



# Tramjatra Event

## Why in News?

Kolkata will witness an event that will celebrate **150 years of its iconic tram and renew hope** that this **non-polluting mode of transport** does not become entirely extinct in February, 2023.

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## What is a Tramjatra Event?

### ▪ History:

- Tramjatra (tram's journey) is a **moving tram carnival that was started back in 1996** jointly by enthusiasts from Melbourne and Kolkata.
- At the time, **Kolkata, the only Indian city where the tram still runs**, was home to about two dozen routes.
  - Today the number of routes that remain operational has shrunk to just two.
  - The 2023 event, therefore, will be more about impressing the West Bengal government to preserve the tram.

### ▪ About:

- Tramjatra is **essentially an international collaboration of trammies, artists, environmentalists, and tram-loving communities.**

### ▪ Theme for 2022: Heritage, Clean Air and Green Mobility

### ▪ Objective:

- It **seeks to educate people, particularly the younger generation, about [climate change](#), [air pollution](#), and [sustainable development objectives](#)** with a focus on green mobility and Kolkata's tram legacy.

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