

Indian Railways Sanctions 443 Cr Rajpura–Mohali
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Capital Chandigarh

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Costs, and Enhance Pilgrimage and Tourism
Connectivity

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Firozpur Cantt.–Bathinda–Patiala–Delhi

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Logistics Costs

30 Amrit Stations, Major New Lines and Doubling
Projects are Transforming Railway Infrastructure in
Punjab

Record 12,000 Special Trains to Run During Chhath

and Diwali; Up From 7,724 Last Year

Railway Operations Achieve Over 90% Punctuality in 29 Divisions, With Some Crossing 98%, Driven by Better Infrastructure, Planning and Smoother Operations: Ashwini Vaishnaw

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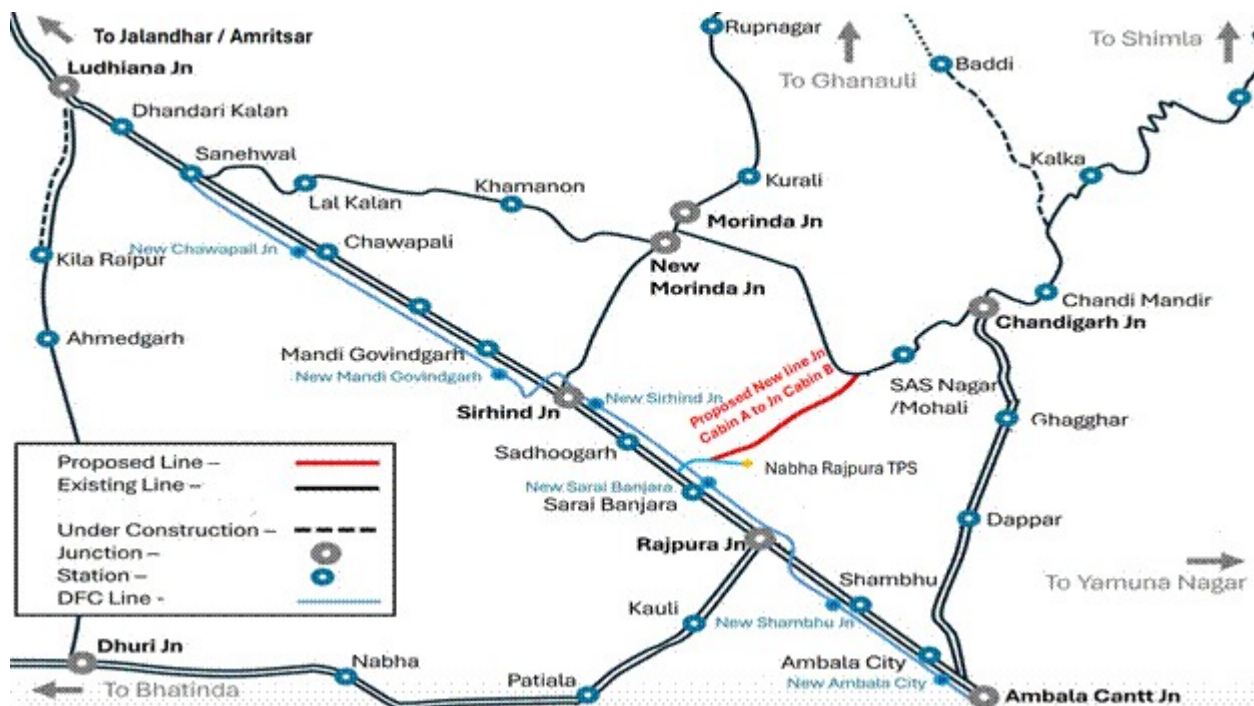
Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi another major railway milestone has been achieved for Punjab. The long-awaited rail link in Punjab, Rajpura-Mohali new line has been sanctioned.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology; and Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu, Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries made this announcement today. It fulfills a more than 50-year old demand of the people of Punjab.

This 18 km railway line will cost Rs 443 crores and will directly connect the Malwa region with the state capital Chandigarh.

Key Benefits of the New Line

Direct Connectivity: Earlier, trains from Ludhiana had to go through Ambala to reach Chandigarh, adding extra distance and time. Now there will be a direct connection between Rajpura and Mohali, reducing travel distance by approximately 66 km.



All 13 districts of the Malwa region will now be well-connected with Chandigarh. It will ease traffic on the existing Rajpura-Ambala route and shorten the Ambala-Morinda link.

Among all the available options, this route was chosen because it requires the least agricultural land acquisition, ensuring minimal impact on farming activities.

Economic Impact

The project will boost industries including textiles, manufacturing, and agriculture. It will create a comprehensive network connecting Punjab's agricultural heartland with major commercial centers and ports, facilitating:

- Faster movement of agricultural produce
- Reduced transportation costs for industries eg. Rajpura Thermal Power Plant
- Better connectivity for pilgrims visiting religious sites and enhanced tourism potential
- Connectivity to Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Shrine of Shaikh Ahmad al-Faruqi al-Sirhindi, Haveli Todar Mal, Sanghol Museum etc.

New Vande Bharat Express Service

A new Vande Bharat Express has been proposed connecting:

- **Route:** Firozpur Cantt. → Bhatinda → Patiala → Delhi
- **Service:** 6 days a week (except Wednesday)
- **Journey Time:** 6 hours 40 minutes covering 486 km
- **Frequency:** Daily service connecting the border district to the national capital



Record Railway Investment in Punjab

- 2009-14 average: Rs 225 crores annually
- 2025-26: Rs 5,421 crores annually
- Increase of 24 times higher than the previous government

Major Achievements Since 2014:

- **382 km** of new tracks constructed
- **1,634 km** electrified - Punjab is now 100% electrified
- **409** rail flyovers and under-bridges built

Current Projects:

- Railway project of **Rs 25,000 crores** being executed in Punjab
- **9 new track projects** covering 714 km worth Rs 21,926 crores
- **30 Amrit stations** are being developed at Rs 1,122 crores

- **88 ROB/RUBs** (flyovers/underpasses) worth Rs 1,238 crores

Important projects fully commissioned since 2014

#	Project
1	Nangal Dam - Daulat Pur Chowk New Line (61 Km, 672 Cr)
2	Chakki Bank-Bharoli Doubling (3 Km, 15 Cr)
3	Jakhal- Mansa Doubling (45 Km, 163 Cr)
4	Jalandhar - SuchiPind Doubling (4 Km, 24 Cr)
5	Ambala-Chandigarh Doubling (45 Km, 338 Cr)
6	Mansa – Bhatinda Doubling (49 Km, 216 Cr)
7	Amritsar – Chheharta Doubling (7 Km, 31 Cr)
8	Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi Doubling (211 Km, 850 Cr)
9	Rajpura-Bathinda Doubling (173 Km, 2,459 Cr)

Main Projects under execution

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1	Nangal Dam-Talwara New Line(123 Km, 2,018 Cr)
2	Bhanupalli-Bilaspur- Beri New Line (63 Km, 6,753 Cr)
3	Ferozpur - Patti New Line (26 Km, 300 Cr)
4	Mansa - Bhatinda Doubling (80 Km, 449 Cr)
5	Ludhiana-Kila Raipur Doubling (17 Km, 238 Cr)
6	Ludhiana-Mullanpur Doubling (21 Km, 295 Cr)
7	Alal-Himmatana - Doubling (13 Km, 174 Cr)

Firozpur-Patti rail line will provide crucial connectivity between border districts and Gujarat ports. This service will create an economic corridor connecting Punjab's border districts (Amritsar, Taran Taran, Firozpur).

These will be connected with major cities and eventually to Gujarat ports, significantly reducing logistics costs.

Festival Season: Record train services

Further announcing other major updates in Indian Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the record arrangement of running 12,000 special trains for Chhath and Diwali season:

Special Train Services:

- **Last year:** 7,724 special trains
- **This year target:** 12,000 special trains
- **Already notified:** Over 10,000 trips
- **Unreserved trains:** 150 trains ready for rapid deployment
- **Additional:** 50 more trains to be notified soon

The maximum passenger movement typically occurs between October 15 and November 15, and railways are fully prepared to handle the rush.

Significant Service Quality Improvement

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also announced today that railway operations have shown significant improvement, with above 90% punctuality achieved in 29 out of 70 railway divisions across the country. Some divisions have been performing with a punctuality rate of over 98%.

This has been possible because of better infrastructure, planning & smoother operations across the railway network.

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