



Operation Thirst

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Indian Railways have launched “Operation Thirst”, as an all India drive to curb the menace of selling **unauthorized packaged drinking** water in railway premises.

- With the **increase** in the number of **passengers** traveling by railways (due to the closure of schools & festive/marriage season) during peak summer, the demand for drinking water also increases.
- The operation thirst drive was carried out in all **major railway stations** of the country on 8 and 9th July 2019.
- During the drive, 1371 persons were arrested by the railway protection force for selling of packaged drinking water of **unauthorized brands**.
- Stalls on platforms were also found selling packaged drinking water bottles of brands which are **not authorized** by the Indian Railway