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The Union Government notified the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) — India's 18th Railway Zone — with its headquarters at Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh, effective June 1, 2026. The zone was approved years ago but became operational today, carving out coastal lines from existing zones to create a dedicated administrative unit for the Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Odisha coastal corridor.

KEY FACTS

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Zone name	South Coast Railway (SCoR)
Zone number	India's 18th railway zone
Headquarters	Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh
Operational from	June 1, 2026
Coverage	Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana coastal stretch, and parts of Odisha
Ministry	Ministry of Railways

INDIA'S RAILWAY ZONES — OVERVIEW

India's railway network is divided into **18 zones** (after SCoR), each headed by a **General Manager**. The zones are further subdivided into **Divisions**, headed by **Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs)**.

ZONE	HEADQUARTERS
Central	Mumbai CST
Eastern	Kolkata
Northern	New Delhi
Southern	Chennai
Western	Mumbai Churchgate
South Central	Secunderabad
South Eastern	Kolkata
Northeast Frontier	Guwahati
East Central	Hajipur
East Coast	Bhubaneswar
North Central	Prayagraj
North Eastern	Gorakhpur
North Western	Jaipur
South Western	Hubballi
West Central	Jabalpur
Konkan	Navi Mumbai
South East Central	Bilaspur
South Coast (SCoR) [NEW]	Visakhapatnam

WHY A DEDICATED ZONE FOR THE SOUTH COAST?

- Traffic growth** — the Visakhapatnam-Vijayawada corridor is one of India's busiest freight arteries (steel, coal, fertilisers, port traffic).
- Port connectivity** — SCoR covers rail links to **Visakhapatnam Port (VCTPL)**, **Krishnapatnam**, and other emerging east-coast ports.
- Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation** — post-bifurcation, AP's coastal region fell under South Central and East Coast zones; a dedicated zone improves administrative focus for the new state's infrastructure.

- 4 **Visakhapatnam's strategic rise** — Vizag is India's largest naval base (**Eastern Naval Command**), a steel city (**RINL-VSP**), and a designated **Smart City** — a dedicated railway zone aligns with its growth trajectory.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- Railways is on the **Union List** (Entry 22, Seventh Schedule).
- Zones are **administrative units** — not legally separate entities; they operate under the **Indian Railways Board**, Ministry of Railways.
- Each zone has a **General Manager** appointed by the Ministry.

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Prelims	SCoR = India's 18th zone; HQ Visakhapatnam; Union List Entry 22; remember the full list of 18 zones

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SOUTH COAST RAILWAY ZONE (SCOR):

India's 18th railway zone

HQ: Visakhapatnam

Notified effective: June 1, 2026

Covers: Coastal AP, Telangana coast, parts of Odisha

INDIA'S RAILWAYS:

18 zones (post SCoR); each headed by a General Manager

Zones → Divisions → headed by Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs)

Railways on Union List, Entry 22, Seventh Schedule

Governed by: Ministry of Railways; Railways Board

KEY VIZAG LINKS: EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND; RINL-VSP (STEEL); VISAKHAPATNAM PORT; SMART CITY

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