



New Delhi Railway Station Wi-Fi Goes Live



New Delhi station area becomes Wi-Fi hot spot from 8th December 2014. Sh. Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, inaugurated the facility. Sh. Arunendra Kumar, Chairman Railway Board, other senior officials of Railways, RailTel and Industry were also present to grace the occasion. The Wi-Fi facility for the visitors & rail users of New Delhi station has been commissioned by RailTel, a fully owned PSU of Ministry of Railways, for providing high speed internet to the commuters. "RailWire" - the retail Broadband distribution model of RailTel is the powering engine for distributing internet bandwidth through Wi-Fi.

Sh Prabhu also said that RailTel would provide similar Wi-Fi facility at all 75 A1 & 332A category stations as announced in the budget. After successfully implementing the pilot project at Bangalore City station on 25th October, 2014, New Delhi is the first station in Northern India where the Wi-Fi facility is being provided to rail users. Delhi being the capital city and New Delhi railway station being one of the busiest station of India, catering to more than 5 lakhs passenger daily, this facility will enable them to stay connected on the go. He stated that Access to broadband is the first step to achieve the objectives laid down under Digital India programme.

The facility has been created by RailTel with a Gigabit Ethernet network using Optic Fibre in a ring. 22 such GE switches deliver to 60 Nos of Wireless Access Points (AP), which are commissioned strategically at all 16 Platforms including concourse

area. OFC cable has been laid in all the platforms at New Delhi Station, including FOB & concourse. The total cost of the project is Rs. 50 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 16 lakhs will be spent annually to run the facility. Further, the facility is to be launched at Agra, Ahmedabad, Howrah, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai & Secunderabad very soon. The Wi-Fi facility is to be provided at 75 A1 category stations within a period of 12 months. Ministry of Communications & Information Technology has been approached for financial support from USOF (Universal Service Obligation Fund) in providing Wi-Fi facility at way side stations particularly in remote areas.

The RailWire powered Wi-Fi will give maximum speed of 1 mbps. Installing the Wi-Fi follows some very simple steps. Wi-Fi facility shall be available to the users free of cost initially for a period of 30 minutes by registering on the Wi-Fi network through their mobile. For usage beyond 30 minutes, the user may purchase scratch cards, which will be made available at the 24X7 Wi-Fi Help Desks in the concourse on Paharganj and Ajmeri gate side of station adjoining to the of platform no. 1 and 16 respectively. These cards are priced at Rs.25 for 30 minutes and Rs.35 for 1 Hour and are valid through 24 hours.

