



Independence Day Message

Dear Railwaymen,

On the auspicious occasion of 79th Independence Day, I convey my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the Railway Officers, Employees and their family members. It is an occasion when we pay homage to our great patriots, martyrs and freedom fighters. At the same time, the day is also an occasion to introspect on one's contribution to overall performance and reaffirm our commitment to achieve assigned targets in the current year. This national festival of ours reminds us of the great heroes of the country's freedom struggle and inspires us to be grateful and loyal to our Nation.

Taking cognizance of the inherent advantages of electric traction, the Government of India has set a target of electrifying the entire broad gauge network which would result in a better fuel energy usage, reduce dependence on fuel imports, reduced fuel expenditure and environmental protection. In pursuit of this National Mission, Central Organization for Railway Electrification, as a dedicated team, has played a pivotal role, by continuously striving towards making the nation self-reliant through development of a safe, energy efficient, environment friendly and economical rail transport system.

Central Organization for Railway Electrification(CORE) has played a key role in achieving the ambitious target of 100% electrification of all broad gauge railway lines set by Government of India. As a result, CORE has achieved 100% electrification of its target by June 2024 and has electrified a total of 48,029 route kilometer broad gauge network. Since its inception, CORE has contributed 75 per cent of the total electrified broad gauge network of Indian Railways, which is a matter of pride for this organisation. The contribution of CORE in providing the necessary infrastructure for operation of Vande Bharat trains is commendable due to which work on this ambitious plan is becoming possible at a faster pace.

In order to successfully commission the electrification works in a time bound manner, CORE has taken several steps like judicious deployment of existing manpower, adoption of EPC mode of contract, engagement of PMC services on need basis where EPC contracts have been awarded, close co-ordination with

State Electricity Authorities for timely completion of transmission lines and commissioning of traction substations, detailed work reviews with work agencies from time to time to gauge the progress of works and accordingly taking corrective actions so that things move in the right direction for expeditious execution of works and accomplishment of set targets.

In the year 2025, CORE has completed electrification 03 Traction Sub Stations, 2 Transmission line, 05 SPs and SSPs, 11 Tower Wagon Sheds, 04 OHE Depots and 34 Staff Quarters.

The User Depot Module (UDM) in CORE is functioning successfully. The total purchase through GeM till July in the current financial year was ₹ 0.24 crore, which shows GeM as an effective procurement medium. The total budget utilization till July in this financial year has been 60.91 percent, which is satisfactory.

The CORE is committed to the promotion and maximum use of Hindi. Most of the correspondence and comments in the organization are in Hindi. In the All India Kavi Sammelan and Prize Distribution Ceremony organized on 09/04/2025, officers and employees doing commendable work in hindi have been awarded to encourage them.

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

Our special attention should be towards imparting safety training from time to time to railway staff and private employees engaged in electrification work, making them aware of safe working practices and keeping the system alert through random inspections to avert any kind of accident.

I am very happy to inform that we have glorified this auspicious occasion of the centenary year of Railway Electrification with various events. The publication of **“Vidyut Pravah”** magazine by the Public Relations Department on the occasion of completion of 100 years of Railway Electrification reflects our creative expression. On this occasion, through tree plantation and other awareness campaigns, we have sent a positive message not only within the organization but also in the society.

Sports competitions like badminton, table tennis, chess, cricket, carrom and billiards etc. were organized from 27 to 29 March 2025 in the Railway Electrification, Maitri Club under the aegis of RESA, in which the enthusiastic participation of all the officers and employees infused new energy into the organization. Particularly this time, the participation of women employees is an important step towards increasing inclusiveness and women empowerment in our organization.

To commemorate the success of **“Operation Sindoor”**, we honored the contribution of the Indian Army and Nari Shakti through a special event in the headquarters premises. The tree plantation program organized on the occasion of World Environment Day awakened our environmental consciousness.

The **11th International Day of Yoga** was celebrated in a special way in the CORE. On this occasion, yoga camps and seminars were successfully organized for Railway officers and employees and their families at various places like Triveni Vihar Colony (Rambagh), Saraswati Ghat on the Yamuna bank, Allahabad Museum Garden, including the CORE premises. Art competitions for the children of Railway employees provided a platform to their creative talent. This program was concluded with a grand event in the CORE premises.

Railway Electrification Women's Welfare Organization (REWVO) is fully committed to the welfare of the employees and their family members. Railway Electrification Sports Association (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 Independence 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 bring glory to the Nation.

Jai Hind.

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