

Achievement Programme – 2021

As a direct result of the Covid pandemic, activity in the NMRA Achievement Programme went into hibernation and has only recently begun to show signs of recovery as we gradually return to normal times. At its peak, over the entire NMRA system, the number of certificates issued was down by 49 percent over pre-Covid times in 2019 and this is generally in alignment with our division.

The notable exception to all this was the PNR's 4th Division who were able to continue on through it all by using their “remote” Zoom evaluation method, which they pioneered. Unfortunately, this method is still considered experimental by National and so the 4th Division remains the only division in the entire NMRA currently authorized to use it. However, the 4th Division generously came to our aid during the pandemic by performing a couple of remote evaluations within our 7th Division. The future of remote evaluation remains uncertain at this time, however, it has been stated that, should it become officially recognized, it must only be used in situations where conventional in-person evaluations are not possible.

Despite all this, during the past 12 months, our 7th Division earned a Golden Spike award, two AP certificates and a handful of merit awards.

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