



Ministry of Railways launched 1ST Swarna Rajdhani (Train no 12313 New Delhi- Sealdah Rajdhani) rake today. A Major Leap in Improving Passenger Experience on Rajdhani Trains.

14 Rajdhani Trains & 15 Shatabdi Trains will be upgraded under Project Swarna.

New Delhi- Kathgodam Shatabdi Express was already launched under Project Swarna earlier.

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To improve passenger experience, Ministry of Railways decided to upgrade Premium Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains under Project 'Swarna'. With improved passenger amenities, aesthetics and hygiene standards, Country's first Swarn Rajdhani (Train no 12313 New Delhi - Sealdah Rajdhani Express) was launched in New Delhi today i.e. 29th November, 2017 at New Delhi Station. Member, Rolling Stock Shri Ravindra Gupta was especially present to introspect the revamped rake.

Under Project Swarna, a detailed programme to significantly improve passenger experience on Rajdhani & Shatabdi trains has been planned in the following 10 dimensions:

- i. Coach Interiors
- ii. Toilets
- iii. Onboard cleanliness
- iv. Punctuality
- v. Catering
- vi. Linen
- vii. Staff Behaviour
- viii. Security
- ix. Onboard entertainment
- x. Real Time Feedback

For this programme, Ministry had formed nine teams of two officers each from Railway Board to monitor the progress of work under each dimension of Project Swarna. 14 Rajdhani trains & 15 Shatabdi trains have been selected for the first phase of this Project.

The first revamped rake of Rajdhani under the project was rake of Sealdah Rajdhani (12314 New Delhi-Sealdah) which was launched today from New Delhi.

Salient Features of Ist Swarn Rajdhani :

Base on extensive research, the following features have been introduced on Sealdah Rajdhani:

- a) Complete interior painting to an aesthetic International colour scheme and LED lighting to improve illumination.
- b) Better hygiene by providing 'auto janitor' system in toilets.

- c) Health faucets, stainless steel wash basins improved soap dispenser and better quality dustbins, carefully chosen locations for ergonomic convenience.
- d) Night signage for easy identifications of berth nos. for enroute entraining passengers.
- e) Blanket covers for First AC passengers of two different colours to ensure separate cover in to and fro journey.
- f) Built in ladders for First AC passengers for easy access to upper berth.
- g) CCTV cameras in doorway area and aisles to monitor any suspect activity with data storage.
- h) New design magazine bags with extra pocket for mobile for fitting changing life style.
- i) LED lighting over mirrors.
- j) Vinyl wrapping of toilet doors for improved aesthetics.
- k) Epoxy coating in toilets, provisioning of extra mats in toilet to improve hygienic standards and to give a dry toilet to the passengers with improved cleanliness
- l) Polished commodes and basins to make them odour free in every trip.
- m) 3 pilot coaches in service to gather passenger feedback and assess journey worthiness.

An expenditure about Rs. 35 lakhs has gone into this rake which translates into less than Rs.2 lakh per coach.

Under Project Swarna, Zonal Railways were given a free hand to develop and innovate to create aesthetic and passenger friendly coach interiors on running rakes to establish new standards in passengers comfort. A target budget of Rs. 50 lakh per rake was allowed for this purpose. The list of Rajdhani and Shatabdi under this project is given below:

Rajdhani Trains covered under Project Swarna:

S No	Railways	Train No.	From	To
1	ECoR	22811/12	Bhubaneshwar	New Delhi
2	ECoR	22823/24	Bhubaneshwar	New Delhi
3	ECR	12309/10	Rajendra Nagar	New Delhi
4	ER	12301/02	Howrah	New Delhi
5	ER	12305/06	Howrah	New Delhi
6	ER	12313/14	Sealdah	New Delhi
7	NR	12439/40	Ranchi	New Delhi

8	NR	12441/42	New Delhi	Bilaspur
9	NR	12453/54	New Delhi	Ranchi
10	SWR	22691/92	Bangalore	H.Nizamuddin
11	SWR	22693/94	Nizamuddin	Bangalore
12	WR	12951/52	Mumbai (BCT)	New Delhi
13	WR	12953/54	Mumbai (BCT)	H.Nizamuddin
14	WR	12957/58	Ahmedabad	New Delhi

Shatabdi Trains covered under Project Swarna:

S No	Railways	Train No.	From	To
1	CR	12025/26	Pune	Secundrabad
2	ECOR	12277/78	Howrah	Puri
3	ER	12019/20	Howrah	Ranchi
4	NCR	12033/34	Kanpur	New Delhi
5	NFR	12041/42	Howrah	New Jalpaiguri
6	NFR	12085/86 12087/88	Guwahati	Dibrugarh/ Naharlagun
7	NR	12039/40	New Delhi	Kathgodam
8	NR	12045/46	New Delhi	Chandigarh
9	NR	12047/48	New Delhi	Firozpur
10	NR	12049/50	New Delhi	Agra
11	NWR	12035/36	Jaipur	Agra
12	SR	12007/08	Chennai	Mysore
13	SR	12243/44	Chennai	Coimbatore
14	SWR	12027/28	Bangalore	Chennai
15	WR	12009/10	Mumbai(BCT)	Ahmedabad

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