



Indian Railways Records 9% Growth in Freight Loading in July 2026 Compared to July 2025; Loads Over 141 Million Tonnes in July This Year

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Indian Railways continued its strong operational performance during July 2026, registering healthy growth across both freight and passenger segments. Higher freight loading, increased passenger traffic, improved revenue generation and enhanced movement of key commodities underscore Indian Railways' pivotal role in supporting economic growth, strengthening logistics and providing reliable mobility across the country.

Freight Loading Continues Robust Growth

Indian Railways loaded 141.3 million tonnes of freight during July 2026, compared to 129.7 million tonnes during the corresponding month of the previous year, registering a 9 per cent growth. The strong performance reflects sustained demand across core sectors of the economy and continued efforts to improve freight logistics and operational efficiency.

Higher Loading of Key Commodities Supports Industry, Agriculture and Energy Security

Several major commodity groups recorded healthy year-on-year growth during July 2026. Iron Ore loading increased by 22.2 per cent, Coal by 11.5 per cent, Food Grains by 11.5 per cent, Fertilizers by 12 per cent and Balance Other Goods by 12.1 per cent, reflecting strong demand from infrastructure, manufacturing and agricultural sectors. With the increase in coal demand at thermal power plants, Indian Railways stepped up domestic coal supply to power plants by 20% in July compared to the corresponding month last year.

Freight Revenue Continues Upward Momentum

The increase in freight movement resulted in an incremental freight revenue of ₹1,137 crore over July 2025, registering an 8 per cent growth. Among the Zonal Railways, East Central Railway (33%), Eastern Railway (33%), West Central Railway (23%) and South Eastern Railway (10.33%) recorded notable growth in freight revenue.

Growing Passenger Traffic Reflects Enhanced Rail Connectivity and Service Delivery

Indian Railways carried 63.35 crore passengers during July 2026, compared to 62.19 crore during the corresponding month last year. Passenger traffic continued to grow across both suburban and non-suburban segments, reflecting the growing preference for rail travel across the country.

Indian Railways remains committed to strengthening freight logistics, enhancing passenger services and expanding modern rail infrastructure. Through sustained improvements in operational efficiency, capacity augmentation and customer-centric initiatives, Indian Railways continues to play a vital role in supporting India's economic growth, energy security and seamless mobility for millions of passengers every day.

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