

The Journey from the Tongas to Trains

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Abstract

This paper proposes to celebrate the first and only steam engine of South Asia, the NMR – Nilgiri Mountain Railway. There is an immediate need for the preservation of this Heritage icon of the Nilgiris Hills. An introduction to the origin, history, and difficulties in laying the railway line. Its importance in the Nilgiri economy and tourism, and the growing demand it deems. The need to conserve it as a heritage train of India. Various suggestions and improvements for better performance, including other facilities relevant to it is the need of the day. UNESCO has recognized its heritage status, and must be maintained as it plays a leading role in the economy of this previous British hill station.

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