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775 senior citizens begin the pilgrim yatra to Ayodha – Varanasi

- The scheme will showcase our faith and religious Asmita
– Dy cm Smt. Parida
- Cultural exchange between Odisha and Uttar Pradesh will fulfil the dream of a Bikashit Bharta 2047
– UP tourism Minister Sri Singh

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Baristha Nagarika Tirthyatra yojana is a unique program to fulfil the religious aspirations of senior citizens of the state. In the seventh phase of Baristha Nagarika Tirthayatra yojana, 775 pilgrims from 6 districts namely Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Dhenkanal, Kendrapada will begin their journey in a special train to Ayodhya and Baranasi to seek the blessing of Lord Sri Ramlal opined Deputy Chief Minister Smt Parida at the launch of the Seventh phase of Baristha Nagarika tirthayatra yojana.

Today, in a special train 775 senior citizens and 25 state Government officials has started their journey from Bhubaneswar railway station to Ayodha – Varanasi. Tourism department with the collaboration of Railway has organised this programme. Dy CM Smt. Pravati Parida has graced the occasion as the chief guest and the Uttar Pradesh Tourism and Culture Minister Sri Jayveer Singh has joined the occasion as the guest Of Honor. Sri Singh appreciated the effort of Odisha State Government for the cultural Exchange Program between Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. He also said that with great faith and devotion Many devotees from Odisha took holy dip in the Mahakumbh held in Uttar Pradesh. He has a firm belief that the development of the culture of Uttar Pradesh and Odisha will lead the fulfil of the dream of Vikashit Bharat 2047.

Hon'ble Minister of Law, Excise and works Sri Prithwiraj Harichandan appreciated the program and said that the yojana is an innovative initiative to provide the opportunity of pilgrimage to senior citizens who have dreams to visit the spiritual places but are having financial difficulties. He wished that the dream of Vikshit Odisha 2036 will be fulfilled with the blessing of Senior citizens. Hon'ble Minister skill and Industries Sri Sampad Chandra Swain and the MLA, Mahakalapada Sri Durgaprasanna Nayak present at the occasion. Along with this, Sri Chanchal Rana District Collector, Khordha, Mansi Lambhia, Director Tourism and Balmukund Bhyuna and officials of Railway are also present there.



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