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CORE Celebrates 68th Railway Week

Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) is actively working on electrifying the broad gauge routes of Indian Railways through its project units on a mission mode. The inaugural journey of the first passenger train in India took place between Mumbai and Thane on April 16, 1853. To commemorate this historic occasion, Indian Railways organizes Railway Week Celebrations every year. CORE organized the 68th Rail Week Celebration-2023 at its headquarters on December 29, 2023. During the celebration, officers and employees who achieved outstanding accomplishments in the previous year were felicitated with **Rail Seva Puraskar** Awards by the General Manager.

On this occasion, the General Manager of CORE, Shri Pramod Kumar, awarded Rail Seva Puraskar to 2 officers and 1 employee for their exceptional contributions. Additionally, 11 shields were given to various projects. A colorful cultural program was also organized as part of the celebration.

The event began with a floral welcome to the General Manager, Shri Pramod Kumar, and the President of the Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organization, Mrs. Poonam Kumar. All department heads of CORE and project directors of various projects attended the program.

Shri Tuljappa M. Ladwa, Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Rail Electrification, Bengaluru, who was honored with **Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar** by the Hon'ble Minister of Railways on December 15, 2023, in New Delhi, was felicitated during the celebration. Shri Akash Sharma, Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Rail Electrification, Ambala, and Shri Anshuman, Junior Engineer (Electrical), Rail Electrification, Ahmedabad, were honored with **Vishist Rail Seva Puraskar**. Shields were given to various projects. The Best Project shield went to the Secunderabad Project and the Best Project (Runner-Up) to Bengaluru Project. Special Achievement (**Project**) Shield went to Ahmedabad and Jaipur Projects (**jointly**) and Special Achievement (**Traction Sub-Station and Tower Wagon**) Shield to Kolkata Project. Bengaluru Project bagged the Electrical Department Shield, Signal & Telecommunication Department Shield went to Secunderabad Project, Engineering Department Shield to Secunderabad Project, Stores Department Shield to Ahmedabad Project, Account Department Shield to Bengaluru Project, Personnel Department Shield to Jaipur Project and Rajbhasha Shield to Secunderabad Project.

In his address, the General Manager expressed pride in the 170-year glorious journey of Indian Railways. He acknowledged the unparalleled contributions of CORE Employees in overcoming challenges and achieving electrification of 4767 route kilometers in the financial year 2022-23 which stands as unbeatable record of highest ever electrification in the history of CORE. He highlighted that at a national level, Indian Railways achieved electrification of a record-breaking 6565 route kilometres during the same period. He expressed confidence that in future, efforts and dedication of Railway Employees would lead to even greater accomplishments.

General Manager commended CORE's efforts in electrifying important sections, contributing significantly to the vision of a self-reliant India. He mentioned that electrification not only enhanced end-to-end connectivity but also provided alternative routes for busy electrified corridors, making operations more efficient. He praised the successful commissioning of 61 traction substations and 50 tower wagon sheds, setting a record in CORE's history. This not only strengthened the traction power system but also contributed to safe operations and OHE maintenance.

The efforts of Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organization (REWWO) in promoting the well-being of employees and their families were also appreciated.

In conclusion, the General Manager stated that Indian Railways is undergoing a phase of transformation, where it has high expectations from its human resources. He expressed confidence that with hard work, dedication, and active participation of one and all, CORE will not only achieve this year's targets but also play a leading role in building a self-reliant and developed nation.

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