



Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
Press Release

Launch of New Interstate routes of Airavat Diamond Class Buses KSRTC, Central Office, Bengaluru on 14/10/2017 at 9.00 a.m.

Launching of KSRTC's New Interstate routes of Airavat Diamond Class Buses on 14.10.2017, 09.00 am at KSRTC, Central Office, Bengaluru. During the event, Sri.H.M.Revanna, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Sri. K.C. Venugopal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament & General Secretary, AICC in-charge Karnataka, Sri. Ramalinga Reddy, Hon'ble Home Minister, Sri. Basawaraj Bulla, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, KSRTC, Board of Directors of KSRTC, Sri. S.R. Umashankar, IAS, Managing Director, KSRTC and other dignitaries were present during the occasion.

**Newly Lunched Buses operating in the following routes
(Bangalore Central Division 2 buses)**

- Bengaluru – Alleppy
- Bengaluru – Sriharikota

Destination	Date of Introduction	Passenger Fare Rs.	Departure time from Bengaluru	Arrival at end place	Departure time from end place	Arrival at Bengaluru
BNG-Sriharikota	14/10/2017	790=00 (Night)	1000	1715	2030	0400

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BNG-Alleppy	14/10/2017	1205=00	1945	0700	1900	0630

- KSRTC has recorded its highest daily revenue collection of Rs.13.46crores on 3rd Oct 2017. It is the highest ever daily revenue in the history of KSRTC. In addition to this, KSRTC earned extra revenue of Rs.130.03 crores from April 2017 to 3rd October 2017 when compared to the same period of last year i.e., April 2016 - October 2016. This is because of the un-tired efforts of all the officers and staff of KSRTC by keeping maintenance and crew to operate buses efficiently.

Maintenance of bus stations and toilets through M/s. Sulabh International

- KSRTC has constructed 151 Bus Stations in its jurisdiction of 16 Divisions for the convenience of Passengers. Toilets, Urinals and other basic Passengers amenities are provided in these bus stations. Cleanliness of bus stations and toilets is entrusted to housekeeping agencies through tender. In Bangalore Central Division, Ramanagar and Mandya Divisions, maintenance is done through local arrangements as no agency participated in the tender.
- KSRTC is receiving complaints regarding maintenance of toilets and collection of charges for urinals especially from lady passengers. The existing manpower resources available with the Corporation are inadequate for effective monitoring of this system. It is essential for the corporation to ensure good quality maintenance and cleanliness of toilets and bus station premises.
- M/s. Sulabh International is a Social Service non-commercial organization having expertise in the field of sanitation and housekeeping in the country. KSRTC has proposed to entrust the work of maintenance of toilets and bus stations premises to M/s. Sulabh International for better upkeep and provide basic amenities to the passenger in good conditions. Initially, KSRTC has decided to entrust bus stations in Bangalore Central Division, Ramanagar and Mandya Divisions to M/s. Sulabh International.

Wi-fi services for buses:

- KSRTC has appointed M/s. KPIT Limited, as agency for providing In-bus entertainment and Wi-fi services in all buses of KSRTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC.

Salient features of this facility are:

- ✓ The agency will install Wi-fi hotspots and devices in all the 17000 buses of KSRTC, NWKRTC & NEKRTC.
- ✓ In-bus entertainment includes Movies, TV serials, documentary, reality shows, cartoons / games, sports, yoga and fitness programs.
- ✓ Free wi-fi internet facility will be provided 24x7 to passengers in the bus subject to minimum 10 MB download per user per day.
- ✓ The agency is allowed to generate revenue from advertisements and will pay license fee of Rs.1.24 crores per annum to KSRTC alone.
- ✓ **Presently, this facility is provided in 50 buses on Pilot basis and will be completed in next three months for all the buses.**

IRU Awards- International Road Transport Union Bus Excellence Award-2017

KSRTC for the first time ever stand to one runner-up position in International Road Transport Union Bus Excellence Award -2017. The worldwide International Jury embodying excellence in mobility were evaluated the innovative projects.

- **Malta Public Transport is the 2017 winner of the IRU Bus Excellence Award**
- **Mwasalat Oman and Karnataka SRTC are tied at the runner-up position**

Pure Drinking Water Plants at Bus stations:

To provide better facility to passengers, KSRTC has reintroduced the supply of 500 ml packaged drinking water to the esteemed passengers in its premium services viz Airavat Club class, Airavat Diamond Class, Airavat, AC sleeper, Flybus. KSRTC is procuring water bottles from MSIL (Govt. of Karnataka undertaking) at competitive prices.

First of its kind and scale in the State Road Transport Undertakings of the country – KSRTC establishing Pure Drinking water plants at Taluk bus stations in association with Bharath Petroleum Corporations Limited (BPCL):

- To provide safe and hygienic drinking water for the commuters, to provide pure water with lowest possible price. Prevent commuters from intake of impure water. To ensure the minimum use of Plastic, used for packaged mineral water. To provide clean and safe environment. Reduction in the environmental pollution due to plastic bottle usage. This ensures sustainable operation of these water purification units. This provides access to the safe and affordable drinking water to the bus travellers and the general public at Bus Station. KSRTC social responsibility towards its commuters.

Proposed Bus Stations for installation of Drinking Water Plants in the first phase

Pandavapura, Nagamangala, Malavalli, Srirangapatna, Melukote, K.R.Pete, Harapanahalli, Harihara, Honnali, Jagalur, Bhadravathi, Hiriyur, Dharmasthala, Subramanya, Kundapur.

Passengers have to pay Rs.1 per one liter, 24x7 water facilities will be provided per day per hour 100 litres of water and 24,000 liters of water will be drawn from one unit. By March 2018, all bus stations will be facilitated with this facility.

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