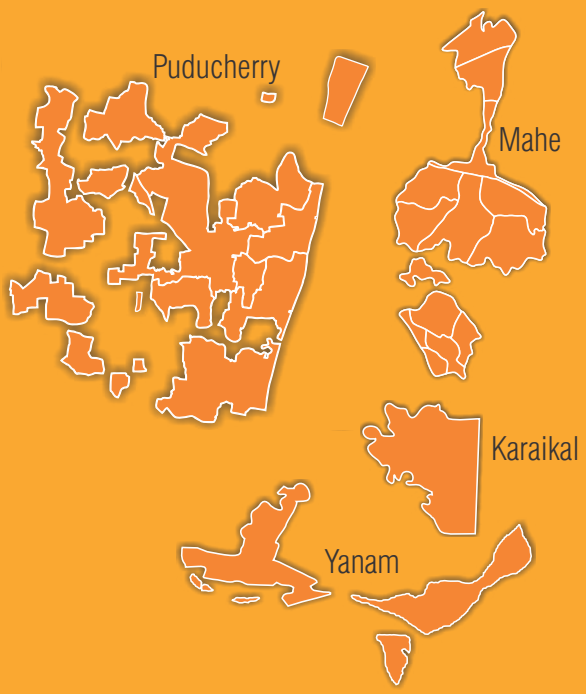


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NEW RAILWAYS
NEW PUDUCHERRY

(2014 - 2021*)







*As on 31.03.2021



Desh ko Gati rail se Pragati bhi rail se

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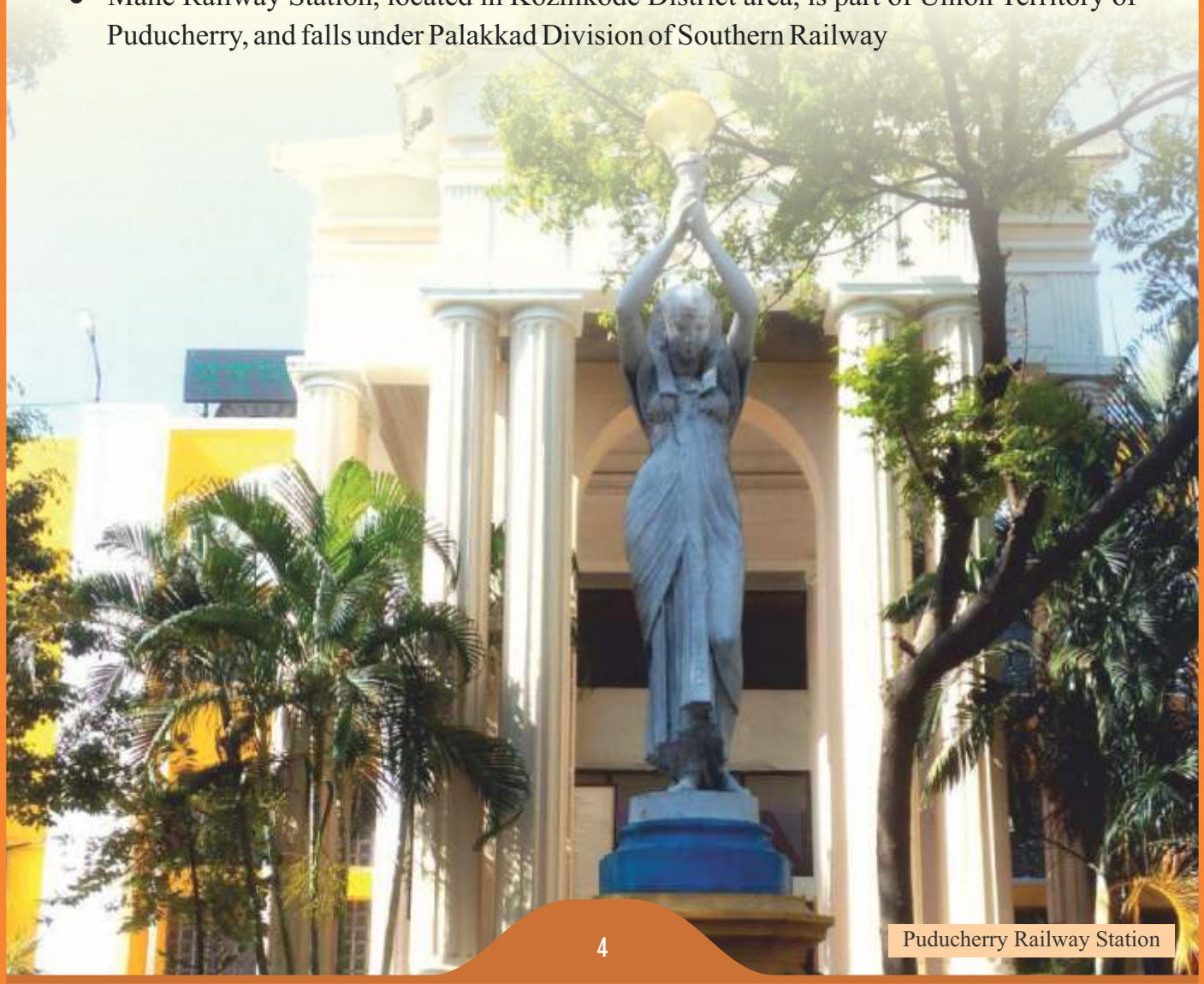


Shri. John Thomas
General Manager
Southern Railway

Indian Railways is heralding a new era, working for a turnaround in the system. To cater to the diverse rail needs of the burgeoning populace, an array of modern facilities and services are being inducted into the system progressively. Railway has been actively operational since 1951 in Peninsular India and has become a major economic factor in the development of the region. Railways has achieved many milestones in the past 7 years in Puducherry. New mail / express trains have been introduced. Apart from this, many train services have been extended and augmented with additional coaches. Being a passenger oriented railway, many special trains meeting the demands of the commuters during festivals and special occasions were operated. The dedicated team of railway officials are working relentlessly, focussing on developing infrastructure, enhancing capacity, operating passenger-friendly train services and ensuring safety, security and cleanliness. This booklet is aimed at listing out some of the important accomplishments in recent past and current projects in the state of Puducherry. We also seek your co-operation towards Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan and to maintain cleanliness in rail premises. The COVID-19 Pandemic presented a huge challenge to the Nation, testing its capabilities to the core. Railway relied on a multi faceted plan of action with emphasis on meeting National needs through Freight and Parcel trains, at the same time utilizing the prevailing lock down period to attend infrastructure, safety and other works. Indian Railway was popular in Puducherry during the lock down for its Shramik Specials and Freight trains which brought relief to the people at large. The people of Puducherry will experience better rail connectivity and services in the times to come, as Indian Railways is taking faster strides to a brighter future.

PUDUCHERRY UNION TERRITORY

- The Puducherry Railway line is one of the oldest Rail Links in India, constructed in 1879. Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe are 3 major stations covered by Puducherry Union Territory
- Puducherry Railway Station is located in Puducherry District of Union Territory of Puducherry which comes under Tiruchchirapalli Division of Southern Railway
- Puducherry Railway Station is very close to several tourist spots and important locations in the city such as Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry Beach, Chief Secretariat Building and Airport
- Karaikal Railway Station, located in Karaikal District area, is part of Union Territory of Puducherry, and falls under Tiruchchirappalli Division of Southern Railway
- Mahe Railway Station, located in Kozhikode District area, is part of Union Territory of Puducherry, and falls under Palakkad Division of Southern Railway

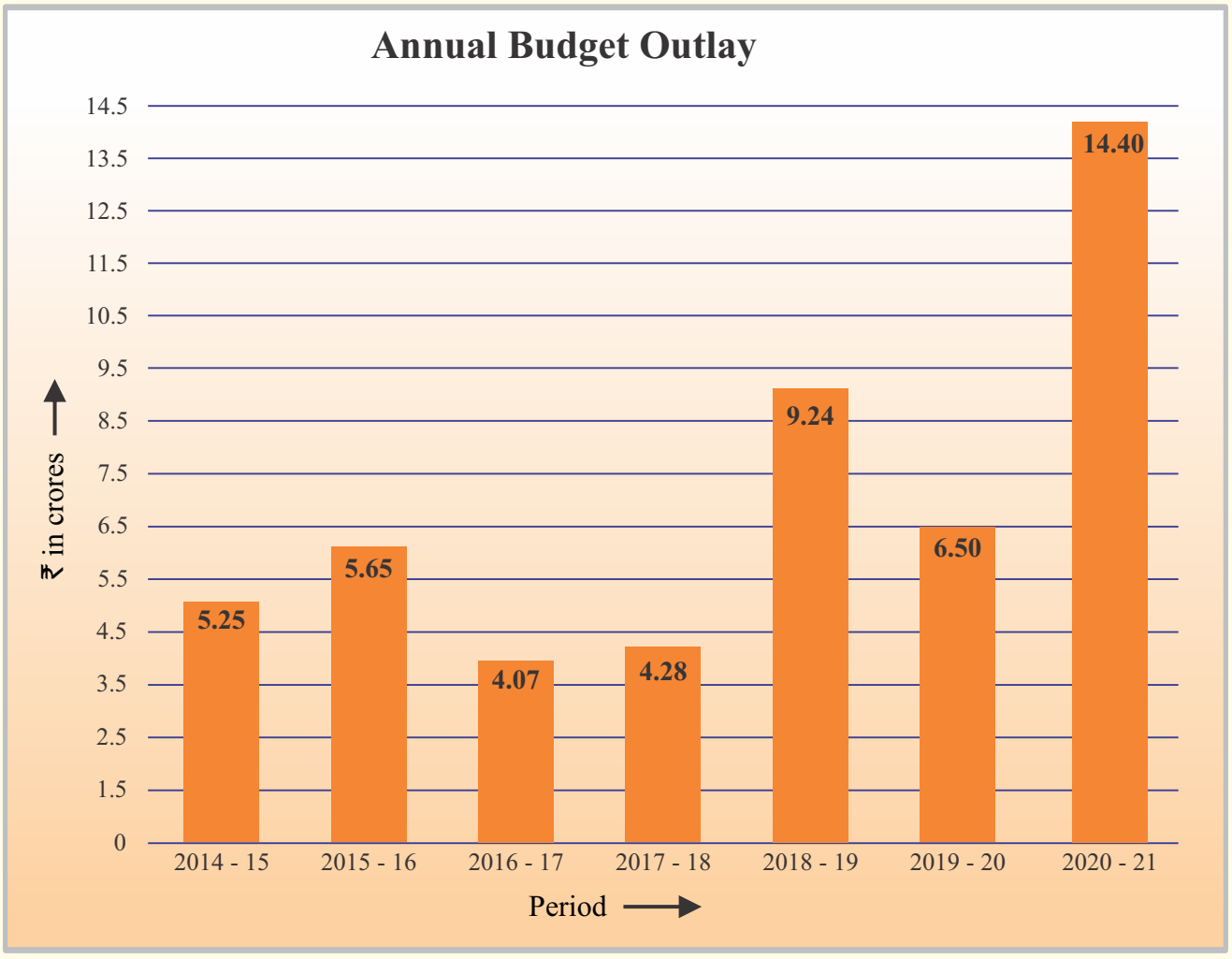


Puducherry Railway Station

INCREASED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

- Total budget outlay of ₹ 49.39 crores has been invested on Rail network in Puducherry during 2014-21

Annual Budget Grant (in ₹ crores)								
Year	2014 - 15	2015 - 16	2016 - 17	2017 - 18	2018 - 19	2019 - 20	2020 - 21	2021 - 22
Budget Outlay	5.25	5.65	4.07	4.28	9.24	6.50	14.40	89



- Karaikal - Peralam Gauge conversion (23 kms) allotted ₹ 89 crores in budget 2021-22
- It may be noted that the budgets allocated to various projects are not apportioned State-wise but reflect the cost of the project

INFRASTRUCTURE THRUST

Fast Track Electrification

- 13.82 route kilometers of railway tracks in Puducherry were electrified during 2014-20
- 100% electrification completed in 2019-20



Electrified Mahe Station

Electrification Work Completed since 2014

- Mahe section (3.69 km)
- Nagore - Karaikal (10.13 km)

Advantages of Electrification

- Faster Trains
- Environment Friendly
- Low energy costs

Ongoing Projects

Guage Conversion Project

- Karaikal-Peralam (23 kms) costing ₹ 177.69 crores

Road Over Bridge

- Facilitating uninterrupted and safe movement of road traffic
- Improving speed of trains and safety
- 2 Road over Bridges provided since 2014



Road Over Bridge at Puducherry

Elimination of Level Crossing Gates

- 2 unmanned level crossing gates closed since 2014
- 100 % elimination of unmanned level crossing gates achieved in March 2015
- 1 manned level crossing gate eliminated since 2014

PASSENGER SECURITY

- Provision of CCTV cameras under Nirbhaya Fund at Puducherry in progress
- New RPF out-post commissioned at Mahe for round-the-clock security monitoring
- Escorting of trains by RPF and GRP for passenger security
- Meri Saheli Abhiyan has been initiated to ensure focussed action on security of women passengers



RPF personnel at Puducherry

PASSENGER AMENITIES

₹ 2.91 crores spent for improving Passenger Amenities in the last 7 years

Works Completed during the last 7 years

Puducherry

- New platform shelters on platform No.1 & 2
- Extension of platform Nos.3 and 4
- New Foot Over Bridge constructed
- Extension of existing Foot Over Bridge (FOB)
- Compound wall along the front periphery of the station constructed
- Toilets provided with facility for Divyangjan passengers



Foot Over Bridge at Puducherry Station

Mahe

- New Pay & Use toilet complex
- Repairs of Pond, flooring of Parking area and Circulating area
- Compound wall at Platform No.1 & 2

Villiyanur

- New Station Building constructed

Developmental Works in Progress at a cost ₹ 6 crores

Puducherry

- Provision of Escalators
- Provision of Wi-Fi facilities
- Extension of Platform No.3 with Over Head Equipment modification
- Provision of New Platform No.4

Karaikal

- Improvement to Station Building with provision of Platform shelter for 6 bays
- Provision of Borewell
- Provision of AC retiring room
- Augmentation of water supply



Karaikal Station

DIGITAL RAIL - DIGITAL INDIA

Fast & Free Wi-Fi

- High Speed & Free Wi-Fi Network access provided at 2 Stations

Facilitating Digital transactions

- 7 POS machines provided at PRS counters in Puducherry and Karaikal



PRS Counter at Puducherry Station



Wi-Fi at Puducherry Station

स्वच्छ भारत
एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

SWACHH RAIL - SWACHH BHARAT

- On-Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) introduced in 2 popular Trains
- ISO 14001 Certification obtained for Puducherry Railway Station



Mechanised Cleaning at Puducherry Station



On-Board Housekeeping

GREEN INITIATIVES

- Consent to Operate (CTO) under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 obtained for Puducherry Railway Station
- Vertical Gardens created at Puducherry
- Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine installed at Puducherry Railway station
- 100% LED Lighting provided at Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe



Bottle crushing unit at Puducherry



Vertical Gardens at Puducherry Station

PROMOTING TOURISM / HERITAGE

- Heritage Special run of vintage loco EIR-21 was conducted between Puducherry - Chinna Babu Samudram



Vintage loco EIR-21 at Puducherry

WORK DONE AND VARIOUS INITIATIVES DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Freight Initiatives during COVID-19

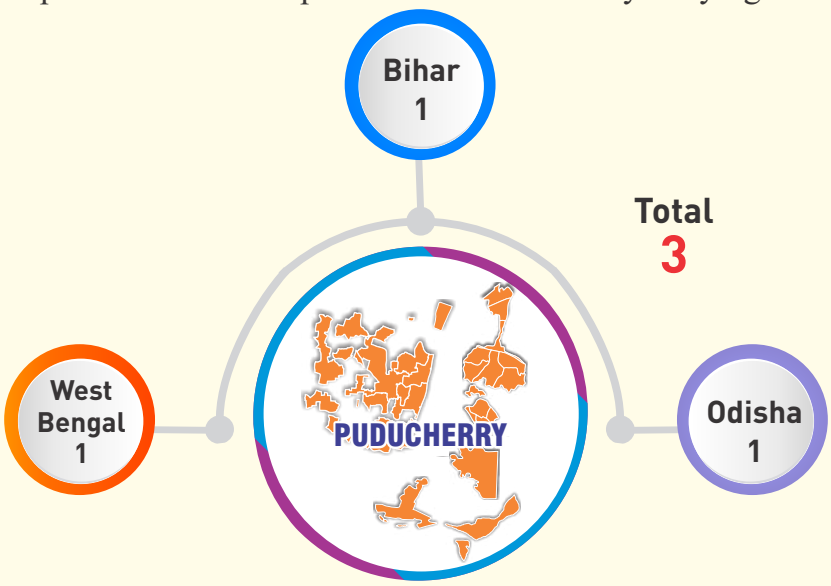
- 4.891 MT Freight loaded during 2020-21
- 1,812 Wagons were unloaded during 2020-21

Special trains during COVID -19

- 6 special trains were introduced from Puducherry

Shramik Special trains

- 3 Shramik Special trains were operated from Puducherry carrying 4000 passengers





Puducherry



Puducherry Railway Station