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**Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd.**  
A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprises

**Dear DFCCIL Family,**

I feel privileged to take the charge of MD/DFCCIL. I acknowledge with gratitude the extraordinary work done by my predecessors which has put the DFCCIL on the path of achievement and glory. Their shoes are too big to fill, but I will strive with utmost of my abilities to live up to the expectations. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation at the affection shown by the sincere DFCCIL officers, personnel & outsourced staff.

As you are aware that DFCCIL is executing the largest Railway Infrastructure project on Indian soil. Our Stakeholders acknowledge with conviction that it would change the way present transport infrastructure is perceived in our country. Accolades have even been received from some international bodies as well. With more than 96% of the project being commissioned, DFCCIL has made transition into operation and maintenance phase which is evinced by the fact that DFCCIL is showing average daily seamless exchange of more than 700 full length Goods trains. Now all our efforts should be channelised in completing the final stretch of the 102-km long Vaitarna-JNPT section. The linking the JNPT port with the DFC network is a major priority for us. The work at this front is progressing expeditiously and is targeted to be completed by the year 2025. All of us must exert at our fullest to ensure that the already raised high efficiency bar of operation and maintenance continues to be favourably breached. DFCCIL continues to scale further heights of achievement; by running longer, heavier and faster trains to the acknowledged standards of a World Class Heavy Haul Railways.

We must, at the same time, ensure that operational safety is our topmost priority. No amount of effort is too much for maintaining safety. We must plan to adopt more innovative means towards Instrumented inspection and timely input by way of mechanized Track Maintenance. Inspection of Track, OHE and S&T assets maintenance, operations like Rail grinding including grinding of turnouts, top of rail lubrication, Monitoring of Rail temperature & Toe load of Elastic fastenings, efficient system of USFD, Tamping and Stabilizing operations, in an optimized manner, to the stipulated frequency should be prioritized with mechanism being in place which eliminates any uncertainty.

All avenues of earning more freight revenue must be examined. Business development shall be our priority. We must engage in expanding our business potential and in this direction extensively and explore all means to further develop Gati Shakti Cargo terminals.

Another equally important area of focus shall be effective training of staff in time bound

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manner. A suitably informed and trained workforce is a primary requirement for an organization to flourish. We must adopt novel means of imparting effective training and also examine the level of awareness amongst our staff with in-situ training being the focus.

Research and innovation is another vital areas of attention. Concerted efforts should be made to encourage research-based activity, effective use should be made of State of the art facilities in the Heavy Haul Institute (HHI)-Noida with additional two Centres of Excellence being set up under separate MOUs with M/s Plasser and M/s Loram-USA, in this direction. We must tap these resources. It shall be our focus that more domestic tie-ups with Indian Institutions such as IITs are made to bolster our efforts to help innovate our logistics and other technical areas. It must be our focus that research papers must be published regularly.

Undivided attention is to be given by encouraging and enhancing AI based operation & maintenance system to enhance our working efficiency. IT should explore ways to help enhance the AI based enablement so that our responses are in real time, well analyzed without any ambiguity.

I wish you all success in all your endeavors.

**We can't change the direction of the wind but we can adjust the sails.**

  
(Praveen Kumar)