

BENGALURU SUBURBAN RAIL PROJECT



Issue

The Karnataka government has announced that the work on Bengaluru suburban rail project will start soon.

Background

Having a rapid rail network connecting major suburbs of Bengaluru has been a dream project for the state government since 1983.

Details

- The project has been dubbed as the most integrated rail project in India. It will be completed at a cost of Rs 15,767 crore by 2026.
- The project was first studied and report submitted by Southern Railway. It will span over a distance of 58 km. it was also part of first Transportation Survey of Karnataka.
- Air-conditioned coaches will be used to run on the route, similar to metro rail. It will focus on connecting suburban towns and rural areas adjoining the city.
- It provides a comfortable, safer and a faster way of connecting different areas. It will also help people avoid traffic jams.

Implementation

The project will be implemented by The Rail Infrastructure Development Company, Karnataka (K-RIDE). The company is a joint venture between Ministry of Railways and the Karnataka government.

Rail corridors

There are four rail corridors on the proposed project. They have been named as Sampige, Mallige, Parijata and Kanaka. They span over six directions from the centre of city.

Aim of the project

- The cost of travel will be reduced significantly. The stations will allow easy inter-change similar to metro networks.
- It is expected to cater to 10 lakh passengers daily and will reduce burden on road transport. The traffic woes can be controlled to some extent.
- The city's carbon footprint is also expected to be cut down drastically once the project gets up and running.

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