



# PM NARENDRA MODI FLAGGED OFF 4 NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAINS FROM VARANASI, UP

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**In November 2025, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated four new Vande Bharat trains during his two-day visit to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP), bringing the total number of operational Vande Bharat services across India to 164.**

- The new Vande Bharat routes include Banaras (UP)–Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh, MP), Lucknow (UP)–Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Firozpur Cantt (Punjab)–Delhi, and Ernakulam (Kerala)–Bengaluru (Karnataka), enhancing regional and inter-state connectivity.
- These newly launched semi-high-speed trains are developed by Tamil Nadu (TN)'s Integral Coach Factory (ICF).

## About Vande Bharat Trains:

- Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express: It will provide direct connectivity on 'Banaras-Khajuraho' route and reduce travel time by nearly 2 hours 40 minutes (mins) compared to special trains currently in operation.
- Lucknow-Saharanpur Vande Bharat Express: The train will cover the total distance between UP's two cities Lucknow and Saharanpur, in approximately 7 hours and 45 mins, thereby reducing travel time by 1 hour and 45 mins.
- Firozpur-Delhi Vande Bharat Express: Among all the 4 new Vande Bharat trains, this train will be the fastest train and will cover the total distance in 6 hours and 40 mins.
- Bengaluru-Ernakulam: It is the 1st inter-state semi-high-speed premium train service connecting southern states: Kerala, Tamil Nadu (TN), and Karnataka. It will complete the entire journey (583 kilometers, kms) in 8 hours and 40 mins, reducing travel time by over 2 hours.