

RailTel launches high-speed public Wi-Fi service with Google at Patna, Ranchi & Visakhapatnam Railway Stations



The Wi Fi services at Patna, Ranchi & Visakhapatnam Railway Stations was formally launched today, 20th May 2016 when Sh. Suresh PrabhakarPrabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, dedicated the service to the large number of commuters of these stations. The Wi-Fi facility for the visitors & rail users of Patna, Ranchi & Visakhapatnam 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.

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 & B 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 Seven stations (Mumbai Central, Bhubaneswar, Kacheguda, Vijayawada, Raipur, Bhopal 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.

Launching the project from Rail Bhavan through RailTel's Telepresence service, Hon'ble Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that as India is heading towards digitalization, Internet has become the basic need of every individual for which they are

entitled to. He said that to bring the railway stations to world standard and to keep pace with the latest technology, provision of high speed WiFi is the first step in this direction. He also said that after completion of this project of providing WiFi facility at all 400 stations, it would be the biggest WiFi service in the world. He said that Indian Railways have been taking lot of measures to improve the facilities for the railway users and the coming time will also bring lot of new facilities which will make the railway passengers feel proud.

On the occasion of the launch, Sh. R.K. Bahuguna, CMD/RailTel said, “We are committed towards providing high speed Internet through our Optical fiber communication network to the large number of commuters traveling through railway stations. The work for providing the same is right on track and at Nine more stations viz. Allahabad, Pune, Ernakulum Jn. (Kochi), Guwahati, Lucknow, Lucknow Jn (NE),Ujjain, Gorakhpur & Sealdah will be live soon”