

# PRIME MINISTER JANAUSHADHI KENDRA

QUALITY MEDICINES, AFFORDABLE PRICES

A step towards a Healthy India

“Affordable medicines  
for every citizen,  
for a healthier India.

— Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister of India

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Your Savings,  
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**AIRSC INITIATIVE FOR RAILWAY HEALTHCARE & JANAUSHADHI SERVICES**

Enhancing Passenger Safety, Public Health & Affordable Medical Access

The All India Rail Safety Council (AIRSC) is strengthening healthcare access, **emergency medical response**, and **preventive health systems** across India's railway network.

**WHY THIS INITIATIVE MATTERS**

- 23 Million+ Passengers Travel Daily
- Healthcare Access at Major Stations
- Affordable Janaushadhi Medicines
- Faster Emergency Response & Medical Aid

**OUR COMMITMENT**

- Passenger Safety
- Public Health
- Affordable Medicines
- Preventive Care

Together, we are building a **Safer, Healthier & Self-Reliant Railway Ecosystem for Bharat.**

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## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE FOR INDIAN RAILWAYS

### ESTABLISHMENT OF PRADHAN MANTRI BHARTIYA JANAUSHADHI KENDRAS (PMBJKS) AT MAJOR RAILWAY STATIONS ACROSS INDIA

### STRENGTHENING RAILWAY SAFETY THROUGH AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

### A NATIONAL INITIATIVE OF THE ALL INDIA RAIL SAFETY COUNCIL (AIRSC)

The All India Rail Safety Council (AIRSC) is a national professional organization dedicated to promoting railway safety, public welfare, research, education, capacity building, and operational excellence across India's railway and metro systems. Recognizing that public health is an integral component of railway safety, AIRSC has undertaken a comprehensive study on establishing Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) at major railway stations throughout the country.

Indian Railways is one of the world's largest transportation networks, carrying nearly 23 million passengers every day and serving as the backbone of India's economy and social mobility. Every railway station functions not only as a transport hub but also as a public service centre where millions of passengers, railway employees, senior citizens, women, children, differently-abled persons, migrant workers, and economically weaker sections converge every day.

In such a vast and dynamic environment, timely access to affordable medicines and basic healthcare services is not merely desirable—it is a national necessity. AIRSC therefore proposes the integration of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) within strategically identified railway stations to strengthen healthcare accessibility while complementing the safety objectives of Indian Railways.

This initiative is fully aligned with the Government of India's vision of Affordable Healthcare for All, Viksit Bharat 2047, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and the objective of creating a healthy, productive and resilient nation.

## Vision

To establish a nationwide network of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras across major railway stations, providing affordable, high-quality medicines and essential healthcare services while supporting railway safety, passenger welfare, emergency medical preparedness, and employee health.

## Mission

To integrate accessible healthcare infrastructure into India's railway ecosystem by creating professionally managed PMBJK centres that provide affordable medicines, preventive healthcare services, emergency medical support, and wellness facilities for railway passengers, employees, and the general public.

## Why Railway Stations Need PMBJKs

Railway stations are among the busiest public places in India. Millions of people spend several hours travelling every day, and many passengers include elderly citizens, children, patients undergoing treatment, pregnant women, tourists, and people travelling long distances.

Medical emergencies frequently arise due to:

Sudden illness during travel

Chronic diseases requiring regular medication

Hypertension and cardiac emergencies

Diabetes-related complications

Respiratory disorders

Fever and infections

Heat stroke and dehydration

Injuries during boarding or alighting

Accidental falls

Long-distance travel fatigue

In many situations, passengers are unable to obtain affordable medicines immediately after arriving at a station. The availability of PMBJKs would significantly reduce delays in treatment and improve emergency response capabilities.

## Healthcare and Railway Safety – A Critical Relationship

Railway safety extends beyond engineering systems, signalling, rolling stock, and infrastructure. It equally depends upon the physical and mental well-being of railway personnel responsible for train operations.

Medical fitness is therefore a critical element of operational safety.

Each year Indian Railways conducts approximately:

50,000 Pre-Employment Medical Examinations (PEME) for recruitment of safety category staff.

1,20,000 Periodical Medical Examinations (PME) for serving railway employees working in safety-sensitive positions.

These examinations ensure that employees remain medically fit to perform duties affecting train operations and passenger safety.

PMBJKs located at important railway stations can complement this healthcare ecosystem by ensuring continuous availability of essential medicines prescribed during these medical examinations.

## Passenger Healthcare During Travel

Every year, thousands of railway passengers experience medical emergencies while travelling.

Common situations include:

High fever

Blood pressure fluctuations

Diabetes-related emergencies

Asthma attacks

Minor injuries

Food poisoning

Motion sickness

Gastrointestinal disorders

Allergic reactions

Heat exhaustion

Dehydration

The presence of PMBJKs at railway stations would enable immediate availability of quality generic medicines, reducing suffering and improving medical outcomes until specialized treatment becomes available.

**Railway Accident and Emergency Preparedness**

Indian Railways responds annually to hundreds of railway accidents and untoward incidents requiring coordinated medical assistance.

During emergencies, immediate access to medicines, dressings, surgical consumables, first-aid materials, emergency pharmaceuticals, and healthcare logistics becomes essential.

PMBJKs can function as valuable support centres by:

- Supplying emergency medicines
- Supporting first-aid teams
- Assisting disaster response personnel
- Providing medical consumables
- Supporting relief operations
- Strengthening emergency preparedness

Such integration would enhance the overall resilience of the railway disaster management framework.

**Affordable Medicines for Millions**

One of the greatest strengths of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is its commitment to making quality medicines affordable for every citizen.

The initiative provides:

- High-quality generic medicines
- WHO-GMP compliant pharmaceutical products
- Significant savings compared with branded medicines
- Medicines covering all major therapeutic categories
- Surgical consumables
- Healthcare products
- Medical devices

The continuously expanding PMBJP product basket includes:

Essential medicines

Surgical products

Cardiac stents

Orthopaedic implants

Healthcare consumables

Wellness products

Diagnostic accessories

This makes PMBJKs ideal healthcare centres for railway passengers.

Benefits to Railway Employees

The initiative would also greatly benefit railway employees by:

Improving access to affordable medicines

Supporting occupational health programmes

Reducing treatment costs

Enhancing continuity of medication

Supporting preventive healthcare

Improving employee wellness

Assisting in long-term disease management

Helping reduce sickness-related absenteeism

Improved employee health directly contributes to safer railway operations and higher productivity.

Social Impact

The proposed PMBJK network would provide substantial benefits to:

Senior Citizens

Easy access to affordable medicines during railway travel.

Women

Affordable healthcare support for women travelling alone and homemakers from economically weaker families.

Differently-Abled Persons

Convenient availability of medicines and healthcare products without travelling long distances.

Economically Weaker Sections

Substantial savings on essential medicines through quality generic alternatives.

Railway Employees

Continuous access to affordable healthcare for employees and their families.

Tourists and Pilgrims

Reliable healthcare support while travelling across India.

General Public

Community healthcare services accessible through railway infrastructure.

Strategic Advantages

The initiative offers several long-term national benefits:

Improved passenger satisfaction

Enhanced public confidence in Indian Railways

Stronger emergency medical preparedness

Better occupational health support

Increased healthcare accessibility

Promotion of preventive healthcare

Reduced out-of-pocket medical expenditure

Better integration between healthcare and transport infrastructure

Support for public health during disasters

Contribution towards universal healthcare objectives

Alignment with National Priorities

The proposed initiative directly supports:

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

Ayushman Bharat

Viksit Bharat 2047

Atmanirbhar Bharat

Digital India

Healthy India Mission

National Health Policy

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:

SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being

SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

AIRSC's Proposed Implementation Framework

The All India Rail Safety Council proposes a phased implementation strategy beginning with:

- Major Railway Junctions
- State Capital Stations
- Divisional Headquarters
- A1 and NSG Category Stations
- High Passenger Density Stations
- Pilgrimage Railway Stations
- Tourist Destinations
- Metro-Rail Interchange Stations
- Industrial Corridor Stations

The project may subsequently be expanded to cover additional railway stations across India based on passenger volume and regional healthcare needs.

The establishment of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras at major railway stations represents a transformative national initiative that combines public healthcare, passenger welfare, employee wellness, and railway safety into a single integrated service model.

By bringing affordable medicines closer to millions of railway passengers and employees, the initiative will significantly strengthen India's healthcare delivery system while enhancing the resilience and humanitarian dimension of railway infrastructure.

The All India Rail Safety Council (AIRSC) believes that safe transportation must be supported by accessible healthcare. Integrating PMBJKs into the railway ecosystem will create healthier passengers, healthier employees, stronger emergency preparedness, and a more compassionate public transport system.

This initiative is envisioned as a meaningful contribution toward building a Safe Railway, Healthy Citizens, and a Developed India, fully aligned with the national aspirations of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Dr. R. Padmanabhan

Chairman

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### OUR INITIATIVE

Recognizing the scale and critical importance of Indian Railways—where over 23 million passengers travel daily—AIRSC has conducted an in-depth assessment on establishing **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK)** at major railway stations across the country.



#### AFFORDABLE MEDICINES

Quality medicines at low cost for all passengers and staff.



#### TIMELY MEDICAL CARE

Access to essential healthcare services at major railway stations.



#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Strengthening first-aid and emergency medical support systems.



#### PREVENTIVE HEALTH

Promoting wellness, awareness, and preventive healthcare.

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