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Dear Friends,

A tryst with destiny does not come very often to an organized service of the Government of India, like ours. Yet, when it does come, as it has now, it should find us ready, with our shoulders together, to reshape destiny of our cadre, as well as that of the great Indian Railways' family.

I have assumed charge of the post of Financial Commissioner (Railways) today with deep humility, realizing the immense responsibility placed upon me.

The Indian Railways are at a crucial stage where the future of this great institution depends upon our ability to generate investible funds from myriad sources to enable us to manage our enhanced investment needs, skilling and technology upgradation, even while bracing for the possible impact of the Seventh Pay Commission. Yet, together, with the active support of the present leadership in the Government, sister departments within the Railways and beyond, Railway Stakeholders, and specially your inherent buoyant energy and confidence, I have no doubt that we shall be able to live up to the expectation and faith bestowed upon us IRAS and the Railway Accounts fraternity.

Exciting times are ahead of us. Let us be proactive partners in the resurgence of Indian Railways, through professionalism, synergy, commitment, motivation and dedication.

From this day, at work, let us take a pledge to banish the word YOU from our vocabulary, and believe only in US!

To conquer the challenges ahead of us, let us

- ☞ Have faith in our strengths;
- ☞ Realise and rectify our weaknesses;
- ☞ Upgrade and modernize our own skills and that of our department;
- ☞ Ensure responsive Finance and reliable Accounting;
- ☞ Focus upon our mission to attain Railways' prosperity through process re-engineering and systems improvement;

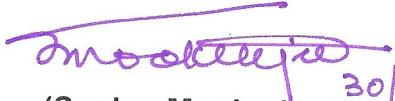
- ☞ Motivate the entire cadre through career enlargement, mentoring and reverse mentoring; and finally,
- ☞ Promote constant communication and dialogue, within and beyond the departmental boundaries, through debate, horizontal and vertical, so as to ensure adoption of best practices and technology.

Let us not forget that IRAS is a techno-financial service; Economics and Accounting are pillars of our core competence. And technology never stands still. Hence, we must constantly RE-LEARN, EMBRACE REFORM and constantly REINVENT OURSELVES.

To the ambassadors of IRAS, who are excelling in their service deputation assignments in India and abroad, my call is to share their acquired expertise with us through IRAStimes or through other channels of discourse, so that minds and thoughts of our service may ignite, in unison!

Let the intellect of IRAS lead, true to the spirit of the Mahatma's dream of an economically self-reliant India, with the INDIAN RAILWAYS as its engine of prosperity.

May the Almighty bless you and your families for all times to come, for the latter's contribution to our success is indeed immeasurable.


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