

## INITIATIVES – COMMUNITY

**KONKAN MEWA WEBSITE:** To help the Self-help group members Konkan Railway decided to spread the richness of Konkan Cuisine and Dry snacks through Konkan Mewa Website, an online shop. Payment Gateway was taken.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is often seen that the pantry car staff throw the garbage on the tracks. To keep the tracks and station surrounding areas clean Collection of decomposable / biodegradable and non-decomposable / non-biodegradable garbage from pantry cars of the trains running over Konkan Railway and handing over the same to the compost plants set up on Konkan Railway colonies was started in 2015. For this KRCL pays ` 50 per 20 kg garbage bag.

Took initiative in installation of four compost plants for converting bio-degradable waste into compost. Bio-degradable waste is collected from the pantry cars and further used for making compost through the Compost Plant installed at Madgaon. Waste is also collected from the KR colonies, stations etc. and processed. All waste is converted into manure which is useful for maintaining the gardens at stations and colonies, ultimately saving the expenditure towards disposal of green and dry waste as well as towards purchase of manure to maintain garden.

### CSR ACTIVITIES

The Computer Literacy Campaign for the Villagers on Konkan Railway Route was started in 2010-2011. Konkan Railway had optic-fibre connectivity along the line, through this taking internet to all stations was very easy and possible. Hence it was decided to take computer literacy to all along the Konkan Railway. Computer training of young ones Below Poverty Line has been taken as a mission area. Ultimately idea was to make all stations hub, centre of growth and excellence and then gradually widen the sphere of excellence. Also, two mobile vans named as Konkan Railway Shiksha Abhiyan were introduced. Using these Mobile vans and Notebook computers computer literacy is being imparted at

different villages & schools in Ratnagiri and Karwar regions, where computer education was not available.

For the first time CSR targets were fixed in the MOU of 2010. It was decided to adopt one village on Konkan region to take care of medical and other needs and also to adopt Karmali Lake of Goa for restoring its ecology. Also, to construct an observatory. An amount of ` 2.5 crore was set aside for meeting these Corporate Social Responsibility.

Konkan Railway imparts computer literacy training to school children in the villages on KR route. This training was started as part of CSR activity using the released computers. Under the CSR in Karwar Region. Students from Barkur, Balli, Mangaon Stations to name a few were imparted Computer literacy.

Besides Konkan Railway staff have also been imparted computer training at 29 stations of Karwar Region & at KRIST / MAQ (Konkan Rail Academy) and staff in Ratnagiri Region.

Konkan Railway has adopted Eco-sensitive Carambolim lake (Opp Karmali station) for its conservation and maintenance. Konkan Railway in Goa State passes through Carambolim Lake in Karmali. Large number of migrated birds used to visit this lake. However, their number is coming down with the time. It is proposed to join hands with Forest Department of Goa to create suitable environment for attracting the migratory birds to this lake. In the various meetings with Forest Department, it was proposed to develop Observation Platforms, Control Room and Nature Education Centre at Carambolim Lake.

### **CANCER CHILDREN TRIP TO GOA:**

Konkan Railway arranges all-expenses-paid free excursion tour between Mumbai – Madgaon – Mumbai for cancer patients (Children) from Tata Hospital. A special coach is booked for these children. This trip brings few moments of joy and happiness in their life.

How it started: One of retired Member Traffic wife had developed cancer. He was bringing her to Mumbai Tata Cancer Hospital for

treatment. There he came across many children suffering from cancer. He floated an idea to the then MD Mr. Gokhale that KRCL should organise a tour to Goa for these Children. It was readily agreed by Mr. Gokhale. The tour was a success as it could bring smile on their faces. After Mr. Gokhale this has continued as an annual ritual for KRCL.

## **DRIVERS TRAINING AS GUIDES**

### **Tourist Guide training to Autorickshaw / Taxi drivers-**

In an innovative move, it was decided to give training to Auto and Taxi Drivers to act as Tourist Guides at various stations. The training is being imparted in coordination and guidance of Tourism Development Corporations of the State Governments. The scheme has been started on Konkan Railway route, which is primarily a tourist belt. So far, training is being imparted at stations falling in Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS**

**Swachh Vidyalaya Campaign-** Was instrumental in carrying out the Swachh Bharat Campaign over Konkan Railway. KR undertook the "Swachh Vidyalaya Campaign" under the Corporate Social Responsibility by construction of toilet blocks in schools along the Konkan Railway route i.e in the states of Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka

## **SEAL ASHRAM**

Visit on 26<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> August every year to SEAL Ashram (Social & Evangelical Association for Love) which is a non-governmental effort to rehabilitate people from the streets and railway platforms of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, situated at 'Vangani' Village, New Panvel (New Bombay). The Seal Ashram had a shelter home where 151 underprivileged people mainly HIV, TB patients and mentally retarded and orphans are leading a meaningful life. A full-fledged home school educates 40 children. A wide publicity was made to the employees of Konkan Railway to donate clothes, toys, bedsheets etc to the inmates of Seal Ashram. The materials received from the employees as well as Medicines were arranged and distributed to Seal inmates during the visits.