Ministry of Tourism

The Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour on Ambedkar Circuit flagged off from New Delhi today

Passengers of the Yatra to visit prominent places associated with the life of Baba Saheb Ambedkar

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The Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour on Ambedkar Circuit was flagged off today by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Tourism, Culture and DONER, & Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment today from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

On the occasion Shri G.K Reddy said that the Bharat Gaurav Tourist train aims to give glimpses of life of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Ambedkar to all the passengers.

The Minister said that the train also aims to promote domestic tourism and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.He also informed that government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi has developed the sites related to Babasaheb Ambedkar not only in India but also in London.



He also said that the government has taken many steps to promote the ideals of Babasaheb Ambedkar in today's world.

On the occasion Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment said that Bharat Gaurav train is an effective step to promote Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat under Dekho Apna Desh.

He also said that Babasaheb faced very challenging situations in his life and his life journey to empower the last man in the hierarchy and remove the discrimination based on caste is very inspiring.



Babasaheb worked all his life for equality and fraternity and today the train is representative of that equality and the passengers travelling will come back with many memories and knowledge about the principles of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

IRCTC in association with Ministry of Tourism is operating its first tour on the Ambedkar circuit on an 8 days

special tour from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station starting April 14, 2023.

The Yatra will include Visit to prominent places associated with the life of Baba Saheb Ambedkar like New Delhi, Mhow, Nagpur and sacred Buddhist sites like Sanchi, Sarnath, Gaya and Rajgir and Nalanda in the tour itinerary.

Visit of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Memorial at New Delhi will be a key attraction covered in the tour. The tourist train is fitted with a well equipped pantry car for rustling up freshly made vegetarian meals for the tourists. Infotainment system, CCTV camera, security guard services shall also be available on board.



This 07 nights and 08 days Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour on Ambedkar Circuit started from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station today. The Tourist train first halted at New Delhi Railway Station from where tourists were taken for the visit of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Memorial by buses in New Delhi. The next stop of the train will be at Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow), the birthplace of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar (Bhim Janam Bhoomi). Then the train moves to Nagpur railway station where tourists proceed to visit Deekshabhoomi, a consecrated monument of Navayana Buddhism. The train departs from Nagpur for Sanchi. The sightseeing of Sanchi comprises of the eponymous stupa and other Buddhist sites. After Sanchi, Varanasi is the next destination. The visit of Sarnath & Kashi Vishwanath Temple will be a part of the days sightseeing. Gaya is the next and the last destination that the train arrives at, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the journey. The holy site of Bodhgaya is where the tourists visit the famous Mahabodhi Temple and other monasteries.

The next day the tourists proceed for sightseeing of Rajgir and Nalanda by road. Buddhist sites and the ruins at Nalanda are the key sites at the destination. The train will depart from Gaya for New Delhi as the train tour comes to an end.

Freshly cooked vegetarian meals will be served on board to the guests in their respective seats from the well equipped modern pantry car. The train has also been fitted with infotainment system for the entertainment of the passengers as well as for public announcements. From clean toilets to enhanced security features of CCTV Cameras and Security Guards for each coach have also been provided for the tourists.

Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train launch is in line with the Government of India initiative "Dekho Apna Desh" to promote special interest circuits in domestic tourism.

For more details one can visit IRCTC website: <u>https://www.irctctourism.com</u>.

A Familiarization trip has been organized by Ministry of Tourism to promote and popularize this special initiative. A group of stakeholders including Tour Operators, Tour Guides, Journalists, Buddhist Associations,

Gautam Buddha University and Members of Yuva Tourism Club would be part of this FAM Trip commenced on 14.04.2023.

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