**DISCOVER INDIAN RAILWAYS**

Indian Railways is a department owned and controlled by the Government of India, via the [Ministry of Railways](https://indianrail.fandom.com/wiki/Ministry_of_Railways) rather than a private company. Indian Railways is administered by the [Railway Board](https://indianrail.fandom.com/wiki/Railway_Board), which has six members and a chairman. [Indian Railways](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Railways) has been state owned since 1951.

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Indian Railways is the state-owned railway company of India, which owns and operates most of the country's rail transport and infrastructure. Indian Railways has one of the largest and busiest rail networks in the world, transporting over 17 million passengers and more than 2 million tonnes of freight daily. It is the world's largest commercial or utility employer, with more than 1.4 million employees. The Indian Railways has a train network that is spread across the length and breadth of the country, covering 6,909 stations over a total route length of more than 63,327 kilometres. Indian Railways owns over 200,000 wagons, 50,000 coaches and 8,000 locomotives of rolling stock. Indian Railways is administered by the Ministry of Railways of the Government of India.

[*http://indianrailwayonline.co.in/*](http://indianrailwayonline.co.in/)

Social Service obligation IR has been providing certain goods and passenger services at below the cost of operation. The losses accruing from such operations, which are justified for meeting wider socio-economic objectives, are termed as ‘Social Service Obligation’

[*http://203.176.113.50/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/stat\_econ/IRSP\_2016-17/Facts\_Figure/Fact\_Figures%20English%202016-17.pdf*](http://203.176.113.50/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/stat_econ/IRSP_2016-17/Facts_Figure/Fact_Figures%20English%202016-17.pdf)

Indian Railways is the lifeline of the economy. The central government is investing hugely towards modernization of railway infrastructure to push growth and provide better services and safety to passengers. Various reforms have been initiated to put Indian railways on the fast track.

[*http://www.crepim.fr/pdf/Rail-India-Conference--Expo-2018---Brochure.pdf*](http://www.crepim.fr/pdf/Rail-India-Conference--Expo-2018---Brochure.pdf)

On Thursday, among other things, railway minister [Suresh Prabhu](https://www.livemint.com/Search/Link/Keyword/Suresh%20Prabhu) spoke of soon unveiling an information technology (IT) vision for the railways, which will include online information on the latest berth availability on running trains and an integrated mobile application including a station navigation system, besides customer-friendly freight movement initiatives such as introduction of barcoded/RFID (radio frequency identification) tracking of parcels and freight wagons, automated parcel warehouses and a customer relationship management system.

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