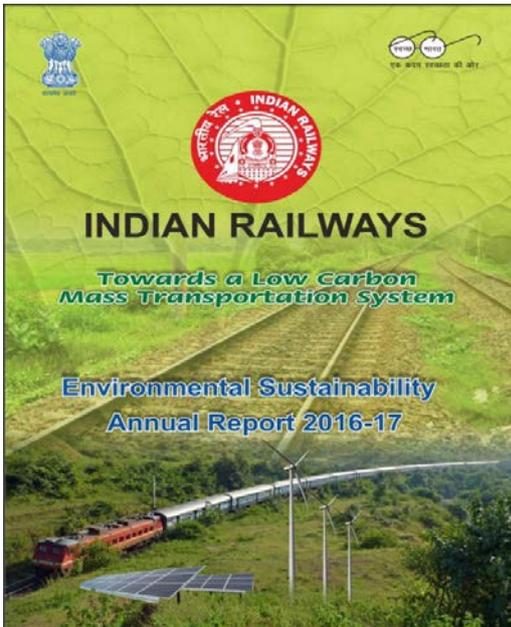


On 05.06.2017, World Environment Day, Environment and Housekeeping Directorate of Ministry of Railways organised a seminar on “Towards A Low Carbon Mass Transportation System” which was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Railways Shri Suresh PrabhakarPrabhu.



Indian Railways Celebrates World Environment Day 2017



World environment day was celebrated in a befitting manner over IR. Main function was held in the auditorium of National rail Museum, where the Annual Report on Sustainability was released by Hon’ble Minister of Railways. A seminar on “Towards a Low Carbon Mass Transportation System” was also inaugurated by Shri Suresh PrabhakarPrabhu, Hon’ble MR.

Member Rolling Stock Shri Ravindra Gupta appreciated the efforts of EnHM Wing and mentioned the achievements of 2016-17- plantation of 1.25 crores trees done on Railway land this year, 69000 Bio-toilets have been fitted intrains & 5 sections have been declared as Green Train Corridors which have no human Waste Discharge from trains as all train passing to these section has 100% Bio-toilets, Rain Water Harvesting by reviving old water bodies in Railway land and creating new water bodies on priority basis so as to reduce the pressure on local water table. The function was also attended by Member Staff, Railway Board, Shri Pradeep Kumar, Member Engineering, Shri A K Mittal, DG Health, Railway Board. General Manager, Northern Railway, Advisor (EnHM) and others.



Speaking on the occasion, Hon’ble MR congratulated all Railway men for taking initiatives for making IR Eco-Friendly and Greener Mode of transport system. During his address, he said, “to have an unrelenting focus on the subject, Indian Railways has established a Directorate dedicated to affairs of Environment Cleanliness and waste management for sustainable operations and growth”. He mentioned that as a single organisation Indian Railways is the largest consumer of Energy and Water, and this warrants Indian Railways to take leadership role in shouldering India’s responsibility towards mitigating climate change and making Indian Railway a global leader in sustainable mass transportation system.

Technical presentations on various subjects like the IR role in India’s INDC for combating Climate Change, Energy Management, Energy Efficiency and Use of Renewables, Green Industrial Units, Solid Waste Management and Water Management in Indian Railways were presented by Eminent experts from outside and Railways.



Hon’ble MR mentioned that Indian Railways has planned for various initiatives to meet its commitment on sustainability. Some of them are enhancing intermodal share of freight traffic, from 36% to 45% by 2030, plantation of 5 crores trees by 2019 on Railway land and fitting of 40,000 Bio-toilets in trains by 2017-18. Indian Railways also have an ambitious plan to turn its building into “Green Buildings”. Revival of water bodies is done on priority basis so as to reduce the pressure on local water table as per new Water Policy.

Awards were given by Hon’ble Minister for the outstanding contribution to Dhanbad Division, ECR, RCF/Kapurthala, Nagpur Division, SECR, NWR/HQ Jaipur & Hyderabad Division, SCR for Environmental Sustainable works. Further, GreenCo Certification by CII – IGBC was awarded to Tirupati Workshop/SCR (Gold) and Silver to ICF, Chennai and Ajmer Workshop, NWR for improving their environmental performance by adopting best sustainability practices and meeting the standards of Green Industrial Units.