

ECO PARK - IRISSET CAMPUS

AN OVERVIEW.

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It is a 9 hole Railway Golf course developed in an area of 12 acres in IRISSET Campus and was inaugurated by Shri V.N.Swamy, the then CSTE, South Central Railway in the year 1984. The total length is around 3.6 km.

This golf course was located in the Telecom outdoor yard, which had seven parallel steam of Over Head Telecom lines drawn across and was really challenging.

This golf course area was handed over to AP State Govt. for tree plantation in early '90s and thousands of trees were planted. Few trees have only come up. The result was the golf course was converted into a thousand hole golf course with unmanageably jungle all around.

During this period also a handful of hard core golfers used to play and kept the golfing spirit alive. Of course after every shot, they used search the ball for half an hour, still they continued.....

The golf course was taken up for renovation under the leadership of Shri N.C.Sinha, the then General Manager, South Central Railway and Shri

S.C.Gupta, the then Director, IRISSET in the year 1998. The South Central Railway and IRISSET teams had got the golf course brought into a shape, what we see today, in a very short period of three months.

I feel very happy that I was also part of the team. The renovated golf course had two water conservation ponds as water hazards (now it has become a concreted, blue color painted platform for the balls to bounce and comeback into play), two wooden bridges, large number of trees planted at strategic locations. Fresh grass was also planted through out the golf course and is giving a lush green surface. The club house was built in a record time of 21 days (it has now been relocated due to Hyderabad Metro works). Railway golf course for playing as we cut across many roads and play over trees.

The facility is available for all Railwaymen at an affordable fees, especially for the young officers coming to IRISSET for training.

We sincerely thank all those who have directly or indirectly contributed to the development of this wonderful ECO PARK.

Long live the Golfing Sprit.

