

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN FEBRUARY 2021

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicated several Railway projects for the people of West Bengal in a function held at Dunlop Estate Village on 22.02.2021. Along with some projects of Metro Railway and Eastern Railway, he inaugurated the Kalaikunda - Jhargram 3rd line of South Eastern Railway in presence of Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and other dignitaries.

Shri Kunar Hembram, Hon'ble MP was present at Jhargram station and flagged off the first train on the newly constructed Kalaikunda - Jhargram 3rd line.

Kalaikunda - Jhargram (30 km) 3rd line is a part of 132 kms long Kharagpur-Adityapur 3rd Line Project of South Eastern Railway which was sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs.1,312 crores. This project covers 55 kms in West Bengal and 77 kms in Jharkhand. In the 2021-22 Budget, an amount of Rs.225 crores has been allotted for this project. There are 5 major bridges and 43 minor bridges between Kalaikunda and Jhargram. The four stations between Kalaikunda and Jhargram have been redeveloped by constructing 4 new station buildings, 6 new foot over bridges and 11 new platforms along with renovation of the existing infrastructure.

Commissioning of this 3rd line will help to improve mobility in Kharagpur-Adityapur section and will ensure seamless movement of passenger and freight trains on Howrah-Mumbai Trunk route.

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India inaugurated the 2nd Foot Over Bridge at Santragachi station and Sankrail Freight Terminal (Phase – I) of S E Railway and also inaugurated/dedicated to the Nation different projects and passenger amenity works of Eastern Railway through video conferencing on 19.2.2021.

The second Foot Over Bridge at Santragachi station constructed at a cost of Rs.20 crores is 12 metre wide and 166 metre long connected to all the platforms of Santragachi station. This facility will improve the dispersal & mobility of incoming and outgoing passengers at Santragachi station.

Sankrail Freight Terminal (Phase-I) has been developed with modern facilities for freight rake handling to ensure faster turn-around of rakes for speedy transportation of inward & outward consignments serving 40 sqkm of industrial belt spreading over Kolkata and Howrah. The freight terminal has been constructed at a cost of Rs.109 crores.

- South Eastern Railway in the month of February, 2021 has loaded 15.7 million tonnes of freight as against 14.95 million tonnes loaded in February, 2020 registering a growth of 5%. During February 2021, Chakradharpur Division has achieved remarkable loading of 12.34 million tonnes.

Revenue generation from freight loading in February, 2021 of the current financial year (2020-21) has been Rs. 1369.31 crores as against Rs. 1261.1 crores in February of last fiscal, registering a growth of 8.58%.

During the first eleven months i.e April 2020 to February 2021 of current financial year (2020-21), SER has loaded 157.57 million tonnes of freight as against 156.73 million tonnes loaded during the corresponding period of last financial year.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the freight loading performance of South Eastern Railway during the first quarter of the current financial year. In spite of nationwide lockdown, SER has continued with the freight transportation to keep the supply chain steady. With gradual improvement in overall situation, freight service of SER has bounced back.

The main commodities of freight loading of SER were Iron Ore, Coal, Pig Iron & Finished Steel, Cement, Food Grains, Fertiliser etc.

- To offer safe, secured, economical and environment friendly mode of transportation, South Eastern Railway started running Parcel Express trains from 04.04.2020 mainly from three stations - Howrah, Shalimar and Kharagpur. The Parcel Express trains are running towards many important places across the country like Porbandar, Ahmedabad, Mumbai CSMT, Yesvantpur, Dimapur etc. on different nominated days.

During the month of February 2021, 6108 tonnes of parcel traffic has been transported generating revenue of Rs. 1.98 crore. The main commodities loaded were cycle, flowers, fruits, medical equipment, steel trunk, raw material for different industries, grocery goods, fish, spare parts of machinery, eggs, baby food, scooty, etc. In terms of transportation time and cost effectiveness, Parcel Express trains are cheaper than road transport and are more safe & secured.

- Electrification work of Bankura-Masagram Section in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway has been completed and Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle inspected the electrification work from Sonamukhi to Masagram on 10th February, 2021 for necessary safety clearance. A speed trial was also conducted in Sonamukhi-Masagram Section.

The total length of the electrification project from Bankura to Masagram is 118 KM sanctioned in the year 2018-19. There are altogether 30 stations including passenger halts in this section. Inspection by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) in Bankura-Sonamukhi section was done on 18.07.2020.

With commissioning of electrification work in the entire section, South Eastern Railway has introduced two pairs of Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) Trains between Bankura and Masagram (68151/68152 and 68153/68154) w.e.f 21.02.2021.

- As a major safety initiative and for hassle free journey of both rail and road users, a total number of 3 manned level crossings have been eliminated in the month of February 2021. The manned level crossings which have been eliminated during the month are :

LC No. BR 59 between Patrasayar and Betur in Adra Division

LC No. TB 32 between Bahalda Road and Aunlajhori in Chakradharpur Division

LC No.212 between Rourkela and Panposh in Chakradharpur Division

- 61 M open web girder of flyover has been launched on 28-02-2021 in connection with Sankrail-Santragachi Link Line.

- The Divisional Committee Meeting comprising Hon'ble Members of Parliament both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha under the jurisdiction of Adra and Kharagpur Divisions of South Eastern Railway was held at Kolkata on 17-02-2021.

The Divisional Committee Meeting of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament under the jurisdiction of Chakradharpur and Ranchi Divisions was held at Rourkela on 24-02-2021.

In both the meetings Hon'ble Members of Parliament offered their valuable suggestions for overall development of South Eastern Railway.

- In the month of February, 2021 Kharagpur Wagon Workshop turned out 21 LHB coaches (14 AC and 7 Non AC) against the target of 19. The highest ever outturn of 286 pairs of LHB wheels was also achieved by the shop in Feruary'21.

- Electronic Interlocking Systems were commissioned at 3 stations in the month of February, 2021—Durgachak, Damrughutu and Balsiring

- Two Joint Mock Drills were conducted with NDRF/Patna in the month of February, 2021 to improve Disaster Management Preparedness. The Mock Exercises were conducted at Tatanagar on 20.2.21 and at Bokaro Steel City on 26.2.21

- 28 cases have been registered under RP(UP) Act with arrest of 36 offender and recovery of railway property worth Rs.2,19,699/-

- 34 minor boys and 25 minor girls were rescued by the RPF personnel in the month of February 2021 and were handed over to the parents or Child Help Line.
