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### Message

My dear colleagues,

Having assumed charge of the post of Financial Commissioner (Railways) on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014, I consider it a proud privilege to head the IRAS cadre and through it take this great organization i.e. Indian Railways forward on its growth path.

The Indian Railways are passing through challenging times to balance peoples' expectations and keep the financial health of the Railways sound. The new government's expectations from the Railways are very high. To make it a growth engine, fresh thinking, new ideas are being contemplated. The role of IRAS as finance managers has become crucial wherein our professional competence will have to come to the fore.

.While focus on basic functions of the department involving internal control, book keeping, and finance security is imperative, as a part of our professional commitment, it would be equally relevant to be alive and sensitive to the changes taking place around us.

A continuous process of competence building to meet the evolving challenges and develop our skills along with leveraging technology and engaging with our executive department would be called for, keeping in mind the target for achieving healthy financial results and keeping the organization vibrant and growing. I am confident that our IRAS cadre, would rise to the occasion to meet the challenges with sincerity, accountability, professionalism and discipline. In short, excellence should be our credo !

I assure you it will be my endeavor to give you my continued support and guidance so that your initiatives and success in your careers, will keep the IRAS flag flying high.

May the sparks and lights of Deepavali bring joy and happiness to you & your families !

  
(Rajalakshmi Ravikumar)