



ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION



SOUTHERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' SANGH

This organization was started on 7th Feb 1919, the first oldest Union in Railways and the second oldest Union in India. We have already celebrated Silver jubilee, Golden Jubilee, Diamond Jubilee and Platinum Jubilee and marching towards the centenary celebrations. The foundation stone for this building, which is our own, was founded by the **Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhiji** along with Kasturibai Ammaiyar on 03.09.1927 on which occasion he had addressed the gathering. (This has also come in the Hindu Newspaper on 5th Sep 1927). Many eminent freedom fighters came to our Union office. **Baghavan Shri.Puttaparthi Saibaba** visited our Union office on 5 occasions and blessed SRES and its cadre. We are also running an ITI College for the wards of our members, which was opened by Baghavan Shri.Puttaparthi Saibaba on 19th Jan 1983. Shri.Jayaprakash Narayanan has opened our own building at Jolarpettai and Shri.K.Kamarajar had opened a Branch at Tambaram. All our immovable properties are the name of **‘TRUST FOR GANDHIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AMONG RAILAYMEN’**. SRES had also participated in the Freedom Struggle led by our Founder Periyavar T.V.Anandan ex M.P., who was also the President of NFIR & SRES. Due to his efforts the Pension Scheme came with back date effect from 1954. Many of our leaders and cadre have courted arrest during freedom and labour struggles.

With pride, SRES bring to the August Forum that many office bearers of SRES were holding the highest post in India. The then President of India **Shri.V.V.Giri** was holding the post of President of SRES from 1929 to 1934. **Shri.Sreenivasa Iyyengar**, All India Congress President was holding the post of President of SRES from 1927 to 1929. Vice President of SRES **Shri G.Ramanujam** was holding the post of Governor of Goa / Orissa and also he was the President of INTUC. Many were holding the post of State Ministers. Now, the Chair of President/SRES is occupied by our dynamic Leader Dr.M.Ragavaiahji.

Pivotal role played by SRES at National level and brought many remarkable achievements to the workers.

1. Shri.Ramanujam - Vice President/SRES and President/INTUC in the year August 1964 had represented the committee which was constituted for the payment of DA called as Dass Body Committee, wherein an agreement has been arrived for the payment to Dearness allowance in accordance with the inflation. NFIR is the only Federation which had represented in this committee.
2. Our great and incomparable leader Shri. T.V. Anandan has been elected as M.P. in the year 1964 and 1977 which legacy is unique in the Indian Railways. He was holding the post of President / General Secretary of SRES for more than 50 years (1948 to 1998).

We are proud of such leaders' dedication and whole hearted commitment for the development of our Trade Union movement. Even today, SRES has got enviable reverence among all the Unions -“The diplomacy of SRES and NFIR in dealing with the issues is indeed laudable and incomparable” is the statement uttered by other organizations and administration as well.

3. Shri.Venkataraman Vice President/SRES had participated in August 1976 in the Railway Workers Classification Tribunal for which Cadre Restructuring benefits came and employees benefitted for promotions for more than 4 decades.
4. On account of the Railway Labour Tribunal of 1969 headed by Justice N.M.Miabhoy, lot of improvements and benefits were granted to the Railwaymen. SRES had played a vital role deriving very good benefits for the Railwaymen – Night Duty Allowances, Incentive wages to workshop staff, Overtime payment under HOER, many benefits for Running staff, National Holidays, Job analysis, Casual labourers and their eligibility to get temporary status within 4 months, etc.
5. In all the seven Pay Commissions the SRES had tendered evidence.

Once again, we reiterate that we are marching forward towards Centenary celebrations in the year 2019, under the dynamic leadership of Dr.M.Raghavaiahji and with the co-operation of all Central Office Bearers, Divisional Office Bearers, Branch Office Bearers & cadre of SRES.
