



North Central Railway Becomes Fifth Zone in the Country with 100% Electrification | Uttar Pradesh | 22 Oct 2022

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- Recently, The North Central Railway (NCR) has become the fifth zone in the country to have 100 percent electrification. All the broad gauge railways here have now been fully electrified.

Key points

- At present, out of the 18 zonal railways in the country, four zones — East Coast Railway Bhubaneswar, Eastern Railway, West Central Railway and South Eastern Railway — were the only zones that were fully electrified. Now the North Central Railway has also joined it.
- This section covers 76 km between Khajuraho and Lalitpur between Ishanagar-Udaipur. The electrification work, which was left in the last financial year, has been completed by the Central Railway Electrification Organization (CORE) on October 20. Now this route has been ready for the operation of trains with electric engines.
- Now with the electrification of this section, all the broad gauge railway lines of NCR have been electrified. The advantage of this will be that now electric engine trains will start operating from Mahoba-Khajuraho-Udaipura to Lalitpur. Also, MEMU trains will be able to run from Mahoba to Lalitpur via Chhatarpur.
- With the electrification of Ishanagar-Udaipura section, 3222 route km in North Central Railway zone. Broad gauge has been electrified. 110 km on this new route. Trains will be able to run at a speed of 110 km/h from Prayagraj to Lalitpur via Mahoba. This will also save passengers time.
- The North Central Railway in its present form came into existence on April 1, 2003. North Central Railway is spread over a wide area of India including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana. It is headquartered in Prayagraj (Allahabad) and consists of three divisions - Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra.