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Parli Vajjnath-Vikarabad Electrification Project

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Why is in news? PM congratulates people of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana for Parli Vajjnath-Vikarabad Electrification Project

India is to **achieve 100% electrification of Railways by 2024**.

The target has been achieved in five different Railway zones. The fifth zone to achieve this was the North Central Railways.

Recently, the **Vikarabad – Parli – Vajjnath line was electrified**. This is a 268 km stretch. It is to benefit people in the states of Karnataka, Telangana, and Maharashtra.

The Vikarabad – Vajjnath – Parli line runs through the states of **Maharashtra** (116 km), **Karnataka** (62 km), and **Telangana** (90km).

The electrification of this line is important because the line **connects** the southern parts of India and places such as **Shirdi, Pune, and Aurangabad**.

Significance

The electrification of Railways helps to reduce the dependence on oil. This increases the revenue growth of the country.

Simply by cutting down oil imports, India can save 77% of its energy expenses.

India being the **second most populous country**, connectivity becomes expensive.

In 2020, the Indian Railways carried more than 8 billion passengers and 1400 million tonnes of freight.

It is the **fourth largest railway system in the world** after **US, China, and Russia**. Therefore, it is essential India cuts down its fuel cost spent on Railways.

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