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**INTERNATIONAL
RAIL COACH EXPO 2026**

12–14 March 2026 / ICF Stadium, Chennai



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About the Expo

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) initiative in the Rail Transportation Sector in India, with a special focus on Rail Coach and Train Sets. International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE 2026) International Exhibition & Conference, organised by CII, in association with Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Ministry of Railways, Government of India, is scheduled from 12 to 14 March, 2026 at ICF Stadium, Chennai, India.

CII works closely with the Ministry of Railways, Government of India, and has been organising regular networking events jointly with the Ministry, connecting the global Rail Transportation Industry with Indian Railways and Indian Industry, for the last three decades.

The International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE 2026) is a premier global platform dedicated to the rail coach manufacturing and interior furnishing, safety bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, technology providers, R&D institutions, and supply chain partners under one roof.

Following the success of previous editions, IRCE 2026 aims to spotlight the latest advancements in rail coach production, passenger comfort, interior solutions, technical services and sustainable design to support the modernization goals of national and international railway systems.

About Integral Coach Factory (ICF)

The Integral Coach Factory is one of the earliest railway production units of independent India. Spread over 511 acres, till October 2025, ICF has achieved the distinction of having turned out 80,000+ coaches since its inception, highest by any passenger coach manufacturer in the world in more than 180 varieties which includes conventional and self-propelled coaches in LHB and other designs including India's first semi-high speed train the Vande Bharat Express.

In the last decade, ICF fully shifted to stainless steel coaches and ever since, has been striving for improving standards of rail travel year after year. Innovation has been taking place in all facets of coach production – from Electrics, bogies to interiors and lavatories. It has given birth to new breed of trains/train sets called Vande Bharat – Chair car and sleeper versions, Amrit Bharat Coaches with improved interior for more passengers comfort, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail for short distance intercity travel and even a freight train set with modern facility for targeting transportation FMCG and perishable goods. ICF has now envisioned to manufacture Metro coaches in standard gauge and plans are afoot for sprucing up the production lines to gear up for this project.

Obviously, all this has opened up plethora of opportunities to various industries to upgrade their products, on their part, they have always risen to the challenges and come up with solutions and products matching expectations. IRCE 2026 will present sneak peek into the latest developments taking place in the field of coach manufacturing and give fillip business opportunities for all the players connected with it.

Advantage India

Growing Demand

Passenger volume on Indian Railways grew 6 % in FY25 to over 7 billion passengers, with revenue rising nearly 50 % to Rs. 75,215 crore (US\$ 8.7 billion), boosted by Vande Bharat trains and higher chair car earnings.

Higher Investments

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in railway-related components stood at Rs. 9,163 crore (US\$ 1.43 billion) for April 2000-March 2025. Rail infrastructure will see an investment of Rs. 50 lakh crore (US\$ 715.41 billion) by 2030.

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Policy Support

Under the Union Budget 2025-26, the government allocated Rs. 3.02 lakh crore (US\$ 34.7 billion) compared to Rs. 2.52 lakh crore (US\$ 30.3 billion) in 2024-25 to the Ministry of Railways. The Government has increased the scope of PPP beyond providing maintenance and other such supporting roles. PPP is being utilized in areas such as redevelopment of stations, building private freight terminals and private container train operations.

Attractive Opportunities

Indian Railways, as of 2025, has expanded 35,000 km of track, produces 30,000 wagons and 1,500 locomotives annually, increased freight share to 29 %, cut accidents by 80 %, and plans 1,000 new trains and bullet train operations by 2027.

Source : <https://ibef.org/industry/indian-railways/infographic>

Indian Railways the Opportunity



Indian Railways is revamping passenger train journeys by **introducing world-class rolling stock with advanced technology and improved amenities for a safer, faster, and more comfortable travel experience.**



Indian Railways promotes **large-scale use of LHB coaches, featuring anti-climbing design, secondary air suspension with failure indicators, and corrosion-resistant shells.**



Indian Railways is taking various steps to further **strengthen the safety and reliability of railway passengers during manufacturing at Production Units.**



As a part of **“Swachh Bharat Mission”** Indian Railway has **completed the work of fitment/installation of Bio Toilets in all its coaches online.**



Modern signaling systems have been installed at various stations of Indian Railways to enhance safety by reducing human intervention.



Increase in the demand for automobile-carrying vehicles, **leading Indian Railways to introduce NMGH and NMGHS coaches.**



Modernization Focus, Freight Growth, Net Zero Goal, Infrastructure Expansion

Key Highlights



Focused Platform

India's only focused exhibition for rail coach manufacturing and interiors, addressing a niche yet critical segment of rail transportation.



High-Level Engagement

Participation from Indian Railways' Production Units, RDSO, global OEMs, system integrators, metro operators, urban transit authorities and private rolling stock manufacturers.



Showcase Innovation

Highlights the Cutting-edge technologies, latest advancements in coach design, materials, automation, passenger comfort, and sustainability.



Industry Convergence

Brings together OEMs, suppliers, designers, and policymakers under one roof for meaningful engagement.



Support Make in India

Domestic manufacturing and global partnerships in line with the government's 'Make in India' initiative.



Networking Opportunities

Facilitates B2B meetings, technical discussions, and collaboration with national and international stakeholders.



Skill Development

Highlights training and R&D efforts critical to building future-ready rail coaches.



Global Presence

Attracts participants and delegations from leading rail manufacturing countries, enabling technology transfer and partnerships.



Sustainability Focus

Adoption of eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient technologies.



Knowledge Sharing

Concurrent seminars and workshops on trends, policies, and innovations.





Exhibitor Profile

- Rail Coach Manufacturers (PU & Private)
- IT & Smart Rail Solutions Providers
- Coach Interior Manufacturer
- Safety & Surveillance Systems
- Interior Systems Providers
- R&D & Testing Laboratories
- Interior Components Manufacturer
- Electrical Traction System
- HVAC & Air Management System
- Certification & Standards Bodies
- Mechanical Equipments & Innovative Products
- Anticorrosion and Paint Technologies
- Electrical & Electronic Equipment
- Metal & Metallurgy
- Composite & Lightweight Materials Manufacturers
- Coach Design Consultants
- Flooring & Seating Solutions Providers
- Academic & Training Institutions
- Glass and other interiors

Visitor Profile

- Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW)
- Senior Officials & Engineers from Indian Railways
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC)
- Indian Railways Board Members
- Rail Coach Factories
- Zonal Railways & Production Units
- Rail Wheel Factories
- CEO & Senior Personnel from Industry
- Rail India Technical and Economic Services Private Limited (RITES)
- Rolling Stock & Urban Mobility Operators
- Various Railways Workshops
- Metro Rail Corporation
- Communication Experts
- OEMs & Tier One Suppliers
- Councils/Apex Bodies
- Architects & Interior Designers
- Freight Transporters
- Technology Startups
- General Managers of Railway Units
- International Delegates & Trade Missions
- Logistics Companies
- Procurement, R&D, and Engineering Heads
- Maintenance Directors
- Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE)
- National High-speed Train
- Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
- Railway Security Officials
- Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd
- Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)
- Diesel Locomotive Modernization Works (DMW)

Event Glimpse



Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society through advisory and consultative processes.

For 130 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. With its extensive network across the country and the world, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

In the journey of India's economic resurgence, CII facilitates the multifaceted contributions of the Indian Industry, charting a path towards a prosperous and sustainable future. With this backdrop, CII has identified "Accelerating Competitiveness: Globalisation, Inclusivity, Sustainability, Trust" as its theme for 2025-26, prioritising five key pillars. During the year, CII will align its initiatives to drive strategic action aimed at enhancing India's competitiveness by promoting global engagement, inclusive growth, sustainable practices, and a foundation of trust.

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