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New Holding Areas to Be Developed Following the Success of Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station

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Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has approved a plan for developing 76 passenger holding areas at various railway stations across the country. This decision was taken following the success of the passenger holding area at New Delhi Railway Station.

The new holding areas planned across the country will follow a modular design and will be constructed keeping in view local conditions. The Union Minister has directed that all holding areas should be completed well before the 2026 festival season.

The New Delhi station managed the extremely heavy rush of passengers during Diwali and Chhath with the help of its newly developed holding area, which was completed within four months. The Yatri Suvidha Kendra (Permanent Holding Area) at New Delhi Railway Station is designed to accommodate approximately 7,000 passengers at any given time, significantly enhancing pre-boarding comfort and passenger flow. The facility is strategically divided into three zones — Ticketing, Post-Ticketing, and Pre-Ticketing — to streamline passenger movement. The New Delhi station holding area can accommodate over 7,000 passengers and is equipped with 150 toilets each for men and women, ticket counters, automatic ticket vending machines, and free RO water facilities.

List of 76 Stations:

S.No.	Zonal Railway	Name of Railway Station	No.
1	Central	Mumbai CSMT, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Nagpur, Nashik Road, Pune, Dadar	6
2	Eastern	Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, Bhagalpur, Jasidih	5
3	East Central	Patna, Danapur, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Darbhanga, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay	6
4	East Coast	Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam, Puri	3
5	Northern	New Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Jammu Tawi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Ludhiana, Lucknow (NR), Varanasi, Ayodhya Dham, Haridwar	12
6	North Central	Kanpur, Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi, Mathura, Agra Cantt.	4
7	North Eastern	Gorakhpur, Banaras, Chhapra, Lucknow Jn. (NER)	4
8	Northeast Frontier	Guwahati, Katihar	2
9	North Western	Jaipur, Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Ringus	5
10	Southern	M G R Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Coimbatore Jn., Ernakulam Jn.	4
11	South Central	Secunderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Guntur, Kacheguda, Rajahmundry	6
12	South Eastern	Ranchi, Tata, Shalimar	3
13	South East Central	Raipur	1

14	South Western	SMVT Bengaluru, Yesvantpur, Mysuru, Krishnarajapuram	4
15	Western	Mumbai Central, Bandra Terminus, Udhna, Surat, Ahmedabad, Ujjain, Vadodara, Sehore	8
16	West Central	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Kota	3

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