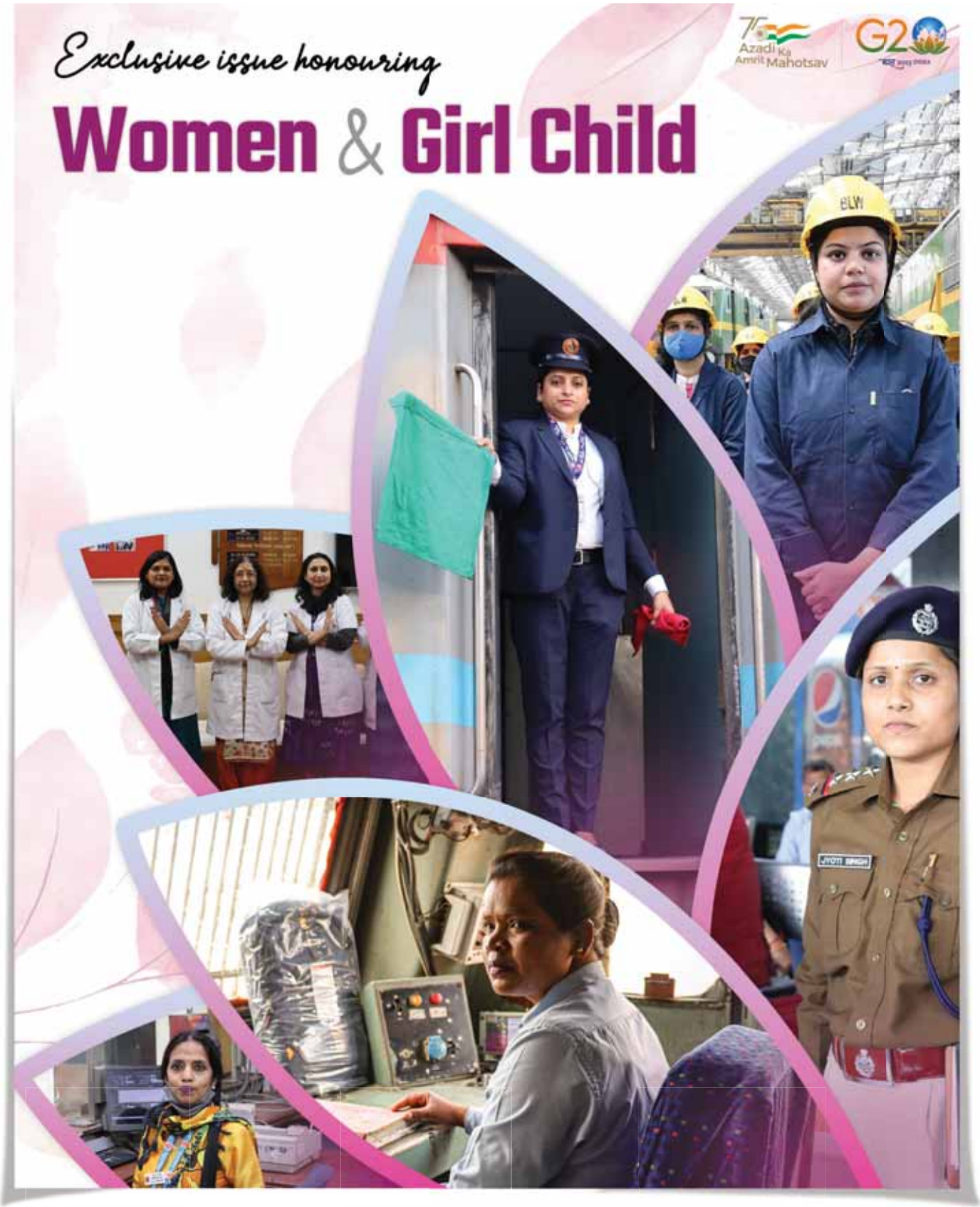
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Editorial



Indian Railways is committed for providing a better facility and security to all its passengers, especially it is highly sensitized towards providing security to women and children and providing them proper facilities. In the development journey of Indian Railways, the contribution of the women railway workers and employees cannot be overlooked.

For women passengers, in every coach, a few seats are kept reserved for women aged 45 years and above. In many trains, separate coaches are being attached for women passengers. In keeping with the security and women safety angle, escort teams of RPF and GRP are deployed in the coaches. In all, 243 'Meri –Saheli' Teams and as many as 943 women RPF employees have been deployed.

On stations, women waiting rooms have been set up for women passengers; in addition, 'Baby Feeding Rooms' have been set up. On many stations, 'Janani Sewa' stalls have been launched from where passengers can buy hot milk and nutritious food for their small children. While going ahead to perform its social responsibility duty, Indian Railways is making available facilities like availability of sanitary napkins. The Southern Central Railway has arranged for a special sitting arrangement for women on the platforms named as 'Akshita Safe Bubble.'

The Indian Railways treats women as equal partners in all the life spheres; this is why representation of women employees in all departments of the Railways has gone up. Today many railway stations are being managed completely by women employees. We have today women loco pilots, Guards on many trains. Women have indeed made the phrase 'Ham Kisi Se Kam Nahin' as realistic.

Indian Railways is making available a safe environment to its women employees. There are separate changing rooms at offices wherein facilities like sanitary napkins vending machines etc. are being made available. Special committees have been set up for redressal of complaints by women workers and employees.

The women sportsperson and coaches of Indian Railways are unfurling their flag at events at the world level in sports like wrestling, cricket, boxing, hockey and other sports. Till date 96 women players from Indian Railways have won awards like 'Arjuna,' 'Dronacharya' and other such prestigious awards. The Indian Railways sportswoman, PT Usha has recently been appointed as the President of the Indian Olympic Association.

Only recently in the Budget presented before the Parliament, a capital expenditure of Rs 2.40 lakh crore has been provided for, which is nine times higher than the highest ever before for the FY 2013-14. After the budget announcement, the Railway Minister, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, while thanking the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for budget allocation, said that this will further boost the speed of development of Indian Railways and we shall be able to fulfill the passengers' expectations.

Indian Railways is making several new initiatives for women and children. All these cannot be embodied into just one Special Issue named 'Women and Children Special Issue.' Here in this Issue, we have only tried to touch some of those initiatives. We hope that you will like this Issue. How did you like it, please write back to us.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Flagged off Vande Bharat Express Connecting Secunderabad with Visakhapatnam Via Video Conferencing



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express from Secunderabad to Visakhapatnam through remote video link

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express train connecting Secunderabad with Visakhapatnam via video conferencing on 15th January, 2023. This train will be the eighth Vande Bharat Express to be introduced by Indian Railways and will be the first one connecting the two Telugu-speaking states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, covering a distance of around 700 km. It will have stoppages at Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry and Vijayawada stations in Andhra Pradesh and at Khammam, Warangal and Secunderabad stations in Telangana.

Continuing with the reference of festivities that connect all parts of the country, the Prime Minister said India Indian Railways also connects by traversing the length and breadth of the country providing opportunity to understand, know and connect various parts of the country in the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the Vande Bharat express will greatly benefit both pilgrims and tourists and informed that the travel time between Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam will be further reduced.

"Vande Bharat is a symbol of New India's capability and resolve", the Prime Minister continued, "It is a symbol of that India which has chosen the path of rapid development." The Prime Minister highlighted that the train reflects an India which is eager towards its dreams and aspirations, an India that wants to achieve its goal, an India that strives for excellence, an India that wants to deliver the best to its citizens, and an India that has broken the shackles of the mentality of slavery and heading towards atmanirbharta.

The Prime Minister also underlined the speed of work that is taking place with regard to Vande Bharat trains. He mentioned that within 15 days second Vande Bharat is operationalized this year and this indicates the speed of change on the ground. He also highlighted the indigenous character of Vande Bharat trains and their impact and pride in the minds of the people. He informed that 7 Vande Bharat Trains have covered the cumulative distance of 23 lakh kilometres,



Dr. Tamilisai Soundarajan, Governor alongwith Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman and CEO and Shri Arun Kumar Jain, GM participated in the program held at Secunderabad Railway station

equivalent to 58 rounds of earth. More than 40 lakh passengers have traveled in Vande Bharat trains so far, he said.

The Prime Minister pointed to the direct link between connectivity and speed and their connection with 'Sabka Vikas'. "Infrastructure related to connectivity not only connects two places but also links dreams with reality, manufacturing to market, talent to proper platform. Connectivity expands the possibilities of development", he said. "Wherever there is Gati (speed), there is Pragati (Progress). Whenever progress takes place prosperity is assured", he added.

The Prime Minister recalled the time when the benefits of modern connectivity were limited to a select few and the bulk of the population was suffering from expensive transportation wasting a lot of time. Vande Bharat train exemplifies the transformation of leaving that thinking behind and a vision of connecting everyone with speed and progress. The Prime Minister highlighted that the times of excuses and poor image of railways and a fatalist approach to the dismal situation changed when with good and honest intentions, these problems were addressed and in the past eight years, this is the mantra that transformed Indian railways.

The Prime Minister said that traveling by Indian Railway is becoming a pleasant experience. Many Railway Stations reflect the image of modern India. "Work done in the last 7-8 years will transform the Indian Railway in the coming 7-8 years", he said. Shri Modi elaborated on the measures like vistadome coaches and heritage trains to promote tourism, Kisan Rail to carry agricultural produce to far-flung markets, more than 2 dozen cities have got Metro network and a futuristic rapid rail transit system is emerging fast.

The Prime Minister observed that the Vande Bharat is also connected to Andhra Pradesh from one end and informed that the Central Government is continuously working to strengthen the rail network in Andhra Pradesh.

Highlighting the efforts of the Central Government to boost the Ease of Living as well as the Ease of Doing Business, the Prime Minister noted that in the past years, the construction of 350 kilometres of new railway lines and about 800 kilometres of multi-tracking has been completed in Andhra Pradesh. Compared to pre-2014, he observed that only 60 kilometres of railway tracks were electrified annually in Andhra Pradesh during the previous government and informed that this speed has now increased to more than 220 kilometres annually.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister said, "This process of speed and progress will continue like this' ' and congratulated everyone on the Vande Bharat Express train to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Governor Ms Tamilisai Soundararajan, Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Shri G Kishan Reddy, State Ministers, and members of Parliament were among those present on the occasion.



Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways appreciated the paintings of Vande Bharat Express done by the school children

Salient Features of Vande Bharat Express



Gangway for contemporary exterior look as well as for free passenger movement

Automatic Plug Doors with Sliding Foot Steps



Continuous sealed windows with provision for emergency exit





FRP-Interior panelling

Corrugated FRP roof panel design to improve aesthetics



Special air conditioning duct for silent and equal distribution of conditioned Air. Automatic sensor for temperature adjustment

Partitions with electrically operated touch free sliding doors.



Sunk in type Tip-up seat





Emergency alarm push buttons inside the compartment.



Emergency talk back unit inside and outside the seating area

Indirect LED lighting for calmer ambience like aircraft



Mobile charging point at every seat





Revolving seats in Executive class



Mini pantry in each coach

For Divyangjan passengers Special lavatory in DTC



Hon'ble Prime Minister Laid the Foundation Stone for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus – Redevelopment Project



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus through remote. Also seen Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde, CM of Maharashtra, Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce, Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve, Minister of State of Railways and Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Dy. CM/Maharashtra

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone for redevelopment of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway station through remote at a function in Mumbai on 19th January, 2023. The project will be done at a cost of over ₹1,800 crores.

The Prime Minister informed that work in mission mode is being carried out across the country for the advancement of Indian Railways and Mumbai Metro and local trains are also benefiting from this. the railway stations of today are being developed like airports, and one of the oldest railway stations in India, the Chhatrapati Maharaj Terminus is going to get a facelift as part of this initiative and will be developed as the shining example of the India of the 21st century. "The main objective is to make better services available for the general public and create ease of traveling experience. He also added that the railway station will not be limited to services related to railways but will also act as a hub for multimodal connectivity. "All modes of transport, be it bus, metro, taxi or auto, every means of transport will be connected under one roof and this will provide seamless connectivity to all travelers" the Prime Minister said as he informed that such multimodal connectivity hubs will be developed in every city.

Shri Modi, informed that the city of Mumbai will get a facelift in the years to come with the technological advancements of Mumbai Local, expansion of the Metro network, Vande Bharat trains and advanced connectivity faster than the bullet train.

Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Kohsyari, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shine, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Union Ministers, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Narayan Rane, Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve, Minister of State of Railways, Union Ministers of State, Members of Parliament and Ministers of Maharashtra Government among others were present on occasion.



Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board gave the detailed information about the model of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister

Salient Features of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Redevelopment Project



- Iconic station building, extending and conservation of Heritage character.
- Spacious double level suburban concourse and long-distance concourse over platform with spaces for retail, cafeterias, recreational facilities connecting all sides of buildings and all platforms.
- Arrival Foot Over Bridges, Skywalk Connection.
- Multiple entries and ease of access to station from all sides.
- Decongestion of the existing south concourse and adequate parking facilities.
- Clutter free platforms, improved surfaces, arcade thorough roof over platforms including all tracks.
- Facilities for Divyangjan.
- Passenger Comforts – Illumination, Wayfinding/Signages.
- Safety – CCTVs, Provision of Access Controls.
- Certified Green Buildings — Solar energy, Water Conservation/ Recycling, Sewerage Treatment Plant, Solid Waste Management.



Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways with the officials who retired from service in the month of December 2022. Seen with the MR are Shri V.K. Tripathi, Chairman & CEO, Shri Sanjay Kumar Mohanty, Member (OBD) , Shri Buddhadev Majumdar, Adviser (Admn.), Shri Sunil Kumar Garg, AM (Comml), Shri Dinesh Chandra Sharma, AM (Mechanical Engg.) and Smt. Vaka Dhanalakshmi, SO. Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, present Chairman & CEO and Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, present Member (O&BD) also attended the function

Indian Railways in Union Budget 2023-24



Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways addressed a Press Meet after the Union Budget. Also seen are Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman and CEO, Ms. Anjali Goyal, Member Finance and other senior officers.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister, presented the General Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24 on 1st February, 2023. Announcing in the Budget speech, she said, a capital outlay of ₹ 2.40 lakh crore has been provided for the Railways. This highest ever outlay is about 9 times the outlay made in 2013-14.

After the Union Budget, while addressing a Press Meet organized at Rail Bhavan, the Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that he was thankful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for providing railways a capital investment support of ₹ 2.40 lac crores. He emphasized many important projects will get momentum with capital investment support. Railways will now be able to provide a pleasant travel experience and services to our 800 crores passengers.

In the budget, a reference to green growth, tourism, world class facilities etc. has been made which will be a focus point for the railways.

Under the 'Amrit Bharat Station' Project, as many as 1275 stations are being re-developed which include big stations like New Delhi, Ahmedabad, CSMT, Kanpur and medium and small size stations like Puri, Jaipur, Gandhinagar etc. The work of station re-development is being carried out on war footing.

Embodying the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the



'Vande Bharat' train journeys are being much appreciated by the people. Railways is offering world class services to the passengers in the Vande Bharat trains. As many as 8 Vande Bharat Express Trains are running on the tracks. These train sets have till now covered a distance in kms. equivalent to a distance covering 52 times the earth's perimeter.

The production of Vande Bharat train sets is being augmented very rapidly. At present, these are being manufactured in ICF Chennai. In the time to come, Railways is going to start manufacturing these train sets shortly in production units of the railways situated at Sonipat (Haryana), Latur (Maharashtra) and Raibareilly (UP). Today a Vande Bharat train set is being manufactured in every 7 days' time. By the next Financial Year, a target of manufacturing two to three Vande Bharat train sets every week is set. With this, the vision of the Prime Minister to connect all areas of the country with Vande Bharat trains shall become a reality.

On the lines of Vande Bharat train sets, the work of designing and manufacturing Vande Metro train sets shall be completed this year. The production will start during the financial year 2024-25. With introduction of these trains, the local people will get the experience of a trustworthy local train service.

There is one more example of 'Atmnirbhar Bharat,' which is hydrogen train embodied in the Green Growth Chapter of the budget. This hydrogen train completely designed and manufactured in India, shall come on the tracks by December 2023. First, hydrogen train shall be operated on Kalka Simla Heritage Circuit and then on other heritage



circuits. After that, these trains shall be run on the other tracks.

Under the second initiative undertaken for Green Growth, Railways have so far electrified train operations in Indian Railways to the extent of more than 85 per cent. To promote green energy, Ultra Mega Solar Plant is being planned.'

For infrastructure growth, Railway is adopting Corridor Approach under which Energy Corridor -a separate corridor for hilly areas, Sagar Mala Corridor -for connecting ports, Janjatiya Gaurav Corridor –to connect our so far unconnected tribal areas; by adopting a combination of Cement Corridor, Energy Corridor, Economic and Social Corridor, infrastructure shall be developed.

The Railway Minister informed that the work of Ahmedabad-Mumbai Bullet Train Project is being carried out at a rapid speed. The present Maharashtra Government has granted all necessary permissions. Railways shall keep a focus on ensuring a rapid work related to the bullet train project this year.

Tourism is also a big theme in the Budget. The Indian Railways run 'Bharat Gaurav Train' is gaining a lot of popularity amongst the people. Theme based trains like 'Ramayana Circuit,' 'Jagannath Circuit,' 'Kashi Vishwanath Circuit,' 'Shirdi Saibaba Circuit' etc. are being run at present. In days to come, we have a plan to add five to six new circuits for which we shall make necessary announcement shortly.

Sambalpur-Shalimar Express Flagged Off and Angul-Balaram New Railway Line Inaugurated



Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister flagged off the Sambalpur-Shalimar Express alongwith Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways and other Ministers

Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik on 29th December, 2022 flagged off the new express train between Sambalpur and Shalimar via Talcher-Dhenkanal and Bhadrak in the presence of Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi and Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a function held at Angul railway station.

Later, the 14 kms long Angul-Balaram New Railway Line was inaugurated at the function held at Electrical Loco Shed, Angul by Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Shri Pralhad Joshi and Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw. Angul-Balaram New Railway Line will provide facilities for the transportation of freight, especially coal to the different industries and power houses of the country. Dy. Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly Shri Rajani Kant Singh, MP Shri Mahesh Sahu, MLAs Shri Braja Kishore Pradhan; Shri Sushant Kumar Behera also graced the occasion at Angul Railway Station and Electric Loco Shed at Angul.

Foundation Stone Laid for Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station

Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan; Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi; and Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw laid the foundation stone for the "Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station" proposed to be a world-class station and flagged off Puri-Jaleswar-Puri MEMU on 29th December, 2022 in a function held at Bhubaneswar Railway Station.

Shri Vaishnaw said priority is being given for the development of Railways in Odisha. Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station will have a number of facilities with modern infrastructure and amenities.



Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways alongwith Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Coal, laid the foundation stone for redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Rly. Stn.

BHARAT GAURAV TOURIST TRAIN
'Shri Jagannath Yatra' Flagged Off from Delhi

Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train "Shri Jagannath Yatra" was flagged off on 25th January, 2023 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on its auspicious tour by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship along with Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Minister of Railways and Shri G Kishan Reddy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region. Chairman and CEO, Railway Board, Shri Anivvl Kumar Lahoti, Secretary Tourism Shri. Mr. Arvind Singh, senior officers of various ministries and IRCTC were among those present on the occasion. IRCTC Ltd, a public sector undertaking under Ministry of Railways, is running the train.



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education alongwith Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways and Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman & CEO flagged off the Bharat Gaurav tourist train "Shri Jagannath Yatra" from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station

The train embarked on its journey on the 8 days tour wherein the one among the Char Dhams of India i.e Jagannath temple of Puri will be visited by the tourists. The visit of Varanasi, Baidyanath Dham, Konark and Gaya are added attractions of the tour.

The 8 day Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour has its first stop at Varanasi, the ancient holy city, where tourists will visit Kashi Vishwanath temple and Corridor along with the Ganga ghat. After Varanasi, the train will move to Jashidih Railway station in Jharkhand and tourists will proceed to visit Baidyanath dham Jyotirling temple. Further train will depart from Jashidih to Puri where stay for two nights has been arranged for them in the hotels. While at Puri, tourists will visit Jagannath temple, Golden Puri beach, Sun temple at Konark and temples of Bhubaneshwar. After Puri, Gaya will be the last destination where the visit of Vishnupad temple will be covered in the tour. Train will return back to Delhi on 1st February, 2023.

Coupled with a modern state of the art AC rake, the tourist train has options to board/de-board the train at Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah, Kanpur and Lucknow stations in the tour.

Freshly cooked vegetarian meals will be served on board to the guests from the well equipped modern pantry car. The train has also been fitted with infotainment system for the entertainment of the passengers as well as for public announcements. Clean toilets to enhanced security features of CCTV Cameras and Security Guards for each coach have also been provided.

Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train launch is in line with the Government of India initiative "Dekho Apna Desh" to promote domestic tourism. At a price range starting from ₹17,655/- per person, the tourist train will be an all inclusive tour package covering train journey in 3rd AC, Night stay at hotels, All meals (veg. only), all transfer and sight-seeing in buses, Travel Insurance and services of guide etc. All necessary health precautionary measures are being taken care of.



Chairman and CEO, Railway Board Chaired Review Meeting on Projects on Central and Western Railway

Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board chaired a review meeting on projects on Central and Western Railway held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on 14th January, 2023.

Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager Central and Western Railway; Shri Alok Singh, AGM, Central Railway; Shri Prakash Bhutani, AGM, Western Railway and PHoDs of Central and Western Railway were present. Shri Lahoti discussed matters related to various projects on Central and Western Railway.



Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman and CEO alongwith Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, GM of Central and Western Railway chaired a review meeting

Special Campaign 2.0



Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, Secretary Railway Board at the 'Special Campaign 2.0'

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) on behalf of the Government of India launched 'Special Campaign 2.0' from 14th September, 2022 to 31st October, 2022 specifically focusing on cleanliness all around, reducing pendency and improving work-culture of the Government organizations throughout the country.

Spearheaded by the Minister of Railways, all Railway Units viz. the Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Production Units and Public Sector Undertakings through their tireless nodal officers, publicity divisions and EnHM divisions contributed to the overwhelming success of the campaign through 10,700 cleanliness campaigns in Railway premises viz., stations, station circulatory areas, hospitals, schools, rest houses, staff running rooms, staff colonies, workshops and other office premises thereby surpassing the target of 7337 set before the Council of Ministers. Special emphasis was laid for mechanized cleaning trains and stations (including approaches to major stations) and collection and safe disposal of plastic and other waste. One such effort of the Ministry of Railways was appreciated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in his tweet.

Around 135 news reports on Special Campaign 2.0 on cleanliness were published highlighting Railways' effort in this campaign. Hashtag #SpecialCampaign2.0 garnered 646 million impressions, registering a reach of 83.1 million with 25 thousand mentions on Twitter. Around 5.51 thousand users have used this hashtag while tweeting. More than ₹33 crores worth scrap including office scrap was disposed off and space to the tune of 20,000 sq feet was freed during the campaign period. Many best practices were also evolved during the campaign period and were showcased in the exhibition in the Good Governance week held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi between 19-23rd December, 2022 in which Secretary/Railway Board participated as Lead Speaker.









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Facilities Provided to Female Passengers



- A reservation quota of six berths in sleeper class in long distance Mail/Express trains and a reservation quota of six berths in 3AC class of all Rajdhani/Duronto/Fully Air Conditioned/Express trains has been earmarked for female passengers irrespective of their age, travelling alone or in a group of female passengers.
- A combined quota of six to seven lower berths per coach in Sleeper class, four to five lower berths per coach each in Air Conditioned 3 tier (3AC) and three to four lower berths per coach in Air Conditioned 2 tier (2AC) classes (depending on the number of coaches of that class in the train) has been earmarked for senior citizens, female passengers 45 years of age and above and pregnant women.
- In the computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) there is a provision to allot lower berths to Senior Citizens, Female passengers of 45 years and above automatically, even if no choice is given, subject to availability of accommodation at the time of booking.
- After departure of the train, if there are vacant lower berths available in the train and if any person with disability booked on the authority of handicapped concession or a senior citizen or a pregnant woman, who has been allotted upper/middle berth, approaches for allotment of vacant lower berths, the on board Ticket Checking Staff has been authorized to allot the vacant lower berth to them making necessary entries in the chart.



- Separate counters are earmarked at various Passenger Reservation System (PRS) centers for dealing with the reservation requisitions received from persons with disability, senior citizens, Ex. MPs, MLAs, female passengers, accredited journalists and freedom fighters, if the average demand per shift not less than 120 tickets. In case there is no justification for earmarking of an exclusive counter for any of these categories of persons including female passengers or senior citizens, one or two counters depending upon the total demand are earmarked for dealing with the reservation requests for all these categories of persons. At those reservation offices which have not been computerized and where separate counters for female passengers are not in existence, female passengers are not required to be compelled to join the general queues and are to be attended separately at the same counter as for general passengers.
- Accommodation is also earmarked for female passengers in the unreserved coaches of Mail/Express trains.
- Separate compartments/ coaches have been earmarked in suburban trains for exclusive use of female passengers.
- Ladies special trains are also run wherever required and feasible.
- Waiting room/halls are earmarked for female passengers at important stations.
- Separate toilets for female passengers are provided as per norms.

Scholarships and Other Facilities Being Granted to the Children of Railway Workers

- Indian Railways provides a monthly scholarship amount of ₹ 1500 to the meritorious children of the non-gazetted railway employees for study in high level technical/professional educational courses.
- Beside this, a monthly scholarship of ₹ 1500 is given to the female children of the railway workers whose grade pay is up to ₹ 2400.
- Indian Railways encourages organizing camps to promote activities relating to women empowerment and increased level of people's sensitization towards them like holding seminars, camps and training programs.
- Indian Railways extends its help to buy wheel-chairs, special software etc. to make them available to the physically/mentally challenged railway workers and such of their children and helps in holding workshops, seminars, camps etc. for their welfare.
- Indian Railways also distributes cash prize to the children of railway workers who display excellent performance in the field of sports.
- While granting scholarships and recruiting employees, priority is accorded to the girls and women candidates.
- Beside sports, Indian Railways, under the other recreational activities category, provides recreational facilities, allows purchase of gym equipments and helps to organize vacation camps, study tours etc. for railway employees and their children.
- Under the cultural activities promotion work, cultural programs are organized in residential colonies, railway divisions and schools and the relative equipments etc. are purchased and maintained.
- To help railway workers up to the grade pay of ₹ 4600 (i.e. up to the 7th level in Pay Matrix,) in situations of distress and sickness etc., Indian Railways extends an increased relief amount like providing an immediate financial help in case of an accident, and providing relief amount to the workers who are sick for a long time and are admitted to a hospital and are on leave on loss of pay i.e. they have no (LAP or LHAP) leave in their leave account. On death of a railway employee, an amount of ₹ 10,000 as expenses for performing the last rites is given to the relatives in each and every case.
- Sports activities are promoted by providing the latest sports equipments and by arranging coaching for sports in Schools, Institutes and Clubs.
- In all the trains, training related facilities are made available under the Scouts and Guide activities program.
- In order to reduce the stress level of employees and in keeping with the aim of ensuring a better mental health and welfare, proper guidance is provided and alternate methods like 'Dhyan,' 'Yoga' bringing change in life-style etc. are adopted.
- Beside all these facilities, Indian Railways arranges for facilities of Holiday Home, Rest House, Entertainment, Information facility like TV and improvement in maintenance of electric equipments and providing recurring maintenance expense on these facilities.

RPF Ensuring Women's Safety at Priority, Leading Women's Empowerment.



Women in India have historically been the cultural convoys who have served to enrich the Indian society which has undergone a metamorphosis and multi-dimensional evolution due to its ever-imbibing nature and frequent contact with multifarious civilizations of the world which has left an indelible imprint on not only the Indian languages and our culinary delights but also our traditions and culture.

In the 21st century, ensuring the safety and security of women on Indian Railways is a crucial issue that requires attention and action as Indian Railways are the single largest public transport system in India connecting the nation. The sheer scale of the Indian Railways network with over 12,000 trains and 7,000 stations, makes it a gargantuan task to ensure the safety of women on all trains and at all stations and the Railway Protection Force (RPF); being the key agency entrusted with its pan Indian presence over Indian Railways; plays a vital role in addressing this issue by implementing various initiatives and measures to improve the security of women on trains and thus empowering them to participate freely and fearlessly in any role as they choose in the Indian society.

The Railway Protection Force has undergone a steep evolution cycle where it has transformed itself from its primary role of protection of Railway property to being the sentinels of Women and Child security over Indian Railways.

Toll-Free Helpline to address issues of Women's Security over IR

Among its diverse range of initiatives in women security leading to women empowerment, RPF was one of the first agencies over Indian Railways that has set up a toll free women's safety helpline for women to call in case of emergency or to report any harassment or misconduct on trains. Further this helpline was integrated with RailMadad number 139 (integrated with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) i.e. 112 and RailMadad mobile app. This helpline is a valuable tool for women to seek help and report incidents, and serves as a means for RPF to gather data on the extent of the problem and respond immediately to address the grievance more than 4000 calls regarding eve teasing and molestation were received during the year which were promptly addressed.

All Women RPF Special Task Forces on Women Security

To further enhance security, RPF has formed women's security squads on trains to ensure the safety of women travelling on both short and long-distance trains. These squads, which consist of female RPF personnel, conduct regular patrols and checks on trains



to ensure the safety of women passengers. This is a crucial step in addressing the problem of harassment and misconduct on trains, as it ensures the presence of female security personnel who can provide a safe and secure environment for women. Many such all women RPF squads like SHAKTI, VEERANGANA, BHAIRAVI are working tirelessly in ensuring that women travelling over Indian Railways can do so without any sense of discomfort or fear.

Meri Saheli Initiative: End-to-End Holistic Women Security

A data-driven analysis was conducted regarding crime on women over railways and the three most vulnerable sectors were identified who were women travelling alone, women travelling with minor children, and elderly women passengers travelling alone or with a caregiver and in order to provide end-to-end holistic security of women the Meri Saheli teams were envisaged. 249 all women Meri Saheli teams with 939 lady RPF personnel are deployed Pan India. The all women teams are provided from origination station to destination station the seat numbers of the vulnerable women passengers and at each stopping station the said women passengers are attended by till they reach their destination safely and in doing so it has largely empowered lady passengers to travel alone with a sense of RPF Saheli always present to help her feel secure and make her journey hassle free.

Prosecution and Raids Under Railways Act

Indian Railways have designated and reserved coaches for women travellers so as to ensure a hassle-free and comfortable journey for lady passengers and have empowered RPF under section 162 of the Indian Railways Act to prosecute offenders who enter coaches reserved for women. In 2022 RPF has prosecuted 77026 offenders who have arbitrarily entered the coaches reserved for women and these proactive raids and prosecution create an infallible sphere of deterrent policing to ensure a smooth journey for the lady passengers.

Increasing the Coverage of Hi-definition CCTV Cameras over IR

The railway premises in trains and stations have been covered with high-definition CCTV cameras including Face recognition Cameras which aim at 360-degree protection and ensure in preventive vigilance over unwanted elements and known history sheeters over Indian Railways.

CCTV cameras in trains and at railway stations are also useful to monitor the movement of passengers and deter any kind of harassment or misconduct. This serves as a deterrent for would-be offenders and also provides evidence in case of any incident and is a key deterrent step in enhancing women's security and empowering lady passengers to access public transport at any time.

CCTV cameras have been provided under the ISS and recently under VSS 983 stations have been scheduled to be covered under CCTV coverage to enhance the network presence.

Awareness Campaigns in Women Empowerment over IR

RPF conducts regular public awareness campaigns to educate women about their rights and how to report any safety concerns. By raising awareness among women about their rights and the measures available to ensure their safety, The Railway Protection Force also provides regular training to its personnel on how to handle women's safety issues. This training includes how to handle cases of harassment and misconduct, as well as how to provide medical aid in case of emergency. This ensures that RPF personnel are equipped to handle any situation that may arise and provide the necessary assistance to women in distress.

Adequate Lighting and Perimeter Security

In addition to these initiatives, under the Station Security plan

RPF has chalked out a detailed plan customised for all major railway stations to ensure basic security arrangements and perimeter security in enhancing passenger security with a focus on women's security. Measures like enhancing the lighting of stations, closing unauthorized entries, and chalking out footfall pathways for designated entry/exit points have all a long bearing effect on enhancing the security of women passengers travelling over railways.

Operation Matri-shakti by Women RPF Personnel in assisting Pregnant Women

RPF women personnel have been assisting pregnant lady passengers who suddenly go into labor during their journey to provide them with immediate medical assistance. From the year 2020, 106 lady passengers have been assisted in the golden hour to deliver beautiful lives under Operation Matri-shakti and in doing so RPF personnel through their dedication have served to enhance the confidence of women to travel safely on IR even while they are pregnant as RPF personnel will be there to assist them in case of any eventuality.

Despite these efforts, there are still challenges that RPF faces in ensuring the safety and security of women on Indian Railways. The sheer scale of the Indian Railways network with over 12,000 trains and 7,000 stations makes it a colossal initiative to ensure the safety of women on all trains and at all stations. RPF has to work with limited resources and personnel to cover such a vast area. Another challenge is the lack of awareness among women passengers about their rights and the measures available to ensure their safety. Many women are not aware of the helpline number or the procedures to report incidents of harassment or misconduct. The Railway Protection Force is making concerted efforts to create awareness among women passengers about their rights and the measures available to ensure their safety with the collaboration of many partner NGOs, through social media presence and through regular press briefings regarding initiatives in Women's Security.

Participation of Women in RPF

India's largest employer, the Railways is taking steps to reduce the country's gender gap in the workforce.



Prior to recent recruitment in railway Protection Force/ Railway Protection Special Force (RPF/ RPSF) held in the year 2018-2019, the percentage of women personnel was approx 3% of the total sanctioned strength. In the recruitment which started in the year 2018, out of 8619 and 1121 vacancies notified for Constables and Sub-Inspectors respectively, 4216 (49% approx) and 301 (27% approx) vacancies were respectively reserved/notified for women to increase the share of women in ranks of RPF. The recruitment was completed and now the percentage of women in RPF increased significantly, from about 3% to 9% of the total sanctioned strength.

One exclusive Mahila Battalion consisting of 641 women RPSF personnel has been created by redistribution of existing strength of RPF. The Mahila Battalion is deployed at various parts of the country for undertaking focused challenges for security of women passengers over Indian Railways.

Lady RPF personnel have been regularly been deployed in the frontline duties of RPF i.e. Train Escort, Track Patrolling, Guarding railway establishments and in several critical law and order duties.

The Railway Protection Force is dedicated to serving the women passengers travelling over Indian Railways and is making all-out efforts to ensure a 360-degree holistic prevention and detection network using dynamic data-driven deployment and use of path-breaking technology in enhancing women security and thereby augmenting Women empowerment so that women travel with confidence over Indian Railways.

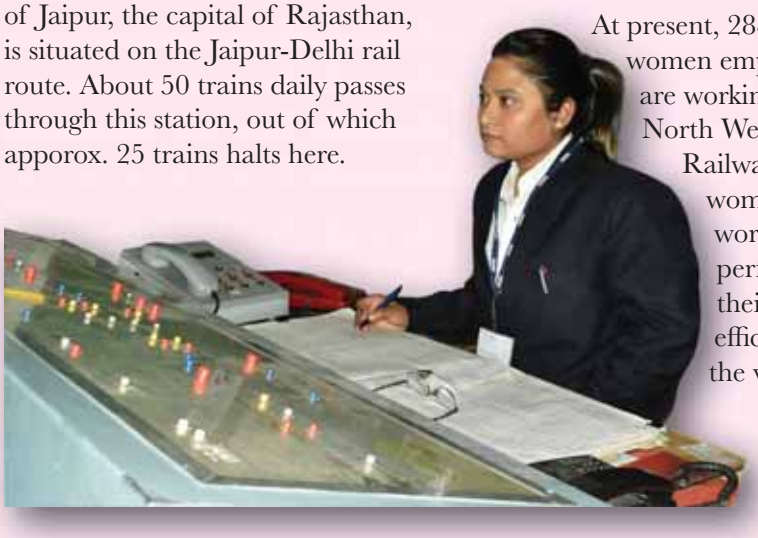
North Western Railway Championing Women's Empowerment

Gandhinagar Jaipur Station Women Railway Employees Operated



As part of the initiative taken towards women empowerment, Gandhinagar Jaipur station of North Western Railway, Jaipur Division has been rechristened as all women station on 19th February, 2018. Today this station is being successfully operated by women railway employees. Gandhinagar Jaipur station has emerged as an example of women empowerment in the entire Indian Railways as well as in the country. This important station of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is situated on the Jaipur-Delhi rail route. About 50 trains daily passes through this station, out of which apporox. 25 trains halts here. About 15,000 passengers commute daily from Gandhinagar station.

To materialize the concept of all women station on North Western Railway, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur was selected and all employee from pointsman to station master are women at this station. Women employees working at Gandhinagar Jaipur station have been given special training to work with confidence, due to which they are performing with zeal and enthusiasm.



At present, 2885 women employees are working on North Western Railway. These women workers are performing their duties efficiently on the various posts of station master, loco pilot, track maintainer, diesel shed, technicians, railway security force, TTE, nursing worker, doctor, guard etc. Along with this, women sportsperson have also made the country proud by winning medals in competitions held in the country and abroad.

"Educated girl child is an important link in building an educated family, society and nation. there should be no discrimination between boys and girls. There should be more efforts and awareness to bring a change in the mindset of the people. Having two daughters, I have my personal experience that what daughters can do, no one else can do. Daughters are the spark of the house. It is wrong to discriminate between son and daughter and there is a need for more awareness on this in society.

(**Dr. Lakshmi Meena**)

Chief Health Director, NWR

Netaji Bhavan Metro Station

An all Women Managed Metro Station



Netaji Bhavan Metro station is an epitome of women's empowerment. In a bid to celebrate the International Women's Day in a galla manner, this underground station of North-South Metro corridor has been transformed into "All Women Managed Metro Station". From Station Master to Safaiwala of this station, all staff are ladies and they execute their daily jobs with passion and dedication. Netaji Bhavan Metro station was also selected as one of the 75 stations of Indian Railways network for celebrating the Iconic Week 'Azadi Ki Rail Gadi Aur Stations' from 18th July to 23rd July, 2022 as a part of celebration of 75th year of Country's Independence due to its proximity with the residence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the adjacent area. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day was also celebrated on 14th August, 2022 at Netaji Bhavan Metro station.



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Women Heralding a Change in North Central Railway

Women have been the pillars of life and society since time immemorial. Even in today's progressive society, women are providing increasing cooperation in the construction and progress of the society. Today, in every field, women are contributing to the betterment of the society and the nation by moving together with men.

Indian Railways is an organisation, where women are making contributions in every field, along with supporting the women passengers. North Central Railway is also continuously making many efforts in the direction of women empowerment. Today women are working in almost every department and area of North Central Railway. They are being provided proper facilities with a safe environment here. As a result of these facilities, they are participating in the nation's development by giving their best performances.



Special arrangement have been made for women employees— A lot of women are working as gazetted officers, doctors, surgeons and para-medical staff in hospitals, engineers, station masters, reservation clerks, travelling ticket examiners, office staff women loco pilots, skilled technicians, assistants, artisans and sportpersons etc over North Central Railway. Zone is very sensitive to the needs of its women employees and ensures that these women employees work in an



North Central Railway: Nadbai and Khedli railway stations of Agra Division are coloured in pink depicting gender sensitivity

environment of complete comfort and safety at work sites. There is a provision of single room in running rooms along with special toiletries, vending machine, feeding room for women working in North Central Railway. Automatic Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines have been installed in most of the offices to ensure availability of sanitary napkins to the women personnel. Crèches are being run in major office complexes so that women can take care of their babies along with their work at work places.



Service and Safety — We are constantly striving to provide better services to our customers, especially women passengers. In order to facilitate the women passengers to reach their destinations, the North Central Railway has attached ladies coaches in the trains. In each train, 6 seats/berths per reserved coaches are reserved for women. Automatic sanitary napkin vending machines have been installed at railway stations to ensure availability of sanitary napkins to the passengers. Efforts are being made to ensure availability of baby seats in trains along with arrangement of baby feeding rooms at stations and main buildings. Arrangement of CCTV at stations and trains and Meri Saheli team gives passengers a sense of security during the journey.

Honor and Recognition — On the occasion of 67th Railway Week Award Ceremony of the year 2022, two officers of North Central Railway, Ms. Mansi Verma, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Agra Division and Mrs. Akanksha Sharma, Deputy Chief Material Manager/ GSD/Jhansi were awarded by the Hon'ble Railway Minister, for their performance in Human Resource Planning, Career Progression, Training, Grievance Redressal, Employee Welfare and for maintaining uninterrupted availability of all materials even during the lockdown and resolving the issues of many non-stock materials with the prompt efforts respectively.

Smt. Pooja Singh has also been awarded with the Safety Award for the "employee for the month" for August-2022. Lady constable Smt. Pooja Singh while on duty at Virangana Laxmibai station platform no. 2/3, supported the woman who alighted from the general coach of train number 11842 in safe delivery. In this way, she has done a commendable job towards the safety of railway passengers.



Participation in social upliftment— Women's welfare organization is operated at zonal and divisional level over North Central Railway. This organization makes selfless and exemplary contribution in helping the needy railway personnel and their families through various welfare schemes. Various schools are run by the organizations for the promotion of education. There along with teaching, various programs such as drawing and painting, essay, art and craft, dance, taekwondo, debate and courses related to various sports are conducted from time to time. Various competitions are also

organized so that the all round development of the children can be achieved. Various programs are organized by the organization for continuous social service and to make girls and women self-reliant. Courses are organized for girls and women regarding education, tailoring, embroidery, making food products etc., so that they can contribute to the development of the country by becoming self-reliant. To encourage women employees, felicitation and prize distribution ceremonies are also organized by the organizations. Along with this, free medical camps and awareness programs are also organized from time to time.

Meri Saheli — In order to provide security and assistance to women traveling in trains, Railway Protection Force, North Central Railway, has constituted the "Meri Saheli" initiative, a team of Railway Protection Women Force members in Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra divisions. By attending to the women travelling in trains starting from North Central Railway and other identified trains, their travel details are being noted and shared with other zones/divisions and pamphlets, banners are being distributed regarding the security of women travelling in trains. For awareness, Rail Madad Suraksha Helpline no. 139 is being widely publicised through Rail Display Network (RDN) etc. Every possible help is being provided by the Railway Protection Force for quick redressal of the problems faced by the women during the journey.

The convocation parade of the first batch of women trainees of Zonal Railway Protection Force Training Center at Subedarganj Prayagraj of North Central



Railway was organized. On this occasion, a total of 248 women trainees, including 19 women constable trainees from North Central Railway, 59 from Central Railway, 97 from Northern Railway, 02 from North Eastern Railway, 22 from North Western Railway, 47 from Western Railway and 03 from West Central Railway, passed out after 9 months of rigorous training and formally became a part of Railway Protection Force.

Sports World— Women players of North Central Railway are bringing the laurels to the nation and to the North Central Railway through their excellent performance. Ms. Gurjeet and Ms. Nisha were members of the bronze medal winning



women's hockey team in the Commonwealth Games held at Birmingham and Ms. Poonam and Ms. Ekta, represented the country in international cricket tournaments. Silver medalist Ms. Chhavi Yadav has also made us proud by her outstanding performance in the World Railway Cross Country Championship held in Berlin, she also won Mumbai marathon and Inter Railway cross country championships.

In the 69th All India Railway Women's and Men's Badminton Championship, the team of North Central Railway won the bronze medal in the women's team event.

In the 53rd All India Railway Cross Country Championship, the women's team of North Central Railway won the silver medal.

Women sportspersons of North Central Railway won eight medals in the 8th Women All India Railway Weightlifting Championship held at Mumbai. The women's team of North Central Railway won the championship with 226 points. NCR's Komal Kohar has also beaten the national record in 45 kg weight category.

West Central Railway: Women Took Command of Railways on International Women's Day



Women Loco Pilots operated trains
Important contribution of women railway employees in the development of WCR

On the occasion of International Women's Day, dated 08 March 2022, a unique example of women power was showcased by women railway employees in West Central Railway. On this occasion, the Goods train from Jabalpur railway station and the mail express passenger train from Bhopal railway station were operated entirely by women personnel.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Shri Sudhir Kumar Gupta, General Manager, West Central Railway congratulated all the women employees and complimented them for completing their work efficiently. Sanju Rangare and Varsha Yadav, Goods Loco Pilot operated Goods train at Jabalpur Railway Station. A unique example of women power was set by the said women railway employees by operating the goods train.

In this series, Mrs. Kumari Nutan, Loco Pilot and Sunaina Charpe, Assistant Loco Pilot set an example of women empowerment by successfully operating train number 18235 (Bhopal-Bilaspur Express) between Bhopal and Bina. During this, ticket checking done by Mrs. Geeta Gusari and Rita Yadav in the train.



The First Woman Transport Inspector in Indian Railways

Smt Geeta Rani is working as Transport Inspector in Operating Department of Kota Division. Smt. Geeta Rani was appointed as the first woman Station Master in West Central Railway on 27th February, 1991. Smt. Geeta Rani is the first woman employee to be selected and completed training on the post of Transport Inspector in Indian Railways. The following excellent works have been executed by her.

She avoided an accident on 21th October, 1992. As a token of appreciation for her vigilant and prompt security measures, Appreciation letter was awarded by the Senior Divisional Safety Officer/Kota.

Work of station and level crossing gates, footplates, brake vans, joint trolley inspections etc. were carried out day and night by her.

Attending the accident sites and submitting reports on time by carrying out joint inquiries.



The Shining Jewels of The Crown
Women Behind the Wheels of Northern Railway



Arti and Vivekanjali Rawat both Station Masters at Dhandari Kalan near Ludhiana

Northern Railway is the crown of Indian Railways covering the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, parts of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Chandigarh. Being the largest zone in terms of route kilometer, Northern Railway has a sizable number of Railway employees, out of which, about 15% are women.

A happy workplace is a productive workplace. With this in mind, Northern Railway has taken a number of steps to bring joy laughter and care to the offices and workplaces by caring for the women. On the one hand, women while dealing with their family with care and compassion have been doing equal justice to their professional responsibilities with complete accomplishment and loyalty. The children are the future of our Nation and their safety, security and correct upbringing is primal for any society.

These days highly motivated, educated and trained women are joining Northern Railway at various levels in the organization, rubbing shoulders with their male counterparts, excelling in their chosen fields. Thousands of women are working as frontline employees; Gazetted Officers, Doctors, Paramedics, Engineers, Station Masters, Reservation Clerks, TTE, Loco Pilots, Train Guards, Skilled Technicians, Assistants, Artisans and Office Employees. Sports woman always had their special place in IR; many of them like Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Ms. Divya Kakran, Sarita Romit Singh, Meghna Singh, Navjeet Dhillon, and many more from NR have won laurels and accolades for the country in recent times.

Under the able leadership of our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and the Guidance of Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways of India and Smt. Darshana Jardosh, Minister of State for Railways, Northern Railway is doing its best for its women employees, sports women, travelling lady passengers and children by bringing in perceptible positive changes in the traditionally male dominated organization. The system is very sensitive to the needs of its women workers and ensures

that they are provided safe and comfortable working environments while on duty.

Female employees have been given special privileges like maternity leave, child care leave and special leave for better family welfare beside the usual facilities given to all railway employees. The administration is considerate in giving postings to lady staff in a way that they remain closer to their families. Crèches are being run in the office premises in the Divisions and offices to support new mothers to be able to take care of their babies while carrying out their official duties.

Computerized reservation system, especially the e-ticketing facility is helping the women travelers in a large way, they can book tickets to wanted destinations from the comfort of their homes. Online booking of retiring rooms is also adding to the pleasant travel experience of the lady passengers. Many stations have exclusive waiting rooms for ladies with refreshment stalls.

Northern Railway is also committed to the comfortable travel of 'Toddlers" and "Baby" travelers, several initiatives have been taken under the "Janani Sewa Scheme". Nappy changing boards are being provided in coaches. Baby berths are being provided in some coaches. These are small extended seats attached to the main berth. Stalls have been advised to keep baby food, milk, hot water and other essentials at several stations on payment basis. Ordering of children's menus is also being made available through the e-catering scheme of IRCTC. Partitioned/segregated areas within the waiting hall are being provided at all important stations for lactating mothers to feed their babies in privacy.



The all India helpline number '139' and the social media platforms like twitter are proving to be very beneficial for the security related problems of women and children passengers while travelling on train. Railways has also set in an Inquiry, Assistance and Grievance Redressal Mechanism 'RailMadad' for the benefit of all passengers. Many requests, especially for providing milk/hot water for travelling babies are received on this platform. The Railway fulfils the requirement to help the passengers. Buttressing women's health public campaigns for better personal hygiene and health, Indian Railways has undertaken a distinctive initiative of launching eco-friendly and affordable sanitary pads produced

Northern Railway has resumed the services of Ladies Special EMU and MEMU trains for their daily women passengers in Delhi NCR post-COVID. Special coaches are also reserved for lady passengers in most of the suburban trains. RPF lady personnel belonging to the 'Bharavi' battalion and 'Mahila Vahini' are deployed in these coaches and trains for the safety and security of the travelling lady passengers. Strict laws are also in place to apprehend and punish male offenders.



at the exclusive production unit "Dastak" of Railway Women's Welfare Central Organization, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi. Committed towards fulfilling this basic need of women NR has extended the accessibility of sanitary napkins to woman passengers while travelling. Automatic Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines and Incinerators have been installed at several major Railway stations. Railway premises including Baroda House have also been covered under this initiative.

Railway Protection Force personnel of Northern Railway are a highly dedicated lot towards rail passengers in general and women and children in particular. Several cases of human trafficking have been intercepted at several stations and several young girls and children rescued from the clutches of the Agents. In the FY year, 3258 run-away children were caught from various stations of Northern Railway and reunited with their families or handed over to NGOs for rehabilitation.

Northern Railway Women's Welfare Organization, is a philanthropic organization being run by the wives of officers posted in Northern Railway. The priority of NRWWO has been the welfare of the railway employees and their families. It has been running social welfare campaigns, providing assistance during natural and man-made disasters and pandemic. The organization operates many elementary schools, adult education classes and imparts vocational education to ladies. It organizes lectures, health workshops and drawing, painting and essay writing competitions. It also gives scholarships to deserving wards of Railway employees.

Northern Railway is committed to deliver the best of facilities and amenities to rail passengers and the employees. It is also entrusting itself to providing a safe environment to the women and children of the Nation.

Laxmi Lakra the first women engine pilot of NR, joined Delhi Division in 2005 as Apprentice Assistant Loco Pilot. She entered the all-male territory of train operations on her own choice. Her inspirational story has been included in the Class 5 NCERT textbook 'Social and Political Life'. Many more women have joined the field of train operations since then. Sudha Verma, Loco Pilot, said that, "we have never faced any opposition or discrimination from our colleagues; our superiors are very encouraging and always teaching us the nuances of the trade". She aspires to steer the Rajdhani Express someday. Arti, armed with a B. Tech degree, is most comfortable riding an electric loco. Ankita Baranwal Sr.ALP posted at Jalandhar Cantt. has an excellent record, with an infectious smile, says I wanted to drive these giants, I am glad that I could live my dream.





Mrs. Shikha Gangal, President NRWWO has been giving emphasis on the overall development of pre-school and primary school children. Curriculums have been designed for overall personality development of each child with the right mix of academic, cultural and sporting activities.

Western Railway: Encouraging the Participation of Women at all Levels

Western Railway has always been a pioneer when it comes to providing various facilities for our esteemed women commuters, especially, pertaining to safety and security as well as child protection measures. Western Railway is the first railways in India as well as the first in the entire world to introduce the dedicated "Ladies' Special" train in the Mumbai suburban section, way back in 1992. Further, Western Railway has added many more feathers to its cap such as CCTV cameras and talk-back system inside ladies' coaches, 'Meri Saheli', etc for the security and aid of women commuters.

In the Mumbai suburban section, Western Railway is currently running 10 Ladies Special local services. Recently, an additional Second Class compartment with 25 seats has been earmarked in all non–AC local trains, thereby increasing the seating capacity to 25.50%. India's and Mumbai city's first AC local continues to stand out on the railway tracks as Western Railway has made it more distinctive for women passengers by painting the coaches earmarked for women. The coaches earmarked for women is painted in vibrant hues of green along with image of a smiling woman making it easier for the lady passengers to identify the coach reserved for them. The Ladies coaches in local trains are escorted by Security staff of Government Railway Police (GRP) from 21.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs. For the convenience of lactating mothers, Western Railway has made provision for feeding babies by segregating an area inside the Waiting Halls at 49 stations.



Pregnant ladies in advanced stage of pregnancy are allowed to travel in Divyang coaches of EMU local trains, which are earmarked exclusively for travel of Divyangjan, cancer patients, as well as pregnant ladies. 33 Sanitary Pad dispensing machines are provided at 28 station and a nominal charge of ₹5 per pad is levied while Sanitary Pad disposal machines are available at 8 stations.

In yet another major thrust to security initiatives, E–Meri Saheli has been started. Mixed Train Escorting has been introduced in 57 passenger trains by deploying Female + Male staff to cover the E–Meri Saheli initiative. This has benefited almost around 500 women passengers on a daily basis, travelling alone in trains. In addition to this, 140 trains are also covered by deploying around 540 staff for escorting. In the current financial year, around 11950 persons were apprehended for travelling in coaches reserved for ladies and a fine to the tune of ₹32.12 lakhs were recovered. WR's RPF personnel have rendered immediate help and assistance to pregnant ladies travelling in trains, thereby showcasing their humane side.

Occasionally, children who have run away from their homes or have been separated from their family, etc are noticed travelling in trains or living on the platforms in and around the railway stations. Western Railway's Railway Protection Force (RPF) plays a very prominent and proactive role in rescuing such children and reuniting them with their families. Child Help Desks have been implemented at Mumbai Central, Bandra Terminus, Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Ratlam and Rajkot stations. Under Operation Nanhe Farishtey, more than 840 runaway/left behind/ missing children were rescued and reunited with family or handed over to NGOs and Police authorities, in this financial year upto December, 2022. RPF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bachpan Bachao Andolan associated with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation to prevent

child trafficking over Railways. 76 Anti Human Trafficking Units of RPF have been formed in WR.

Western Railway is always encouraging the participation of women in each and every department, even in heavy duty jobs which were earlier considered as men's domain. Western Railway's Matunga Road station is manned by all women staff. Matunga Road station gained the distinction of being Western Railway's 1st Railway station to be manned by all ladies staff.

Smt. Priti Kumari turned a new page in the history books by becoming the first directly recruited motorwoman of Indian Railways. This visionary lady is the pride of Western Railway, who with her zeal for standing out in the male-dominated workplace, does her job with a big responsibility as well as serves the people for whom the Mumbai Suburban trains are a lifeline. There are female Loco Pilots, manning goods trains while a Ticket Checking Squad comprising of female Ticket checking staff is functional in Mumbai Division of Western Railway. Western Railway salutes the courage and determination of these braveheart women employees. In the arena of sports, our women sportspersons have excelled well and have brought laurels not only to Railways but also to our country.

Ms. Navneet Kaur was member of the Indian Railway Hockey Women Team which won Gold in the FIH World Championship, held recently at Spain. India won this Championship for the first time. She was also part of the Women's Hockey Team which won the Bronze Medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 held at Birmingham.

Ms. Rajeshwari Gayakwad was part of the Indian Women's Cricket Team which won Silver Medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham.

Ms. Ruchita Vinerkar was part of the Indian Women Team which bagged Gold in the Air Pistol Team Women event in the ISSF World Cup.

With a view to further strengthen themselves with the power of added knowledge, women employees are encouraged to pursue higher education while in service and Rs. 10,000/- is granted on completing of their course. Regular Health Camps, Cancer Awareness & Detection Camps, Self Defence Camps are held for the benefit of women employees. Also, Holiday Camps are organized for women employees and Women's Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm over Western Railway.

Special "Ladies Rooms" have been designated in Headquarter office buildings as well as Divisional offices. These rooms have been equipped with comfortable chairs, tables, Mirrors, cubical & curtain partition for provision of changing. Inorder to protect the interest of women employees and to safeguard their safety at work place, an internal Complaint Committee has been formed against sexual harassment.

An employee adopting a girl child is provided with a Fixed Deposit of Rs. 50,000/- in favour of the child, for a term till she attains 18 years of age. Under the Staff Benefit Fund, an employee can avail Rs. 10,000/- for braces, Rs. 3,000/- for spectacle and Rs. 10,000/- for Computer Courses for unmarried girl child under the Muskan Scheme. A girl child pursuing Higher Studies will receive Rs. 1,000/- per month as Hostel Grant while Rs. 1,500/- per month is granted as Scholarship for all Technical & Professional Courses.

All these initiatives by WR have been crucial and supportive of encouraging women empowerment not only in the office space, but also the facilities extended to our women commuters are heartening. WR is continuously striving for the upliftment of women and children and is always on the fervor "To Serve with a Smile".





Central Railway: At the Forefront in Extending Best Facilities for Women Passengers and its Women Staff

Central Railway is the pioneer on Indian Railways because the first train on the Indian sub-continent was run here from Mumbai to Thane.

Central Railway has been consistent in providing the best and maximum facilities to its passengers, especially women passengers. It has always been sensitive and aware of their needs and very particular about their safety aspect. Central Railway presently runs two ladies special suburban trains on the Main line and two ladies special suburban trains on the harbour line. CR has provided exclusive women only coaches in every suburban train running on Mumbai suburban system for the convenience of women passengers. Apart from this, three coaches in five trains on the Main line, three coaches in three trains on Harbour Line and three coaches in 12 trains on Transharbour Line have been reserved for women passengers during morning and evening peak hours.



On the safety aspect, 1170 CCTV cameras have been installed in 192 compartments for women on 44 suburban rakes of Mumbai suburban system as a measure of safety of women passengers. Along with this, emergency talk-back system has been provided in 262 ladies coaches of 56 suburban rakes to enable them talk to the train manager/motorman in case of emergency.

'Smart Saheli' mobile app for the safety of suburban women commuters and 'Meri Saheli' mobile app for the safety of long distance women commuters traveling alone has been introduced which is proving to be very useful.



"Nursing Pods", special rooms for feeding infants and lactating mothers have been provided at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Dadar, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Thane, Kalyan, Panvel and Lonavala stations of Mumbai Division, Solapur, Kalaburagi, Wadi, Kurduvadi, Daund, Ahmednagar, Kopargaon, Sainagar Shirdi and Latur stations of Solapur Division, Nasik, Malkapur, Manmad, Chalisgaon, Pachora, Jalgaon, Shegaon, Akola, Murtizapur, Amravati, Burhanpur, Raver and Dhule stations of Bhusaval Division, Kolhapur, Miraj, Wathar and Pune stations of Pune Division and Wardha, Dhamangaon, Sewagram, Chandrapur, Ballarshah, Amla, Betul and Nagpur stations of Nagpur Division. In the late nineties, it was a very rare sight to see women staff performing duties in the ticket checking area especially in special squads in moving trains. Mumbai Division of Central Railway, formed "Tejaswini Squad", an all-women



Central Railway's Matunga railway station of Mumbai Division and Ajni railway station of Nagpur Division have the honour of being stations manned by all women staff. Matunga railway station is registered in the LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS for being the first station in the country to be run entirely by women employees.

ticket checking team to detect ticketless/irregular passengers in the suburban section both on stations and in trains, which was implemented from 17th August, 2001. Women ticket checking staff from various stations were deployed in these newly formed special women squads.

Women sports personalities from Central Railway have created history at national and international level. Sudha Singh, Lalita Babar and many other sports personalities employed in the ticket checking cadre of Central Railway have put their heartand soul to achieve their dream and bring laurels to Railways and the Nation. Similarly, several women ticket checking staff with sports background deployed in Tejaswini Special Squad have time and again demonstrated excellence in sports along with executing their professional duties.

National Girl Child Day

National Girl Child Day was celebrated on 24th January, 2023 at Heritage Rail Museum, Bhusaval. This day was also celebrated to increase the safety and potential of girls in the society and their participation in nation building. The Heritage Rail Museum, Bhusaval was kept open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM on the occasion. One parent/guardian was given free entry with one girl child to the Heritage Rail Museum, Bhusaval

Heritage Rail Museum, Bhusaval was opened for general public from January 2021.



From Inauguration of Production to Pinnacle of Success

Contributions of Women in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works



The city of Chittaranjan, nestled amidst the lush green valleys and rolling hills, is a testament to the indomitable spirit of its people. Known as the "locomotive city," it is renowned for its natural beauty and world-class production of locomotives. But Chittaranjan Locomotive Works' (CLW) history of development and success is not just about the locomotives that it rolls, it is also about the women who have played a crucial role in shaping it.

Through their hard work and determination, women of CLW have broken down all barriers and shattered stereotypes, proving that anything is possible when you have the will to succeed. They have played a vital role in the factory's production, management and leadership, and their contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary.

It is this spirit of resilience and determination that has made Chittaranjan the "locomotive city" what it is today. The women of CLW have not only helped the factory achieve greatness, but also served as an inspiration to all those who call Chittaranjan as their home. Their legacy is a shining example of what can be achieved when we work together towards a common goal, and it is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.



Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has not only achieved unparalleled excellence in locomotive production, but has also earned a distinguished reputation within Indian Railways for its constant and progressive performance in areas such as environmental protection, greenery, art culture, social concern, and sports. The equal and commendable contributions of the women employees and girls of CLW cannot be overlooked in the creation of this marvellous success. With their tireless efforts and dedication, these women have played a crucial role in the development and empowerment of the organization, without which its journey to the pinnacle of success

would not have been possible. Whether it is a matter of skill and hard work as a railway employee or showcasing talent in the field of sports, the women of CLW have consistently demonstrated excellence and made the institution stand at the forefront. Their contributions in the fields of art, culture, and social self-reliance and empowerment have also been instrumental in the organization success. Growing up in the soil of Chittaranjan and moving forward, these women have set a shining example of women empowerment and self-reliance, which is a source of pride and inspiration for the entire railway family. The Railway Protection Force of CLW also frequently organizes programs for the upliftment and empowerment of its female RPF employees. CLW hoists the flag of success everywhere, with the help of men and women employees' hard work, dedication, and excellence.



Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has established an unparalleled reputation for excellence in electric locomotive production on the global stage, and it has always been deeply committed to advancing the cause of women's empowerment. A shining example of this commitment is the dedication of the WAP 1 electric locomotive, named "Sukanya" to mark the International Girl Child Year in 1991, which has left a lasting impact on the minds of all. On its journey to the pinnacle of success, CLW has undertaken numerous campaigns and initiatives that are specifically focused on promoting the empowerment and respect of women. These efforts are not only noteworthy, but they also serve as a testament to the organization unwavering dedication to achieving gender equality. CLW continues to cross its boundaries of excellence in production while also championing the rights and empowerment of women.

Under the leadership of Shri Satish Kumar Kashyap, General Manager/CLW, and with the support of the organization, the women and girl talents at CLW have been shining bright in various fields, demonstrating their exceptional abilities. From the international stage to the national level sports platform, these players have hoisted the flag of success in a variety of competitions, filling the CLW family with pride. CLW is committed to providing all the support necessary for these sports persons to excel, including practice facilities and resources for high-level performance. This dedication has yielded impressive results, such as CLW's female boxer Monika winning the bronze medal at the Asian Games Championship in 2021 held in Dubai. CLW's star archer Laxmi Rani Manjhi also represented India in the 2016 Rio Olympics competition held in Brazil. Other archers Preeti and Monika Sareen have also made a mark at the national level. CLW's female employee and gymnast Pranati Nayak was given the opportunity to represent India in the Tokyo Olympics. To encourage her, the CLW administration created a "Cheer for India" selfie point. CLW has also launched an Archery Academy for the continuous practice of an archery



team of women employees of CLW, where our women archers are continuously practicing and showing their talents in competitions. In addition, CLW provides adequate facilities to its women employees to better perform in athletics too. Due to these efforts, these players are able to perform at their best. The organization commitment towards promoting and supporting women's talent is exemplary and continues to inspire many.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides of Chittaranjan District Branch have achieved a multitude of accolades, thanks to the support and encouragement provided by the organization. CLW, in particular, has played a vital role in fostering the growth and development of its female members through various media.

One such medium is the Art and Cultural Forum, which provides a platform for women to showcase their creative talents and abilities. Additionally, a team of women doctors and rail men, have been established to support and encourage better work performance. CLW also recognizes the efforts of housewives who excel in gardening in the residential area by organizing an annual flower show and prize distribution program.

In the realm of education, CLW has been a steadfast supporter of the better performance of school children and their art development studies. The Deshbandhu Girls' High School, for instance, has been providing education to girls for years with the aim of uplifting girls' education. The organization also actively participates in social and public awareness rallies and programs prescribed by the Railway Board to continuously inspire self-esteem, confidence, and empowerment in its female members. Our unwavering commitment in promoting and supporting the development of women in various fields is truly admirable.

In the railway city of Chittaranjan, concerted efforts have been made to preserve the legacy and respect of women, by naming various auxiliary offices and buildings after them. These efforts serve as a testament to the significant achievements of women and also serve to boost their self-esteem. For example, there is the Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, named after the wife of Mahatma Gandhi, the Basanti Institute, named after Basanti Devi, the wife of social worker and freedom fighter Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, the Srilata Sports Ground and Srilata Library. These buildings and offices not only honor the memory of these women but also serve as a reminder of their achievements, inspiring future generations of women to strive for excellence. The railway city of Chittaranjan is proud to have such a rich heritage of women who have made a significant impact in various fields.



Every year, on the occasion of International Women's Day, CLW organizes a grand celebration to honour the contributions and achievements of women. The event, held on March 8th, serves as a powerful reminder of the vital role that women play in shaping our society. It is also a platform to increase their enthusiasm and motivation. During the celebration, women who have excelled in their field of work are recognized and rewarded for their achievements. This serves as a valuable opportunity for the institute to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of its female employees. It also serves as an inspiration for other women to strive for excellence in their respective fields. The institute's commitment to recognizing the contributions of women is a testament to its dedication to promoting gender equality and empowering women.

In a concerted effort to promote and amplify the “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” campaign, as instructed by the Railway Board, the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) organized a unique and innovative competition in the last year, 2022. The competition, held on January 24th, 2022, brought together fathers and daughters at the heritage point of CLW, to encourage and celebrate the bond between them. The competition, a selfie contest, was met with enthusiastic participation from a large number of employees, who were eager to showcase their special bond with their daughters. The competition served as a powerful platform to raise awareness and advocate for the importance of girl child’s education and empowerment. To further encourage participation and celebrate the achievements of young girls, 15 girl achievers and 6

best selfie entry for girls were awarded for their efforts. The competition has not only served as a fun and engaging way to promote the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign, but it also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of investing in the education and empowerment of young girls. CLW continues to strive for excellence in all its endeavours, including promoting gender equality and empowering women.

The women's team at Traction Motor shop named after Smt.



Basanti Devi, is pioneering new efforts to foster unity and inspiration among its female employees. Over two dozen women are working diligently and with great enthusiasm in this dedicated shop section, and the organization is providing support from the SBF Relief Fund to address any issues that may arise for these women. Together, they are striving for success and creating a harmonious work environment.

With Smt. Namita Kashyap at the helm, the CLW Women's Welfare Organization is leading the charge towards empowering women



through self-reliance. The Masala Centre, operated under her leadership, is providing women with the tools and resources needed to become independent. In addition, the organization runs the Shishu Vihar School, which is dedicated to educating young children, and the Asha Kiran Special Center, which is focused on empowering special needs children through education. The organization is also providing opportunities for educated women in the area to gain employment by becoming teachers. This comprehensive approach is helping to build a stronger and more resilient community.

The RPF wing at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is taking significant steps to uplift and empower their female employees. They have organized numerous programs to support and encourage these women. The Run for Unity Half Marathon, Republic and Independence Day parade and various social responsibility initiatives such as plantation programs and national programs like Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Har Ghar Tiranga programs, as well as awareness rallies, have also been organized by RPF. The dedication and support provided by the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works has allowed its talented female employees to soar to new heights of success, a proud achievement for the entire country.



Women Workforce Creating a Significant Impact in Railway Workshop in South Western Railway



National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th of January as a national observance day for the girl child. This celebration was started to offer more and more new opportunities to the girls in the country. It is celebrated to increase the awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by the girl child in the society. Inequality about girl child is a vast problem which includes many areas like inequality in education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, protection, honour, child marriage and so many.

But the Indian Railways provide equal opportunities to women. The Indian Railways employ over one lakh women, even for jobs considered a man's reserve. Women staff play major role in Railways. Women are working as loco pilots, travelling ticket examiners (TTEs), Railway Protection Force (RPF), clerks, guards, points women, assistant station managers and station managers, technicians and engineers and working as officers in executive cadres.

Women are doing exceedingly well in Railway workshops and factories, particularly in roles that involve welding, machining and fitter. As the Indian Railways has evolved, more and more women have been entering these fields and making significant contributions to the workforce. Women have been able to break down barriers and prove that they are just as capable as men when it comes to performing these types of tasks. With the support of Railway administration and the right training, women are excelling in these roles and helping to diversify the Railway workforce.

In carriage repair workshop Hubballi, about 237 women employees are working in strenuous areas like, welding, painting, fitter, trimmer, machinist etc. apart from 64 working in ministerial works. Women workers in Railway workshops are traditionally underrepresented. Glimpse of their work:





A Full Fledged Women Maintenance Gang at Coach Maintenance Depot in NFR



The maintenance work at pit lines and sick lines has predominantly been male dominating when it comes to on-floor mechanical maintenance work of long distance trains which involves the staff to go inside the dock pit with specialized tools, gauges and instruments for under gear attention of the coaches. The ladies were usually involved in ancillary maintenance works of the coaches related to curtains repair, indication boards painting etc. Now, at Coach Maintenance Depot, Guwahati, the tradition has changed and women are being deployed independently. This is the first time in Indian Railways that a full-fledged ladies maintenance gang has been engaged in permanent manner in any Coach Maintenance Depot.

Smt. Boni Mona Devi, working as Assistant (C&W) at Coach Maintenance Depot, Guwahati, has led to form a gang to work independently for IOH attention and trip maintenance of long distance trains. The maintenance gang has been performing under gear maintenance like changing dashpot, changing brake block, safety strap along with other necessary attention in sick line while IOH attention. They are made expertise to work in the field of digitalization of work culture like UDM, E-office, online dispatch and receipt work, CMM etc.

Female worker engaged in gate-keeping works at Rangiya

Smt. Jahanara Begum, Track Maintainer-IV is working as Gateman under Senior Section Engineer/P-Way/Rangiya. She possesses commendable knowledge about safety rules of level crossing gate working and is well aware about her work and responsibilities in highly challenging terrain of Northeast Frontier region. She also motivated other woman staff to come forward and share the responsibility.



Women Machinists at NFR Mechanical Workshop, Dibrugarh





Women staffs are operating highly sophisticated, computerized, numerically controlled, Wheel turning lathe, vertical turret Lathe and Axle Journal and Burnishing Lathe machines at N.F. Railway Mechanical Workshop, Dibrugarh.

Operations of these machines are generally performed by male staff all over the Indian Railways.

Administration of Dibrugarh workshop recognized the hidden ability of female workers and their keenness in handling the machines in workshop. Subsequently, the women workers have been imparted for training to learn the operation of the machines. As a result, till date Dibrugarh workshop has around 8 female machinists.

NFR sports person brings laurels to Railways



Ms. Kalpana Choudhury is an excellent Coach of Boxing event. As a player she won Gold Medal in Asian Boxing Championship held at Guwahati in 2008. She was also declared as the "Best Boxer" of the tournament. She has won Bronze Medal in World Boxing Championship held at Russia in 2005 and Gold Medal and Best Boxer in the Invitation Tournament at Hungry in 2008 and Silver Medal at Denmark in 2006. NFRSA nominated Ms. Kalpana Choudhury as Coach of the NFR Boxing team since 2013. Under her guidance and coaching of NFR players' i.e. Ms. Bhagyabati Kachari, has represented Indian Boxing team. She won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in Sr. National Boxing Championship representing Indian Railway Team, Other promising players i.e. Miss Pwilao Basumatary has secured medals in various National and Inter Railway Championship.



Ms. Y. Renubala Chanu is an excellent Coach of Weightlifting Event. As a player she won Gold Medal in 19th Common Wealth Games held at New Delhi in 2010. She has won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for several times in Sr. National Weightlifting Championship representing Indian Railways. NFRSA nominated Ms. Y. Renubala Chanu as Coach of the NFR Weightlifting team since 2016 and her coaching has helped this Railway achieve many medals at Sr. National and All India Railway Meet. Under her guidance and Coaching of NFR players' i.e. Miss Popy Hazarika, has qualified for commonwealth Games, besides achieving Silver medal in Sr. National Weightlifting Championship representing Indian Railways Team, other promising players i.e. Ms. Sanjita Chanu, Miss Nirupama Devil Miss N. Lalita have secured medals in various National and Inter Railway Championships.

Miss Chanu was Awarded Gold Medal by RSPB for her outstanding performance as Coach in Sr. National Weightlifting Championship 2020-21 held at Patiala from 09th to 13th August, 2021.

ICF's 'Mahila Shakti' – The Women Force that Moves the Coaches of Indian Railways



Integral Coach Factory, or ICF as it is popularly known, is one of the oldest Railway Production Units and the largest railway passenger coach production unit of the world. It has turned out its highest number of coaches in a production year viz. 4166 coaches in the year 2019-20 and since its inception has produced more than 70,000 coaches as on date. This number contains a product mix of more than 50 varieties of coaches.



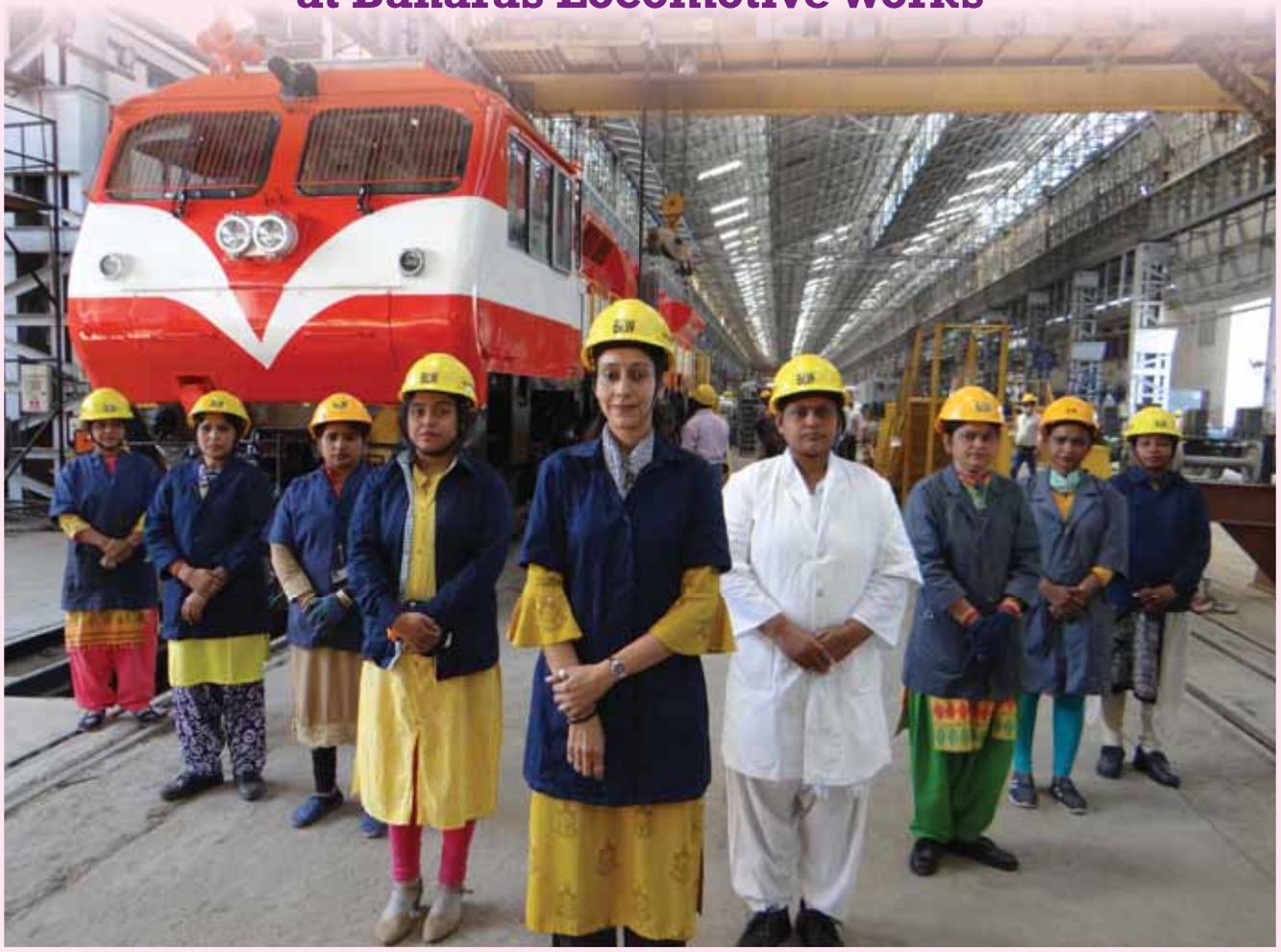
ICF is a man-power oriented production unit and there are about 9000 employees who are behind the production of coaches. Of these, about 1000 women workers also work shoulder-to-shoulder with their male counterparts specialising in skills such as welding, etc.

On the International Women's Day in 2018, the Mahila Shakti Team was entrusted with the production of a single coach at every stage and the coach was turned out successfully, thus creating a record in Indian Railways of turning out a railway passenger coach entirely by women.

The Mahila Shakti Team's age varies from 27 to 57, including Section Engineers, Welders, Fitters and Helpers. The total strength of ICF's Team Mahila Shakti is on the increase day by day, with the creation of new Mahila Shakti teams, in both Shell and Furnishing Divisions. Now, the Team Mahila Shakti is a part in turning out the flagship train set Vande Bharat Express, which happens to be India's first semi-high speed energy efficient train, that is a path breaker and a trend setter in railway passenger experience and their focus and involvement in their job is sure to make that project also a success as they have done for so many projects before.



Women Empowerment at Banaras Locomotive Works



Team of women employees working in BLW



Women employees working in BLW doing electrical connections to equipment used in Electric loco.



Women employee working in BLW doing connection of earthing

Women employees working at BLW carefully installing the important equipments on the roof of the loco with proper safety.





Various Connections work by Women staff working in BLW after transformer application in Electric



Piping and others mounting work in underframe of Loco by Women staff of BLW



Assembly work of driver cab by Women staff of BLW

The women employees working in BLW also gave full cooperation in the construction of export diesel locos showing their dutifulness.



Creating Conducive Environment for Women Empowerment in NER

Various steps have been taken to make an encouraging and conducive environment for the women employees and passengers. Seminars and Nataks are staged from time to time to spread awareness among women employees for their right. 'National Girl Child Day' would be observed on North Eastern Railway on January 24, 2023.



Self Defense

Women employees of NER are trained for self defense by the women captains of National Cadet Corps (NCC) who are invited time to time. Tour programs, sports events, cultural activities etc. are organized for overall development of girls. Special emphasis has been given towards the safety and security of female passengers.

Meri Saheli

MERI SAHELI campaign started by the Railway Protection Force (R.P.F.), for the security of female passengers traveling by trains. MERI SAHELI consists of a team of female RPF staff, visits to the female passengers travelling alone and assures them that Railway is there to take care of. MERI SAHELI team has been formed at 17 important stations over this railway, which ensures prompt response to female passengers for their complaints. MERI SAHELI team makes them aware about the railway helpline 139 for any kind of complaints during the journey.



Additionally, various voluntary organizations are working for the welfare of women, girls and children at important stations such as Lucknow Jn., Gorakhpur, Gonda, Chhapra Jn., Bhatni, Mau, Haldwani and Kannauj.

Health and Hygiene

Special arrangements such as provision of free napkins have been made for girls in the schools of North Eastern Railway. Incinerator machine for the disposal of napkins has been set up at N.E. Railway Senior Secondary School, Gorakhpur. The girl students are made aware through quiz, painting, debate, speech and other competitions being organized every month in N.E. Railway Girls Inter College, Gorakhpur. Girls are actively participating in scouts and guides and sports activities on this railway. Separate toilet facilities have been made available for girls in the schools.





Education

To encourage and educate to girls, a voluntary book bank named 'Naari Book Bank' has been opened with the cooperation of Alumni, Principal, Teachers, Railway Officers and Employees of N.E. Railway Senior Secondary School, Gorakhpur. Books are distributed to the needy girl students of the school by this book bank. About 2000 National Council of Educational Research and Training (N.C.E.R.T.) books for girls were distributed by the General Manager. In addition to above, books were also made available to the girl students through Book Bank by the Principal Chief Personnel Officer.

Women Empowerment

A Women Empowerment Committee is working on North Eastern Railway which works for the upliftment of women employees. The committee works for the right of female employees and makes them aware about the laws which protect the rights of women employees. Ladies common rooms equipped with all facilities have been provide at workplaces. Female employees are encouraged by felicitating them for outstanding works.

Sports

Three women players including B.N. Usha, Poonam Yadav and Priyanka Goswami of NER represented India in the Commonwealth Games, one of whom Priyanka Goswami won the Silver medal in 'Walk Race'. Ankush and Mansi of NER represented Indian team in the Under-23 World Wrestling Championship held at Pontevedra, Spain, made the country proud by winning a Silver medal and Bronze medal respectively in 50 kg and 57 kg weight categories. Sushma, Jyoti Shukla and Nina Seel of NER represented Indian team in the Senior Asian Women's Handball Championship held in Incheon City, South Korea and performed exceptionally well. Nina Seel was adjudged the best player of the match which was played against Uzbekistan. The performance of our women players in the Senior National Games has been remarkable. NER Sports Association (NERSA) facilitates 07 Women's sports team such as Wrestling, Athletics, Weightlifting, Badminton, Basketball, Handball and Hockey. Outstanding women players are also recruited every year tournament through the sports quota.



The North Eastern Railway Administration is always pro active for the safety and empowerment of women.



'Akshita' A Safe Bubble Innovative Initiative of South East Central Railway



Indian Railways, the life line of the country, transport millions of passengers to their destinations every day. Train operations along with the amenities, safety and security of passengers are the top most priority of the Railways.

Female Passengers constitute an important and major part of our travelling passengers. Over the years, the number of female passengers has grown substantially. Railways is continuously moving towards modernizing and upgrading the facilities for female passengers. The development of passenger centric facilities and on the basis of feedback from them, efforts are being initiated on regular basis to make the facilities simple and convenient. For the safe and secure travel of female passengers, Railways has made provision of special facilities at stations and especially on platforms.

Marching one step ahead in an innovative initiative, South East Central Railway has identified a suitable and secured place named as "Akshita" for women passengers waiting on the platform, with seating facilities and other facilities for women passengers. All such women who travel alone would find a safe and secure place under the vigilant watch of women wing of Railway Protection force.

For this purpose, South East Central Railway has identified a place on platform number 01 at its 09 important stations Bilaspur, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Anuppur, Gondia, Raigarh, Durg and Bhilai stations, which is located almost in the middle of the platform and in the vicinity of Railway Protection Force post, station master office etc. This space is properly barricaded and also under the supervision of CCTV cameras installed. With all these above facilities at these stations, such places were marked and a SAFE BUBBLE has been created. These places are constantly monitored by women personnel of Railway Protection Force. The entry of male passengers is prohibited in this, due to which the lonely waiting women spend their waiting time on the platform comfortably without any hesitation. Since this place is marked and secured, every railway worker keeps an eye on this safe bubble creating an atmosphere of safety and security for female passengers . Due to the presence of this place in the sight of CCTV cameras, the Railway Protection Force Control Office constantly keeps an eye on it.

This place is visible from all sides as it is barricaded by a glass wall. The mere presence of women instils mutual trust in them. For alone women, this space provides instant access to other women. The most important things about "Akshita" Safe Bubble is that this Safe Bubble is a focal point made by using the existing facilities only, in which no additional cost has been incurred and no additional cost is required in its maintenance. The name "Akshita" infuses confidence in the waiting ladies at the station and further strengthens their faith in train travel. Overall, it is an innovative, unique and meaningful initiative of South East Central Railway for the empowerment of women.

Women Empowerment in South Central Railway - Women Employees Achieving all Round Success



South Central Railway strongly believes that women are the core strength of the society. Respecting women is imbibed in our culture and this can be witnessed in the working system of the zone. On SCR, out of the total workforce, women employees account to more than 11% and the number is steadily increasing. Women employees are working in various capacities in all departments and divisions of the zone. They are effectively managing the work in various fields and their devotion to duty is second to none.

Accordingly women employees are being provided equal training and equal job opportunity to enhance their efficiency as compared to their male counterpart.

Empowerment must be acquired rather than to be given by an external party. Our women Loco Pilots/Assistant Loco Pilots are working 24 hrs day and night in every sections of SCR without asking for any extra privilege. Over 1000 women employees across the zone are handling critical duties such as Loco Pilots, Station Masters, Track Maintainers, technicians and Ticket Checking Inspectors among others. The women staff are performing these duties excellently with utmost

Ramavarappadu First all Women Station of Vijayawada Division



On the eve of Women's Day, 2018, Ramvarappadu Station name came into spotlight for all the right reasons. The Station was branded as the first All Women Station of the Division by then DRM Shri R Dhananjayulu garu. Initial days were very tough for the unit, as they had to deal with drunkards, miscreants, irresponsible youth and eve teasers on prowl during night time. Taking support from the RPF teams, intense night patrols at the perimeters of the station, the lady staff ensured the safety of passengers. Gradually the station was turning into a safe place for travel. The women Staff planted around 1000 saplings which grew into beautiful flowers in appealing colors. The Responsible Women Staff brought about a social change in the atmosphere and vicinity of Station by taking lead in all the quarters. The LC Gate at Station and grey areas were fenced, making it easy for woman staff to perform night duties at gate. The station has undergone gigantic transformation in aspects of infrastructure, passenger amenities and traffic facilities. The Increased vigil and night beat made the station, a 24 * 7 facility beyond doubt.

dedication and on par with the male staff.

To achieve women empowerment, Railway provided - Separate rooms in running rooms with attached washrooms for independent working. Air conditioning and water closet being provided in locomotive also which will be more useful for lady running staff.

In Loco sheds large number of employees came into service through fair competitions and doing highly technical job as card rectification and highly physical work of bogie section. To improve their efficiency independent and exclusive halls with recreation facilities provided at all sheds. Women employees level of knowledge increased so much that entire E-5 section of the loco shed is worked by all the women.

Separate, independent and necessary facilities like lunch room, changing room, recreation room are provided at all work places including remote locations in all wings of electrical department viz TrD and General services.

To ease the pressure of the working mothers with regard to care of their children, Crèche facility is provided at Zonal/ Divisional Headquarters and Workshops. In addition, separate lunch rooms at work places, separate toilets and separate seating arrangements in canteen, sanitary napkin dispensers and incinerators in ladies wash rooms, separate rest houses for TTEs, loco pilots, RPF staff etc while at outstation as part of the duty, Regular medical check-up camps etc., are also being provided.

With a view to further empower the women work force in Railways, South Central Railway has taken



the initiative to make several Railway stations and workplaces 'All Women'. These include — Begumpet Railway station, Vidyanagar Railway station, Chandragiri Railway Station and Ramavarappadu Railway Station. Few sections in various Workshops and Depots like Rayanapdu Wagon Workshop, Lallaguda Workshop, Tirupati Carriage Repair Shop, Vijayawada ROH depot, Gooty ROH depot and Tirupati Coaching Depot are 'All Women' sections.

SCR has a mechanism to look into any complaints of harassment or undue pressure on women employees. Committees constituting of senior officers have been formed at headquarters and divisional levels to address the issues and take timely action. Complaint boxes are also provided at the offices, where the women employees can drop their complaints.

A separate amount has also been earmarked in the Staff Benefit Fund for grant of scholarships for higher education of girl child of Railway employees. Women Welfare Organizations in the Railways are proactive in empowerment of Women Employees and Women Folks of the Employees' families. Their activities include running of nursery schools, crèches, schools for mentally challenged children, financial assistance in deserving cases and handicraft centres for women members.

SCR Sports women are bringing laurels to the organisation by showcasing their talent duly participating in National and International matches. SCR is nurturing the talent of Sports women by providing state of the art facilities at the Railway Sports Complex including a separate hostel facility for the Sports women.



Let us not waste our time in just dreaming, action is what determines our current and future. Success and failure are part and parcel but never leave a corner unexplored. Always move ahead. Good luck!

Ms. Mithali Raj
Cricketer & OSD, SCR

Eastern Railway's Care for Matrishakti



Eastern Railway provides all round care for the security and wellbeing of the lady passengers as well as lady Railway beneficiaries. As a token of appreciation of achievement of meritorious daughters, outstanding lady employees were felicitated by Eastern Railway women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO). Several self defence camps were organized at Headquarters and at Divisional level to enable lady employees to protect themselves. Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway is continuing their crusade to protect the lady passengers as well as provides all round assistance to women commuters in distress. Under Operation Nanhe Farishtey, RPF has rescued 713 children in the year 2022 out of which 333 were girls. Under Operation Dignity, RPF of Eastern Railway has rescued 73 women in need of care and protection during 2022. The Operation Matrishakti is another endeavour of Railway Protection Force by which RPF has assisted and facilitated 13 pregnant women in child birth in trains or at Railway premises by ensuring due care and proper dignity. Besides, drives are continuing to protect interests of the lady passengers travelling in ladies compartments.

Southern Railway Provides an Array of Facilities for Women Passengers

Southern Railway provides a host of facilities for the benefit of women passengers while persistent efforts are taken to ensure their safety, both inside railway premises as well as during their journey.

Women facilitation centres set up at major stations are equipped with baby feeding rooms for nursing mothers and assistance to senior citizens for wheelchair arrangement, medical care and guidance to women passengers for booking cabs/call taxi and lodging complaints with RPF/GRP.

RPF train escorts are deployed in Ladies special Suburban EMU/MEMU trains as well as in the ladies compartment of Express trains, ensuring safe travel for women passengers.

A unique initiative launched by RPF, operation 'Meri Saheli' aims to safety to women passengers during the course of their journey. Women passengers are also sensitized on railway helpline 139, RailMadad, etc.

For the convenience of women passengers, Ladies Waiting Halls and separate toilet facilities have been provided at major stations. Besides, dedicated PRS ticket counters for women are provided at important stations for the benefit of women.

Indian Railways, the transportation behemoth, is the proud employer of over lakh women employees. Women employees are encouraged to take up core jobs and are deployed in all spheres of operations. There are countless Sportswomen serving Railways who have brought laurels to the Nation.

KIND ATTENTION

AUTHORS/WRITERS contributing articles for the magazine are requested to restrict their articles to a reasonable size. Ideally an article should not exceed 1000 WORDS.

In view of the space constraints of the magazine, sometimes it becomes difficult to include longer articles. All are requested to appreciate our problem and co-operate.

Women Empowerment Activities Held at RCF, Kapurthala

National Girl Child Day was celebrated in RCF amongst young girl children and female employees of RCF on 24th January, 2022 through virtual/online mode under the programme of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". The eminent female staff of RCF inspired the younger girls by sharing their own success stories. The young girls were also given a platform to share their thoughts on gender equality. The primary objective of this function was to empower the women, where they were given a platform to share their thoughts and ideas for a better world.



International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th of March in RCF every year. The day is dedicated for celebrating the achievements of RCF's women staff in social and cultural fields. On 20th June, 2022 a ladies Yoga function was organized at Conference Hall of Administrative Building where 70 female employees participated in 30-40 minutes session of workplace Yoga where they practice various yoga activities to reduce stress and anxiety at workplace.

A cultural programme was organized on 9th August, 2022 in Waris Shah Hall under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav where approx. 250 female employees of RCF actively participated.

A holiday camp was organized for Separate rest rooms/toilets have been provided for female employees in all departments/ workshop sites in RCF. Drawing and lawn/garden competition is arranged every year by WWO on 15th of March at RCF.

MCF, Raebareli Committed to Women's Welfare



In MCF/RBL, women's welfare organization plays an important role in the direction of women empowerment by conducting various activities for the development of women and girls. WWO also works in the field of education and developments of girls as well as environment etc and works for awareness towards plantation and maintenance of plants to ensure better environment.

Padmshree Sudha Singh has been appointed as OSD/Sports for development of women and girls in field of sports. Ms. Sudha Singh's leadership acts as an inspiration for the betterment of the girls. The 43rd All India Women's Volleyball championship has been successfully organized under the auspices of MCF's sports organization.

TTC/MCF conducts various types of technical training programs for the development of women and girls and make them empowered. TTC/MCF provides training on sewing, embroidery and safety skills for women empowerment. MCF will further continue to strive for the development of women and girls.

Dazzling Women Achievers of East Coast Railway in Sports

Jhili Dalbehera the Weight lifter of ECoR has secured 1st position in Asian Weight Lifting Championship held at Ujbakishtan from 16th to 25th April 2021. In 2021 she competed at the 2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships held in Tashkent in the 45 kg category. She swept gold medals in all lifts. In 2019 she had won silver medal at 2019 Asian Weightlifting Championships. She won Gold medal in South Asian game 2019 in women's 45 kg weight category. She competed in the women's 49 kg event at the 2021 World Weightlifting Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The 2021 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships were also held at the same time and her total result gave her the silver medal in this event.

N. Usha of East Coast Railway is a World Silver Medalist and Indian Women Boxing Coach and recipient of National Dhyan Chand award 2020. She won the gold medal at the 2008 Asian Women Boxing Championships and the silver medal at the 2008 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship. She was the only female boxer who had been invited for demonstration bouts in the World Boxing Championship for men in 2009. She has won two silver medals at the World Championships and won gold in 2008 at the fourth Asian Championship by defeating Imanbayeva Zhuldazay from Kazakhstan, in the 57 kg category.





Deep Grace Ekka is the Sports Officer of East Coast Railway held 4th position in the Tokyo Olympics 2020. She has been selected for Arjun award in 2022. In 2011, she played at the National Games in Ranchi. She was also selected for the Junior National Camp and travelled to Bangkok for the Junior Asia Cup. She has 150 international caps and has scored 3 international goals. She doubles up drag flicker defending and winning performances at the 9th women Asia cup in Japan last year. Indian Hockey second match at Gold Coast 2018 against Malaysia in Commonwealth Games completed 150 international cabs. Made her international debut in the Four-Nation Tournament in Argentina in 2011 in which India won Bronze medal. These are few of her accomplishments.



Miss Manisha Panna is an Indian professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for East Coast Railway and the India women's national football team. She was part of the team at the 2015–16 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament. She was selected for 4 nations International Women Football tournaments held at India in 2021. Manisha was part of the Indian team since 2015. She plays professionally as defender in the national team. She was in the regular squad member since she started. She first played in 2015-16 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament. Later she was also played both South Asian Games and 2016 SAFF Women's Championship and won both tournaments.

Meri Saheli - Extending the Helping Hand

For the safety and security of women passengers travelling in trains, "Meri Saheli" project was launched in East Coast Railway in 2020.



Team India secured the World Cup with a phenomenal win at the first-ever Women's Special U19T20WorldCup. Special acclamations to the coach of the U19 Indian Team, Nooshin Al Khadeer, for steering the team towards success. She's a proud member of the Railway family.



Indian Railways Senior Women Cricket Team for continuing the champion streak at the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy held in Ranchi, Jharkhand. Railways beat Karnataka by 4 wickets.

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Indian Railways Cycling Men and Women Teams for emerging Overall Champions for the First time at the 74th Senior National Track Cycling Championship held at Guwahati, Assam.




Railways' Women's Boxing Team won the 6th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship 2022-23 held in Bhopal and retained the national title. 5, 3 and 2 medals were secured and Ms. Anamika Hooda was declared the Best Challenger Boxer of championship.



Three players of NER participated in Senior National Weightlifting Championship held at Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu on 6th January, 2023 and received medals, out of which Poonam Yadav won Gold medal in 81 kg weight category and Vandana Gupta and B.N. Usha got Silver medal in 76 kg and 87 kg weight categories respectively.



Indian Railways' Women's Hockey team won the First Senior Women Nehru Cup tournament-2022 held at New Delhi. IR beat Pritam Siwach Academy (PSA) by 2:1 and won the prestigious tournament.




Indian Railways Weightlifting Women's Team became winners and Men's Team for becoming runners-up at the 72nd Senior National (Men's and Women's) Weightlifting Championship 2022–23 held in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.




Indian Railways Cycling Men and Women Teams became champions at the 27th Senior National Road Cycling Championship held in Nashik, Maharashtra. Men's team scored 11 points to Services' 9 and Women's team scored 14 points to Rajasthan's 7.






Indian Railways' gymnasts delivered a pre-eminent performance at the Senior National Artistic Gymnastic Championship held at Phagwara, Punjab.




Indian Railways' Women's Basketball Team secured a Gold and Men's Basketball Team clinched a Bronze at the 72nd Senior National Basketball Championship 2022 at Udaipur.

WR Sportspersons Felicitated for their Outstanding Performances



Shri Ashok Kumar Misra – General Manager of Western Railway felicitated WR's sportspersons for their outstanding performance at a function held at Mahalaxmi Sports Ground on 14th January, 2023. GM WR felicitated several athletes and sportspersons for their exceptional achievements in the year 2022-23. Out of which were Ms. Navneet Kaur – Asian Games Champion (Women's Hockey), Ms. Ruchita Vinerkar – Gold medallist, World Cup (Shooting), Ms. Rajeshwari Gaykwad – World Cup (Women's Cricket), Shri Himal Gusain – Gold medallist, International Rating Chess Tournament, Shri Rahul Sangma – Bronze medallist, International Rating Chess Tournament and Shri P. Suresh – Silver medallist, World Cup (Weightlifting), who represented India at international platforms and brought great laurels not only to the country but to Indian Railways as well. Shri Misra also felicitated several National- Level sportspersons and the Para Athletes for their phenomenal performance in the year 2022-23. GM felicitated the Weightlifting Women's Team, Weightlifting Men's Team, Table Tennis Men's Team, the Waterpolo Men's Team and the Diving Team for their impressive achievements at the All India Railway Championship 22-23.

43rd All India Railway Women's Hockey Championship held at Ranchi

43rd All India Railway Women's Hockey Championship organized by South Eastern Railway Sports Association (SERSA), Ranchi Division was inaugurated at Astroturf Hockey Stadium, Hatia on 20th December, 2022. Shri Atulya Sinha, Additional General Manager, South Eastern Railway was the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony. Shri Ignace Tirkey, Ex Olympian, Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee was the guest of honour, while Shri Pradeep Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, Ranchi presided over the function. The tournament concluded on 26th December, 2022.



Altogether, 8 Zonal Railways and Production Units took part in the Championship. The participating teams were South Eastern Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, East Central Railway, Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, Western Railway and Rail Coach Factory (Kapurthala).

In the final match, Central Railway defeated Rail Coach Factory (Kapurthala) and emerged champions.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
for Indian Railways

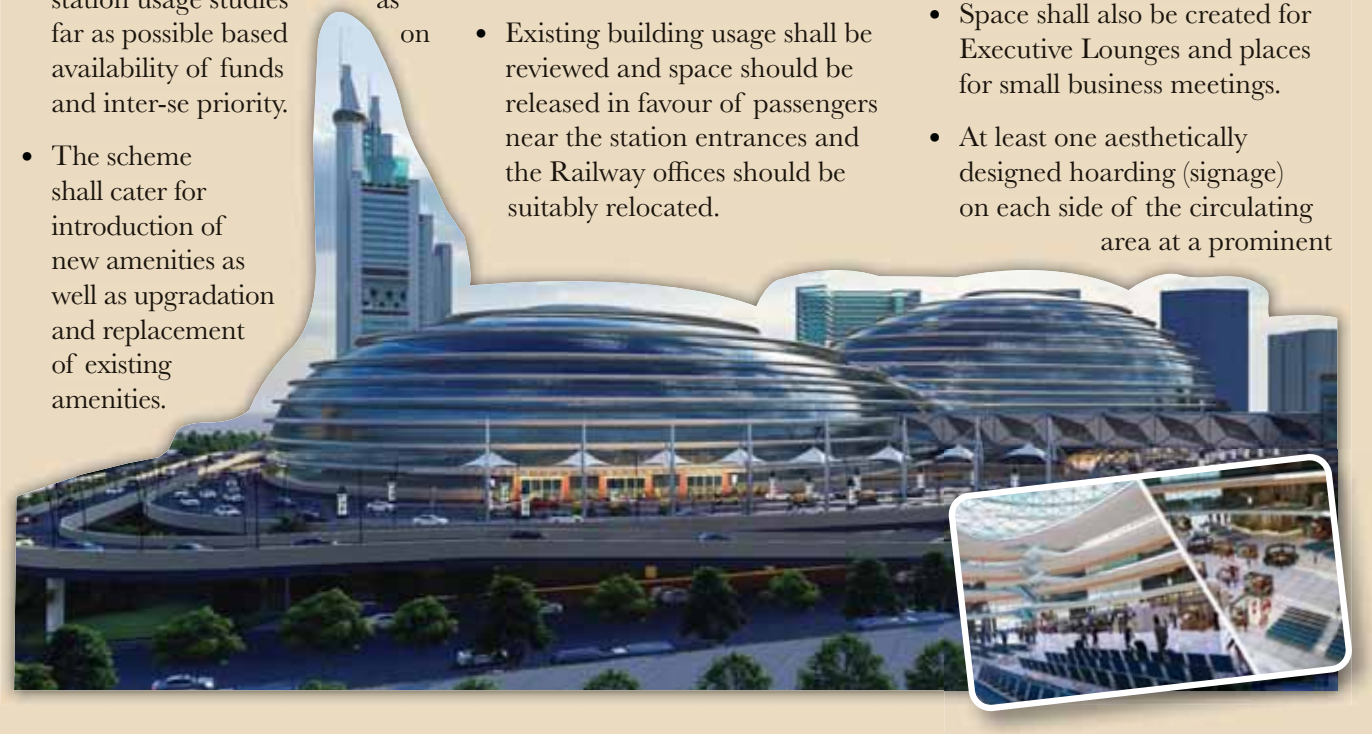
Ministry of Railways has formulated a new policy for modernization of stations named "Amrit Bharat Station" scheme. Amrit Bharat Station scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term vision. It is based on Master Planning for long term and implementation of the elements of Master Plan as per the needs and patronage of the station.

Broad objectives:

- The scheme aims at preparation of Master Plans of the Railway stations and implementation of the Master Plan in phases to enhance the facilities including and beyond the Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) and aiming for creation of Roof Plazas and city centres at the station in the long run.
- The scheme shall aim to meet the needs of the stakeholders, station usage studies as far as possible based on availability of funds and inter-se priority.
- The scheme shall cater for introduction of new amenities as well as upgradation and replacement of existing amenities.
- This scheme will also cover the stations where detailed techno-economic feasibility studies have been conducted or are being conducted but the work for construction of Roof Plazas has not been taken up yet, ensuring the phasing of Master Plan being suitably implemented and relocation of structures and utilities being given more emphasis in the phasing plans.

To meet the above objectives, following broad scope of work is envisaged for stations selected under the Amrit Bharat Station scheme:

- The Master Plans to have elementary details of the most appropriate location of Roof Plaza to be created in future.
- The scheme envisages cost efficient improvement to facades, provision of wide, well lit aesthetically pleasing entrance porches.
- Existing building usage shall be reviewed and space should be released in favour of passengers near the station entrances and the Railway offices should be suitably relocated.
- The scheme aims to relocate redundant/old buildings in a cost efficient manner so that space is released for higher priority passenger related activities and future development may be carried out smoothly. Creation of new buildings should generally be avoided other than those required for relocation of old structures or relocation of structures to improve circulation or provision of structures to improve the size of waiting halls.
- Attempts shall be made to club different grades/types of waiting halls and provide good cafeteria/retail facilities as far as possible. Suitable low level partitions may be done in waiting halls.
- Provision for minimum two stalls for One Station One Product shall be made.
- Space shall also be created for Executive Lounges and places for small business meetings.
- At least one aesthetically designed hoarding (signage) on each side of the circulating area at a prominent



location shall be erected for display of important information, etc. The size of such hoarding shall not be less than 10m x 20m.

- Station approaches would be improved to ensure smooth access by widening of roads, removal of unwanted structures, properly designed signages, dedicated pedestrian pathways, well planned parking areas, improved lighting etc. Necessary liaison should be established with local authorities for necessary improvements to be carried out by local authorities in their areas.
- Elements of landscaping, green patches and local art and culture should be used to create a pleasant experience for the station users. This should be done with the help of suitable professionals.
- Second Entry Station Building and circulating area shall be improved as per the needs of the station. Wherever second entry building is not being provided presently, space for circulating area will be well planned and a liaison shall be established with the local bodies so that approach roads for second entry are kept in the city's Master Plan and development around the station is suitably controlled.
- High level platforms (760-840 mm) shall be provided at all categories of stations. Length of the platforms shall generally be 600m.
- Length, location and phasing of Platform shelters shall be decided based on usage of the station.
- Ballastless tracks would be provided on platform lines and lines with train maintenance facilities.
- Drainage of platform areas is of utmost importance. Special emphasis shall be given to achieve self cleansing of drains as far as possible. Suitable cross drains, sump and pump arrangement may be provided where natural slopes are not adequate. Drains may be covered with aesthetically designed theft resistant covers.
- Cables should be covered in aesthetically designed duct and should have provision for future cables as well.
- The Master Plan shall mark the space for Parcel handling spurs, storage and handling facilities etc. Works should also be proposed and executed in suitable phases.
- Provisions may be made such that as far as possible the station provides free WiFi access to its users. The Master Plan should have suitable spaces earmarked for 5G towers.
- Material finishes of elements, such as flooring, walls, structures, furniture, sanitary fittings, etc. within the public areas of the station where surfaces either come in direct physical contact of passengers or are visible to them should be highly durable (preferably washable), generally dustproof and need low maintenance.
- The furniture available on Waiting halls, Platforms, Retiring Rooms, Offices shall be reviewed and intervention planned for more comfortable and durable furniture suitable to the Railway Stations of that area. In a phased manner, it shall be planned to eliminate multi-design furniture.
- Signages should be well designed for intuitive way finding, should have good visibility and be aesthetically pleasing. Quality of public announcement systems should be improved.
- Escalators may be provided at NSG/1-4 and SG/1-2 category stations irrespective of footfall.
- Amenities for Divyangjan at stations shall be as per guidelines issued by Railway Board from time to time.
- Ceremonial flags may be provided at appropriate space in the station.
- At least two station name boards should be LED based with good visibility for the passengers of trains passing through the station.
- Circulating area boundary wall normally should not block the view of the station from outside. Access may be controlled by iron/steel grill fencing.
- Sufficient number of toilets shall be provided at all categories of stations with separate provisions for women and Divyangjan. Location of toilets should be appropriate to station usage, easily visible and accessible.
- Gradual shift to sustainable and environmental friendly solutions as per availability of funds and condition of existing assets.

Scale of amenities and facilities to be provided shall be finalized based on the broad guiding principles given above, footfall at the station, stakeholder consultations including users, different departments and local authorities and with approval of DRM.

Transforming into World Class Railway Stations









Redevelopment work of Gomti Nagar Railway Station, Uttar Pradesh,in full swing. Foundation work for commercial building, roof slabs of ground floor, 1st floor and 2nd floor of R2 block along with various others, have been completed.



Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station



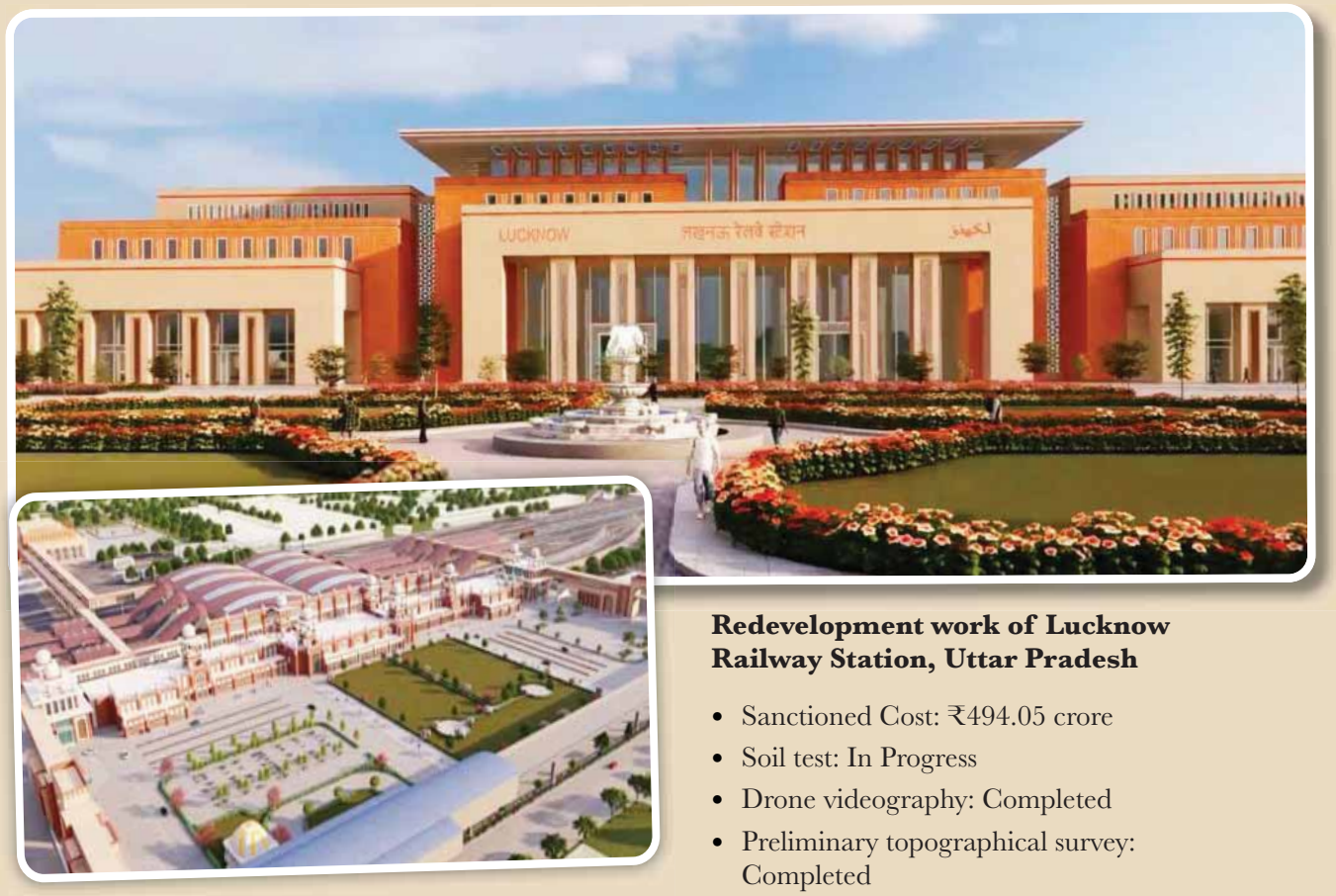
Proposed design of the to-be-redeveloped Jodhpur Railway Station.



Furthering on Rameswaram Station redevelopment with the completion of topographical survey, site cleaning and a geo-technical investigation in progress, the redevelopment project sanctioned at a cost of ₹112.69 cr. is progressing briskly at Rameswaram station, Tamil Nadu.



The proposed layout of the to-be redeveloped Puducherry Railway Station.



Redevelopment work of Lucknow Railway Station, Uttar Pradesh

- Sanctioned Cost: ₹494.05 crore
- Soil test: In Progress
- Drone videography: Completed
- Preliminary topographical survey: Completed

Hon'ble President of India awarded RPF/RPSF personnel with Jeevan Raksha Padak awards



Shri Jaipal Singh
(Head Constable, Northern Railway)



Shri Bhuda Ram Saini
(Constable, 7th BN, RPSF)



Shri Surendra Kumar
(Constable, Northern Railway)

The Hon'ble President of India has awarded the following RPF/RPSF personnel with Jeevan Raksha Padak awards as mentioned below:

In the jurisdiction of Nizamuddin Railway Station between Rly. Km 1532/13 to 1532/25, at about 16:10 hrs BTPN wagon no. 40121185538 caught fire due to technical reasons. At that time about 1000 (one thousand) persons were working at the site. An atmosphere of fear was created after seeing the fire taking a dreadful form. To save their lives, the workers started running here and there in a fit of desperation.

Head Constable Jaipal Singh, Constable Surendra Kumar and Constable Buddha Saini were posted on duty. By showing indomitable courage, without caring for own life, they extinguished the fire taking a dreadful form on BTPN wagon full of highly inflammable material (Naphtha) with the help of fire extinguisher. Had the said fire not been doused immediately, it would have spread to a total of 18 BTPN wagons filled with highly inflammable substance (Naphtha), causing a major accident, threatening the lives of thousands of people and causing damage to railway property worth billions of rupees.

Mr. Jaipal Singh, Mr. Surendra Kumar and Mr. Budhram Saini have saved about 1000 human lives and railway property worth billions by risking their lives, which is a commendable work.

PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL AWARDED

for Distinguished and Meritorious Services to the RPF/RPSF Personnel

On the occasion of Republic Day 2023, President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Services and Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Services have been awarded to the following RPF/RPSF personnel:

President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service

Shri Raja Ram, Principal Chief Security Commissioner, South Central Railway

Police Medal (PM) for Meritorious Service

1. Shri Pankaj Gangwar, Principal Chief Security Commissioner, East Coast Rly.
2. Shri Devarayi Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Commandant, 7BN RPSF
3. Shri Jamjer Kumar, Assistant Commandant, 15BN RPSF
4. Shri Praveen Singh, Inspector/ 6BN RPSF
5. Shri Vijay Kumar, Inspector/ 6BN RPSF
6. Shri N. Srinivas Rao, Sub-Inspector/ SECR.
7. Shri Vivek Mohan, Sub-Inspector/ Northern Rly.
8. Shri J. Rajendran, Sub-Inspector/ Southern Rly.
9. Shri Yawar Hussain, Sub-Inspector/ 15BN RPSF
10. Shri Diwakar Shukla, Assistant Sub-Inspector/ NER.
11. Shri Nilesh Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector/ECR
12. Shri Saji Augustine, Assistant Sub-Inspector/SR.
13. Shri Prafulla Bhalerao, Head Constable, WR
14. Shri Shri Ram Sahu, Cook/2BN RPSF
15. Shri Chhaburao Sakharji Dhavale, Driver/CR

Visakhapatnam Railway Station Receives 'Green Railway Station Certification' with Highest Platinum Rating

Visakhapatnam railway station of East Coast Railway has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station Certification with highest rating of Platinum' by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for adopting green concepts thereby reducing the adverse environmental impact. DRM/ Waltair, Anup Satpathy received the certification from Dr S Vijayakumar, Chairman, IGBC Visakhapatnam Chapter at a function organised at Visakhapatnam on 24th January, 2023.

Visakhapatnam is one of the few railway stations to get this prestigious certificate. Visakhapatnam secured 82 out of 100 points in six environmental categories.

The Environment Directorate of Indian Railways, with the support



of the IGBC, has developed the Green Railway Station rating system. It addresses national priorities such as water conservation, handling of waste, energy efficiency, reduced use of fossil fuel, lesser dependence on usage of virgin materials and health and well-being of occupants.

Visakhapatnam railway station performed well in categories such as sustainable facilities, health, hygiene, energy and water efficiency, smart green initiatives, innovation and development.

This feat has been entirely through team effort of all the departments spearheaded by EnHM WING.

Varanasi Cantt Railway Station Awarded 'Eat Right Station' with a 5-Star Rating Certification by FSSAI

Indian Railways' Varanasi Cantt. Railway Station has been awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. This certification is granted by FSSAI to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices. The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers. The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an FSSAI-empanelled third-party audit agency with ratings from 1 to 5. The 5-star rating indicates full compliance by the station to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.

The other railway stations with Star certification include Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Station (Delhi); Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai); Mumbai Central Railway Station, (Mumbai); Vadodara Railway Station; Chandigarh Railway Station and Bhopal Railway Station.



RCF Kapurthala Conducted Final Trials of New Design Narrow Gauge Coaches for Kalka Shimla Railway



Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala had been entrusted with the prestigious project for modernisation of the rolling stock for the Kalka-Shimla Narrow Gauge Railway (which has UNESCO World Heritage Status). This project posed significant challenges as there was no digital data for modeling of narrow-gauge tracks for development and verification of coach designs.

RCF design and production team innovated to manufacture in-house almost all required infrastructure like new design shell jigs, lifting tackles, static test jigs, raised NG lines, loading gauges etc.

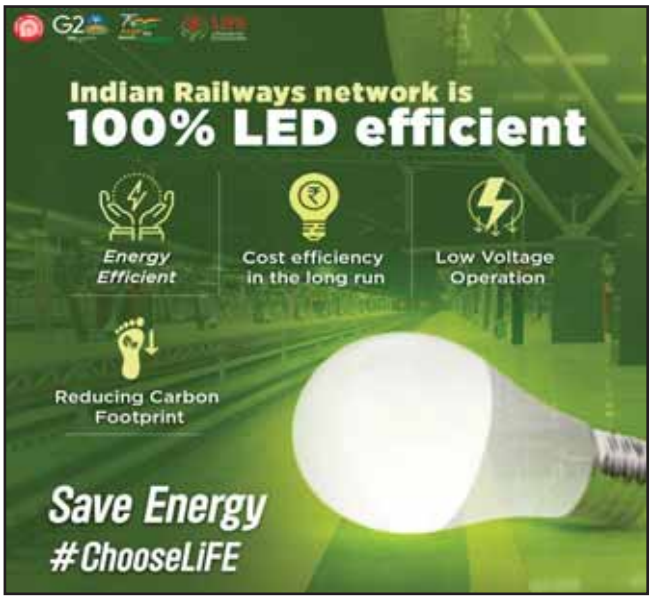
After the Railway Board gave the design approvals, two prototype shells were manufactured which were rigorously tested by RDSO in October 2022 for static stress analysis at RCF. Later, these two shells (of air-conditioned Chair Car and Power Car) were transported to Kalka and successfully tested multiple times on the Kalka Railway at speeds higher than the present sectional speed to determine the stability and ride quality.

After the successful completion of oscillation trials of two NG coach shells in December 2022, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala is making preparations to commence the final trials of new design Panoramic Narrow Gauge Coaches for Kalka Shimla Railway. Fully furnished coaches of all four variants (AC Executive Chair Car, AC Chair Car, Non-AC Chair Car and Power cum Luggage Coach) will undergo detailed oscillation trials by RDSO shortly. After successful completion of the detailed oscillation trials and after getting requisite approvals, RCF will commence series production of these new panoramic coaches.

RCF will be manufacturing 30 such state-of-the-art narrow gauge panoramic coaches including 6 Ist Class AC Chair Cars (12 seats), 6 AC Chair Cars (24 seats), 13 Non-AC Chair Cars (30 seats) and 5 Power, Luggage and Guard Cars. These coaches have a light weight shell with upgraded bogies and improved brake system. These coaches will have panoramic wider view window design so that the passengers can experience the beauty of the mountains and valleys. The coaches will also be equipped with modern safety features like CCTVs and fire alarms, besides aesthetic plush interiors equipped with noise and vibration proofing, Anti UV coated window glasses, power windows in upper classes, Powered doors, Heating/cooling package AC, Linear concealed fans, Linear LED lights, Modular seating rail mounted seats with flip backs, restaurant seating with luxury seats for Executive class, Onboard Mini pantry, Luggage Bins, Inter-car gangway (Vestibule) etc.

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₹1,04,040
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*Rupee in Crore
FY 2021-22
FY 2022-23


Incremental
FREIGHT LOADING
1st April to 31st December
1109.38 MT
1029.96 MT
8%
FY 2021-22
FY 2022-23
*MT - Million Tonnes


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PASSENGER SEGMENT
₹48,913
CRORE
71%
₹28,569
CRORE
FY 2021-22
FY 2022-23
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MOUNTING NEW HEIGHTS IN
PASSENGERS CARRIED
4,746.45
Million
106.37% increase
2,299.93
Million
FY 2021-22
FY 2022-23


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LEVEL CROSSING GATES
LC GATE INTERLOCKING COMMISSIONED
209
144
45%
STOP
2021-22
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347
237
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Automatic Signalling Commissioned
268 KM
118 KM
127%
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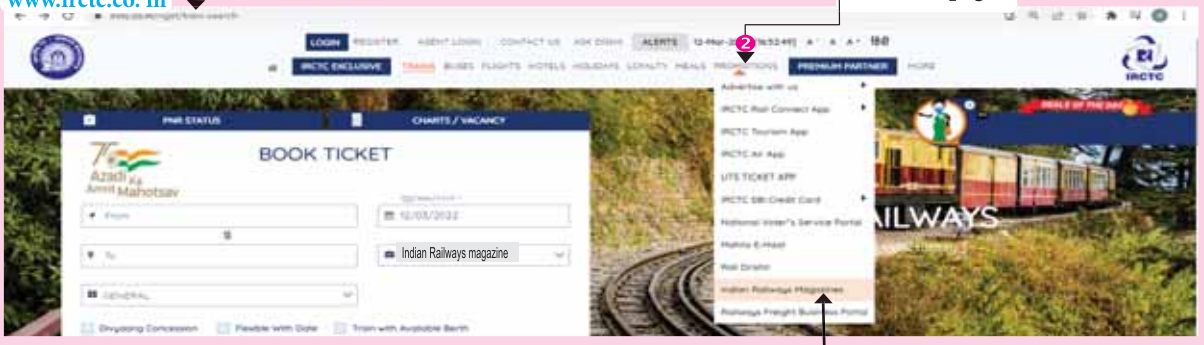
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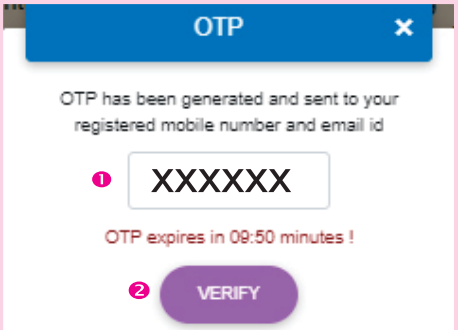
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Barog-A Station: A Destination

Shri Gaurav Nakra





Travelling by train is fun and degree goes higher if it's hill toy train, pines and deodars en route, the small yet beautiful little wooden stations and the chuk chuk making its way amidst fog through the forests makes it truly memorable.

Kalka Shimla train line is one such journey— I have taken it multiple times, but this trip during the monsoons was a different experience altogether.

I had couple of hours at Kalka, with the usual hustle and bustle and few cups of teas and walk on platform, time flies and at Kalka one can enjoy the shunting of the toy trains for the up journey to Shimla.

The 90 km journey has seen multiple changes over the time, from steam to diesel trains, wooden rakes to cushioned ones etc. but one thing that has remained same is the stoppage of every train on the small station en-route Barog.

As the train crossed Kumarhatti station, there was anticipation of the longest Barog tunnel (1.1 mile) on route at the end of it lies the Barog Station. As the tunnel came to an end, the train took turn and the station was in sight. Passengers trying to make most of this 10 min stoppage, taking selfies amidst beautiful surroundings, grabbing the hot favorite vegetable cutlets, masala tea etc. but, for myself I was in no rush as for next 1 ½ days this was my destination to be.

After the train departed, I met the Station. Superintendent, Mr. Upadhyay who helped us with the formalities and we were given retiring room no 1, which had the best location as one can spot the train coming through the tunnel, room was basic but spacious, old structure with wooden beams, skylight and old wooden almirahs.

Post getting ready I took a tour of the entire station; the semi-circular main station building has 10+ retiring rooms and a heritage refreshment room with beautiful windows overlooking the railway platform-enjoy your meals in ceramic cutlery while watching trains pass by which makes it memorable.

Few steps down I was on the main platform. One side at the edge of the tunnel is the station office surrounded by tall Christmas trees, spacious with the old furniture, Neals token machine, etc everything dates back in time.

On the other side of the track is a natural water reservoir "Chashm e Barog" which is a source of fresh mountain water and my free water source for the entire trip.

Alongside the office is the branch line which runs parallel to main station building– was once used a

parking spot of Viceroy's Rail car– and further ahead I saw beautiful open place overlooking a small waterfall– which during British times was used to run water turbines to generate electricity–and beyond it was just forest and mountain area.

There are few small shops selling eatables like Cutlets, Samosas, Chole Kulche and with my stay all became good acquaintances. Also, there is a signal room, a waiting hall, beautiful fountain and flower beds spread across the station. There is a badminton court, which then was occupied by couple of big fluffy mountain dogs, enjoying a siesta.

Surrounded by the Pines, Araucaria and Deodars, the beautiful wooden station painted all brown/blue takes you back in time. Somewhere in the distance one can hear the water stream flowing from the mountains, the slight breeze with that smell of the greenery and freshness, sun rays filtering through the trees, chirping of the birds and sitting on the tracks with adrak wali chai in my hand, as a train lover I could not have dreamt more. Picturesque– I got soaked in this mesmerizing atmosphere when suddenly I was shaken by the vibration and thunderous echo of the train horn, which meant it was now in the tunnel.

A small dot in the tunnel, started to grow bigger and finally the gleaming red and yellow ZDM Engine carrying the standard 6 red bogies, the driver threw the Neals token wrapped in the ring as safety check. Cheerful and happy faces, not just waiting to reach the destination, but enjoying this beautiful train journey. For next 10 mins there was hustle bustle post the train left it was all cam and serene once again. That's when we struck up conversation with Mr Upadhyay–Station Superintendent who made our stay and overall trip comfortable and memorable and he invited us for a cup of tea in the evening which I readily accepted.

Post enjoying this morning schedule got ready to explore couple of nearby places through trekking.

Walk to Dagshai Station– This was a pleasant 3 km walk through the track post taking permission and checking the train timings passing the longest tunnel no 33. This took us almost 15 mins to cover but was just amazing, masterpiece of engineering, even after 100 years in services stands strong. In the tunnel it was pitch dark and sound of water trickling in the tunnel. En route were some breath-taking views and arch bride which offers great photography options and if nothing else, just the walk itself is so soothing, serene, also, on the route we encountered a brief spell of shower which made it more exciting so we had to take shelter at the edge of a small tunnel.

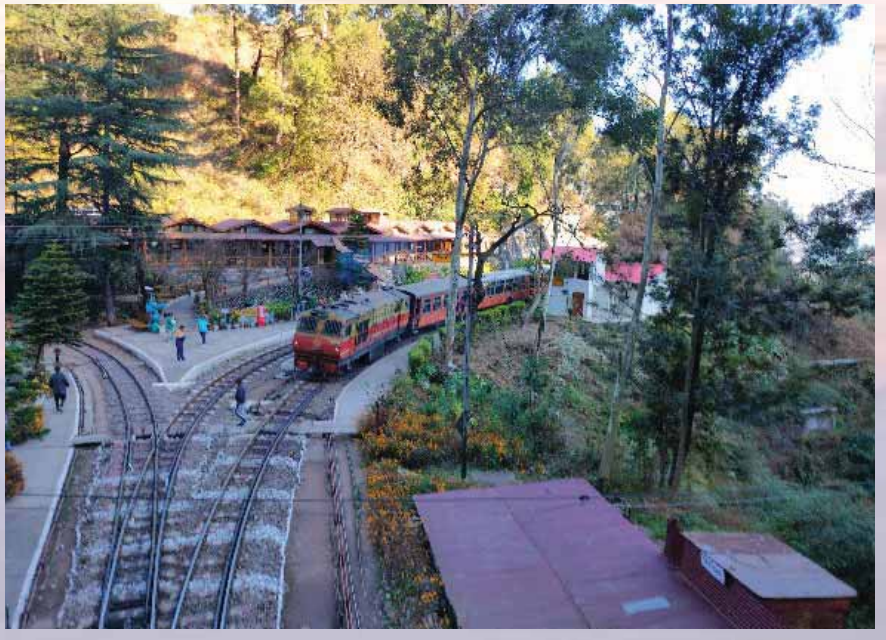
Evening had its own charm as the sun was setting, the sky started to go to have hue of colours which I enjoyed with some pakoras and two cups of tea from Mr Vijay and now the badminton court was occupied with children. There was great Chai Pe Charcha with Mr Upadhyay (SS) a very knowledgeable person and he shared some very interesting information about the station history.

Post dinner I just sat on the platform, with chill in the air, slight breeze blowing, clear sky with bright twinkling stars just sat there, in silence and enjoyed the tranquillity.

Early morning I woke up to the sound of the thunderous clouds and a heavy downpour and the arrival of the up train to Shimla and I did venture out to get my cup of tea to enjoy it sitting outside my room overlooking the platform.

Post a sumptuous breakfast we had our next adventure planned.

Old Barog Tunnel– It's a 1.5 km trek from the station. On the way one finds some great kiwi plantation. While visiting such a



place with a reputation one imagines a lot of things on the route, so even if there was a rustle due to the footsteps landing on some dry leaves it was creating some kind of eerie feeling. After 40 odd mins of walk we were at edge of it, the old, incomplete Barog tunnel– the legend goes Col Barog could not complete the tunnel and was charged rupee 1 as fine, thus out of humiliation committed suicide. At that point, one cannot go inside, but even from outside it looked spooky, pitch dark inside, sound of water trickling, cobwebs and spiders on the walls. Even with torches we could hardly see few meters, still the adventure of revisiting history has its own charm.

Once we were back, it was time to check out as this time we were awaiting our down train. An exciting, adventurous and beautiful



trip came to an end with so many beautiful memories and new relations made and a vow to myself that I will come back here in some other season to enjoy another season and explore another trek.

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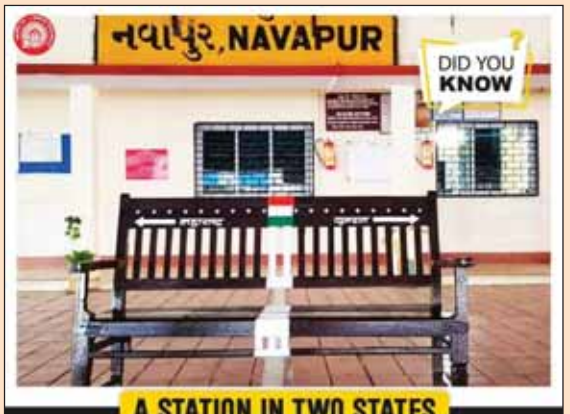
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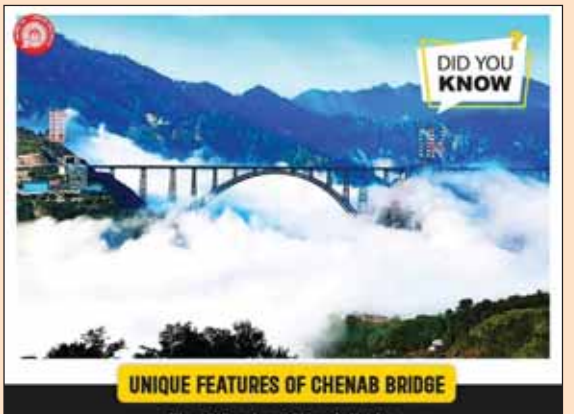
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(a) Tejas Express | (b) Vande Bharat Express | (c) Intercity Express | (d) Howrah Express

2 Which of the following station became the second station of Nagaland?

(a) Dimapur | (b) Kohima | (c) Shokhuvi | (d) Mokokchung

3 Which railway station in India has the maximum number of platforms?

(a) Varanasi | (b) Gorakhpur | (c) Howrah | (d) Ernakulam

4 The recently inaugurated Vande Bharat Express by the Prime Minister connects Nagpur to which city?

(a) Ujjain | (b) Bilaspur | (c) Chandigarh | (d) Chennai

5 Who is the present Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board?

(a) Shri V.K. Tripathi | (b) Shri V.K. Yadav | (c) Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti | (d) Shri Ashwini Lohani

6 Dronacharya Award-2022 for Boxing was conferred on which Indian Railways sportsperson?

(a) Md. Ali Qamar | (b) Shri Raj Singh | (c) Shri Sujeet Maan | (d) Shri Jiwanjot Singh Teja

7 In the field of wrestling, which player of Indian Railways was conferred on with Arjuna Award-2022?

(a) Ms. Babita Kumari | (b) Ms. Pooja Dhanda | (c) Shri Deepak Punia | (d) Ms. Sarita

8 Provision of what percentage of sub-quota is given to women for small catering units at stations?

(a) 33 percent | (b) 10 percent | (c) 45 percent | (d) 50 percent

9 Name the first woman diesel locomotive driver of Indian Railways.

(a) Ms. Surekha | (b) Ms. Mumtaj Kathawala (Kazi) | (c) Ms. Meghna | (d) Ms. Nagma Jaidi

10 Name the first lady guard of Indian Railways.

(a) Ms. Vandana Chaturvedi | (b) Ms. Abha | (c) Ms. Lata Khanna | (d) Ms. Manvi Sharma

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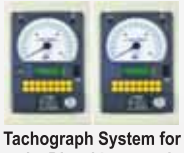
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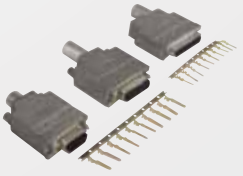
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