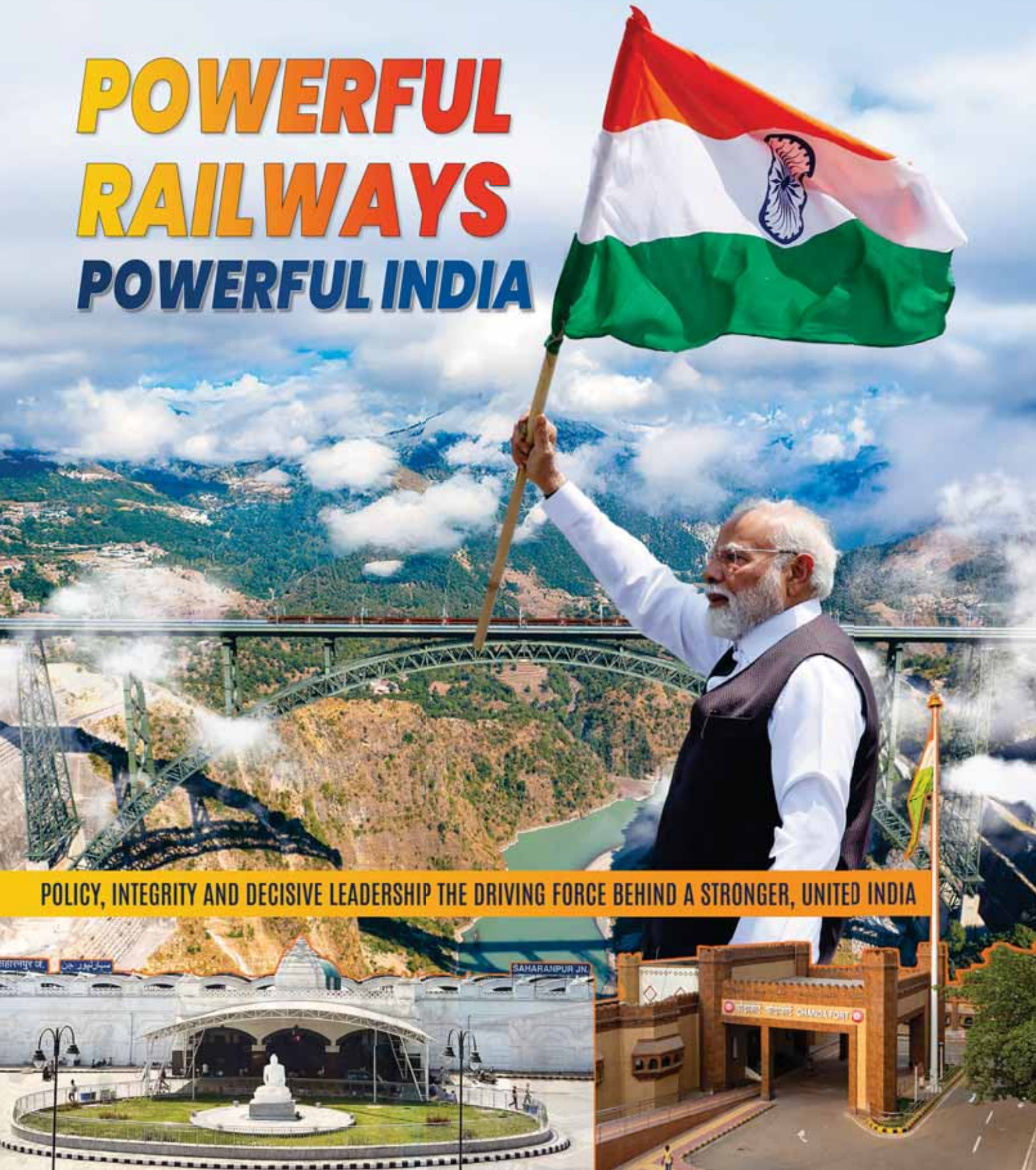
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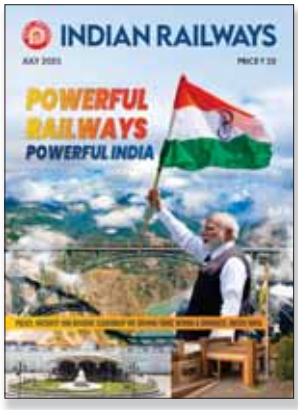
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# Editorial

Some moments create history, some shape the future—and at times, they do both together. One such unforgettable moment unfolded when Narendra Modi, Prime Minister walked with the tricolour on the world's highest railway bridge built over the Chenab River. Amidst fluttering winds and a resonating sense of pride, he called it a 'confluence of ambition and execution'—and that truly defines the Indian Railways today.

This was not merely an act of hoisting the national flag on a bridge; it was a declaration—that India no longer just dreams, but possesses the strength to realise those dreams. The world's highest railway bridge, Chenab and India's first cable-stayed rail bridge, Anji, are not just engineering marvels—they stand as symbols of national unity, strategic strength and inclusive growth.

This moment marked the dedication of the USBRL project to the nation on 6th June, 2025. This rail link through the challenging Himalayan terrain was once a distant dream, now realised by Indian Railways through cutting-edge technology, relentless effort and unwavering resolve.

In recent months, Indian Railways has set new benchmarks of progress. The inauguration of the Pamban Bridge on 6th April and the dedication of 103 Amrit Stations on 22nd May—all are landmark achievements. The new electric locomotive factory at Dahod, the expansion of Vande Bharat trains and the launch of new passenger services have accelerated rail connectivity across the nation.

The USBRL project is not just a name—it is the identity of a new empowered Jammu & Kashmir and a proclamation of India's rising capabilities—these are the words of the Prime Minister. Calling Jammu & Kashmir the crown jewel of India, he remarked that the inauguration of such massive infrastructure projects marks a turning point in the region's development journey.

Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, railway stations are being transformed not just to appear grand, but to be well-equipped and reflect regional cultural identities.

Today, India is showing the world that it not only dreams of the future but also has the will to weave and live those dreams. Indian Railways is working with this spirit—to connect, empower and bring new reasons to smile—every day, in every direction.

# On The Green Track

## Indian Railways is Helping the Country Move Closer to its

# Net Zero Goal



**Ashwini Vaishnaw**
Minister of Railways

Every time you choose to travel by train, you are not just choosing comfort or convenience you are choosing a cleaner, greener Bharat. More than 700 crore people chose to travel in Indian Railways last year. It's our lifeline and a green promise for tomorrow.

Indian Railways is helping the country move closer to the Panchamrit goals set by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister - net zero by 2070. It is enabling this through a multi-pronged approach: By shifting traffic from road to rail and powering operations with cleaner, greener energy sources. Together, these moves are helping India decarbonise its economy at scale.

In FY 2013-14, Indian Railways carried about 1055 million tonnes of cargo. This has increased to 1617 million tonnes in FY 2024-25, making our railway the second-largest cargo-carrying railway in the world. Using the computations done by experts, this shift of cargo from road to rail has helped our country save over 143 million tonnes of $CO_2$ emissions. That's like planting 121 crore trees.

Transporting goods by rail costs nearly half of what it does by road. This means big savings, not just for businesses, but for the entire economy. This shift has helped save ₹3.2 lakh crore in logistics costs over the past decade. Railways are also much cleaner, releasing 90 per cent less carbon dioxide than trucks. That's less smoke in our skies and cleaner air for us. This road-to-rail transition has saved us 2857 crore litres of diesel, roughly translating to savings of ₹2 lakh crore in fuel costs.

India imports oil. Therefore, it makes strategic sense to electrify our transporta-tion sector so that our dependence on im-ports is reduced. In the 60 years before 2014, Indian Railways electrified 21,000 km of track. And in the past 11 years, we have electrified 47,000 km. Today, 99 per cent of our broad-gauge network is electrified.

Indian Railways is increasingly using green energy for stations, factories and workshops. Now, it is working with states to get more green energy for running the trains. This will all lead to India achieving its net zero goal.

Building on this momentum, dedicated freight corridors (DFCs) are electrified, high-capacity railway lines designed exclusively for goods transport. With 2741 km operational, DFCs have eased congestion on roads and significantly reduced diesel consumption and carbon emissions.

India is also embracing modern, zero emission technology like the hydrogen powered train. The first train will run between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana and carry up to 2600 passengers. It will be the most powerful and longest hydrogen train in the world.

India is proving that economic growth and ecological responsibility can and must, go hand in hand. According to the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023, India now ranks 38 out of 139 countries, a jump of 16 places since 2014. The expansion of railway electrification has reduced costs and emissions. It has also increased speed and capacity, helping India move closer to world-class logistics standards.

Narendra Modi, PM set 2030 as the year to achieve net zero for Indian Railways. Due to the accelerated electrification and large scale shifting of cargo from road to rail, Indian Railways is on track to achieve net zero (scope-1) within 2025.

On this World Environment Day, Indian Railways reaffirms its commitment to sustainable development. Every electrified track, every solar panel placed and every freight container of the road is a promise to our people and our planet.



# US Dedicated

> **The Tricolour flies high over the Chenab Rail Bridge!**
>
> **It's a feeling of immense pride that this bridge seamlessly blends ambition with execution, reflecting India's growing capability to build futuristic infrastructure in the most challenging terrains.**
>
> ***Narendra Modi***
> *Prime Minister*

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, inaugurated and dedicated Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project to the nation at Katra, Jammu and Kashmir on 6th June, 2025. The 272 km long USBRL project, constructed worth around ₹43,780 crore includes 36 tunnels (spanning 119 km) and 943 bridges. The project establishes all-weather, seamless rail connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country aiming to transform regional mobility and driving socio-economic integration.

# BRL to the Nation





## Symbol of Strenght

*"The inauguration of mega infrastructure projects marks a turning point in Jammu and Kashmir's development journey.*

*The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Line Project is a symbol of a new, empowered Jammu & Kashmir and a resounding proclamation of India's growing strength.*

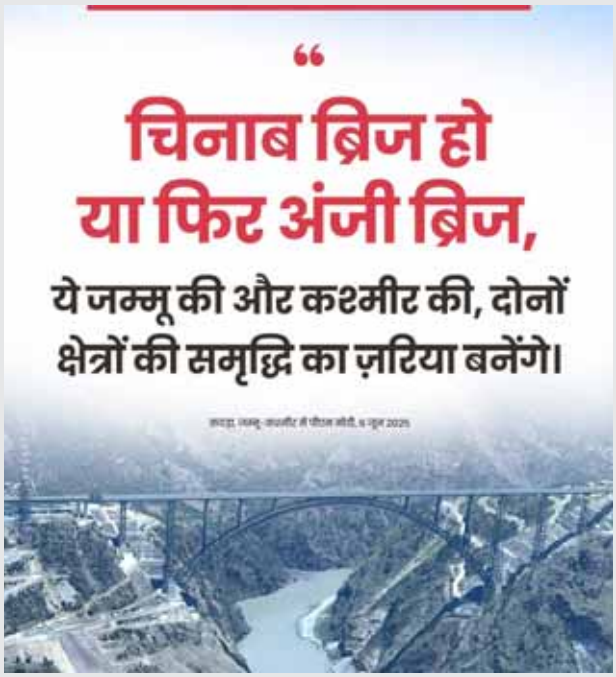
*The Chenab and Anji Bridges will serve as gateways to prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir."*

**Narendra Modi**, *Prime Minister*

## PM inaugurated

### Chenab Bridge and Anji Bridge

The architectural marvel Chenab Rail Bridge, situated at a height of 359 meters above the river, is the world's highest railway arch bridge. It is a 1315 meter long steel arch bridge engineered to withstand seismic and wind conditions. A key impact of the bridge will be in enhancing connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. Through Vande Bharat train moving on the bridge, it will take just about 3 hours to travel between Katra and Srinagar, reducing existing travel time by 2-3 hours. The Anji Bridge is India's first cable-stayed rail bridge that will serve the nation in a challenging terrain.




Prime Minister also flagged off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Srinagar and back. They will offer a swift, comfortable and reliable travel option for residents, tourists, pilgrims, etc.

Prime Minister emphasised that the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Line Project is not just a name but a symbol of Jammu and Kashmir's new strength and a testament to India's growing capabilities. In line with the commitment to boost rail infrastructure and connectivity in the region, he inaugurated the Chenab and Anji rail bridges and flagged off Vande Bharat Trains, enhancing connectivity within Jammu and Kashmir. stating that ₹46,000 crore worth of projects will accelerate development in Jammu and Kashmir, driving progress and prosperity.

Underlining that generations in Jammu and Kashmir had long dreamt of railway connectivity, PM said that dream has become a reality. Referring to a recent statement by Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister, the Prime Minister noted that even as a student in seventh or eighth grade, Abdullah had been anticipating the completion of this project. PM emphasized that the fulfillment of this long-awaited aspiration marks a historic moment for millions of people in Jammu and Kashmir, paving the way for enhanced connectivity and progress.

PM emphasized the challenges encountered, like the difficult terrain, extreme weather conditions and falling rocks in the mountains, making the project immensely tough and demanding. The Prime Minister noted that numerous all-weather infrastructure projects underway in Jammu and Kashmir exemplify this commitment. He cited the recently opened Sonmarg Tunnel and his experience travelling over the Chenab Bridge and Anji Bridge as remarkable milestones. Modi lauded the engineering brilliance and unwavering dedication of India's engineers and workers, stating that the Chenab Bridge, the world's tallest railway arch bridge, stands as a testament to India's ambition. Similarly, the Prime Minister described the Anji Bridge as an engineering marvel, being India's first cable-supported railway bridge. He asserted that these structures are not



*Narendra Modi, Prime Minister inaugurated the Anji Rail Bridge. Also seen are Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor/J&K, Omar Abdullah, CM/J&K, Ashwini Vaishnaw, MR and Jitendra Singh, MoS/PMO*



*Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO explained about the USBRL project to Narendra Modi, Prime Minister*

just steel and concrete, but living symbols of India's strength, standing tall in the rugged Pir Panjal mountains. He emphasized that pure intentions and relentless dedication are the driving forces behind India's transformation.

PM observed that while people travel to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, the Chenab Bridge surpasses it in height, making it not only a crucial infrastructure achievement but also an emerging tourist attraction. Similarly, the Prime Minister described the Anji Bridge as an engineering marvel, being India's first cable-supported railway bridge.

Emphasizing that both Chenab Bridge and Anji Bridge will serve as catalysts for prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, the PM said, 'these landmark projects will not only boost tourism but also benefit various sectors of the economy, creating new opportunities for businesses and industries.' He highlighted that enhanced rail connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir will open new doors for local entrepreneurs, driving economic growth. PM noted that Kashmir's apples will now reach major markets across India at lower costs, making trade more efficient. Furthermore, dry fruits and Kashmir's renowned Pashmina shawls, along with other traditional handicrafts, will now be easily transported to every corner of the country, strengthening the region's artisanal industry.

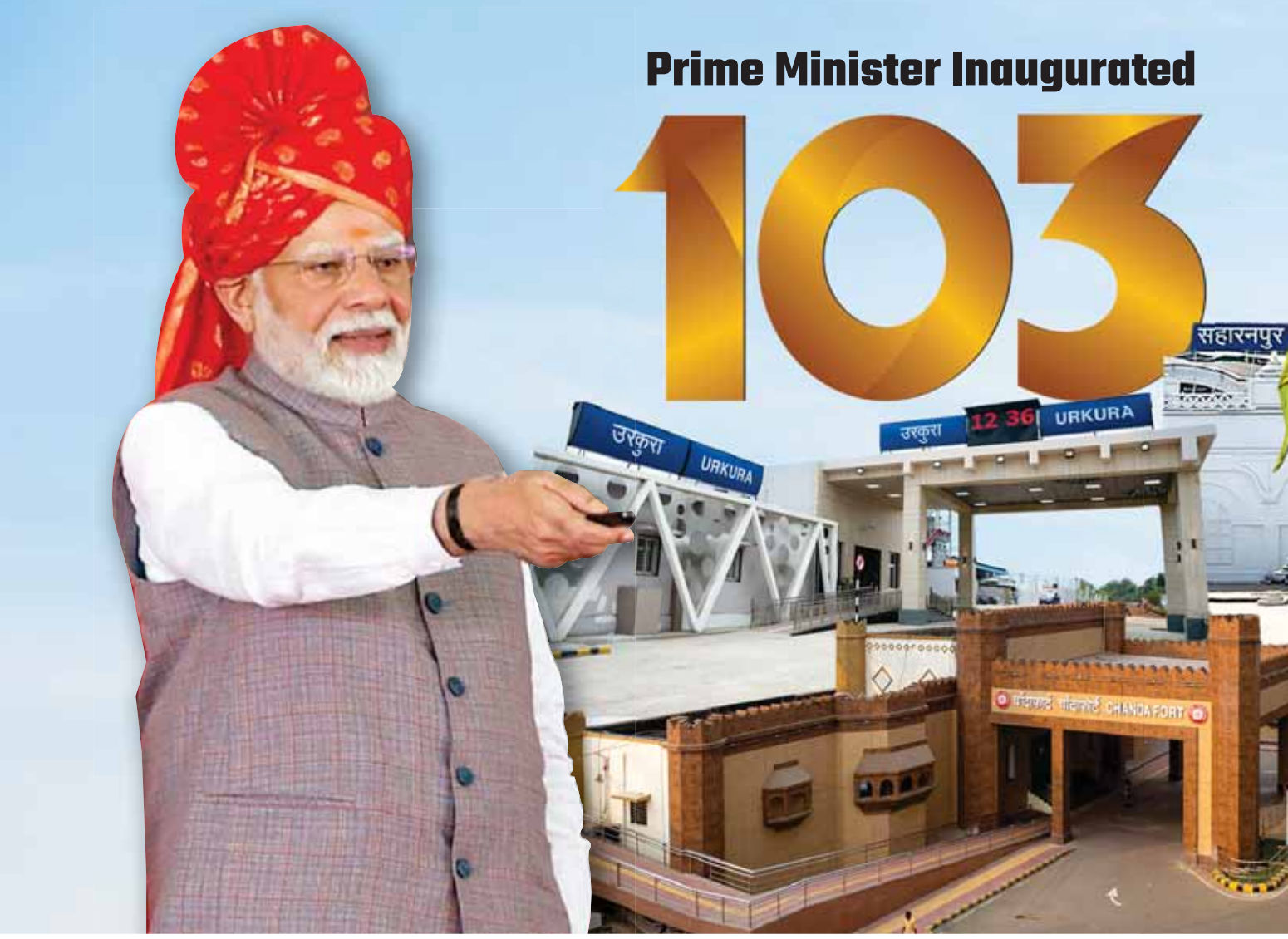
The Prime Minister stated that this improved connectivity will also make travel more convenient for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, allowing smoother movement across different parts of India.

PM shared a touching comment from a student in Sangaldan, who stated that until now, only those who had travelled outside their village had seen a train in real life. Most villagers had only watched trains in videos, unable to believe that soon, a real train would pass right before their eyes. 'Jammu and Kashmir has long been a pillar of India's education and cultural heritage,' affirmed the Prime Minister. PM pointed out the presence of premier institutions such as IIT, IIM, AIIMS and NIT, alongside Central Universities in Jammu and Srinagar, strengthening academic excellence in the region. Prime Minister highlighted that tourism not only generates jobs but also fosters unity among people.



*Prime Minister flagged off the Vande Bharat Express*

# Prime Minister Inaugurated 103



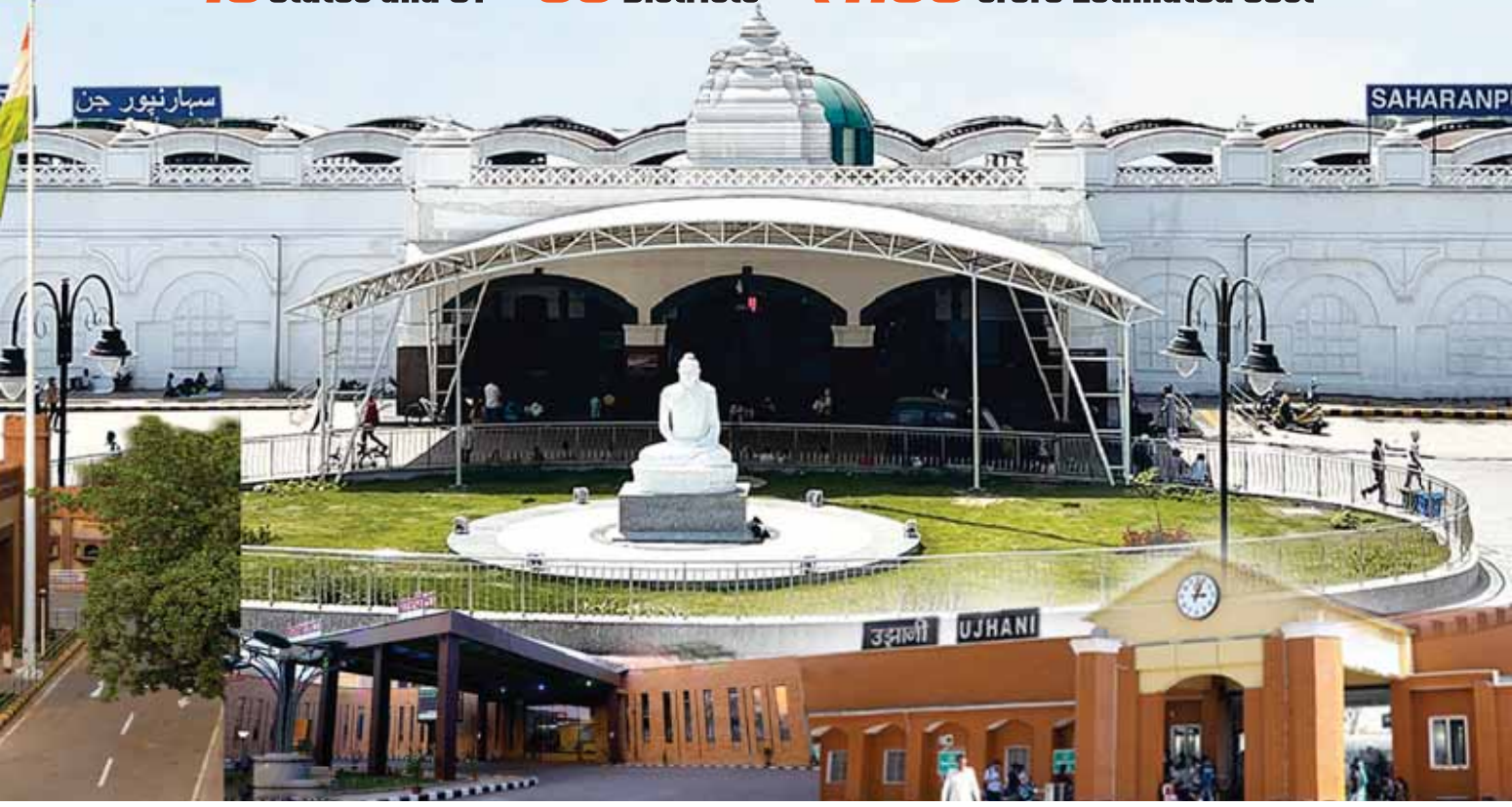

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on 22nd May, 2025 in Bikaner, Rajasthan inaugurated 103 redeveloped Amrit Stations in 86 districts across 18 States and Union Territories of India developed at a cost of over ₹1100 crore. Over 1300 stations are being redeveloped with modern facilities, designed to reflect regional architecture and enhance passenger amenities under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Deshnoke railway station, serving pilgrims and tourists visiting the Karni Mata Temple among others, is inspired with temple architecture and arch and column theme. Begumpet railway station in Telangana is inspired by the architecture of the Kakatiya empire. Thawe station in Bihar incorporates various murals and artworks representing Maa Thawewali, one of the 52 Shakti Peethas and depicting Madhubani paintings. Dakor station in Gujarat is inspired by Ranchhodrai Ji Maharaj. The redeveloped Amrit stations across India integrate modern infrastructure with cultural heritage, passenger-centric amenities including those for Divyangjan and sustainable practices to enhance the travel experience.

Prime Minister stressed that the modernized railway stations have been named Amrit Bharat Stations and that over 100 such stations have been completed. PM pointed out significant examples, including Rajasthan's Mandalgarh station, reflecting the grandeur of Rajput traditions. The Orchha railway station in Madhya Pradesh exudes the divine essence of Lord Ram, while the design of Srirangam station draws inspiration from the Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple. The Prime Minister underscored that these Amrit Bharat Stations not only preserve India's thousands-of-years-old heritage but also

# AMRIT STATIONS

**18** States and UT **86** Districts **₹1100** crore Estimated Cost




serve as catalysts for tourism growth across states, creating new employment opportunities for youth.

PM flagged off a new train connecting Bikaner to Mumbai, laid the foundation stone of Churu-Sadulpur (doubling) rail line (58 km) and dedicated to the nation Suratgarh-Phalodi (336 km), Phulera-Degana (109 km), Udaipur-Himmatnagar (210 km), Phalodi-Jaisalmer (157 km) and Samdari-Barmer (129 km) rail line electrification.

Emphasising India's continuous efforts to modernize its railway network, Modi underlined the introduction of Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat and Namo Bharat trains as symbols of the country's new speed and progress.

PM remarked that nearly 70 routes now operate Vande Bharat trains, bringing modern rail

> *"The country has named the railway stations being modernised as Amrit Bharat stations. Now, more than 100 of these Amrit Bharat stations are ready."*
>
> **- Narendra Modi**
> **Prime Minister**

connectivity to remote regions. He further pointed out the significant infrastructure advancements over the past 11 years, including the construction of hundreds of road overbridges and underbridges, as well as the laying of over 34,000 km of new railway tracks. He noted that unmanned level crossings on broad gauge lines have been eliminated, enhancing safety. PM also highlighted the swift development of dedicated freight corridors to streamline cargo transportation and the ongoing construction of India's first bullet train project.




## Andhra Pradesh

- **Sullurupeta** Station
- Station building inspired by the architecture of local temples
- Modern facilities including lifts, escalators, entrance porches and waiting halls etc.



## Assam

- **Haibargaon** Station
- Wall art showcasing local culture and wildlife
- New station building, upgraded waiting hall, porch, new parking area and green zone






## Bihar

- **Pirpainti, Thawe** Stations
- Station buildings inspired by the local Thawe Mata Temple (Thawe Station) with wall art depicting regional art and culture
- New platform shelters, upgraded parking areas, improved waiting halls and enhanced signage



## Chhattisgarh

- **Bhanupratappur, Bhilai, Urkura, Dongargarh** and **Ambikapur** Stations
- Inner Walls design showcasing local heritage and culture (Bhanupratappur)
- Revamped parking, circulating areas and dedicated selfie points



## Gujarat

- **Samakhiali, Morbi, Hapa, Jam Wanthali, Kanalus Jn, Okha, Mithapur, Rajula Jn, Sihor Jn, Palitana, Mahuva, Limbdi, Jam Jodhpur, Derol, Karamsad, Utran, Kosamba Jn, Dakor** Stations
- Upgraded station building, waiting room and circulating area
- Enhanced Passenger amenities with better accessibility



## Haryana

- **Mandi Dabwali** Station
- Walls adorned with depictions of local art and culture
- Upgraded station building with advanced waiting halls, toilets, lifts, escalators and signages



## Himachal Pradesh

- **Baijnath Paprola** Amrit Station
- Magnificent concourse with sturdy and grand platforms
- Upgraded furniture in waiting rooms and executive lounge



## Jharkhand

- **Rajmahal, Shankarpur** and **Govindpur Road** Stations
- 10-foot overbridge, second entry gate and upgraded waiting lounges
- Enhanced signage system and circulating area



## Karnataka

- **Bagalkot, Dharwad, Gokak Road, Munirabad, Gadag** stations
- Spacious 40-foot roof plaza, modern waiting lounges enhanced parking and circulation zones
- Additional entry gate, lifts, porch and escalators for greater convenience



## Kerala

- **Vadakara** and **Chirayinkeezh** Stations
- Kerala-style architecture (Vadakara), ponds and green areas
- Upgraded stations with improved waiting rooms and parking facilities





## Madhya Pradesh

- **Shajapur, Narmadapuram, Katni South, Shridham, Seoni** and **Orchha** stations
- Inner Walls design inspired by local heritage and culture (Narmadapuram)
- High-level platform, new waiting rooms, new station buildings and foot overbridge



## Maharashtra

- **Parel, Chinchpokli, Wadala Road, Matunga, Shahad, Lonand, Kedgaon, Lasalgaon, Murtizapur Jn, Devlali, Dhule, Savda, Chanda Fort, NSCB Itwari Jn, Amgaon** stations
- Improved accessibility with Divyang-jan friendly facilities
- Heritage themed architectural elements



## Puducherry

- **Mahe** Station
- Upgraded station building, second entry gate, new parking area and porch
- Station name displayed creatively in the vertical garden



## Rajasthan

- **Fatehpur Shekhawati, Rajgarh, Govind Garh, Deshnoke, Gogameri, Bundi, Mandal Garh, Mandawar Mahuwa Road** Stations
- New retiring rooms and dormitories, with designs inspired by local architecture and culture
- Double-height concourse, traditional architectural elements like chhatris and jali work(Mandalgarh), along with intricate stone carvings



## Tamil Nadu

- **Samalpatti, Tiruvannamalai, Polur, Chidambaram, Vriddhachalam Jn, Mannargudi, Srirangam, Kulitturai, St. Thomas Mount** Stations
- Multi-storey building with roof plaza, city centre with a modern station building
- Upgraded platforms to enhance travel convenience



## Telangana

- **Begumpet, Karimnagar, Warangal,** Stations
- Enhanced facilities, prioritising passenger convenience
- Separate passenger pathways for effective crowd management



## Uttar Pradesh

- **Bijnor, Saharanpur Jn, Idgah, Agra Jn, Goverdhan, Fatehabad, Karchana, Govindpuri, Pokhrayan, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Hathras City, Ujhani, Siddharth Nagar, Mailani Jn, Gola Gokarannath, Ramghat Halt, Suraimanpur, Balrampur, Swaminarayan Chappia** Stations
- Multi-level station building with a roof plaza, designed as a vibrant urban hub



## West Bengal

- **Panagarh, Joychandipahar, Kalyani Ghoshpara Stations**
- Divyangjan-friendly circulating areas
- Modern facilities including lifts, escalators, entrance porches and waiting halls etc.



# Dahod Locomotive Manufacturing Plant Inaugurated by Prime Minister



***PM Flagged off***

***The first electric locomotive manufactured from the plant***

***Veraval-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat***

***Valsad -Dahod Express***

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister inaugurated the Locomotive Manufacturing plant of the Indian Railways in Dahod on 26th May, 2025. This plant will produce electric locomotives of 9000 HP for domestic purposes and for export.

PM also flagged off the first electric locomotive manufactured from the plant. The locomotives will help in increasing freight loading capacity of Indian Railways. These locomotives will be equipped with regenerative braking systems and are being designed to reduce energy consumption, which contributes to environmental sustainability.

Thereafter, the PM dedicated to the nation multiple rail projects i.e.doubling of rail line between Anand-Godhara, Rajkot-Hadmatiya and eletrification of Sabarmati-Botad rail line in Dahod. PM announced that Gujarat has achieved 100% electrification of its railway network. PM also flagged off Vande Bharat Express between Veraval-Ahmedabad and Express between Valsad -Dahod stations.

PM highlighted the Dahod Electric Locomotive Plant as a significant achievement. PM recalled laying its foundation stone three years ago and expressed pride that the first electric locomotive



*Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways briefs Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on the advanced features of India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive at Dahod*

has now been successfully manufactured. PM remarked that Vande Bharat trains now operate on nearly 70 routes, further strengthening India's transportation network. PM announced the commencement of a new Vande Bharat Express between Ahmedabad and Veraval. PM further stated that the rise of modern trains in India is due to the country's advancements in technology.

PM emphasized that coaches and locomotives are now manufactured domestically, reducing reliance on imports. 'India has emerged as a leading exporter of railway equipment,' stated PM, noting that India exports metro coaches to Australia and train coaches to England, Saudi Arabia and France. He added that Mexico, Spain, Germany and Italy also import railway-related components from India. PM further remarked that Indian passenger coaches are being used in Mozambique and Sri Lanka and 'Made in India' locomotives are being exported to multiple countries. PM stated that this reflects the continuous expansion of the 'Make in India' initiative, reinforcing national pride.

'A strong railway network enhances convenience and boosts industries and agriculture,' remarked the PM, highlighting that several regions in India received railway connectivity for the first time in the past decade. Announcing the inauguration of multiple railway routes, including the new express train between Dahod and Valsad, which will greatly benefit the tribal belt, the Prime Minister stated that factories create large-scale employment opportunities for youth.

PM highlighted that Dahod's rail factory will manufacture 9000 horsepower locomotives, significantly enhancing the power and capacity of India's trains, noting that every locomotive produced in Dahod will bear the name of the city. The Prime Minister remarked that hundreds of locomotives will be built in the coming years, generating substantial employment for local youth. He emphasized that the factory will also support small-scale industries producing railway components, leading to economic growth in surrounding areas.

Prime Minister noted that Vadodara is also home to India's first Gati Shakti University. PM emphasized that Savli already has a major rail-car manufacturing factory.

Bhupendrabhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways were present among other dignitaries at the event.

# 3rd Rail Line between Son Nagar–Mohammad Ganj was Dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister

In line with his commitment to improving rail infrastructure across the country. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on 30th May, 2025 dedicated to the nation the 3rd rail line between Son Nagar–Mohammad Ganj worth over ₹1330 crore at Karakat, Bihar and laid the foundation of five terminals platform at Hoarding Park, Patna. On this occasion, PM highlighted the introduction of world-class Vande Bharat trains in Bihar and the ongoing process of doubling and tripling of railway lines. PM remarked that work is progressing rapidly in areas such as Chhapra, Muzaffarpur and Katihar. PM further stated that multi-tracking between Son Nagar and Andal is underway, which will significantly improve train movement.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister alongwith Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Bihar, Nitish




Kumar, CM of Bihar, Jitan Ram Manji, Giriraj Singh, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Chirag Paswan, Nityanand Rai, Satish Chandra Dubey and Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Union Ministers were also present at the event.

# Prime Minister Inaugurated Rail over Bridges in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh



Narendra Modi, Prime Minister inaugurated Rail over Bridges over Panki Power House Railway Crossing and over Panki Dham Crossing at Kalyanpur in Kanpur on 30th May, 2025. It will support the Panki Thermal Power Extension Project's logistics by facilitating coal and oil transport while also alleviating traffic congestion for the local population.

PM acknowledged that Kanpur residents have long faced challenges due to the single-line railway track in the Farrukhabad-Anwarganj section. The PM announced that ₹1000 crore will be invested in constructing an elevated rail corridor in the region, significantly improving traffic flow, increasing speed and reducing pollution.

PM underlined the ongoing transformation of Kanpur Central Railway Station, stating that it is being upgraded to a world-class facility. PM remarked that soon, the station will resemble an airport in terms of modern amenities and infrastructure. PM also noted that the Government is developing over 150 railway stations in Uttar Pradesh under the Amrit Bharat Railway Station initiative, further enhancing connectivity and passenger experience.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister alongwith Yogi Adityanath, CM, Uttar Pradesh, Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Ministers were also present.

# New Vaishali–Deoria Rail Project was Inaugurated and New Train Services in Siwan, Bihar were Flagged off by the PM



*Narendra Modi, Prime Minister flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Patliputra and Gorakhpur along with Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor, Bihar and Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar*

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on 20th June, 2025 inaugurated the new Vaishali–Deoria railway line project worth over ₹400 crore and flagged off new train services on new Vaishali–Deoria route and a Vande Bharat Express between Patliputra and Gorakhpur (via Muzaffarpur and Bettiah) in Siwan, Bihar.

Prime Minister also flagged off a state-of-the-art locomotive built at the Marhowra Plant, for export to the Republic of Guinea. This is the first export locomotive manufactured in this factory. They are equipped with high-horse power engines, advanced AC propulsion system, microprocessor-based control systems, ergonomic cab designs and incorporate technologies like regenerative braking. PM announced that the first engine manufactured at the Marhowra factory is being exported to Africa, marking a historic milestone.

# Odisha Got a Boost with Two New Train Services and Several Railway Projects

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on 20th June, 2025, dedicated a series of important railway projects to the state of Odisha during a state-level event held in Bhubaneswar to mark the completion of one year of the Odisha government.

During the ceremony, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the third and fourth railway lines between Sarla and Sason and inaugurated the Sonepur–Purunakatak new rail line, which is part of the Khurda Road–Balangir railway project.

On this occasion, he also dedicated to the nation several completed infrastructure projects including a freight train maintenance facility at Sarla, a subway between Bamra and Dharuadihi, Dumetra Link-C (part of the Bandomunda–Ranchi doubling project), a road over bridge at Jaleswar and the fourth railway line between Jharsuguda and Jamga, which is part of the 206 km Jharsuguda–Bilaspur section.



Further strengthening rail connectivity in the region, the Prime Minister flagged off two new train services: the Baudh–Bhubaneswar Express, connecting the newly developed Sonepur–Purunakatak–Baudh section and the Purunakatak–Sonepur–Balangir Passenger Train.

The event was attended by Odisha Governor Dr. Haribabu Kambhampati, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Ministers Jual Oram and Dharmendra Pradhan, along with several other dignitaries.

# PM Laid the Foundation Stone and Dedicated Railway Projects to the Nation in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

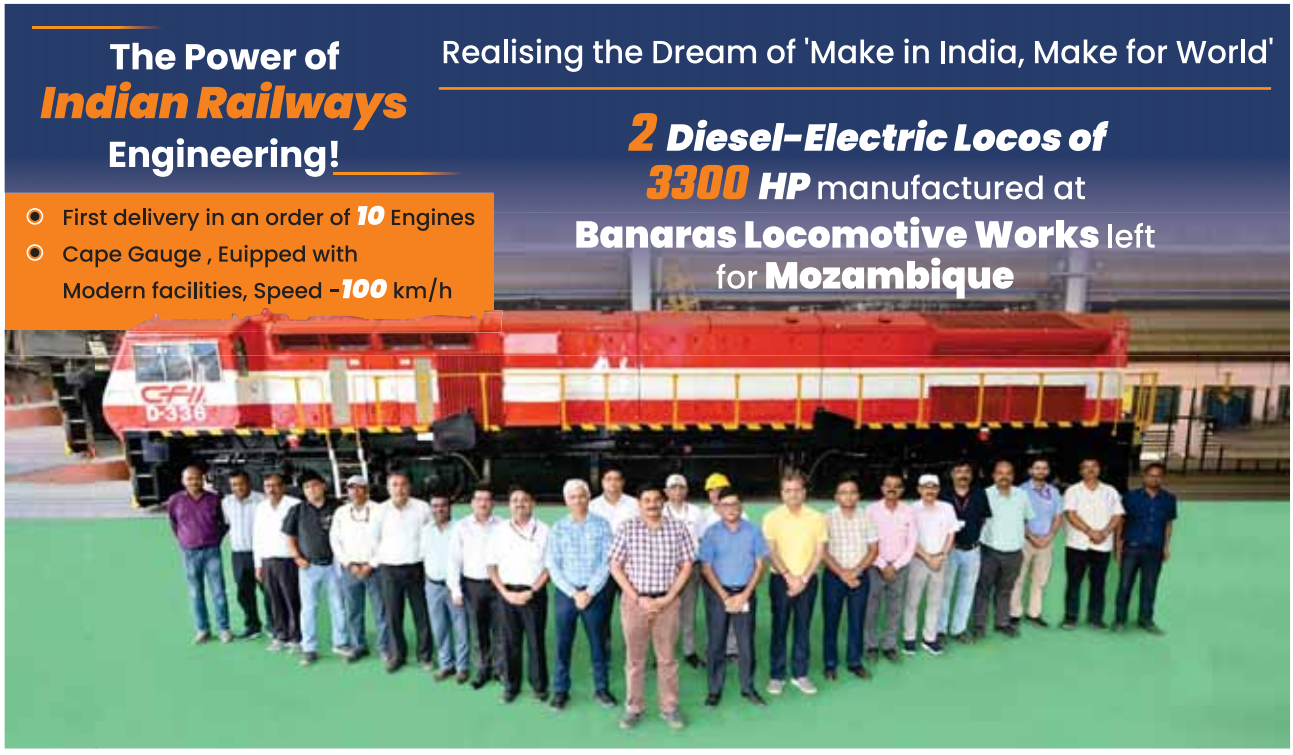



*Narendra Modi, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation railway projects in Amaravati alongwith Syed Abdul Nazeer, Governor and N. Chandrababu Naidu, CM, Andhra Pradesh*

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister on 2nd May, 2025 laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation railway projects i.e. doubling of the rail line between Bugganapalle Cement Nagar and Panyam stations, enhancing connectivity between Rayalaseema and Amaravati, construction of a third rail line between New West Block Hut Cabin to Vijayawada stations and Construction of Rail over Rail between Guntakal West and Mallappa gate stations which aims to bypass freight trains and reduce congestion at the Guntakal Junction in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

PM highlighted that the past decade has been a transformational period for Indian Railways, that Government of India allocated record funds for railway development in Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh alone has a Railway Budget exceeding ₹9000 crore. 'With the enhanced Railway Budget, Andhra Pradesh has achieved 100% railway electrification', stated the Prime Minister, noted that the state now operates eight pairs of modern Vande Bharat trains, along with the Amrit Bharat train, which passes through Andhra Pradesh.

PM further highlighted that over the past 10 years, more than 750 rail flyovers and underpasses have been constructed across the state. Additionally, the PM stated that over 70 railway stations in Andhra Pradesh are being modernized under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, ensuring world-class infrastructure for passengers.



# Crafting the Future of Rail Connectivity

## Cabinet Approved Four Multi-tracking Projects across Indian Railways in

**Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh**

Estd. Cost **₹9804 Cr.**

Length **494 Km**

Population served **~47.93 lakh**

**11** Districts covered

**165** Lakh man-days of employment

**2192** Villages benefitted

**67.4** MTPA additional freight capacity

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister has approved four crucial multi-tracking projects. With a total estimated cost of ₹9804 crore, these projects will strengthen railway infrastructure across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

These projects are aligned with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047', 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, aimed at integrated, multi-modal infrastructure development.

| S. No. | Project Name | States Involved | Length |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ratlam–Nagda 3rd and 4th line | Madhya Pradesh | 176 km |
| 2 | Wardha–Ballarshah 4th line | Maharashtra | |
| 3 | Koderma–Barkakana Doubling | Jharkhand | 133 km |
| 4 | Bellary–Chikjajur Doubling | Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh | 185 km |



### Environmental and Energy Efficiency Benefits

- Estimated diesel savings of 720 million litres, substantially reducing fuel imports.
- Reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 3.63 million tonnes, equivalent to planting 150 million trees.
- Promotes Indian Railways' role as a green, energy-efficient transport mode, aligned with India's climate goals under the Paris Agreement.

### Logistics and Industrial Growth

- These projects traverse key mineral and industrial corridors—serving commodities like coal, iron ore, cement, fertilizers, agricultural goods and petroleum.
- Decongests heavily loaded corridors, allowing for faster, punctual and reliable train operations.
- Enhances supply chain efficiency, lowers logistics cost and supports 'Make in India' and exports.

### Multi-Modal Connectivity Under PM Gati Shakti

All four projects are integrated into the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, a transformative initiative for holistic infrastructure development across sectors like railways, roads, ports and airports. It ensures seamless connectivity for people, goods and services.

### Strategic and National Significance

- Projects like Koderma–Barkakana and Bellary–Chikjajur enhance connectivity in coal, steel and defense production regions.




- Strengthens national integration by improving links between North, Central, East and South India.
- Supports economic self-reliance of local communities by generating employment, skill development and last-mile infrastructure.

### Conclusion

The approval of these multi-tracking projects marks a major milestone in transforming Indian Railways into a smart, modern and sustainable transport backbone. These initiatives will bolster operational capacity, improve logistics competitiveness, reduce environmental impact and create lakhs of employment opportunities.

As India marches towards becoming a global logistics powerhouse, these rail infrastructure upgrades will be a cornerstone of that journey—delivering faster trains, greener transport and empowered regions.



# NFR Successfully Conducted First-Ever Trial Run to Sairang, Aizawl Capital of Mizoram connected to Railway Network

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) achieved a significant milestone on 1st May, 2025 with the successful completion of the first ever trial run to Sairang, Aizawl in Mizoram. Following the successful trial run to Sairang, Arun Kumar Chaudhary, GM/NFR provided an in-depth briefing on the scope, progress and strategic importance of the Bhairabi–Sairang railway project to General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh, Governor of Mizoram and Lalduhoma, Chief Minister of Mizoram.



The 51.38 km Bhairabi – Sairang New Line Railway project is an engineering marvel of the Indian Railways. The project consists of 48 tunnels, 55 major bridges and 87 minor bridges. The total length of tunnels in this project is 12,853 meters. The height of bridge no. 196 is 104 meters which is 42 meters taller than the Qutub Minar. The project also includes five Road over Bridges and six Road under Bridges. This new line project is divided into four sections, i.e. Bhairabi–Hortoki, Hortoki – Kawnpui, Kawnpui – Mualkhang and Mualkhang–Sairang.




*Aizawl is set to become the fourth northeastern capital to be connected to the Rail Map as Indian Railways completes its maiden trial run to Sairang, Aizawl, enhancing connectivity and unlocking new avenues for progress of Mizoram.*

# CM of Maharashtra Flagged off Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bharat Gaurav Special Tourist Train was flagged off by Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister, Maharashtra on 9th June, 2025 from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai. Rahul Narwekar, Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Ashish Shelar, Minister of Information Technology and Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway, Rahul Himalian, Chairman and Managing Director, Director (Tourism Marketing), IRCTC and other dignitaries were also present at the event.



# Hadapsar-Jodhpur and MGR Chennai Central-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express was Flagged Off by The Minister of Railways

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways on 3rd May, 2025 inaugurated and flagged off two new express – Hadapsar–Jodhpur Express and MGR Chennai Central–Bhagat Ki Kothi Express from Hadapsar near Pune in Maharashtra. Murlidhar Mohol, Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation, Chandrakant Patil, Minister for Higher and Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs and Shrirang Barne and Medha Kulkarni, MPs were present on the occasion. L. Murugan, Union Ministers of State (from Chennai) and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (from Jodhpur) joined the event virtually.



MR said that development plan for six railway stations – Pune, Hadapsar, Khadki, Shivajinagar, Uruli Kanchan and Alandi – is in the final stage. He added that trial runs are underway on new alignments for the Pune–Nashik railway corridor, which holds strategic importance due to the presence of a world-class testing laboratory at Khodad. Additionally, work on the third and fourth railway lines on the Pune–Lonavala route will be completed shortly.

# Coal Stock at Thermal Power Plants Touched All-Time High of 58.25 Million Tonnes



A high-level meeting was held on 24th June, 2025 between G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Coal and Mines and Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways to review coal logistics and the efficiency of transportation systems. The primary focus of the discussion was on accelerating silo loading infrastructure. Silo loading refers to the mechanized process of loading bulk materials (like coal) into railway wagons directly from a storage silo, rather than using conventional methods like front-end loaders or manual shoveling. Silo loading ensures uniform coal sizing, eliminates complaints related to oversized boulders from power plants, reduces damage to wagons and enables reliable operations unaffected by adverse weather conditions.

Over the years, there has been a notable increase in the share of coal loaded through silos—from 18.8% in 2022–23 to 29% in 2025–26 (till date)—demonstrating a clear and sustained push towards improving coal logistics.

In a significant achievement, the coal stock at all thermal power plants has reached an all-time high of 58.25 million tonnes, sufficient to meet 25 days of consumption. This record stockpile bolsters India's energy security, ensures an uninterrupted power supply during the peak summer months and provides reassurance of adequate stock for the upcoming monsoon period.

# MR Laid the Foundation Stone for Wagon POH Capacity Augmentation Project at Jamalpur Workshop



*Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways released a booklet titled 'Centre of Excellence'. Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Minister of Panchayati Raj and Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, Dy. CMs/ Bihar were also present*

In a significant step towards enhancing railway infrastructure in Bihar, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, laid the foundation stone for the Wagon POH (Periodic Overhauling) capacity augmentation project at Jamalpur Workshop on 23rd May, 2025. The project, to be executed at a cost of approximately ₹79 crore, is aimed at increasing the wagon overhauling capacity per month, thereby improving turnaround time and boosting overall operational efficiency.

Earlier the same day, the Minister of Railways met with Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar to discuss the progress and coordination of ongoing railway projects in the state. The meeting focused on expediting key infrastructure works and ensuring better integration of state and central efforts in the transportation sector.

The Minister of Railways also conducted a window-trailing inspection between Patna and Jamalpur and issued necessary instructions to railway officials. At Jamalpur, he inspected the station redevelopment work being carried out at a cost of ₹30 crore.

Accompanied by Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Bihar's Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, the Minister of Railways visited the Wagon Manufacturing Shop and the Crane Shop at Jamalpur Workshop. He reviewed the production of BOXN wagons, BLCS wagons and Brake Vans equipped with toilets. At the Crane Shop, he inspected newly developed 140 tonnes cranes, 8 wheeler tower cars and the iconic Jamalpur Jack.

The Minister also visited IRIMEE (Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering), Jamalpur, where he launched a booklet titled Centre of Excellence. The publication outlines developmental schemes and action plans in four key engineering areas — Welding, Pneumatics, Hydraulics and Mechatronics — to strengthen training and infrastructure at this prestigious institute.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Railways, highlighted major achievements of Indian Railways, including the laying of 1832 km of new tracks in Bihar and 34,000 km nationwide over the past decade. He also noted that over 50,000 km of railway lines have been electrified across the country.

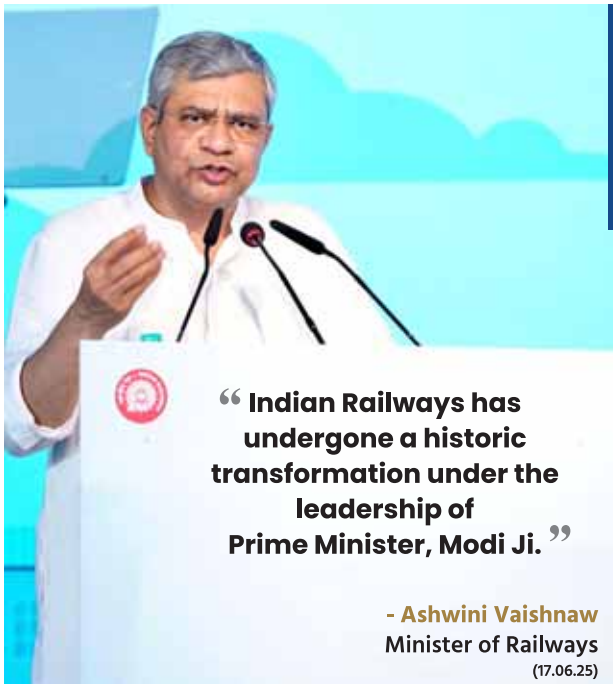
Also present on the occasion were MLAs Pranav Kumar, Ajay Kumar Singh, Rajiv Kumar Sinha, MLC Lal Mohan Gupta, GM/ECR Chhatrasal Singh and GM/ER Milind Deouskar.

# India's Largest Automobile
# Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal was Inaugurated by The Minister of Railways



*Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways inaugurated the country's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Manesar, Haryana. Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister, Haryana, Rao Narbir Singh, Minister of Industries, Government of Haryana, Mukesh Sharma, MLA and Hisashi Takeuchi, CEO & Managing Director, Maruti Suzuki India Limited*

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Railways on 17th June, 2025 inaugurated the country's largest automobile Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Manesar, Haryana.




The Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant is a key infrastructure development that significantly enhances the logistics efficiency of automobile transportation. The Manesar facility is connected to Patli railway station through a 10 km dedicated rail link, which forms part of the 121.7 km Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor being developed by the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC). The construction of this 10 km link involved an investment of ₹800 crore, with HRIDC contributing ₹684 crore and the remaining amount funded by Maruti Suzuki. The loading capacity of this Gati Shakti Cargo terminal is one of the highest in India i.e 4.5 lakh automobiles per annum.

Highlighting ongoing infrastructure investment, the Minister added, 'Currently, projects worth ₹11,800 crore are underway in Haryana. Redevelopment of 34 railway stations is in progress under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. In addition, 540 Road over Bridges and underpasses have been constructed across the state's railway network. MR also mentioned that the Railway Coach Factory, Sonipat is undergoing modernization.

# Gwalior-SMVT Bengaluru Express Flagged Off from Gwalior Junction

Gwalior–SMVT Bengaluru Express was flagged off from Gwalior Junction on 26th of June 2025. Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh and Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways connected through video conferencing while Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications & Development of North Eastern Region was present at Gwalior station. Narendra Singh Tomar Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly connected through video conferencing.

On this occasion, Minister of Railways highlighted that new train service connecting Gwalior to Bengaluru will significantly benefit passengers from Gwalior, Guna, Bhopal and other key regions of Madhya Pradesh — especially the aspiring youth and professionals from this region. Focussing on the railway development in Madhya Pradesh since 2014, Vaishnaw remarked that




*Dr. Mohan Yadav, CM/MP and Ashwini Vaishnaw, MR flagged off Gwalior-SMVT Express through video conferencing while Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications was present at Gwalior station*

2651 km of new railway track was laid in Madhya Pradesh and 80 railway stations, including Gwalior, are getting redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

# Minister of Railways Flagged Off MEMU from Purulia to Howrah via Masagram



*Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways flagged off MEMU via video conferencing from Santragachi Railway Station*

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, flagged off 08121 MEMU between Purulia and Howrah via Masagram. MR also inspected Santragachi station's redevelopment progress under Amrit Bharat Scheme on 28th June, 2025. Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, MoS for Education, Saumitra Khan, MP from Bishnupur, Prasun Banerjee, MP from Howrah, visited Santragachi Railway Station.

The flagged off ceremony was joined virtually by dignitaries - Jyotirmoy Singh Mahato, MP from Purulia, Sudip Kumar Mukherjee, MLA from Purulia, joined from Purulia. Niladri Sekhar Dana, MLA from Bankura, Satyanarayan Mukhopadhyay, MLA from Chhatna, Amar Nath Shakha, MLA from Onda, Dibakar Gharami, MLA from Sonamukhi, Nirmal Kumar Dhara, MLA from Indus joined from Bankura.

Speaking at the event, Minister of Railways said that this MEMU train not only restores an important rail link but also revives the spirit of the historic Bankura Damodar Railway. The people of Purulia, Bankura and Howrah now have access to a cleaner, faster and more affordable rail travel.

# RailOne App Launched

## One-Stop Solution for All Passenger Services




*Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways alongwith Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO launched RailOne App on the 40th Foundation Day of CRIS*

Railways is continually taking steps to improve passenger amenities. Introducing new generation trains, redeveloping stations, upgrading old coaches to new LHB coaches and many more such steps have improved passenger experience in the last decade.

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways launched a new app, RailOne on 1st July, 2025 at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on the 40th Foundation Day of Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). RailOne is focused on improving passenger interface with railways.

It is a comprehensive, all-in-one application with a user-friendly interface. The app is available for download on Android Play Store and iOS App Store. It integrates all the passenger services such as:

- **Unreserved and platform tickets with 3% discount**
- **Live train tracking**
- **Grievance redressal**
- **E-catering, porter booking and last-mile taxi**

Reserved tickets will continue to be offered on IRCTC. RailOne app has also been authorised by IRCTC just like many other commercial apps who have partnered with IRCTC.

RailOne features a single-sign-on with login via mPIN or biometric. It also supports existing RailConnect and UTS credentials. The app is space-saving, as there is no need to install multiple apps.

### Modern Passenger Reservation System (PRS) by December 2025

Minister of Railways congratulated the entire team of CRIS on its foundation day. MR urged CRIS to focus on further strengthening the digital core of Indian Railways.

The Minister of Railways also commended the CRIS team for the progress made on upgrading the existing PRS. The modern PRS will be agile, multilingual and scalable to handle 10 times the current load. It will be capable of 1.5 lakh ticket bookings and 40 lakh enquiries per minute.

The new PRS will be inclusive. It will have advanced functionalities for seat choice and fare calendar, and integrated options for Divyangjan, students, and patients, etc. Launch of RailOne app reaffirms Bhartiya Rail's commitment to democratizing technology and delivering world-class mobility to every passenger.

# New Passenger Reservation System Capable of Generating over 1.5 lakh Rail Tickets per Minute to be ready by Year End

Indian Railways is committed to making the end-to-end travel experience passenger-centric. A passenger's journey with the railways begins at the stage of ticket reservation. Railways is undertaking a series of steps to make ticket booking easier.

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways recently reviewed the progress of these reforms. He emphasized that the ticketing system should be smart, transparent, accessible and efficient. Planning should focus on passenger convenience.

## Improved advanced charting to have certainties of travel plan

**Charting:** Currently, the reservation chart is prepared four hours before the departure of the train. This creates uncertainty in the minds of passengers. Wherever passengers are coming from a nearby area to catch the train, this uncertainty can cause serious problems.

To remove this uncertainty, the Railway Board has proposed preparing the reservation chart eight hours before the departure. For trains departing before 1400 hours, the chart will be prepared the previous day at 2100 hours itself. The Railway Minister agreed with this proposal and directed the Board to start implementing this in phases so that there is no disruption.

The passengers will get the first update on waitlist status well in advance. It will benefit passengers travelling from remote locations or suburbs of major cities for catching long distance trains.

## Modern Passenger Reservation System (PRS) by December 2025

The MR reviewed the upgradation of the passenger reservation system. The project is being executed for the last few months by CRIS.

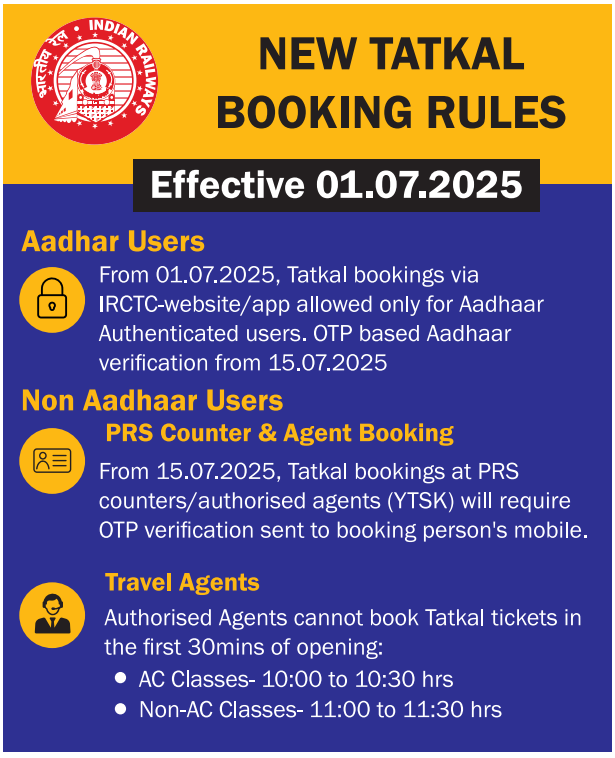
The new upgraded PRS design is agile, flexible and scalable to handle ten times the current load. It will significantly enhance the ticket booking capacity. The new PRS will allow over 1.5 lakh ticket bookings per minute. This will be an increase of roughly five times from 32,000 tickets per minute in the current PRS.

The ticket enquiry capacity will jump ten times i.e. from 4 lakh to over 40 lakh per enquiry will be possible in a minute time.

In the new PRS, users will be able to submit their choice of seat and see the fare calendar. It also has integrated facilities for Divyangjan, students, patients, etc.

Indian Railways will allow only authenticated users to book Tatkal tickets on IRCTC website and mobile app beginning 1st July, 2025. Further, OTP-based authentication will be done for Tatkal bookings from the end of July, 2025.

The authentication should be done using Aadhaar or any other verifiable Government ID available in the user's DigiLocker account. These measures reflect the continuous efforts of Indian Railways to modernise its systems and make them more citizen friendly.



# MoSR Laid the Foundation Stone for Goods Shed at Khanapur Jn.



V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways conducted a detailed inspection on ongoing redevelopment works of Bidar Railway Station on 31st May, 2025. He undertook a detailed rear window inspection of Nagalpalle-Bidar section in Secunderabad Division.

MoSR also laid the foundation stones for construction of goods shed at Khanapur Jn. Railway station and Road under Bridge on 31st May, 2025 at Khanapur Jn. Railway Station. Rahim Khan, Minister for Municipal Administration, Govt. of Karnataka, MP, MLAs and Arun Kumar Jain, GM/SCR were also present.

# Thimmarajanahalli Railway Yard was Inspected by MoSR

V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways inspected the works of Thimmarajanahalli Railway Yard under construction as part of Tumkur-Chitradurga-Davangere New Railway Line project on 19th May, 2025.

The Minister reviewed the progress of the Tumkur–Davanagere railway line. The 191 km Tumakuru–Davanagere new line project connects important places like Chitradurga, Sira, Hiriyur, Lakshmisagar and Tholahunse. Jyothi Ganesh, MLA, Tumakuru City was also present.



# MoSR Visited Integral Coach Factory



V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways visited Integral Coach Factory on 26th June, 2025. He inspected the manufacturing activities of Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, Kolkata Metro Coaches and Hydrogen train set. U. Subba Rao, General Manager/ICF briefed the features of all the above to him.

He had a discussion with senior officers regarding various projects undergoing in ICF. He also met the staff representatives of various Trade Unions and had brief discussions with them.

# General Manager Held Meeting with MPs in the Jurisdiction of Salem Division

In a meeting held on 5th May, 2025 between the General Manager, Southern Railway and Members of Parliament, key development works—both completed and ongoing—pertaining to various constituencies under the Salem Division were reviewed and appraised to the MPs. The meeting was attended by C.N. Annadurai, K. Eswarasamy, Dr. P. Ganapathy Rajkumar, K. Gopinath, S. Jothimani, D. Malayarasan, V. S. Matheswaran, K.E. Prakash, T.M. Selvaganapathi, K. Subbarayan and N. Chandrasegharan, MPs.



# Chairman and CEO Inspected Various Stations of NER



Satish Kumar, Chairman & CEO conducted a window trailing inspection of the Gorakhpur–Chhapra rail section on 19th June, 2025. He was accompanied by Soumya Mathur, General Manager, North Eastern Railway and Vineet Kumar Srivastava, DRM, Varanasi Division. As part of the inspection, Satish Kumar visited Deoria Sadar, Bhatni, Mairwa and Siwan railway stations and reviewed the progress of development works being carried out under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

He also conducted a detailed inspection of Chhapra Junction. During his visit, he inspected the crew lobby and directed officials to enhance passenger amenities and improve the circulating area at the station.

# Member (O&BD) Visited RDSO

Hitendra Malhotra, Member (Operation & Business Development) visited RDSO on 2nd June, 2025. Malhotra along with Uday Borwanker, DG/RDSO reviewed performance of Electronic In-motion Weighbridge (EIMWB) with RDSO officials and RDSO approved suppliers of weighbridges. EIMWB is a critical installation on Railways for weighment of freight trains in-motion. Besides EIMWB, Member (O&BD) also reviewed important items like criteria for detection of uneven loading to improve safety in train operation and increase in loading capacity of wagons.



# 6th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs Reaffirms Unified National Strategy for Crime Control on Indian Railways

The 6th All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs, organised under the aegis of the Railway Protection Force concluded successfully at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 22nd June, 2025. The high-level conference, was presided over by Manoj Yadava, Director General, RPF which witnessed the participation of DGPs, ADGPs and senior officers from the GRP of various states and union territories, alongside representatives from the Ministry of Railways.

This important gathering marked a concerted effort to address the growing challenges of crime control on Indian Railways and to strengthen collective mechanisms to ensure the safety and security of millions of railway passengers commuting daily through its vast network. The central theme of the conference revolved around enhancing intelligence-sharing, formulating joint operational strategies and fine-tuning inter-agency coordination to counter the evolving modus operandi of criminal elements exploiting the vast railway network.

The conference resolved to push for the seamless conversion of passenger property theft complaints lodged on the Rail Madad portal into formal FIRs, thereby boosting detection rates and discouraging repeat offences.

In a bid to dismantle organized interstate criminal networks targeting high-value passenger belongings, detailed deliberations were held on deploying proactive surveillance, coordinated operations across states and leveraging technology-backed solutions including Facial Recognition Systems. The necessity of a unified response system among GRP units of different states and UTs was strongly emphasized to prevent jurisdictional gaps that are often exploited by offenders.

Special attention was devoted to the worrying trends of crimes against women passengers, with the participants agreeing on robust preventive measures including targeted patrolling, CCTV cameras in stations and coaches and deployment




of Meri Saheli teams to enhance the sense of security among women travellers.

The misuse of railway premises by drug traffickers and smugglers also came under the scanner, with strategies being discussed to curb such illegal activities through intensified checks and real-time intelligence inputs. A critical presentation by the Intelligence Bureau highlighted potential terrorist threats to sensitive railway installations and the urgent need for vulnerability assessments and fortified security protocols. Additionally, the issue of child safety on railway premises was deliberated, focusing on mechanisms for timely identification and rehabilitation of vulnerable children being rescued from trafficking and exploitation risks.

Speaking at the conclusion of the conference, Manoj Yadava, DG, RPF remarked, 'Crime control on the vast Indian Railways is not the responsibility of any single agency but a collective mission that demands synergy, coordination and shared intelligence. The resolve shown by GRP and RPF leadership across the nation today assures our commitment to making railway travel safer, more secure and free from the threat of criminal elements. We stand united in our effort to protect every passenger, every child and every corner of our railway network from harm.'

The conference reaffirmed the joint commitment of RPF and GRP forces to transform Indian Railways into a zero-tolerance zone for crime, safeguarding its status as the lifeline of the nation.

# Indian Railways Launched Awareness Campaign on World Environment Day 2025

***Campaign Conducted at Over 1200 Stations and 740 Workshops***
***Nearly 150 Tons of Plastic Waste Safely Disposed***

To mark World Environment Day, Indian Railways conducted a 15 days special awareness campaign from 22nd May to 5th June, 2025. Under this year's theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution', various awareness activities were held across all Zones, Divisions, Stations and offices of Indian Railways.

Key initiatives included plastic waste assessment, segregation of waste, review of plastic bottle crushing machine operations, sanitation and water conservation efforts and spreading awareness about reducing plastic use.

On 5th June, railway officials and staff took a pledge for environmental protection, emphasizing reduction in plastic use, cleanliness and energy conservation. At the Railway Board, the pledge was administered by the Member (Traction & Rolling Stock), with other Board Members and General Managers of Zonal Railways participating via video conferencing. The Annual Environmental Sustainability Report of Indian Railways was also released on this occasion.

During the campaign, nearly 150 tonnes of plastic waste were safely disposed off. Awareness was spread through posters and digital platforms at over 1230 stations, more than 740 workshops were organized, cleanliness drives were held at



1200 stations, the functioning of over 180 plastic bottle crushing machines was reviewed and 230 street plays were conducted to generate grassroots awareness.

For the year 2025-26, a comprehensive plan worth ₹750 crore has been approved for environment related initiatives. So far, 98% of the broad gauge network has been electrified. Rooftop solar panels installed at 3512 stations and service buildings have generated a capacity of around 227 MW. All railway stations, offices and residential quarters are now equipped with 100% LED lighting.

Other green initiatives include the development of hydrogen-fueled trains, plantation of over 9.7 crore trees since 2014 and the installation of 100% bio-toilets in all passenger coaches.

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502.11 MT
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# 100 m Long 'Make in India' Steel Bridge Launched over DFCC Tracks for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project

As part of the steady progress for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project, a 100 m long steel bridge was successfully launched over the DFC tracks near Bharuch, Gujarat. This is the eighth steel bridge completed for the project out of the planned 17 steel bridges in Gujarat and 28 for the entire corridor.

Weighing around 1400 metric tonnes, the bridge stands 14.6 meter tall and spans 14.3 meter wide. It was fabricated at a workshop in Trichy and transported to the site using specially designed trailers. The bridge is launched using 84 meter long launching nose, which weighs around 600 metric tonnes.

The fabrication utilized approx. 55,300 Tor-Shear Type High Strength (TTHS) bolts with C5 system painting and elastomeric bearings being designed for a 100-year lifespan. The bridge was assembled at the site at a height of 18 m from the ground on temporary trestles and was pulled with automatic mechanism of 2 semi-automatic jacks, each of capacity of 250 tonnes using mac-alloy bars.

The launching was meticulously executed with carefully planned traffic blocks on the DFC tracks. These blocks were implemented in phases to ensure safety while minimizing disruption to freight movement.

**Details of completed steel bridges in Gujarat**

| Location | Length of the steel bridge (in meters) | Weight of the steel bridge (in MT) |
|---|---|---|
| Across National Highway 53, Surat | 70 | 673 |
| Over Vadodara-Ahmedabad main line of Indian Railways, near Nadiad | 100 | 1486 |
| Over Delhi-Mumbai National Expressway, near Vadodara | 230 (130 + 100) | 4397 |
| Near Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 100 | 1464 |
| Over Western Railways, Vadodara | 60 | 645 |
| Over two DFCC Tracks and two Western Railways tracks, Surat | 100, 60 | 2040 |
| Over two DFCC tracks, near Vadodara | 70 | 674 |
| Over DFCC tracks near Bharuch | 100 | 1400 |



# Manufacturing of WAG-9 Freight Loco with Waterless Toilet at BLW: Another Step Towards Cleanliness and Innovation

Under the 'Clean and Safe Toilet' mission of Indian Railways, Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) has achieved another historic milestone under the able leadership of Naresh Pal Singh, General Manager. As per the guidelines given by Railway Board, BLW has successfully fitted 37 WAG-9 freight locos and 2 WAP7 passenger locos with waterless urinals along with new arrangement of $CO_2$ cylinder and hand brake.



## Salient Features

Special modelling and engineering solutions were adopted to fit the waterless urinals without affecting the structure of the loco.

A new space of 180 mm depth was marked for the urinals inside the cabin to provide comfort to the crew and maintain the design of the loco.

This waterless system installed in the loco will prove to be environment friendly as well as helpful in water conservation.

WAG-9 loco No. 43929 (construction shell no. 136) became the first example of this innovation, in which all the new features - waterless urinals and access to $CO_2$ cylinder from the cab without opening the door from the machine room were provided.

This innovative effort by BLW will not only provide sanitation facilities to railway employees but will also send a strong message towards environmental protection.

This achievement is a meaningful initiative towards 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and 'Green Rail'.



# Railway Board Approved New Chord Rail Line between Karhi-Sagma

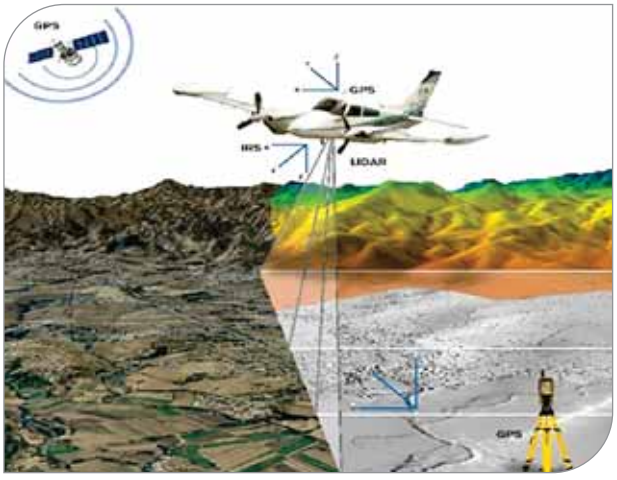


Taking a significant step towards strengthening rail infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh, the Railway Board has approved an important new rail line project under West Central Railway (WCR) zone. The proposed chord rail line is 5.31 km long between Karhi and Sagma, this new rail line project has been approved at a cost of ₹165.20 crore. This is an important step in the development of railway projects aimed at increasing connectivity in the state.

The chord rail line between Karhi and Sagma (5.31 km) proposed under the umbrella work is important for rail connectivity as it aims to increase the capacity of the lines, flyovers and bypass lines. This rail link will promote regional trade, mobility and access to resources. The construction of the Karhi to Sagma chord rail line will strengthen the tourist connectivity of important states of Madhya Pradesh, Satna, Panna and Khajuraho. The line is expected to help in freight movement, industrial development, tourism and improved passenger connectivity in the region.

# NFR Deployed Modern Technology for Ensuring Safety of Lumding – Badarpur Hill Section

Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has deployed state-of-the-art technology to address challenges related to landslides, drainage issues and embankment stability along the Lumding–Badarpur Hill Section in Assam of Lumding division under NFR. This section, spanning hilly terrain across Dima Hasao and Cachar districts, is a vital link connecting the states of Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and the Barak Valley of Assam with the rest of India. The difficult topography and extreme monsoon conditions make this route especially vulnerable to natural hazards, often disrupting rail traffic and posing significant safety risks.




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# Beauty Contest for Electric Locos held in BLW

Locomotive No. 37364 (WAP-7) of Electric Loco Shed, Lallaguda, South Central Railway have won the first prize in a 'Beauty contest for Electric Locos' held in Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi. The prize is jointly shared by Royapuram Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway. 13 Locomotives from various Zonal Railways participated in the competition.

The General Manager, South Central Railway, congratulated the Lallaguda Electric Loco Shed team for securing the first prize in the Loco Competitions. The CAB Upgradation Competition, hailed as the beauty contest for electric locomotives of Indian Railways, was conducted by the Railway Board at the 42nd Electric Loco Maintenance Study Group (MSG) meeting in BLW, Varanasi on 23rd and 24th May. 16 Zonal Railways and three production units participated in the



prestigious loco competition. The locomotives are judged based on their unique features or modifications, overall aesthetic appeal and maintenance standards, the release said.

The prize was presented by V. P. Singh, Additional Member (Traction), Railway Board.



# Indian Railways Marks International YOGA

***Unique Yoga sessions held on Chenab, Anji and Pamban bridges***

***Events organised across all Railway Zones, Divisions and Railway Premises***











*Anji Khad Bridge*

# DAY 2025 with Grand Nationwide Celebrations

***Special EMU train dedicated to Yoga operated in West Bengal which featured various Yoga Mudras***





Pamban Bridge






Chenab Bridge

On the occasion of 11th International Day of Yoga, Indian Railways organised grand and spirited Yoga sessions across the country. Aligned with the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health', celebrations were conducted across all Railway zones, Divisions, Stations and Railway premises across India.

V. Somanna and Ravneet Singh, Ministers of State for Railways, participated in the Yoga sessions held at Hassan, Karnataka and Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh, respectively. Satish Kumar, Chairman and CEO, also took part in the Yoga session organised at Karnail Singh Stadium, New Delhi.

The Yoga sessions were conducted not only at stations and office complexes, but also a top Indian Railways' iconic engineering marvels. For the first time, a Yoga session was conducted on the world's highest Railway arch bridge - Chenab Bridge, located in Jammu and Kashmir. Yoga sessions were also held on India's first cable-stayed rail bridge - Anji Khad Bridge and the country's first vertical-lift rail bridge - Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu, showcasing a unique blend of Yoga and engineering excellence.

A special EMU train dedicated to Yoga was operated by the Howrah Division in West Bengal, featuring illustrations of various Yoga Mudras along with their health benefits.

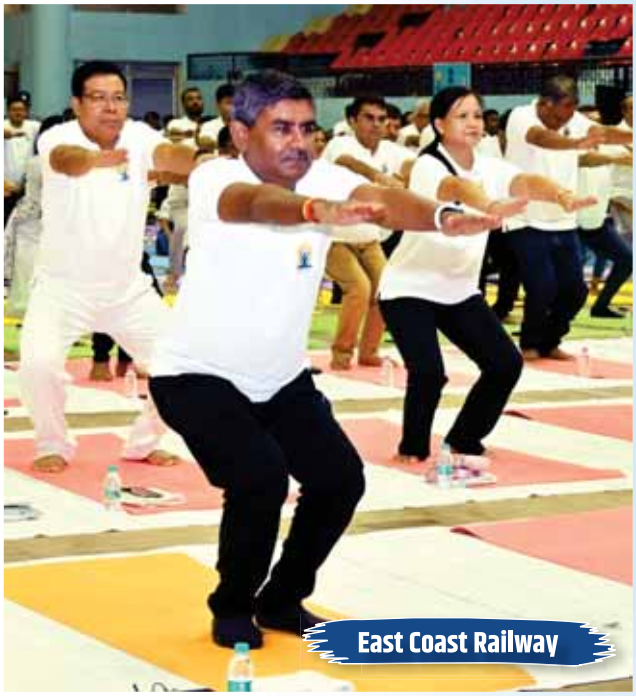
Across various regions, enthusiastic participation was witnessed from Railway officers, staff, Railway Protection Force personnel, scouts and guides, school students, public representatives and members of the general public. The sessions included asanas (physical postures), pranayama (breathing techniques), meditation and awareness activities focused on the holistic benefits of Yoga.

Through this nationwide initiative, Indian Railways not only encouraged its workforce to embrace a healthy lifestyle but also played a key role in spreading awareness about the transformative benefits of Yoga among the larger public.


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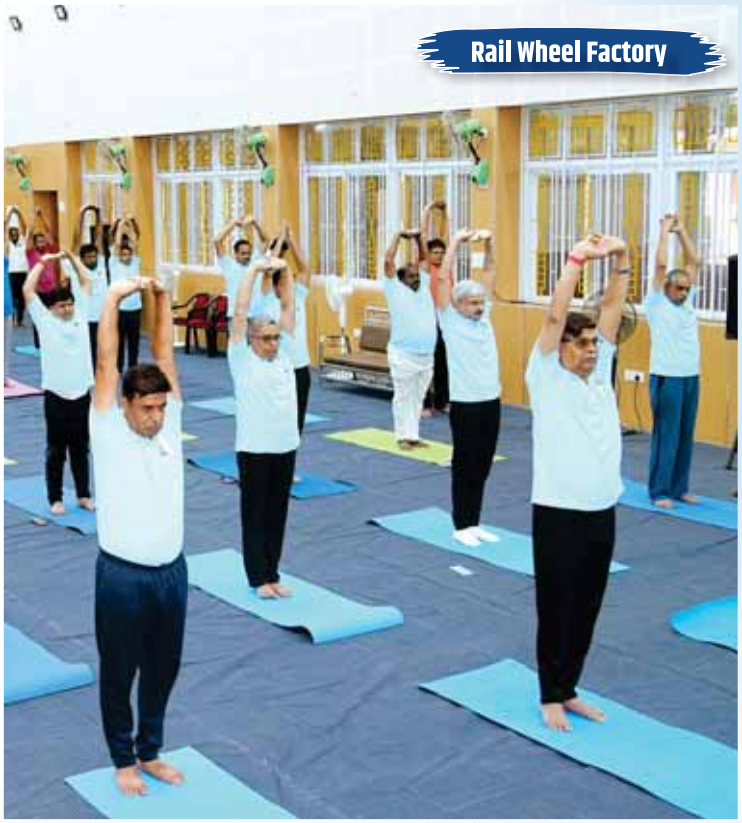

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## GM, SCR Honoured with Gold Medal

Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager SCR received the 'Kamlapati Tripathi Rajbhasha Gold Medal' at the Railway Board level for his excellent and exemplary contribution in increasing the usage and propagation of the Rajbhasha on this Railway. It is a matter of pride for the General Manager of this Railway situated in 'C' region that he received the Gold Medal at the All Railway level.



## New Dynamic Hydraulic Testing Arrangement Developed for Water Pump Assembly in High Horse Power Diesel Locomotive



Under the guidance of Naresh Pal Singh, General Manager Banaras Locomotive Works has developed a state-of-the-art Dynamic Hydraulic Testing Arrangement for water pump assembly in high horse power locomotives, which has made the process of pump quality testing more effective, safe and reliable.

Under this system, the water pump assembly is operated with the help of motor, V-belt and pulley. This is a compact system which neither produces any kind of loud noise nor requires lubrication.

During testing, water is drawn from the water inlet pipe and discharged from the outlet pipe at a pressure of 30 to 55 PSI. To make the entire process safe, safety guards have been installed on the V-belt and pulley drive. Also, the facility of adjusting the motor forward and backward is also available to control the tightness of the belt.

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# GM, SCR Inaugurated Various Digital and Eco-Friendly Initiatives



Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway inaugurated various digital and eco-friendly initiatives on SCR on 16th June, 2025 including Unified Command and Control Centre (UCCC) at Rail Nilayam, launch of Zonal Interchange Monitoring System (ZIMS) and Station Information Monitoring System (SIMS) and inauguration of 198 Kwp (kilowatt peak) Solar plant at Signal and Telecom workshop, Mettuguda, Secunderabad.

Arun Kumar Jain, stated that the digital initiatives will make railway operations smarter, faster and more efficient. Speaking on eco-friendly initiatives, the GM stated that the commissioning of the solar plant reflects SCR's consistent efforts towards adopting green energy solutions.

# GM, SCR Inaugurated Cardiac Cath Lab and Advanced Cardiac Unit at Central Hospital, Lallaguda

Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager, South Central Railway inaugurated Cardiac Cath Lab and Advanced Cardiac Unit at Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on 26th June, 2025. The new Cardiac Cath Lab will enable the hospital to perform critical procedures such as angiograms and angioplasties. The Advanced Cardiac Unit includes a modern Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and a Cardiothoracic Operation Theatre (OT), offering comprehensive cardiac care under one roof.






Vijayawada Division's Traction Distribution (TRD) Department earns ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification across 22 key locations, a landmark in safety and operational excellence in OHE and power supply systems.

# Chhota Bheem Teams up with WR to Spread Railway Safety Awareness




Ujjain Railway Station

In a unique initiative to promote public awareness and railway safety, Western Railway has entered into a collaboration with Chhota Bheem. Western Railway will utilize beloved characters from the Chhota Bheem universe for educational and outreach activities. Vineet Abhishek, CPRO and Rajiv Chilakalapudi, CEO & Managing Director of Green Gold Animation Pvt. Ltd. the creators of Chhota Bheem, signed the Letter of Collaboration at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025, Jio World Centre, Mumbai on 2nd May, 2025.



# Darjeeling's Legendary Steam Locomotive No. 782B Marks 125 Years of Service



In a remarkable tribute to India's rich railway heritage, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) celebrated the 125th year of continuous service of the legendary B Class steam locomotive No. 782B on 17th April, 2025. A special heritage steam train was ceremonially flagged off from the iconic Ghum Railway Station, the highest railway station in India by Dr. C.M. Ramesh the Hon'ble Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, alongside Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager of Northeast Frontier Railway.

The event was a vibrant celebration of history, engineering, and culture. Dignitaries, including Members of Parliament and senior railway officials, gathered at Ghum station to witness the momentous occasion. A cultural programme featuring traditional music and folk dances of the Darjeeling Hills added a festive spirit to the proceedings.

As part of the commemorative activities, members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee visited the Railway Museum at Ghum, where they were briefed on the on-going restoration and conservation efforts led by the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.




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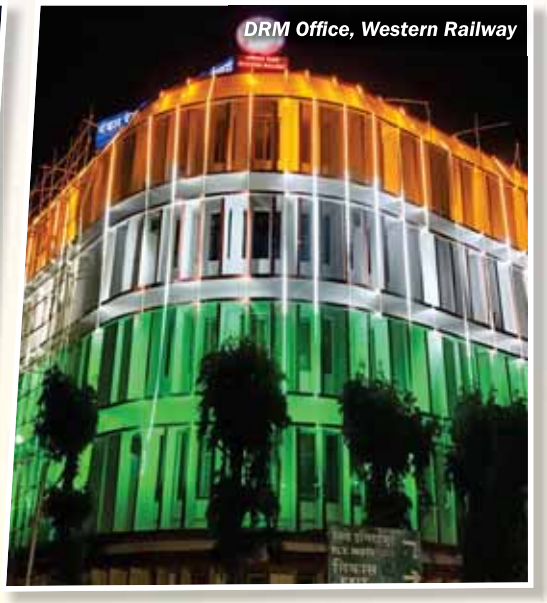
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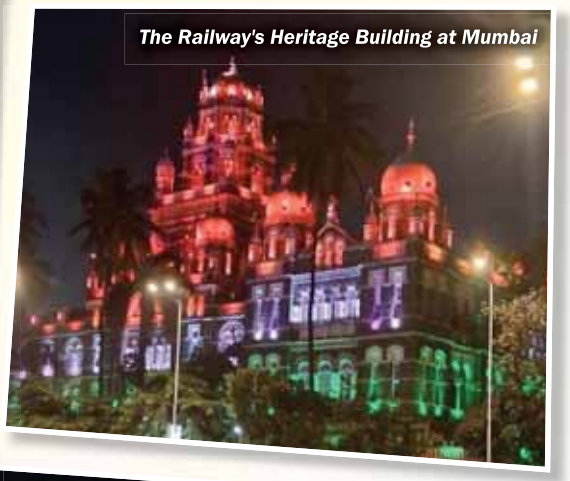
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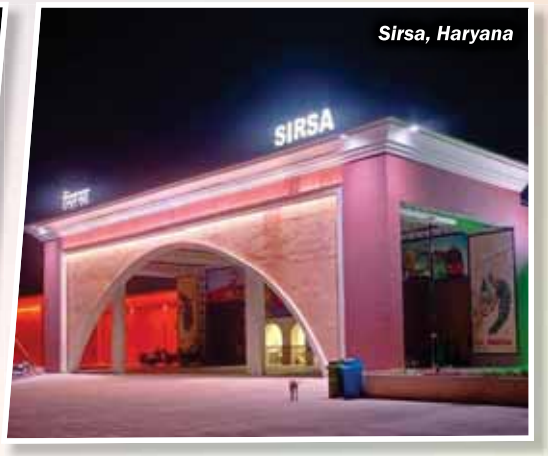

The Railway's Heritage Building at Mumbai


Kacheguda Railway Station, Telangana

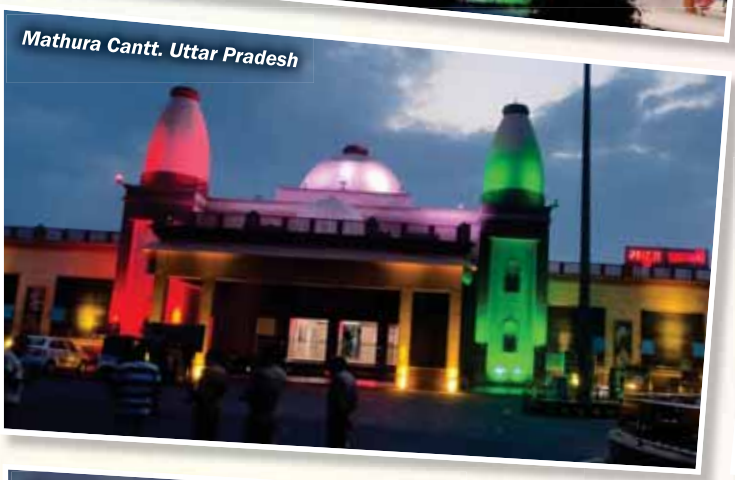

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Sawai Madhopur Jn., Rajasthan

In honour of the indomitable courage and valour displayed by the Indian Army during Operation Sindoor, railway stations across the country lit up in a radiant tribute. Indian Railways organised this unique initiative to express its deep gratitude towards the brave soldiers of the Nation. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Gujarat to Assam, stations across India witnessed a special wave of patriotic spirit. Bathed in the vibrant hues of the Tricolour, railway stations came alive with soul-stirring patriotic visuals, reigniting a profound sense of national pride in every onlooker's heart.

To take the story of Operation Sindoor's success to every citizen, Indian Railways organised Tiranga Yatras in various parts of the country. These marches further strengthened the public's sense of nationalism and respect for the Armed Forces. Complementing the Yatras, impactful street plays were staged at several railway stations, bringing the spirit and significance of Operation Sindoor closer to the people.

This initiative by Indian Railways not only honoured the valiant warriors of our Armed Forces but also connected the general public with the glorious saga of Operation Sindoor. The event reflects the fact that every citizen of the country stands shoulder to shoulder with our brave soldiers. Launched in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor is a shining chapter in Indian military history, one that will continue to inspire generations to come.

# Progress Report

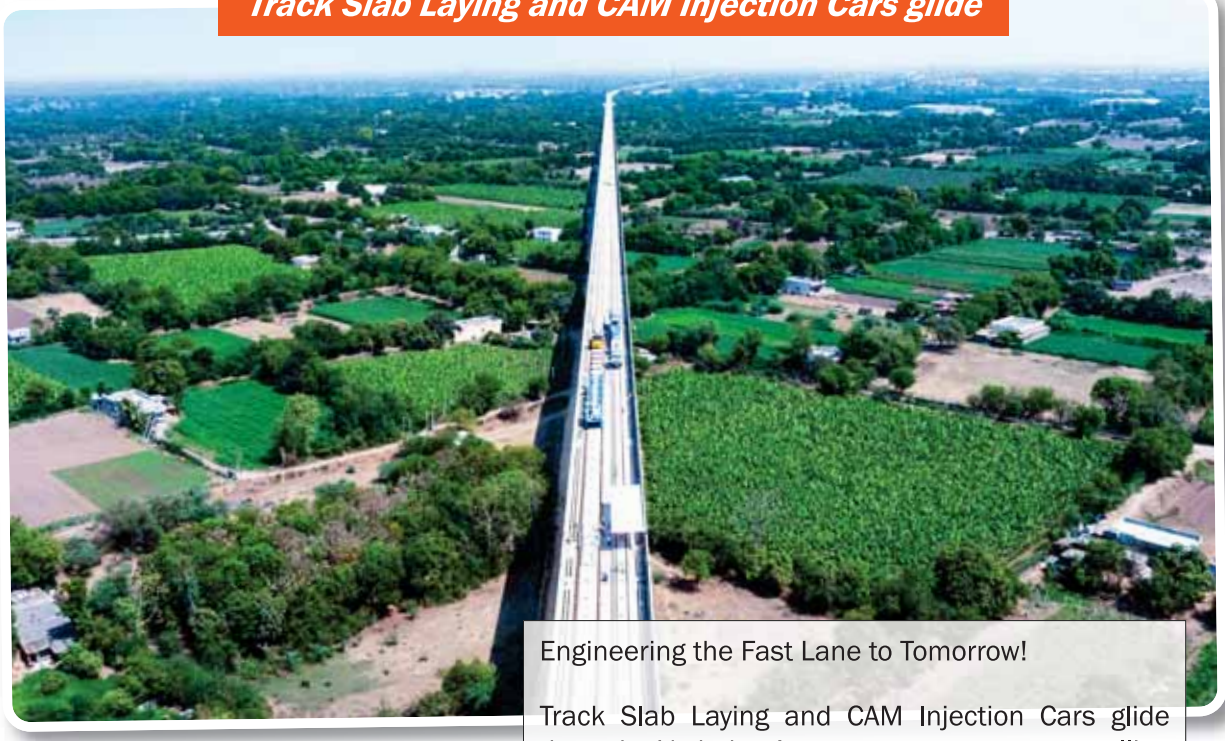
## *Work is Underway at Vikhroli Shaft in Mumbai*



Work is underway at Vikhroli Shaft in Mumbai, Maharashtra, a crucial access point for India's biggest underground Rail tunnel, part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.

*23rd June, 2025*

## *Track Slab Laying and CAM Injection Cars glide*



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Track Slab Laying and CAM Injection Cars glide through Vadodara's green expanse, propelling India's Bullet Train project forward.

*25th June, 2025*

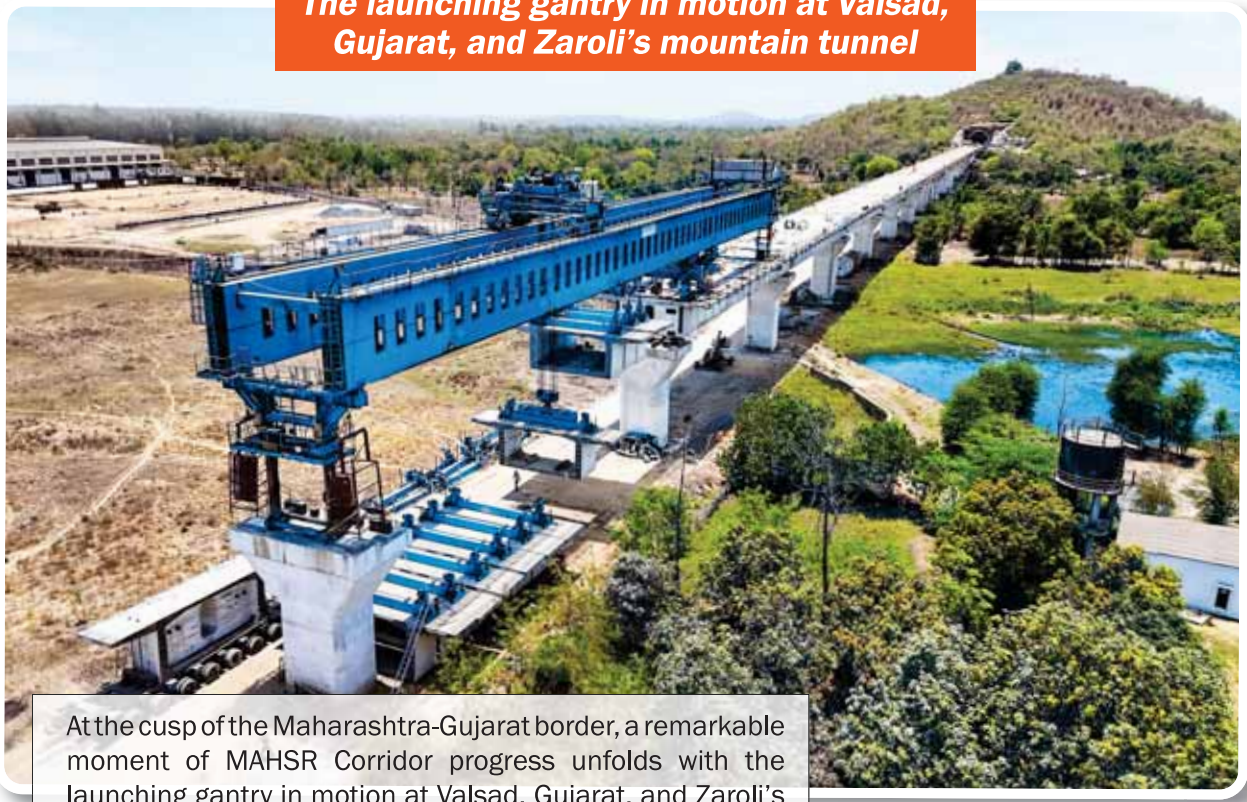
## MAHSR Corridor is Underway in Vadodara, Gujarat



Powering ahead with seamless coordination, track construction on the MAHSR corridor is underway in Vadodara, Gujarat. Track slabs are being placed, followed by cement asphalt mortar injection, laying the groundwork for high-speed excellence.

*24th May, 2025*

## The launching gantry in motion at Valsad, Gujarat, and Zaroli's mountain tunnel



At the cusp of the Maharashtra-Gujarat border, a remarkable moment of MAHSR Corridor progress unfolds with the launching gantry in motion at Valsad, Gujarat, and Zaroli's mountain tunnel nearing completion in the backdrop.

*2nd July, 2025*

## Slab Casting has Commenced at Virar Bullet Train Station, Maharashtra.



Slab casting has commenced at Virar Bullet Train Station, Maharashtra. The first of nine slabs to support track laying is in place. located on a hill, the station's design aims to depict the mountain winds.

*2nd June, 2025*

## Major Progress Unfolds in Vadodara, Gujarat



Major progress unfolds in Vadodara, Gujarat, as viaduct works pick up pace with track slab installation and Cement Asphalt Mortar Injection, driving the Bullet Train project forward with unwavering momentum and precision.

*1st June, 2025*

## Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Broad Gauge Project




The Rishikesh-Karnaprayag Broad Gauge Project achieved a key milestone with the successful breakthrough of the 6.67 km tunnel between Gullar and Byasi, powered by advanced tunnelling and meticulous planning.

*12th June, 2025*

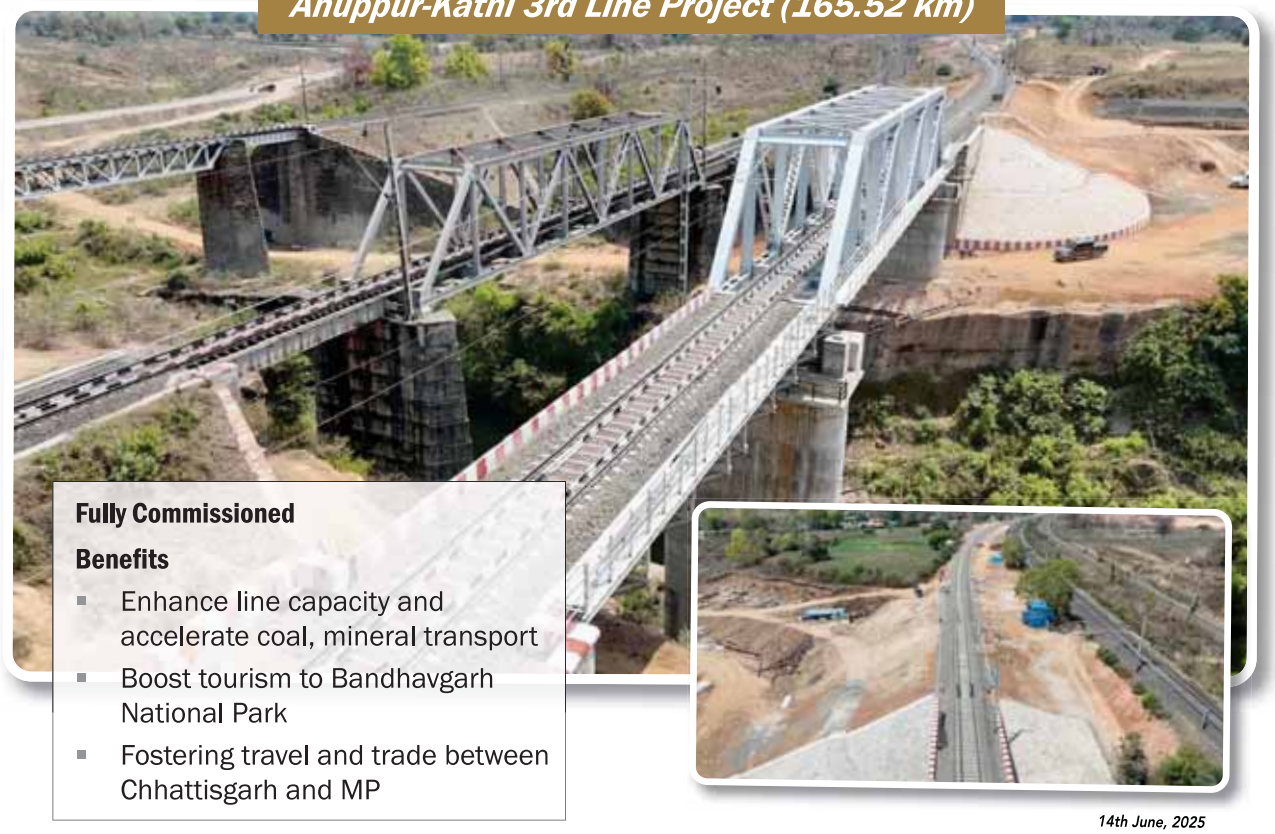
## First 3D-printed building 'Gangman Hut' at Parvatipuram



Indian Railways sets new benchmarks in sustainable infrastructure, marking a historic milestone with its first 3D-printed building 'Gangman Hut' at Parvatipuram Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh, completed in just 25 days with 3D concrete printing technology.

*3rd July, 2025*

## Anuppur-Katni 3rd Line Project (165.52 km)



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- Enhance line capacity and accelerate coal, mineral transport
- Boost tourism to Bandhavgarh National Park
- Fostering travel and trade between Chhattisgarh and MP

*14th June, 2025*

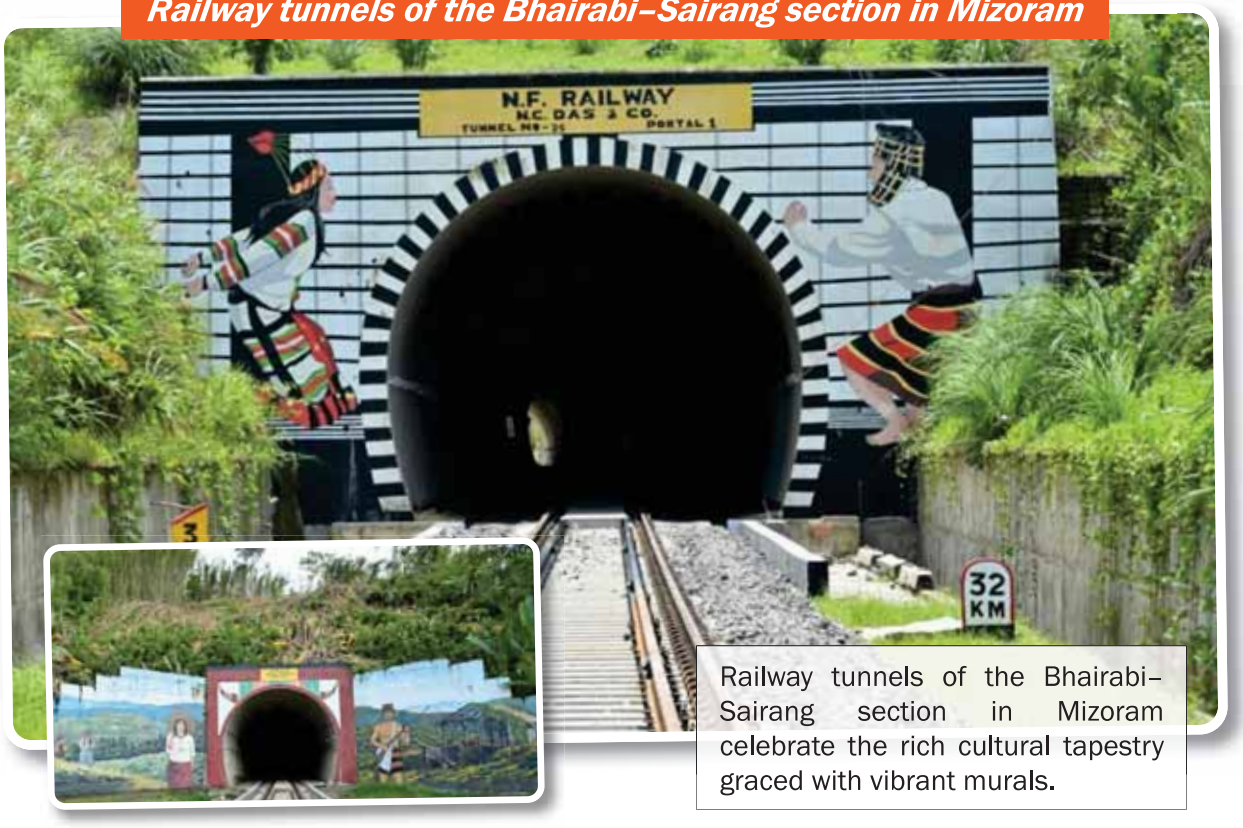
## Dhule Railway Station becomes Maharashtra's 3rd fully green Amrit Station



Dhule Railway Station becomes Maharashtra's 3rd fully green Amrit Station, after Devlali and Raver, with a 47 kWp rooftop solar plant, set to generate approx. 68,620 units of solar energy annually.

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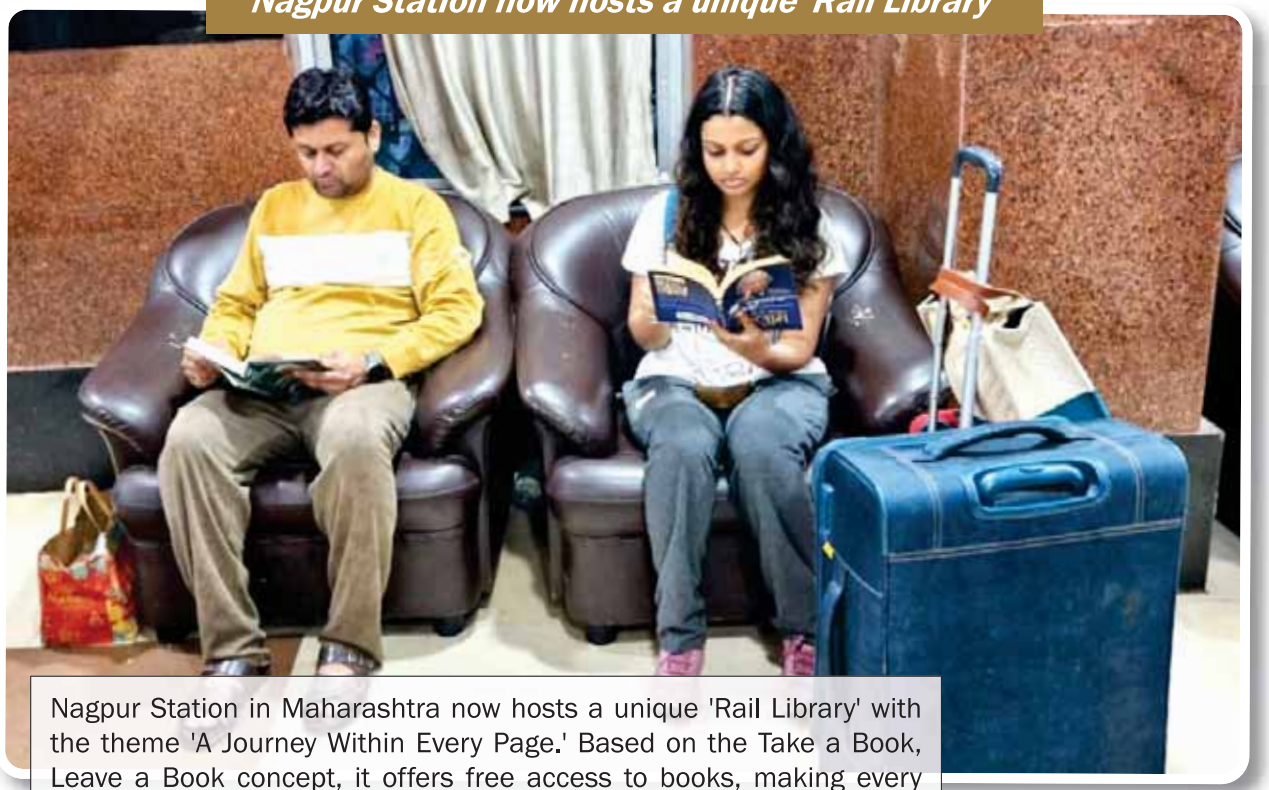
## Railway tunnels of the Bhairabi–Sairang section in Mizoram




Railway tunnels of the Bhairabi–Sairang section in Mizoram celebrate the rich cultural tapestry graced with vibrant murals.

*23rd June, 2025*

## Nagpur Station now hosts a unique 'Rail Library'



Nagpur Station in Maharashtra now hosts a unique 'Rail Library' with the theme 'A Journey Within Every Page.' Based on the Take a Book, Leave a Book concept, it offers free access to books, making every journey more enriching.

*4th July, 2025*

# Amrit Bharat Stations

## Transforming India's Railway Infrastructure for the Future










**V.C. Pramod**

India's railway network, often described as the lifeline of the nation, is undergoing a transformative upgrade under the banner of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS). Launched by the Ministry of Railways, the Amrit Bharat initiative seeks to modernize and redevelop over 1300 railway stations across the country, making them more accessible, user-friendly and aligned with global standards of efficiency and aesthetics. The scheme is a crucial part of India's broader vision for infrastructural growth and reflects the country's aspiration to become a developed economy while preserving cultural heritage and improving travel experience.

### Background and Launch

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme was formally launched in 2022, with the overarching goal of transforming India's railway stations into world-class travel hubs. Unlike earlier redevelopment efforts which focused on select major stations, the ABSS initiative takes a comprehensive and inclusive approach, covering a wide range of stations including those in smaller towns and rural regions. This decentralization ensures that development is not limited to urban centre's but is spread equitably across the country.

The scheme was officially inaugurated by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister who laid the foundation stones for redevelopment of 508 stations on 6th August, 2023, in a single-day event. The selection of these stations reflects a regional and demographic balance, ensuring representation from across all Indian states and union territories.

### Objectives of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

The ABSS is designed with several core objectives:




1. **Modernization and Redevelopment:** Upgrading basic amenities, waiting areas, ticketing systems and platforms to ensure comfort, cleanliness and efficiency for passengers.

2. **Multimodal Integration:** Enhancing connectivity with other transport systems such as buses, metros and airports, creating seamless travel experiences.

3. **Sustainability and Green Initiatives:** Incorporating green building principles, solar panels, rainwater harvesting and waste management systems.

4. **Cultural Integration:** Reflecting local art, culture and heritage in the architectural design and interior decor of stations.

5. **Digital Transformation:** Implementing smart technologies such as automated ticketing, AI-powered surveillance, free high-speed Wi-Fi and dynamic information display systems.

6. **Commercial and Retail Development:** Utilizing station areas for commercial ventures, which will not only enhance passenger convenience but also generate revenue for Indian Railways.

## Key Features of the Redeveloped Stations

The redeveloped stations under ABSS will bear several hallmark features, including:

- Spacious concourses without clutter, designed to handle increased passenger traffic.
- Roof plazas for waiting and leisure, offering amenities like food courts, retail outlets and lounges.
- Improved signage in multiple languages, aiding navigation for all categories of passengers.
- Divyang-friendly infrastructure such as ramps, tactile paths and designated assistance counters.
- Improved lighting, ventilation and security surveillance.

These upgrades aim to provide an experience comparable to that of airports, ensuring that railway stations are no longer just points of transit but become vibrant community spaces.



## Funding and Implementation

The ABSS is funded by the Central Government and implemented through zonal divisions of the Indian Railways, under the supervision of the Ministry of Railways. A typical redevelopment project under ABSS costs anywhere from ₹20 crore to ₹400 crore, depending on the station's size, passenger volume and strategic importance.

To ensure efficient project execution, Indian Railways is working in collaboration with public sector undertakings like Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and IRCON International, along with private contractors and consultants. The projects are awarded through a transparent bidding process and follow strict timelines and quality benchmarks.

## Socio-Economic Impact

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is not merely a facelift for railway stations. It is a strategic investment in infrastructure that has wide-ranging socio-economic implications:

1. **Employment Generation:** Thousands of jobs are being created directly in construction, engineering and operations and indirectly through retail, food and service sectors.

2. **Boost to Local Economies:** Enhanced railway infrastructure will promote tourism, improve logistics and provide better market access for rural producers.



3. **Inclusive Development:** The focus on small and mid-sized stations ensures that benefits of infrastructure growth reach the grassroots level, aiding in balanced regional development.

4. **Environmental Gains:** By promoting public transportation through improved amenities and connectivity, ABSS supports India's climate goals by reducing reliance on personal vehicles.

## Progress and Milestones

As of early 2025, over 500 stations are actively under redevelopment and dozens are nearing completion. Some stations, such as Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Rani Kamala Pati (Madhya Pradesh) and Gandhinagar Capital (Gujarat), have already been transformed into modern, aesthetically pleasing hubs, setting a benchmark for others.





Additionally, many stations now feature heritage galleries, showcasing local history and crafts, making them not just transit points but also cultural landmarks.

## Challenges and the Road Ahead

Despite the ambitious vision and initial successes, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme faces several challenges:

- **Land Acquisition:** Urban stations often face hurdles in acquiring adjacent land for expansion.
- **Coordination with State Agencies:** Infrastructure work often requires coordination with local bodies for utilities and clearances.
- **Budget Constraints:** Ensuring timely release and utilization of funds remains crucial for meeting deadlines.
- **Balancing Modernization with Heritage:** Some historic stations require sensitive redevelopment to preserve architectural legacy.

To overcome these issues, Indian Railways is adopting a phased implementation strategy, prioritizing high-footfall and strategically important stations while ensuring flexibility for local adaptations.

## Conclusion

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme marks a significant leap forward in India's infrastructure journey. By transforming railway stations into modern, efficient and inclusive spaces, it aims not only to improve passenger experiences but also to catalyse regional development, promote sustainable practices and project a progressive image of India.




As stations evolve into gateways of economic activity and cultural exchange, the Amrit Bharat initiative stands as a testament to India's commitment to progress that is holistic, inclusive and future-ready. With political will, technological innovation and community participation, the scheme has the potential to become a model for infrastructural transformation in developing countries worldwide.

# YOGA for One Earth One Health




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Yoga is a timeless tradition of physical, mental and spiritual practice originated in India. Maharshi Patanjali systematized forms of yoga in his seminal work 'Yogasutras'. The literal meaning of Yoga is 'joining or uniting' symbolizing harmonious union of body with mind and soul. Yoga practice consists of poses (asanas), meditation (dhyana) and breathing (shwasa). It is structured into eight limbs namely, Yama-restraint, Niyama–observance of austerity, Asanas-postures, Pranayama-breath control, Pratyahara-restraining sense organs, Dharana-contemplation, Dhyana-meditation and Samadhi-deep meditation. Globally, yoga is now recognized as a scientific and holistic wellness discipline. Its transformative effects on body and mind are well documented-from mitigating stress, anxiety and depression to addressing lifestyle disorders such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes etc. It fosters mental clarity, emotional stability and promotes overall wellness, helping individuals make healthier life choices. Yoga and lifestyles are interrelated.

Today's fast paced lifestyle habits adversely affect both mind and body. Lifestyle disorders and mental health issues have become common and posing greater challenges to individual, community and nation. Yoga has become more relevant than before. Benefits of practicing yoga in enhancing cardio vascular health, boosting immunity, psychological resilience etc., are documented in various scientific studies.

Realizing significance of our 'cultural legacy yoga' in contributing to happy and healthy humanity, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister made a historical proposal to United Nations (UN) to declare June 21st as International Day of Yoga. UN recognizing holistic approach of yoga to health and well-being; need to raise awareness about benefits of practicing yoga for the health of world population; and global health a long term development objective requiring an international cooperation through exchange of best practices aimed at building better individual lifestyles devoid of excess of all kinds, passed an unanimous resolution in UN General Assembly (UNGA) on 11th December, 2014 and declared 21st June as 'International Day of Yoga' (IDY). The resolution was endorsed by 175 UN member nations. Making it is the one of the widely endorsed UN resolution. The reason behind choosing June 21st as IDY as this date is the longest day of the year (Summer Solstice) in northern hemisphere and holds special cultural significance in many countries.

The first International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2015 all over word with great fervour and enthusiasm. This effort has led to global recognition of yoga and becoming one of the biggest public health movements. Now, every country in the world celebrates India's culture, legacy and tradition i.e., yoga. The world's embrace of Yoga for the well-being of the entire human race is a testimony to the successful inter-cultural dialogue and understanding among nations.

Further, yoga was inscribed on 'Representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' in 2016 by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Ministry of AYUSH (MoA), Government of India is the nodal ministry for annual celebration of IDY. Grand IDY were celebrated with different themes namely-Yoga for Harmony and Peace (2015, New Delhi); Yoga for the Achievements of SDGs (2016, Chandigarh), Yoga for Health (2017, Lucknow), Yoga for Peace (2018, Dehardun), Yoga for Heart (2019, Ranchi), Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family (2020), Yoga for Wellness (2021), Yoga for Humanity (2022, Mysuru), Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (2023,UN HQ, New York), Yoga for Self and Society (2024, Srinagar). The theme of IDY, 2025 is 'Yoga for One Earth One Health.'

Every year on 21st June a structured mass yoga session based on Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) for a period of 45 minutes is held in schools, colleges, public institutions, housing societies, gram panchayats, sports stadium, business firms, Corporate companies, cultural organizations etc., with massive public participation. Also, IDY was celebrated at heritage and iconic locations across the world i.e., United Nations Head Quarters (UN HQ) New York, Opera House, Eiffel Tower and Cathedral of Brasillia etc. Prime Minister of India leads the nation in celebrations of IDY every year.

> **"The Yoga day has become one of the biggest mass movements in the quest for good health and well being."**
>
> **- Narendra Modi**
> **Prime Minister**

It was organized at 75 heritage and iconic places across the world in 2022 to commemorate 75th Year of India's Independence celebrations 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'. Armed forces and security personnel come together and celebrate IDY with a great zeal across country from Siachin Glacier to deep underwater.

The IDY has become a mass public health movement recognizing its universal appeal, promoting wellness, unity and harmony. The Ministry of AYUSH conducts seminars, competitions and awareness campaigns in the lead-up to the day. Participation has grown exponentially—from 35,000 participants in 2015







to over 23.4 crore people from 135+ countries in 2023, with multiple Guinness and Limca Book records being set over the years.

Horizon of yoga is expanding fast and widely. It has been made compulsory for Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPFs), in schools, dedicated institutions like Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) are established to promote education, research and development in the field of yoga. It is also promoted in prisons, corporate environments, wellness tourism etc. Annual PM Yoga Award is given to individuals and organizations for promotion and development yoga at national and international level.

Indian Railways (IR), one of the largest rail networks in the world is the lifeline of the nation. In 2023-24, it transported daily approx. 19 million passengers and 4.4 million tonnes of freight. Humongous railway infrastructure spread over entire breadth and length of the country is a soft target for malicious act and poses a unique security challenges. Railway Protection Force (RPF) an armed force under the Ministry of Railways with strength of about 75,000 personnel has been entrusted with the responsibility of protecting this critical national asset and passenger security. RPF is committed to ensure safety and security of railway property and rail passengers.

Role and responsibilities of RPF is multitude. The responsibilities of RPF personnel includes crime prevention and detection, investigation and prosecution, escorting trains, disaster response, women's safety, crowd control, intelligence gathering, election duties and coordination with multiple law enforcement agencies etc. The nature of RPF duty is highly demanding, stressful, rigorous and performed under highly challenging environment taking a toll on physical and mental health of personnel.

Recognizing holistic approach of yoga in enhancing physical endurance, mental resilience and well being, RPF has actively integrated yoga into its institutional framework. Yoga is promoted and encouraged not merely as a routine exercise but a comprehensive self improvement, operational readiness and stress management health tool. It has been included in all training modules and regular yoga workshops, conferences, competition, online training modules etc., conducted round the year. Personnel from all rank, the units and field formations participate enthusiastically.

RPF remains firmly committed to holistic wellness of its personnel. The force's guiding motto 'Yasho Labhasva' – attain glory- embodying indomitable spirit and capability of among its personnel in each day and every duty, yoga serves as a vital tool in building a focused, resilient and ever-fit force in the service of the national security. On this International Day of Yoga, RPF reaffirms its pledge to continue embracing this ancient discipline — a beacon of mental clarity, physical vitality, unity, harmony and national service.



## *Gujarat in the Lap of the Sea*

# A New Face of Indian Tourism

**Nilesh Shukla**

Long regarded as the industrial powerhouse of India, Gujarat is now emerging with a fresh identity—one defined by pristine beaches, island getaways and sustainable tourism. In a time when travellers seek destinations that combine natural beauty with safety, cleanliness and robust infrastructure, Gujarat is fast becoming a favourite on both the domestic and international tourism map.

### A Rising Star in India's Tourism Landscape

Today's travellers are increasingly drawn to places that offer not just scenic charm, but also reliability, comfort and long-term sustainability. In this evolving landscape, Gujarat has positioned itself as a model of secure, well-managed and aesthetically rich tourism.

### An Expansive Coastline with Limitless Potential

With a coastline stretching over 1600 km, Gujarat holds the distinction of being India's longest coastal state. This vast marine expanse is not only blessed with natural beauty but has been thoughtfully developed by the government to support a vibrant tourism ecosystem. A shining example is Shivrajpur Beach, which has earned the prestigious Blue Flag certification, an international benchmark for excellence in cleanliness, safety and environmental stewardship.

### Shivrajpur: Gujarat's Coastal Jewel

Located near the sacred city of Dwarka, Shivrajpur Beach has been meticulously upgraded to meet global tourism standards. The Blue Flag award—a mark of excellence awarded to only the world's top beaches—recognizes high standards of hygiene, safety, eco-awareness and accessibility. Beyond its soft sands and clear waters, Shivrajpur offers visitors thrilling water sports such as



parasailing, jet skiing and scuba diving, making it a must-visit for adventure lovers and families alike.

### Beyond Shivrajpur: A Coastline Full of Promise

Gujarat's shoreline is dotted with other gems, each with its own unique charm. From Mandvi Beach in Kutch to Tithal (Valsad), Chorwad (Somnath), Gopnath (Bhavnagar) and the sacred island of Bet Dwarka, the state is rapidly transforming its coastal assets into world-class tourism destinations.

Even Diu, a Union Territory geographically and culturally entwined with Gujarat, is a major draw. With its serene beaches, colonial Portuguese heritage and relaxed liquor policy, Diu holds a special allure for domestic and foreign tourists alike.

### Building the Backbone of Tourism

Gujarat's Tourism Policy (2021–2025) is catalyzing this transformation through a suite of proactive measures, including investment incentives, tax rebates and infrastructure development. Under the Gujarat Gati Shakti Master Plan, efforts are underway to seamlessly link coastal areas to key cities via enhanced roadways, railways and air connectivity—making remote beach destinations easily accessible to travellers.

### Empowering Communities through Tourism

This coastal tourism boom is also generating new livelihood opportunities for local communities. Fishing villages are seeing an economic revival as locals turn to homestays, handicraft sales, beach cafés and water sports services. Women-led self-help groups are increasingly contributing to hospitality, waste management and environmental conservation, playing an essential role in the state's sustainable tourism model.

### A Destination that Embodies Safety and Sustainability

Gujarat's beaches go beyond offering breath-taking views—they exemplify an ideal blend of beauty, safety and inclusive design. Each beach is equipped with lifeguards, CCTV surveillance, clean toilets, waste management systems and disabled-friendly facilities, making them welcoming for all age groups and travellers.

### Redefining Gujarat's Identity

Today, Gujarat is no longer just a land of industry and enterprise. It is also a beacon of modern, safe and eco-conscious tourism nestled along the Arabian Sea. From the sun-kissed sands of Shivrajpur to the peaceful waves of Mandvi, the state's coastal gems not only provide serene getaways but also showcase India's vast potential for world-class beach tourism.

With open arms and golden shores, Gujarat is redefining itself as the new face of Indian tourism—inviting the world to explore its coastal charm.

Travel Note: Shivrajpur is easily accessible. Travellers can fly to Rajkot, then take a scenic road journey to Dwarka, which is only 16 km from Shivrajpur Beach.



# Test Your Knowledge

1. **Recently, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Electric Locomotive Factory in which district of Gujarat?**

   (a) Dahod (b) Godhra

   (c) Vadodara (d) Rajkot

2. **On 22nd May, 2025 how many redeveloped railway stations were inaugurated by the Prime Minister?**

   (a) 508 (b) 103

   (c) 100 (d) 95

3. **Which is the highest railway arch bridge in the world?**

   (a) Pamban Bridge (b) Anji Bridge

   (c) Chenab Bridge (d) Bogibeel

4. **India's largest automobile Gati Shakti multi-modal cargo terminal situated at?**

   (a) Rewari (b) Manesar

   (c) Jodhpur (d) Khurja

5. **How many hours in advance is the reservation chart being prepared from 1st July, 2025?**

   (a) 8 (b) 4

   (c) 12 (d) 2

6. **In which year was Agra Fort Railway Station established?**

   (a) 1974 (b) 1874

   (c) 1906 (d) 2000



7. **The USBRL project is established in which state?**

   (a) Uttarakhand (b) Ladakh

   (c) Jammu and Kashmir (d) Punjab

8. **To which country have locomotives been recently exported by Banaras Locomotive Works?**

   (a) Indonesia (b) Sri Lanka

   (c) Bhutan (d) Mozambique

9. **What percentage of the broad gauge network in Indian Railways has been electrified so far?**

   (a) 50 (b) 90

   (c) 99 (d) 86

10. **Where is the headquarters of Northern Railway situated?**

    (a) Gorakhpur (b) Jammu

    (c) New Delhi (d) Lucknow

**Right Answers**

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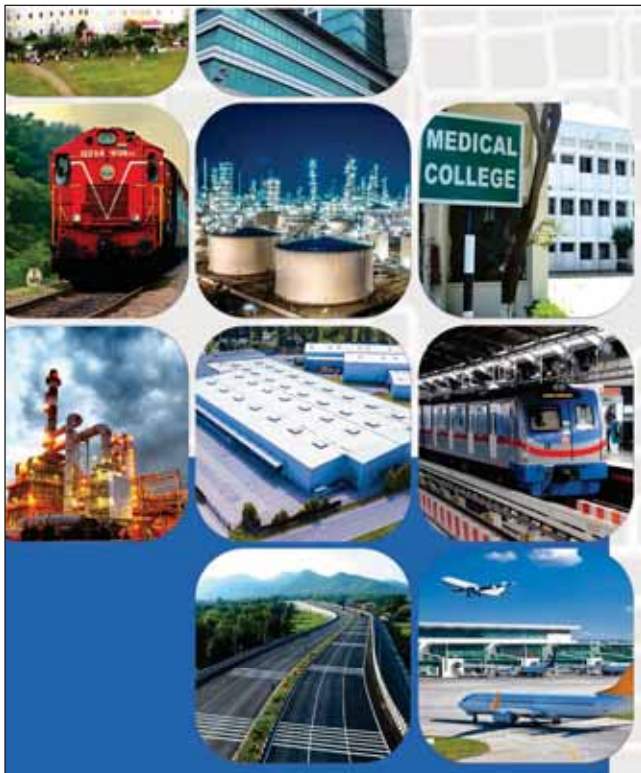
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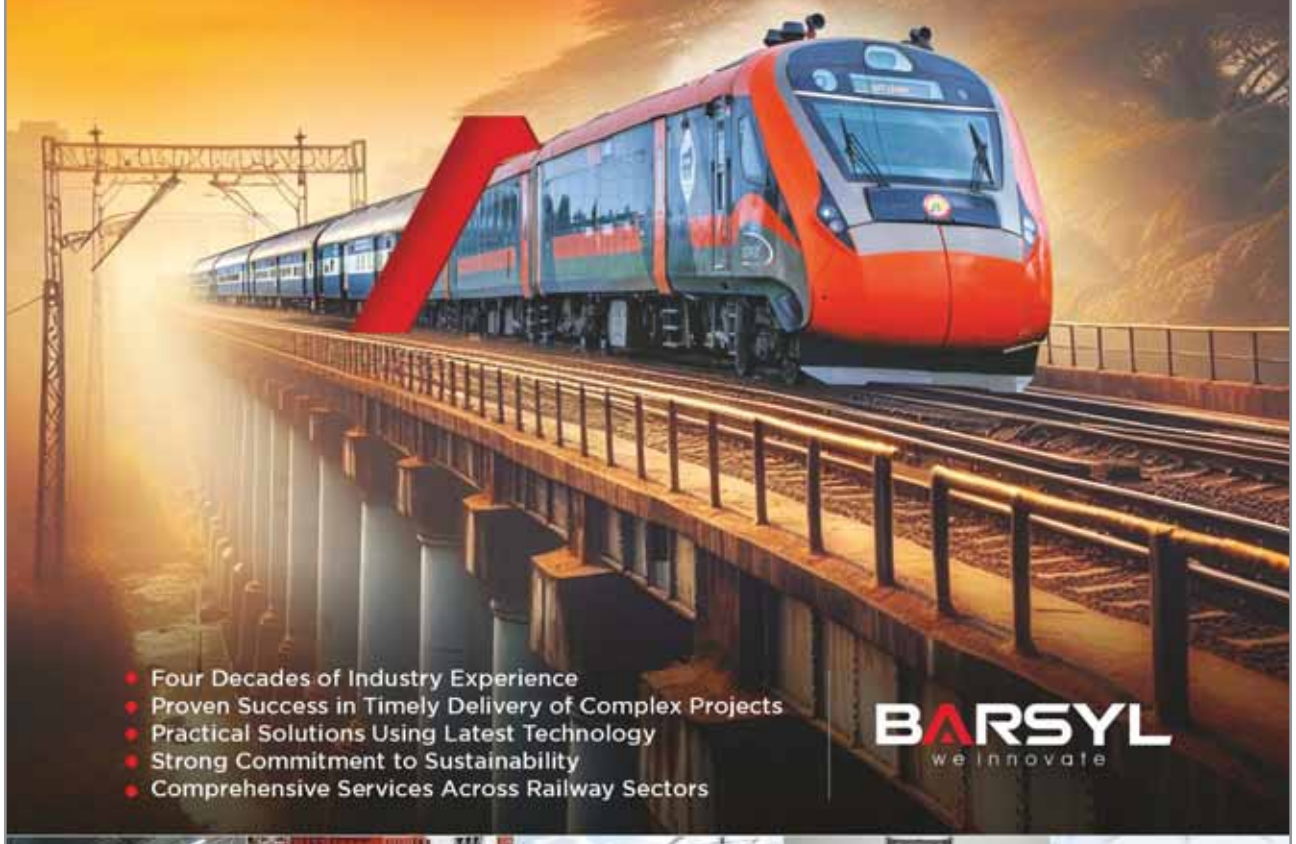
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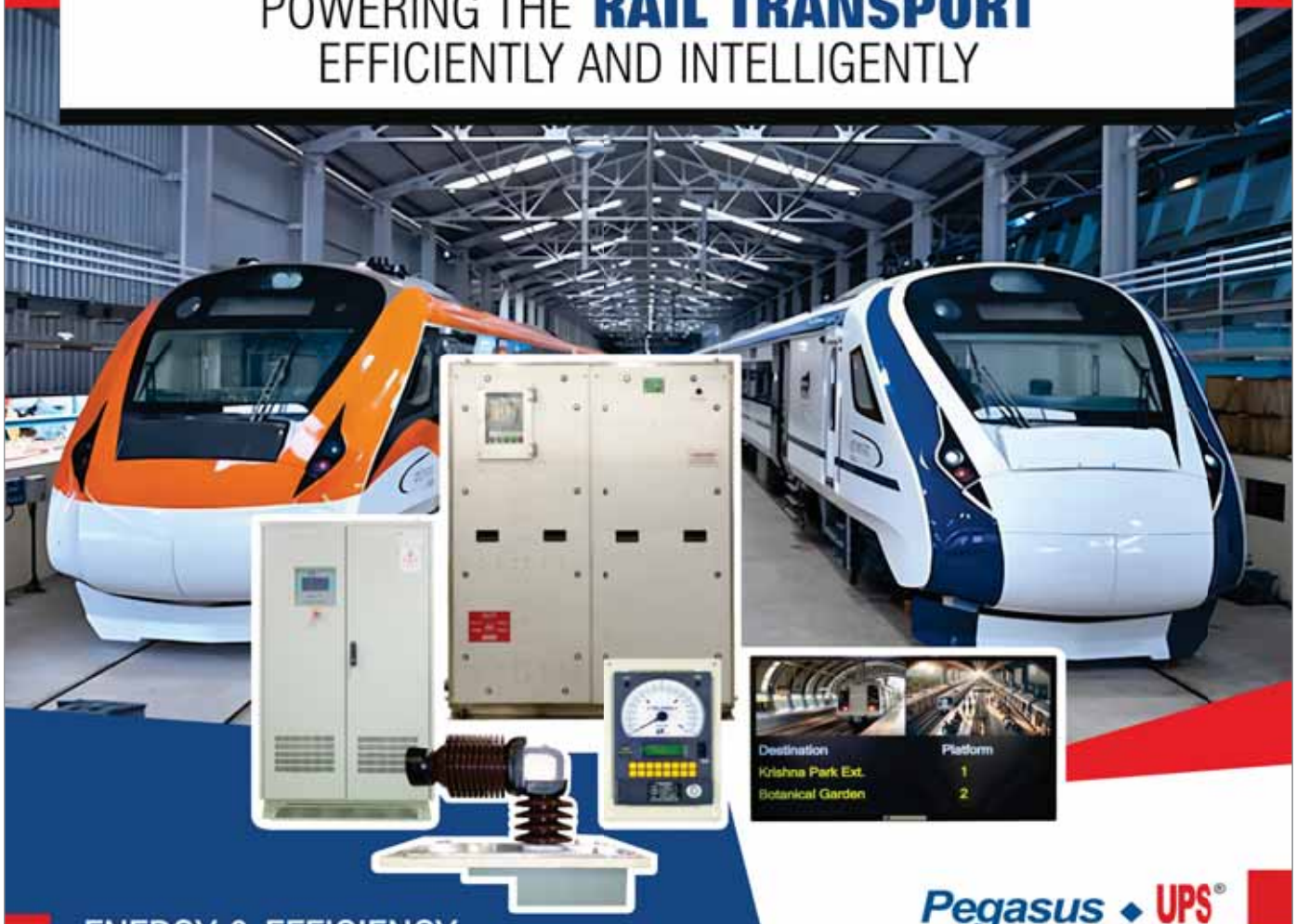
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