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Over 1,100 Students Complete Five-Day 'Yuva Somnath Yatra' Under Somnath Swabhiman Parv

CHENNAI – 26 Nov, 2026 The five-day 'Yuva Somnath Yatra', organised under the Somnath Swabhiman Parv from 20 to 25 November 2026, concluded with the return of more than 1,100 students to Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi. During the journey, the participants visited various temples, pilgrimage sites and historical landmarks in Somnath, gaining a closer understanding of India's rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

The journey began on 20 November when Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat flagged off the special train from Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi. The train reached Veraval Railway Station in Gujarat on 21 November, where the students received a vibrant traditional welcome with folk dance performances and flower showers.

On 22 November, the students visited Ram Temple at Prabhas Patan, Golokdham Tirth and the revered first Jyotirlinga, Somnath Mahadev Temple. They also attended the 'Jai Somnath' Light and Sound Show at the Somnath Temple, which presented the temple's rich history and its enduring significance.

On 23 November, the youngsters visited Baan Ganga, Bhidbhanjan Mahadev Temple, Bhalka Tirth and Ahilyabai Temple. They also visited the museum and the Swadeshi Haat, where they got an opportunity to learn about local culture and indigenous products. The day's activities concluded with students experiencing the divine Aarti at Triveni Ghat.



On 24 November, the students departed from Veraval Railway Station for New Delhi by the special train. The journey concluded on 25 November with their arrival at Safdarjung Railway Station, where they received a warm welcome.

The five-day journey offered students an opportunity to experience the religious and historical significance of Somnath and understand the resilience of India's cultural heritage. Sharing their experiences, participants described the Yatra as more than a spiritual journey, calling it a memorable experience that brought them closer to India's culture, heritage and history.

The Somnath Swabhiman Parv is being organised to mark 1,000 years since the first recorded attack on the Somnath Temple. As part of the celebrations, special journeys are being organised to connect devotees and visitors from different parts of the country with the spiritual and cultural heritage of Somnath. More than 35,000 people have so far visited Somnath Mahadev through these initiatives.