



## Republic Day Message

Dear Railway men,

On the auspicious occasion of our country's 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day, I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to all officers, employees and their family members. This national festival reminds us of the great leaders of our freedom movement and also inspires us to remain grateful and committed towards our Constitution. It is the duty of all Railway men to always uphold the basic tenets of Nation-First, Always-First, in our working system.

Our organisation is constantly striving to make nation self-reliant with the development of the secure, efficient, environment-friendly transport system for the progress of Indian Railways. Ministry of Railways has set a target of 6000 RKM of electrification in FY 2021-22 out of which maximum electrification is being done by CORE. In spite of the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic in early months of FY 21-22, excellent progress has been shown in the current financial year.

With the electrification of the Anand Nagar-Nautanwa section, the facility of electrified rail service will be available to passengers travelling from Gorakhpur to Lumbini (Nepal) via Nautanwa. With the electrification of the Birla Nagar-Udimore section, trains from Gwalior to Etawah will be hauled by electric locomotives. The electrification of Yashwantpur - Chikkabanavara -Tumkur section will enable running of trains with electric locomotives up to Tumkur, which is a large suburban area near Bengaluru.

The electrification of Sitamarhi-Raxaul connects Raxaul with Samastipur with an electrified track. The electrification of Salem-Vridhachalam section will enable rapid transportation of freight between Salem and Vridhachalam. With the electrification of Sultanpur-Ayodhya Cantonment, and Akbarpur-Ayodhya Cantonment sections, passenger trains from Prayagaraj and Ayodhya will be able to run on electric traction. After the electrification of Balod-Dalli Rajhara section, it is now possible to transport iron ore and ready steel to and from the Bhilai Steel Plant. The completion of electrification of Gadwal-Raichur section has connected the Raichur Thermal Power Station with electrified railway track, because of which the supply of coal is now possible through trains hauled by electric locomotives. With the electrification of Kurduvadi to Pangri section, now the railway track from Mumbai-Pune-Daund-Kurduvadi has been fully electrified.

In the financial year 2021-22, 34 TSS and 90 SP/SSP have been made operational. Similarly, the work of signal modification was completed as per track

electrification on 151 stations and 97 level crossings, 101 new block instruments were changed and 34 TSS, 40 depots, 37 tower car sheds, 05 FOBs, 03 ROBs and 317 staff quarters had been constructed during the period. These achievements reflect the excellent capability and commitment of our officers and employees.

It is a matter of great happiness that recently, the record of erecting the maximum number of masts in one day in the history of CORE was created with the erection of 620 masts in one day in the Ambala Project.

The user depot module (UDM) was successfully implemented in CORE and 179 consignees made transactions worth Rs 403 crores in this financial year up to December-21. In the current financial year, total purchases worth Rs 43.88 crore was made through the GeM, which is more than double for the same period in the previous financial year. A virtual vendor meet was organised in cooperation with the Confederation of Indian Industry to encourage sellers for online registration through IREPS on the UAM.

For excellent and commendable work in Rajbhasha implementation in the year 2020, Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari of CORE is honored with Railmantri Rajbhasha Rajat Padak.

We are also committed towards the Swachhh Bharat Mission. A Prabhat Pheri was organised to create awareness towards cleanliness among the masses which saw wide participation by all.

There has been a significant reduction in criminal incidents because of the active role of the Railway Protection Force in the electrification works over different sections of Indian Railways.

The Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organisation (REWVO) is fully committed towards the welfare of employees and their family members. The sons and daughters employees of Railway Electrification Organisation were awarded cash and other prizes on the basis of the marks obtained by them in class X and XII. Arrangement of a tiffin section has been made for women employees in the CORE office.

I also extend my best wishes to the recognised trade unions and associations, who have played a cooperative and creative role in meeting the targets of railway electrification and achievement of excellence.

A lot remains to be done to meet the ambitious targets of the year 2021-22. I am confident that the CORE team will set new records by achieving the targets through mutual cooperation and coordination. Let us resolve once again on this day of national festival that we will be dedicated to complete the RE works with full devotion.

Jai Hind

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