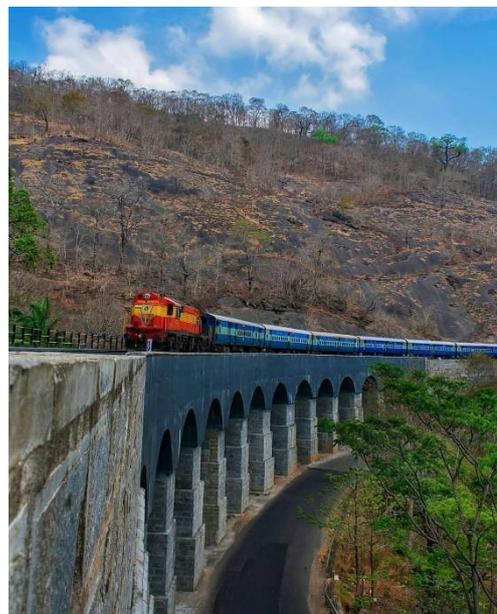


About the Cover

13 ARCH BRIDGE – KERALA, INDIA

The Pathimoonu Kannara Bridge, also known as the 13 Arch Bridge, is a fascinating colonial-era structure located in Kerala, India. Built by the British in 1904, this bridge is part of one of India's oldest mountain rail lines, originally constructed to transport goods from Kollam to Madras.

The bridge features 13 arches and was built using a traditional method called Surki, which involves rocks, limestone, and jaggery. It stands on 100-foot-tall granite pillars, connecting two hillocks and offering breathtaking views of the Western Ghats.



The bridge is surrounded by lush greenery and is flanked by the river Kazhuthurutti on one side and the Kollam-Thirumangalam National Highway on the other. It has become a popular spot for nature lovers and has been featured in several Indian films. The bridge is also notable for its proximity to the Aryankavu tunnel, one of the longest railway tunnels in Kerala.

Visitors can climb a flight of steps to the top of the bridge during the dry season, providing a spectacular vista of the surrounding landscape. This historic bridge is a testament to the engineering prowess of the British era and remains a significant landmark in Kerala.

We have specially chosen the 13 Arch Bridge as the cover photo for this magazine issue to mark the celebration of **Vigyan Setu Foundation's** 13th Foundation Day.

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