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**Celebrating "100 years Electric Traction" at ICF  
1925 - 2025**

Today 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 marks an important milestone for Indian Railways with 100 years of Electric Traction. A Century ago in 1925 on this day, the first Electric Powered Train in India was run between Bombay's Victoria Terminus and Kurla along the Harbour Line of Great Indian Peninsular Railways. This 16 km run utilized a 1500 V DC system and was flagged off by the then Governor of Bombay, Sir Leslie Orne Wilson.

The first Electric train in Southern India ran between Madras Beach - Tambaram in South Indian Railways over a distance of 34 km on 1500 V DC in 1931.

ICF has made a significant contribution to Indian Railways in its long journey in the Electric Traction front by manufacturing EMUs in the early stages in 1963-64 and evolving to Vande Bharat in present state. As on 1 January, 2025, Electrification status of Indian railways is 97.06% covering a total Electrification of 64,547 route km.

In commemoration of Celebrating 100 Years of Electric Traction on Indian Railways, ICF has organised an awareness walk on 03.02.2025. Shri. U. Subba Rao, General Manager ICF flagged off the awareness walk in the presence of ICF team of Officers and staff.

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