



Plan Bee

Plan Bee, a unique strategy adopted by **Northeast Frontier Railway** (NFR) to keep **wild elephants** away from railway tracks, has won the **best innovation award** by Indian Railways.

- Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR)'s Plan Bee, involves **setting up of devices** (an amplifying system imitating the buzz of a swarm of honey bees) **near tracks**, which emit the 'buzzing' sound of swarming bees, considered as a natural repellent of elephants (elephants have a natural fear of the perilous stings of the insects).
 - First one was installed near the **Guwahati railway station**.
- The sound is audible to elephants **600-700 meters** away and thus helps them in keeping away from the tracks.
- According to wildlife experts, India has the **highest number of train accidents** involving elephants in the world.

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