

Modi to flag off train on Nehru's birth anniv

THE Narendra Modi government has decided to run a special train for pilgrimage at the places related to Lord Rama's story as mentioned in epic Ramayana. The train will be flagged off on November 14, the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister and the tallest leader of the Congress in post-Independent India. The train has been named Shri Ramayana Express.

The Indian Railways has laid an elaborate plan to connect the religious places from Ayodhya to Rameshwaram in India and four sites in Sri Lanka. The entire trip will be of 16 days starting from the Safdarjung railway station in Delhi.

Named as Shri Ramayana Yatra-Sri Lanka, the pilgrimage circuit will have two travel components - one each in India and Sri Lanka. After leaving Delhi, the train will make its first stop in Ayodhya followed by Hanuman Garhi Ramkot and Kanak Bhawan temple.

The train will then stop at Nandigram, Sitamarhi, Janakpur, Varanasi, Prayag, Shringverpur, Chitrakoot, Nasik, Hampi and Rameshwaram along the circuit. If any of these sites are not directly linked with the Indian Railways, the Ramayana Express will stop at the nearest railway stations.