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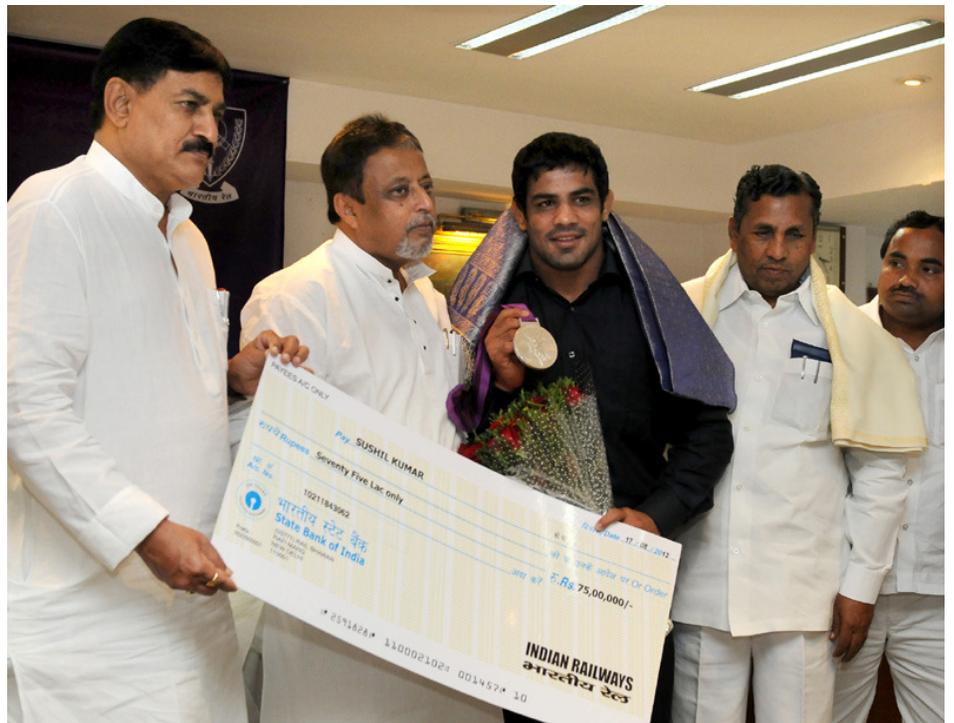
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Hon'ble Minister of Railways Shri Mukul Roy gave a cash award of Rs 75 lakh to **Shri Sushil Kumar**, who won the silver medal in the 66-kg class free style wrestling at the London Olympics. He said, "I congratulate him for his performance and we are proud of Sushil Kumar as he is a part of the Railway Family."

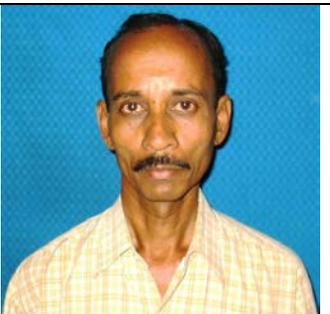


There were 12 sportspersons from the Railways in the 83-strong Indian contingent who participated in the London Olympics. Shri Joydeep Karmakar, who got fourth position in the final in shooting, Smt. Krishna Punia, who finished seventh in the final in discus throw, were given Rs 25 lakh cash award each. Recognizing the commitment and contribution of coaches, the Railway Minister also announced an award of Rs 1 lakh each for Shri Satpal, coach of Shri Sushil Kumar, Shri Sunny Thomas, coach of Joydeep Karmakar and Shri Virender Punia, coach of Smt. Krishna Punia. The Minister of Railways also advised Railway Board to explore possibilities of giving out of turn promotions to those Railway sportspersons who have excelled at London Olympics 2012. Shri Sushil Kumar has won back to back medals in two consecutive Olympics. In the last Commonwealth and Asian Games, 25 and 15 medal winners for the country were from Indian Railways. Railways have 19 Padamshree, 3 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, 6 Dronacharya Sammaan, 7 Dhyanchand Sammaan and 146 Arjun Puraskar to its credit.

ICF celebrates Independence Day

The Integral Coach Factory, has been sanctioned a Rs 250-crore project for manufacturing technologically upgraded coaches. Addressing the gathering on the 66th Independence Day celebrations, Shri Abhay K Khanna, GM said that the coach manufacturing unit had rolled out 1,511 coaches last year, which was an all-time record production. More than 45,000 coaches had been produced till date by ICF since its inception. Pointing out that the new bogie manufacturing facilities were likely to be completed by June 2013 and shell manufacturing facilities by March 2014, he said, "With this project, ICF will usher in a new era in manufacturing state-of-the art coaches, in house." As the MRVC rakes had become highly popular in the Mumbai suburban network, MRVC had placed another order and ICF was in the process of manufacturing 72 rakes. This would be a major step towards manufacture of SS coaches. In line with the ICF's 'Go Green policy', the furnishing materials used in these coaches would be eco-friendly and recyclable. Earlier, RPF contingents presented a colourful march past and a Guard of Honour to the General Manager. A large number of ICF officials, staff council members, employees and children of ICF schools were present on the occasion.

Person of the Month

	
May '12: Shell S.Palani, Jr Pro Man	May '12: Fur P.Meghanathan, SSE/33
	
June '12: Shell P.Selvam, Tech-1/12	June '12: Fur V.S.Sridharan, SSE/D&D
	
July '12: Shell M.Shankar, Tech-1/22	July '12: Fur N.Kalyanaraman, Tech1/28



ICF Hockey team has won the state level match held at Madurai. GM called and encouraged the team.

Standing: S/Shri Yuvaraj, Ramesh, Hayath, Santhosh (S&WI), Shyam, Vivek, Rajkumar jr., Venkata Krishnan (Jr. Manager), Iyappan, Madan Singh, Ashok Kumar, Hammed & Saravanan.

Sitting: S/Shri Rajendran (Manager), Suresh Kumar (Coach), M.S.Anbalagan(MIC hockey), Amitabh Singhal (GS/ICFSA), Abhay Kumar Khanna (GM/ICF), S.Srinivas (President/ICFSA), Smt K.Saramma (Asst. Sports Officer), K.N.Babu (Secy. to GM), Andrew Jacob.

Kneeling: Rajkumar sr & Udayakumar.

ICF has beaten Madurai police in the Quarter-Finals, Southern Railway in Semi-Finals and IOB in the Finals.



Selvi C.Harini, (centre in photo) D/o. V.Chandrasekaran, Tech-2, Shop 22, represented India in the Girls' World Forum 2012 held at Chicago from 12th July to 16th July. She is one among the three girls to represent India in the final centenary celebration of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the Centenary celebration of Girl Scouts of USA, in which Girls and young women from all over the world came together to discuss and to develop action steps to address the UN Millennium development Goals. About 89 countries, and 38 states and territories participated in this Girls' World Forum. The goal of the event was "Each and every participant should leave with knowledge on environmental sustainability, Gender Equality, and the harsh truth of extreme poverty".

WE DEEPLY MOURN THE SUDDEN DEMISE OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES

Sl	Name S/Shri	Designation
1	Thangaraj.V	Tech-1/24
2	Ganesan.D	Tech-1/30
3	Rajendran.P	Tech-3/26

**IRTSA FELICITATES Sri.P.K.SHARMA,
ADDITIONAL MEMBER / STAFF**



On behalf of Technical supervisors / Rail Engineers a felicitation function was organized to honour Sri.P.K.Sharma, AM/Staff, on 27th August at the Conference Hall, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi. Central Executive Committee members of IRTSA from all over Indian Railways participated enthusiastically. Er.M.Shanmugam, CP/IRTSA, welcomed AM/Staff and all the CEC members. In his brief submission President IRTSA explained the most important demands of IRTSA. In his address Sri.P.K.Sharma, AM/Staff, appreciated the constructive attitude of the leadership of IRTSA. Er.Darsan Lal of RCF proposed the vote of thanks.

Special Staff Council meeting on GIS

A Special Staff Council meeting was held on 25.08.2012 at Chintan Sabha Grah/ICF. Mr.S.K.Sharma, Dy.CVO/RCF, gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Group Incentive Scheme". Staff Council Members raised various queries on the presentation. During his interaction, Sri E.Ramesh, SCM/IRTSA, expressed the following concerns to CME/ICF & DyCVO/RCF:

1. In RCF, JEs are getting around Rs.14000 as incentive, whereas SSEs are getting incentive only around Rs.3000 (15%). Wherever group incentive is followed, there exists a strong demand to include SSE in the group incentive system, which has also been accepted by the respective CMEs.
2. The incentive rates of JEs in GIS should be made more than that of Sr.Technicians.
3. In group incentive system, the production loss created by a set of slow workers will affect the incentive of active workers of the same group.
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Hence if Group incentive is implemented in ICF, it should be done after rectifying the deficiencies of GIS followed in RCF and duly attaching the measurable elements of present support shops with production shops.

IRTSA's demand of honoring toppers among the wards of ICF employees in 10th std and 12th std has got approved in the SBF meeting held on 24.08.12 in CPO's Chamber. Top three rank holders will be awarded with Rs.5000, Rs.3000 and Rs.2000 along with an appreciation certificate. Toppers of both "Samacheer Kalvi" System and CBSE system will be awarded separately.

-E.Ramesh, SCM.

STAFF INFLOW - LAST MONTH

Sl	Name S/Shri	Design	Shop
1	Gurumoorthi.P.K.	App SE	TTC
2	Balina Polaraju	App Mech	TTC
3	Gaddameedi Kalyan	App Mech	TTC
4	Sanjeet Kumar	App Mech	TTC
5	Kashif Hussain	App Mech	TTC
6	Dompaka Krishna Murthy	App Mech	TTC
7	Smt.Vijayalakshmi.B	Trainee	TTC
8	Lakshmi.K	Trainee	TTC
9	Nirmal Kumar.V	Peon	PB
10	Rajan.B	Helper	Stores/S
11	Ramesh.R	Tech-2	20
12	Devaraj.V	Substitute	Engg
13	Srinivasan.G	Substitute	Engg
14	Sakthivel.S	Substitute	Engg
15	AravindBabu.D	SB Peon	CMT/S
16	Sarjen Kisku	Tech-3	41
17	Dashrath Murmu	Tech-3	41
18	Srinivasan.G-from RITES	SSE	14
19	Kumaravel.V-from RITES	SSE	12
20	Shiv Singh Meena	Vendor	Cant/S
21	Rang Lal Meena	Vendor	Cant/S
22	Girraj Prasad Meena	Vendor	Cant/F
23	Magan Ram Meena	Vendor	Cant/F
24	Shyo Ram Meena	Vendor	Cant/S
25	Jagram Meena	Vendor	Cant/F
26	Raju Lal Meena	Vendor	Cant/S
27	Gaju Murmu	Mali	GM's off
28	Mukesh Meena	Mali	GM's off
29	Prasadi Lal Meena	Trackman	Engg
30	Vinesh Kumar Meena	Trackman	Engg
31	Kamlesh Kumar Meena	Trackman	Engg
32	Prahalad Kumar Meena	Mali	Engg
33	Narshi Ram Meena	Mali	Engg
34	Ajeeshan K	Mali	Engg
35	Ragul M	Mali	Engg
36	Mamtesh Kumar Meena	Mali	Engg
37	Vijay Singh Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
38	Mansingh Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
39	Suresh Chand Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
40	Ram Babu Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
41	Lokesh Kumar Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
42	Kamlesh Kumar Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
43	Ram Bhajan Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
44	Ramavtar Meena	San Cleaner	Engg
45	Tulsi Munda	Peon	TTC
46	Mansingh Meena	Helper	Hosp
47	Pappu Ram Meena	Helper	Hosp

STAFF OUTFLOW - LAST MONTH

Sl	Name S/Shri	Design	Mode
1	Jaishankar.B	Tech-3/25	Dismissal
2	Shanthoskumar.C	SSE/39	RITES
3	Banwari Lal Meena	San Cleaner	Transfer
4	Gopakumar.V	San Cleaner	Transfer
5	Chandran Pillai.K	San Cleaner	Transfer
6	Kanakaraj.M.K	Helper/10	Removal
7	Kumaraswamy.B	SSE/PCO/S	V.R

OFFICIAL POSTINGS

Name S/Shri/ Smt	Previous	Present
Gaurav Kumar Singh	Dy CME/D1	N.E.Rly
D.Neelakandan	Sr VO	SME/DSD
Varghese Joshua	SME/Dev	Sr VO
Sanjay Angothu	IRSME	AWM/A2/S
P.Shanmugam	ChOS	AMM/M2

CIRCULARS

AC27: 01.08.12 is declared as holiday (unpaid) on account of Avani Avittam instead of 02.08.12.

AC28: amendment to railway services (pension) rules, 1993.

AC29: Govt of India has decided to recognize 15 courses of sec A&B examination as revised, conducted by the Institution of Engineers (India) as equivalent to degree in the appropriate branch of engg of the recognized universities of India.

AC30: Those Muslim railway employees, who observe fast and are required to travel a long distance to their residence for Iftar, may be allowed to leave the office early, wherever feasible.

AC31: The increment in question will be admissible to all those employees who were stagnating at the max of their pay scale for more than one year as on 01.01.06 including those who were in receipt of stagnation increments.

AC32: since all the posts carrying GP 1800 in PB-I have been classified as Group-C, the employees retiring from these posts would automatically be entitled for post retirement complimentary passes/ widow passes as per group - C entitlement.

AC33 : RB has decided that the following facilities / privileges would be admissible to the participants of spiritual programmes, meditation/yoga and other related training.

1. SCL up to max 5 days once in a year
2. Special pass once in a year
3. No TA/DA
4. No programme fee
5. Sparing the employee subjected to convenience of the administration

AC34: cashless service for RELHS card holder to take treatment in recognised private hospitals in emergency.

AC35: private ITI candidates be treated at par with the regular candidates only they pass the requisite all India trade test of craftsman training scheme (CTS), national trade certificates are issued only to passed out candidates irrespective of whether they are regular or private candidates.

•Sri R.Aaivu, DyCPO, will henceforth be the secretary of schools management committee in place of Sri Jagdish Algar, since he has been transferred to Southern Railway.

•On the spot painting and drawing competition for children of ICF employee will be held on 9.9.12

Electrical energy tariff has been revised for colonies wef 01.04.12. Arrears will be collected from the salary.

Monthly units	Old Rate	New Rate
1-25	0.75	1.00
26-50	0.85	1.00
51-100	1.50	1.50
101-250	2.20	2.00 upto 100, 3.00 above 100
251-300	2.20	3.00 upto 100, 4.0 for 101-250, 5.75 above 250
Above 300	4.05	

Last date for submission of application:

SSE/Mech 4 posts & Toy train driver at RRM =28.09.12

Selection for the post of Helper by RRB for Southern Railway & ICF = 25.09.12

✓ICF workers canteen Shell and Fur have received one Dosa machine each of capacity 400 dosas per hour.

ICF shell and Fur canteen committee meeting was held on 24th Aug to discuss the following points:

1. Preparing lunch at Fur canteen only and sending the lunch to shell
2. Outsourcing cleaning activities in canteen
3. Increase of food price once in a year based on DA rise
4. Utilization of vacant space in canteen - hiring the hall for function
5. Loan from SBF to canteen to wipe out loss
6. Buying non-perishable items in a combined manner to take price advantage

EMPLOYEES RETIRING on 30th September '12

1	NARAYANAN .J	Tech-1/MSM	10
2	VELLIYANGIRI.G	Tech-1/MGL	12
3	MANNARMANI .M	SrTech/FGL	14
4	SUNDARAM .AI	Tech-	20
5	CHANDRASEKARAN.CG	Tech-	20
6	VIJAYARANGAN .C	Tech-	21
7	SUBRAMANI .V	Tech-	24
8	MURUGESAN .E	SrTech/FGL	26
9	GANAPATHY.T	SrTech/FMW	40
10	AMBIGAPATHY .K	Tech-1/FTR	41
11	PAUL .K	SrTech/Elec	74
12	VASU .N	SrTech	Engg
13	PRASAD.K	Dresser	Hosp
14	MOHAN .S	SrTech/Elec	28
15	BAKTHAVATSALU .G	Tech-1/Elec	29
16	KALAIYARASAN.R	SrTech/Carp	30
17	DAMODARAN .R	SrTech/FGL	30
18	ETHIRAJULU .G	Tech-1/Carp	30
19	GHOUSE BASHA .G	Tech-1/MGL	33
20	ANANTHAN .M	Tech-1/MGL	36
21	RAMASWAMY.N	Tech-2/Paint	36
22	HARIKRISHNAN .L	Tech-1/Elec	39
23	SREE KUMARAN.S	Tech-2/FMW	80

We wish them A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL RETIRED LIFE.

ABOUT ICF

by Sri R.Srinivasan, SSE/TTC, 9003149472

New Wheel Shed

It is the newly constructed shed on the land received from Loco Works, Perambur, and opened on 19/06/2009. This shed consists of Shop 12 Wheel & Axle assembly. It was previously in the corner of the B shed and after construction of the new wheel shed, all the activities have been shifted to the new wheel shed.

Shop 12 Wheel & Axle assembly shop has two sections, namely 121- Machine section and 122- Bearing assembly.

Machines:

CNC Axle turning lathe:

Make - M/S HMT -1 No. & M/S Sunkap -1 No ;

Capacity - ϕ 100-300mm * 3000mm length * 1 ton ;

Cost Rs.1.69 Cr (Sunkap);

DOC: HMT- 6/10/08 & Sunkap – 10/12/11.

Wheel lathe: Make- M/s HYT ; Cost Rs.4 Cr ;

Capacity – ϕ 800-1250mm ; D.O.C – 14/08/2008

Wheel press: Make- M/s BEMCO ; Capacity – 500tons ; Cost Rs.0.87 Cr ; D.O.C – 28/09/2011.

Drilling & Tapping: Make- M/s HYT ; Cost Rs.1.13 Cr ; Capacity – ϕ 100-300mm ; D.O.C – 30/01/2012.

Vertical turret lathe: Make- M/s HYT ; Cost Rs.1.58Cr; Capacity – ϕ 1200mm ; D.O.C – 05/11/2009.

CNC Axle grinding:

Make: M/S HMT -3Nos ; Cost Rs.2.41 Cr, Capacity: ϕ 550mm * 3000mm length * 1 ton. D.O.C – 12/02/2010.

Activities:

Axle turning:It is the Turning (Metal removal operation) in the Journal, Collar, Wheel seat and Axle body area with grinding allowance of 0.4 to 0.5mm in diameter.

Drilling & Tapping: Three holes, ϕ 14.5mm in a Pitch circle diameter of 75mm are drilled and Thread formed with M16* 1.5 pitch Tap. Depth 30/35/40mm in the end faces of Axle to screw the retainer ring.

Ultrasonic testing: Ultrasonic means the Sound waves in higher frequency. At ICF the Ultrasonic testing probe of 24mm diameter is placed on the face of the axle and the sound waves of frequency 2.5MHz produced by the Transducer are passed through the part being tested. If there is any flaw in the material, Echoes will be returned and they will be picked up by a receiver. The receiver converts the ultrasonic waves in to electronic signals and these are amplified and projected on the screen. By comparing the waves the defects are located.

Axle Grinding: The final dimension of Axle is achieved by this. The roughness in the order of $N_7 - 1.6\mu\text{m}$; $N_8 - 3.2\mu\text{m}$; $N_9 - 6.3\mu\text{m}$.

Wheel Boring: It is the machining operation to increase the bore of the wheel to the size suitable for the assembly with axle.

Wheel Pressing:It is the assembling of wheel & Axle by Hydraulic press.

Wheel Profileturning: The diameter of tread portion of wheels is machined and also the side facing done to maintain the inner wheel face to face distance of 1600mm.

Stamping:Details of Mfg. code, Year, Serial number, Batch number, Assembly month/year, Pressing pressure in Tonnes etc are stamped in Wheel (Outer & Centre) and both ends of Axle for identity and traceability.

Parameters	Conventional	EMU/HHP
Wheel bore in mm	177.70	192.70
Wheel tread dia in mm	915-918	952-955
Axle dia in mm	177.96	192.96
Wheel & Axle assembly force in tonnes	71.2-106.8	77.2-115.8
Axle capacity in Tonnes	16.5	20

Assembly Fit:

Wheel and Axle – Interference fit (Press type)

Axle and Bearing – Interference fit (Shrink type)

Interference Fit refers to the tight fitting of mating parts i.e shaft diameter will be more than the hole diameter.

Bearing assembly:

Bearing Details: Type – Double Row Self Align Spherical Roller Bearing ; Make – FAG or NBC ;

Bearing no: 22326 (for Conv. coach) ; 22328 (for EMU)

Procedure:

- Radial clearance of the Bearing is checked with Feeler gauge.
- Collar is heated in induction heater to a temp of 130-140° C and fitted to the Axle.
- Rear cover is fitted to the Axle. To hold the rear cover in position a Ring is assembled in shrink fit after heating it to a temp of 130-140° C.
- Then the Bearing is heated to a temp of 110-120° C and assembled to the Axle in shrink fit. Again the Radial clearance is checked after mounting (allowed is 0.085-0.16mm)
- A retaining ring is provided to keep all the assembly in correct position.
- A locking plate fitted to prevent free rotation of end locking screw.
- Grease is packed. (1.75 kg for Conv. & 2.25 kg for EMUs).
- Axle box and front cover are assembled.
- The screws are tightened with proper torque (11-12kgfm for Conv. & 14-15kgfm for EMUs).

Though it was agreed to extend the period of AC for 8 months, it has been decided to spend the money on improving the capacity of ICF central AC unit instead of extending the contract period, so that we can operate the ICF AC unit as and when required. – K.V.Ramesh, SCM

NEW BOGIE FRAME SHED

This shed consists of 5 bays and first & second bays are Shop23 and other 3 bays are shop 11.

Shop 23 :This shop is called Bogie Frame Assembly Shop. Here Bogie frames of different type of coaches like Conventional, Air conditioned and Self propelled are manufactured. Motor coach bogie frames are obtained through outsourcing.

Bogie frames are made of steel as per code IS 2062 and some brackets from Corten steel IRS M 41. For Conventional coaches, it is of 12mm thickness of I cross section, for AC type it is of 16mm thick of I cross section and for EMU s it is of 16mm thick of □ (box) cross section.

Bogie Frame consists of parts like Side frames, Bogie frame Head stock , Transoms, Longitudinals, Guides and various Brackets .

At present in non AC conventional bogie frames the Head stock, Longitudinal are machined, channel type instead of I section.

Manufacturing sequence: It is carried out in different stages. First stage: in Bogie Frame Assembly Jig, the Side frames, Head stocks, Transoms and Longitudinal are placed to form as a rectangular frame as per the drawing and joined by tack welding with CO₂ welding machine.

In the next stage the frame full welding is carried out. The frame is checked for level in the level bed.

The frames are subjected to Non Destructive Testing like Gamma Ray and X ray testing for soundness in welding, particularly the joint between Transom flange and Side frame flange. (EMU type – 100% frames radiographic testing, Conventional & AC – Random 6% only).

Then in final stage all the Guides, Brackets for bolster spring suspension, Anchor link, Alternator, Brake hanger etc are welded. Again the frame is checked for level in level bed.

All the dimensions are critical in Bogie Frame. The Inspection is done using 4 gauges such as Master gauge, Width gauge, Diagonal gauge and Wheel base gauge.

Master gauge: For distance between two adjacent guides

Width gauge : For distance between two guides in same position

Diagonal gauge : For distance between end guide to the diagonally opposite middle guide.

Wheel base gauge : For distance between the four guides assembled in same side.

Any deviation in Guide position dimension is corrected by Flame heating method.

After passing Inspection, the frames are sent to Shot blasting or Cold phosphating to remove dirt, rust and oil for preparation of surface before painting.

Machinery & plant:

EOT cranes – 5 ton capacity – 5 nos are used for all the movement of bogie frames.

Shot Blasting plant – Indabrator make – It has a motorized table mechanism to hold and rotate the frame. Steel round shots of dia 0.8mm are forced with compressed air on the surface of frame so that the rust, dirt and oil particles are removed and local compressive stress is induced on the surface. There is a mechanism for recirculation of shots and dust separation.

(-- to be continued)

IRCTC to launch deposit scheme for faster bookings

IRCTC plans to set up a rolling deposit scheme (RDS). Under the scheme, a user can deposit money in advance with the IRCTC and use RDS from the available payment options on the IRCTC website for paying for their tickets. IRCTC has proposed a one-time registration fee of around Rs 200-250 and a minimum deposit of around Rs 1,500-2,000 for the service. Users can top up their RDS account balance by using any of the available payment gateways and can also transfer money from their bank accounts to their IRCTC accounts. Currently, after a payment option is selected, customers are redirected to the payment gateway, where they enter their card details. Subsequently, they are redirected to either the Verified by Visa or Master Secure service, where they have to enter their password and validate the transaction. This entire process consumes a substantial amount of transaction time. When the customer is finally redirected to the IRCTC site, the session may have timed out and as a result the ticket would not have been booked. Time can be saved by using an RDS account, as the entire transaction is internal and there is no dependence on a third party payment gateway. Users will not only save on payment gateway charges, but will also save precious booking time by eliminating payment approval cycle. Even if banks go offline, IRCTC users can book tickets using their RDS account. In case of ticket cancellation, the refund will be credited to the user's RDS account the next day.

Double-decker train to Jaipur flagged off

On 24th August, Northern Railway's first double-decker AC train from Delhi to Jaipur was flagged off by the Hon'ble Railway Minister Shri Mukul Roy and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Smt Sheila Dikshit at Delhi Sarai Rohilla.

International Heavy Haul Association Conference

The 10th IHHA Conference will be held at New Delhi from 4th Feb to 6th Feb'13. The Technical Program will address recent research and best practices related to key issues involved in running heavy haul and long haul freight trains. The conference will provide an opportunity for delegates to learn about the latest technological developments in the field of heavy haul from peers and experts.

The Railways has appealed to passengers to inform officials on the mobile number 09840668675 if they notice inflammable materials on trains or railway premises

Apart from duty



Sri S. Srinivasan, Sr Tech/30, is the secretary of Chennai Homing Pigeon Fanciers Association. He has scored first rank based on total point championship. He has trained many pigeons and created records.

Some of the records are:

His pigeon has traveled from Nagpur to Chennai in 21.5 hours, Ramagundam to Chennai in 10.5 hours which are not yet reached by anyone. His bird Subash has won I prize in 300, 700 & 875 KM race and Agni has won in 550 & 1150 Km race. His interview has been published in the famous Tamil weekly "Ananda Vikatan". For more details: <http://www.chpfa.com>.

Clarification on the admissibility of HRA during CCL

It is clarified that the 'total leave of all kinds' as referred to in Para 6(a) of RB's OM dated 27.1.65, will include CCL for regulating grant of HRA during leave, subject to fulfillment of all other conditions stipulated there under, from time to time. It is also clarified that drawl of HRA during leave (including CCL) in excess of first 180 days, if otherwise admissible, shall be subject to furnishing of the certificate prescribed in Para 8(d). These orders take effect from 01.09.2008. HRA during CCL, if not paid to women employees who are entitled to it as per this clarification, may be reconsidered, if so requested by the concerned employee.

President gives Away National Sports Awards 2012

The President Shri Pranab Mukherjee gave away National sports and adventure awards in a glittering ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29th August. In a momentous recognition of 2012 the role and contribution of the Indian Railways in promoting sports in the country, Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) of Ministry of Railways has bagged "Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar", for the year 2012 which is a part of National Sports Awards, announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. This year's award to the Railways is in the category called "Financial support for sport excellence. Chairman, Railway Board, Shri Vinay Mittal received the award on behalf of RSPB. The award carries a trophy and citation. The Indian Railways was also the winner of the first 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar' in 2009 in the category "Employment of Sportspersons and Sports Welfare Measures".

Six Railway sportspersons who are among the winners of Arjuna Awards 2012 also received their awards. In addition, Athletics coach Shri Virender Poonia from North Western Railway who is among the winners of Dronacharya Awards for 2012 also received his award.

MORE DELHI CARD

'More Delhi', a common mobility card which can be used for travel in Delhi Metro and its network of feeder buses, was launched on 11th August. The card, which aims to make travel throughout the city cashless, can be used for travel in Delhi Metro trains and feeder buses in the capital.

Increasing Speed of Passenger Trains

The Indian Railway Vision 2020 envisages increasing the speed of passenger trains to 160-200 kilometres per hour on the routes where freight traffic has been segregated by construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor. A feasibility study for increasing the speed on Delhi-Mumbai route is being carried out with assistance from Government of Japan. Increasing of speed will involve strengthening of track & bridges, modification in signalling and overhead electric traction and other safety measures. Further action by the ministry of Railways will be taken on completion of the study and its examination thereof.

President to inaugurate rail coach factory at Harnaut

Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee is expected to inaugurate the rail coach factory at Harnaut and wheel factory at Chhapra, soon. Both the factories of the Indian Railways are now ready for inauguration. The coach factory at Harnaut in Nalanda district has already started production through its carriage repair shop. Its monthly capacity is to repair 50 coaches which will be extended to 100 coaches a month. Its foundation had been laid on May 30, 2003. Spread over 140 acres, the factory has about 18 repair workshops and this coach repairing factory is seen as the most advanced among other coach factories in the country. The old coaches of the ECR trains were being sent to Lilua in West Bengal for repairing.

DHR to be extended to Siliguri

Railway Minister Shri Mukul Roy promised to restore the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, to Siliguri by 2013. The UNESCO heritage railway, which attracts tourists both foreign and domestic, has been running for years between Darjeeling and Kurseong as tracks up to Siliguri were damaged by landslides. On 5th Aug MR inaugurated two new services from the Queen of the Hills. One is a joyride to Ghoom station, which will be the fourth such service. The other is a joyride between Darjeeling and Kurseong. The DHR, which operates on narrow gauge tracks, is the second railway in the world to use century-old steam engines to pull the trains.

CR to buy binocular with night vision

Central Railway will soon procure binoculars equipped with night-vision for the as part of its efforts to enhance security at station and railway tracks in Mumbai. CR has also placed orders for 125 binoculars, of which 55 will be used in the Mumbai division. The binoculars will have range of 1 km and will come in handy for keeping track on suspicious movement, unclaimed baggage, roof top traveling etc. Around 100 police personnel would be trained for using this equipment, by the company supplying these equipments. Apart from binoculars, the RPF personnel will also be given handy cam video cameras to record footage of queues at Passenger Reservation System to check touting and incidents like rail-roko agitation. It can also be used on platforms as footage of the video can help identify criminals. Even though the stations are covered adequately by CCTV network, there are grey areas which cannot be accessed by CCTV.

Now, SMS complaints to Chief Minister's cell

New facility has been launched by the Tamilnadu Government to speed up redress mechanism. A person sitting in any corner of the State can send his or her complaint directly to the CM's Cell and instant acknowledgement would be sent through SMS to the complainant's mobile. In order to speedily redress grievances, the government has put in place the new system which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Ms. Jayalalitha on 11th August. Complainants can now send their complaints to the new website <http://cmcell.tn.gov.in> and instantly they would receive an email acknowledgment with registration number. The complaints received through the website would be forwarded to the department concerned and the details also be sent to the complainants instantly. The complainant can also access the coordinator of the cell to get know the status of the complaint. Complainants sending their grievances through post can mention their mobile numbers and an instant SMS acknowledgement would be sent.

Belgium to help India modernise railway stations

On 2nd Aug, Indian Railways signed an agreement with Belgium to modernize and make some of the country's railway stations world class. "Indian and Belgian railways will benefit with mutual consultation and exchange of information services on development and modernisation of railway stations," Hon'ble Railway Minister, Shri Mukul Roy said after signing a MoU with Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, Sri Didier Reynders, who is also Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs. Ties between the countries would strengthen with sharing of design and current practices in railway infrastructure and deputation of experts in areas of mutual interest.

Railway hospital organises contest for babies

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Railway Hospital, Ponmalai, held a health education programme and healthy baby show on 9th Aug to mark World Breastfeeding Week. Speaking at the event, Smt Manjula Rangarajan, DRM/TPJ, advised the mothers to promote the practice of breastfeeding. The healthy baby contest was held in two categories for infants below one year and toddlers up to three years. DRM/TPJ gave prize to the winners of the healthy baby contest.

SBI launches rail ticket booking through MPS

The State Bank Mobile Banking Service has launched a mobile payment service where customers can now book railway tickets over the IRCTC website and pay through SBI. Customers can pay through the mobile banking service using the Inter bank Mobile Payments Service (IMPS). After booking the tickets on the IRCTC site, the customer can opt to pay through mobile/ Net banking, choose IMPS and enter his/ her mobile number, MMID (Mobile Money ID) and one-time password, which can be obtained through mobile banking application / contact centre.

Onboard Housekeeping Services in Running Trains

On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) have been planned to be implemented in all Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto and other important long distance Mail/Express trains for frequent cleaning of coach toilets, doorways, aisles and passenger compartments during the run of the trains. The scheme has so far been implemented in around 300 trains. Other important trains as identified by Zonal Railways are also planned for provision of OBHS.

Railways' Pilot Project on Using CNG

Indian Railways have taken initiative of using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as an alternate fuel on pilot project involving Diesel Power Car (DPC) of Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU). Contracts for conversion of 50 DPCs have been placed on three different firms by Indian Railways Organisation for Alternate Fuels (IROAF) for Northern Railway Shakurbasti Diesel Shed homing DEMUs. Fitment of these kits is under progress. Such technology has not been tried out on any other major railroad on such a scale. It involves extensive trials and testing. Cost of fitment on 50 DPCs is about Rs. 55 crore and savings in fuel consumption can be assessed only when these kits are positioned.



Master P.N. RAOVSHYL (S/O. Mrs. P. Shylaja Rao. OS/33) represented INDIA in 6th World Freestyle Inline Skating Championships - 2012, held at LI SHUI CITY, CHINA, from 23rd to 25th Aug, in which 28 nations from all over the world participated. He secured world ranking 19 and All India ranking 2. In Junior wing category 6 skaters were selected for team India and he is the only skater selected from Tamil Nadu State.

He is also the captain for Tamil Nadu State Inline Skating hockey Team and won Gold medal in state championships. He is also a NCC cadet troop leader of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Anna Nagar.

Trackman/ Trolleyman/ Keyman/ Watchman/ Gateman of Engg dept will be clubbed and called as Track Maintainer.

New Books for sale

"Indian railway signal engineering vol IV" by Sri. Pramod P Goel, Retd Dy CSTE/CORE, has been released. The cost of the book is Rs345, available at M/s. Bahri brothers, Delhi, Ph 23861740"

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