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Railways' green Initiative gets International Acceptance

In a significant boost to Indian Railways' efforts towards climate preservation, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has approved and registered the project of Improving Energy Efficiency in Indian Railways residential quarters through Compact Fluorescent. Three per cent of the Carbon Credits that would accrue from the project will also be earned by Indian Railways.

As a unique model, Minister of Railways, Mamata Banerjee, launched this project based on clean development mechanism to distribute over 14 lakh CFLs free of cost to Railway employees housed in Railway colonies, in exchange of energy intensive incandescent lamps. The project aims at demonstrating Railways commitment to climate preservation and inculcating wide participation from masses to arrest global warming. It also serves to reduce energy bill. This project is expected to reduce 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission annually and has been acknowledged as one of the biggest initiatives in sensitizing people towards environment. This project has been executed over Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern and North Frontier regions

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