



Confederation of Indian Industry



Ministry of Railways,  
Govt. of India

# ASIA'S MEGA RAIL TRANSPORTATION EVENT A REPORT



 **12<sup>th</sup> CII IRREE 2017**

Global Platform for Railway Technology & Services

## INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

**11-13, OCTOBER 2017**  
PRAGATI MAIDAN, NEW DELHI, INDIA



**Technology Transforming Railways**  
**Opportunities and Challenges for Industry**

11 October 2017: New Delhi



Asia's largest event for the Rail transport sector was inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Honourable Minister of Railways,



L to R- Mr Anand Chidambaram, Vice Chairman, CII Rail Transportation and Equipment Division and Managing Director, EMD Locomotive Technologies Pvt Ltd, Mr Ravindra Gupta, Member Rolling Stock, Railway Board, H. E. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Coal, Mr Rajeev Jyoti, Chairman, CII Task Force on Railways and Chief Executive – Railway Strategic Business Group, L&T Limited, Mr Pavel Krtek, CEO and Chairman of Board, Czech Railways, Mr C P Sharma, Chairman, CII Rail Transportation and Equipment Division and Managing Director, Daulat Ram Engineering Pvt Ltd, Mr Tilak Raj Seth, Past Chairman, CII Rail Transportation and Equipment Division and Executive Vice President, Siemens Ltd

**The 12th edition of the International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) and the International Rail Conference (IRC) 2017** - successfully concluded on 13th October, 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Organized since 1990, IREE is Asia's Mega Rail Transportation Event, and the second largest rail transportation show in the world.

The current edition, covering an area of around 25,000 square meters, attracted participation from 20 countries - Austria, Belarus, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA.

With the Indian Railways sector undergoing a major transformation several initiatives are underway to increase capacity and improve infrastructure. With heightened investments in rail projects and mega projects like dedicated freight corridors and the High Speed Rail (HSR) link, the Indian Rail transportation sector offers tremendous opportunities for the global business community. A testament to this potential is the over 14,500 business visitors at the fair over three days.

IREE 2017 became the platform to showcase the latest products and technologies from across the globe. Along with the concurrent seminars and panel sessions on future developments, stakeholders spent three fruitful days exploring business opportunities and partnerships in this sector.

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## INDIAN RAILWAYS

### Largest Pavilion ever showcasing IR strengths, capabilities and future plans



“Railways are a significant contributor to the 'Make in India' programme and with attention to Speed, Scale, and Safety, Indian Railways will be the best catalyst for growth of the new India”

“Technology can play a major role in transforming the sector and Ministry of Railways is keen to engage with industry to bring new products, innovations and technology into the sector”

“Simplification of Railways policy and governance for encouraging greater industry engagement through innovative financing models, guaranteed timely payment systems and faster clearance of pending decisions”

**Shri Piyush Goyal**, Honourable Minister of Railways

This year, the Indian Railways (IR) from across the country participated at the exhibition. The IR Pavilion had theme based stalls for Rail Coaches, Locomotives, Electricals, besides participation of Zonal Railways and PSUs. The Rail Museum had a large stand and displayed the history and heritage of Indian Railways.

The show witnessed the largest-ever participation of over 500 senior officials from Indian Railways (across India) and its PSUs attending the conference and exhibition was a high point of IREE 2017 and helped the exhibitors and delegates to meet and network to updating the officials about the latest products and technologies available for the Indian Rail Transportation Sector.

## JAPAN PARTNER COUNTRY



50 Japanese companies,  
500 Businessmen,  
3000 sqmtrs

Japan participated as Partner Country, for the second time, and showcased the latest products and technologies in the largest ever Japanese display for the Rail Transportation sector in India, including all major companies, Japan Railways and Japanese Overseas Rolling Stocks Association (JORSA) in an exclusive hall. Japan brought around 500 Japanese businessmen, a record number at a Railway Event in India in the recent times, and participants at the Partner Country Pavilion, supported by the Government of Japan, found it very useful in networking with Indian Railways and the Rail Transportation Industry in India for future business.

## CONCURRENT EVENTS:

### Urban Mass Transit Expo (UMTE)

The third edition of UMTE – Urban Mass Transit Expo, a concurrent show for Metro + Light Rail was also held alongside IREE 2017, offering a platform for the Urban Mass Transit sector in India to explore and source future technologies and products for this sector.



# The International Rail Conference (IRC)

The International Rail Conference (IRC), held on 11th October, 2017, Pragati Maidan was well attended by over 750 delegates. The Conference, this year consisted of presentations and talks from Indian and global experts as well as industry leaders based on the theme-Technology Transforming Railways: Challenges and Opportunities. The deliberations revolved around the latest and emerging technological advancements, new products/innovations and best practices in the rail sector globally. Speakers from the US, UK, Australia, Sweden, Germany, France, Italy, and South Korea participated at the Conference.





**H. E. Kenji Hiramatsu,**  
Ambassador of Japan,  
outlined bilateral cooperation both in conventional and  
high-speed railway systems



**Mr Pavel Krtek, Chairman,**  
Railway Board of Directors,  
Czech Republic, expressed interest in investing in  
high speed rail projects

Mr Ravindra Gupta, Member, Rolling Stock, Railway Board highlighted the initiatives being taken up by Ministry of Railways. He mentioned that IR plans to have a quantum jump in the production capability of all the production units and a complete change over to LHB coaches from April 2018 onwards. IR is aggressively working towards an online condition monitoring system which would enable to monitor the rolling stock performance during the run and go in for a predictive maintenance so as to reduce the maintenance costs, reduce the dependence on manpower and improve the overall availability of the rolling stock. He further informed that on the freight side as well a number of initiatives have been taken/planned.

He urged industry to come forward and adopt the newly designed wagons to move/transport their commodities in a faster and more efficient manner. IR is also in the process of expanding vendor base and development of new vendors. He further emphasised that IR is open to new ideas and is ready to incorporate them in system so that IR can be seen as an industry friendly and customer friendly organization.



# IREE 2017 SNAPSHOTS

