

## Press Release

Shri Ramayana Yatra "Bharat Gaurav" Tourist Train with 14 coaches and 500 religious tourists onboard which was jointly flagged off from New Delhi on 21 June 2022 by Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Hon'ble Minister of Tourism of India reached Janakpurdham at 1330 hours on 23 June 2022. It is a first of its kind tourist train covering the Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal.

2. The Prime Ministers of India and Nepal had jointly flagged off a train connecting Jaynagar in India to Kurtha in Nepal on 02 April 2022.

3. Prominent personalities from Nepal and India gathered at Janakpurdham Railway station to welcome the tourists from India onboard Bharat Gaurav train. Chief Minister of Madhesh Pradesh Shri Lalbabu Raut, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Forest of Madhesh Pradesh Shri Shatrughan Mahato, Mayor of Janakpurdham Shri Manoj Kumar Shah, General Manager of Nepal Railways Shri Niranjan Jha, Counsellor of Embassy of India in Kathmandu Shri Prasanna Srivastava and Consul General of India in Birgunj Shri Nitesh Kumar graced the occasion. The other prominent personalities included the local political representatives, officials, businessmen, journalists and members of civil society at large.

4. The tourists were overwhelmed by the grand reception-cum-welcome ceremony organized in their honor.

5. The tourists will visit Janaki temple for Darshan, witness a cultural program in the premises of Janaki Temple and participate in Ganga Aarti. On 24 June, the tourists will visit Janakpurdham and proceed to Sitamarhi by Road for onward journey on the Ramayana Circuit route by Bharat Gaurav Train.



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