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Owing to their wide reach, extensive network and affordability, railways are the preferred mode of transport of Indian people. IRCTC (Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited) is the website for online reservation of railway tickets. You can check train schedules, ticket availability, and reservation status and buy tickets online. You can make reservation in any of the trains (Rajdhani, Shatabdi etc) to your destination.

The complete process is very easy and smooth. You have to login in your IRCTC account. The initial step is to register on the website. The registration is free of cost and you can make new username and password as per your preference. Do remember the same for any future railway booking. Then you can start finding the trains connecting your location to your destination. You need to choose your source station, destination station, travel dates, one way or return journey etc. You will be shown a list of trains through different routes. You can get details about route and timing by clicking on details. You can choose concession if applicable to certain categories like blind, handicapped people etc. There is also quote for ladies, defense, parliament etc. You can get fare by selecting a train and clicking on get full fare. Before getting fare, you will have to select class- 3AC, 2AC, sleeper etc. Once you have chose train of your choice, you can proceed to booking which can be done by selecting the desired train and clicking on book. A new page will show the train selected and departure timings. Ensure that it is the same train selected by you. Then, you can fill personal details like name, age, and berth preference of each traveler. There is special discount for senior citizens and they can avail discount on fare but will need to show age proof when boarding train. Final details will be shown including passenger details and train details. You can confirm it if they are correct or reset it if any changes are required. Proceed to make payment which can be done through credit cards, credit card EMI option, direct debit and cash cards. There are two options- iticket and e-ticket. If you select i-ticket, the tickets will be delivered to the shipping address. Keep a note of PNR number in case any issue arises. If you have chosen e-ticket, take a print out and that will suffice as proof while boarding train.

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