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### SWR wins cycling event

Hubballi: The South Western Railway won the 56th All India Railway Championship of Track Cycling held in Hyderabad. Raju Khadi, J K Aswin, Sandesh Upgar, Ganesh Pawan, Aswin Padil, Anil Mangla, Mallappa M, Basappa M T were part of the team. North Western Railway got the silver and South Central Railway bronze. Nine teams representing various railway zones took part in the tourney from January 8 to January 10, 1994.

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## तैयारी : 10 राज्यों में 18 हजार करोड़ का निवेश सौर उर्जा के सहारे बिजली का खर्च घटाएगा रेलवे

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नई दिल्ली, बिजली पर होने वाले खर्च को कम करने के लिए भारतीय रेलवे सौर उर्जा को बढ़ावा देने की दिशा में काम कर रहा है। इसके लिए रेलवे सौर उर्जा इकाईयों में 18 हजार करोड़ रुपये के निवेश पर विचार कर रहा है। इससे जहां एक तरफ घरेलू सौर उर्जा उपकरण निर्माताओं के लिए व्यापार के अवसर बनेंगे, साथ ही हर महीने बिजली पर होने वाले भारी भारकम खर्च को कम किया जा सकेगा।

सरकार की नोडल एजेंसी सोलर एनर्जी कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसईसीआई) 10 राज्यों में टेंडर जारी करेगी। इसमें हर राज्य में दो गीगावाट प्लांट लगाने की योजना है। इतना ही नहीं सौर संयंत्रों को इस प्रकार से बनाने की योजना पर काम किया जा रहा है जिससे कि पटरियों के विद्युतीकरण को भी कम किया जा सके।



### पूर्ण सौर उर्जा वाला गुवाहाटी स्टेशन

असम की राजधानी गुवाहाटी का रेलवे स्टेशन देश का पहला पूरी तरह से सौर ऊर्जा से चलने वाला स्टेशन है। यहां 700-किलोवाट की क्षमता वाले रूफटॉप सौर पैनल हैं। इससे स्टेशन पर बिजली की जरूरतों को पूरा किया जा रहा है। रेलवे के मुताबिक इस योजना से रेलवे के प्रतिवर्ष बिजली के बिल में 67.7 लाख की बचत हो रही है। इतना ही नहीं रेलवे ने प्रयोग के तौर पर कुछ ट्रनों पर सोलर सिस्टम भी लगाया है। इससे न सिर्फ धूप के समय में पूरी तरह से बिजली की बचत होती है।



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# IRCTC scam: Delhi court grants bail to Lalu Prasad

New Delhi: RJD chief Lalu Prasad was on Saturday granted bail by a Delhi court in the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) scam case filed by the CBI. Prasad, 70, who is serving sentences in fodder scam cases, is currently admitted at Rajendra Institute of Medical Science in Ranchi for treatment.

Special judge Arun Bhardwaj here granted bail to Prasad on a personal bond of Rs one lakh and a surety of like amount. Lalu was earlier granted interim bail in the matter. Prasad's wife Rabri Devi and son Tejaswi Yadav were also earlier granted bail in the case.

The court also put various conditions on the accused, including that they will not leave country without prior permission and not tamper with the evidence.

Meanwhile, the court extended the interim bail of Prasad, Devi, Tejaswi and others till January 28 in a separate case filed by the Enforcement Directorate for alleged money laundering in the scam. The cases relate to alleged irregularities in granting the operational contract of two IRCTC hotels to a private firm.



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According to the chargesheet filed by the CBI, between 2004 and 2014, a conspiracy was hatched in pursuance of which BNR hotels of Indian Railways, located in Puri and Ranchi, were first transferred to IRCTC and later, for its operations, maintenance and upkeep, given on lease to Sujata Hotels Private Limited, which is based in Patna, Bihar.

It is alleged that the tender process was rigged and manipulated and the conditions were tweaked to help the private party — Sujata Hotels. Based on the CBI case, the ED also lodged a case of money laundering against Prasad, Devi, Yadav and others. The court will pronounce order on January 28 on the regular bail application of Prasad and others in the ED case. Among others

named in the chargesheet are — then group general managers of IRCTC V K Ashtana and R K Goyal and Vijay Kochhar, Vinay Kochhar, both directors of Sujata Hotels and owners of Chanakya Hotel. Delight Marketing Company, now known as Lara Projects, and Sujata Hotels Private Limited have also been named as accused firms in the chargesheet.

The CBI registered a case in July 2017, and carried out searches at 12 locations in Patna, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar and Gurgaon in connection with the case.

The charges in the case include criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption, CBI had said. It also claimed that on February 25, 2005, Vinay Kochhar sold commercial property in the form of three acres of land in Patna through 10 sale deeds for Rs 1.47 crore to Delight Marketing, in which Sarla Gupta was a director as a front benami holder on behalf of Prasad. Between 2010 and 2014, this land was further transferred, CBI alleged.

In 2001, it was decided to handover the management of catering services of the Indian Railways, including of its hotels, to the IRCTC. AGENCIES

## IRCTC scam: Delhi court extends Lalu's interim bail

NEW DELHI, PTI: A Delhi court on Saturday extended till January 28 the interim bail granted to RJD chief Lalu Prasad in two Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation scam cases.

Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj also extended the interim bail granted to Prasad's wife Rabri Devi and son Tejaswi Yadav in the cases till January 28.

On the said date, the court will pronounce order on the regular bail application of Prasad and others in the ED case.

The cases relate to alleged irregularities in granting the operational contract of two IRCTC hotels to a private firm.

Seeking regular bail, Prasad, through his counsel, told the court he was not arrested during trial.



# Decongesting Bengaluru

In the last seven months, the State government has given top priority for many infrastructure projects in the state capital for decongesting Bengaluru.

Commissioning of the Integrated Road Transport Authority (IRTA), Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, Elevated Corridor Project and expansion of the metro rail network have been taken up to ensure smooth and comfortable travel on road.

Once these projects become a reality, the road users in the City will have pleasant experience while driving on the roads. These projects also reduce the travel time, energy and financial burden.

The government is looking at multi-pronged measures to address the problem of congestion as vehicle population in the city has touched 80 lakh. The primary objective of the IRTA is to bring together different departments and organisations that cater to the transport sector.

It will help integrate metro and bus services by bringing together officials in the planning of the transportation services. This will solve problems related to the first mile and last mile connectivity.

Construction of elevated corridors covering the City's outskirts is viewed as a bold step by the Kumaraswamy government. The Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) has been appointed as the executing body of the Rs 17,000 crore project. The government has earmarked Rs 1,000 crore for the current year.

KRDCL appointed Aecom, with Deloitte and Infra Support Engineering Consultants Private Limited as the technical consultants to prepare the 'Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Feasibility Report for the Construction of Proposed Elevated Corridors within Bengaluru Metropolitan Region, Bengaluru.

The objective of elevated corridors could be achieved only if the proposal is integrated with the Peripheral Ring Road. This will ensure that traffic does not enter the City's core areas.

**Bengaluru is one of the fastest growing cities in the world. Hence it is great challenge to the Government as well as all civic bodies concerned to provide infrastructure and basic amenities and address such issues. Traffic is one of the biggest problems in the city and it is being addressed with multidimensional approach by the government.**



The state government will set-up the Integrated Road Transport Authority to facilitate commuters who use public transport to switch between Metro and bus services.

For the success of these projects, the government is planning to improve mass transit networks and public transport to solve the ever growing congestion. The project will improve connectivity to major arterial roads, segregate the fast moving long distance traffic without interrupting the slow moving neighbourhood traffic. The elevated roads will decongest most junctions, make way for traffic movement, reduce air pollution, noise pollution and ensure pedestrian safety.

The major objective of the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) is to ensure more productivity of youths and working population. The government will create 65 kms semi circle of the PRR and link it to the existing semi circle of NICE Road, connecting Hosur Road to Tumakuru Road.

To complete the project on time, the government has decided to lend Rs 10,000 crore as a loan to BDA to execute the work at the earliest. The Japan International Corporation Agency Limited

(JICA) will fund the road construction.

The PRR will have a way to Namma Metro to ensure that people do not travel long distances. The government is also planning to link the Metro rail with the PRR to the green and purple lines.

The PRR has been the dream of residents of around 110 villages, those staying in the City outskirts, industrialists and heavy duty vehicle owners. The government has set 2020 as the deadline to complete the project and throw it open for people to use.



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## ಭಾರತೀಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಜತೆ ಮಾತುಕತೆ ಟೈನ್-18 ಆಮದಿಗೆ ವಿದೇಶಗಳಿಂದ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ!

ಹೊಸದಿಲ್ಲಿ: ಭಾರತೀಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮಹತ್ವಾಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಾದ ಟೈನ್-18 ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಆಮದು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಹಲವು ದೇಶಗಳು ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ತೋರಿವೆ.

ಮಲೇಷಿಯಾ, ಇಂಡೋನೇಷಿಯಾ, ಪೆರು, ಸಿಂಗಾಪುರ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಲವು ದೇಶಗಳು ಭಾರತೀಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆದಿವೆ ಎಂದು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಹಿರಿಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವಿದೇಶಗಳಿಂದ ಟೈನ್-18 ರೈಲಿಗೆ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುವುದು ದೇಶೀಯ ಉತ್ಪಾದನಾ ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಹುದೊಡ್ಡ ಉತ್ತೇಜನಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿಶ್ವದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಭಾರತೀಯ ರೈಲ್ವೆಯ ರೋಲಿಂಗ್ ಸ್ಟಾಕ್ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಅಂದಾಜು 200 ಬಿಲಿಯನ್

ಅಮೆರಿಕನ್ ಡಾಲರ್ ಮೌಲ್ಯದ ಪೇರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಪೇರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ರಾಜೇಶ್ ಅಗರ್‌ವಾಲ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ವಿದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇದರ ತಯಾರಿಕಾ ವೆಚ್ಚ 250 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ಚೆನ್ನೈ ರೈಲು ತಯಾರಿಕಾ ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾದ ಟೈನ್-18 ವೆಚ್ಚ 100 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ತಗುಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಭಾರತದ ಅತ್ಯಾಧುನಿಕ ಸೆಮಿಸ್ಟೀಡ್ ರೈಲು ಇದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೈಸ್ಪೀಡ್ ರೈಲು ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ನಡೆಯಲಿದ್ದು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಟೈನ್

-18 ಉತ್ಪಾದನಾ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಟೈನ್-18 ಕುರಿತ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಮೂಲಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿವೆ. ಎಲ್‌ಹೆಚ್‌ಬಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಯಿಂದ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಟೈನ್ 18 2014-2015ರಲ್ಲಿ 685 ಬೋಗಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ 4016 ಬೋಗಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿವೆ.

ಟೈನ್-16 ಬೋಗಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರಲಿದ್ದು, ಅತ್ಯಾಧುನಿಕ ಸೀಟುಗಳು, ಹವಾ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿತ ಬೋಗಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಿಸಿಟಿವಿ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಆಧುನಿಕ ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. ಬುಲೆಟ್ ಟೈನ್ ಮಾದರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್‌ವಾಹನ ಇದು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ.