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Bharat Gaurav Trains

Showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places

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"I know people travel abroad for holidays but can we think of visiting at least 15 tourist destinations across India before 2022, when we mark 75 years of freedom".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Introduction

[Bharat Gaurav Trains](#)¹ is a Union Government initiative under "Dekho Apna Desh" to promote Domestic Tourism. Union Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced the



introduction of theme-based Bharat Gaurav Trains on [November 23, 2021](#). This scheme aims to run **theme-based trains to tap the limitless possibilities of India's tourism sector.**

Objective:

The objective of running the Bharat Gaurav train is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world.

At present, IRCTC is already running several tourist circuit trains. With the introduction of this policy, all tourist circuit trains w.e.f. 01-04-2022 shall be operated as per the guidelines issued under this policy. This Bharat Gaurav

scheme will now help in roping in more tour operators with professional experience and will give a boost to the tourism sector in the country.

¹ <https://www.irctchelp.in/bharat-gaurav-trains-theme-based-tourist-circuit-trains/#bharatgauravtrains6>

Brief Scope of Policy

- Indian Railways aims to build on the core strengths of the professionals of the tourism sector to run theme-based trains to tap the vast tourist potential of India.
- Under this policy, registered Service Providers shall be offered rakes consisting of ICF coaches under “Right to Use” model by Indian Railways (IR) for operations of Bharat Gaurav Trains. Service Providers shall also have the option of procurement of new coaches directly from production units through the NRC (Non-Railway Customer) plan.
- The Service Provider shall have the flexibility to decide the business model including themes, routes, itinerary, tariff and other attributes connected with this model.



Theme-based Tourist Circuit Trains

These trains originate from a particular station and run in a route having multiple tourist destinations and terminate at the same originating station. Service Provider shall ensure that tourists cover all the destinations of the particular circuit during their tour and board / deboard only at their designated boarding / deboarding stations.

Operational Trains

So far, three Bharat Gaurav trains are being operated with the following routes:

1. Coimbatore-Mantralayam-Shirdi-Coimbatore



The train on this route was flagged off on [June 14, 2022](#), and reached Sainagar, Shirdi on June 16, 2022 with stoppages at Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Yelahanka, Dharmavaram, Mantralayam Road and Wadi.

South Star Rail is the registered service provider that operates this Bharat Gaurav Train from Coimbatore to Shirdi and back. For more details, [click here](#).

2. Ramayan Circuit (Delhi Safdarjung - Ayodhya - Buxar - Janakpur (Nepal) - Varanasi - Nasik - Hospet - Rameshwaram - Kanchipuram - Bhadrachalam Road - Delhi Safdarjung)

Union Ministers, G. Kishan Reddy and Ashwini Vaishnaw, flagged off the second Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on [June 21, 2022](#). The Shri Ramayana Yatra theme-based pilgrimage tour by the first Bharat Gaurav tourist train on the Ramayana circuit will cover the prominent sacred places associated with the life of Lord Rama across the country. This is the first tourist train connecting India and Nepal.



3. Bengaluru – Varanasi Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the green signal to the Bharat Gaurav Kashi Yatra train on [November 11, 2022](#).

Bharat Gaurav Train from Bengaluru to Kashi will offer comfortable and convenient rail travel, boarding, stay and darshan facilities in an all-inclusive package. This train will also go through Hubballi, Belagavi, thereby benefiting not only the devotees of Bengaluru but also those from North Karnataka who wish to travel to Kashi. This train will go through Prayagraj and Ayodhya also.



Bharat Gaurav trains is an attempt to showcase the rich cultural, spiritual and historical heritage of the country to the people of India. The unique concept of Bharat Gaurav Trains will be helpful in promoting mass tourism across the country and provide an opportunity for people from all parts of India to explore the architectural, cultural and historical marvels of the country.

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