

Indian Railways Sanctions Road Over Bridge to Decongest High-Traffic Level Crossing in West Bengal

New Passenger Halts at Chandipur, Sidhu Kanho University, Sidhi Jamra and Nashipur in West Bengal, and Rangmati in Jharkhand Sanctioned to Strengthen Local Rail Connectivity

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Reinforcing India's transport infrastructure agenda, Indian Railways has approved Road Over Bridge (ROB) project and new halts focused to extend rail accessibility to underserved communities.

1. Replacement of Level Crossing No. 101 with Road Over Bridge (Katihar Division, West Bengal): ₹176.99 Crore

In response to severe traffic congestion and space constraints at Level Crossing No. 101 between Malahar Halt and Samsi on the Katihar Division, Northeast Frontier Railway will construct a road over bridge. With approximately 4,21,001 Traffic Vehicle Units recorded in a recent census, the existing level crossing has long posed safety and congestion challenges. The new ROB, including an additional light ROB at diversion will eliminate traffic bottlenecks, reduce road-rail conflicts, and significantly improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and emergency services. Fully funded at 100% by Indian Railways, this vital infrastructure improvement will deliver uninterrupted connectivity to residents and traders in the area, easing daily commutes and reducing travel time.

2. New Passenger Halt at Chandipur, West Bengal

The proposed passenger halt at Chandipur between Kalikakhali and Lavan Satyagraha Smarak stations on the Panskura-Digha line in South Eastern Railway's Kharagpur Division has been approved. This halt will improve local accessibility, particularly benefiting residents, students, and daily commuters along the coastal and semi-urban belt. The station will also support tourism flows to the popular Digha beach area, stimulating economic growth in local markets and making daily rail travel more convenient for families and workers.

3. New Passenger Halt Near Sidhu Kanho University (Between Purulia and Gourinathdham), West Bengal

A passenger halt station near Sidhu Kanho University on the Purulia-Gourinathdham section of Adra Division has been approved. Located between Purulia and Gourinathdham stations, this halt will directly benefit students, faculty, and local residents by ensuring easier and safer rail access to the university and adjoining communities. The new halt will reduce travel time and support education-linked mobility in the region, especially for economically vulnerable populations.

4. New Passenger Halt at Sidhi Jamra (Between Radhagaon and Pundag), West Bengal

Indian Railways has approved the passenger halt at Sidhi Jamra on the Radhagaon–Pundag section in the Adra Division following local demand, expanding rail accessibility in rural West Bengal. Positioned just a short distance from both regional nodes, this halt will promote daily commuting, ease regional movement, and link residents of small villages with economic and social opportunities in nearby towns. The halt is expected to facilitate convenient travel for students, workers, and families.

5. New Passenger Halt at Nashipur (Between Murshidabad and Jiaganj), West Bengal

Approved in response to local demand, the Nashipur halt on the Bhadrpur–Lalgola section of Eastern Railway will connect communities between Murshidabad and Jiaganj. The new halt will provide a reliable and convenient boarding point for rural commuters, daily wage workers, traders, and students, reducing dependence on road transport and facilitating efficient last-mile connectivity.

6. New Passenger Halt at Jangalpara (Earlier Rasulpur), West Bengal

The halt at Jangalpara on the Howrah–Goghat section in Howrah Division was approved following local demand, delivering improved rail access between Talpur and Takipur halts. This addition will serve local commuters, school-going students, and workers, supporting daily travel needs and strengthening suburban transport linkages that contribute to enhanced quality of life and regional economic participation.

7. New Passenger Halt at Rangmati (Between Torang and Suisa), Jharkhand

The new halt at Rangmati on the Muri–Gonda section in the Ranchi Division will improve connectivity for residents of adjacent hamlets and rural communities, providing direct rail access to local marketplaces and educational institutions. With rail mobility now closer to homes, citizens will enjoy reduced travel costs and better integration with regional transport networks.

Together, these approvals mark a decisive step toward expanding safe, inclusive, and accessible rail connectivity, ensuring that the benefits of railway infrastructure reach every citizen.

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