

Trishul and Garuda, but Trains

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- For the first time ever, Indian Railways has run two long haul freight trains “Trishul” and “Garuda” over the South Central Railway network successfully.

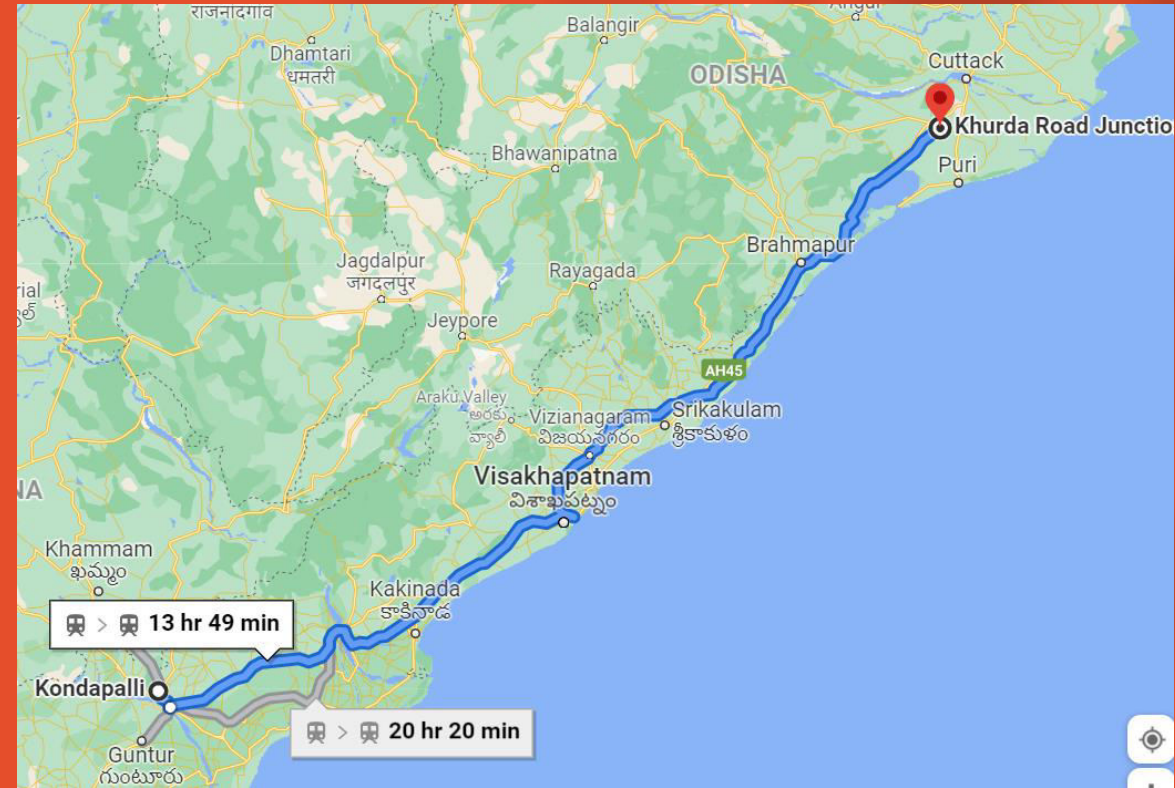


These long haul freight trains which are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of Indian Railways' freight trains, according to the Railway Ministry, provide a very effective solution to the problem of capacity constraints in critical rail sections.

Some of the key benefits of running these long haul freight trains include saving of path across congested routes, maximizing the throughput of critical sections, quicker transit time, saving in crews

According to the Railway Ministry, the long haul train- Trishul is South Central Railways' first long haul train comprising of three freight trains, i.e., a total of 177 wagons.

On 7 October 2021, this long haul freight train was started from the Kondapalli railway station of the Vijayawada Division to the East Coast Railway zone's Khurda Division

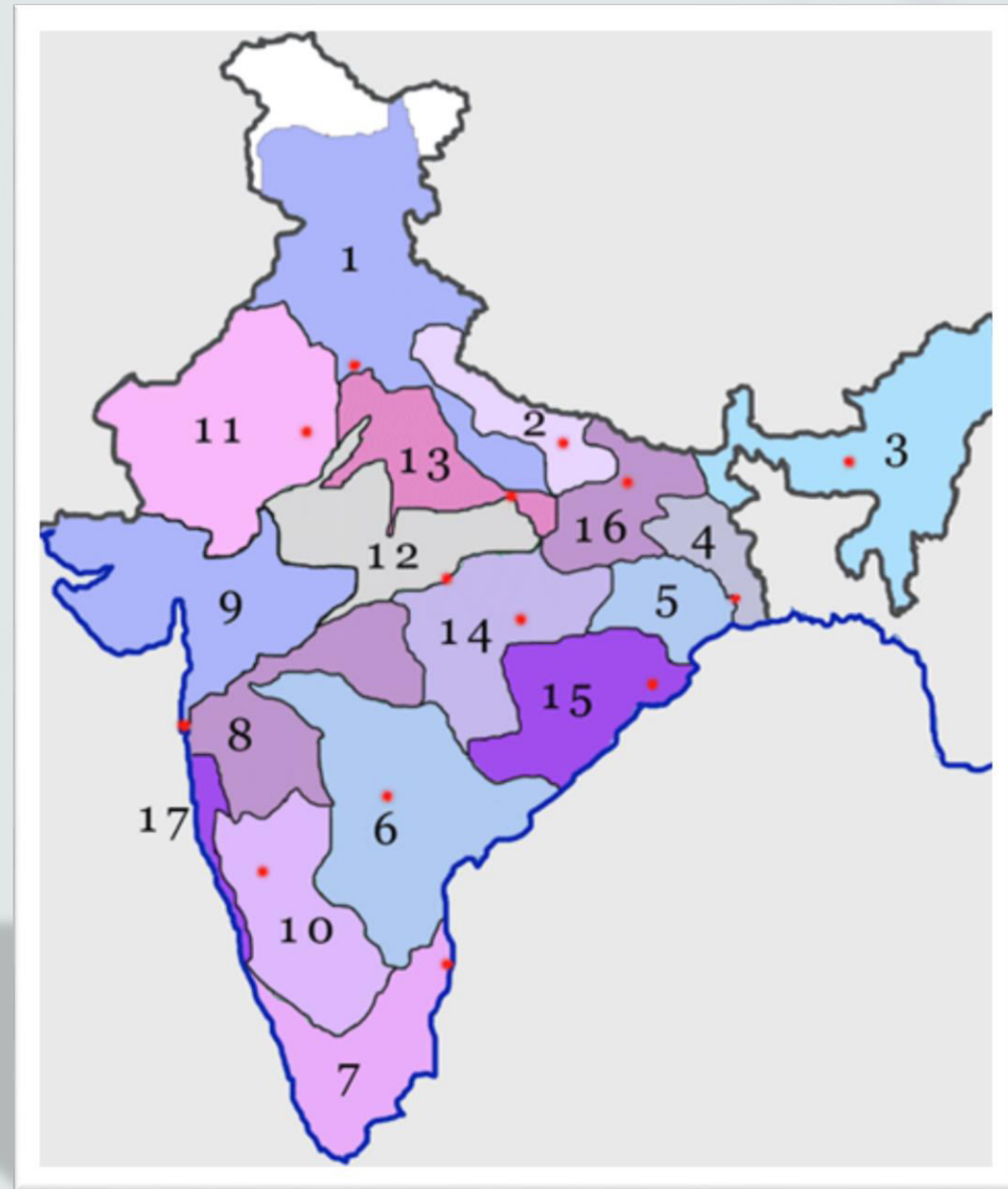


- The South Central Railway followed it up with the running of yet another similar one named Garuda on 8 October 2021 from Raichur of Guntakal Division to Manuguru of Secunderabad Division.
- The long haul freight trains, in both cases, comprised of empty open wagons for coal loading, meant for thermal power stations predominantly.



Indian Railways divides its operations into zones, which are further sub-divided into divisions, each having a divisional headquarters.

There are a total of 18 zones (including Metro Railway, Kolkata) and 70 Divisions on Indian Railway System.



The current 18 zones of the Indian Railways are

Name	Abbr.	Headquarters
Central Railway	CR	Mumbai
Eastern Railway	ER	Kolkata
East Central Railway	ECR	Hajipur
East Coast Railway	ECoR	Bhubaneswar
Northern Railway	NR	Delhi
North Central Railway	NCR	Prayagraj
North Western Railway	NWR	Jaipur
North Eastern Railway	NER	Gorakhpur
Northeast Frontier Railway	NFR	Maligaon (Guwahati)
Southern Railway	SR	Chennai
South Central Railway	SCR	Secunderabad (Hyderabad)
South Coast Railway	SCoR	Visakhapatnam
South Eastern Railway	SER	Kolkata
South East Central Railway	SECR	Bilaspur, CG
South Western Railway	SWR	Hubballi
Western Railway	WR	Mumbai
West Central Railway	WCR	Jabalpur
Metro Railway	MTP	Kolkata

- Trishul is a short range surface-to-air missile developed in India.





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