

## **Ghana President commissions critical railway line built by Afcons**

Mumbai, Nov 25 (UNI) President of Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, commissioned first-ever Tema-Mpakadan standard gauge railway line, executed by Afcons Infrastructure Limited, last week.

The 100-km-long rail line project, financed through credit by India's Exim Bank, includes seven passenger stations, a 300-metre railway bridge over the Volta River, which is the first-of-its-kind in the country, two rail head facilities, four rail bridges, 11 road under bridges and 22 road over bridges. It was built at cost of approximately USD 447 million.

"This project will play a pivotal role in revamping and modernising the country's railway infrastructure. The construction of a bridge over Volta River is a classic example of extreme engineering," said Mr S Paramasivan, managing director, Afcons, on Monday.

Speaking at the event, President Akufo-Addo, said, "Today, we gather to celebrate the completion of the Tema-Mpakadan railway line. A vital component of Ghana's first multimodal transport system, to drive the economic growth of our nation. This 100-kilometre railway line complements a visionary transport system that integrates rail, road, and inland water transport, connecting Tema-Port to Buipe Port via the Volta Lake helping to decongest roads."