Press Release-Now 5000+ Railway Stations Has Free 'RailWire' Wi-Fi
Midnapore Railway station, over South Eastern Railway, is the 5000th Stations

In a milestone achievement, RailTel completed work of providing free public Wi-Fi at 5000+ stations across the country. Midnapore Railway Station of South Eastern Railway zone, became the 5000th station in the country to have free public Wi-Fi.

The journey started in January 2016 from the financial capital of India - Mumbai Central station. And in a span of 44 months RailTel has successfully provided Wi-Fi at 5000 stations across the country. 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.

Talking about the journey so far, Sh. Puneet Chawla, CMD/RailTel, said, "We are now just few hundred stations away from achieving the ambitious target of providing free public Wi-Fi at all Indian Railway stations (except the halt ones). The dedication of the RailTel team, our partners and support from Indian Railways has made it possible.The free Wi-Fi is becoming more and more popular with users.The month of August'19 saw total 1.14 crores of user logins in 'RailWire' Wi-Fi services with 10192.55 TB of data usage across all stations."

Access to high speed internet is a key factor in the success of Digital India Initiative of Govt of India. To fulfil this dream, Indian Railways gave mandate to RailTel to provide free Wi-Fi at all feasible (except the halt ones) railway stations. 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. Out of total of about 5000 stations commissioned so far, 70% are in rural areas which is bringing free high-speed Wi-Fi services in the vicinity of a major chunk of rural population. The reduction in cost of smart phones is making it easy for even economically weaker sections of society in these areas to avail internet facility through RailTel's Railwire Wi-Fi at stations. During the month of August'19, a total of 11.25 lakh users availed the Rural Wi-Fi services at 3406 rural Railway stations with 2305 TB of data download. The recent field study at rural stations has revealed that this Wi-Fi has been proved to be very useful for people commuting through these stations as well as people working in these stations. 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 5000+ stations are live with RailTel's RailWire Wi-Fi.