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60th FOUNDATION DAY OF IRTSA

IRTSA (Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association) was formed in November, 1965, with an objective to unite & strive for better service conditions, promotional avenues and emoluments of Technical Supervisors on the Railways. It has made remarkable achievements during these 60 years and continues to strive to overcome the challenges before us and to scale bigger heights in the years ahead.

We have just concluded grand Diamond Jubilee (60th) All India Annual Conference and Central General Body Meeting of IRTSA at Chennai. 180 delegates from various zones and PUs and 500 ICF members participated with enthusiasm.



Achievements of IRTSA over 60 years were highlighted in the conference. Particularly achievements in the last ten years including, Revision of rates of incentive, in which, JEs' and all direct employees' incentive rates were increased by a factor of 2.25 - improved from proposed factor of 1.8 by Railway Board. Incentive to SSEs is retained as 15% of the new basic under 7th CPC pay matrix, instead of proposed moderated rationalization factor of 0.7 proposed by the Board. Historical achievement of upgradation of 25,200 SSE, CDMS & CMS + 18,300 non-technical senior supervisors to pay level-8 from pay level-7 w.e.f. 01.12.2022 and Non-functional financial upgradation (NFU) to level-9 after completion of four years of service in level-8. Changes in Group-B 70% selection procedure - in the case of Group 'B' posts other than APO, the candidates for Viva Voce and assessment of Record of Service shall be called to the extent of six times the number of vacancies (category-wise) in the order of seniority and decision to do away with the grading of candidates as "Good / Outstanding". Grant of annual increment (as due on 1st July/1st January) for the pensionary benefits to those employees who have retired/retiring on 30th of June/31st December before drawing the same and Government's announcement on formation of 8th CPC were highlighted.

We have strong challenges and opportunities ahead of us, including submission of memorandum demanding interim relief from 8th CPC, Preparation for submission memorandum and oral evidence before 8th CPC so that we can get justified Pay level, allowances etc, Fight against unjust cessation of PCO allowance for SSEs upgraded to level-8 working in PCO organisation and making ineligible of NDA, NHA and PCO allowance for personnel receiving non-functional upgradation to level-9 after 4 years of service in level-8, Railways indecision on grant of Group-B (Gaz) status, etc. It is time for all of us to get united in our struggle to achieve our goals.

On this occasion our foundation day on behalf of CEC IRTSA, I salute all the founder members, office bearers and active members of IRTSA who consistently fought for the common cause with conviction and dedication and faced victimization. I sincerely thank all the Members & office bearers and all others who continue to give their support and cooperation in strengthening the organisation and in pursuing the cause.

Warm greetings to all the members of Rail Engineers' / Technical Supervisors' family and wish everyone all the best. Let us all celebrate Foundation Day of IRTSA across Indian Railways and exchange pleasantries.

Thank You, Long live IRTSA

All Zonal Secretaries & CEC Office bearers are requested to make necessary arrangements to celebrate Foundation Day in a grand manner in their respective zones and sub units.

Yours' truly

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