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Indian Railways, the world's fourth largest in terms of network, is a lifeline for the 13 million people who use it every day. Here are ten key facts about the railways that you must know.

## Mammoth service

It runs 11,000 trains every day on tracks that spread over 60,000 km in length.

## Big boss

It employs close to 1.54 million people, making it the seventh-largest employer in the world, according to Forbes.

## Long haul, short haul

A trip on the Vivek Express is like an odyssey. India's longest-route train runs between Dibrugarh and Kanyakumari, a distance of 4,286 km with 56 stops and a running time of

82.30 hours. A train between Nagpur and Ajni runs for just 3 km.

### **Non-stop, full stop**

The Trivandrum-Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express covers the 528-km distance between Vadodara and Kota in 6.5 hours without any stops. It is the longest 'non-stop train' in India. The Howrah-Amritsar Express has the most number of stops--115.

### **Hare & tortoise**

The New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabdi Express is India's fastest train, touching a maximum speed of 150 kmph. The Nilgiri Express with an average speed of 10 kmph is India's slowest train.

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### **Least punctual train**

The Guwahati-Trivandrum Express is usually delayed by 10-12 hours per trip on its scheduled journey time of 65 hours and 5 minutes.

### **Spell that**

Venkatanarasimharajuvaripeta on the Arakkonam-Renigunta section near Chennai, is the station with the longest name. Ib, near Jharsuguda in Odisha, and Od, near Anand in Gujarat, have the shortest names.

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The Indian Railways is the lifeline of India and as we await the Railway budget tomorrow, we bring you some fascinating scenes from the life on rail tracks.

What's more exciting, the passengers will soon be able to travel in 'aircraft-like' coaches on Indian Railways. As per reports, plush interiors, 'bio-toilets', illuminated signs and even stairs to climb to upper berths, 20 state-of-the-art rail coaches will soon be part of the Indian Railways network. ([Read more](#))

Click on for a look at the fascinating ecosystem that the Indian Railways has created around itself.

## One station, two states

The Navapur railway station straddles 2 states: one half of it is in Maharashtra and the other half in Gujarat.

## Two stations, one place

Srirampur and Belapur are two different stations in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district, but on opposite sides of the same track.

## Disaster

On June 6, 1981, a passenger train plunged into the Bagmati River in Bihar, killing around 800 people. The accident is among the deadliest-ever rail accidents in India.

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
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