Railwire Wi-Fi goes Live in 5500ᵗʰ Railway Station

Mahua Milan Railway station, over East Central Railway, is the 5500th Stations

RailTel has successfully completed the work of providing free public Wi-Fi at 5500stations across the country. Mahua Milan Railway Station of East Central Railway zone, became the 5500th station in the country to have free public Wi-Fi.

To transform the Railway stations into the hub of Digital inclusion, Indian Railways mandated RailTel, a Miniratna PSU under Ministry of Railways, to provide free high-speed Wi-Fi at the Railway stations. The journey started in January 2016 from the financial capital of India - Mumbai Central station. And in a span of 46 months RailTel has successfully provided Wi-Fi at 5500 stations across the country. The mission is to provide Wi-Fi at all (except the halt ones) Railway stations. Along the journey, RailTel has roped in patterns like Google, Tata Trust, PGCIL for some parts of the project and also got funding from Department of Telecom USOF for 200 stations. The Wi-Fi is being provided under the brand name of Railwire- the retail broadband service of RailTel.

Talking about the journey so far, Sh. Puneet Chawla, CMD/RailTel, said, "The station Wi-Fi has become really popular amongst the people and the number of users and the data consumption is only growing day by day. The month of October'19 saw total 1.5 crores of user logins in 'RailWire' Wi-Fi services across all stations consuming 10242TB of data."

This was a unique initiative as this Wi-Fi network is one of the largest Wi-Fi networks of the world. Free access to high speed Wi-Fi will help in bridging the digital divide between rural and urban India. Students using their waiting time to download study materials, vendors using the service for digital payment transactions, daily passengers using their time at stations learning new skill or surfing net- the free Wi-Fi has been a boon to these people who otherwise suffers from poor connectivity issues.

Free Wi-Fi service to passengers are being provided under 'RailWire'- the retail Broadband initiative of RailTel catering to Enterprises, SMEs and homes. Designed to offer users the best Internet experience, RailWire Wi-Fi at Railway stations 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 on the smartphone 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. 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 52000+ RKM of Optic fibre,RailTel has two tier III certified 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 5500+ stations are live with RailTel's RailWire Wi-Fi.