

# Indian Railways Operates Seven Special Trains from Tamil Nadu to Banaras for Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0

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Indian Railways is operating a series of seven special trains between Kanniyakumari, Chennai, Coimbatore and Banaras to facilitate large-scale participation in the Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0, strengthening cultural bonds between the Tamil-speaking region and the ancient spiritual hub of Kashi. These special trains have been scheduled to ensure seamless travel, comfortable long-distance connectivity, and timely arrivals for participants attending the multi-day cultural immersion programme.

The services began with the first train departing from Kanyakumari on 29 November 2025. This was followed by an additional special departure from Chennai today. The next departures are scheduled from Coimbatore on 3 December, from Chennai on 6 December, from Kanyakumari on 7 December, from Coimbatore on 9 December, and another service from Chennai on 12 December 2025. With these planned departures, a total of seven special trains will operate from Tamil Nadu's key originating cities to Banaras in a well-coordinated and phased manner.

Kanniyakumari - Banaras special train operated by Southern Railway became the most significant catalyst of this year's Kashi Tamil Sangamam—uniting delegates, enabling cultural exchange, and turning the journey itself into a memorable celebration. #KashiTamilSangamam4... [pic.twitter.com/XHLFWHTjcS](https://pic.twitter.com/XHLFWHTjcS)

— DRM Thiruvananthapuram (@drm\_tvc) December 2, 2025

To ensure timely return travel, Indian Railways has arranged a series of special return services from Banaras. These include departures for Kanyakumari on 5 December, Chennai on 7 December, and Coimbatore on 9 December, followed by additional return services scheduled for Chennai on 11 December, Kanyakumari on 13 December, Coimbatore on 15 December, and again for Chennai on 17 December 2025.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0, beginning today, continues the long-standing cultural connection between Tamil Nadu and Kashi. This edition is centred on the theme “Let Us Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam,” promoting linguistic and cultural exchange between the two regions through Tamil learning initiatives in Varanasi schools, study tours for students from the Kashi region to Tamil Nadu, and the symbolic Sage Agastya Vehicle Expedition from Tenkasi to Kashi.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0 embodies the essence of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, encouraging people to understand and appreciate the richness of cultures beyond their own. Anchored by the Ministry of Education, with IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University serving as the principal knowledge partners,

and participation of ten ministries including Railways, brings together students, artisans, scholars, spiritual leaders, teachers and cultural practitioners of the two regions together, facilitating exchange of ideas, cultural practices and traditional knowledge between them.

By running these seven special trains and coordinating a meticulously planned, culturally rich itinerary, Indian Railways is playing a central role in connecting diverse regions of the country and reinforcing the shared heritage between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.

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