

Ministry of Railways



Indian Railways Registers Robust 4% Growth in Freight and Steady Growth in Passenger Traffic in June 2026 Over the Corresponding Month Last Year

Reinforcing Its Role as the Nation's Growth Engine, Indian Railways carries 142 Million Tonnes in June 2026

Fertilizers Loading Grow by 19.1%, Balance Other Goods by 17.3% , Iron Ore by 9.4% and Coal Supply to Power Plants Rises by 7% in the Last Month

Freight Loading Crosses 419 Million Tonnes in the First Quarter of FY 2026-27, Surpassing the First Quarter Performance of FY 2025-26

Passenger Traffic Reaches Nearly 64 Crore as 164 Vande Bharat and 72 Amrit Bharat Services Serve the Nation During the Summers Delivering Safe, Reliable & Affordable Travel to the Masses

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Indian Railways continued its strong operational performance during June 2026, registering steady growth in both freight transportation and passenger services. Higher freight loading, increased passenger traffic and continued augmentation of passenger services reflect Indian Railways' sustained efforts towards supporting economic growth, strengthening logistics and providing convenient travel options across the country.

Freight Loading Registers Robust Growth

Indian Railways loaded 142.21 million tonnes of freight during June 2026, compared to 136.71 million tonnes in the corresponding month last year, registering a growth of 4 per cent. Freight earnings also recorded healthy growth, generating an additional revenue of about ₹430 crore, an increase of 3 per cent over June 2025.

Several major commodities registered encouraging growth during the month. Fertilizer loading increased by 19.1 per cent, Balance Other Goods by 17.3 per cent, Iron Ore by 9.4 per cent, Domestic Coal by 4.9 per cent, Total Coal by 3.6 per cent, and Clinker by 7.2 per cent, reflecting sustained demand from core sectors of the economy.

The strong performance in June 2026 builds upon the sustained growth recorded during the first quarter of FY 2026-27 (April-June). During the quarter, Indian Railways loaded 419.08 million tonnes of freight, compared to 413.05 million tonnes during the corresponding period of FY 2025-26. The quarter also witnessed encouraging growth across several key commodity segments, with Iron Ore loading increasing by 7.44 per cent, Clinker by 6.54 per cent and Balance & Other Goods by 12.16 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.

To meet the increased requirement of thermal power stations during the extended summer season, Indian Railways stepped up domestic coal transportation, supplying 7 per cent more coal to power plants during June 2026 compared with the corresponding month last year, thereby supporting uninterrupted power generation across the country.

Passenger Traffic Continues to Grow

Passenger mobility also witnessed steady growth during June 2026. Indian Railways carried 63.81 crore passengers, compared to 62.37 crore passengers during the corresponding month last year.

The Non-Suburban segment, covering short and long-distance travel, recorded a growth of 3.9 per cent, with passenger numbers increasing from 28.90 crore to 30.04 crore. The Suburban segment also registered positive growth of 0.9 per cent, increasing from 33.46 crore to 33.77 crore passengers.

Expansion of Modern Passenger Services

Indian Railways continues to modernise passenger services with the expansion of premium train operations. The number of Vande Bharat services has increased to 164, including the recently introduced Vande Bharat Sleeper service between Howrah and Kamakhya. The number of Amrit Bharat train services has reached 72, with four new services inaugurated during June 2026, further strengthening affordable and modern long-distance connectivity across the country.

The continued growth in freight loading and passenger traffic reflects Indian Railways' commitment to providing efficient logistics, reliable passenger services and modern railway infrastructure. Through sustained capacity augmentation, improved operational efficiency and customer-centric initiatives, Indian Railways remains committed to supporting India's economic growth while delivering safe, reliable and passenger-friendly transportation services across the nation.

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