

Sewa Service' Train

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Key highlights

- Recently Indian Railways launched 09 'Sewa Service' Trains **to connect smaller towns around major cities.**
- This was part of strategies of Indian Railways to have better utilization of the rolling stock without any requisition for new rolling stock.
- These trains will run on the **"Hub and Spoke" Model,** thereby facilitating passengers to use these trains to reach the "Hub" for availing onward journey to other major stations.
- Indian Railways plans to run more trains on similar model to serve the passengers of smaller towns and cities.
- These measures are also expected to boost the earnings of the Indian Railways to help in strengthening the economy.
- Of 09 'Sewa Service' trains in eight states, four trains will run on a daily basis and other five, 6 days a week. They are;

1. Vadnagar – Mahesana DEMU- Gujarat
2. Asarva –Himmatnagar DEMU- Gujarat
3. Karur – Salem DEMU – Tamil Nadu
4. Coimbatore – Pollachi Passenger – Tamil Nadu
5. Coimbatore – Palani Passenger- Tamil Nadu
6. Yesvantpur – Tumkur DEMU – Karnataka
7. Murkongselek – Dibrugarh Passenger – Assam
8. Bhubaneswar – Nayagarh Express – Assam
9. Delhi – Shamli Passenger

Significance:

- These trains will provide connectivity to the far-flung areas where stoppages of premiere trains was not possible.
- These trains will act as link trains to serve the common man of the country. The Minister recalled the connect of Mahatma Gandhi to the Railways.