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BHARAT GAURAV TOURISTS TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) details about objectives and destinations of Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train “Shri Jagannath Yatra,” and how does this initiative contribute to promotion of tourism and cultural development in India;
- (b) amenities on Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train for passengers’ comfort and safety;
- (c) manner in which the launch of the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train aligns with “Dekho Apna Desh” initiative of the Government of India, and the role this train plays in promoting domestic tourism within country;
- (d) how “Shri Ram-Janaki Yatra: Ayodhya to Janakpur” initiative promotes bilateral relations between India and Nepal; and
- (e) how “Garvi Gujarat” tour through Bharat Gaurav Train helps in promoting India’s cultural heritage?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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- (a) to (e) : Indian Railways have issued ‘Bharat Gaurav Trains’ policy in November’ 2021, under which theme based tourist circuit trains are being run with the objective to showcase India’s rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and world.

As per this policy, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains, which may include tourist circuits of any part of India, based on market demand, commercial viability etc.

Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, "Shri Jagannath Yatra" Circuit includes Jagannath Puri, Bhubaneswar, Konark, Baidyanath, Gaya and Varanasi. Upto 30.11.2025, 40 Bharat Gaurav Trains facilitating 24,463 tourists on the Shri Jagannath Yatra Circuit have been operated.

"Shri Ram-Janki Yatra" covers pilgrimage destinations associated with the life of Lord Ram, including Janakpur, which is located in Nepal. The tour itinerary includes Ayodhya, Nandigram, Sitamarhi, Janakpur (Nepal), Varanasi and Prayagraj. This initiative has popularized Janakpur and has placed it as an important pilgrimage in the minds of Indians. This interconnection exemplifies the shared cultural and spiritual heritage of India and Nepal, highlighting the profound civilizational ties that unite the two nations. Such initiatives enhance people-to-people connectivity and serve to further strengthen cultural exchanges.

The Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC tourist train provides comfortable and modern passenger amenities during travel, which include a dining car, shower cubicle, onboard announcement facilities, mini library, digital lockers, foot massagers, CCTV cameras in common areas, fire alarms etc.

As on 30.11.2025, 3 trips of the "Garvi Gujarat" tour have been operated through Bharat Gaurav Train covering various cultural and historical destinations, like Champaner, Pavagadh, Sabarmati Ashram, Modhera Sun Temple, Rani Ki Vav (Patan), Dwarkadhish, Somnath temple, Nageshwar Jyotirlinga and modern marvels like the Statue of Unity at Kevadia and Dandi Kutir (Ahmedabad).

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