



# Indian Railway & Uttarakhand Tourism Launches Manaskhand Express

## Why in News?

The **Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board**, along with the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC)**, has introduced a new tourist train called the "**Manaskhand Express**" to promote the hidden gems of the **Kumaon Region** in Uttarakhand.

## Key Points

- The "**MANASKHAND EXPRESS - BHARAT GAURAV TOURIST TRAIN**" is a special 10 Nights/11 Days tour.
- This unique journey is designed to showcase the divine beauty and cultural richness of Uttarakhand's Devbhoomi, known for its **spiritual significance and heritage sites**.
- **Departing on 22 April 2024**, the tour offers a comprehensive exploration of various destinations across Uttarakhand.
  - The train's **boarding and deboarding stations** include Pune, Lonavala, Panvel, Kalyan, Nashik, Jalgaon, Bhusawal, Khandwa, Itarasi, and Rani Kamalapati, ensuring accessibility for travelers from different regions.
  - Some of the highlights of the tour include visits to Champawat/Lohaghat to explore Baleshwar, Tea Gardens, and Mayawati Ashram, **paying homage at Nanda Devi & Kainchi Dham - Baba Neem Karoli Temple**, and seeking blessings at Nanakmatta Gurudwara - **Khatima & Naina Devi - Nainital**.
  - Additionally, participants will have the chance to discover the spiritual aura of **Jageshwar Dham & Golu Devta - Chitai and visit Haat Kalika Temple & Patal Bhuvneshwar**.

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