



# Provision of Local Cuisines in Running Trains through Self-Help Groups

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Self-Help Groups (SHGs) are empanelled by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) for providing local cuisines in running trains through station based e-catering service. At present, 9 SHGs have been empanelled on 10 stations which provide authentic regional food cooked in hygienic conditions. Passengers of all trains originating/ stopping at these stations can avail of the facility of SHG cooked food through e-catering. The list of SHGs already empanelled by IRCTC and progress made regarding employment generation therefrom, is appended. Further proliferation of the scheme, being a continuous process, has been mandated through IRCTC.

List of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) partnered with IRCTC to provide local cuisines on running trains are as under:-

S. no.	Name of self Help Group	Name of Station	of IRCTC Zone	The progress made so far, in introduction of local cuisines in Trains	Estimated employment generation from SHGs and women empowerment*
1	Smt. V S Vani	Vijayawada	South Central	All trains originating/ stopping at these stations are served by respective SHGs where they are empanelled.	10
2	Spoorthy Janaabhivrudhi Samsthe	Mysore	South		04
3	Cafe Kudumbashree	Ernakulam	South		05
4	Cafe Kudumbashree	Ernakulam Town	South		05
5	Laxmi Mahila Mandal	Saugor	West		04
6	Sanskar Mahila Mandal	Saugor	West		04
7	Prayas Swa-Sahayata Sangatham	Saugor	West		04
8	Maher Lok Sanchalit Sadhan Kendra	Savantwadi	West		15
9	Manorma Paroseba Sambay Samity Limited.	Adra	East		27

10	Sri Srinivasa	Visakhapatnam	East		Not Available
11	Sri Srinivasa	Anakapalle	South Central		Not Available
12	Sri Srinivasa	Tuni	South Central		Not Available

\*The numbers indicate the members of SHG.

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