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Based on the prima-facie causes of consequential train accidents that have taken place recently, following **"ALERTS"** are being advised for taking necessary precautions to preempt similar occurrences.

- **Opening of point by engineering staff without disconnection or intimation to Station Master:-**

  - Derailment of a goods train took place on Ajmer Division of North Western Railway as the **engineering staff had opened stretcher bar of point without disconnection or intimation to the station master.**

- **Repeated case of opening of the Gate by Gateman even after exchanging private number with Station Master assuring its closure :-**

  - A Bus dashed against an express train on Delhi Division of Northern Railway as the **gateman opened gate despite exchanging private number with Station Master.**

- **Equipment failure:-**

  - Derailment of an express train on Danapur Division of East Central Railway due to **breakage of wheel disc.**

  - Derailment of a goods train on Allahabad Division of North Central Railway due to **hanging part of a wagon.**

- **Derailment due to track defect:-**

  - Derailment of a passenger train on Thiruvananthpuram Division of Southern Railway due to Rail **Fracture.**

- Derailment of a goods train on Alipurdwar Division of Northeast Frontier Railway due to **Breakage of rail at welded joint.**

- **Fire caused in leased SLR :-**

  - Leased SLR of an express train caught fire on Madurai Division of Southern Railway **raising suspicion as to loading of unauthorised material.**

- **Enhanced axle load operation, Railways are advised to ensure:-**

  - ✓ **Sleeper density in the section is not less than as prescribed in IRPWM.**
  - ✓ **Provision of additional bolster spring is made at the earliest.**
  - ✓ **The trains are identified as Sumo rake wherever relevant.**

Railways/Training Institutions are expected to supplement their efforts during drives, inspections and training courses keeping the above in mind.

Hindi version will follow.

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