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TRAVEL GUIDE

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ABSTRACT:

An online application called the Bus Travel Guide for South Tamil Nadu was created to improve commuters' experiences using public transportation in the area's main districts. Conventional travel planning frequently uses manual searches or erratic information sources, which leads to delays, misunderstandings, and bad travel choices. The full-stack JavaScript framework used to build this system includes MySQL as the database, Node.js and Express.js for the backend, and React.js for the frontend. It delivers real-time travel support through a scalable and responsive platform, assisting travelers in making well-informed travel selections. Bus Timings, which shows the current departure and arrival times; Bus Availability, which displays the number of buses operating on a particular route and their occupancy status; and Bus Search, which enables users to locate buses between two locations, are among the main features. Additionally, the platform provides an Expense Tracker that lets customers record and examine their trip expenditures over time. All bus routes and important stops are shown on interactive maps using the Routes module. Users can get in touch with the developers and support system through other pages like About Us and Contact. By enhancing transportation dependability, cutting down on passenger wait times, and facilitating well-informed travel choices, this solution supports regional growth. Additionally, it promotes the adoption of digital technology in South Tamil Nadu's rural and semi-urban areas. Future improvements including bus availability, expense monitoring, bus search, and route recommendations are made possible by the Bus Travel Guide. Because of its modular architecture, the system can accommodate additional additions without compromising its essential capabilities.

Keywords: Transportation in South Tamil Nadu; Bus Travel Guide Real-time bus timings, bus availability tracking, route information system, digitalization of public transportation, responsive web application, passenger-friendly interface, digital travel planning, React.js, Node.js, Express.js, and MySQL.

Introduction:

The need for digitalized public transportation options has grown dramatically in recent years, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where trustworthy and up-to-date transportation information is frequently lacking. Due to its high inter-district mobility, mix of rural towns and urban centers, South Tamil Nadu is mostly dependent on public bus transit. However, printed timetables, word-of-mouth recommendations, and station-based inquiries are all time-consuming and frequently wrong ways to obtain travel information. Issues that passengers deal with include overcrowding, missed buses, difficulty estimating travel expenses, and a lack of information on routes or times. Daily commuters, students, tourists, and infrequent visitors all experience aggravation, lost opportunities, and general

inconvenience as a result of these problems.

This project presents the Bus Travel Guide for South Tamil Nadu, a complete web-based application created to centralize and digitize transport data in an easy-to-use and intuitive way in order to address these issues and enhance the public transportation experience. MySQL is used for organized, effective data storage, Node.js and Express.js for the backend, and React.js for the front end of the system. Scalability, security, and responsiveness are guaranteed by this sturdy design. The platform's main objective is to make it easier for consumers to obtain information about public bus services in South Tamil Nadu. Users may browse full route maps, verify bus availability and real-time timings, search for buses by source and destination, and keep track of their travel expenses with a dedicated expense tracker feature.

Users no longer have to depend on antiquated paper-based schedules or station authorities thanks to the Bus Travel Guide. With just a few clicks, they can now effectively plan their trips, access real-time data, and make well-informed travel selections. One essential module is the Search Bus function,

which enables users to enter their present position and destination to obtain a list of all buses operating that route. With information like departure time, anticipated arrival, frequency, and bus type, this data is constantly retrieved from the backend and presented in an orderly fashion. Users can better plan their commute and cut down on needless wait times by using the platform's Bus Timings module, which provides users with the most recent information on when a bus will arrive at or depart from a specific place.

Another crucial aspect is bus availability, which gives users a better idea of what to expect by telling them how many buses are operating on a certain route at a given time as well as the estimated occupancy. All of the main bus routes, along with their start and end locations, intermediate stations, and average journey time, are represented both visually and textually in the Routes area of the application. Tourists, first-time visitors, and users who are not familiar with a particular area may particularly benefit from this functionality. Users can record their travel expenses, group them by date and route, and examine statistics summaries like the total amount spent, the most frequently traveled routes, and averages for each trip using the Expense Tracker module.

Algorithms:

Schedule matching, fare calculation, seat availability tracking, route optimization, and trip history management are all handled by the Bus trip Guide system using effective backend algorithms. Every algorithm helps create a responsive, feature-rich, and real-time travel platform that is suited for users in South Tamil Nadu.

1. Bus Search Engine

- Accepts user input: source, destination, and preferred time and Uses SQL LIKE and JOIN clauses to search matching routes from the buses, routes, and stops tables.
- Displays the number of buses available along with their timing and status and Suggests alternative routes if exact matches are not found.

2. Expense Tracking

- Allows users to log each journey along with fare, distance, and route. Stores expenses in the expenses table linked to the user ID and route ID.
- Aggregates trip data by day, week, and month using SQL GROUP BY and SUM.
- Provides statistical summaries of most expensive and most frequent routes.

3. Real-Time Timings

- Backend service checks and updates timing records every minute using polling or cron jobs. Uses WebSockets or long-polling to push updates to frontend users.
- Compares current server time with scheduled time using TIMESTAMPDIFF. Flags buses as "On time", "Delayed", or "Departed" dynamically.
- Timings are managed in a normalized schedules table. Admin panel allows manual update of bus delays or reschedules. All timing changes are logged for historical analysis and reporting.

4. Bus Availability System

- Queries the current number of operational buses on a selected route .Calculates seat availability using booked vs. total capacity logic.
- Classifies buses into "Available", "Few Seats", or "Full".
- Uses historical data if live booking is not integrated.

5. Route Optimization

- Determines optimal path using a list of stops in sequence for a selected route. Uses MySQL queries to fetch all stops with corresponding coordinates.
- Applies location filters to show only relevant sections of the route. Prioritizes shortest or fastest routes based on user preference.

- Supports step-by-step stop tracking and estimated arrival per stop.

6. User Engagement Analytics

- Tracks number of searches, routes viewed, buses clicked, and expenses logged per user. Aggregates data into metrics like “most viewed route”, “most active user”, “peak time usage”.
- Uses this data to suggest top routes or peak hour warnings to users. Helps improve system performance by preloading frequently used data.
- Provides route popularity rankings based on user engagement. Enables future personalization and recommendations using this behavioral data.

Proposed System:

The goal of the Bus Travel Guide for South Tamil Nadu is to transform the way people in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu obtain information about public transportation by creating an interactive, responsive, and scalable web-based platform. Confusion, delays, and a bad user experience are common outcomes of traditional transportation systems, which frequently rely on printed schedules, manual inquiries, and inaccurate data. By providing a consolidated digital platform constructed with strong, contemporary web technologies, such as React.js for the frontend, Node.js and Express.js for the backend, and MySQL for safe, organized data storage, this suggested system overcomes these difficulties.

The system gives customers end-to-end public transportation by delivering real-time bus-related information with features like bus search, live timings, availability tracking, route data, expense tracking, and user engagement tools. A strong user authentication and registration module at the center of the system enables travelers to safely register, log in, and save customized travel information. The system employs bcrypt for password encryption and JWT for secure session management.

Users have access to all of the application's primary modules after authenticating. Users can input a source and destination into the Bus Search module, which will return a list of buses that meet the requirements. Sorted by bus type, occupancy status, and earliest departure, this data is dynamically retrieved from the backend. To enhance the search experience, the system also supports incomplete inputs and fuzzy matching.

The Real-Time Bus Timings module, which synchronizes with the backend to retrieve updated schedule data at regular intervals, is another essential component. Each bus's departure and arrival data are included in these timings, which also notify the user if the bus is on time, delayed, or has already left. Color-coded labels are used in the user interface to draw attention to this information and improve visual feedback. The system depends on recurring manual updates from bus operators or administrators in places where live data is not yet linked.

The Bus Availability module determines how many buses are operating on a specific route and shows how many seats are available on those buses. The system displays real-time seat counts if booking integration is available; if not, it makes capacity predictions based on historical data and the time of day.

The Expense Tracker, which enables commuters to record their travel expenses over time, is among the most user-friendly tools. The system may automatically compute costs depending on the chosen route and tariff matrix, or users can manually enter fare amounts. In order to enable visual reports and summaries that show weekly and monthly expenditure, the backend saves expense data against the user ID and date. Users can better comprehend their spending patterns with the use of pie and bar charts. Students, employees, and frugal tourists who keep an eye on their transportation expenses will find this module very useful.

The user's comprehension of how a certain bus moves from one place to another is improved by the Routes module. Using APIs like Google Maps, it retrieves the complete stop list and graphically depicts the path on a map. It offers detailed stop names, an anticipated arrival time at each stop, and optional notifications for stops that are coming up. In order to maintain usability in places with poor connectivity, the platform also provides users with access to static route data even when they are offline. The purpose of the Contact and About Us sections is to preserve user confidence and promote openness. While the Contact module has an admin panel to answer questions and a form for user comments, the About page describes the project's vision, technological stack, and creators.

Because of role-based access control, security is strongly ingrained in the system. Admins are able to change timings, add or remove routes, and reply to user comments. Sensitive information is secured both during transmission and storage, and authentication middleware protects all important API routes.

To guarantee ongoing monitoring and prompt problem-solving, the system records user activities, unsuccessful login attempts, and feedback reports. Furthermore, common security risks like SQL injection and cross-site scripting are avoided by input sanitization and server-side validation.

In order to comprehend user involvement and system performance, the application additionally includes analytics and reporting tools. Metrics including most-used features, peak usage hours, most-searched routes, and geographical usage distribution are also tracked. The admin dashboard displays these

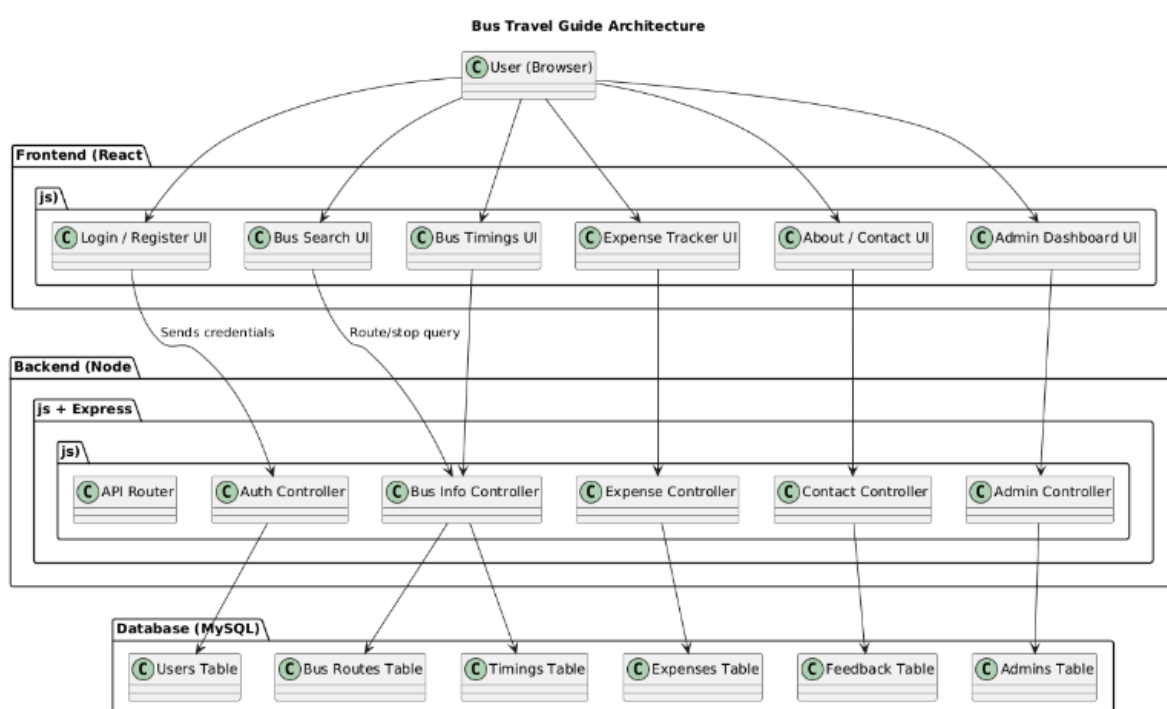
insights, allowing for data-driven choices about product improvements and platform optimization. These findings can be used by organizations and transportation departments to better match bus schedules with actual commuter needs.

The interface was created with responsiveness in mind, guaranteeing a smooth user experience on PCs, tablets, and smartphones. React's component-based architecture is used to create the user interface's clear navigation, user-friendly forms, and real-time data rendering. Future integrations, like GPS tracking, mobile apps, or ticket booking services, will be simpler to create thanks to the backend APIs' modular design and adherence to RESTful standards.

The platform is made to be both future-ready and scalable. The system can manage higher data volumes as the number of users increases without seeing a decline in performance. MySQL is used to provide relational consistency, and Node.js and Express.js facilitate event handling and asynchronous processing.

It is possible to incorporate future modules like voice-command navigation, multilingual interfaces, and AI-based route prediction without causing any disruptions to the current design. To further improve speed and responsiveness, caching technologies and database optimization strategies have also been taken into consideration.

Flowchart:



Result and Discussion:

Students, office commuters, and regional travelers were among the actual users that participated in extensive usability testing and functioning analysis of the Bus Travel Guide for South Tamil Nadu. Through the use of several modules, including Search Bus, Bus Timings, Expense Tracker, Bus Availability, Routes, and Contact, the objective was to evaluate system performance, usability, and user satisfaction. Feedback gathered during the testing period showed that the system greatly enhanced consumers' access to information about public transit. The platform's quickness, accuracy of bus schedule data, and clean interface were highly praised by users.

Among the most popular features was the Search Bus module. It was very effective, according to test users, particularly when looking for buses between rural and metropolitan areas. The alternative route recommendations and keyword-based search engine assisted travelers in finding connections they were previously unaware of. Based on bus type, departure time, and seat availability, users could easily choose options that fit their needs. This streamlined the planning procedure and lessened misunderstandings at bus.

Users praised the real-time departure information as a key advantage of the Bus Timings module, which was also highly welcomed. Timetables that were out of current or static were no longer a necessity for travelers. The system's polling mechanism kept the data fresh and helped commuters decide when to leave for the bus stop.

Making better travel decisions was made easier by the Bus Availability module, which provided a clear image of which buses were busy or likely to be available. Users might evaluate a variety of possibilities and make plans accordingly rather than just waiting aimlessly for the next bus. Even inexperienced users found it easier to swiftly grasp results because to the availability of the markers.

Another innovation that brought value was the Expense Tracker module. The ability to track and record their transportation expenses, according to users, improved their ability to manage their monthly budgets. Users were able to monitor where and how much they spent on travel thanks to graphical breakdowns of daily, weekly, and monthly spending. Low-income travelers and college students really valued this.

It was discovered that the Routes module, which included stop-by-stop data and visual mapping, was very educational. Users could see the precise route taken by buses and locate the closest bus stations in their neighborhood. New visitors and tourists who were not familiar with the area topography found this feature useful. Traditional timetables could never provide the kind of navigation support that integration with maps did.

Technically speaking, the system functioned effectively with moderate user loads. Thanks to effective backend API handling with Express.js and frontend optimization with React.js, page load speeds were kept to a minimum. Using indexed MySQL tables, data queries operated without hiccups, guaranteeing fast response times even when several modules were requested at once.

The system's responsiveness on mobile devices was also commended by users. Numerous customers who used cellphones to access the platform noticed no latency or layout problems. In order to provide a consistent experience across devices, the system adjusted to various screen sizes. Users were able to move between modules with ease and clarity thanks to the consistent UI/UX design.

Both automated and manual test cases were used to extensively test security. The login mechanism graciously handled authentication problems and fended off brute-force attacks. Security throughout user interactions was successfully maintained using JWT token-based session management. Regular users were not able to access admin functions thanks to role-based access control.

The platform gained transparency and confidence because to the Contact and About Us pages. Through the contact form, users could report problems, ask questions, or provide feedback; the admin dashboard effectively gathered these inquiries. During subsequent phases of development, the system was improved by classifying feedback.

Although the platform was successful in accomplishing its main goals, other areas needed development. Some customers asked for additions like online ticket booking, language switching choices for regional users, and live bus monitoring with GPS. Others requested WhatsApp or SMS alerts. These recommendations are helpful and provide exciting avenues for next improvements.

Conclusion:

The long-standing problems commuters have getting accurate and timely information about public transportation are effectively addressed in the Bus Travel Guide for South Tamil Nadu. Conventional techniques, such as vocal questions and printed schedules, frequently fail to provide precise and up-to-date data. The system provides a consolidated, user-friendly platform that improves the travel experience for people across South Tamil Nadu districts by utilizing the strength of contemporary web technologies, including MySQL for reliable data storage, Node.js and Express.js for backend services, and React.js for the frontend.

Bus route discovery, real-time bus timings, seat availability tracking, travel expense tracking, and viewing full route maps are all made easier with this app. Every module was thoughtfully created to guarantee its utility, reactivity, and clarity. Users are guaranteed to obtain current and pertinent information with the least amount of waiting time thanks to the smooth connectivity between the frontend and backend. Data privacy and user security are always guaranteed by the system's robust authentication process, which uses JWT and bcrypt.

The Bus Timings module provides real-time information on departure and arrival times, and the Search Bus tool makes it simple for users to locate buses between any two places. By helping commuters choose less congested routes, the Bus Availability function also lessens the stress associated with travel. The Expense Tracker encourages planning and budget awareness by allowing users to record and monitor their daily, weekly, and monthly transportation expenses. For visitors and first-time travelers in particular, the Routes module provides a clear knowledge of a bus's route, stops, duration.

In addition to improving passenger convenience, the project advances the more general objectives of smart city growth, digital transformation, and sustainable public infrastructure. For upcoming features like GPS live tracking, ticket purchase, AI-powered route recommendations, multilingual support, and mobile app integration, the platform is responsive, scalable, and flexible.

All things considered, this method offers a thorough and workable way to update South Tamil Nadu's public bus transportation infrastructure. By providing people with tools that make travel effective, knowledgeable, and stress-free, it closes the gap between technology and public service. The Bus

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Plan your bus journeys easily with updated routes, timings, and more.

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Bus Routes

Find detailed information about bus routes connecting Thisaiyanvillai to nearby towns and villages.

**Tiruchendur**12A+

**From:** Thisaiyanvillai

**To:** Tiruchendur

**Distance:** 35 km

**Travel Time:** 1 hour

**Tirunelveli**15+

**From:** Thisaiyanvillai

**To:** Tirunelveli

**Distance:** 45 km

**Travel Time:** 1.5 hours

**Sathankulam**8+

**From:** Thisaiyanvillai

**To:** Sathankulam

**Distance:** 18 km

**Travel Time:** 30 mins

**Udangudi**10+

**From:** Thisaiyanvillai

**To:** Udangudi

**Distance:** 12 km

**Travel Time:** 20 mins

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Bus Availability

Check all buses operating from Thisaiyanvillai to various destinations, along with timings and days of operation.

Filters

Destination

All Destinations

Time Slot

All Times

Days of Operation

All Days

Bus Type

All Types

Reset Filters

**12A**
Ordinary Bus

**Route**
Thisaiyanvillai to Tiruchendur

**Timings**
05:30:00 – 06:30:00

**Operates On**
Daily

**12B**
Express Bus

**Route**
Thisaiyanvillai to Tiruchendur

**Timings**
06:15:00 – 07:15:00

**Operates On**
Daily

**15**
Ordinary Bus

**Route**
Thisaiyanvillai to Tirunelveli

**Timings**
04:45:00 – 06:15:00

**Operates On**
Daily

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Search Buses

Find buses by specifying your start location, destination, and preferred time.

From: Thisaiyanvillai To: Tirunelveli Preferred Time: --:--

Search Buses

Search Results

Bus ID	Bus Type	Route	Timings	Operates On
15	Ordinary Bus	Thisaiyanvillai to Tirunelveli	04:45 - 06:15	Daily
15A	Express Bus	Thisaiyanvillai to Tirunelveli	05:30 - 07:00	Daily

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