

SALIENT FEATURES OF PALGHAT DIVISION

Palakkad Division was formed in August 1956. Historically, the beginning of the Railways in the region started with the laying of the line from Podanur to Pattambi in 1860. The first railway line was started between Beypore and Tirur on 12th March 1861 for a length of 30.5KM, followed by Tirur- Kuttippuram line(14.5KM) on 1st May 1861 & Pattambi-Podanur(105KM) on 14th April 1862. The leftover portion Kuttippuram –Pattambi Line (37 KM) was completed on 23rd September 1862. The line was extended in phases to Mangalore by the year 1907.

When Trivandrum Division was formed in 1979, the Shoranur - Cochin Harbour Terminus section was handed over to Trivandrum Division. Before the formation of Trivandrum Division, PGT Division had a route km of 1247.58. After formation of TVC Division, PGT Division had 1132.98 route km. With the formation of the new Salem Division on 1st November, 2007, the present Palakkad Division has a route kilometre of 577.63 kms.

| Period | Route Km |
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| 1956-1979 | 1247.58 |
| 1979-2007 | 1132.98 |
| 2007 | 577.63 |

Palakkad Division is spread across the State of Kerala, a small portion of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and the Union territory of Puduserry. The division serves 8 Districts. Palakkad Division commences from Podanur in the east and stretches upto Mangalore on the West Coast via Shoranur on the banks of Bharathapuzha river. The 306 km long, Shoranur-Mangalore section serves the important cities of Mangalore, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod along the west coast. The Shoranur – Nilambur branch line serves an area least served by other forms of transport. Palakkad Town-Pollachi-Kinattukadavu section was added to the Division on 01.11.2007. In 2011 this Division has obtained ISO 9001- 2008, certification for Disaster management and is the first in the southern Region to obtain this prestigious certification.