

IRCON completes Project in Sri Lanka

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श्रीलंका में इरकॉन

सरकारी कंपनी इरकॉन ने श्रीलंका के ओमानथाई-किलीनोच्छी रेलवे लाइन का काम पूरा कर लिया है। पिछले दिनों किलीनोच्छी रेलवे स्टेशन पर आयोजित एक समारोह में इस रेलवे लाइन का उद्घाटन किया गया। यह कंपनी के साथ ही इस क्षेत्र के लिए भी ऐतिहासिक अवसर था। इस अवसर पर श्रीलंका के राष्ट्रपति महिंदा राजापक्षा भी उपस्थित थे।



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The Times of India

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Hindustan Times

IRCON completes Omanthai-Kilinochchi railway Line

IRCON commissioned and dedicated a railway line between Omanthai

and Kilinochchi after a gap of 23 years to the public of Sri Lanka. The President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Transport Kumara Welgama, Minister for Traditional Enter-



prises and Small Industries Development Douglas Devananda and High Commissioner of India Y.K. Sinha inaugurated the long awaited train services on the section.

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The Financial Express

India links Colombo to Killinocchi via railway line

New Delhi, Sept 15: The railway route linking the political home of Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels with the rest of the island rolled into service on Saturday after a 23-year interruption. The day marked a proud moment not only for Sri Lanka but also for Indian Railways whose PSU Ircon International had undertaken the rebuilding project.

The project is a part of efforts to promote reconciliation with the Tamil minority and heal the scars of the long-running separatist conflict. The train, carrying President Mahinda Rajapakse, arrived in the town of Kilinochchi, 330 kms north of Colombo, four years after the end of a nearly four-decade civil war.

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ओमंथाई-किलिनोच्चि रेलवे लाइन का उद्घाटन

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किलिनोच्चि। श्रीलंका में 25 वर्षों से लम्बित पुनर्निमित्त ओमंथाई-किलिनोच्चि रेलवे लाइन को शनिवार को जनता को समर्पित कर दिया गया। इस परियोजना को पूरा करने का जिम्मा इस्कॉन ने उठाया था। इस रेलवे लाइन का उद्घाटन श्रीलंका के राष्ट्रपति महिंद्रा राजपक्षे, परिवहन मंत्री कुमार वेलगामा, पारंपरिक उद्यम और लघु उद्योग विकास मंत्री डगलस देवनंदा, और श्रीलंका में भारतीय उच्चायुक्त वाई.के. सिन्हा ने किया।

ओमंथाई से किलिनोच्चि तक 63 किलोमीटर की यात्रा अब 40 मिनट में पूरी कर ली जाएगी। इस मौके पर



परिवहन मंत्रालय के सचिव धम्मिका परेरा, श्रीलंका रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक बीएपी आर्यरत्ने, इस्कॉन के अध्यक्ष व

प्रबंध निदेशक, मोहन तिवारी और महाप्रबंधक एस.एल. गुप्ता मौजूद रहे।■

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The Pioneer

Ircon Intl Ltd completes reconstruction of railway line in northern Sri Lanka

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The Ircon International Limited, a Government company under the Railway Ministry, has completed the reconstruction of Omanthai — Kilinochchi railway line in Northern Sri Lanka. This 63-km long line was inaugurated by Sri Lankan president Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday. Ircon CMD Mohan Tiwari and General Manager SL Gupta along with other senior officials of Government of Sri Lanka were also present.

“Train service recommenced on this section after a gap of 23 years,” Ircon spokesman claimed. The railway tracks from Omanthai to Kankasanthurai and Medawachiya to Talaimannar were completely destroyed during the devastating years of war in the region.

New Delhi had subsequently extended lines of credit to build the 252 km railway lines in Northern Province.

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Business Line

India-funded Lankan rail takes off

A Sri Lankan rail project funded and executed by India began operations on Saturday with resumption of train services to the LTTE's erstwhile stronghold in the island's Tamil-dominated north region.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa launched the 'Yal Devi' (The Queen of Jaffna) train that departed from Omanthai with Rajapaksa on board and arrived in the former LTTE headquarters of Kilinochchi, 30 minutes later.

The service resumed after over two decades, during which the LTTE attacked the Colombo-Jaffna train twice in the course of the Sri Lankan civil war.

In January 1985, the train was blown up, killing 28 soldiers and injuring over a 100 passengers.

Another attack by the LTTE in 1990 saw the complete abandonment of services.

The restoration of the railway track destroyed by the protracted conflict began in 2009 after the military defeat of the LTTE.

Indian engineering firm Ircon International was awarded the \$185 million contract to restore the 62 km-long track route between Omanthai and Kilinochchi.

The first phase of restoration saw the track being repaired between Vavuniya and Omanthai.

Since the war ended in 2009, the Indian Government has extended its support to Sri Lanka to rebuild the entire 252 km-long route under a \$800 million credit line.

The train would next be extended up to Jaffna, completing the full restoration of the service, railway officials said.