



# Book trains. From your *drawing room.*

No more queues at the station. IRCTC lets you book any train ticket in India from your phone — and pick your favorite seat.



## WHAT'S INSIDE

- ✓ Open IRCTC and search trains
- ✓ Pick the best train for you
- ✓ Book and pay safely



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— WHY THIS MATTERS

## Every train in India — bookable from your phone.

IRCTC is India's official train booking system. Their app and website let you book any train, any class, any date.

Forget station queues. Forget waiting for the booking counter. Open the IRCTC app, type your two cities, and you're 5 minutes away from a confirmed ticket.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Set up IRCTC account once
- Search trains for any date
- Pick a class and seat
- Pay safely and get e-ticket

 *Takes about 8 minutes to read*



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STEP 1 OF 6

## Install IRCTC Rail Connect

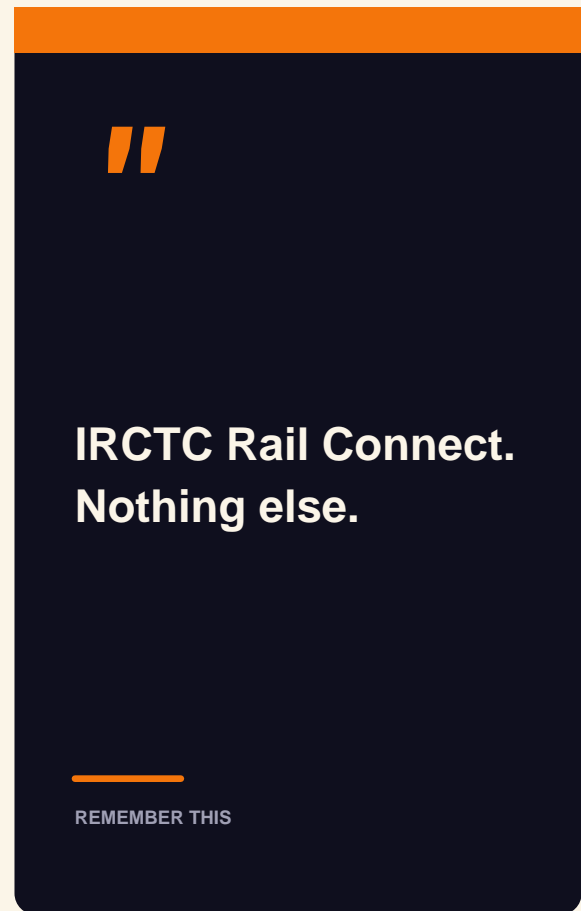
Search 'IRCTC Rail Connect' in Play Store.  
Install the OFFICIAL one — it's by 'CRIS'  
(Centre for Railway Info Systems).

First time: create an account with username,  
password, email, phone. Save these somewhere  
safe.



### WARNING

Many fake railway booking apps exist.  
Use **ONLY** 'IRCTC Rail Connect' from the  
Play Store. Avoid apps with words like  
'Indian Rail Booking' or 'Railway  
Express'.





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## Search your route

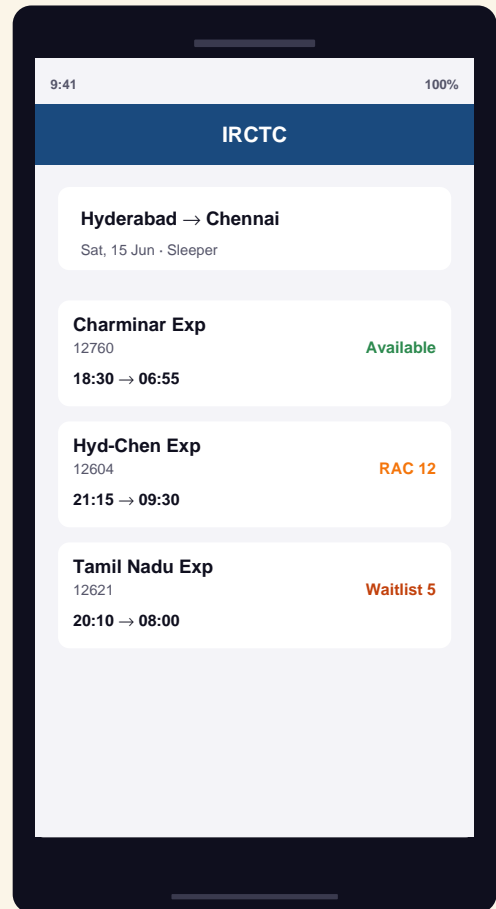
On the home screen, you see two boxes:

- FROM (your starting station)
- TO (where you're going)

Tap each and type the station name. Pick the right station from suggestions. Then pick a date. Tap 'Search Trains'.

**TIP**

Use station codes if you know them: SC for Hyderabad, MAS for Chennai. Faster than typing full names.





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## Pick a train

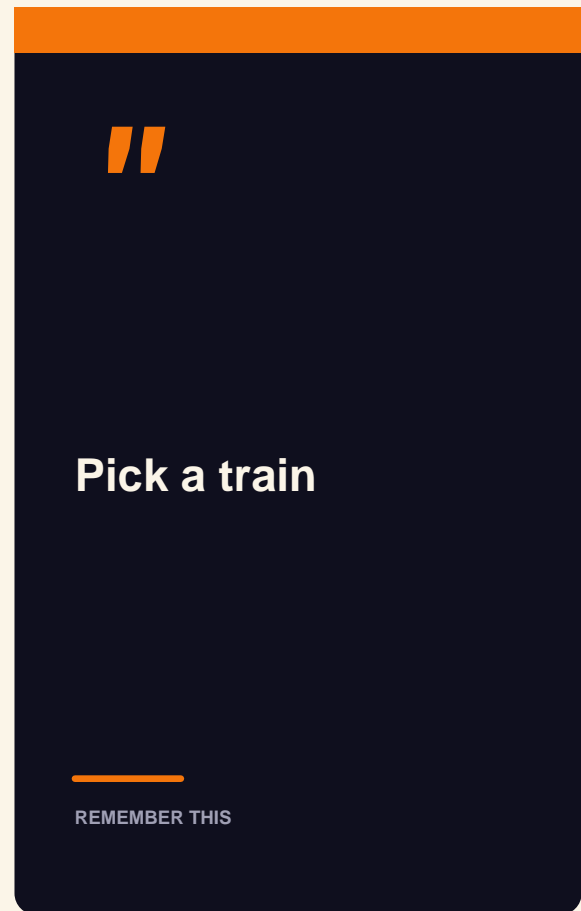
You'll see a list of trains. Each shows:

- Train name and number
- Departure and arrival times
- Travel duration
- Available classes (Sleeper, AC, etc.)

Tap any train to see details and seat availability.

**TIP**

Look for green 'Available' status. Yellow 'RAC' or red 'Waitlist' means uncertain — your seat may not confirm.





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## Pick your class

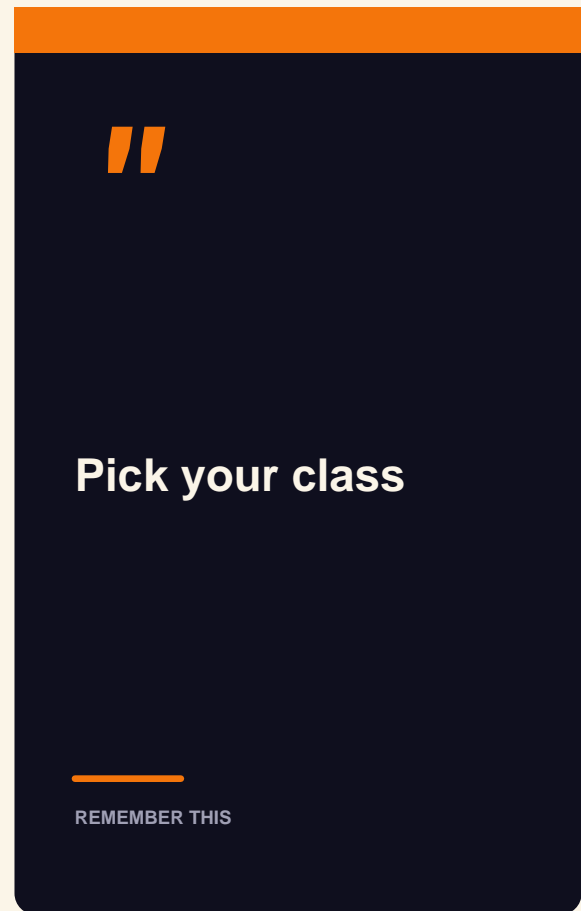
Indian trains have classes:

- SL (Sleeper) — cheapest, no AC
- 3A (3-tier AC) — comfortable
- 2A (2-tier AC) — more space
- 1A (1st class AC) — most expensive

Tap the class you want. Tap 'Book Now'.

**TIP**

For overnight trips, 3A (3-tier AC) is the best balance of price and comfort.





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## Add passenger details

Type each passenger's:

- Full name (as on Aadhaar)
- Age
- Gender
- Berth preference (Lower for elderly)

Choose 'Lower Berth' for senior citizens — much easier than climbing to upper berth.

● **TIP**

Senior citizens (60+) can request 'Lower Berth' and 'Senior Citizen' to get priority. Tick those boxes.



**Lower berth. Always  
for elderly.**

REMEMBER THIS



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## Pay and save your ticket

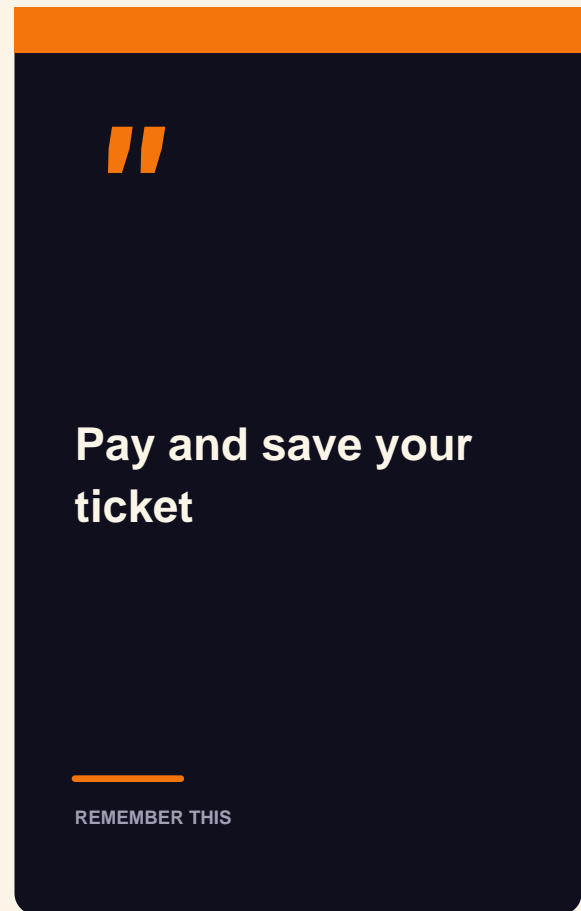
Pay using UPI, debit card, or net banking. Most reliable: UPI.

After payment, you get a TICKET on screen with a PNR number. The app saves it in 'My Bookings'. You can show this on your phone at the train — no print needed.



### WARNING

**PNR is your ticket number. Save a screenshot. If you need to check status or cancel, you'll need this PNR.**





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# Train tickets simplified.

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## **IRCTC Rail Connect only**

Don't be fooled by lookalike apps. The real one is by 'CRIS'.

**2**

## **Book early**

Tickets open 60 days before travel. Book early for confirmed seats.

**3**

## **3A is the sweet spot**

AC, comfortable, not too expensive. Good for overnight journeys.

**4**

## **Lower berth for seniors**

Always pick 'Lower Berth' option for anyone over 60. The system gives priority.

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## **Save your PNR**

PNR is your ticket number. Take a screenshot. You'll need it if anything goes wrong.



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