

## RailTel launches high-speed public Wi-Fi service with Google at Lucknow and Lucknow Jn. Railway Stations



The Wi Fi services at **Lucknow and Lucknow Jn. Railway Stations** were formally launched on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 when Sh. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Govt of India, in the august presence of Sh. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Railways dedicated the service to the large number of commuters of these stations. The Wi-Fi facility for the visitors & rail users of **Lucknow and Lucknow Jn.**

**Railway Stations** has been commissioned by RailTel in association with Google for providing high speed state of the art world class internet experience to the commuters. The service built over the fiber network of RailTel is designed to offer high-speed broadband like experience to users. Travelers passing through these stations will now be able to easily stream a high definition video while they're waiting, research their destination, download a book or a new game for their journey.

Lucknow, the capital city of Uttar Pradesh, is the largest city of the state and a major hub of art,culture, business and education. Lucknow, with its historical monuments like *Bada Imambada, Chota Imambada* etc, is a famous tourist spot in northern India. The city bears the rich heritage of *Awadh* culture and famous for exporting of various traditional items like chicken and artifacts. Lucknow and Lucknow Jn Railway stations are two of the busiest stations in Uttar Pradesh with more than 70000 footfalls per day accounting to around 2.6 crore footfalls per year. A total number of 34 and 47 access points and 17 and 20 access switches has been used to create the Wi Fi facility at Lucknow and Lucknow jn. respectively.

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Mini-Ratna PSU under Ministry of Railways, has taken a lead in providing fast Wi-Fi for the use of passengers at A1 & A category Railway stations. RailTel roped in Google as the technology partner for setting up fast Wi-Fi network initially covering 100 A1 & A category stations for providing fast Wi Fi to around 10 million Indians a day, by the end of the year 2016. Wi-Fi services to passengers are being provided under 'Railwire', the retail Broadband distribution model of RailTel. Designed to offer users the best Internet experience, Railwire Wi-Fi will be available to any user who has a working mobile connection on a smartphone. Under this association with Google, so far **eleven** stations (Mumbai Central, Bhubaneswar, Kacheguda, Vijayawada, Raipur, Bhopal, Patna, Ranchi, Visakhapatnam, Guwahati and Jaipur) have been formally inaugurated to become Wi-Fi with state of the art high speed network backed by the physical infrastructure of RailTel and high end technology from Google.

On the occasion of launch, CMD of RailTel said, "Our intent was to fulfil Indian Railway's vision of providing Railway passengers access to high speed Internet through our Optical fiber communication network. Affordable smartphones have made it possible for the common men

to experience the power of Internet. With our partnership with Google, we are very confident of rolling out a robust, scalable service at Railway stations in the near future.”

The Wi-Fi services are available at **six more stations** (Allahabad, Pune, Ernakulum Jn. (Kochi), Ujjain, Gorakhpur & Sealdah) across the country and will be formally launched soon.

### **About RailTel**

RailTel Corporation a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" PSU is one of the largest neutral telecom services providers in the country owning a Pan-India optic fiber network covering all important towns & cities of the country and several rural areas covering 70% of India's population. RailTel is in the forefront in providing nationwide Broadband Telecom & Multimedia Network in all parts of the country in addition to modernization of Train operations and administration network systems for Indian Railways. With its Pan India high capacity network, RailTel is working towards creating a knowledge society at various fronts and has been selected for implementation of various mission-mode Govt. of India projects in the telecom field.

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### **Stations in Uttar Pradesh-**

1. Allahabad
2. Lucknow
3. Lucknow Jn.
4. Gorakhpur Jn.
5. Mughalsarai Jn.
6. Jhansi
7. Kanpur Central
8. Mathura Jn
9. Moradabad
10. Agra Cant
11. Aligarh
12. Bareilly
13. Ghaziabad
14. Varanasi