

MESSAGE OF GS IRTSA

**51ST FOUNDATION DAY OF IRTSA
TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL ZONES, UNITS & SUBUNITS OF IRTSA
FROM 27TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

Dear Brother Engineers,

I warmly greet & heartily congratulate you all on the 51st Foundation Day of IRTSA on 27th November, 2016. This being a special occasion we must re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of Rail Engineers and recall the significance of our struggle and achievements over the years. IRTSA has been in pursuit of justice for Rail Engineers since 1965 with courage, conviction and dedication.

Prior to the formation of IRTSA, there was no organization to represent the cadre of Technical Supervisors on the Indian Railways, thus making it to suffer serious setbacks at the hands of the first two Pay Commissions and by the administration as well.

Much has been achieved over the years (*as indicated in the list of main Achievements attached herewith*). But much is still left to be achieved. While we must recall our achievements over all these 51 years since 1965, we should also seriously consider as to how to strengthen the organization further and how to intensify our struggle for the realization of our outstanding demands so as to bring about significant changes in the status of the Rail Engineers and effectively improve upon their promotional prospects besides undoing the great injustice done with the category – especially by the last two Pay Commissions.

IRTSA has a strong organizational base on various Zones & Production Units. Our principle of serving the community on value based activities has surpassed all the hurdles bravely and stands today with stature of honour and dignity; and it is considered as a vibrant force which is not only fighting for the cause of the cadre but also helping the Railway administration in improving productivity and performance through innovative inputs and suggestions. IRTSA has been built-up on the sacrifices made by many stalwarts for the past 51 years, some of them are no more with us. We salute all of them.

IRTSA is making repeated attempt to persuade some of our friends standing separately to either merge with IRTSA or to have a common action programme for the pursuance realization of common demands. Propagation in single voice in pursuing demands are the need of the hour. I therefore, appeal to all Brother Engineers all over Indian Railways to show the strong unity among the category. Everyone must remember that the "Cause is more important than individualistic ideas."

A section of Technical Supervisors, who are not aware of the hardship faced by the cadre in the past and the struggle of IRTSA, are being easily lured with promises of instant fulfillment of their demands. I appeal to all Brother Engineers in Indian Railways to join hands with us for strengthening and betterment of the whole cadre.

I appeal to all Rail Engineers to observe the 51st Foundation Day of IRTSA during the week from 27th to 30th November, 2016 as "National Integration and Solidarity Day".

I wish you all the best of health and spirits. Long live IRTSA.

Harchandan Singh,
General Secretary, IRTSA