

National Conference Future Ready Railways for Viksit Bharat

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Background

The Indian Railways is at a defining inflection point as India advances towards its goal of becoming a developed nation and the world's third-largest economy by 2047. As the backbone of India's freight and passenger mobility, Railways plays a central role in enabling industrial competitiveness, reducing logistics cost, strengthening supply chains, and supporting sustainable growth. With landmark initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti, the commissioning of Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs), and large-scale capacity augmentation, Indian Railways is transitioning from a capacity-constrained network to a performance-driven, integrated transport system.

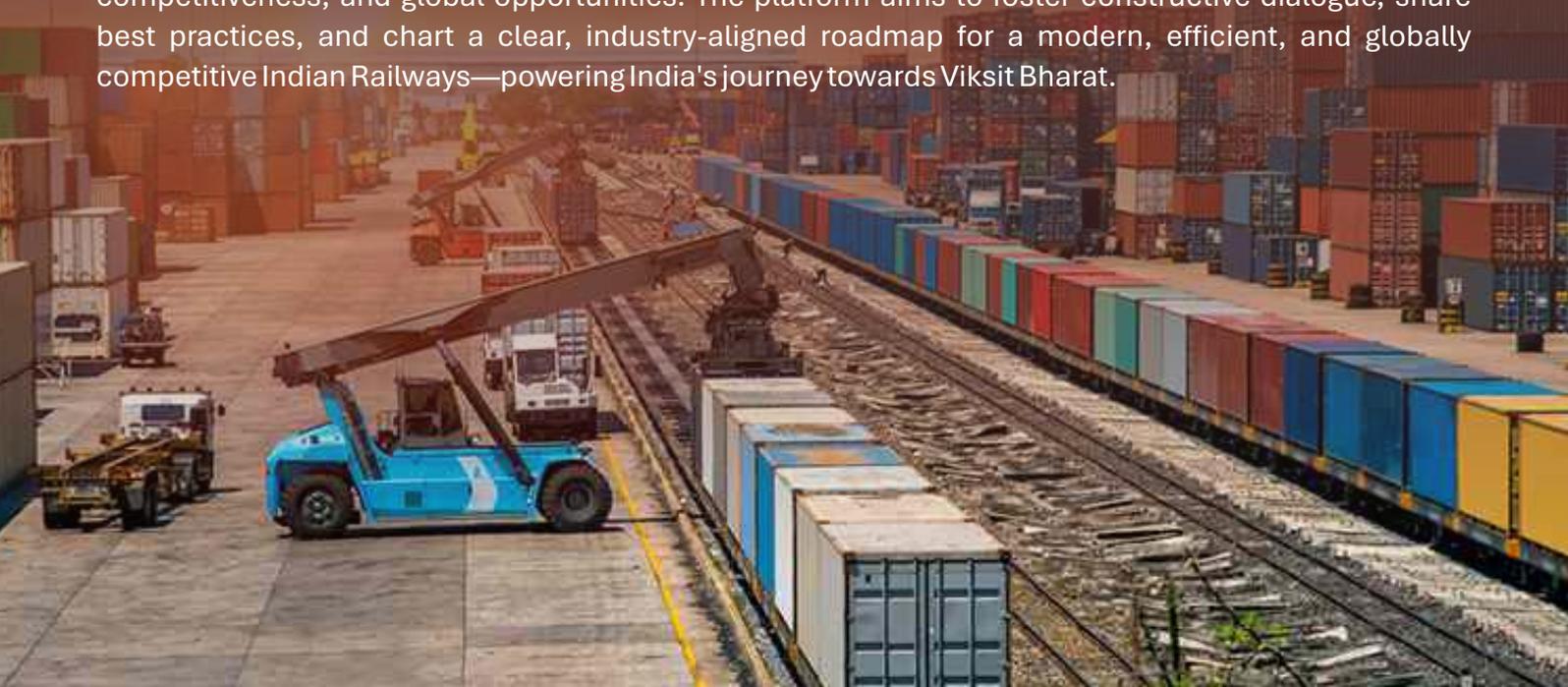
Policy certainty, long-term planning, and predictable regulatory frameworks are critical to translating these investments into tangible outcomes for industry. Rationalising freight pricing, standardising approvals across zones, reforming legacy levies, and aligning traffic priorities with evolving industrial needs are essential to restoring rail's cost and reliability advantage. Strengthening structured and consultative engagement between Railways and industry will be key to building confidence and ensuring data-driven, time-bound reforms.

Technology adoption and digitalization are emerging as powerful enablers of operational efficiency. From end-to-end digital documentation and smart terminals to AI-driven asset monitoring, predictive maintenance, and advanced signalling systems, Indian Railways has the opportunity to move beyond pilots and scale solutions that directly reduce dwell time, improve asset utilisation, and enhance safety. Collaborative R&D with private manufacturers can further support lifecycle efficiency and system-wide resilience.

At the heart of rail transformation lies freight competitiveness. Addressing congestion, improving average train speeds, ensuring wagon availability, strengthening last-mile connectivity, and expanding the freight basket are critical to increase the share of cargo from road to rail. A faster, more reliable rail freight ecosystem is indispensable for achieving India's logistics cost reduction targets and supporting multimodal integration.

Simultaneously, Indian Railways' unparalleled scale offers a unique platform to build globally competitive manufacturing and services capabilities. Standardisation, private participation, and long-term partnerships can position India as a global supplier of rolling stock, rail systems, engineering services, and green freight solutions—aligning the vision of 'Make in India' with 'Make for the World'.

Against this backdrop, ASSOCHAM is organising the **National Conference: Future Ready Railways for Viksit Bharat**. The conference will bring together government & policymakers, PSUs, DFCs, industry, technology providers, and manufacturers to deliberate on policy reforms, technology adoption, freight competitiveness, and global opportunities. The platform aims to foster constructive dialogue, share best practices, and chart a clear, industry-aligned roadmap for a modern, efficient, and globally competitive Indian Railways—powering India's journey towards Viksit Bharat.

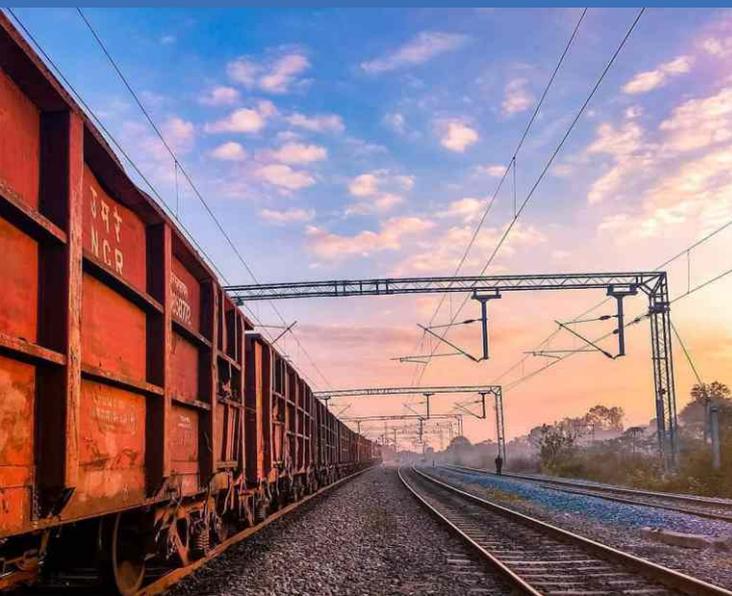


Participants Profile

- ⊙ Senior Officials from Ministry of Railways & Railway Board
- ⊙ Rail Product, Component & Equipment Manufacturers
- ⊙ Freight Customers & User Industries
- ⊙ Logistics, Freight Forwarding & Multimodal Transport Companies
- ⊙ Private Freight Terminal Operators & Terminal Developers
- ⊙ Rolling Stock Manufacturers
- ⊙ Wagon Leasing Companies & Private Wagon Operators
- ⊙ Rail Engineering, EPC & Infrastructure Companies
- ⊙ Signalling, Train Control & Safety System Providers
- ⊙ Digital, AI, IOT & Rail IT Solution Providers
- ⊙ Asset Monitoring, Predictive Maintenance & R&D Firms
- ⊙ Ports, Industrial Corridors & Logistics Park Developers
- ⊙ Mining, Power & Infrastructure Companies with Bulk Freight Needs
- ⊙ Banks, Financial Institutions & Infrastructure Financing Agencies
- ⊙ Constructors & Engineering Contractors
- ⊙ Industrial Automation Solutions Providers
- ⊙ Safety, Security & Fire Suppression Solutions Providers
- ⊙ Academia, Research Organizations & Skill Development Bodies

Key Discussion Points

- ⊙ Vision 2047 with milestones: translating capacity targets, DFC integration and PM Gati Shakti alignment into time-bound outcomes.
- ⊙ Strengthening first-mile and last-mile rail connectivity between mines, plants, ports and logistics terminals.
- ⊙ Deployment and scaling of **KAVACH** as India's indigenous train collision avoidance system to enhance network-wide safety
- ⊙ Standardising land licensing, track access charges and approvals across zones to reduce regulatory ambiguity
- ⊙ Smart infrastructure and asset monitoring using sensors, AI and IoT to enable predictive maintenance of tracks, rolling stock and signalling systems
- ⊙ End-to-end digitalisation of approvals, documentation and maintenance processes to eliminate manual interventions
- ⊙ Digital terminals and PFTs: reducing turnaround time through real-time coordination between railways, terminals and cargo owners
- ⊙ Structuring long-term industry-railway partnerships beyond procurement to co-create next-generation rail systems
- ⊙ Use of sustainable, lightweight stainless-steel materials in rail infrastructure and rolling stock to improve energy efficiency and reduce lifecycle costs
- ⊙ Standardised wagon and rake design informed by loading efficiency, door dimensions and cargo handling requirements
- ⊙ Positioning India as an exporter of wagons, components, systems integration and rail engineering services
- ⊙ Resolving congestion in critical zones through track doubling, crew availability and locomotive capacity augmentation
- ⊙ Green, circular economy and low-carbon freight as competitive advantages for Indian rail solutions
- ⊙ Aligning 'Make in India' with 'Make for the World' through certification, quality benchmarks and global compliance



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Platinum Partner 10 Lakhs

- Speaking opportunity in inaugural session
- Speaking opportunity in one panel discussion
- Corporate literature to be included in the delegate kit
- Prominent logo visibility in the conference communication material
- Speaker photo & profile to be featured in all outreach collaterals
- Complimentary exhibition space of at the conference venue
- Corporate video play at conference during the tea and lunch break (5 mins)
- Logo on wings of the backdrop in conference hall
- Logo on the 'thank you partners' panel at the conference venue
- Logo will be on the ASSOCHAM event webpage
- 10 complimentary passes to attend

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- Complimentary exhibition space of at the conference venue
- Corporate video play at conference during the tea and lunch break (3 mins)
- Logo on wings of the backdrop in conference hall
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- 7 complimentary passes to attend

Silver Partner 5 Lakhs

- Speaking opportunity in one panel discussion
- Corporate literature to be included in the delegate kit
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- Speaker photo to be featured in all outreach collaterals
- Corporate video play at conference during the lunch break (1 mins)
- Logo on wings of the backdrop in plenary hall
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- 5 complimentary passes to attend

Associate Partner 3 Lakhs

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- Prominent logo visibility in the conference communication
- 3 complimentary passes to attend

Delegate Kit Partner 3 Lakhs

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Lanyard Partner 3 Lakhs

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Exhibition Details: Stalls measuring 3 x 2 mtr each are available for Rs. 50,000 (+18% GST)

Participation Fees: Rs. 3,500 /- (+18% GST)

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