

OVER 1000 RAIL ENGINEERS PARTICIPATE IN GOLDEN JUBILEE 50th ALL INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IRTSA

- DEMAND EARLY ACCEPTANCE OF DEMANDS

Over 1000 Technical Supervisors from all over Indian Railways participated in the Golden Jubilee All India Annual Conference of IRTSA at ICF Chennai on 27th and 28th October, 2015. The newly renovated Dr. Ambedkar



Arangam (Hall having 900 seats) was packed to capacity & buzzing with spirit of celebrations for 2 days - over the 50 glorious years of struggle and achievements of IRTSA. The Conference started with the procession starting from ICF Furnishing to the venue – marching over 3 Kms through parts of ICF Colony, along ICF Shell Division and GM's Office etc.

CGB and CEC IRTSA met in conjunction with the Golden Jubilee of IRTSA and discussed the major problems and demands of the Rail Engineers in particular and the Railway men in general. It was decided to fight out the two on-going Court Cases (for Group B and higher Grade Pay) up to the Supreme Court, if necessary. It was decided to consider the line of action for pursuance of other demands after the submission of the Report by the 7th Pay Commission - which was expected in December, 2015.

Sri. Ashok K Agarwal General Manger ICF & Sri. Abhay K Khanna Former GM ICF inaugurated the Technical Seminar as Chief Guest. A new publication "Foot Prints of IRTSA" covering 50 years of its Struggle & Achievements and a Souvenir were also released by the Guests of Honour.

Leaders of both Recognised Federations AIRF & NFIR attended and addressed the Conference - including Er SG Mishra General Secretary AIRF & Secretary Staff Side JCM and Dr. Raghavaiah General Secretary NFIR & Chairman Staff Side JCM. They highly praised the good work done by IRTSA in improving the industrial relations at all levels between workers, Technical Supervisors as well as the administration. They assured their full support for the demands of IRTSA especially for Group B Gazetted status which had been pending since long.

Er. SK Bansal Ex President IRPOF & Ex CRSE NR attended as a Guest of Honour, highly praised the achievements of IRTSA as well the arrangements for the Golden Jubilee of IRTSA – the growth of which he had been watching since its inception in 1965 when he was himself an Apprentice TXR in AE Hostel Lucknow.

The Conference concluded with a very interesting and aesthetic Cultural Program presented by leading Singers of Tamil Nadu and Bharatnatyam Dance by young budding daughter from ICF family.

A documentary on 50 glorious years, of IRTSA by Er E Ramesh and a Power Point Presentation by Er KV Ramesh on Improving the Performances & Safety on Railways were highly appreciated by all. Theme Song of IRTSA and a Documentary on IRTSA and the publication - "FOOT PRINTS OF IRTSA" by Er KV Ramesh - shall be soon placed on irtsa.net and the Face Book with links from the YouTube.