



Indian Railways Approves Merger of Chitrakutdham Karwi-Kanpur Central and Pratapgarh-Kanpur Central Express Services to Strengthen Direct Connectivity to Chitrakoot

Merged Service to Improve Direct Rail Connectivity Between Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Kanpur Central and Chitrakutdham Karwi, While Enhancing Passenger Capacity from 12 to 24 Coaches

Merger to Ease Overcrowding on the Kanpur-Pratapgarh Section and Provide Improved Connectivity

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In a significant step towards improving passenger convenience and optimising train operations, Indian Railways has approved the merger of 14109/14110 Chitrakutdham Karwi-Kanpur Central Express and 14123/14124 Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh-Kanpur Central Express as 14123/14124 Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh-Chitrakutdham Karwi Express.

The merger will improve direct connectivity between Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh and Chitrakutdham Karwi, while strengthening connectivity between important destinations including Kanpur Central, Lucknow region and Chitrakoot.

24-Coach Train to Provide Additional Passenger Capacity

As part of the operational benefits of the merger, the combined service will have enhanced passenger carrying capacity, with the existing 12-coach composition being increased to 24 coaches. This will significantly augment available seating capacity and help address overcrowding and passenger demand on the Kanpur-Pratapgarh section.

The enhanced capacity will provide greater convenience to passengers travelling between Kanpur, Banda, Chitrakoot, Pratapgarh and other stations along the route.

Improved Direct Connectivity Between Chitrakoot and Pratapgarh/Lucknow Region

The merged service will improve direct rail connection between Chitrakoot and the Lucknow - Pratapgarh region, providing passengers with a more convenient travel option without the need for changing trains at Kanpur Central.

This will particularly benefit passengers travelling for pilgrimage, tourism, education, employment and other purposes between the important religious and regional centres of Chitrakoot, Pratapgarh and the Lucknow region.

Improved Connectivity Across Major Stations

The merged service will continue to serve important stations including Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Chilbila, Maa Chandrika Devi Dham Antu, Amethi, Gauriganj, Kashimpur, Jais, Fursatganj, Rae Bareli, Harchandpur, Bachhrawan, Nigohan, Lucknow, Manak Nagar, Unnao, Kanpur Central, Bhimsen, Kathara

Road, Patara, Ghatampur, Hamirpur Road, Yamuna South Bank, Bharwa Sumerpur, Ragaul, Banda, Atarra and Chitrakutdham Karwi.

Conclusion

The new merged service will strengthen passenger connectivity across Uttar Pradesh, improve accessibility to important religious and cultural destinations and support more efficient utilisation of railway resources. This will create a seamless rail corridor connecting Bundelkhand and Awadh. The service will provide direct connectivity from Chitrakoot to Lucknow, the State capital, as well as to Pratapgarh. The merger also enables augmentation of the train composition from 12 to 24 coaches, thereby doubling passenger carrying capacity at affordable price and substantially improving existing rail services on this corridor. Besides facilitating pilgrimage and tourism to Chitrakoot, the service will strengthen connectivity for education, healthcare, employment, business and administrative travel, while making more efficient use of the existing train operating resources.

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