

Inauguration of Inaugurations

ICF is putting its employees in front; on every occasion, whenever any new facility/ improvement that is taking place in ICF is being inaugurated / dedicated by a senior most staff of ICF. In the last two and half years, ICF has seen an all-round improvement in all areas of activities and many new facilities / improvements such as renovations of offices, workshop areas, storage areas and inauguration of new facilities such as parks, gym, swimming pool, sports arenas, etc.,

So far 499 such facilities / improvements have been dedicated by the senior most employees / officials. As a collection and consummation of all these activities, a new lobby has been created in the foyer area of the ICF shell Administrative Building. This was inaugurated today (31.12.2018) by 2 senior officials of ICF. This foyer comes as a fitting finale for the entire gamut of inaugurations done in the past two and half years, photos and details of all 499 inaugurations have been displayed here, that will reminisce and kindle the memories of the employees who have the honor of dedicating such improvements / inaugurations and will also be a motivation for others to follow.

This novel initiative is sure to lead the way and become a strong stimulator for all the Railway Organisations to follow.

Briefnote on General Manager / ICF

Shri S. Mani, IRSME, took charge as General Manager / ICF on 02.08.2016. ICF has undergone a drastic transformation in these two years of his tenure which are briefed under:

- ICF has become the largest railway coach manufacturer in the world by turning out 2503 coaches in 63 types in the year 2017-18.
- State of the art passenger coaches such as air-conditioned & non air-conditioned sleeper coaches and chair cars, viz. Paintless Antyodaya, Anubhuthi, Antyodaya, Tejas, Military coach, Vistadome coach, Kolkata metro, DETC, Suburban self-propelled train sets such as MEMUs, EMUs, DEMUs, 1600 HP DEMU for Jammu & Kashmir, export coaches to Sri Lanka (DEMU), SPIC were manufactured with world class amenities and modern aesthetics catering to the needs of passengers.
- Train 18, the flagship train from ICF is India's first Semi High-Speed Train Set that can operate at a speed of 160 km/h with 80% indigenous inputs manufactured by ICF under "Make in India" project.
- ICF is producing green energy by way of wind mills and solar power plants, more than the electricity it consumes and thus has become the only Carbon Negative Unit of Indian Railways. ICF has installed 7 windmills of 1.5MVA capacity each in the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. By using renewable and green energy solutions, ICF produces more energy than what it consumes in its factories.
- ICF has developed its own Solid Waste Management system in place that recycles biodegradable waste into manure for plants located within the ICF campus. Eco-friendly e-rickshaws are operated within ICF colonies for door to door collection of waste materials.
- E-carts have been introduced in Shop floors for transportation of goods. Cycle station at Shop floor is newly introduced for easy movement in shop floor.
- One of the best initiatives by GM/ICF is the ICF Lake which was once a stinking pond is now a thriving eco-pool that welcomes a variety of migratory birds that is not only a visual delight, but also a much-needed step to maintain groundwater levels in the area.
- ICF has become a front-runner in eco-preservation and has bagged numerous awards and accolades such as Railway Ministers' Shield for Best Environment and Cleanliness, GreenCo Gold Shield, etc. Although ICF campus is a lush green place, the greenery never played a central role in the lives of employees and residents of ICF, so far. Today, due to ecological transformation and awareness, greenery and nature harmoniously blend with the lifestyle of ICF employees and bestows them with physical and psychological benefits.
- During his tenure, about 9 teams consisting of 130 women employees have been grouped together to form teams of 'Mahila Shakti' who are engaged in specialised coach manufacturing activities such as welding, fitting, etc. and are on par with their male counterparts. They are shining examples of ICF's commitment to support women through quality training and world-class employment opportunities.
- The Chennai Rail Museum, which was dedicated to the nation in the year 2002, has now developed a new dimension seamlessly blending art, culture and heritage into each other. It's a rare place where not only rail artefacts, but paintings by renowned artists and sculptures that are made from scrap materials are displayed in Art Gallery. These sculptures have now spread outside factory premises to public areas such as Konnur High Road and New Avadi Road to give Chennai residents something to visually rejoice amidst the traffic chaos. Renovated Green Gallery is a repository of all green initiatives of ICF.
- Many Art and Sculpture camps were conducted in which many eminent artists & sculptors have proven their creativity and the walls of ICF Factories are now decorated with colourful murals while the sculptures mounted at various locations that are made from waste materials sourced from the factory. These paintings and art installations have transformed ICF into a big art gallery, in its own sense.
- ICF has made a giant leap forward in sports promotion by developing sporting arenas and training facilities. ICF has built floodlit Cricket and Astroturf Hockey Stadiums that are only the second such facilities in Chennai city. ICF has also built an indoor stadium where teams can train and play indoor games such as kabaddi, table tennis, volleyball, and basketball. In every colony, sports facilities such as tennis courts, badminton courts, volleyball and basketball courts have been installed to nurture budding sporting talents.
- ERP is a major step towards ICF's green initiatives that pave the way for better e-Governance and paperless work atmosphere. It enabled ICF to automate various aspects of production, inventory, and payroll, which made ICF more capable and adaptive to changes. Presently, all other core functions are being integrated into ERP under Phase II.