STUDY NOTES · BASIC CONCEPT

Saryu-Kamala Express: Key Details

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Train Details

Particular	Details
Train name	Saryu-Kamala Express
Route	Ayodhya Cantt–Janakpur Dham
Distance	Approximately 604 km
Journey duration	Approximately 19 hours
Inauguration	23 November 2026
Regular operations	From 28 November 2026
Frequency	Weekly, each direction

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Train timings

Journey	Departure	Arrival
Ayodhya to Janakpur	Monday, 5:50 PM	Tuesday, 12:40 PM
Janakpur to Ayodhya	Saturday, 1:10 PM	Sunday, 8:10 AM

Arrival and departure timings are local to the respective stations. Nepal is 15 minutes ahead of Indian Standard Time.

Important intermediate stations

1. Mankapur
2. Basti
3. Gorakhpur
4. Narkatiaganj
5. Raxaul
6. Sitamarhi
7. Shisho
8. Madhubani
9. Jaynagar

The service also has an Ayodhya Dham stoppage.

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Additional UPSC Analytical Dimensions

Dimension	Relevance
Neighbourhood First Policy	Strengthening relations with immediate neighbours
Soft power diplomacy	Cultural and religious heritage as diplomatic instruments
Sub-regional connectivity	Integration of border regions
Economic diplomacy	Tourism, trade and local employment
Act East Policy	Broader connectivity with South and Southeast Asia

Important Mains perspective: India–Nepal relations cannot be sustained through geographical proximity alone. Connectivity, economic interdependence, cultural exchanges and mutual respect for sovereignty are equally important.

Suggested conclusion for UPSC answers: *Infrastructure creates physical connections, but shared heritage and mutual trust create enduring partnerships.*