Indian Railways prepares new zero-based timetable for trains! Over 6,000 'unremunerative' stoppages to go

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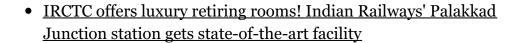
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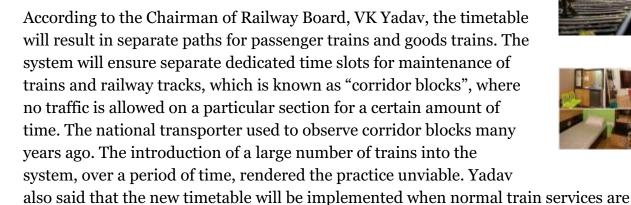
Indian Railways prepares new timetable! Once Indian Railways implements its "zero-based timetable", more than 6,000 unnecessary stoppages of regular train services will be shed! A scientific manner of running train services, the zero-based timetable allows creating more elbow room for goods and passenger carriers, resulting in better speed and efficiency. During the lockdown period, the national transporter completed the work of making the timetable with help from IIT-Mumbai, according to an IE report. The introduction of every train, as well as every stoppage into the zero-based timetable, is justified by operational need on a clean slate, hence zero-based. According to the report, such moves are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For keeping a stoppage, the criterion is that it should result in a minimum of 50 people embarking and disembarking in a day. According to the sources quoted in the report, on the basis of that, more than 6,000 "unremunerative" stoppages may be removed, in order to make way for efficient running of trains.

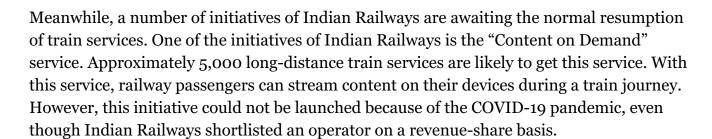
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there are other train services that serve those stops, he said.



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