



### **Message on Independence Day**

**My Dear Railwaymen,**

**I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all Railway officials, employees and their family members on the auspicious occasion of the 75th anniversary of our Independence as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. This is one such occasion when we pay tributes to our great patriots, martyrs and freedom fighters. At the same time, this day is an occasion to introspect on our contribution in our day-to-day work, and reaffirm our commitment towards new achievements in the current year.**

**You will be happy to know that in the year 2021-22, 6383 route kilometers (RKM) of track of Indian Railways was electrified, which is a record. In this, a significant contribution of 4277 RKM came from CORE, which is 67 percent of the total electrification and is the highest ever electrification work done by CORE in a financial year. This achievement shows the high level of capability and commitment of our officers and employees. In the previous financial year, electrification was completed on important sections such as Sultanpur-Ayodhya Cantt. and Barabanki-Ayodhya Cantt. which has facilitated availability of electrified railway track from Prayagraj and Lucknow to the important pilgrimage destination Ayodhya. Similarly, the electrification of Mahoba-Khajuraho section has led to the availability of direct electrified rail track to the world heritage site of Khajuraho.**

**In the current financial year, Railway Board has given a challenging target of electrification of 5876 RKM to CORE and all projects are fully committed to accomplish this target. As a result, there has been an increase of 10% in mast erection, 43% in bracket erection, 30% in catenary wiring and 36% in contact wiring till date.**

**In the current financial year, so far 08 TSS, 32 SP/SSP and 59 SCADA systems have been commissioned. S&T modification in keeping with electrification requirement has been done at 52 stations and 21 level crossings and 39 pairs block instruments have been replaced till date. In addition, 14 Depots, 08 tower car sheds, 02 FOB and 255 staff quarters have been made available.**

**Purchases worth Rs 22.07 crore have been made through GeM Portal till date in the current financial year compared to purchases worth Rs 13.35 crore made in the previous financial year in the same period. It indicates a steadily growing transparency in procurement of items. The User Depot Module (UDM) has been successfully implemented in CORE. So far, 174 consignees have registered and transactions to the tune of Rs. 239 crore have been achieved on this platform in the current financial year.**

**CORE is committed to scale new milestone through consistent improvement of work culture by adoption and assimilation of best industrial practices and improved techniques. Adoption of EPC tenders has paved the way for timely execution of Railway Electrification projects and led to a significant reduction of 16 per cent per TKM in the value of contract when compared to conventional Non-EPC contracts.**

**The total budget utilisation by the accounts department of CORE during the financial year 2021-22 is 101.39% which shows an impressive financial progress.**

**As a result of the efforts of the Personnel Department, all payments related to retirement in CORE are being made through HRMS. Personnel Department also organised International Women's Day and International Yoga Day, which is a matter of great joy.**

**Due to the efforts of Railway Protection Force, it has become easier to execute electrification projects in areas prone to miscreant activities.**

**We at CORE are committed towards propagation and increasing use of Rajbhasha. I am happy to inform that under the Individual Cash Reward Scheme of the Railway Board, Shri R.P. Parmar, Dy.CMM/RE/Ahmedabad and Shri Ashok Kumar Rathi, CDMS/RE/Ambala, were facilitated for excellent work in Rajbhasha. Besides, Smt. Gyanvati Saxena, Office Superintendent, Jaipur project, brought kudos to the organisation by winning the third place in All-Railways Hindi Noting and Drafting Competition organised by the Railway Board in Udaipur on 27/05/2022.**

**Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organisation (REWVO) has always come forward to the help of needy persons and CORE employees and their families. Railway Electrification Sports Association (RESA) is actively engaged in promotion of sports. The RESA badminton team (men) participated in the 68th All India Railway badminton (Men's) Championship organised under the aegis of ECoR Sports Organisation from 25/04/2022 to 29/04/2022. The Veteran Badminton Team (Men's) reached the semi-final in this championship, which is a matter of great pride for us. I extend my heartiest congratulations to both these organisations.**

**I also extend my greetings to the recognised trade unions and associations who have always played a constructive and creative role in meeting the targets of railway electrification and achievement of excellence.**

**Come, let us take a pledge to face all challenges as a team in this Amrit Mahotsav of our Independence. I am confident that with the active participation of you all, CORE will achieve all targets and bring honour to the Nation.**

**Jai Hind.**

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