparting high quality training in the specialized area of Signaling and Telecommunications. It is a matter of pride that IRISSET has proved capable of handling the advanced training needs of Indian Railways, which is imbibing state-of-the-art signaling technology, in order to modernize its system. Sharing his thoughts for the future, the General Manager wanted IRISSET to come up with suitable online training modules to reach to the entire Signaling manpower.

Shri L P Sinha, Director, IRISSET in his welcome address, briefed on the achievements of IRISSET which is undertaking courses for probationers of Indian Railways, besides those from other foreign railways, PSUs and private sector companies involved in the field of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication. Shri N Kashinath also spoke on the occasion.

A Special Postal Cover to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of IRISSET, brought out in association with the Postal department was released by all the dignitaries including Dr. Vidya Sagar Reddy, Chief Post Master General, Telangana Circle. A special issue of the Technical Magazine of IRISSET "Gyandeep" was also released. Prof. V. Manga, Dean, IRISSET proposed the Vote of Thanks.



South Central Railway observes Mahaparinirwan Diwas of Bharat Ratna Dr.B.R.Ambedkar



South Central Railway observed Mahaparinirwan Diwas of Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar on December 6, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Floral tributes were paid to Babasaheb to mark his death anniversary. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager and other dignitaries paid homage to Dr. B R Ambedkar.

Addressing the large gathering present on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that Dr. B R Ambedkar was among the highest educated Indians of his generation. He stated that Dr. Ambedkar is not only the architect of Indian constitution, but he was also a great Economist, Educationist, Social reformer and a great visionary. The people of India remember Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar every day for his gift to the Nation,

the Constitution of India which provides equality, freedom and justice to all. He always fought for the rights of down trodden and under privileged people. 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 to full fill the dream of Dr. Babasaheb.

Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager speaking on the occasion said that people of India remember Bharat Ratna Dr. B R Ambedkar every day for his contribution to the social justice. We should utilize this occasion to extensively propagate the principles of Constitution of India and ensure fruits of democracy to reach every deprived person in the society stressed Shri John Thomas. Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, SCR paid rich homage to Dr. B R Ambedkar, the Chief Architect of Indian Constitution. He said that Dr. Ambedkar brought in a new social order based on equality and brotherhood. He fought for the rights of all the citizens of India and not for a particular section of the society.

Shri Aditya Kumar, CPO (Admn), SCR; Shri Prabhakar Andrew, President, SCRES, Shri Yugandhar, Divisional Secretary SCR MU; Shri V V Naik, Zonal President, All India Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes Association, Shri G Satyanarayana, General Secretary, SCROBC Association also spoke on the occasion.

Shri Trikalagya Rabha, IRPS takes over as Divisional Railway Manager Nanded Division



Shri Trikalagya Rabha has taken charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Nanded Division, South Central Railway. He belongs to the Indian Railways Personnel Service (IRPS),

1988 batch. Before taking over charge of the new assignment, he served as Chairman, RRB, Siliguri.

Shri Trikalagya Rabha is a graduate in BA (in Economics, English & Political Science) and a postgraduate in MA (in Economics) from MPG College, Mussoorie. He is a Diploma holder in IR & HR Management from TISS, Mumbai. He also underwent Diploma in Business Strategies from INSEAD, Singapore; Diploma in Strategic Management & Planning from ICLIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Diploma in Basic Management from Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

Shri T. Rabha has held various positions such as beginning his carrier as Assistant Personnel Officer & Divisional Personnel Officer of Tinsukia Railway Division. He held post of Member Secretary & Chairman at Railway Recruitment Board, Guwahati. He held the post of Deputy Chief Personnel Officer & Chief Personnel Officer (Admin) in NFR, Hqrs, Maligaon; Senior Divisional Personnel Officer of Lumding Railway Division. He also held the post of Deputy General Manager (General); Chief Public Relations Officer and held post of Deputy General Manager & Secretary to General Manager, North Frontier Railway, Maligaon.

“Grievances of Pensioners will be given High Priority” -Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager inaugurated 32nd Pension Adalat on December 15, 2017 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav said that the South Central Railway is in the forefront and striving hard to redress the grievances of pensioners. He stated that Retired Employees are integral part of the Organization and happy to meet them at any time. Improved Medical facilities are being provided to Retired employees at Railway Hospitals. Earlier, the General Manager launched the Andriod mobile app where Pensioners can download their Pension Pay Order (PPO).

Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Principal Chief Personnel Officer thanked the representatives of the Railway

Pensioners' Federation and Associations for bringing the grievances of pensioners to the notice of administration which needs immediate redressal. He stated that SCR has been doing lot of innovative works for the benefits of retired employees.

Smt. Padmini Radhakrishna, Principal Financial Advisor, stated that accounts department would work in tandem with personnel department with an aim to reduce the number of grievances at the pension adalats to

the bare minimum. Shri Y N Sastry, President, All India Retired Railway Employees' Federation and Shri Seshasai, Vice President, All India Officer's Pensioners Association spoke on the occasion. A total of 624 cases were received during Pension Adalat and 592 have been resolved and an amount of Rs. 20.8 lakhs was paid against all the cases.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager Released New Southern Zone Time Table

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway released the New Southern Zone Train Time Table (SZTT) Book at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on 31st October, 2017. As already notified, the New Train Time Table has come into effect from November 1, 2017.

Shri John Thomas, Additional General Manager; Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, PCOM; Shri M G Sekharam, PCCM; Ms. K Padmaja, CPTM and Shri A K Singh, Secretary (PG), SCR were present on the occasion.

The New Southern Zone Time Table Book, which covers South Central Railway; Southern Railway; South Western Railway and Konkan Railway will be available for sale at Railway Stations on the Zone. It is priced at Rs. 35.

The New Time Table comprises of Express and Passenger Train Timings of all the four Zones including SCR. In addition, Commercial & Passenger related information, abstract timings of selected Mail/Express Trains at All India Level, SCR Map, Indian Railway Map, Compensation and Claims guidelines etc., in easy to access format, for the benefit of public in general and rail users in particular.



Salient Features of Southern Zone Public Time Table

The New Southern Zone Time Table (SZTT), which includes South Central Railway, will come into effect from 1st November, 2017. The salient features of the Public Time Table pertaining to South Central Railway Jurisdiction in brief are as follows –

Extension of 04 Train Services including Tirupati-Hyderabad Deccan-Tirupati Rayalaseema Express extended upto Nizamabad

Increase in frequency of Train No. 12504/12503 Kamakhya – Bengaluru Cantt – Kamakhya Express from Weekly to Bi-Weekly

Speeding up of 64 Trains including Train No.17605 Mangaluru Central – Kacheguda Express by 3 hrs 55 mnts, Train No. 20809

Sambalpur-H.S.Nanded Nagavalli Express by 2 hrs 30 mnts, Train No. 20811 Visakhapatnam – H.S.Nanded Express

Change in timings of 146 Trains at important stations

Change of 01 Train Number and Conversion from Express Train to Superfast i.e., Train No. 12793 / 12794 Tirupati- Nizamabad-Tirupati Rayalaseema Express (Old Train No. 17430/17429 Tirupati – Hyderabad - Tirupati)

The detailed summary of salient features is also available on the South Central Railway Website. Information can be had locally from the Station Masters at Railway Stations also.

“Customer Loyalty is Key to build Good Image of Railways”



The Zonal Railway Training Institute, Moula-Ali celebrated its 45th Annual Day on December 8, 2017 at Open Air Auditorium in its premises. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav said that Indian Railways has always valued its relationship with rail users and maintained loyalty. The positive public image of the organization is very important to the growth of the organisation and continuous efforts by front line staff will enhance the customer satisfaction. He expressed that Zonal Railway Training Institute plays a critical role in shaping the approach of the front line Railway employees like Station Masters and Commercial Staff. He stated that the present day challenges and priority for Indian Railways rests on the pillars of Safety, Punctuality and Mobility. It should be the endeavor of the entire Railway workforce to tune themselves to these goals and succeed. ZRTI has kept itself tuned to the future needs and has launched a Mobile Application for providing updated information for the employees which is appreciable the General Manager added. Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inaugurated the new hostel building. Later the General Manager presented the meritorious awards to the trainees who topped in the various courses during the year 2017-18.

Earlier, Shri ALN Reddy, Principal, ZRTI presented the annual report of the Institute. He stated that during 2017-18 till November, 133 courses were conducted and trained 4307 candidates. A record number of 3257 Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots were trained in refresher courses which is 57 % of the total candidates. He stated that the institute is geared up to meet the special Training program “Project Saksham” covering all Operating and Commercial staff from 18th December, 2017.

Shri N Madhusudana Rao, Principal Chief Operations Manager presided over the function. Shri M G Sekharam, Principal Chief Commercial Manager spoke on the occasion, Shri Arun Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division, Shri K V Rao, Chief Transportation Manager (General & Perspective Planning) and several other officials, faculty members, instructors and trainees participated.



Buying Insurance Why, What and How?



Why buy Insurance?

Life is full of uncertainties. We face various risks in our day to day life including risks to our life, health, property and so on.

We don't know whether something unfortunate will happen to us or when, but it is certainly possible for us to take measures to reduce the financial impact of these risks and protect ourselves financially.

Such financial security could come with savings and investment but these merely give back our own money and some returns.

Insurance is a financial tool specially created to reduce the financial impact of unforeseen events and create financial security.

Insurance works on the law of large numbers where contributions by many in the form of premium pay for the losses of a few. By paying a premium for protecting against a certain type of loss, you will be protected for a certain sum of money that you will receive if you face that loss.

For example, if you pay a premium for hospitalisation expenses up to Rs 1 lakh, then the insurance policy will pay you up to Rs 1 lakh when you incur hospitalisation expenses.

What insurance to buy?

So, what insurance should you buy? Insurance is available for unpredictable events such as death, accidents, sickness, loss or damage to property. These are simple you should protect yourself against and what you should buy are life insurance, accident insurance, health insurance and insurance for whatever property we are looking to protect - motor vehicle, house and so on.

There are more complicated risks like legal liability and various risks that commercial enterprises face. For these too there are various special policies available. While life insurance and some types of accident and health insurance are offered by life insurance companies, property insurance, health and accident insurance (again) are offered by non-life insurance companies (also known as general insurance companies).



Visit www.policyholder.gov.in to see the list of insurance companies registered with IRDAI.

The insurance policy that you buy must meet your requirements. This means you must identify what your needs are first. You must choose your life insurance policy depending on which life-stage you are in and your aspirations for the future. It will differ based on whether you are about to start a family or you have growing children with education needs or want to plan for your retirement.

You should also join a health insurance scheme while you are young and ensure that you are continuously covered. While third

party insurance for your motor vehicle is statutory, that is, it is required under the law, it would be wise to buy a comprehensive policy that covers your vehicle against own damage as well. Protecting your house and contents against the risks of fire and flood will secure your hard-earned savings.

How to buy insurance and whom to buy it from?

You can buy your insurance policy through an individual agent, a corporate agent or a broker.

You can also buy your policy directly from the insurance company and some of them can be bought on the internet. An agent or a corporate agent or a broker may also sell insurance through using tele-marketers.

Whatever channel you choose to buy insurance through, please ensure that you are dealing with an authorised channel and ask questions, get information and clear your doubts.

An agent or broker must hold an IRDAI licence. Check on that first. Other relevant information you should ask and get include details of the policy, the benefits, what the policy excludes or does not pay for, clarifications regarding documentation and procedures at the point of claim.

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Passenger Amenities Committee on Indian Railways inspects Stations on SCR

Members of Passenger Amenities Committee on Indian Railways visited Tirupati, Kacheguda, Hyderabad and Secunderabad Railway Stations of South Central Railway to undertake inspection of the quality of passenger amenities being maintained at these stations.

The Committee comprised of Shri Ladharam H Nagwani; Shri B Rajavardhan Reddy; Shri Lakshmi Prasad Jayaswal; Ms. Manisha Chatterjee; Shri Ramdheen Singh and Shri Prabhunath Chauhan.

The Committee inspected Hyderabad and Kacheguda Railway Stations on November 8, 2017 and had a detailed inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station on November 9, 2017. Prior to this, the Committee undertook inspection of Tirupati Railway Station.

During the course of their extensive inspection of these stations, the Committee checked various passenger amenities provided for passengers such as waiting halls, dormitories, retiring rooms, drinking water facility, lifts, escalators, station circulating area, Security Surveillance System (CCTVs) etc.,

Later, during their interaction with Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, at Rail Nilayam, the Committee members complimented the Zone for best upkeep of cleanliness standards at Stations and fool proof Security arrangements put in place for meeting the needs of passengers, with use of advanced technology.

The Committee opined that the practices and procedures adopted at Secunderabad Railway Station are excellent and can be

taken as a Model Railway Station on entire Indian Railways. The committee members also interacted with passengers and took feedback on facilities available at Stations.



Chairman Railway Board holds Safety Review Meeting with GMs of All Zones



Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman Railway Board (CRB), held a meeting with the General Managers of Zones through Video Conference to review the progress and performance of Zonal Railways on

November 27, 2018. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM/SCR and senior officials participated in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, CRB instructed the Zones to plan and expedite the track maintenance works minimizing hindrance to train operations. He instructed the General Managers to ensure physical improvement with respect to passenger amenities such as providing more FOBs,



Increasing platform length and heightening of platforms etc. at all the important stations.

Shri John Thomas, Addl. General Manager; Shri K V Siva Prasad, PCE; Shri N. Madhusudana Rao, PCOM; Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, PFA; Shri M G Sekharam, PCCM; Shri Vinay Mohan Shrivastava, PCSTE; Shri Arjun Mundiya, PCME; Shri Vijay Agrawal, PCAO (Construction); Shri A A Phadke, PCEE; Shri D K Singh, PCSO; Shri P K Sangewar, PCMM; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, PCPO; Dr. HKH Dora, PCMD and Shri Sanjay Sankrityayan, CSC were amongst the Officials present.

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"Self Appraisal"

– Smt. Nisha Jai Kishan
OS (Catering), Commercial Department

A young man hurried into a PCO attached to a store, reached for the Telephone. and proceeded to make a call.

The store owner observed his tearing hurry and exuberance and decided to listen to the conversation.

Young man: Dials the number, keenly awaits response from the other end and the moment he gets the call through, politely goes on to say "Lady, Can you give me the job of cutting your lawn?"

Woman: (at the other end of the phone line): "I already have someone to cut my lawn."

Young man: "Lady, I will cut your lawn for half the price of the person who cuts your lawn now."

Woman: I'm very satisfied with the person who is presently cutting my lawn.

Young man: (with more perseverance) "Lady, I'll even sweep the entire curb and your sidewalk, so you will have the best maintained lawn in all the city."

Woman: No, thank you.

With a smile on his face, the young man replaced the receiver on the phone.

The Store owner who was all the time inquisitively

listening to the conversation of the young man, calls him aside.

Store owner: "Young man... I like your attitude; I like that positive spirit and would like to offer you a job in my store."

Young man: "Thanks a ton, but I am not in a position to pick up the assignment".

Store owner: But you were really pleading for one, just now on the phone!

Young man: No Sir, I was just checking my performance at the first job I have joined. I am the one who is working for the lady I was talking to!"

Unique "Self Appraisal" indeed. Perhaps what we all need to do, instead of putting the onus on someone else.

**There is no substitute for
hard work.**

Thomas A. Edison

Don't Be
Busy
Be
Productive

"A GOOD LEADER

is a person who takes a little more
Than His Share Of The Blame
and a little less than his share of the credit."

- John Maxwell

**PERSEVERANCE IS
NOT A LONG RACE;
IT IS MANY SHORT
RACES ONE AFTER
THE OTHER.**

- WALTER ELLIOT



**IT ALWAYS SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL IT IS
DONE**

NELSON MANDELA

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR held Co-ordination Meeting with Shri D K Sharma, General Manager, Central Railway

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway held a co-ordination meeting with Shri D K Sharma, General Manager, Central Railway and other Senior Officials on November 20, 2017 at Central Railway Headquarters, Mumbai. The co-ordination meeting

focused on issues pertaining to Train connectivity between South Central Railway and Central Railway Zones with special emphasis on Nanded Division connecting Marathwada Region towards Mumbai and Nagpur in Maharashtra. The General Manager, SCR also discussed

issues concerning on Akola-Khandwa Yard modification as a part of the ongoing Gauge Conversion works in the Section, improvements to Running Room facilities for Rail staff at Balharshah, the inter change point between the two zones on the grand trunk route towards Delhi.



“Project Saksham” Launched on SCR



The Hon'ble Minister of Railways & Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal has given directions for a comprehensive training programme “Project Saksham” for all employees of Indian Railways to boost productivity & efficiency. The training program seeks to impart skills and domain knowledge to all the employees of Indian Railways. The focus of all such training is to ‘make a difference’ to the job performance.

Under this plan, all employees in each zone will be put through a week's training in skills and knowledge relevant to their work area over next one year. While continuous learning and education/training has been an integral philosophy and approach of the Railways, there is a need to do a concentrated capsule of training for all employees in a short period of time to boost their productivity and efficiency. This training programme will fulfill this need.

With growing rail network, new trains, different high quality services designed by

the railways and the promise of the government to deliver superior and safe rail services and growing expectation of our passengers and commuters for better amenities and services, it is imperative that the railway employees rise to the occasion to deliver on the promise. Employees can and do deliver only when they have the right skills, knowledge and the mindset to deliver to the new standards of excellence that the organization hold from them all. This training will help achieve these objectives.

This training shall be a five-day on the job training or as classroom training in Railway Training Centres depending on the nature of training. However, the reporting managers of all employees receiving training will be actively involved in the Pre-training and post training process to ensure that the benefits of training get reflected on the job performance and there is improvement within a short time after the training is imparted. The focus of all such

training will be to ‘make a difference’ to the job performance of all departments and employees and thus Indian Railways. The training, as per the calendar, will be completed within 9 months. The zone will also devise a few metrics to monitor the impact of Project Saksham. This training will not only upgrade skill of each of the employees but also go a long-way in improving the performance of the Indian Railways.

As a part of the same, the various departments on SCR have formulated a plan of action for undertaking training programs in different modules. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager has advised that this initiative should focus on a all encompassing system, where in different categories of employees are identified for training and a review of their performance efficiency be undertaken, post the training period to analyse the impact.

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे पर क्षेत्रीय हिंदी गीत अंताक्षरी प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन

कर्मचारियों की राजभाषा के प्रति रुचि बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से मुख्यालय और सिकंदराबाद मंडल के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में रेल निलयम ऑडिटोरियम में 21 और 22 नवंबर, 2017 को क्षेत्रीय हिंदी गीत अंताक्षरी प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता में इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय सहित सभी विभागों, मंडलों और कारखानों की 20 टीमों ने भाग लिया। इस दौरान सिकंदराबाद मंडल के मंडल रेल प्रबंधक श्री अमित वरदान ने कहा कि हिंदी गीत अंताक्षरी प्रतियोगिता हिंदी का ज्ञान बढ़ाने और हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार में सहायक सिद्ध होगी। इस प्रतियोगिता में अनुवाद राउंड, विलोम शब्द राउंड, समानार्थी राउंड रखे गए, जिससे कर्मचारियों का हिंदी का

ज्ञान बढ़ा। मुख्य अतिथि श्री अ.आ.फडके, मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं प्रमुख मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियर ने प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की कि 'ग' क्षेत्र होने के बावजूद अहिंदी भाषी कर्मचारियों ने इस प्रतियोगिता बड़े उत्साह से भाग लिया। उन्होंने कहा कि इस रेलवे के कर्मचारी गीत-संगीत के क्षेत्र में काफी माहिर हैं। ऐसे कार्यक्रम मनोरंजक होने के साथ-साथ ज्ञानवर्धक भी होते हैं और निश्चय ही ऐसे कार्यक्रम राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रयोग-प्रसार को बढ़ावा देने में सहायक सिद्ध होते हैं। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी ने सभी आयोजकों को बधाई दी।

इस प्रतियोगिता में नांदेड मंडल को प्रथम पुरस्कार, हैदराबाद मंडल को द्वितीय पुरस्कार, प्रधान कार्यालय को तृतीय पुरस्कार और निर्माण संगठन को प्रोत्साहन पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ। पुरस्कार विजेताओं को मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी के करकमलों से पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए। इस अवसर पर उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ. श्याम सुंदर साहु ने कहा कि इस वर्ष क्षेत्रीय स्तर पर इस प्रतियोगिता के आयोजन की जिम्मेदारी सिकंदराबाद मंडल को दी गई और सिकंदराबाद मंडल ने इसे बखूबी निभाया। वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अरुण कुमार मंडल के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के बाद कार्यक्रम संपन्न हुआ।



रेल सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण केंद्र मौलाअली में हिंदी में तकनीकी संगोष्ठी का आयोजन

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के रेल सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण केंद्र मौलाअली में 24.11.2017 को "व्यवहार कुशलता-यात्रियों से बातचीत" विषय पर हिंदी में तकनीकी संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया, इसमें रेल सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण केंद्र के लगभग 100 प्रशिक्षार्थियों ने भाग लिया। इस संगोष्ठी में 3 प्रवक्ताओं ने व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया।

सर्वप्रथम श्री सी. चटर्जी, निरीक्षक ने सहज और सरल भाषा में रेल प्रयोक्ताओं के साथ बातचीत के दौरान व्यवहार पर जोर दिया। दूसरे वक्ता श्री एस.के.राय, निरीक्षक ने मधुर व्यवहार पर जोर दिया और कहा कि व्यवहार में मधुरता रहना अति आवश्यक होता है। तीसरी वक्ता श्रीमती एस. कल्पना, उप निरीक्षक ने अपने अनुभवों को

उदाहरणार्थ प्रस्तुत कर अपनी बात को बहुत ही प्रभावी ढंग से प्रस्तुत किया। तीनों ही वक्ताओं ने अपने विचारों से श्रोताओं को प्रभावित किया।

उप महाप्रबंधक, राजभाषा डॉ. श्याम सुंदर साहु ने वर्दी की गरिमा को अपनी सेवा द्वारा बढ़ाने के लिए कहा। वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अरुण कुमार मंडल ने हमारी रेलवे का नारा "मुस्कान के साथ सेवा" को व्यवहार में लाने के लिए कहा और रेल सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण केंद्र के उप प्राध्यापक (इंडोर), श्री ई.के.अनुज कुमार ने सभी को यात्रियों से हिंदी में बातचीत करने

के लिए कहा तथा इंसानियत जताकर वर्दी के प्रति जो मौजूदा नकारात्मक भावना है उसे दूर करने के लिए कहा। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि सुरक्षा बल कर्मियों को लोगों की विशेषतः महिलाएं, बच्चे, दिव्यांग तथा वृद्धों की सहायता करनी चाहिए। इस संगोष्ठी का समापन श्री सी. चटर्जी के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन से हुआ।



क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक संपन्न

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय, सिकंदराबाद में क्षेत्रीय राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की 156वीं बैठक की अध्यक्षता करते हुए अपर महाप्रबंधक श्री जॉन थॉमस सभी अधिकारियों से कहा कि जब भी वे निरीक्षण पर जाएं तो अपने विभागीय निरीक्षण के साथ-साथ हिंदी की मदों का भी निरीक्षण करें।

बैठक में उपस्थित सदस्यों का स्वागत करते हुए मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं प्रमुख मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियर श्री अ.आ.फडके ने बताया कि इस रेलवे पर राजभाषा संबंधी विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों और प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया, ऐसे कार्यक्रमों के आयोजन से राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण बनता है।

इस अवसर पर हृदय रोग विषय पर हिंदी में तकनीकी संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें डॉ. साई, हृदय रोग विशेषज्ञ ने हृदय रोग और इससे बचाव के बारे में जानकारी दी।

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। इस बैठक में सभी प्रमुख विभागाध्यक्ष, विभागाध्यक्ष, अपर मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, मुख्य कारखाना

प्रबंधक तथा राजभाषा अधिकारी/अनुवादक उपस्थित थे। 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।



प्रधान कार्यालय में हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन

इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय में 25.10.2017 को एक हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें प्रधान कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों में कार्यरत 41 कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया। इस कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुए मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं प्रमुख मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियर श्री अ.आ. फडके जी ने प्रतिभागियों से बातचीत की और उनके उत्साह को देखकर प्रसन्न हुए। उन्होंने हिंदी

में कार्य करने के लिए प्रेरणा देते हुए कहा कि हिंदी एक सहज एवं सरल भाषा है और हिंदी में कार्य करना आसान है। उन्होंने राजभाषा विभाग के कर्मचारियों से तीन महीने बाद यह जांच करने के लिए कहा कि इस कार्यशाला में नामित कर्मचारी हिंदी में कितना कार्य कर रहे हैं।

इस कार्यशाला के प्रथम सत्र में उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ. श्याम सुंदर साहु जी ने राजभाषा

उपबंध, नियम और अधिनियम आदि के बारे में पॉवर पाइंट प्रस्तुतीकरण द्वारा विषय को रुचि पूर्ण बनाया। दूसरे सत्र में वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अरुण कुमार मंडल जी ने राजभाषा का व्यावहारिक ज्ञान दिया। उन्होंने विभिन्न विभागों के दैनंदिन कार्य में प्रशासनिक शब्दावली के उपयोग के बारे में बताया और विभिन्न प्रकार के पत्र और आलेख हिंदी में कैसे लिखे जाते हैं समझाया।



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