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**Press Release- RailTel Turns 1600 Railway Stations across country into RailWire Wi-Fi zone**  
*Santacruz of Western Railways becomes the 1600<sup>th</sup> Stations*  
*600 stations completed in 10 days*

1600 stations across the country now have fast and free RailWire Wi-Fi provided by RailTel. Santacruz railway station in suburban line of Mumbai became the 1600<sup>th</sup> station in the country to have public Wi-Fi. In order to fulfil the promise of bring fast and free Wi-Fi at all Railway stations (except the halt stations) within a year team RailTel is tirelessly working to achieve the target.

Talking about the Wi-Fi provided by RailTel, Sh A.K. Gupta, GM/Western Railways, said “Mumbai suburban Railway has seen the major milestones being achieved for the Railway Station Wi-Fi project. The journey of RailWire station Wi-fi started from Mumbai Central . Then Reay Road became the 1000<sup>th</sup> stations couple of days back and now Santa Cruz has been declared as the 1600<sup>th</sup> station in the country to have fast free RailWire Wi-Fi. This Wi-Fi is a boon for millions of passengers commuting through Suburban Railways everyday”.

Talking about the Wi-Fi service at stations, Sh. Puneet Chawla, CMD/RailTel said, ‘ Providing public Wi-Fi in a 24X7 crowded place like Indian Railway stations are a huge challenge and unprecedented in India. But with an experienced and dedicated team, we have managed to complete 1600 stations today. And the current pace of execution we are confident of completing the project well within deadline’

RailTel has provided high speed Wi-Fi at 985 stations with own/other funding and at 415 A, A1 and C category stations, associating Google as the Technology partner for Radio Access, while using the RailTel backbone for broadband connectivity. RailTel has also completed work of providing Wi-Fi 200 stations with support of Universal Service Obligatory Fund of Gol.

RailTel started provding the free public Wi-Fi service at Indian railway station with a vision of turning Railway stations into a platform for Digital inclusion.In the next phase RailTel has roped in Tata Trust for providing Wi-Fi at remaining 4791 B,C,D and E category stations across country. The idea behind providing free Wi-Fi to these very small stations catering to mainly rural/low population density areas is to provide the people with state of the art Wi-Fi facility. Easy and low-cost availability of Smart phones in the market coupled with free Wi-Fi at railway stations in rural area will go a long way in the digital growth for rural India. While private operators finds it hard to create telecom infrastructure in Rural areas due to high CAPEX involved, RailTel is penetrating the hinterland of the country to bring state-of-the-art Telecom Infra for the rural population bridging the digital divide of urban and rural India..

Free Wi-Fi services to passengers are being provided under ‘RailWire’- the retail Broadband initiative of RailTel. Designed to offer users the best Internet experience, RailWire Wi-Fi will be available to any user who has a smartphone with working mobile connection for KYC considerations. To use the Wi-Fi the user has to switch on the Wi-Fi mode in the smartphone and select the RailWire Wi-Fi network. After the RailWire homepage network automatically appears on the smartphone, the user has to enter his or her mobile number on this

homepage. The user will get one-time password (OTP) in form of SMS in the message box which has to be entered in the home page of RailWire. After entering OTP Users will be able to access high speed internet & can start internet browsing.

### **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. Along with a strong a reliable network of 48000+ RKM of Optic fibre RailTel has two tier III data centres as well, RailTel is at the forefront of providing nationwide Broadband Telecom & Multimedia Network in all parts of the country in addition to modernization of Train operations and administration of 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. RailTel offers a bundle of services like, MPLS-VPN, Telepresence, Leased line, Tower Co-location, Data centre services etc,. RailTel is a pioneer in transforming Railway stations into Digital hub by providing public Wi-Fi at major Railway stations. Currently 1600 stations are live with RailTel's RailWire Wi-Fi.

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