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वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

नाद निनाद, सकल उत्थान,

वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

गति में शक्ति, शक्ति में मति हो, आवश्यक जो, लब्ध प्रगति हो,

रेल हेतु हो, राष्ट्रोन्नति हो, नित नित छूने हैं आयाम,

वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

सहज समेटे, जन मन जोड़े, भाषा, भूषा अन्तर तोड़े,

अथक अनवरत हर क्षण दौड़े, रेल राष्ट्र का है अभिमान,

वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

रेख उकेरे, लौह-गंग सी, चहुँ दिश बहती, जल तरंग सी,

अह्लादित, कूकी उमंग की, रेल राष्ट्र का नवल विहान,

वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

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चलती रहती सर्व समन्वित, संयत अनुशासित उपमान,

वयं राष्ट्रे जागृयाम।

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED

(April - June 2022)

SN	Name of Training Program	From	To	No. of Participants
1.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 5	04.04.22	08.04.22	120
2.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 6	18.04.22	22.04.22	110
3.	Law for Railway Officers	18.04.22	22.04.22	18
4.	Tenders and Contracts	25.04.22	29.04.22	22
5.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 7	25.04.22	29.04.22	113
6.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 8	02.05.22	06.05.22	112
7.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 9	09.05.22	13.05.22	108
8.	Safety Management	09.05.22	13.05.22	27
9.	Mission Rail Karmayogi – Batch 10	16.05.22	20.05.22	115
10.	Public Relations, Social Media and Crowd Management	30.05.22	03.06.22	14
11.	Human Resource Management	30.05.22	03.06.22	10
12.	Integrated Training Programme for Group 'B' officers	06.06.22	17.06.22	23
13.	Appreciation Training Programme	06.06.22	10.06.22	49
14.	Marketing & Non Fare Revenue	20.06.22	24.06.22	13
15.	Integrated Training Programme for Group 'B' officers	20.06.22	01.07.22	30

FORTHCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

(July - December 2022)

SN	Name of Training Program	Programme for	From	To
1.	Traffic Planning and Works Programme	Traffic	04.07.22	08.07.22
2.	Integrated Course	Traffic	18.07.22	29.07.22
3.	Big Data and Artificial Intelligence	Multidisciplinary	25.07.22	29.07.22
4.	Kayakalp – Training Programme for Supervisors	Sr. Supervisor (Traffic)	25.07.22	29.07.22
5.	Safety Management	Multidisciplinary	25.07.22	29.07.22
6.	Integrated Course	Traffic	01.08.22	12.08.22
7.	Mid Career Training Programme (MCTP) for SAG officers	Traffic	01.08.22	05.08.22
8.	Kayakalp – Training Programme for Supervisors	Sr. Supervisor (Traffic)	08.08.22	12.08.22
9.	Environment and Housekeeping	Multidisciplinary	22.08.22	26.08.22
10.	Kayakalp – Training Programme for Supervisors	Sr. Supervisor (Traffic)	22.08.22	26.08.22
11.	Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Multidisciplinary	22.08.22	26.08.22
12.	Safety Management	Multidisciplinary	22.08.22	26.08.22
13.	Ethical Leadership and Emotional Intelligence	Multidisciplinary	29.08.22	02.09.22
14.	Vigilance for Railwaymen	Multidisciplinary	29.08.22	02.09.22
15.	IT Applications in Railways	Multidisciplinary	05.09.22	09.09.22
16.	Costing and Rating	Multidisciplinary	05.09.22	09.09.22
17.	Law for Railway Officers	Multidisciplinary	05.09.22	09.09.22
18.	Kayakalp – Training Programme for Supervisors	Sr. Supervisor (Traffic)	05.09.22	09.09.22
19.	Mid Career Training Programme (MCTP) for JAG officers	Traffic	12.09.22	16.09.22
20.	Tenders and Contracts	Multidisciplinary	12.09.22	16.09.22
21.	Safety Management	Multidisciplinary	26.09.22	30.09.22

22.	*Integrated Freight Terminal Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*26.09.22*	*30.09.22*
23.	*Public Private Partnership in Railways*	*Multidisciplinary*	*26.09.22*	*30.09.22*
24.	*Kayakalp – Training Programme for Supervisors*	*Sr. Supervisor (Traffic)*	*26.09.22*	*30.09.22*
25.	*Communication and Soft Skills*	*Multidisciplinary*	*10.10.22*	*14.10.22*
26.	*Operations Research in Railways*	*Multidisciplinary*	*10.10.22*	*14.10.22*
27.	*Integrated Course*	*Traffic*	*10.10.22*	*21.10.22*
28.	*Environment and Housekeeping*	*Multidisciplinary*	*17.10.22*	*21.10.22*
29.	*Human Resource Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*17.10.22*	*21.10.22*
30.	*Claims and Railway Claims Tribunal*	*Multidisciplinary*	*24.10.22*	*28.10.22*
31.	*Transport Economics*	*Multidisciplinary*	*31.10.22*	*04.11.22*
32.	*Safety Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*31.10.22*	*04.11.22*
33.	*Vigilance for Railwaymen*	*Multidisciplinary*	*31.10.22*	*04.11.22*
34.	*Station Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*14.11.22*	*18.11.22*
35.	*Railway Business Portfolio and Financing*	*Multidisciplinary*	*14.11.22*	*18.11.22*
36.	*Marketing and Non-Fare Revenue*	*Multidisciplinary*	*14.11.22*	*18.11.22*
37.	*Law for Railway Officers*	*Multidisciplinary*	*21.11.22*	*25.11.22*
38.	*Public Relation, Social Media and Crowd Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*21.11.22*	*25.11.22*
39.	*Inspections in Operations, Safety, Commercial, Accounts*	*Traffic*	*28.11.22*	*02.12.22*
40.	*IT applications in Traffic*	*Traffic*	*28.11.22*	*02.12.22*
41.	*Emerging Trends in IT*	*Multidisciplinary*	*05.12.22*	*09.12.22*
42.	*Human Resource Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*05.12.22*	*09.12.22*
43.	*Tenders and Contracts*	*Multidisciplinary*	*12.12.22*	*16.12.22*
44.	*Environment and Housekeeping*	*Multidisciplinary*	*19.12.22*	*23.12.22*
45.	*Customer Relationship Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*26.12.22*	*30.12.22*
46.	*Safety Management*	*Multidisciplinary*	*26.12.22*	*30.12.22*
47.	*Vigilance for Railwaymen*	*Multidisciplinary*	*26.12.22*	*30.12.22*

मिशन रेल कर्मयोगी –शिष्टता अमृत

भारतीय रेल परिवहन प्रबंधन संस्थान में चल रहे मिशन रेल कर्मयोगी - शिष्टता अमृत प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के दशम एवं अंतिम पाठ्यक्रम के दीक्षांत समारोह का आयोजन दिनांक 20 मई किया गया जिसमे मुख्य अतिथि श्री संजीव सान्याल, सदस्य, पीएमईएसी ने अपनी उपस्थिति से मास्टर ट्रेनर्स का उत्साहवर्धन किया एवं उन्हें इस मिशन की सफलता के लिए शुभकामनाएं भी दीं।

मिशन रेल कर्मयोगी प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य रेलवे कर्मचारियों को और सृजनात्मक, कल्पनाशील, संवेदनशील, सक्रिय तथा प्रौद्योगिकी सक्षम बनाकर उनकी कार्यक्षमता को बढ़ाकर उन्हें भविष्य की चुनौतियों के लिए तैयार करना है। इसके अन्तर्गत भारतीय रेल के लगभग एक लाख फ्रंटलाइन कर्मचारियों को (जिसमें स्टेशन मास्टर्स, टीटीई व कामर्शियल क्लर्क शामिल हैं) नागरिक केंद्रित (Citizen Centric) दृष्टिकोण से प्रशिक्षित कर उन्हें रेल कर्मयोगी के रूप में ग्राहक उन्मुख सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए अग्रसर करना है।





अब तक विभिन्न रेलवे के 68 मंडलों के 1116 कर्मचारियों, मेट्रो/कोलकत्ता के 06 कर्मचारियों, तथा 12 विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय रेलवे प्रशिक्षण संस्थान के 23 अनुदेशकों, भारतीय रेल परिवहन प्रबंधन संस्थान के **12** कर्मचारियों सहित कुल 1157 कर्मचारियों को मास्टर ट्रेनर का प्रशिक्षण दिया जा चुका है। उक्त मास्टर ट्रेनरों द्वारा फील्ड कर्मचारियों का ट्रेनिंग कार्यक्रम प्रारंभ

किया जा चुका है। दिनांक 19 जुलाई 2022 तक लगभग 89032 फील्ड स्टाफ का प्रशिक्षण, मूल्यांकन और प्रमाणीकरण किया जा चुका है।

मिशन रेल कर्मयोगी-शिष्टता अमृत प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के अष्टम पाठ्यक्रम के दीक्षांत समारोह के अवसर पर दिनांक 6 मई 2022 को सुश्री वी. जी. भूमा, प्रधान मुख्य कार्यकारी निदेशक, मानव संसाधन, रेलवे बोर्ड ने अपनी उपस्थिति से मास्टर ट्रेनर्स एवं संस्थान का उत्साहवर्धन किया गया एवं संस्थान की इस कार्यक्रम को सफलता पूर्वक चलने के लिए सराहना भी करी ।





Valediction of IRTS 2019 Batch

The Valediction Ceremony of Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) Officers of 2019 batch was organized on Friday, July 15th 2022. Shri Sunil Kumar Garg, Additional Member (Commercial), Railway Board and Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha, Additional Member (Traffic), Railway Board graced the occasion as Esteemed Guests.

IRTS Probationary Officers have undergone Training in various fields of Transportation Business for 78 weeks. After successful completion of their training, 40 Probationary Officers have passed out to be posted as either Assistant Operations Manager or Assistant Commercial Manager or Area Managers on various Zonal Railways over Indian Railways.

Both Shri Sunil Kumar Garg and Smt Jaya Varma Sinha addressed these officers. While Shri Garg talked about their responsibilities and work profile and also wished them success in their career. Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha told them about developing strong work ethics in order to meet the upcoming challenges in their career. She expressed her full confidence in them while wishing them the best.

Smt. Chandralekha Mukherjee, Director General of the Institute welcomed the esteemed guests and other dignitaries present on the occasion and also mentioned about the various training programs being run and the infrastructure works undertaken for upgrading training facilities at IRITM. She also exhorted the IRTS Officers of 2019 batch and wished them a bright and successful career. Course Report of IRTS Probationary training of 2019 batch was presented by Shri N.B. Vikramaditya (Professor & Course Director).

Various awards were also given away by Shri Sunil Kumar Garg and Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha to passing out officers. Shri Gopu R. Unnithan was awarded the Best IRTS Officer trainee award, Smt. Monika Yadav was awarded for Best Academic Performance, Dr. Mohd. Tousif Ullah was awarded for Distinguished Academic Performance. Shri B. Sudheer Kumar and Shri Vishal Javeri Jayantbhai were jointly awarded for being the Best Officer Trainee in Cultural Activities. Smt. Pooja Singh was awarded for being the best in the Sports Activities.

Other Distinguished guests, who graced the occasion, were Shri S.K. Sapra, DRM, NR, Dr. Monica Agnihotri, DRM, NER, Lucknow and officers from both divisions.






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19वां स्थापना दिवस

संस्थान का 19वां स्थापना दिवस समारोह शनिवार, 21 मई को उत्साहपूर्वक मनाया गया। दीप प्रज्ज्वलन के उपरान्त संस्थान के कार्यकलापो एवं उपलब्धियों पर प्रकाश डाला गया। इस अवसर पर श्री एस.के. मोहंती, सदस्य (परिचालन एवं व्यवसाय विकास), रेलवे बोर्ड ने मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में समारोह की गरिमा बढ़ाई तथा सम्मानित सदस्य के रूप में श्री संजीव सान्याल, सदस्य, सदस्य, पीएमईएसी, स्वामी आत्मप्रियानंद, प्रो–चांसलर, रामकृष्ण मिशन विवेकानंद शैक्षणिक एवं अनुसन्धान संस्थान, स्वामी ब्रह्मचारी मृणमय, प्रोफेसर, रामकृष्ण मिशन विवेकानंद शैक्षणिक एवं अनुसन्धान संस्थान तथा अन्य माननीय अतिथि के रूप श्री संजीव भूटानी, महानिदेशक, आरडीएसओ, लखनऊ, श्री मनोज कृष्ण अखौरी, पीसीओएम, उत्तर रेलवे, श्री संजय त्रिपाठी, पीसीओएम, उत्तर पूर्व रेलवे, डॉ. मोनिका अग्निहोत्री, डीआरएम, उत्तर पूर्व रेलवे, श्री एस.के. सपरा, डीआरएम, उत्तर रेलवे, लखनऊ, लखनऊ उपस्थित थे।









बांग्लादेश के रेलमंत्री का संस्थान में आगमन

दिनांक 29 मई को बांग्लादेश के माननीय रेल मंत्री मो0 नूरूल इस्लाम सुजान के नेतृत्व में सरदार शहादत अली, अतिरिक्त महानिदेशक (परिचालन), बांग्लादेश रेलवे सहित 04 सदस्यीय शिष्टमंडल संस्थान में आया। शिष्टमंडल ने रेलवे परिचालन से सम्बन्धित प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रमों के माड्यूल एवं विषयों पर विस्तृत चर्चा की तथा संस्थान परिसर का भ्रमण किया एवं उपलब्ध संसाधनों को देखा।





विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस 2022

दिनांक 6 जून को विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर संस्थान के प्रांगण में वृक्षारोपण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया जिसके अंतर्गत महानिदेशक महोदया, संकाय सदस्यों, एकीकृत प्रशिक्षण पाठयक्रम के प्रशिक्षु अधिकारिओं एवं आई आर टी एस प्रशिक्षु अधिकारियों द्वारा विभिन्न किस्मों के पौधे लगाए गए तथा महानिदेशक महोदया द्वारा पर्यावरण संरक्षण के महत्व पर जोर दिया गया।





योग शिविर का आयोजन

अर्न्तराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस के अवसर पर दिनांक 21 जून को संस्थान में योग शिविर का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें महानिदेशक महोदया, संकाय सदस्यों, एकीकृत प्रशिक्षण पाठयक्रम के प्रशिक्षु अधिकारिओं, आई आर टी एस प्रशिक्षु अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों ने योगाभ्यास में उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर योगगुरु श्री शम्भूनाथ जी ने योग का प्रशिक्षण दिया और योग द्वारा स्वास्थ्य लाभ प्राप्त करने पर भी प्रकाश डाला गया।





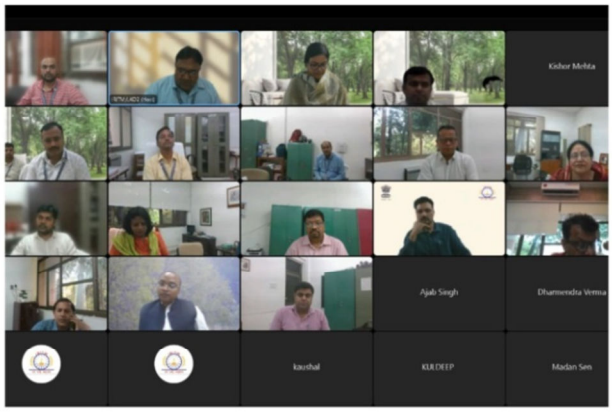


आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव

संस्थान नें 'आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव' के क्रम में **"भारत के महान नायकों की स्मृति में तथा हिंदी साहित्यकारों के योगदान"** विषय पर 31 मई को वेबिनार के माध्यम से एक परिचर्चा का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें भारत के महान नायकों क्रमशः सत्यजीत रे, रबीन्द्रनाथ ठाकुर, गोपालकृष्ण गोखले, सुखदेव और राजा राममोहन राय के योगदान को याद किया गया।









रेल सप्ताह समारोह 2022

दिनांक 12 सितम्बर को संस्थान में 67वें रेल सप्ताह समारोह का आयोजन हुआ, जिसमें महानिदेशक महोदया द्वारा इस अवसर पर उत्कृष्ट कार्य हेतु कर्मचारियों को पुरस्कृत किया गया।







कर्मचारी सम्मान समारोह

मिशन रेल कर्मयोगी प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के दौरान संस्थान के कर्मचारिओं द्वारा दिए गए सक्रिय योगदान को सराहने एवं उनका उत्साह बढ़ाने के लिए दिनांक 30 मई को प्रशासन द्वारा कर्मचारी सम्मान समारोह का आयोजन किया गया जिसमे महानिदेशक महोदया द्वारा सभी कर्मचारियों को स्मृति चिन्ह दिए गए।









Probationers' Corner

Treasure Hunt Competition

The Environmental club and Literary club of the institute, jointly organised a treasure hunt competition on 14th July, 2022. The competition started at 6.45pm in the evening. Participants, in groups of two, had to solve a total of 11 clues, find the specific items spread across campus, take a photograph of a team member with the item and return back to the starting point within one and a half hours. Nine teams participated. The team of Ananya Kirti and Manju Chandran AR won by solving the 10th clue and finding the beautiful peacock statue gifted by the 2011 batch IRTS officers to the Institute, and currently kept in the Coordinator's room in the Teaching block. None could solve the 11th clue, which was the score keeping board kept in the pool room in Umang (Sports Complex).

Winners **:**

1st prize : ***Ananya Kirti*** *and* ***Manju Chandran AR***

2nd prize : *(tied)* ***Anoop S*** *and* ***Saloni Mittal*** *&* ***Vaibhav Singh*** *and* ***Gorijala Mohana Krishna***

Organizer : Prapanj R, Representative Literary Club

Special thanks to Megha Anand (Representative of Environmental Club) and Nikhil Khare (Representative of Literary Club).



Winners



Runners up



Runners up



Organizer

Scrabble Tournament

The literary club held its first event, a Scrabble tournament, from 24th to 27th June, 2022. In the preliminary round, the participants were divided into two groups, A and B, of four members each. Robin rounds were held within the group to choose the two from each group who would move on to the semi-finals. The preliminary rounds were played on the app ScrabbleGo. The games saw tough competition right from the beginning and we had to have a tiebreaker match among Sugandha, Ananya and Amit (they had the same scores after the preliminary round) to decide who would qualify for the second slot from Group B. After a nail biting three way match, Ananya won the game and moved on to the semi-finals.

The semi-finalists were Aditya, Rheecha (from Group A) and Archit, Ananya (from Group B). The semi-finals and the final matches were held on 27th June. Archit and Aditya won against their respective opponents Rheecha and Ananya in the semi-finals. In a close match that went on after midnight, Aditya won the tournament to emerge the champion.

PARTICIPANTS

Preliminary Round : 24th -26th June

Group A **:**

1. Arghya Patnaik
2. Nikhil Khare
3. Aditya Pareek
4. Rheecha Ratnam

Group B **:**

1. Ananya Awasthi
2. Archit Nigam
3. Sugandha Jindal
4. Amit Chaturvedi

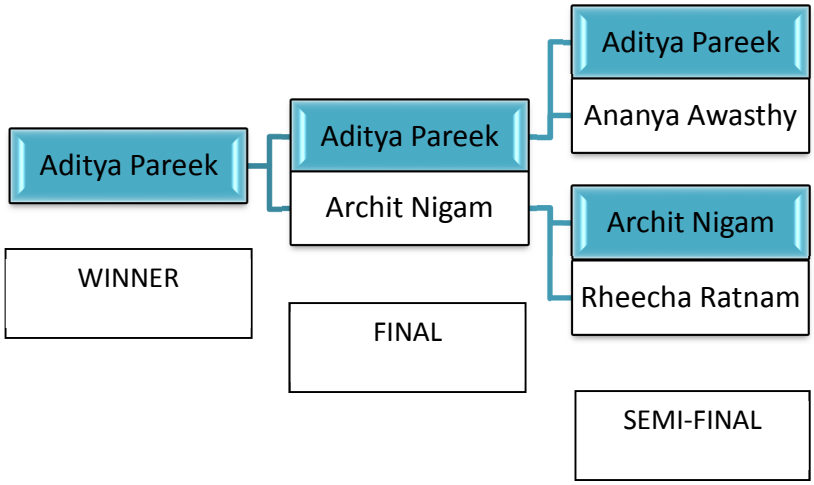
Semi Finals : 27th June, 5pm

Archit Nigam (won) vs ***Rheecha Ratnam***

Aditya Pareek (won) vs ***Ananya Awasthi***

Final : 27th June, 10pm

Aditya Pareek (won) vs ***Archit Nigam***



Winners **:**

1st Prize : Aditya Pareek

2nd Prize : Archit Nigam

3rd Prize : Ananya Awasthy and Rheecha Ratnam



Ananya Awasthy, Aditya Pareek, Archit Nigam, Prapanj R. & Rheecha Ratnam (from left to right)

Cultural Night

The Passing out of the batch of 2019 was preceded by a cultural event on 13th July 2022. Both the batches, the ones undergoing training and the ones passing out in a continued spirit of Camaraderie, performed in unison on the day.

The event included performances like a medley of South Indian songs encompassing all the languages of the southern part of India. Certain unique performances like 'Lazy Dance' with tinge of comic space entertained the audience.

The songs mesmerized the audience and the invocation of mother in the song 'Lukka Chuppi' brought many of us to tears. Overall, it was a soulful and bonhomie function that saw the entire IRTS fraternity together in a unified spirit.

IRITM salutes the spirit of traffic officers and wishes them well as they head to the field to serve the nation better.





















Containerisation: The Logical Future of Transport and Logistics

Using Containerisation to increase modal share in Freight

*by **Monika Yadav**, IRTS 2017*



As part of the 78 week training, had an opportunity to visit Inland Container Depots (ICD) at Tughlakabad and Kathuwas owned and operated by CONCOR and Gateway Rail ICD at Garhi Harsaru which is privately owned. Apart from providing us an insight about Container train operations, multi modal logistics, EXIM trade etc, this visit helped in arriving at this conclusion that Containerisation is the logical future of Transport and Logistics. Containerisation can bring a host of benefits to Indian Railways viz increased rail share in freight modal mix, increased earnings, diversification of commodity basket to reduce dependence on bulk commodities and also help achieve the targets set upon itself by the National Rail Plan.

Containers at present contribute about 8% to NTKM (Net Tonne Kilo Meters). As Railways has set upon an ambitious target to increase its modal share to 45% by 2030 from the current 27%. Here is how Containerisation can contribute towards fulfilling this objective:

- **Ability to transport variety of goods:** Containers are truly versatile when it comes to the type of commodities that can be transported in a container. Almost everything that can be fitted in a Container of either 20feet or 40feet length can be

transported in a Container to various locations not just within the country but also overseas.

- **Target piecemeal traffic:** Railways took a decision to move traffic in block rakes for better operational efficiencies. The piecemeal traffic thus has been captured by Road sector over the years. Entities such as CONCOR and Container Train Operators can bring back this traffic to railways by offering to transport FCL(Full Container Load) and LCL(Less than Container Load) cargo.
- **First Mile Last Mile delivery:** Railways is losing out on traffic due to its inability to provide last mile delivery. This is where a synergy between Road and Rail can occur. Containers can be transported over Rail from one terminal to another and from there on, Containers can be moved through trucks over Road. The CTOs can either have their own fleet of trucks or enter into agreements with trucking companies for the same. In fact, such initiatives are already happening but there is a need to market and popularise them further.
- **Faster handling and transhipment:** Loading/unloading, stacking and shifting of Containers is mechanized by the use of Gantry Cranes and Reach Stackers. This leads to faster handling and smoother transhipment at Terminals/ports etc. Thus, improved turnaround times and more earnings for the Railways.
- **Capture high value commodities:** Railways is predominantly a bulk carrier with Coal, Cement, iron ore constituting majority of freight traffic moved in terms of tonnage as well as earnings. High Value commodities such as white goods are transported either by Road or Air. Containers can very well transport commodities such as electronic gadgets, apparel, automobiles, FMCGs in a safer and cheaper manner.
- **E-Commerce business:** E-commerce has witnessed a major boom in the last decade. However, Railways in India has mostly been left out of the supply chains of e-Commerce giants. By providing assured transit time (Experimentation done in this regard over Western DFC), this traffic can be brought to Railways. Containers are most suited for this kind of traffic by use of palletization.
- **Reefer Containers:** For goods that require a controlled temperature such as medicines, meat, perishables like fruits, vegetables etc can be transported through the use of Reefer Containers.
- Potential of Container Train Operators (CTOs): CTOs are private players licensed to run Container trains. Here are a few success stories of how CTOs have helped in

bringing more traffic to railways by providing an array of value-added services customised to the needs of the Customers:

- Moving marble in Containers from Kishangarh and Makrana in Rajasthan to Kolkata.
- 25% market was captured by CTOs for tiles moving from Morbi (Gujarat) to Eastern India.
- Major shift from road to rail for refrigerated containers from National Capital Region to Mumbai.
- Rail share increased from 28.6% to 37.5% for movement of steel from Rourkela to Ludhiana.

Partnering with CTOs to offer customized solutions to Customers has a potential which hasn't been tapped optimally yet. Thus, therein lies the opportunity to do so by providing the CTOs a level playing field with CONCOR, the Indian Railway's subsidiary which still accounts for 68% market share in container movement over rail.

In most developed countries, share of Containers in logistics is about 70%. Given the inherent advantages of Containerization such as versatility, flexibility, faster turnaround times, safety and security, Containerization is thus the logical future of Transportation and Logistics. By having a focused approach on Containerization, Indian Railways can get more traffic for its DFCs especially on the western front covering Northern railway, North Western Railway and Western Railway and have a more balanced distribution of freight loading amongst its various zones.

Last but never the least, a country like India can't be overly dependent on Road/Air, as both of these have negative externalities not just in terms of costs but also environmental impact. Railways is perhaps more environment friendly and economic means of transporting goods especially over long leads.

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The River

by Shantanu Atre, IRTS 2019

Flirting with Night & Day
Chasing whatever comes its way
Beauty abounds but never glows
GOD only knows How she flows

Limping, Creeping, Running, Jumping
Navigates all the way
In making choice of her soulmate
Is bereft of any say

Quivering trees, laughing bushes, sprawling ether
All hewn out of Heavenly place
Amidst them all you run like a queen
In beholding the fiesta, I find solace

Her beauty blossoms into a smile
As the SUN sparkles through her and all
Painting the hues of Nature
Valleys, Springs, Gorges & Waterfall

She is the DIVINE MOTHER
Caressing us like a child
Her motherhood is so precious
For it enfolds both- Man & Wild

In your Arms unfolds the Romance
And the young beautiful couple fearlessly dreams
And it's your comforting Embrace
Where loneliness of a widower painfully screams

At last, Oh Mother!
Everyone settles at your feet (death)
Although it remains an enigmatic
But the most auspicious meet

The Mind

by Shantanu Atre, IRTS 2019

Festooned with memories
The mind fluttered behind
Until the Tabula Rasa it was
The purest and the most kind

It gathered the love and strength
When the SUN sparkled through the two eyes
It transpired as the wholesome
When mother cleared the unfathomable skies

Unseen it is but not unfounded
It is shaping the life's great game
Overtly and covertly playing it
Only to return to the abyss, bereft of the sacred name

Today it chuckles unknowingly
Even when surrounded by the sin and the pain
For it, in this chaos, ensures
It will take a walk down memory lane

It lives like a King
But slogging away for it is the brain
Although enigmatic is their relationship
The moments of Happiness see only the Mind dancing in Rain

Women of IRITM

by Nikhil Khare, IRTS 2019

She walks everyday with hammer and wrenches on her shoulder checking the cracks in the rail, standing tall between safety and derailment of trains running at 100 km/hr. when asked she emphatically said its her 'passion'. She is Pushpa Singh, a 'keyman' at Shyamchak station of south eastern railway's Kharagpur division.

Few years ago her husband died and she became the sole breadwinner and ever since she had held the mantle with enough gusto. While the tale of Pushpa Singh evokes pathos and inspiration, very little is often said about higher echelons of the organization, the giant called 'Indian Railways'

The Indian Railways just like any other government entity is deftly male dominated. Various studies show that only 6-7% of the railway workforce are women and this number gets skewed as we rise further up the trajectory. At least this is what is seen around, the organization at Indian Railways Institute of Transport Management(IRITM) is however different.

Setup in 2003 to train probationary officers of IRTS(Indian Railways Traffic Services) in eighteen years it has evolved as one of the well acknowledged CTI with state of art training facilities. As an institution it stands tall as an apogee of perfection abounding in 'sports and sportsmanship'

With all the expertise kept aside, it can also boast of the unique equality it possesses. Women here are equals in management, while the faculties are equally divided reflecting the true nature of the society, the head of the institution is a lady as well. The Honourable Director General 'Madam' follows the league of many woman leader that had nurtured the organization before her, a rare feat in itself.

The 'women of IRITM' had proven their mettle in various position of power, deftly defending the 'traditional commercial' as well as the 'male bastion called operations' well. All have effectively oscillated between the commercial and operations managing time between marriage, motherhood and life in general.

With experiences ranging from a decade to more than a score in various divisions, zones and departments of the government, the 'women of IRITM' had succeeded the 'First Ladies' of Railway who tore in the male bastion and are breaking glass ceilings ever since.

As an organization that reeks of colonial hangover, women and their roles in higher echelon brings respite as it hails a message of an equitable and better tomorrow.

The uniqueness of building familiarity, candidness about the mistakes and acknowledgement of errors coupled with knowledge and experience is a novel scene in Indian Bureaucracy,IRITM is uniquely blessed to have that in abundance.

Not to overlook. The importance of the head of the clan, the pinnacle is 'womanned' by a lady with varied experiences in various ministries and departments. Her calibre and unique greetings with a peculiar concern for all of us inspires us and makes our everyday tasks easier.

Not to forget, the current batch of IRTS trainees that has 10 lady officers, a uniquely high number coming from diverse backgrounds and cultures flying the banner high of woman power. They would someday be DRM's and GM's making the nation proud and also providing inspiration for a male probationer like myself taking pride in an organization that is uniquely qualified as the lifeline of the nation exhibiting both sides of the coin, attempting to retreat from being a male dominated towards a more equal tomorrow.

बचपन

आदित्यांशु *(पुत्र श्री विक्रमादित्य एन. बी.)*

एक बचपन का जमाना था,

जिसमें खुशियों का खजाना था....

चाहत चॉद को पाने की थी,

पर दिल तितली का दिवाना था....

खबर न थी कुछ सुबह की,

न शाम का ठिकाना था....

थक कर आना स्कूल से,

पर खेलने भी जाना था....

बारिश में कागज की नाव थी,

हर मौसम सुहाना था....

क्यूँ हो गए हम इतने बड़े,

इससे अच्छा तो वो बचपन का जमाना था....

Train Journey

by Prapanj Reghu, IRTS 2019

We have set upon this journey

Called life

We know from where we started

But not where we are headed

That is a mystery

Hidden behind the crisscrossing tracks.

In the blink of an eye

We find ourselves in a new place and time

A new station to deboard and rest

For a few days before we board the train again

Our companions come and go

We even change our seats

But those precious moments spent together

Remain

Along with a few momentos

Gathered in our suitcase.

Sometimes we are delayed

Other times we speed past

All the while wondering what hurry and plans

The driver of this special train has.

Out tickets tell us little

The rest has to be figured out on our own

With perhaps a little help

From a kind stranger

Or a special someone

Who joins you on your adventure

The days go by

Sometimes all foggy and cold

In a tunnel which doesn't seem to end

But when it does, it becomes sunny and bright

With many stories to tell

And memories to laugh.

Until the train slows down

And you reach your final destination

Maybe not the place you had set out for

Or even the place you want to be at

But it is the last station

as far as your ticket can take you

You have to get down

With all your luggage

And find your refuge

During those last stormy days

Hopefully along a cool spring

And a nice shade

To contemplate that long journey

And all that took place along the way.
