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In India, railways are integral for people travelling anywhere in the country. Railways connect both urban and rural regions through its extensive network. Train reservations can be done through IRCTC (Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited) website. The website address is irctc.co.in. You can check reservation status, train schedule, ticket availability, book tickets etc and many similar tasks. Durounto which is now considered the fastest long route trains as it has no stops can also be booked from this website. The full process of reservation is explained below:

- You begin with registration on the website. The registration is completely free of cost and you can choose user name and password as per your preference and availability.

- The next step is finding the trains connecting your nearest station to final destination. You need to choose your location, destination and travel dates. You will be shown a list of express trains on the required route. You can get more details about routes; stops and timing by clicking on â€œget more detailsâ€•. You can reset dates to see whether any more trains are available for that route or not. You can get fare by selecting a train and clicking on check fare. Before getting fare, you will have to select class- AC-3 tier, AC-2 tier, 1st AC, AC Chair Car and Executive Classes etc.

- We now proceed to reservation i.e. booking which can be done by selecting the desired train and clicking on book. A new page will open displaying the train selected and timings. You will need to fill some passenger details like name, age, and berth preference of each passenger. People belonging to special category like senior citizens, defense etc can avail discount on fare and will need to show requisitive proof. A final confirmation page will be shown with train details and fare. If everything is correct, move forward to next step.

- You now need to make the payment. There are many viable options available including credit cards, credit card EMI option, and direct debit and cash cards. Make the payment of your preference and ticket confirmation will be shown.

- If you have chose i-ticket, tickets will be delivered to the shipping address. If you have chosen e-ticket, take a printout of electronic reservation slip and keep it with you when you board train. You also need to carry ID proof as it is required.

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