

Milestones since BNR to SER

MAJOR EVENTS IN FORMATION OF S.E. RAILWAY

South Eastern Railway was earlier known as Bengal Nagpur Railway (BNR). Major events in the development of SE Railway are given below :

1887	The Bengal Nagpur Railway was formed.
1887	The construction of a new bridge over the Kanah River commenced in 1884 and was completed in 1887.
4 th Dec 1888	The section from Rajnandgaon to Raipur was opened for traffic.
14 th Feb 1889	The section from Raipur to Bilaspur was opened for traffic.
6 th Oct 1890	The East Coast Railway was inaugurated.
1 st Feb 1891	The main line for BNR from Nagpur to Asansol was opened for Goods traffic.
9 th Mar 1891	The Bilaspur-Katni Branch was opened for traffic.
1 st Oct 1892	The Saranda tunnel was completed and opened for traffic
21 st Aug 1893	The Kakinada-Visakhapatnam line was opened for traffic.
1893 to 1896	800 miles of East Coast Railway line was built and opened for traffic.
1893 to 1896	East Coast Railway built some of the largest bridges viz. Brahmani, Mahanadi, Katjuri, Kuakhai and Birupa during the period.
1 st Feb 1897	Khurda Road-Puri (27 miles) section was opened for traffic.
1898-99	The most vital section of BNR viz. Sini-Kharagpur & Kolaghat and Kharagpur-Cuttack were opened for traffic.
1 st Jan 1899	BNR's Line to Cuttack was opened.
1899-1900	Kolaghat-Howrah section was completed.
19 th April 1900	Roopnarayan Bridge near Kolaghat was opened and first train passed over.
March 1901	The construction of a bridge on River Mahanadi near Cuttack was completed.
1 st Feb 1901	Kharagpur-Midnapur Branch line was opened for traffic.
1901	45.74 miles long Dhamtari line and 10.50 miles long Rajim Branch were opened for traffic.
13 th April 1903	The first portion of Gondia-Nainpur (73 miles) was opened.
1904	Nainpur became the focal point of Satpura lines.? Nainpur-Chindwara section was opened for traffic.
1905	Nainpur-Gondia line was extended upto Jabalpur.
15 th Nov 1907	Purulia-Ranchi Branch was opened for traffic.
1907	Extension of Gomoh, a point of East Indian Railways main line was completed.
1908	The Head Office Building of B N R was constructed at a cost of Rs.7, 01,995/-
Nov 1908	Gondia-Nagbhir-Nagpur line was opened for traffic.
1908-09	Vizianagaram-Parvatipuram (49 miles) section was opened
1911	A 40 mile branch line from Tatanagar to Gurumahisani where plenty of iron ores are available was opened for traffic.
1913	Nagpur-Chidwara extension was opened for traffic.? With this, the biggest network of narrow gauge line in Indian Sub-continent was completed. Its length was extended 610 miles.? This Satpura line project was initiated by Sir T.R.Wynne.
1913	Mohuda-Chandrapura (9 miles) Branch was opened for traffic.
1913	Nagbhir-Rajoli (30 miles) was opened and extended upto Chanda.
1913	Extension to Salur on Vizianagaram-Parvatipuram section was opened.
1915	B N R Hotel at Ranchi was established.
1916-17	Bankura-Damodar River Railway in narrow gauge was built by Bengal Nagpur Railway.
1918	Burnpur, India's second largest Iron & Steel Plant was established.
1922	BNR Hotel at Puri was established.
1922	Tatanagar-Gurumahisani line was extended upto Badampahar.
1924	To feed iron ore and magnese ores to Burnpur Steel Plant Amda,? (New Khurswan) on BNR's main line built.

17 th Jan 1924	Kharswan-Dongaposi was opened for traffic.
Feb 1925	Extension to Gua was completed.
20 th Mar 1927	72 mile Barkakhana-Chandil section was opened for traffic.
1928-30	54 mile long Anuppur ? Chirimiri section was opened
1930	Shalimar Goods Shed on the bank of River Hooghly was in operational.
1930	Parlakmedi-Gunupur section was opened in two portions in 1929 and 1931
Dec 1931	Raipur-Parvatipuram line was completed.
1933	The development of Vizag Port by Bengal Nagpur Railway was completed.
18 th Dec 1933	The Visakhapatnam Port was officially declared open by His Excellency Lord Willington, the then Viceroy and Governor General of India.
1 st Oct 1944	The management of Bengal Nagpur Railway was taken by Government of India. Raipur-Dhamtari Branch was the first Narrow Gauge line of Bengal Nagpur Railway.
1955	B N R Emerged as South Eastern Railway.
1956	The Visakhapatnam Port was managed by Bengal Nagpur Railway till October.
14 th May 1958	Bhillai-Dallijahara line was opened for traffic.
4 th Feb 1959	Bhilai Steel Plant was built and inaugurated by Dr.Rajendra Prasad, President of India. The steel plant was situated between Durg and Raipur on S.E.Railway's main stream.
1960	The Dandakaranya-Bolangir-Kiriburu Railway Project.
1960	Ranchi-Kotshila was converted into BG
31 st Jan 1962	Foundation stone of Cuttack-Paradip line was laid by the then Prime Minister, Late Jawarlal Nehru.
April 1963	Sambalpur-Titlagarh line was opened for traffic.
April 1964	For the transportation of bulk raw materials for Bokaro Steel Plant, Durg-Bokaro section was opened for traffic.
1967	Bokaro Steel Plant was set up with Soviet Collaboration.
July 1967	South Eastern Railway took over Bankura Domodar River line.
Jan 1968	Panskura-Durgachak section was opened for traffic.
1968	Cuttack-Paradip line was inaugurated.
9 th July 1973	Cuttack-Paradip line was opened for traffic.
1 st June 1976	S E R introduced EMU train services between Panskura & Haldia.
28 Feb 1977	Jharkpur-Daitari line was opened for traffic.
18 th Dec 1979	Direct EMU service between Howrah and Haldia started.
1 st Sept 1980	Kirandul-Jagadapur line was energized.
1982	Jagadapur-Koraput section was energized.
11 th Nov 1989	Inauguration of Shalimar-Haldia Intercity Exp.by? MR
2000	Foundation stone of BDR Gauge Conversion was laid by Hon?ble Minister for Railways.
18 th Nov 2000	Banspani-Joroli (10.44 Km) was opened for traffic.
1 st April 2000	Introduction of Howrah-Purulia Rupasi Bangla Exp. And Bankura-Shalimar Aranyak Exp. By Hon?ble MR.
1 st July, 2000	Howrah ? Bankura Shiromoni MEMU Passenger service introduced by Hon?ble MR
15 th Mar 2001	Adra-Purulia MEMU Passenger Service introduced by Hon?ble MR
17 th Oct. 2001	Hatia-New Delhi Weekly Rajdhani Express and Hatia-Baidyanathdham Exp. Were flagged off by Hon?ble MR
27 th Oct. 2001	Raipur-Durg MEMU Passenger train was flagged off by Hon?ble MR
28 th Oct 2001	Bilaspur-New Delhi Weekly Rajdhani Exp. Was flagged off by Hon?ble MR
28 th Oct 2001	Howrah-Bokaro Shatabdi Express extended up to RANCHI by Hon?ble MR.

