

## GM's Republic Day speech on 26.01.2018

Dear members of ICF Family, Officers and staff, Representatives of Unions & Associations, President and members of ICF Women's Welfare Organisation, representatives from media and dear children,

I extend my warm wishes to all of you on this memorable occasion. On this day in the year 1950, we became the largest democracy of the world. Today, it is our duty to recall with gratitude great visionaries who gave us our Constitution which ensured justice, liberty and equality to all citizens.

ICF has a lot of achievements to its credit last year. ICF has manufactured 1668 coaches till December 2017, which is all time high for the first nine months in a production year. ICF has rolled out many special coaches like DETC, Kolkata Metro with 3 phase propulsion system, Deen Dayalu, Antyodaya, Military Langer, Vistadome for IRCTC, First fully indigenous LHB coach, 1600 HP DEMU for Jammu and Kashmir, etc. Anubhuti luxury LHB coaches rolled out by ICF earned widespread appreciation from passengers for its comfort level. In the arena of sports, ICF team won All India Volleyball Championship for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, All India Chess Championship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year and ICF body builder won World Title at Mongolia.

In its thirst to achieve more laurels, ICF has many ambitious plans under execution. ICF will soon be rolling out OMS cars on LHB platform, Tejas high-speed LHB premium coaches, Underslung Power Cars with 500 KVA DA set and 1600 HP DEMUs with underslung electrics and fully suspended Traction motors, modernized EMU/MEMU with advanced features like underslung electrics, sealed gangways, air-conditioned, automatic doors, etc. ICF will be manufacturing 15 coaches for Nilgiri Mountain Railway, 565 coaches for MUTP Phase III and improved rakes for Kolkata Metro. ICF has bagged orders for exporting 78 three phase DEMUs to Sri Lanka with exteriors and interiors of world class standard.

With an aim to "Make in India" best in class train sets for Indian Railways, ICF will be manufacturing train set with 160 kmph speed, called "Train 18". This will have 3 phase under slung propulsion equipment, sealed gangways, air-conditioned, continuous windows, automatic plug doors, seamless wifi facility and state of the art comfort facilities for passengers.

Adding feather to our cap, Mr. Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board, after his recent visit, has appreciated ICF by stating that "Amazing work has been done at ICF not only in the matter of production but in improving morale, infrastructure and building pride in the staff. What I have witnessed cannot be described in mere words but can only be experienced".

I am confident that team ICF will work with determination and dedication in surpassing the production target in the current year and in the years to come. I once again convey my best wishes to you all.

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