



## First Kisan Rail

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### Why in News

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The **Indian Railways** has introduced the first “Kisan Rail” from **Devlali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar)**.

The Centre had announced plans of starting special parcel trains called ‘Kisan Rail’ in the **Budget 2020-21**.

### Key Points

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- Kisan Rails are the **first ever multi commodity trains**.  
Earlier, Indian Railways had run single commodity special trains like Banana Specials etc.
- These trains with **refrigerated coaches** will help in bringing **perishable agricultural products** like vegetables, fruits **to the market in a short period of time**.  
These will ensure that **agro products reach from one corner to another corner** of the country.
- These trains are a step towards realising the goal of **doubling farmers’ incomes by 2022**.
  - These are expected to be a great help to the farmers, as **freight of these trains will be charged as per parcel tariff of normal trains**.
  - The **Devlai-Danapur train (a weekly service)** is expected to **reduce transportation costs by Rs. 1000 per tonne** compared with roadways and reduce **travel time by around 15 hours**.

- **Aggressive marketing** is being done with local farmers, loaders, **Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC)** and individuals.
  - Any **farmer or any other interested party can directly book their consignments** in trains, **without any lower limit** on the size of consignment.
  - The consignment can be **as small as 50-100 kgs**, and can be booked from any stopping station to any other stopping station – giving full flexibility.
  - Regarding loss/damage of products for any reason, Railways already have a well-established **claim/compensation system** – through which the party can get compensation for its losses.

**Source: PIB**