Useful Links in Digital Time Table of Railways by Kylea Taylor

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Indian Railways operates 65000 km routes serving about 7500 railway stations in the country, maintains not only online reservation site through IRCTC, but also a comprehensive train time table, erail.in.

Earlier times, Indian rail time table was printed region wise and distributed. They were printed every half year and released for the benefit of commuters.

The printed regional time tables of Indian railways were also carrying All India train information, while detailed arrival departure details would be given for the trains of the region. A time table reader had to browse through a number of tables to find the route of travel.

The time table of Indian railways also used to carry a railway route map, few pages describing the fare structure, rules and regulations pertaining to rail reservations.

But things have changed and we are in digital world and Indian Railways has rightly chosen to create the digital Indian rail time table smartly appearing as â€˜e-rail.inâ€™ portal.

This portal of Indian rail time table enables the user to select the main station to find the train timings and get all the information with couple of clicks. The portal is well distributed with a number of links, whilst the main tabs give you facility to find your train and related details.

Once you click on the main station of the time table of Indian railways, you see the screen giving you the train Number, train Name, pantry car availability, a departure and arrival timings of starting and destination stations, total number of hours of travel and seat availability on the dates of running in various classes.

As you click the â€˜AVâ€™ meaning availability, a pop up comes informing you the fare details, including what it would be for senior citizens, male and female, besides normal tariff.

The Indian rail time table screen also guides you to search for details by clicking various points for getting different types of information as follows:

If you click on this button â€“for search

1. You will get this

Train number

1. Fare and route

Departure Time

1. Running status at the starting station, for which you have to select date at the right top of the screen

Arrival time

1. Running status at the destination station, for which you have to select date at the right top of the

screen

Travel time

1. You see the route map

R

1. You view the run days of the train on calendar

Av

1. Availability of the selected class, also select date at the right top of the screen

Header

1. You can do sorting of details

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1. Special note, if any

It is indeed a pleasure to browse through the Indian rail time table in the erail.in portal.

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