

RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

HIGHLIGHTS OF RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

- Passenger fares increased marginally. The increase will be by 2 paise per km for suburban and ordinary second class; 3 paise per km for mail/express second class; 5 paise per km for sleeper class; 10 paise per km for AC Chair Car, AC 3 tier and First Class; 15 paise per km for AC 2 tier and 30 paise per km for AC I.
- Minimum fare and platform tickets to cost Rs. 5.
- 50% concession in fare in AC-2, AC-3, Chair Car & Sleeper classes to patients suffering from 'Aplastic Anaemia' and 'Sickle Cell Anaemia'.
- Extending the facility of travel by Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to Arjuna Awardees.
- Travel distance under 'Izzat Scheme' to increase from 100 kms to 150 kms.
- SMS on passenger mobile phone in case of e-ticket to be accepted as proof of valid reservation.
- Introduction of satellite based real time train information system (SIMRAN) to provide train running information to passengers through SMS, internet, etc.
- On board passenger displays indicating next halt station and expected arrival time to be introduced.
- Installation of 321 escalators at important stations of which 50 will be commissioned in 2012-13.
- Introduction of regional cuisine at affordable rates; launching of Book-a-meal scheme to provide multiple choice of meals through SMS or email.
- Introduction of coin/currency operated ticket vending machines.
- Upgradation of 929 stations as Adarsh Stations including 84 stations proposed in 2012-13; 490 stations have been completed so far.
- Specially designed coaches for differently-abled persons to be provided in each Mail/Express trains.
- Introduction of Rail Bandhu on-board magazines on Rajdhanis, Shatabdis and Duronto trains.

- Setting up of AC Executive lounges at important stations
- 75 new Express trains to be introduced.
- 21 new passenger services, 9 DEMU services and 8 MEMU services to be introduced.
- Run of 39 trains to be extended.
- Frequency of 23 trains to be increased.
- 75 additional services to run in Mumbai suburban; 44 new suburban services to be introduced in Kolkata area, 50 new services to be introduced in Kolkata Metro; 18 additional services in Chennai area.
- 725 km new lines, 700 km doubling, 800 km gauge conversion and 1,100 km electrification targeted in 2012-13.
- Rs 6,872 cr provided for new lines, Rs 3,393 cr for doubling, Rs 1,950 cr for gauge conversion, Rs 828 cr for electrification
- Highest ever plan outlay of Rs. 60,100 cr
- Rae Bareilly coach factory manufactured 10 coaches in 2011-12; phase-II of the factory would be commissioned in 2012-13.
- A wagon factory to be set up at Sitapali (Ganjam District of Odisha)
- A rail coach factory with the support of Government of Kerala to be set up at Palakkad; two additional new manufacturing units for coaches to be established in the Kutch area in Gujarat and at Kolar in Karnataka with active participation of the State Governments.
- Setting up of a factory at Shyamnagar in West Bengal to manufacture next generation technology propulsion system for use in high power electric locomotives.
- Creating Missions as recommended by Pitroda Committee to implement the modernization programme.
- Setting up of Railway Tariff Regulatory Authority to be considered.
- New Board Members for Safety/Research and PPP/Marketing to be inducted.
- Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation to be set up to eliminate level crossings.
- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation to be set up to redevelop stations through PPP mode.
- Logistics Corporation to be set up for development & management of existing railway goods sheds and multi-modal logistics parks.

- National High Speed Rail Authority to be set-up.
- Pre-feasibility studies on six high speed corridors already completed; study on Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur to be taken up in 2012-13.
- Introduction of a 'Green Train' to run through the pristine forests of North Bengal.
- Setting up of 200 remote railway stations as 'green energy stations' powered entirely by solar energy.
- Providing solar lighting system at 1,000 manned level crossing gates.
- 2,500 coaches to be equipped with bio toilets.
- Setting up of 72 MW capacity windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
- Installation of Integrated Security System at all 202 identified stations to be completed in 2012-13.
- Escorting of trains by RPF/GRP extended to 3,500 trains.
- Integration of RPF helpline with the All India Passenger Helpline.
- Setting up of a Railway Safety Authority as a statutory regulatory body as recommended by Kakodkar Committee
- . Three 'Safety Villages' to be set up at Bengaluru, Kharagpur and Lucknow for skill development for disaster management.
- Over one lakh persons to be recruited in 2012-13 – backlog of SC/ST/OBC and other categories to be wiped off.
- Introduction of a wellness programme for railway staff at their work places.
- Ensuring proper rest for skilled and technical staff including the running crew.
- Institution of 'Rail Khel Ratna' Award for 10 rail sports-persons every year.
- New coaching terminal at Naihati, the birth place of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay commemorating him on 175th Birth Anniversary.
- .Project to connect Agartala with Akhaura in Bangladesh to be taken up in 2012-13.
- Freight loading of 1,025 MT targeted; 55 MT more than 2011-12

- Passenger growth targeted at 5.4 %.

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RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13 AT A GLANCE : HIGHEST EVER PLAN OUTLAY OF RS.60,000 CRORE

**75 NEW EXPRESS TRAINS, 21 NEW PASSENGER SERVICES, 9 DEMU
AND 8 MEMU SERVICES**

**137 SERVICES NEW SUB-URBAN SERVICES TO COME UP IN MUMBAI,
CHENNAI & KOLKATA**

725 KM NEW LINES TO BE INTRODUCED

A GREEN TRAIN AND 200 GREEN ENERGY STATIONS PROPOSED

SPECIAL COACHES FOR DIFFERENTLY- ABLED PERSONS

**EMPHASIS ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – 5 FOCUS AREAS
IDENTIFIED**

19000 KM RAIL TRACKS TO BE MODERNISED

MISSION-MODE APPROACH FOR RAIL MODERNISATION

MINOR INCREASE IN PASSENGER FARES

A SLEW OF PASSENGER AMENITIES BEING INTRODUCED.

The Railway Budget presented by Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi in Parliament today seeks to raise investment in modernization and upgradation of rail infrastructure. It gives very high priority to rail safety and security. Passenger fares have been increased marginally. Presenting the Railway Budget 2012-13 in Parliament today, Shri Trivedi proposed a Budget with highest ever plan outlay of Rs. 60,100 crore which provides Rs. 6,872 crore for new railway lines and significant funds for passengers safety, security and amenities.

In this Budget, the Railway Minister has focused on five important fields, which are: Safety; Consolidation; Decongestion & Capacity Augmentation; Modernization; and to bring down the Operating Ratio from 95% to 84.9% in 2012-13.

The marginal increase in passenger fares is as follows:

By 2 paise per km for suburban and ordinary second class; 3 paise per km for mail/express second class; 5 paise per km for sleeper class; 10 paise per km for AC Chair Car, AC 3 tier and First Class; 15 paise per km for AC 2 tier and 30 paise per km for AC I.

The fares will be rounded off to the next nearest five rupees and the minimum fares and platform tickets will cost Rs. 5.

In the Railway Budget, the Minister has proposed 75 new Express trains, 21 new passenger services, 9 DEMU services and 8 MEMU services. Shri Trivedi also announced the extension of the 39 trains; increase in the frequency of 23 trains; 75 additional services to run in Mumbai suburban; 44 new suburban services to be introduced in Kolkata area; 50 new services to be introduced in Kolkata Metro; and 18 additional services to be run in Chennai area.

The Railway Budget for 2012-13 also provides for 50% concession in fare in AC-2, AC-3, Chair Car & Sleeper classes to patients suffering from 'Aplastic Anaemia' and 'Sickle Cell Anaemia'. It also provides for extending the facility of travel by Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to Arjuna Awardees. The travel distance under 'Izzat Scheme' has also been increased from 100 kms to 150 kms.

Proposing highest ever plan outlay for the Railway Budget, the Railway Minister said that it will be financed through Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs 24,000 crore; Railway Safety Fund of Rs 2,000 crore; internal resources of Rs 18,050 crore; and Extra Budgetary Resources of Rs 16,050 crore, which includes market borrowing of Rs 15,000 crore through IRFC.

The Railway Budget provides for 725 km new lines; 700 km doubling; 800 km gauge conversion and 1,100 km electrification. Rs 6,872 crore have been provided for new lines; Rs 3,393 crore for doubling; Rs 1,950 crore for gauge conversion and Rs 828 crore have been provided for electrification.

The Railway Budget 2012-13 lays emphasis on safety and security of the passengers. Shri Dinesh Trivedi said that drawing from the recommendations of the Anil Kakodkar and Sam Pitroda Committees, he has chosen five focus areas. These are: Track; Bridges; Signalling & Telecommunication; Rolling Stock; and Stations & Freight Terminals. Under this a Railway Safety Authority has been proposed as statutory regulatory body; Missions will be created to implement the modernization programme; and setting up of a Railway Tariff Regulatory Authority is to be considered. Two new Board Members (Safety/Research and PPP/Marketing) are to be inducted. Shri Trivedi also announced

the setting up of a Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation to eliminate level crossings. Three 'Safety Villages' will also be set up at Bengaluru, Kharagpur and Lucknow for skill development for disaster management. The Railway Minister also announced that an Indian Railway Station Development Corporation will be set up to redevelop stations through PPP mode. He also announced that a Logistics Corporation will be set up for development & management of existing railway goods sheds and multi-modal logistics parks. A National High Speed Rail Authority is also to be set-up.

Highlighting the efforts being made to improve the amenities and to provide better experience to the passengers at stations the Railway Minister said that 929 stations will be upgraded as Adarsh Stations including 84 stations proposed in 2012-13. Specially designed coaches for differently-abled persons will be provided in each Mail/Express trains. RPF helpline will be integrated with the All India Passenger Helpline. SMS on passenger mobile phone in case of e-ticket will be accepted as proof of valid reservation. Satellite based real time train information system (SIMRAN) will be introduced to provide train running information to passengers through SMS, internet, etc. On board passenger displays indicating next halt station and expected arrival time will be introduced. 321 escalators will be installed at important stations of which 50 will be commissioned in 2012-13. Regional cuisine will be introduced at affordable rates.

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The Railway Minister announced that pre-feasibility studies on six high speed corridors have already been completed and study on Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur will be taken up in 2012-13.

Announcing the measures for the welfare of railway employees, the Minister proposed a wellness programme for railway staff at their work places; ensuring proper rest for skilled and technical staff including the running crew; and institution of 'Rail Khel Ratna' Award for 10 rail sports-persons every year.

Caring for the environment, the Railway Minister announced the introduction of a 'Green Train' to run through the pristine forests of North Bengal; 200 remote railway stations will be set up as 'green energy stations' powered entirely by solar energy; solar lighting system will be provided at 1,000 manned level crossing gates; 2,500 coaches will be equipped with bio toilets. Shri Dinesh Trivedi also announced setting up of 72 MW capacity windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The Minister said that during 2011-12 the railways recruited over 80,000 persons to fill up various vacancies; now he proposes to recruit over one lakh persons during 2012-13 so that backlog of SC/ST/OBC and other categories will be wiped off.

The Minister announced that freight loading during 2012-13 is expected to be 1,025 MT which will be 55 MT more than 2011-12. The passenger growth during the year is pegged at 5.4%.

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**RAILWAY SAFETY AUTHORITY TO BE SET UP
STRONG EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING SAFETY: DINESH TRIVEDI
THREE 'SAFETY VILLAGES' TO BE SET UP FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR
DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

The Ministry of Railways proposes to set up an independent **Railway Safety Authority** as a statutory regulatory body as recommended by Kakodkar Committee. This was announced by the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi. Introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today, he said, the function of the authority would be worked out in greater details in line with international practices in the best interest of passenger safety. The Minister said since research and development activities are central to any tangible results in the area of safety enhancement, he also proposed to set up a **Railway Research and Development Council** at the apex level to spearhead such efforts. Shri Trivedi said, his entire emphasis is going to be on **strengthening Safety**.

Admitting that he is not at all satisfied with the safety standard at the present moment, the Minister said the commitment made in 2001 to reduce accidents per million train km from 0.55 to 0.17 has been achieved. He said, however the target should be zero death. The Minister said that more than 40% of the consequential train accidents, involving 60% to 70% of the total casualties occur at unmanned railway crossings. To fast track elimination of level crossings in the next five years, the railways have decided to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named **Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation of India**.

Shri Trivedi said, in order to achieve even higher safety standards, he has decided to set up a committee to examine the current standards of safety on Indian Railways and to suggest suitable benchmarks and safety protocols. He said, considering the zero tolerance approach in the areas of nuclear science and aerospace, he feels that the best people to guide railways in determining appropriate safety protocols should be from these two fields.

The Minister also announced that a New Board Member (Safety/Research) to be inducted in the Railway Board.

He said, three 'Safety Villages' to be set up at Bengaluru, Kharagpur and Lucknow for skill development for disaster management.

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‘MISSION MODE’ APPROACH TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMES

QUANTUM JUMP IN 12TH PLAN INVESTMENT AT RS. 7.35 LAKH CRORE

The Ministry of Railways has decided to create Missions headed by Mission Directors in each of the identified area for a three year term as per the recommendations of the Expert Group headed by Shri Sam Pitroda on modernization and resource mobilization. This was announced by the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi. Introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today, he said, the Directors will directly report to the Railway Board. Each Mission would be provided with appropriate budget and operational autonomy. In addition, a High Level Committee will be set up to facilitate coordination amongst the Missions, fast-track implementation, and address bottlenecks coming in the way.

The Expert Group for Modernization of Indian Railways had recommended implementation of the modernization programme following a ‘**Mission Mode**’ approach, with clear objectives, measurable milestones, tangible deliverables and well defined timelines. The Group in its report submitted on 27th February, 2012 had provided a blueprint for the next five years for modernization of Indian Railways. The recommendations of the Group entail an estimated investment of Rs. 5.60 lakh crore.

The Minister said, the Approach Paper of the Planning Commission to the 12th Plan, which is yet to be approved, envisages an investment of US\$ 1 trillion in the infrastructure sector with half the investment of Rs. 25 lakh crore expected from private sector and remaining Rs. 25 lakh crore being planned by the government from its own resources. He said that Railways being a key transport and big infrastructure sector for the nation, must attract at least 10% of the government share of investment i.e. about Rs. 2.50 lakh crore during the 12th Plan period.

Shri Trivedi said, the 12th Plan investment proposed by Railways at Rs. 7.35 lakh crore represents a quantum jump over the investment during 11th Plan of Rs. 1.92 lakh crore. The required resources for the plan are proposed to be met by:-

- i. Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 2.5 lakh crore;
- ii. Government support for national projects of Rs. 30,000 crore;
- iii. Ploughing back of dividend of Rs. 20,000 crore
- iv. Internal Resources of Rs. 1,99,805 crore
- v. Extra Budgetary Resources of Rs. 2,18,775 crore
- vi. Railway safety Fund of Rs. 16,842 crore

Following measures were announced for resource mobilization:

- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation to be set up to redevelop stations through PPP mode.
- Logistics Corporation to be set up for development & management of existing railway goods sheds and multi-modal logistics parks.

- Private investment schemes for Wagon leasing, Sidings, Private Freight Terminals, Container train operations, Rail connectivity projects (R3i and R2C-i) being made more attractive to PPP partners.
- New Board Member (PPP/Marketing) to be inducted

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**FIVE FOCUS AREAS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IDENTIFIED:
TRACKS, BRIDGES, SIGNALING & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ROLLING STOCK
AND STATIONS & FREIGHT TERMINALS
HIGHEST EVER PLAN OUTLAY OF RS. 60,100 CRORE THIS YEAR**

Five focus areas have been identified to strengthen the basic infrastructure of Indian Railways resulting in safety, decongestion, capacity augmentation and modernization of systems, creating more efficient, faster and safer railways. The areas are Tracks, Bridges, Signaling & Telecommunications, Rolling Stock and Stations & Freight Terminals.

The Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today said, these areas have been chosen from the recommendations of Kakodkar and Pitroda Committees. He said, the Annual Plan outlay for the year 2012-13 has been targeted at Rs. 60,100 crore, which is highest ever plan investment. The plan would be financed through:-

- i. Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 24,000 crore;
- ii. Railway Safety Fund of Rs. 2,000 crore;
- iii. Internal Resources of Rs. 18,050 crore; and
- iv. Extra Budgetary Resources of Rs. 16,050 crore, which includes market borrowing of Rs. 15,000 crore through IRFC.

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19,000 KM RAILWAY TRACKS TO BE MODERNIZED

During the next five years Ministry of Railways plans to modernize nearly 19000 km track through renewal, upgradation of track, replacement and strengthening of 11,250 bridges to run heavier freight trains of 25 tonne axle load and to achieve passenger train speed of 160 kmph and over, with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 63, 212 crore. The Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today said, an allocation of Rs. 6,467 crore has been made in the Annual Plan 2012-13, which forms about 11% of the total plan outlay.

The Minister said, with almost 80% of the traffic carried on 40% of the rail network, the high density network (HDN) routes are over-saturated and there is a crying need to upgrade and expand capacity to reduce congestion, provide time for maintenance and improve productivity and safety. This would include progressive shift to flash butt technology for welding of rails, progressive use of 60kg rails instead of 52 kg, provision of thick web switches at points & crossings, mechanized maintenance with the latest track machines and increased frequency of ultrasonic testing of tracks.

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SIGNALLING SYSTEMS TO BE MODERNIZED WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Signalling system on Indian Railways will be modernized with the provisioning of advanced technological features. These would include Panel/Route Relay Interlocking covering 700 more stations by 2014 thereby completing 5500 out of the required 6200 stations; Interlocking of more than 1500 level crossing gates in addition to the 10000 already interlocked, leaving a balance of 250; complete track circuiting at 1250 out of 6200 identified stations, installation of axle counters at 3000 more stations and provision of isolation at the remaining 625 stations.

The Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today said, one of the significant advancement would be the provisioning of Train Protection & Warning System (TPWS), which ensures automatic application of brakes whenever a driver over-shoots a signal at danger, thereby eliminating chances of collision of trains. To begin with, TPWS is proposed to be installed on more than 3,000 route kms, which would cover the entire automatic signalling territory on Indian Railways. He said, the Railways is taking necessary action to ensure that TPWS technology is suitably adapted to Indian conditions. Besides the efforts to develop TCAS (Train Collision Avoidance System) integrating features of different technologies will be continued by RDSO. These would also be a pre-requisite to increase speed of passenger trains to 160 kmph. The total cost of various signalling and telecom works has been estimated to be Rs. 39,110 crore in the next 5 years. Towards this end, the Ministry proposes to provide Rs. 2,002 crore in 2012-13, which is more than double the allocation of the current year and the highest ever.

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MODERNIZATION OF ROLLING STOCK

**TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND KOLKATA TO COME DOWN
FROM 17 TO 14 HOURS**

Upgradation of coaches including EMU coaches, locomotives and wagons will be one of the key areas of modernization during the next 5 years for improving safety and convenience & comfort of passengers. Following measures have been proposed by the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi while introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today:-

- i. To increase manufacture of crash-worthy LHB coaches with proven anti-climb feature of not toppling during accidents;
- ii. To procure new generation electric locomotives of 9000 and 12000 HP and diesel locomotives of 5500 HP & 6000 HP to facilitate running of heavier and longer freight trains at higher speeds;
- iii. To introduce new wagons with capability of 25 tonnes axle load and higher payload to tare ratio to improve productivity;
- iv. Introduction of new Auto Car Wagon capable of carrying 318 cars per rake, presently undergoing oscillation trials; and
- v. With successful validation of running of double-stack container trains, proliferation of such trains is also planned.

The Minister said, the investment in rolling stock in the next 5 years is estimated to be Rs. 1,70,751 crore. He proposed highest ever allocation of Rs. 18,193 crore for the next year which represents more than 30% of the Annual Plan outlay.

The Minister said, a combination of prudent investment decisions in the areas of track & bridges, signalling, doubling and train-sets is proposed to be adopted to enable train running at speed of 160 kmph and above. While this would significantly reduce travel time for passenger trains by 20-25%, the freight revenue gains. Such infrastructure would also enable Indian Railways to run Shatabdi trains on long distance trunk routes and between metros. In fact, the travel time between New Delhi and Kolkata would get reduced from almost 17 hours to 14 hours.

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LOGISTICS CORPORATION TO BE SET UP

Railways has proposed to create a **Logistics Corporation** for development and management of existing railway goods sheds and multimodal logistics parks. Introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said, this Corporation would aim to provide total logistics solutions to the rail-users, thereby cutting down on their operating costs.

He said, in the last year's budget speech, it was proposed to improve passenger amenities by developing 4 new coaching terminals at Nemam and Kottayam in Kerala, Malu in Uttar Pradesh and Dankuni in West Bengal. The Minister said, surveys and feasibility studies for developing coaching terminals at these four stations will be undertaken during 2012-13. A pre-feasibility study for development of Roypuram station in Tamil Nadu will also be undertaken for which many representations have been received.

Development of a new coaching complex in Navi Mumbai at Panvel and coach maintenance complex at Kalamboli in partnership with Government of Maharashtra through CIDCO are also planned. This will facilitate direct connectivity of Navi Mumbai to other parts of the country.

Shri Trivedi said, Stations and Freight Terminals are our business centres. Indian Railways have often drawn flak for not providing an enabling ambience to these business centres which are used by customers. As normal doses of incremental improvement and maintenance will not be able to refurbish the external look and ambience at the stations, the Railways has set up a separate organization namely **Indian Railway Station Development Corporation**, which will redevelop stations and maintain them on the pattern of airports. The SPV will draw upon the success stories the world over, adopt a suitable revenue model and target redevelopment of 100 stations in the next five years. Being funded through PPP route, these efforts will be cost neutral for Indian Railways. It has been estimated that development of major stations in metro cities has the potential to create employment for about 50000 persons.

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**COACHING TERMINAL AT NAIHATI AND A MUSEUM TO BE NAMED AFTER
BANKIM CHANDRA CHATTOPADHYAY**

The Ministry of Railways has proposed to set up a Coaching Terminal at the birth place of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay at Naihati, to commemorate the 175th Birth Anniversary of one of the greatest patriotic sons of India. Announcing this while introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said, a museum will also be set up there. He said, in memory of creator of “Vande Matram”, the Railways will run a Special Train across the country to disseminate the legacy of Bankim Chandra to the young generation.

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Rs. 4410 CRORE ALLOCATED FOR CAPACITY AUGMENTATION WORKS

The Ministry of Railways has proposed to allocate about Rs. 4,410 crore to capacity augmentation works. Announcing this while introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said, to continue Indian Railways' drive towards improving passenger amenities, an allocation of Rs. 1,102 crore has been provided compared to Rs. 762 crore in 2011-12. He said that valuable services rendered by dedicated workforce of Indian Railways need to be recognized by providing improved amenities to them. This would be in the form of improvements at work places, better housing facilities, improved service at hospitals and other facilities. Accordingly, allocation of Rs. 717 crore in the current year has been almost doubled to Rs. 1,388 crore in 2012-13.

The Minister said, the Budgetary Support to Indian Railways has been pegged at a modest level of Rs. 24,000 crore as against a projected requirement of Rs. 45,000 crore. The national projects in Kashmir and northeast region have also to be funded out of this. These projects alone need more than Rs. 4,000 crore for the current year and may get delayed for want of adequate funding.

He said, the Indian Railways has a great achievement of completing 11 km long tunnel through Pir Panjal Mountain Range in Jammu & Kashmir, which would provide connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. When commissioned, this will be the longest transportation tunnel.

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PRADHAN MANTRI RAIL VIKAS YOJANA

The Pradhan Mantri Rail Vikas Yojana (PMRVY) is under formulation. Introducing the Railway Budget for 2012-13 in Parliament today the Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said, the additional funding assistance required is assessed to be Rs. 5 lakh crore under the PMRVY from the government.

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**TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BE INDUCTED FOR FINDING NEW
RESOURCES**

OVER ONE LAKH VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi announced measures aimed at improving further the efficiency of Indian Railways through modernization of production units and introduction of e-procurement and e-auction. He said the talent reach organization which includes the best brains from IITs, IIMs, Medical colleges and other professional institutes needs to be restructured along business lines rather than on functional lines in sync with corporate objectives.

He said the challenge was to make Railway system more safe, modern and efficient for which more resources have to be identified. For this purpose two new Board Members viz. PPP/Marketing and Safety/Research will be inducted in the Railway Board. The new Members will be charged with the responsibility of finding ways and means augmenting resources and providing further focus on safety.

The Railway Minister announced that efforts would be made to fill up vacancies as it was adversely impacting operational and safety performance of the organization. During 2012-13 more than one lakh persons would be recruited in addition to over 80,000 persons recruited during the current financial year. He said the Indian Railways would in the process also wipe out the backlog vacancies of SC/ST/OBC and physically challenged persons.

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75 NEW EXPRESS TRAINS TO BE INTRODUCED

SIKH PILGRIMAGE TRAIN ON AMRITSAR-PATNA-NANDED ROUTE

Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi has proposed introduction of 75 new Express Trains, 21 Passenger Trains, 08 new MEMU services and 9 DEMU services. He said the new services which also include extending the run of 39 trains and increasing frequency of 23 trains have been initiated in view of the needs and aspirations of the people.

He said the new Express Trains would include 9 AC Express Trains including double Decker Express Trains between Chennai-Bangalore and Habibganj-Indore.

The Railway Minister also announced introduction of special train for important places of Sikh pilgrimage. He said "Guru Parikrama" would run on Amritsar-Patna-Nanded routes where large number of people from all sects visit.

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MINOR INCREASE IN FARE OF ALL CLASS TRAVEL

**PROPOSED INCREASE NOT ENOUGH TO COVER IMPACT OF FUEL PRICE
RISE IN 8 YEARS**

Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi has announced minor increase in fares so as to cause minimal impact on the common man and to keep the burden within tolerance limits in general. He has proposed only 2 paise per km extra for suburban and ordinary second class travel. Similarly, increase for mail express second class will be by only 3 paise per km; for sleeper class only 5 paise per km; for AC chair car, AC 3 tier & First Class by only 10 paise per km; AC 2 Tier by only 15 paise per km; and AC I by only 30 paise per km. He said the corresponding rationalization in minimum distance and fare chargeable in various classes has also been proposed.

The proposed revisions will have marginal impact on the fares. The increase in fares for suburban second class passengers traveling 35 km will be only Rs.2. For non-suburban second class ordinary passenger traveling a distance of 135 km, increase will be Rs.4 only. For second class mail/express passenger traveling a distance of 375 km, the addition to the fare will be only Rs.12 and that for a 750 km journey by sleeper class on mail/express train will be only Rs.40. An AC 3 tier passenger traveling a distance of 530 km will be required to pay an additional Rs.57. The increase for AC 2 tier and AC I passenger traveling over same distance will be Rs.84 and Rs.163 respectively.

Shri Trivedi said the proposed adjustments would not even cover the impact of increase in fuel prices during last 8 years and valuable passengers of Indian Railways have been insulated from the burden of increase in the staff costs.

The Minister also announced intention to segregate fuel component in the cost associated with passenger services. He said the mechanism to be called FAC (fuel adjustment component) will be dynamic nature and will change in either direction with the change in fuel cost. He said it was not possible for Indian Railways to keep the passengers cushioned from the impact of input cost increases in future.

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RAJDHANI /SHATABDI TRAVEL FOR ARJUNA AWARDEES

50% CONCESSION FOR ANAEMIA PATIENTS

Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi has proposed to extend 50% concession in fare in AC 2, AC 3, Chair Car and Sleeper Classes to patients suffering from 'Aplastic Anaemia' and 'Sickle Cell Anaemia'. As a measure of social welfare, Indian Railways extends travel concessions to more than 50 categories of travelers which include students, sportspersons, scouts & guides, farmers, senior citizens, teachers, girls, youth, patients etc. The value of concessions granted to travelers is more than Rs.800 crore per year.

He also announced extending the facility to travel by Rajdhani & Shatabdi Trains to winners of Arjuna Awards. He said the decision follows the laurels brought to the country by these sportspersons in their respective fields.

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FREIGHT EARNINGS TO GROW BY 30.2 PER CENT

PASSENGER TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 5.4 PER CENT

The Indian Railways proposes to target carrying 1025 Million Tonnes of revenue earning traffic during 2012-13. The target is 55 Million Tonnes more than the revised estimates of 970 Million Tonnes for the current fiscal. Announcing the new targets in the Railway Budget, Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi said that the freight earnings target has been kept at Rs.89,339 crore, indicating a growth of 30.2% over the current years revised targets.

He said with the increase in number of trains and higher occupancy, the number of passengers is expected to increase by 5.4%. The passenger earnings are estimated at Rs.36,073 crore, targeting an increase of Rs. 7,273 crore over the revised estimate of the current year.

The other coaching and sundry earnings are expected to grow by 8.9% and 10.7% in 2012-13 to Rs.2994 crore and Rs.4096 crore respectively. He said gross traffic receipts are expected to increase by Rs. 28,635 crore over the revised estimates of 2011-12 and are expected to be Rs. 1,32,552 crore.

The Minister indicated that the ordinary working expenses are estimated at Rs.84,400 crore which is 11.6% higher than the current year's expenses. This also includes appropriation of Rs.18500 crore to pension fund. He said, to step up investment in safety, the appropriation to depreciation reserve fund has been enhanced to Rs.9500 crore signifying an increase of about 54%

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**RAILWAYS TO RETURN FULL LOAN TO FINANCE MINISTRY
OPERATING RATIO TO BE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY**

Introducing the Railway Budget, Minister of Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said that the Railways intends to bring down the operating ratio to 84.9% in 2012-13 as compared to 95% in the current year. He said if this trend continues, the operating ratio will improve upon even the best ever of 74.7% within the 12th Plan. The best ever operating ratio was achieved way back in the year 1963-64. He said the landmark improvement in Railway Finances would enable building up a strong case to meet the challenges ahead and bring back the confidence of people in Railways, thereby dispelling all apprehensions that Indian Railways is going downhill.

Shri Trivedi also announced Railway's intention to return the full loan amount of Rs.3000 crore alongwith interest during the year which it has borrowed from the Finance Ministry to meet the urgent need of safety related investment in 2011-12.

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137 ADDITIONAL SUB-URBAN SERVICES FOR MUMBAI, CHENNAI & KOLKATA

Minister for Railways Shri Dinesh Trivedi said with a view to further enhancing the carrying capacity of suburban services additional services are being introduced in Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. These include 75 new services in Mumbai, 18 in Chennai and 44 in Kolkata area.

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It is also proposed to introduce 50 new services in Kolkata Metro in the coming year.

Addition suburban services proposed for **Mumbai** include Churchgate-Virar, Virar-Dahanu Road, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus-Kalyan-Kasara and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus –Kalyan-Karjat sections, Harbour and Trans-Harbour line.

In Chennai area, it is proposed to run 18 additional services on **Chennai** Beach-Tambaram, Chennai Beach-Chengalpattu, Chennai Beach-Avadi, Chennai Beach-Tiruttani, Chennai Beach-Gummiidipundi/Sullurupetta and Chennai Beach-Velachery sections.

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RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

RAILWAY MINISTER HAD WIDE RANGING CONSULTATIONS BEFORE FINALISING BUDGET

COOPERATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS

Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi had wide-ranging consultations before finalising the Railway Budget. He had consulted Chief Ministers and Members of Parliament and had detailed discussions with various Committees of Parliament, Railway Staff Federations, Chambers of Commerce & Industry and many other stakeholders. While presenting this year's Railway Budget in Parliament today, Shri Trivedi said that he made efforts to seek the views of the media and general public through industrious consultation process.

The Railway Minister announced several new projects to be taken up in cooperation with State Governments in this year's Railway Budget.

The following four projects will be taken up on cost sharing basis:

- (a) **Rohtak-Hansi via Meham** (Cost Sharing by Haryana Govt.)
- (b) **Akkanapet-Medak** (Cost Sharing by Andhra Pradesh Govt.)
- (c) **Bhadrachalam-Kovvur** (Cost Sharing by Andhra Pradesh Govt.)
- (d) **Rajabhatkhowa-Jainti** (Cost Sharing by West Bengal Govt.)

Railways in partnership with Government of **Chhattisgarh** and user industries in the region will develop three rail corridors in the northern part of the state for movement of passenger and freight traffic with the active participation of all stakeholders.

In view of the discovery of considerable oil and gas reserves and development of a deep water port and SEZ at Kakinada, rail connectivity is now being provided from Pithapuram to Kakinada on Cost Sharing basis with the Government of **Andhra Pradesh**.

State Governments have come forward to share cost of some more projects in their states. Those include Governments of **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Maharashtra**. These projects will be given special attention and processed on priority for obtaining requisite clearances.

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NEW PASSENGER AMENITIES

The allocation under passenger amenities in this year's Railway Budget has been raised to Rs. 1102 crore. The allocation under this head in 2011-12 was Rs. 762 crore. Some of the important passenger and other user friendly measures introduced or being proposed during 2012-13 are:

- i. To facilitate easy movement of passengers, installation of 321 escalators at important stations of which 50 will be commissioned during 2012-13;
- ii. SMS on passenger mobile phone in case of e-ticket along with an ID proof to be accepted as proof of valid reservation;
- iii. To meet the needs of changing times and customer demand, launching of "Book-a-meal" scheme to provide multiple choice of meals, like low cost meal, diabetic meal etc. through SMS or email;
- iv. To set up AC Executive lounges at important stations to provide value added services at a charge, offering facilities such as wifi internet, buffet services, wash and change, concierge services for pre-departure and post-arrival assistance to passengers;
- v. Expansion of housekeeping schemes for trains such as Clean Train Station, On Board Housekeeping Services for cleaning en route and mechanized cleaning at originating/terminating stations;
- vi. Introduction of 'Rail Bandhu' on-board magazine on Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Trains;
- vii. Introduction of coin/currency operated ticket vending machines as a pilot project;
- viii. Introduction of alternate Train accommodation System (ATAS) as a pilot project to accommodate waitlisted passenger on alternate trains;
- ix. Introduction of first model rake with world class interiors;
- x. Upgradation of 929 stations as Adarsh Stations including 84 stations proposed in 2012-13;
- xi. Construction of Multi-functional Complexes at 24 locations completed;
- xii. Sale of PRS tickets (reserved tickets) through 151 post offices and
- xiii. Implementation of electronic transmission of Railway Receipts for freight traffic direct to the customers.

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NEW PROJECT TO CONNECT AGARTALA WITH BANGLADESH

To have cordial and improved relations with the neighbouring countries, Indian Railways takes up projects to provide rail connectivity to such countries. This year, it is proposed to take up a project to connect Agartala with Akhaura in Bangladesh. This rail link will not only improve bilateral ties but will also help in establishing connectivity with inaccessible areas in northeast as journey from Kolkata to Tripura via Bangladesh will result in significant savings in time and distance travelled.

Last year, two projects namely, Jogbani-Biratnagar new line and Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas line to provide connectivity to Nepal were taken up.

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INITIATIVES FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS

Indian Railways has taken initiative to start manufacturing specially designed coaches having earmarked compartments and toilets adopted to the needs of wheel chair borne/differently-abled persons. Each differently-abled compartment provided in specified coaches has a berthing capacity for 4 passengers including two attendants along with toilet and other amenities. Indian Railways has so far manufactured 2100 such specially designed coaches. It will be the endeavour of the Railways to have one such coach in each mail/express train. Efforts are being made to ensure ease of access to platforms and other areas at stations for differently-abled persons.

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NEW INITIATIVES FOR SECURITY OF PASSENGERS

SPECIALISED HOUSE-KEEPING BODY TO BE SET UP FOR UPKEEP OF STATIONS AND TRAINS

Security of passengers has been of prime concern to Indian Railways. It is proposed to complete the installation of Integrated Security System at all the 202 identified stations during 2012-13. Additionally, escorting of trains by RPF/GRP has been extended to almost 3500 trains. It is also proposed to integrate the RPF helpline with the All India Passenger helpline to facilitate much faster response to the security needs of passengers.

Expressing his unhappiness over the present standard of hygiene and cleanliness in the Indian Railways, the Railway Minister Shri Dinesh Trivedi said that all out efforts would be made to improve the situation on trains and at the stations within the next six months. He said this is a very special activity which comes under the core area of house-keeping. Shri Trivedi said Indian Railways is duty bound to provide high standards in both, as this is giving a bad name to the otherwise efficient train system. The Minister proposed to set up a specialised house-keeping body to take care of both, i.e. stations and the trains.

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GOOD PROGRESS OF RAIL BASED INDUSTRIES; NEW PLANTS TO BE SET UP FOR COACHES AND LOCOMOTIVES

Several initiatives have been taken in the recent past to take up railway based industries. The Rail wheel plant at Chhapra has successfully produced 78 wheels during 2011-12 and the plant would be ready for full commissioning in 2012-13. Similarly, the Rae Bareli Coach Factory is now ready for rolling out coaches and 10 coaches have already been manufactured. The Phase II of this factory would be commissioned in 2012-13.

Good progress has been made in the Diesel Component Factory at Dankuni with the commencement of trial production of underframes for high horse power locomotives. The factory will be fully commissioned in 2012-13. The Wagon Manufacturing Factory at Kulti and fiat bogey frame unit at Budge Budge are likely to commence production during 2012-13. As per the request received from State Government of Odisha, the new wagon factory will be located at Sitapali, District Ganjam. A new Rail Coach Factory is proposed to be set up at Palakkad with the support of Government of Kerala. Similarly, two additional new manufacturing units for coaches are also proposed to be established in Kutch in Gujarat and Kolar in Karnataka, the latter with the active participation of the State Government.

It is also proposed to establish a plant for manufacturing of traction alternators for high horse power diesel locomotives at Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh. The factory is proposed to be set up on PPP basis at Shyamnagar in West Bengal for manufacture of next generation technology propulsion system for use in high power electric locomotive. It is also proposed to utilise and augment the electric loco Ancillaries Unit of CLW being set up at Dankuni for fabrication of locomotive shells and assembly of three phase locomotives for manufacturing of new generation 9000 HP locomotives under transfer of technology from Japan. This unit will be a modern facility with capacity to assemble 100 electric locomotives per year.

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NEW GREEN INITIATIVES INCLUDE GREEN TRAIN, BIO TOILETS AND SOLAR LIGHTS

Indian Railways are extremely environmental friendly and are committed to protect the environment. Some of the important measures proposed to be initiated in this year's Railway Budget to promote clean environment are:

- Setting up of 72 MW capacity windmill plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal;
- Setting up of 200 remote railway stations as 'green energy stations' powered entirely by solar energy;
- Providing solar lighting system at 1000 manned level crossing gates;
- Introduction of mobile emission test cards to measure pollution level of diesel locomotives;
- Commissioning of two bio diesel plants at Raipur and Tondiarpet;
- Introduction of a 'Green Train' to run through the pristine forests of North Bengal;
- 2500 coaches to be equipped with bio toilets.

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LIST OF 11 NEW LINE PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN 2012-13

Railway Minister, Shri Dinesh Trivedi sanctioned 11 New Line Projects in Railway Budget 2012-13 presented in the Parliament today.

1. Bhadrachalam-Kovvur
2. Kulpi-Diamond Harbour
3. Unchahar-Amethi
4. Tarakeshwar-Furfura Sharif
5. Rohtak-Hansi via Meham
6. Nandigram-Kandiamari (Nayachar)
7. Akkanpet-Medak
8. Itahar-Buniyadpur
9. Nandakumar-Bolaipanda
10. Mukutmonipur-Jhilimili
11. Rajabhatkhowa-Jainti

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LIST OF 84 ADARSH STATIONS TO BE TAKEN UP IN 2012-13

Railway Minister, Shri Dinesh Trivedi in Railway Budget presented in the Parliament today, announced upgradation of 84 stations as Adarsh Stations during 2012-13. Following is the list of 84 Adarsh Stations:

Ahmednagar, Almatti, Amalner, Anupgarh, Ariyalur, Auvaneeswaram, Ayodhya, Badami, Balotra, Bechraji, Begusarai, Bhanvad, Bhatariya, Birlanagar, Burhanpur, Chavathur, Coimbatore, Daltonganj, Damoh, Daraganj, Duvvada, forbeshganj, Garhwa Road, Gauriganj, Ghazipur City, Ghora Sahan, Hapur, Haveri, Jaipur, Jakhania, Jalgaon, Jalna, Janakpur Road, Jhusi, Jiradai, Jogbani, Kabakaputtur, Kadi, Kandivli, Kannapuram, Khairthal, Khandwa, Kharik, Kokrajhar, Kolayat, Kotikulam, Lalganj, Lal Gopal Ganj, Lalpurjam, Lunkaransar, Macherla, Madanmahal, Maghar, Manjeswaram, Muzaffarnagar, Naini, Nawadah, New Bongaigaon, Nileswar, Nohar, Palanpur, Parappanagadi, Parasia, Paravur, Payangadi, Piduguralla, Pokrani Narsimha, Prayagghat, Rajgarh, Royapuram, Sardar Sahar, Sattenapalli, Siddhpur, Simraha, Sri Dungar Garh, Sujan Garh, Supaul, Thakurganj, Thiruverumbur, Ujjain, Unjha, Unchahar Jn., Vinukonda and Warsaliganj.

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PROJECTS BEING EXECUTED WITH STATE COOPERATION

Railway Minister, Shri Dinesh Trivedi announced following 31 new Projects to be executed with State cooperation:

Andhra Pradesh

1. Kotipalli-Narsapur
2. Cuddapah-Bangalore (Bangarapet)
3. Nadikude-Srikalahasti
4. Vijaywada-Gudivada-Bhimavaram-Narsapur, Gudivada-Machlipatnam & Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu DL with Electrification

Chhattisgarh

5. Dallirajahara-Jagdapur

Haryana

6. Jind-Sonipat

Himachal Pradesh

7. Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri

Jharkhand

8. Rampurhat-Mandarhill via Dumka with new MM for Rampurhat-Murairai-3rd line
9. Giridih-Koderma
10. Ranchi-Lohardaga with extension to Tori
11. Koderma-Ranchi
12. Koderma-Tilaiya

Karnataka

13. Bangalore-Hubli and Shimoga town-Talguppa
14. Kottur-Harihar via Harpanhalli
15. Hassan-Bangalore via Shravanabelgola
16. Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur
17. Munirabad-Mahabubnagar
18. Gulbarga-Bidar(suppl.)
19. Kolar-Chickballapur
20. Arasikere-Birur-Patch doubling
21. Ramanagaram-Mysore with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore
22. Bagalkot-Kudachi
23. Rayadurg-tumkur via Kalyandurg
24. Tumkur-Chitradurg-Davangere
25. Shimoga-Harihar
26. Whitefield-Kolar

Maharashtra

27. Wardha-Nanded (via Yevatmal-Pusood)
28. Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath
Rajashan
29. Ratlam-Dungarpur via Banswara

Uttarakhand

30. Deoband (Muzzafar Nagar)-Roorkee

West Bengal

31. Burdwan-Katwa new line

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NEW GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN 2012-13

Railway Minister, Shri Dinesh Trivedi announced a number of gauge conversion projects that are completed, sanctioned and sent to Planning Commission, in Railway Budget 2012-13 presented in the Parliament today.

List of 17 Gauge Conversion Projects to be completed in 2012-13:

1. Krishnanagar City-Amghata
2. Banmankhi-Purnia
3. Saharsa-Saraigarh
4. Kasganj-Bareilly
5. Thawe-Chhapra
6. Gonda-Barhni
7. Rangapara North-North Lakhimpur
8. Balipara-Bhalukpong
9. Ratangarh-Sardarsahar
10. Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar
11. Sikar-Loharu
12. Sengottai-Bhagavathipuram
13. Edamann-Punalur
14. Muthalamada-Palakkad
15. Follachi-Kinattukkadavu
16. Chintamani-Sidlaghatta
17. Ratlam-Fatehabad.

List of new Gauge Conversion Projects sanctioned in 2012-13

1. Ahmedabad-Botad
2. Dhasa-Jetalsar

List of four Gauge Conversion Projects sent to Planning Commission

1. Dohrihat-Indara
2. Himmatnagar-Khedbrahma with ext. upto Abu Road
3. Nagbhir-Nagpur
4. Mavli-Badi Sadri

List of 7 new Surveys for Gauge Conversion sanction in 2012-13

1. Kalol-Kadi
2. Gandhidham-Anjar-Mundra
3. Khambhat-Khambhat Port
4. Ahmedabad-Sardargram-Dabhoda Nandol Dahegam-Rakhiyal-Jaliyamath-Pratij-Himmatnagar
5. Navlakhi-Malia-Rajkot
6. Tantpur to Bansi Paharpur
7. Bhavnagar-Adhelal-Dholera-Vataman-Petlad

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NEW RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN 2012-13

Railway Minister, Shri Dinesh Trivedi sanctioned 10 new Railway Electrification Projects in Railway Budget 2012-13 presented in the Parliament today.

List of 10 new Railway Electrification Projects sanctioned in 2012-13:

1. Itarsi-Manikpur-Cheoki
2. Titlagarh-Sambhalpur-Jharsuguda and Angul-Sambalpur
3. Pakur-Kumedpur including Malda-Singhabad
4. Nallapadu-guntakal
5. Hospet-Guntakal and torangallu-ranjitpura
6. Garwa Road-Chopa-Singrauli
7. Manheru-Hisar
8. Amla-chhindwara-Kalumna
9. Coimbatore-Mettupalayam
10. Andal-Sitarampur via Jamuria-Ikhra

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STAFF AMENITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPORTS PERSONS

The Railways proposes to introduce a wellness programme for railway employees at their work places for early detection of risk factors, prevention and early treatment of diseases caused due to high blood pressure and sugar levels, obesity and other life style related ailments. To minimise incidence of human error especially amongst the skilled and technical staff including loco pilots, cabin men and gang men, the Minister for Railways underlined the importance of ensuring proper rest period for them. National Institute of Design has been requested to design appropriate outfits for various categories of workforce.

Indian Railways has been a leading patron of sports in the country. The Railways have decided to institute a **Rail Khel Ratna** Award that would be given to 10 sports persons based on their current performance. The awardees would be provided world class training to improve their skills. The Railway Sports Promotion Board would be provided the necessary wherewithal to administer promotion of sports in a highly professional manner for ensuring excellent performance by railway sports-persons.

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LIST OF NEW TRAINS ANNOUNCED IN THE RAILWAY BUDGET 2012-13

List of new Express Trains, Passenger Trains, MEMU, DEMU, Extension of run and increase in frequency of trains announced in Railway Budget 2012-13.

1. Kamakhya-Lokmanya Tilak (T) AC Express (Weekly) via Katihar, Mughalsarai, Itarsi
2. Secunderabad-Shalimar AC Express (Weekly) via Vijayawada
3. Bandra (T)- Bhuj AC Express (Tri-Weekly)
4. Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Udhampur AC Express (Tri-Weekly) via Ambala, Jalandhar
5. Coimbatore-Bikaner AC Express (Weekly) via Roha, Vasai Road, Ahmedabad, Jodhpur
6. Kakinada-Secunderabad AC Express (Tri-weekly)
7. Yesvantpur-Kochuveli AC Express (Weekly)
8. Chennai-Bangalore AC Double-decker Express (Daily)
9. Habibganj-Indore AC Double-decker Express (Daily)
10. Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Shatabdi Express (6 days a week) via Malda Town
11. Kamakhya-Tezpur Intercity Express (Daily)
12. Tiruchchirappalli-Tirunelveli Intercity Express (Daily) via Madurai, Virudunagar
13. Jabalpur-Singrauli Intercity Express (Daily) via New Katni Jn.
14. Bidar-Secunderabad Intercity Express (6 days a week)
15. Kanpur-Allahabad Intercity Express (Daily)
16. Chhapra-Manduadih Intercity Express (Daily) via Phephna, Rasra, Mau, Aunrihar
17. Ranchi-Dumka Intercity Express (Daily) via Deoghar
18. Barbil-Chakradharpur Intercity Express (Daily) via Dongoaposi, Jhinkpani
19. Secunderabad-Belampalli Intercity Express (Daily) via Kazipet
20. New Jalpaiguri-New Cooch Behar Intercity Express (5 days a week)
21. Ahmedabad-Ajmer Intercity Express (Daily)
22. Dadar (T) – Tirunelveli Express (Weekly) via Roha, Coimbatore, Erode
23. Visakhapatnam-Chennai Express (Weekly)
24. Visakhapatnam-Sai Nagar Shirdi Express (Weekly) via Vijayawada, Manmad
25. Indore-Yesvantpur Express (Weekly) via Itarsi, Narkher, Amravati, Akola, Kacheguda
26. Ajmer-Haridwar Express (Tri-Weekly) via Delhi
27. Amravati-Pune Express (Bi-weekly) via Akola, Purna and Latur
28. Kacheguda-Madurai Express (Weekly) via Dharmavaram, Pakala, Jolarpettai
29. Bikaner-Puri Express (Weekly) via Jaipur, Kota, Katni Murwara, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur
30. Secunderabad-Darbhangha Express (Bi-weekly) via Ballarshah, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Ranchi, Jhajha
31. Bilaspur-Patna Express (Weekly) via Asansol, Jhajha
32. Howrah-Raxual Express (Bi-weekly) via Asansol, Jhajha, Barauni
33. Bhubaneswar-Bhawanipatna Link Express (Daily) via Vizianagaram

34. Puri-Yesvantpur Garib Rath Express (Weekly) via Visakhapatnam, Guntur
35. Sai Nagar Shirdi-Pandharpur Express (Tri-weekly) via Kurduwadi
36. Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Express (Weekly) via Visakhapatnam, Gudur
37. Visakhapatnam-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express (Weekly) via Titlagarh, Raipur
38. Howrah-Lalkuan Express (Weekly) via Mughalsarai, Varanasi, Lucknow
39. Kolkata-Jaynagar Express (Weekly) via Asansol, Jhajha, Barauni
40. Dibrugarh-Kolkata Express (Weekly)
41. Firozpur-Sriganganagar Express (Daily) via Fazilka, Abohar
42. Jaipur-Secunderabad Express (Weekly) via Nagda, Bhopal, Narkher, Amravati, Akola
43. Okha-Jaipur Express (Weekly) via Palanpur, Ajmer
44. Adilabad-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express (Daily) via Mudkhed
45. Shalimar-Chennai Express (Weekly)
46. Mysore-Sai Nagar Shirdi Express (Weekly) via Bangalore, Dharmavaram, Bellary
47. Valsad-Jodhpur Express (Weekly) via Palanpur, Marwar
48. Porbander-Secunderabad Express (Weekly) via Viramgam, Vasai Road
49. Bandra (T) – Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express (Weekly) via Palanpur, Phulera
50. Hapa-Madgaon Express (Weekly) via Vasai Road, Roha
51. Bikaner-Bandra(T) Express (Weekly) via Jodhpur, Marwar, Ahmedabad
52. Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur Express (Weekly) via Palanpur, Jaipur, Mathura, Farrukhabad, Kanpur
53. Durg-Jagdarpur Express (Tri-Weekly) via Titlagarh
54. Mannargudi-Tirupati Express (Tri-Weekly) via Thiruvarur, Villupuram, Katpadi
55. Gandhidham-Bandra (T) Express (Weekly) via Morbi
56. Kota-Hanumangarh Express (Daily) via Jaipur, Degana, Bikaner
57. Jhansi-Mumbai Express (Weekly) via Gwalior, Maksi, Nagda
58. Secunderabad-Nagpur Express (Triweekly) via Kazipet
59. Kanpur-Amritsar Express (Weekly) via Farrukhabad, Bareilly
60. Chappra-Lucknow Express (Tri-Weekly) via Masrakh, Thawe, Padrauna
61. Karimnagar-Tirupati Express (Weekly) via Pedapalli
62. Anandvihar-Haldia Express (Weekly) via Mughalsarai, Gomoh, Purulia
63. Barrackpore-Azamgarh Express (Weekly) via Jhajha, Ballia, Mau
64. Indore-Rewa Express (Tri-weekly) via Bina
65. Running of independent train between Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin by delinking from 12405/12406 Bhusawal-Hazrat Nizamuddin and 12409/12410 Raigarh-Nizamuddin Gondwana Express
66. Darbhanga-Ajmer Express (Weekly) via Raxaul, Sitapur, Bareilly, Kasganj, Mathura
67. Solapur-Yesvantpur Express (Tri-weekly) via Gulbarga
68. Chennai-Puri Express (Weekly)
69. Hyderabad-Ajmer Express (Weekly) via Manmad, Itarsi, Ratlam
70. Asansol-Chennai Express (Weekly) via Purulia, Sambalpur, Vizianagaram
71. Shalimar-Bhuj Express (Weekly) via Bilaspur, Katni, Bhopal
72. Amritsar-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express (Weekly)
73. Santragachi-Ajmer Express (Weekly) via Kharagpur, Chandil, Barkakana, Katni, Kota
74. Malda Town-Surat Express (Weekly) via Rampur Hat, Asansol, Nagpur
75. Dwarka-Somnath Express (Daily)

Passenger Trains

1. Koderma-Nawadih Passenger (6 Days)
2. Sriganganagar-Suratgarh Passenger (Daily)
3. Yerraguntla-Nosam/Nanganapalli Passenger (Daily)
4. Villupuram-Katpadi Passenger (Daily)

5. Gunupur-Palasa (via Parlakhemundi) Passenger (Daily)
6. Ajmer-Pushkar Passenger (5 Days)
7. Kota-Jhalawar City Passenger (Daily)
8. Bareilly-Kasganj Passenger (Daily)
9. Anandnagar-Barahani Passenger (Daily)
10. Rangiya-Tezpur Passenger (Daily)
11. Mysore-Shravan belgola (Daily)
12. Jodhpur-Bilara Passenger (Daily)
13. Villupuram-Mayiladuthurai Passenger (Daily)
14. Rohtak-Panipat Passenger (Daily)
15. Miraj-Kurudwadi Passenger (Daily)
16. Phulera-Rewari Passenger (Daily)
17. Mysore-Chamarajanagar Passenger (Daily)
18. Gorakhpur-Siwan Passenger (Daily)
19. Running of independent Passenger trains between Rewa-Bilaspur & Rewa-Chirmiri by delinking from 51751/51752 Rewa-Bilaspur Passenger & 51753/51754 Rewa-Chirmiri Passenger
20. Mysore-Birur Passenger via Arsikere (Daily)
21. Jhansi-Tikamgarh Passenger via Lalitpur

MEMU

1. Dahod-Anand
2. Anand-Gandhinagar
3. Bina-Bhopal MEMU service in lieu of conventional services
4. Palakkad-Coimbatore-Erode
5. Ernakulam-Thrisur
6. Adra-Asansol
7. Adra-Bishnupur via Bankura
8. Sealdah-Lalgola

DEMU

1. Baripada-Bangriposi (Daily)
2. Masagram-Matnashibpur (Daily)
3. Mannargudi-Trichy-Manamadurai (Daily)
4. Hoshiarpur-Firozpur (Daily)
5. Siliguri-Changrabandha (Daily)
6. Pratapnagar-Chota Udepur (Daily)
7. New Jalpaiguri-Bamanhat DEMU service in lieu of conventional services.

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