Press Release

SAHIBABAD STATION OF NORTHERN RAILWAYS BECOMES THE 1500th STATION IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE FREE Wi-Fi FACILITY

RAILTEL TURNS 1500 RAILWAY STATIONS ACROSS INDIA INTO FREE Wi-Fi ZONES

500 STATIONS COMPLETED IN A RECORD TIME OF 7 DAYS

The Railways have always been in the forefront of nation building by creating better travel opportunities. Indian Railways has effectively contributed towards the "Digital India" movement turning many Railway stations into platforms for Digital inclusion by providing free Wi-Fi service (Wireless Fidelity). Sahibabad Station over Northern Railway has become the 1500th station in the country to get free Wi-Fi facility provided by RailTel. Earlier the entire Delhi-Ambala and Ambala- Chandigarh sections and Kalka Shimla Hill Railways in Northern Railway had been covered with free Wi-Fi service at stations.

The high-speed Broadband Internet Connectivity has been made live with 'RailWire' Wi-Fi by RailTel, which is a Mini Ratna CPSU under the Ministry of Railways. The PSU provides one of the largest and fastest public Wi-Fi networks of the world. Recently a record was set by covering 500 stations with Wi-Fi in a short period of 7days. In order to set up free Wi-Fi at all Railway stations on the Indian Railways network (except the halt stations) within a year, the PSU is ceaselessly working to achieve the goal. For this RailTel has also tied up with Tata Trust for providing Wi-Fi at 4791 B, C, D and E category stations.

Sharing the spectacular journey of the PSU, Sh. Puneet Chawla, CMD/RailTel said that, "the project was initiated from Mumbai Central Station, Sahibabad gets the distinction of becoming the 1500th. We are now targeting the smaller stations and striving to complete the project by the year end. These are very small stations catering to mainly rural/low population density areas. As there is a visible digital divide between Rural and Urban India, the rural population is often deprived of the latest telecom infrastructure mainly provided by the private operators. The Indian Railways has taken the initiative of providing free Wi-Fi at the stations so that not only the rail users but also the local populace can benefit from it."

Designed to offer users the best Internet experience, RailWire Wi-Fi is available to any user who has a smartphone with working mobile connection for KYC considerations. The users have to switch on the Wi-Fi mode in their smartphones and select the RailWire Wi-Fi network. The RailWire homepage automatically appears on the smartphone, the user has to enter his or her mobile number on this homepage and he/she will get one-time password (OTP) code in the form of SMS in the message box. User needs to feed the OTP for verification. After verification the Users will be connected to the high-speed internet service.

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 1500 stations are live with RailTel's RailWire Wi-Fi.

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