



Republic Day Message

Dear Railwaymen,

On the auspicious occasion of 74th Republic Day, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all the officers, employees and their family members. This national festival reminds us of the great leaders of our freedom movement and inspires us to be grateful and committed towards our Constitution.

The Government of India has set a target to electrify the entire broad gauge track by December 2023, taking into consideration the inherent advantages of electric traction. To achieve this national mission, the Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE) is playing a pivotal role and working as a dedicated team, towards making the nation self-reliant by developing a safe, energy efficient, eco-friendly and economical rail transport system. In the last financial year, CORE electrified 4276 route kilometers. In this financial year, CORE has been given a challenging target of electrifying more than 5000 route kilometers which is the biggest ever till date. I am confident that while upholding the basic tenet of **"Country First-Always First"** in due discharge of our duties, we will work in Mission Mode to accomplish the set goals and bring laurels to the organization. I am happy to inform that CORE has set a new record by electrifying a total of 1940 route kilometers by the third quarter of the financial year 2022-23. Additionally, in this calendar year, a new record has been set by electrifying 4856 route kilometers. In this financial year, CORE's Secunderabad project unit has done the highest electrification of 558 route kilometer so far. These achievements signify the high level of caliber and commitment of our officers and employees.

In this financial year, CORE has electrified many important sections, which will not only increase the sectional capacity and operational speed but also

provide impetus to the socio-economic development of the adjoining regions.

An important electrified route from Prayagraj to Bhopal has been achieved with the electrification of Ishanagar-Udaipura section apart from North Central Railway becoming 100% electrified. With the electrification of the Sikar-Churu section, entire Shekhawati region, which is a major business and tourism hub, is now directly connected to Delhi on electric traction. With the electrification of Karaikudi-Virudunagar section, the entire section from Chennai to Kanyakumari has been electrified, which will certainly contribute to the development of tourism besides increasing freight earnings. With the electrification of Wankaner-Maliyamitana including Navlakhi-Dahinsara section, three main loading points of Western Railways namely Morbi, Lavanpur and Vavnia have now come on electrified route apart from seamless electric traction being extended till Navlakhi port. With the electrification of the Kalikiri-Tummanamgutta section, the entire Dharmavaram-Pakala section on which Tirupati is situated has been electrified. After the electrification of Banisar-Bikaner East section, the remaining section from Bikaner East to Bikaner, for which works are in full swing will be electrified shortly. After this, trains from Delhi to Bikaner will run on fully electrified route.

In this financial year, 31 TSS and 105 SP/SSP have been commissioned till date which is 38% and 32% more than that in the corresponding period of the previous financial year. Signal modification works suiting the requirement of Railway Electrification have been completed at 121 stations and 87 level crossing gates and 190 new block instruments have been replaced. Similarly, 15 OHE depots, 29 tower car sheds, 05 FOBs and 360 staff quarters have been completed. Commissioning of Traction Sub-Stations, Tower Car Sheds and OHE Depots is one area where we have to step up our efforts. While continuously monitoring the progress of these works, we have to ensure that they are commissioned in a time bound manner so that train operation and maintenance works do not suffer.

User Depot Module (UDM) has been successfully implemented in CORE and 188 consignees have transacted a total of Rs 480 crore in this financial

year up to the month of December. In the current financial year so far, total purchases through GeM stood at Rs 48 crore, which is 18% higher than the corresponding period in the previous financial year. So far, 77% of the total budget has been utilized which is appreciable. **“Person of the Month Award”** at General Manager Level is a positive step which will have an overall motivational effect and positive bearing on organizational performance.

CORE is committed towards maximizing the use of Rajbhasha. I am glad to inform that on 24/08/2022, the second sub-committee of Committee of Parliament on Official Language successfully reviewed the progress of Rajbhasha use in official works at Secunderabad project unit and awarded certificate to CPD/Secunderabad.

CORE is also committed to “Swachh Bharat Mission”. Its efforts in creating awareness and making the “Swachh Bharat-Swachh Rail” campaign a success have been commendable.

Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organization (REWWO) is fully committed to the welfare of the employees and their family members. Railway Electrification Sports Organization (RESA) is actively engaged in the promotion of sports. I convey my best wishes to both these organizations.

I also extend my greetings to the recognized trade unions and associations who have always played a constructive role in pursuit of goals and excellence in Railway Electrification.

On this auspicious occasion of Republic Day, let us all come forward and take a pledge to face the challenges as a team. I am sure that with the active participation of you all, CORE will scale new heights and bring glory to the nation.

Jai Hind

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