

# Golden Chariot hits vanity trail



**UNMATCHED AMBIENCE:** A view of *The Golden Chariot's* interiors. — FILE PHOTO: K. GOPINATHAN

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**BANGALORE:** Karnataka luxury train, Golden Chariot, is headed to catch the eye of the world's glitterati. The train has international attention in the very first year of its operation by being rated among the seven best in the world by *Vanity Fair*, the renowned glamour magazine published by Condè Nast Publications, which brings out *Vogue*.

In the coming edition (April), *Vanity Fair* describes the train as "a Technicolor dream world with classically Indian interiors". "The listing in *Vanity Fair* came as a pleasant surprise for us as we were not even aware that they would be travelling on the train," Vinay Luthra, Manag-

ing Director, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, which runs the train, told *The Hindu*.

Of the seven trains listed under "Great Journeys" on the magazine's wish list, the Eurostar occupies the Top of the Lot slot. The Best of the Rest category includes Ecuador's Devil's Nose, the trip between Cape Town and Pretoria on Rovos Rail of South Africa, The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express of Russia, the Orient Express from London to Venice, the coast-to-coast journey from Vancouver and Montreal on the Royal Canadian Pacific, and the Golden Chariot. "Where else would your train be brilliant shocking pink?" says the write-up.