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BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR YATRA TOUR

An initiative under "Dekho Apna Desh" to be operated by IRCTC Yatra to start on Ambedkar Jayanti with Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train

(Ministry of Railways)

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ABOUT AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, is widely revered as one of the architects of the Indian Constitution.

A man of immense stature and many facets, he was also a renowned political leader, eminent jurist, Buddhist activist, philosopher, anthropologist, historian, orator, writer, economist, scholar and editor. Dr Ambedkar fought to eradicate social evils like untouchability and for the rights of the marginalized and other socially backward classes throughout his life.

Dr Ambedkar was appointed as India's first Law Minister. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, in 1990. The birthday of this great individual is celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti on April 14.¹²

BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR YATRA

To mark the birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, IRCTC is all set to launch the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yatra tour package on April 14, 2023, under the "*Dekho Apna Desh*" initiative, covering some of the prominent sites associated with the life of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

The first journey of the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yatra will be from New Delhi in April 14, 2023. Ministry of Railways along with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), operates Bharat Gaurav Tourist Trains on various themebased circuits across India.



¹ https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1902069

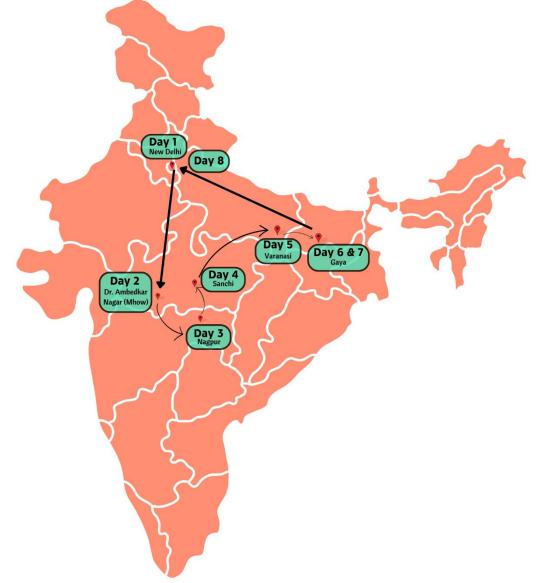
² https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/apr/doc202241442301.pdf

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The 07 nights and 08 days Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour **starts from Delhi and the first halt is Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow) in Madhya Pradesh**, the birthplace of Baba Saheb (Bhim Janam Bhoomi). Then the train moves to Nagpur railway station, where tourists will proceed to visit *Deekshabhoomi*, a consecrated monument of Navayana Buddhism.

The train departs from Nagpur for Sanchi. The sightseeing of Sanchi includes a visit to the eponymous stupa and other Buddhist sites. Sanchi is followed by Varanasi as the next destination, along with a visit to Sarnath & Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

Gaya is the next and final destination where the tourists will be taken to the holy site of Bodhgaya to visit the famous Mahabodhi Temple and other monasteries. Rajgir and Nalanda, the other important Buddhist sites, would also be covered by road. The tour will finally terminate at New Delhi. Tourists will have the option to board / de-board the train at Delhi, Mathura and Agra Cantt stations.



Further Reading: <u>Ambedkar Jayanti</u>, PIB April 2023

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³ <u>https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1902069</u>