

# INDIAN RAILWAYS TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION

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## FOUNDATION DAY MESSAGE FROM GS IRTSA 55<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION DAY OF IRTSA

Dear Brother Engineers,

I warmly greet & heartily congratulate you all on the 55<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of IRTSA on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. I also pay my humble tribute to the brave soldiers and Officers who laid down their lives in the on-going war on the Borders as well as to all the Railway men and others who have died due to Covid-19 while carrying on their duties for keeping the wheels of the Nation running.

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 last 55 years during which 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. But much is still left to be achieved. While we must recall our achievements over all these 55 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.

Entire Railway men are facing many new challenges from the recent decisions taken by the Government, Public Private Participation in passenger train operation, Corporatization of Railway Production Units, freezing of rates of DA, etc besides non acceptance of genuine demands of Railway men particularly of Rail Engineers. We all have to get united not only to achieve our demands, more importantly to protect the existing benefits.

IRTSA has been built-up on the sacrifices made by many stalwarts for the past 55 years, some of them are no more with us. We salute all of them. I appeal to all Brother Engineers in Indian Railways to join hands with us for strengthening IRTSA for the betterment of the whole cadre.

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

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