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बेंगलूरू। दक्षिण पश्चिम रेलवे ने ट्रेन संख्या 16201/16202 केएसआर बेंगलूरू- शिवमोग्गा- केएसआर बेंगलूरू एक्सप्रेस को दैनिक सुपरफास्ट एक्सप्रेस में बदलते हुए इसका नंबर 20651/20652 करने का फैसला किया है।

यहां एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार इसकी संरचना और आवृत्ति में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं किया है। परिवर्तित सेवा 1 अक्टूबर से केएसआर बेंगलूरू से और 2 अक्टूबर को शिवमोग्गा से लागू होगी। तदनुसार ट्रेन संख्या 20651 केएसआर बेंगलूरू- शिवमोग्गा दैनिक सुपरफास्ट एक्सप्रेस केएसआर बेंगलूरू से दिन में 3 :00 बजे रवाना होगी और शिवमोग्गा टाउन में सांय 07.55 बजे पहुंचेगी। ट्रेन संख्या 20651 यशवंतपुर, तुमकूरु, टिपटूर (अस्थायी स्टॉपेज), अरसीकेरे, कडूर (अस्थायी स्टॉपेज), बिरूर, तारिकेरे, भद्रावती होते हुए शिवमोग्गा पहुंचेगी। वापसी में ट्रेन संख्या 20652 शिवमोग्गा से 6:40 बजे प्रस्थान कर केएसआर बेंगलूरू 11:35 बजे पहुंचेगी।

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ರೈಲು ಸೂಪರ್ ಫಾಸ್ಟಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ-ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ನಿತ್ಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ರೈಲನ್ನು (20651/20652) ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 1ರಿಂದ ನಿತ್ಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಸೂಪರ್ ಫಾಸ್ಟ್ ರೈಲಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತನೆ ಮಾಡಲು ನೈರುತ್ಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿದೆ. ರೈಲಿನ ಬೋಗಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿತ್ಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಸೂಪರ್ ಫಾಸ್ಟ್ ರೈಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಹೊರಡಲಿದ್ದು ಸಂಜೆ 7:55ಕ್ಕೆ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಲುಪಲಿದೆ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದಿಂದ ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 6:40ಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡುವ ರೈಲು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11:35ಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ಸೇರಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟನೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

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Shivamogga train to terminate at Yeshwantpur

The KSR Bengaluru-Shivamogga Town Tri-weekly Express will terminate at Yeshwantpur from July 15.

The train (16581) will depart at 11.40 pm from Yeshwantpur instead of KSR Bengaluru (every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday) to reach Shivamogga town at 6 am on the next day. In the return direction, the train (16582) will depart from Shivamogga at 11.45 pm (every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday) to reach Yeshwantpur at 5.45 am the next day from July 16.

Kannur train to have LHB coaches

South Western Railway has decided to replace conventional coaches of Train No. 16527/16528, Yeshwantpur-Kannur-Yeshwantpur Daily Express with German LHB coaches.

New rake will run with effect from July 14 from Yeshwantpur and from July 15 from Kannur. The train will have one AC 2-tier coach, two AC 3-tier, 11 second class sleeper and two second class coaches, two luggage-cum-brake vans with generator.

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VIJAYA KARNATAKA/HUBLI.
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ರೈಲು ಸಂಚಾರ ವಿಳಂಬ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ: ಮೈಸೂರು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ-ಕರಡಿ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ರೈಲು ಮಾರ್ಗ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ಯಾಸೆಂಜರ್ ರೈಲು ಸಂಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಈ ರೈಲು ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ 60 ನಿಮಿಷ ತಡ ವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಲಿದೆ. ಮೈಸೂರು-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ಯಾಸೆಂಜರ್ ರೈಲನ್ನು ಪಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ನಿಮಿಷ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ನಿಲುಗಡೆ ಮುಂದು ವರಿಸಲು ನೈರುತ್ಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿದೆ.

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Stoppage of Mysuru train

The South-Western Railway has decided to continue experimental stoppage of Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru Passenger (train number 56237/56238) at Palahalli station till January 9, 2018.

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Three trains to be regulated

Due to preliminary work in yards between Arsikere-Kardi section of Mysuru division, Shivamogga-KSR Bengaluru Passenger (train number 56228) will be regulated for 60 minutes on August 5 enroute Arsikere. The train will reach KSR Bengaluru 60 minutes late.

Similarly, Vijayawada-Bengaluru Cantonment Passenger (train number 56504) will be regulated for 50 minutes on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from August 1 to August 31. The Okha-Tuticorin (via Krishnarajapuram) Vivek Express will be regulated for 30 minutes from August 8 to 31.

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दिसंबर में शुरू होगा मैसूरू-बेंगलूरू के बीच 10 लेन एक्सप्रेस-वे का कार्य

मैसूरू। भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (एनएचएआई) के निदेशक बीटी ज्वेलेंद्र कुमार ने गुरुवार को कहा कि मैसूरू-बेंगलूरू के बीच अति आवश्यक 10 लेन एक्सप्रेस-वे का कार्य दिसंबर 2017 तक शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग में आयोजित एक समारोह में उन्होंने कहा कि इस संबंध में निविदा आमंत्रित करने की प्रक्रिया शुरू हो चुकी है और इसमें दस कंपनियों ने रूचि दिखाई है। परियोजना को दो क्षेत्रों में विभाजित किया जाएगा।

उन्होंने कहा कि परियोजना के पूरा होने के बाद राज्य की राजधानी बेंगलूरू और महलों के शहर मैसूरू के बीच यात्रा का समय घटकर 90 मिनट हो जाएगा। यह परियोजना बेंगलूरू के नाइस रोड से शुरू की जाएगी और मैसूरू के कोलंबिया अस्पताल तक 118 किमी की दूरी पर कवर करेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि एक्सप्रेस-वे पर यात्रियों के लिए टोल 200 रुपये तय किया गया है। परियोजना की लागत का अनुमान 4700 करोड़ रुपये है और भूमि अधिग्रहण के लिए 2700 करोड़ रुपये की आवश्यकता है।

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हुब्बल्ली-अंकोला रेललाइन परियोजना ने पार की पहली पर्यावरणीय बाधा

बेंगलूरु। वर्ष-1999 में तत्कालीन प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी द्वारा आधारशिला रखने के 18 वर्ष बाद भी अब तक पूर्ण नहीं हुई हुब्बल्ली-अंकोला रेल लाइन को लम्बे इंतजार के बाद अब पर्यावरण अनुमति मिली है जो पारिस्थितिकीय संवेदनशील पश्चिमी घाट से गुजरेगी। इस लाइन के आरंभ हो जाने से कर्नाटक के तटीय क्षेत्र का सीधा

- 1.73 लाख पेड़ों को काटकर बिछाई जाएगी 168 किमी रेल लाइन
- घने वन क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाली रेल लाइन के लिए बनेंगे 34 सुरंग
- बीस वर्ष बाद परियोजना साकार होने की दिशा में बढा पहला कदम

रेल सम्पर्क हुब्बल्ली से हो जाएगा। हालांकि पर्यावरण अनुमति मिल जाने के बाद अब इस परियोजना के लिए 1.73 लाख पेड़ों को काटा जाएगा जबकि कुल 1472 एकड़ वन क्षेत्र को उजाड़कर रेल लाइन बिछाई जाएगी। काली बाघ रिजर्व सहित घने वन क्षेत्र से रेल लाइन गुजरने के कारण लम्बे अरसे इस परियोजना का विरोध किया जा रहा था। इसी कारण से वर्ष-1997 में रेल मंत्रालय की घोषणा के बाद भी अब तक इस परियोजना को साकार नहीं किया जा सकता था।

वहीं अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी ने जब परियोजना की आधारशिला रखी थी तब उन्होंने घोषणा की थी कि मात्र 4 वर्ष में नई रेल लाइन बिछाने का काम पूरा हो जाएगा। हालांकि 168.289 किलोमीटर की प्रस्तावित हुब्बल्ली-अंकोला रेल लाइन के मात्र 45 किलोमीटर खंड, हुब्बल्ली और कालघाटगी के बीच, पर वर्ष-2001 में निर्माण कार्य आरंभ हुआ।

इस दौरान वर्ष-2006 में दो पर्यावरण संगठनों ने परियोजना को सुप्रीम कोर्ट के केन्द्रीय अधिकार प्राप्त समिति (सीईसी) के समक्ष चुनौती दी। बाद में वर्ष-2015 में सीईसी ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट को सौंपी एक रिपोर्ट में कहा कि परियोजना से पड़ने पर प्रतिकूल असर इसके लाभ से कहीं ज्यादा है इसलिए प्रस्ताव की अस्वीकृति की सिफारिश की जाती है। हालांकि मामले को राष्ट्रीय हरित प्राधिकरण (एनजीटी) को स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया। इस बीच वर्ष-2016 में

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रेलवे द्वारा प्रस्तुत नए प्रस्ताव के आधार पर एनजीटी ने परियोजना को स्वीकृति दी। अंततः इस सप्ताह 10 जुलाई को पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय (एमईईएफ और सीसी) की क्षेत्रीय अधिकार प्राप्त समिति (आरईसी) ने शर्तों के साथ लंबे समय से लंबित परियोजना के लिए स्टेज -1 क्लियरेंस की सिफारिश की। इस प्रकार अब हुब्बल्ली-अंकोला रेल लाइन का दीर्घ प्रतीक्षित इंतजार समाप्त होने की दिशा में यह एक बड़ा कदम है।

वन्यजीवन की सुरक्षा के लिए कई शर्तें

आरईसी की ओर से उल्लेख की गई शर्तों में रेलवे से कहा गया है कि परियोजना के वन क्षेत्र से गुजरने के कारण कम से कम वन संसाधन को नुकसान पहुंचाया जाए जिसके तहत प्रस्तावित मार्ग में अधिकाधिक सुरंगों का निर्माण किया जाए। रेलवे की ओर से प्रस्तुत प्रस्ताव के मुताबिक 168.3 किलोमीटर के मार्ग पर 34 सुरंग और 9 स्टेशन होंगे। इसी तरह, समिति ने रेलवे से कहा है परियोजना से वन जीवन पर प्रतिकूल असर न पड़े इसके उपाय किए जाने चाहिएं जिसके तहत वन्य जीवों के लिए अंडरपास के निर्माण की बात भी शामिल है।

कर्नाटक के बंदरगाहों को मिलेगा सीधा रेल सम्पर्क

बहुप्रतीक्षित रेल लाइन के निर्माण होने से कर्नाटक के बंदरगाहों को प्रमुख रेलमार्गों से जोड़ने का रास्ता साफ हो जाएगा। मौजूदा समय में गोवा स्थित मडगांव बंदरगाह ही हुब्बल्ली से सीधे रेलमार्ग से जुड़ा है जबकि प्रस्तावित हुब्बल्ली-अंकोला रेललाइन से कर्नाटक के तीन प्रमुख बंदरगाह कारवार, बेलेकेरी और तादरी (फिलहाल प्रस्तावित) जुड़ जाएंगे। इसी प्रकार मडगांव भी इस मार्ग के अंतर्गत आ जाएगा जिससे अनुमानित 27 मिलियन टन कार्गो का परिवहन उत्तर कर्नाटक से बंदरगाहों तक संभव हो जाएगा।

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■ ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ ಸುದ್ದಿಜಾಲ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಹಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನನೆಗುದಿಗೆ ಬಿದ್ದಿದ್ದ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಅಂಕೋಲಾ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ ಹಸಿರು ನಿಶಾನೆ ತೋರಿದೆ. ಉತ್ತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಗದ ಜನರ ಜತೆಗೆ ಉದ್ಯಮಗಳಿಗೂ ಈ ನಿರ್ಧಾರದಿಂದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಆಶಾಭಾವನೆ ಮೂಡಿದೆ.

168 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ಉದ್ದದ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗಿ ರೈಲು ಚಾಲನೆಗೊಂಡರೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಕಾರವಾರ ಬಂದರಿನ ಜತೆಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಉದ್ಯಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಡೆ ತಡೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಬಂದರಿಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ರಫ್ತು ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೂಡಿಕೆಗೂ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗಲಿದೆ ಎನ್ನಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಒಟ್ಟು 168 ಕಿ.ಮೀನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ದೂರ ಹಳಿ ಹಾಕಲಾಗಿದೆಯಾದರೂ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅನುಮತಿ ಸಿಗದೆ ಹಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನನೆಗುದಿಗೆ ಬಿದ್ದಿತ್ತು.

> ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ -ಅಂಕೋಲ ರೈಲು ಮಾರ್ಗದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ

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ರೈಲು ಮಾರ್ಗ ಹಾದು ಹೋಗುವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಘಟ್ಟ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ವಿಶ್ವಪಾರಂಪರಿಕ ತಾಣ ಎಂದು ವಿಶ್ವಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಘೋಷಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಜಟಿಲಗೊಂಡಿತ್ತು.

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Bear killed on railway track in Londa

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Belagavi: A bear died after being run over by a train near Ambewadi Railway Gate in the Londa forest range of Khanapur at 4am on Thursday. According to the sources in the forest department, the bear was aged about two and half years.

It was killed at Kirwale forest survey number 62. Khanapur assistant conservator of forests C B Patil along with Londa range forester Basavaraj Walannavar and a team reached the spot.

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TRAGEDY ON TRACKS: Forest department officials inspect the spot in Londa forest range where a bear fatally came under a train

2 arrested for misusing funds

Hubballi: Gokul Road police on Thursday arrested two BFIL Micro Finance Company employees for allegedly misusing over Rs 27 lakh of the company. They recovered Rs 15.98 lakh and a laptop from Fayaz Ahamad Tigadi, 28, and Mallikarjun Gadad, 30. The two are credit managers with BFIL Micro Finance, said the company's manager Neelkanth Goni, who had filed a case. TNN

रेल्वेची धडक बसल्याने अस्वल ठार

किरावळे नजीकची घटना, वर्षभरातील दहावी घटना

किरावळे : रेल्वेची धडक बसून ठार झालेले अस्वल

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गुंजी–लोंढा रेल्वे मार्गावर किरावळेनजीक रेल्वेची धडक बसून अस्वल जागीच ठार झाल्याची घटना गुरुवारी सकाळी उघडकीस आली.

वनखात्याचे कर्मचारी जंगलात गस्त घालत असताना किरावळेनजीक रेल्वेलाईनच्या बाजूला अस्वल पडले असल्याचे त्यांनी पाहिले आणि याची माहिती त्यांनी आपल्या वरिष्ठांना दिली. अस्वलाच्या डोक्याला जबर मार बसला होता. याची माहिती मिळताच खानापूरचे सबडीएफओ सी. बी. पाटील, लोंढा विभागाचे आरएफओ बसवराज वाळद घटनास्थळी दाखल झाले. त्यानंतर पशुवैद्यकीय अधिकाऱ्यांना बोलावून मृत अस्वलाचे शवविच्छेदन करण्यात येऊन अंत्यविधी उरकण्यात आला. रेल्वेच्या धडकेने वन्य प्राणी ठार होण्याची वर्षभरातील ही दहावी घटना आहे.

लोंढा–खानापूर रेल्वे मार्गाच्या बहुतेक भागात दोन्ही ठिकाणी जंगल प्रदेश आहे. याच मार्गावर यापूर्वी हत्ती, गवीरेडे, चितळ यासारखे प्राणी रेल्वेच्या धडकेने ठार झाल्याच्या घटना घडल्या आहेत.

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ज्यादा माल की शीघ्र ढुलाई के लिए नए डिजाइन के रेल डिब्बे आयेंगे

नई दिल्ली। रेल मंत्री ने बाजार की जरूरतों के हिसाब से नए डिजाइन के डिब्बे बनाने के लिए आज निजी कंपनियों से संपर्क साधा। रेलवे कोयला, उर्वरक और लौह अयस्क जैसे पारंपरिक वस्तुओं की ढुलाई के अलावा खास प्रकार के डिब्बों में बड़े पैमाने पर कृषि उत्पादों की भी ढुलाई करने की योजना बना रहा है।

प्रभु ने यहां नए डिब्बे के डिजाइन पर आयोजित सम्मेलन में कहा, हम रेल मालढुलाई क्षेत्र को ग्राहकों के अनुकूल बना रहे हैं और डिब्बे के डिजाइन में नए विकल्प इस दिशा में एक अन्य कदम है। इस सम्मेलन में डिब्बा उद्योग के प्रतिनिधियों एवं वरिष्ठ रेलवे अधिकारियों ने हिस्सा लिया।

उन्होंने कहा, मुझे पक्का भरोसा है कि साझेदारी के माध्यम से डिब्बे के डिजाइन में नए विकल्प से ढुलाई में हमारा हिस्सा बढ़ेगा। अपने पहले बजट भाषण में मैंने साझेदारी पर बल दिया था। हम माल ढुलाई के क्षेत्र में साझेदारी पर भी काम कर रहे हैं। प्रभु ने इसे दोनों के लिए लाभकारी स्थिति बताया और कहा कि उनके ग्राहक एवं रेलवे इससे लाभान्वित होंगे।

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Govt plans to double rail tracks: Prabhu

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To fast-track the creation of a robust infrastructure, the government has sanctioned plans for doubling and tripling of 16,500 km of railway tracks in few years as against only 22,000 km in last 70 years, Union Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu said today.

"We have decided to create an infrastructure at a much faster pace...16,500 km of doubling and tripling will happen in the next few years as opposed to what 22,000 km was sanctioned in 70 years," he said on the sidelines of a Assocham event here today.

Prabhu said Railways is investing in infrastructure to create seamless movement of traffic so that GST becomes a game changer wherein goods are moved without hassle.

"Only 42 per cent of electri-

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari with Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Assocham President Sandeep Jajodia at a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

which will double in next five years," the minister said addressing the conference on 'India — on the Cusp of a Logistics Revolution.'

He said, "We are already creating about 100 private freight terminals with private participation so that more and more traffic can come to the railways".

The Railways plans to save bills of which it has already saved about 10 per cent, he said.

"So, all of this will result in creating a good logistics backbone for India which will help it do much better business as logistics is key to success of industrialisation," he said.

On low consumer price inflation, Prabhu said it is the result of sound fiscal monet-

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Display screens in railway stations soon

Based on PPP model, 50% of display space to be reserved for advertisements

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NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways has framed a 'Rail Display Network' (RDN) policy, which envisages setting up of display screens at railway stations on a public-private partnership model to mop up non-fare revenue.

"The proposed rail display network will enable real time flow of information to passengers and also unlock advertising potential, which will lead to increased non-fare revenue," the Railway Board's Policy on Rail Display Network, reviewed by The Hindu, stated.

The RDN screens will display information related to arrivals, departures, and running status of trains, including expected delays and other relevant information such as platform numbers, coach guidance, and ticket confirmation status, the document said.

They will also carry information related to passenger comfort and safety. However, half of the display space will be utilised for advertisements and social messages. "The licensee should allow free of cost dissemination of Railways and railway-approved information on RDN screens in terms of 50% time or space," the policy said.

RailTel, a public sector unit owned by Indian Railways, will implement and manage RDN for 10 years, and share 65% of the revenue earned from the private sector with the Railway Ministry. RailTel will be responsible for project implementation. It will invite an open tender for selection of the "implementation partner."

In phases

The RDN policy will be rolled out in phases, beginning with major railway stations such as Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, Visakhapatnam, Patna, Kanpur, Varanasi, and Jaipur, among others.

A senior Railway Ministry official said that it will set up a steering committee at the Central and divisional level to ensure a smooth roll-out of the project. "This will include officials from commercial, electrical, and engineering departments. The committee will meet regularly to review the RDN project," the official added.

The Indian Railways' non-fare revenue jumped nearly 70% to Rs10,181 crore in 2016-17. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu had earlier this year unveiled its first non-fare revenue policy. Mr. Prabhu had said in his 2016-17 Railway Budget speech that Railways earned less than five per cent of its revenues through non-tariff sources.

"In Japan, 25-30 per cent of the revenue comes from non-fare sources. We aim to reach that level in the next seven-eight years, and it will be a new revenue stream for the Railways," he had said at a press conference in January.

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राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की त्रैमासिक बैठक सम्पन्न

बेंगलूरु। शहर के यलहंका स्थित रेल पहिया कारखाना(रेपका) में राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की त्रैमासिक बैठक का आयोजन रेपका के महाप्रबंधक ओपी अग्रवाल की अध्यक्षता में किया गया। इस त्रैमासिक बैठक में सभी विभागाध्यक्षों ने भाग लिया। राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट कार्य के लिए रेल पहिया कारखाना को प्रथम पुरस्कार के रुप में रेल मंत्री राजभाषा शील्ड एवं नक़द पुरस्कार से पुरस्कृत किया गया । महाप्रबंधक ने सभी को बधाई दी एवं और सर्वाधिक काम हिंदी में करने वाले कर्मचारियों को पुरस्कृत किया। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी व मुख्य बिजली इंजीनियर आरपी शर्मा ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि भारतीय होने के नाते हिंदी में बोलने व काम करने में हमें गर्व होना चाहिए । उन्होंने इस बात पर ध्यानाकर्षित किया कि प्रधानमंत्री विदेशों में अपना भाषण हिंदी में देते हैं तो हमें भी हिंदी में बोलने से परहेज नहीं होना चाहिए। वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी तिरमल सिंह के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ बैठक सम्पपन्न हुई । यह जानकारी मुख्य जनसंपर्क अधिकारी एलएम पांडेय ने एक विज्ञप्ति द्वारा दी।

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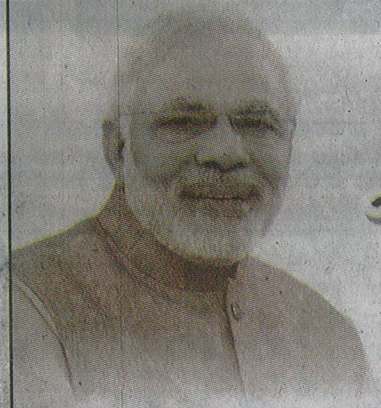

New Strides Towards New India

Inauguration of New Initiatives
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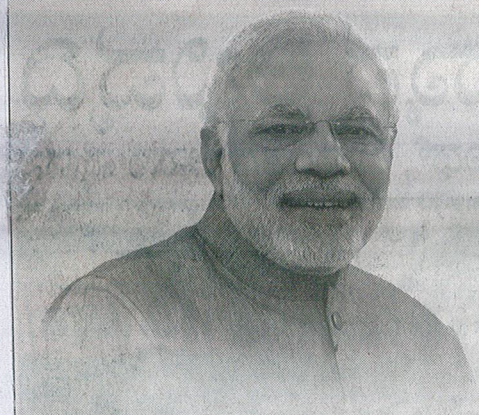

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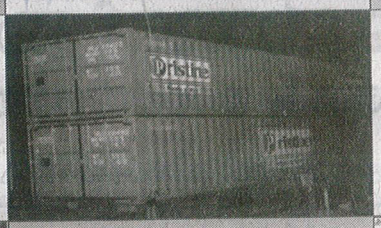

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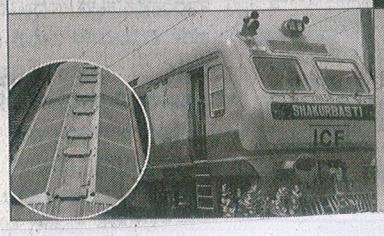

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India, Bangladesh to pilot freight train service in August

$6-b bilateral trade is now dominated by non-containerised road cargo

PRATIM RANJAN BOSE

Kolkata, July 13

Come August, India and Bangladesh will run a container train on pilot basis between Dhaka and Kolkata to assess the feasibility of extending the services on commercial basis. Bangladesh is the ninth-largest importer of Indian goods.

In April, State-owned Container Corporation (CONCOR) had signed an MoU with Container Company of Bangladesh Ltd (CCBL) in this regard, during Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi.

According to sources in the Railways, a full rake of empty containers will go to Dhaka through the only broad-gauge connection through Gede(India)-Darshana(Bangladesh) border gates in West Bengal. Bangladesh will send the rake loaded with their export cargo.

The broad-gauge connection is currently used for running a passenger train, Maitree Express, between Dhaka and Kolkata.

A welcome move

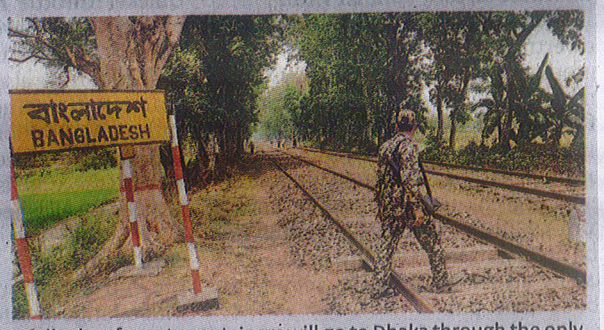
The effort, if successful, may have a major cost impact on the $6-billion bilateral trade, which is currently dominated by non-containerised road cargo—mostly through the Petrapole border in West Bengal.

Road transport is distinctly costlier than rail. A 2010 BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation) trade logistics study pointed out that rail movement can be 30 per cent cheaper than even sea-freight (which is normally considered the cheapest) between the two neighbours.

To add to the problem, India-Bangladesh road cargo is subjected to heavy rent-seeking and delay, especially in the 70-km congested stretch between Kolkata and Petrapole.

As the trade is heavily tilted in favour of India, the road movement eats into the competitiveness of Indian exports ($5.4 billion). Loading and unloading of non-containerised road cargo at the border further makes the trade costly and unsafe.

Direct movement of containerised cargo by train may, therefore, reduce trade costs significantly. Also, containerisation will make the trade more organised and safer.



A full rake of empty containers will go to Dhaka through the only broad-gauge connection through Gede (India)-Darshana (Bangladesh) border gates in West Bengal ASHOKE CHAKRABARTY

Feasibility a concern

But the proposal is not free from concerns. To reach Dhaka, the train has to cross the 5-km long Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge, connecting Eastern and Western Bangladesh.

Opened in 1998, the bridge developed cracks by 2008, leading to load restrictions. It is therefore yet to be established if a loaded container train can reach Dhaka.

Sources say Bangladesh authorities now claim that the bridge is fit for container movement. To further allay Indian fears, Dhaka has decided to run the loaded train from their end.

Iswardi project dumped

Meanwhile, the freight train proposal seems to have sealed the fate of the proposed inter-modal transhipment facility at Iswardi in Western Bangladesh.

Considering the load restrictions on Jamuna bridge and the inadequacy of rail network in Bangladesh, India had previously proposed setting up a rail-connected dry port facility, right across the border.

The aim was to promote rail movement for the Indian leg of the journey, while offering wide logistics choice for movement of goods in Bangladesh. The proposal was discussed by the Bangladesh-India Joint Working Group in 2013 and 2014.

A source told *BusinessLine* that the proposed facility wouldn't be required if the rail freight services are opened between Dhaka and Kolkata.

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ವಿಚಾರಣಾಧೀನ ಕೈದಿ ಅಪಘಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾವು

ತುಮಕೂರು: ಬಸ್ ಡಿಕ್ಕಿಯಾಗಿ ಬುಧವಾರ ಸಾವನ್ನಪ್ಪಿದ್ದ ಅನುಮಾನಾಸ್ಪದ ಕೈದಿಯ ಗುರುತು ಪತ್ತೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ನವಲಗುಂದದ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಆನಂದಪ್ಪ (20) ಮೃತ. ರೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳವು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಪೊಲೀಸರ ಕೈಗೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಬಿದ್ದು ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕರೆತಂದಿದ್ದ ವೇಳೆ ಪರಾರಿಯಾಗುವಾಗ ಮೃತಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ. ರೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ, ಬ್ಯಾಗ್, ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಕದಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕದ್ದ ಮಾಲನ್ನು ಕ್ಯಾತಸಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಮಾರಿರುವ ಕುರಿತು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಆರೋಪಿಯನ್ನು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಕರೆತರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕ್ಯಾತಸಂದ್ರ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಓಡುವಾಗ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ 48ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಆರ್‌ಟಿಸಿ ಬಸ್ ಡಿಕ್ಕಿಯಾಗಿ ಮೃತಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಜತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿಎಸ್‌ಐ ಹಾಗೂ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಪೇದೆಗಳಿದ್ದರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಅಪಘಾತ ಸಂಭವಿಸಿದಾಗ, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪೊಲೀಸರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡದೆ, ಆರೋಪಿಯನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಏಕೆ ಪರಾರಿಯಾದರು, ಆರೋಪಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿಂದ ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಹಲವು ಅನುಮಾನಗಳು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

A person by name Siddappa Annandappa was caught by Rly Police which stealing in trains. while the Railway police were bring him for enquire he tried to escape & met with accident and died in NH 48. by dashing to KSRTC Bus.

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Tobacco products seized from train

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The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel on Tuesday conducted a raid on a Kerala-bound train and seized 52-kg tobacco products worth 52,000. Railway Protection Force Police Sub-Inspector C.M. Bharat Raj, Assistant SI Binoy Kurian, and constable Prajith Kumar conducted the raid on Malabar Express between Mangaluru Central and Kasaragod on which the tobacco products, which have been banned in Kerala, were being transported.

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Bomb scare at Mumbai station

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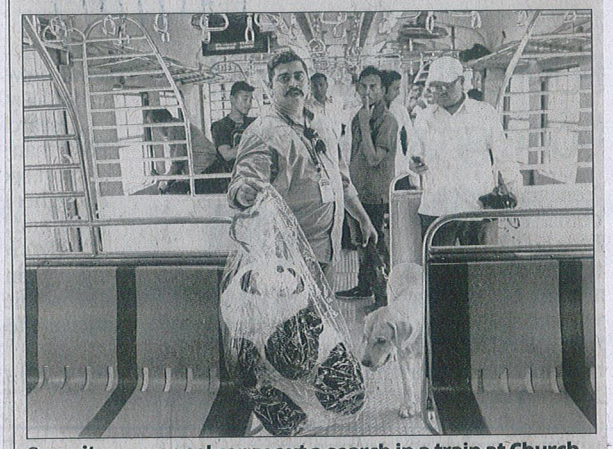

Security personnel carry out a search in a train at Churchgate station after a fake bomb threat, in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

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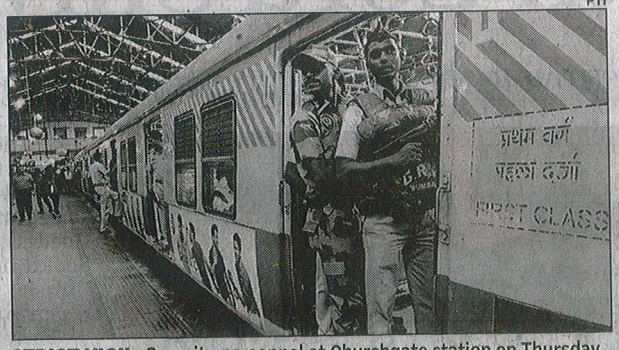

STRICT VIGIL: Security personnel at Churchgate station on Thursday

"Following the call, we have taken precautionary measures and security has been tightened at the station," an RPF official said. Both the RPF and the government railway police (GRP) are keeping a close watch at the station and on trains, the official said. "The call was received from an unidentified source. An inquiry is underway," he said.

Following the incident, the railway said security has been beefed up at all the stations. "In the search operation, the agencies did not find anything. As a precautionary measure, security has been tightened at all the stations, including Churchgate," WR's chief public relations officer Bhakar said. PTI

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Gorkha office, rly station set on fire

Darjeeling: A GTA office was set on fire and several vehicles were damaged in Darjeeling on Thursday as the indefinite shutdown in the hills entered the 29th day.

The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) office for travel and tourism in Chowrastha of Mall Road in Darjeeling was set ablaze by pro-Gorkhaland supporters early Thursday morning. Several government vehicles were also damaged near the Darjeeling station by unidentified men on Wednesday night.

A railway station in Gayabari area of Kurseong was set on fire by pro-Gorkhaland supporters on Thursday morning. A forest bungalow near Teesta river was also set on fire Thursday.

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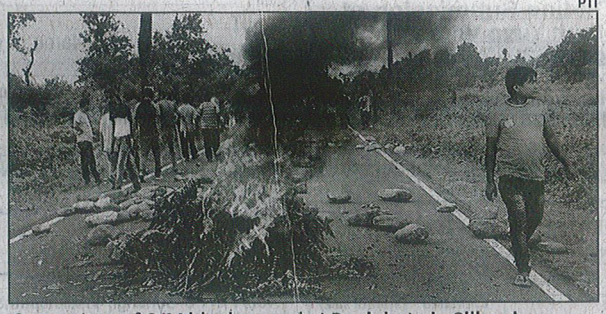

Supporters of GJM block a road at Panighata in Siliguri on Thursday as the shutdown in the hills entered the 29th day

Meanwhile, responding to the call of the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC), a writer and a singer returned the awards given to them by the state government.

GMCC is a body comprising 30 members who are representatives of all hill-based parties like GJM, GNLF, JAP and Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangh. The GMCC is headed by a member of GJM.

Writer Krishna Singh Moktan, who is also the former Darjeeling inspector-general of police, has returned his Bhanu Bhakta Award in the morning. He received the award in 2004. Singer Karma Yonjan too has returned his Sangeet Samman award.

Both Moktan and Yojnan gave their awards to Nepali Sahitya Sammelan committee, who in turn will send those awards to the district administration.

The GJM and pro-Gorkhaland supporters on Thursday celebrated the birth anniversary of noted Nepali poet Bhanubhakta Acharaya.

Hundreds of Pro-Gorkhaland supporters took out rallies reciting poems written by Bhanubhakta Acharya and carrying placards in favour of separate state of Gorkhaland.

Except pharmacies, all shops, restaurants, schools, colleges, hotels and private offices remained closed. PTI

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SBI to cut NEFT, RTGS charges by up to 75% from Saturday

New Delhi: In a push to digital payments, state-owned lender SBI will cut charges on electronic transfer of funds through NEFT and RTGS by up to 75% from Saturday, benefiting nearly 5.27 crore customers, a release said on Thursday.

"The reduced charges will be applicable on the transactions done through internet banking (INB) and mobile banking (MB) services offered by the bank," it said while releasing the revised NEFT and RTGS charges from July 15. As per the revised schedule, the NEFT charges on fund transfer up to Rs 10,000 has been halved to Re 1, and to Rs 2 for up to Rs 1 lakh.

For transfers between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, the NEFT charge will be reduced to Rs 3 from the existing Rs 12. The charge above Rs 2 lakh has been fixed at Rs 5 as against the current Rs 20. For RTGS transactions, the charges will be Rs 5 for transactions between Rs 2 lakh and Rs 5 lakh. Currently, the bank charges Rs 20 for such transaction.

If a customer transfers more than Rs 5 lakh through the RTGS channel, he will be charged Rs 10 as against Rs 40 currently. There are different charges if the fund transfers are made in bank branches through executives. All the new charges will attract GST rate of 18%.

The country's largest lender has also waived charges for fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000 done through Immediate Payment Service (IMPS).

"In sync with our strategy and complementing the focus of Government of India to create a digital economy, we have taken one more step to promote use of internet banking and mobile banking for doing NEFT and RTGS transactions by reduction of the charges," said Rajnish Kumar, managing director of SBI.

At March-end, SBI had 3.27 crore Internet Banking customers and nearly 2 crore Mobile Banking customers.

SBI is one of the top 50 global banks and the largest commercial bank in India in terms of assets, deposits, profits. The company had deposit base of Rs 25.85 lakh crore as on March 31. PTI

'Note ban has advanced nation by three years in digital payments'

New Delhi: Demonetisation has brought the nation at least three years ahead in digital payments, SBI Ecoflash stated in its latest issue published on Thursday.

"If demonetisation had not happened, it would have taken around three years more for credit plus debit cards transactions on point of sales (PoS) terminals to reach the current level of Rs 700 billion (assuming a yearly growth rate of 25 per cent)," the report stated further.

"We believe that increasing number of PoS terminals (post demonetisation Indian banks have been able to set up 11.8 lakh extra PoS terminals) and ease of doing digital transaction will increase this level further. Clearly, India has leapfrogged three years of digitization in just seven months!" it said. IANS