



Indian Railways Continues Comprehensive Festive Arrangements to Facilitate Comfortable, Timely and Hassle-Free Travel During Holi Rush

Over 5.5 Million Passengers Undertake Journey via North Western Railway; 1.1 Million Took Journey on 1st and 2nd March Alone

Civil Defence Volunteers Deployed Across Major Delhi Stations to Support Smooth Passenger Movement

Special Trains, Vigilant Monitoring and Systematic Crowd Management Strengthen Indian Railways' Holi Operations

Railway Personnel and RPF Teams Ensure Safe, Inclusive, and Smooth Passenger Movement During Holi Travel, Assisting Elderly, Divyang and Women Passengers

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Indian Railways continued to maintain enhanced operational preparedness on 2nd March 2026 as well as today 3rd March 2026 to facilitate safe, smooth, timely and comfortable travel for passengers during the ongoing Holi festive rush across the country.

Special trains are being operated across multiple zones to facilitate homebound travel, while systematic queue management, phased boarding and effective crowd regulation measures are being implemented at major stations. Railway personnel, including RPF teams and Rail Karmayogis, maintain continuous on-ground vigilance, supervise passenger movement, assist elderly, divyang and women passengers, and provide essential guidance throughout the journey. Civil Defence volunteers are also being deployed at busy stations to strengthen crowd control and passenger support. Passengers travelling during the festive period appreciate the cleanliness, passenger amenities and efficient ticketing systems, reflecting the Railways' focus on convenience, safety and an organised travel experience during Holi.

To effectively manage the heavy passenger rush during the Holi festival, **North Western Railway** made comprehensive and well-coordinated arrangements. All departments worked in close coordination to facilitate safe, convenient and hassle-free travel for passengers journeying to their hometowns across the zone.

A total of 295 trips of newly introduced special trains were notified for destinations including Gorakhpur, Samastipur, Yog Nagari Rishikesh, Amritsar, Mysuru, Kakinada, Gomti Nagar, Bhavnagar Terminus, Howrah, Tirupati, Mau, Sabarmati, Danapur, Asansol, Chennai Egmore, Vadodara and Kolkata. In the week preceding Holi, 54 trips of special trains were operated towards major destinations such as Gorakhpur, Mysuru, Kakinada, Bhavnagar Terminus, Howrah, Tirupati, Danapur, Kolkata, Sabarmati and Asarva.

During this period, more than 5.5 million passengers travelled from stations under the jurisdiction of North Western Railway. Notably, around 1.1 million passengers travelled on 1st and 2nd March alone, during which 21 trips of new special trains were operated. In addition, the operational period of 30 special trains comprising 216 trips was extended. To further accommodate increased demand in March, 141 additional coaches of various categories were augmented in 53 regular trains.

At major stations, structured crowd management measures were implemented to regulate passenger movement. Holding areas and barricades were set up to streamline entry, while adequate Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and ticket checking staff were deployed to maintain security and order. Help desks provided guidance to passengers, and continuous announcements along with electronic display boards ensured timely dissemination of train information. Awareness campaigns promoted ticket purchases through ATVMs and the RailOne App. On-duty staff remained alert for immediate response wherever required.

Punctual operation of special trains was ensured through continuous monitoring, with regular supervision by senior officers at headquarters and divisional levels. Additionally, 24x7 war rooms functioned through coordinated inter-departmental efforts to maintain effective control and oversight during the festive rush.

On the occasion of Holi, **Central Railway** ensured systematic queue arrangements and effective crowd management for Train No. 12173 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus–Udyog Nagri Express at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, keeping in view the additional festive rush. As a result, passengers commenced their journey in a safe, smooth and comfortable manner.

होली के अवसर पर लोकमान्य तिलक टर्मिनस-उद्योग नगरी एक्सप्रेस (12173) में त्योहारों की अतिरिक्त भीड़ को ध्यान में रखते हुए सुव्यवस्थित कतार व्यवस्था और प्रभावी भीड़ प्रबंधन सुनिश्चित किया गया। इसके परिणामस्वरूप यात्रियों ने सुरक्षित, सुचारु और आरामदायक यात्रा की शुरुआत की।... pic.twitter.com/BsCOGMyGgl

— Central Railway (@Central_Railway) March 2, 2026

Demonstrating vigilance in action, RPF teams closely monitored on-ground arrangements during the Holi travel rush, ensuring adherence to safety standards, regulating passenger movement, and maintaining a secure, stress-free environment. They also supervised queue management to facilitate orderly boarding and seamless movement, reaffirming Central Railway's commitment to safety, discipline, and a hassle-free travel experience for every passenger.



Seamless Queues. Stress-Free Travel. ✨

RPF teams actively supervising queue management to ensure orderly boarding and smooth passenger movement during the Holi festive rush.

Committed to maintaining safety, discipline and a hassle-free journey for every Yatri. #HoliSpecial... pic.twitter.com/9030wjptH

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Effective crowd regulation measures are being implemented throughout the Holi season at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, ensuring that the festive rush remains well controlled and passenger flow remains smooth and well organised.



Festive Rush. Fully Controlled ✨

Effective crowd regulation measures implemented to manage the festive rush and ensure smooth passenger flow during the Holi season at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus. #HoliSpecial #SafeTravel #CentralRailway #PassengerSafety pic.twitter.com/DwEhmd1OWi

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Passengers travelling during the festival of colours appreciated the clean coaches and passenger amenities being provided at stations by Central Railway, highlighting the comfortable travel experience during Holi.

रंगों के त्योहार पर होली पर सफर कर रहे यात्रियों ने साफ-सुथरे कोच और रेलवे स्टेशन पर मिल रही सुविधाओं को सराहा। #IndianRailways #YatriSewa #PassengerFirst #CrowdManagement #FestivalSpecial #SafeJourney #HoliSpecial pic.twitter.com/Ev1unRxaut

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At **North Central Railway**, railway personnel remained continuously vigilant at Mathura Junction railway station during the Holi festival, carrying out regular inspections and close monitoring to ensure a safe and pleasant journey for passengers.

होली त्योहार के दौरान रेलयात्रियों की सुखद एवं सुरक्षित यात्रा सुनिश्चित करने हेतु रेलकर्मि निरंतर सतर्कता बरतते हुए नियमित जांच एवं निगरानी में जुटे हैं। 🚂👮

📍 मथुरा जंक्शन #FestivalSpecialArrangements #YatriSewa #NCRailway pic.twitter.com/tBoVxolEkb

— North Central Railway (@CPRONCR) March 2, 2026

A passenger who travelled by a special train from Delhi to Prayagraj during Holi shared that all essential facilities were smoothly available throughout the journey and that no inconvenience was experienced.

होली के अवसर पर दिल्ली से प्रयागराज विशेष ट्रेन द्वारा पहुंचे यात्री ने अपनी यात्रा अनुभव साझा करते हुए बताया कि सफर के दौरान सभी आवश्यक सुविधाएं सुचारु रूप से उपलब्ध रहीं और उन्हें किसी प्रकार की असुविधा का सामना नहीं करना पड़ा। 🚂🌟 #YatriSewa #Holi2026 #NCRailway... pic.twitter.com/S3HHe1D0Qi

— North Central Railway (@CPRONCR) March 2, 2026

At Kanpur Central railway station, Railway Police remained actively engaged in facilitating smooth passenger movement and providing proper guidance, reflecting continued commitment towards service, vigilance and dedicated support during the festive rush.

"सुरक्षा भी, सहयोग भी" 🚂🌟

होली के अवसर पर कानपुर सेंट्रल पर यात्रियों के सुगम आवागमन और बेहतर मार्गदर्शन हेतु रेलवे पुलिस सदैव तत्पर है।

सेवा, सतर्कता और समर्पण का यह सफर निरंतर जारी है। #NCRailway #HappyHoli #RailSecurity #Indianrailways pic.twitter.com/RjUtEePRp0

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A passenger travelling from Agra to Dholpur appreciated the facilities available at Agra Cantt railway station, describing the ticketing system—from counters to ATVMs—as simple, quick and convenient. North Central Railway remains committed to delivering an enhanced travel experience to passengers.

होली के अवसर पर आगरा से धौलपुर की यात्रा कर रहे एक यात्री ने आगरा कैंट स्टेशन पर उपलब्ध सुविधाओं की प्रशंसा की। काउंटर से लेकर ATVM तक टिकटिंग व्यवस्था को उन्होंने सहज, त्वरित और सुविधाजनक बताया।

उत्तर मध्य रेलवे यात्रियों को बेहतर अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।... pic.twitter.com/97Cj5xef89

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In view of the increased festive rush, special vigilance and coordinated efforts by railway staff at Prayagraj Junction railway station ensured orderly and safe boarding of passengers on the 20403 Lalgargh Express, maintaining a secure and smooth travel environment during Holi.

🚂🌈 होली पर सुरक्षित और सुगम यात्रा की व्यवस्था

त्योहार के दौरान बड़ी हुई भीड़ को देखते हुए प्रयागराज जंक्शन पर रेलकर्मियों ने विशेष सतर्कता एवं समन्वय के साथ लालगढ़ एक्सप्रेस (20403) में यात्रियों की क्रमबद्ध एवं सुरक्षित बोर्डिंग सुनिश्चित की। #FestivalSpecialArrangements... pic.twitter.com/XaRMAbvcAn

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During the Holi festival, **Northern Railway** has made travel home easier through the operation of special trains and systematic passenger facilitation measures.

At New Delhi railway station, passengers travelling by Train No. 04420 New Delhi–Darbhanga Holi Special experienced smooth and convenient arrangements, reflecting the effectiveness of the special services introduced for the festive season.

स्पेशल ट्रेनों द्वारा होली में घर जाने का सफर हुआ आसान!

नई दिल्ली-दरभंगा होली स्पेशल रेलगाड़ी में यात्रियों को मिल रही सुविधाजनक यात्रा को दर्शाता आज का दृश्य।

📍 नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन

🚂 ट्रेन संख्या 04420 #FestivalSpecialArrangements #HoliSpecialTrains #YatriSewa pic.twitter.com/A4c4xg6Ald

— Northern Railway (@RailwayNorthern) March 2, 2026

Passengers travelling home by the Sampurna Kranti Express expressed their appreciation by warmly acknowledging the dedicated service of Rail Karmayogis, highlighting that their continuous efforts strengthened passenger confidence and ensured a seamless journey.

दिल से धन्यवाद, सेवा को सलाम!

संपूर्ण क्रांति एक्सप्रेस से होली में घर जा रहे यात्रियों ने मुस्कुराते हुए हाथ हिलाकर #RailKarmyogiyo का आभार व्यक्त किया।

आपकी अनवरत सेवा ने यात्रियों के विश्वास को सशक्त बनाया तथा सुगम यात्रा सुनिश्चित की। #HoliSpecialTrains #YatriSewa pic.twitter.com/zjp3HTprW8

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At Anand Vihar Terminal railway station, well-organised passenger movement was witnessed during the festive rush. Holding areas equipped with essential amenities were established, and passengers were being sent to platforms in a phased and safe manner to avoid congestion.

आगामी होली पर्व के दौरान आनन्द विहार टर्मिनल रेलवे स्टेशन पर यात्रियों की सुव्यवस्थित आवाजाही दर्शाता आज सुबह का दृश्य।

होल्डिंग एरिया में यात्रियों के लिए आवश्यक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं और उन्हें चरणबद्ध एवं सुरक्षित तरीके से प्लेटफॉर्म की ओर भेजा जा रहा है।

🕒 10:30 AM... pic.twitter.com/MHVjyQBpDh

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Railway personnel remained committed to ensuring a pleasant, safe and convenient travel experience at Ghaziabad Junction railway station, maintaining vigilance and active supervision throughout the Holi period.

होली त्योहार के दौरान रेलयात्रियों की सुखद, सुरक्षित और सुविधाजनक यात्रा हेतु प्रतिबद्ध रेलकर्मयोगी।

📍 गाजियाबाद जंक्शन रेलवे स्टेशन #FestivalSpecialArrangements #YatriSewa pic.twitter.com/idNIVVG7BC

— Northern Railway (@RailwayNorthern) March 2, 2026

Rail Karmayogis at New Delhi railway station have been actively assisting divyang, elderly and women passengers, demonstrating service and dedication in ensuring inclusive and supportive travel arrangements.

सेवा और समर्पण की मिसाल, उत्तर रेलवे के कर्मयोगी!

रेल कर्मयोगी स्टेशन पर दिव्यांग, बुजुर्ग और महिला यात्रियों की सहायता में तत्परता के साथ जुटे हुए हैं।

📍 नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन #YatriSewa #FestivalSpecialArrangements pic.twitter.com/TzJGAuhkIN

— Northern Railway (@RailwayNorthern) March 2, 2026

In view of the increased passenger footfall, approximately 55–60 Civil Defence volunteers have been deployed from 26 February 2026 to 04 March 2026 at Delhi Junction, New Delhi and Anand Vihar Terminal stations to assist in station premises and on platforms, strengthening crowd regulation and passenger support mechanisms.

आगामी होली पर्व के दौरान यात्रियों की अतिरिक्त संख्या को देखते हुए रेलवे प्रशासन के आदेशानुसार सिविल डिफेंस के लगभग 55 से 60 स्वयंसेवकों द्वारा दिल्ली जं., नई दिल्ली एवं आनन्द विहार (ट.) रेलवे स्टेशन परिसर एवं प्लेटफॉर्म पर दिनांक 26 फरवरी 2026 से 04 मार्च 2026 तक विशेष सेवा... pic.twitter.com/cfKLINSjKg

— Northern Railway (@RailwayNorthern) March 2, 2026

A passenger travelling by a Holi Special train expressed gratitude for the arrangements made at Anand Vihar Terminal, acknowledging the efforts of the railway administration in facilitating a smooth departure.

उत्तर रेलवे की पहल, हर यात्री तक राहत की पहुँच!

होली स्पेशल ट्रेन से अपने घर खुशी खुशी जा रहे सत्यम जी ने आनंद विहार स्टेशन पर की गई व्यवस्थाओं के लिए रेल प्रशासन को धन्यवाद किया है। #FestivalSpecialArrangements #HoliSpecialTrains #YatriSewa pic.twitter.com/fAro2pKoA6

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On the occasion of Holi, Rail Karmayogis of **North Eastern Railway** remained committed to ensuring a pleasant, safe and convenient journey for passengers travelling to their homes. Dedicated arrangements and active supervision were maintained at Gorakhpur Junction railway station to facilitate smooth passenger movement during the festive rush.

होली त्योहार के अवसर पर अपने घरों को जा रहे रेलयात्रियों की सुखद, सुरक्षित और सुविधाजनक यात्रा हेतु प्रतिबद्ध रेलकर्मयोगी।

📍 गोरखपुर जं. रेलवे स्टेशन pic.twitter.com/5uPb5zIYnm

— North Eastern Railway (@nerailwaygkp) March 2, 2026

With the operation of special trains, travel home during Holi has become easier and more comfortable. A student of B.R.D. Medical College, Gorakhpur travelling by a Holi Special train expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by the railway administration and appreciated the smooth travel experience.

स्पेशल ट्रेनों द्वारा होली में घर जाने का सफर हुआ आसान !

होली स्पेशल ट्रेन से यात्रा कर रहे बी.आर.डी.मेडिकल कॉलेज, गोरखपुर के छात्र ने रेलवे प्रशासन द्वारा की गई व्यवस्थाओं पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की। #NERHoliSpecial pic.twitter.com/UhUrqpPSOJ

— North Eastern Railway (@nerailwaygkp) March 2, 2026

During the operation of Holi Special trains, personnel of **South East Central Railway** have been making continuous announcements to provide essential information to passengers. They are also actively assisting travellers in maintaining orderly queues while boarding and deboarding during the festive rush, ensuring that journeys remain smooth, systematic and secure.

होली स्पेशल ट्रेनों के संचालन के दौरान रेल कर्मियों द्वारा लगातार अनाउंसमेंट के माध्यम से यात्रियों को आवश्यक जानकारी दी जा रही है तथा त्योहारी भीड़ के दौरान ट्रेन में चढ़ने-उतरने के समय लाइन में व्यवस्थित रहने हेतु सहयोग प्रदान किया जा रहा है जिससे आपकी यात्रा सुगम, सुव्यवस्थित... pic.twitter.com/YTJ9wXIJve

— South East Central Railway (@secrail) March 2, 2026

A passenger travelling from Raipur Junction railway station expressed happiness and thanked the Railways, stating that the operation of special trains enabled him to secure a confirmed berth, making it easy to travel home despite the festive crowd.

रायपुर स्टेशन से यात्रा कर रहे यात्री ने खुशी जताते हुए रेलवे का धन्यवाद किया और कहा स्पेशल ट्रेन चलने से आसानी से कन्फर्म बर्थ मिल गई, जिससे त्योहार के भीड़ के दौरान भी घर जाना बिल्कुल आसान हो गया। @RailMinIndia @GMSECR @AshwiniVaishnaw#SECR #IndianRailways #HoliSpecialTrain... pic.twitter.com/WQLP0sOOxT

— South East Central Railway (@secrail) March 2, 2026

Similarly, a passenger travelling from Bilaspur Junction railway station conveyed gratitude to Indian Railways for securing a confirmed berth in a Holi Special train, enabling comfortable travel during the festival period.

बिलासपुर से यात्रा कर रहे यात्री ने होली के अवसर पर स्पेशल ट्रेन में कन्फर्म बर्थ मिलने पर भारतीय रेलवे का आभार व्यक्त किया। @RailMinIndia @GMSECR @AshwiniVaishnaw#SECR #Indian Railways #HoliSpecialTrain #PassengerFeedback pic.twitter.com/E4SyLeZPXi

— South East Central Railway (@secrail) March 2, 2026

Through coordinated efforts, special train services, enhanced vigilance and passenger-centric facilitation measures, Indian Railways has ensured that Holi travel remains safe, orderly and comfortable across major stations and routes. Railways reiterates its commitment to maintaining high standards of safety, service and operational excellence during peak festive travel periods.

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