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### Press Release

#### IRCTC'S RAIL NEER PACKAGED DRINKING WATER

- Rail Neer, a signature product launched by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a branded packaged drinking water to enhance passenger amenities for the rail commuters.
- The first plant set up by IRCTC in 2003. This is located at Nangloi in West Delhi. The purpose was to supply safe drinking water to important Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains originating from New Delhi and Nizammudin.
- At present, IRCTC has 14 operational Rail Neer Plants located at Nangloi, Danapur, Palur, Ambernath, Amethi, Parassala, Bilaspur, Sanand, Hapur, Mandideep, Nagpur, Jagiroad, Sankrail and Maneri.
- In near future, process of opening six more Rail Neer Plants located at Kota, Vijayawada, Bhusawala, Vishakapatnam, Bhubneswar and Una and the work is in process.
- Rail Neer is processed, purified and bottled at state-of-art plants. Completely automatic plant with no manual handling of product water at any stage.
- Rail Neer follows eight stages purification technology for water purification.
- Cumulative production capacity of above fourteen Rail Neer Plants is 14,08,000 liters per day.
- Six more plants are under construction/planning stage. Production capacity of Rail Neer will likely be increased to 18,40,000 bottles per day by 2022 by setting up of these six plants.

**New Delhi 01April , 2021:** The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC), a Public Sector Enterprise Under Ministry of Railways was incorporated on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1999 as an extended arm of the Indian Railways to upgrade, professionalize and manage the catering and hospitality services at stations, on trains and other locations and to promote domestic and international tourism through development of budget hotels, special tour packages, information and commercial publicity and global reservation systems.

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Rail Neer is processed, purified and bottled at state-of-art plants. Completely automatic plant and no manual handling of product water at any stage. IRCTC stands for quality and has a key role in ensuring service and product of the highest quality for the rail passenger as well as visitor to any railway premises. High quality product can only be ensured when production is in-house under full control and supervision of IRCTC. This makes Rail Neer a top performer among many other reputed packaged drinking water brands in the country.

At present, IRCTC has 14 operational Rail Neer Plants located at Nangloi, Danapur, Palur, Ambernath, Amethi, Parassala, Bilaspur, Sanand, Hapur, Mandideep, Nagpur, Jagiroad, Sankrail and Maneri out of which, Rail Neer Plants at Amethi, Parassala, Sanand, Hapur, Mandideep, Nagpur, Jagiroad, Sankrail and Maneri are under PPP mode. Further six more plans are being set up under PPP mode with capital support from IRCTC. Cumulative production capacity of above Fourteen Rail Neer Plants is 14,08,000 liters per day which will likely be increased to 18,40,000 bottles per day in FY 2021-22 by setting up six more Rail Neer



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Plants located at Kota, Vijayawada, Bhusawala, Vishakapatnam, Bhubneswar and Una, there will be a total of 20 plants in near future.

The total production of Rail Neer was 6.10 crores bottles in 2020-21 (upto Feb. 2021) with a capacity utilization of 17.21% as against 27.50 crores bottles in FY 2019-20 with a plant capacity utilization of 79%. The revenue from Rail Neer segment in 2020-21 (upto feb,21) is Approx Rs. 50 cr. As against Rs. 238 cr in FY 2019-20. The reason of decreasing parameters such as low production, capacity utilization and revenue of Rail Neer in 2020-21 is mainly due to Covid-19 pandemic. And as soon as the situation is normal, the rail passenger has made a strong comeback in view of the demand of Rail Neer. Seeing the demand of Rail Neer, however, this 20 Rail Neer plants will cater to the entire demand of Indian Rail passengers only partially. Keeping this in view, it has been mandated to fulfill this in some stations and trains. In which special efforts are made to keep large railway stations and junction railway stations.

### **Manufacturing Process**

Water drawn from bore wells/dam water is stored in an underground reservoir and pumped to the state-of-the-art water treatment plant. The plant technology employs eight stages purification processes capable of yielding water quality conforming to BIS standard IS 14543-2004.

### **Automatic Bottling Plant:**

Rail Neer bottles are manufactured with automatic blowing machine at plant with high grade PET resin performs. Preforms made from specific machines are only used.

IRCTC's initiative to provide pure, chilled & clean water to the railway passengers across the country by installing Water Vending Machines of which 1926 nos. of machines have been installed spread over A-1, A, B & C category stations. As of now, roughly 583 nos. of WVMs have been installed over A-1 category stations covering almost 60% A-1 category railway stations.

"Water is life, conserve water and participate in creating a healthy environment".