



First Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium: Indian Railways

Why in News

Recently, Indian Railway (IR) has opened the **first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium at Bengaluru Railway Station**.

Key Points

- The **Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station also known as Bengaluru City Railway Station** has become the first railway station in India with a movable freshwater tunnel aquarium.
- The aquarium has been **opened by the Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC)** in collaboration with the HNi Aquatic Kingdom.
- The aquarium is a **one-of-its-kind aquatic park based on the Amazon River** (of South America) **concept**.
- This is a 12-foot long aquatic kingdom, **first paludarium** (vivarium that incorporates both terrestrial and aquatic elements) with myriad flora and fauna.
- It is **home to various aquatic animals** such as alligator gar ranging, stingrays, sharks, lobsters, snails and shrimps. The aquarium is adorned with natural rocks and splashes of driftwood, artificial coral rocks.
- This has been built at a cost of Rs 1.2 crore with the **aim of enhancing the passenger experience at the station**.
- It is also **aimed at improving revenue earning for IR**.
- It is **also educational in a way** that a life size kingdom of fishes can be experienced here.

Source: IE

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/first-movable-freshwater-tunnel-aquarium-indian-railways>