Rail Reservation

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Rail reservation has become very easy after the implementation of technology. Rail reservation can be done online as well as through internet enabled mobile phones. Rail reservations can be done through IRCTC also known as Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited. The website address for rail reservation is irctc.co.in. One can get reservation status, train schedule, ticket availability, book tickets etc. You can book among the numerous trains connecting different stations including Rajdhani, Shatabdi and similar passenger trains.

Online Reservation:

Firstly, you have to do one time registration on the website. The registration is completely free, use valid email addresses and mobile phones for smooth future correspondence. The second step is finding the trains connecting source station to source destination. You need to choose your location, destination and dates of travel. You will be displayed a list of trains travelling to your destination. You can get more specific details about the journey by clicking on details. After selecting the train, you can get fare by selecting a train and clicking on check fare. You will have to choose which class you want to travel like 3AC, 2AC, sleeper etc. Move to the booking section which can be done by selecting the desired train and clicking on book. You will be directed to new page which will open displaying the train selected and timings. Confirm that it is the same train selected by you. You will need to fill some travelling passenger details like name, age, and berth preference of each passenger. Children below 5 years do not require tickets but you need to furnish their details in any case. Senior citizens can avail discount on fare which is around 30%-40% but need to show age proof when boarding train. Finally, a page will be shown showing train details and fare. You will now be asked to make payment. There are multiple payment options available including credit cards, credit card EMI option, direct debit and cash cards. If you have chose i-ticket, tickets will be delivered to the shipping address. Keep a note of PNR number for future references. If you have chosen e-ticket, take a printout of electronic reservation slip and keep it with you when you board train. Do carry ID proof as it is required by railway authorities when you travel.

Mobile Reservation:

You can access https://www.irctc.co.in/mobile with your mobile phone. Existing users can use the same account details and you will be guided through while process of rail reservation.

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