

Ministry of Tourism

MEDICAL TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

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The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of various tourism destinations and products of India including Medical Tourism are taken up.

It has been conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that it has launched India's official portal for Medical Value Travel (MVT) for those who want to avail medical treatment in India. This portal helps streamline the information and patient journey of international medical travellers to India. The portal can be accessed by web-link <https://healinindia.gov.in/>.

To facilitate the visit of foreign nationals to come to India for medical treatment, the Govt. of India has extended e-medical visa/ e-medical Attendant visa facility to nationals of 167 countries.

The total year wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals for medical purpose during last 3 years are given below:

Year	Medical Purpose (in thousand)
2020	183
2021	304
2022	475
2023 (*)	635

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), *: Provisional

It has been conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that the Government of India has made special provisions for loans to build healthcare infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Many major hospitals have invested in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Specialty procedures like dental implants, cosmetic surgeries are now available in these tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

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Tourist Visa For Foreign Tourists

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GROWTH OF TOURISM INDUSTRY

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India attracts tourists from all across the globe including countries from Asia Pacific. In the year 2023, India received 9.24 million foreign tourists globally including countries from the Asia Pacific. Further, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Thailand and Korea (Republic of) in the Asia Pacific Region are among the top 20 tourism source countries for India signifying the importance of the region as a source market for inbound tourism. Out of the total of 9.24 million foreign tourists, India received approximately 1.22 million tourists from these 6 countries of the Asia Pacific Region.

The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination in various markets to increase India's share of the global tourism market. These objectives are met through an integrated marketing and promotional strategy and a synergized campaign in association with the stakeholders and Indian Missions overseas. Further, the Ministry of Tourism also hosted the 46th edition of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart in New Delhi from 4-6 October 2023 bringing together tourism professionals and business stakeholders from across the world.

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Current Status Of The Dekho Apna Desh Initiative

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PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM

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The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Government/UT Administrations in consultation with them. The Ministry of Tourism under this scheme has sanctioned 2 projects under the Rural Circuit theme as per the details given below:-

State/Year of Sanction	Project Name	Amount sanctioned (Rs. In crore)
Bihar / 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia-Turkaulia	44.27
Kerala / 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35

The Ministry has now revised its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country and has selected 57 destinations for development under the scheme. While delineated area of the selected destinations may also include rural areas, the Ministry in the year 2022-23 has sanctioned 29 projects including 'Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji' in Uttarakhand for Rs. 32.20 crore. The Ministry of Tourism has also released guidelines for Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme and has identified 42 destinations in the country based on the parameters stipulated in the scheme guidelines for development including the following 5 destinations under Vibrant Village category:

State/ UT	Destination
Arunachal Pradesh	Kibitho
Himachal Pradesh	Rakchham, Chhitkul
Sikkim	Gnathang Village
Uttarakhand	Mana Village

Uttarakhand

Jadung

No proposal to include tourism in the concurrent list has been prepared. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has launched National Strategy and Roadmap for the development of Rural Tourism in India on 8th December 2021 and National Strategy for Promotion of Rural Homestays on 5th May 2022. The strategy is based on the key strategic pillars identified for the development of Rural Tourism and Rural Homestay. The key strategic pillars are:

1. Model policies and best practices for rural tourism
2. Digital technologies and platforms for rural tourism
3. Developing clusters for rural tourism
4. Marketing support for rural tourism
5. Capacity building of stakeholders
6. Governance and Institutional Framework

Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel management, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is the Central Nodal agency to support the Ministry of Tourism in coordinating and implementing the plans and schemes for promotion and development of rural tourism and rural homestays in the country.

The rural tourism village portal (www.rural.tourism.gov.in) has been developed to showcase the potential of Rural Tourism in India. The website has information about the rural tourism destinations in India, Rural homestays in India etc.

The Ministry of Tourism launched the Best Tourism Villages Competition to honor a village that best exemplifies a tourism destination with renowned cultural and natural assets, preserves and promotes community-based values, goods, and lifestyles, and has a clear commitment to sustainability in all its aspects - economic, social, and environmental - with the overarching goal of making tourism one of the drivers of positive change, development, and community well-being.

The Ministry of Tourism launched the Best Rural Homestay Competition which will serve as a platform for rural homestays to showcase their unique offerings, allowing tourists to explore novel and captivating lodging options.

The Ministry of Tourism participates in the United Nations World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) Best Tourism Villages Competition. It is an important avenue for India to showcase its initiatives in sustainability, conservation and rural tourism in the global arena. In the 2021 edition, Pochampally in

Telangana was recognized as Best Tourism Village. In 2022, Khonoma was selected for the upgrade programme of UNWTO. In 2023, Dhordo village in Kutchh Gujarat was selected as Best Tourism Village and Madla Village, Madhya Pradesh was selected for the upgrade programme.

A Task Force for Development of Rural Tourism has also been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Tourism) and comprising of representatives from identified Central Ministries/State Governments/UT Administrations and Industry Stakeholders.

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New Projects To Promote Tourism

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The Ministry of Tourism launched its flagship scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' in 2014-15 to complement the efforts of respective State Governments/UT Administrations for developing tourism facilities across the Country and has sanctioned ₹5287.90 Crore for undertaking 76 projects. The list of the same is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations across 32 States/UTs in the country for development under SD 2.0 including 'Dholavira' & 'Dwarka' in Gujarat, 'Bundi (Keshoraipatan)' & 'Jodhpur' in Rajasthan and 'Sindhudurg' & 'Ajanta-Ellora (District Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar)' in Maharashtra. A project 'Spiritual Experience, Keshoraipatan' amounting Rs.17.37 crore has been sanctioned in the State of Rajasthan under SD 2.0.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism has also issued guidelines for 'Challenge Based Destination Development' (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, under which the Ministry of Tourism has identified 42 destinations for development including 'Vadnagar' under Culture & Heritage Destinations category, 'Porbandar' under Spiritual Destinations category and 'Thol Village' under Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations Category in the State of Gujarat and 'Ahmednagar' under Culture & Heritage Destinations category has been identified for development in the State of Maharashtra.

The Ministry of Tourism holistically promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including those in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra through different promotional mediums such as promotional website, social media, events, creatives, outreach programmes etc.

DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER IDENTIFIED THEMATIC CIRCUITS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Amount in ₹ crore)

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57

2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli	49.55
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda -Amravati- Anupu	35.24
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72
7.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
8.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar	90.98
9.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	33.96

10.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
11.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	95.18
12.	Bihar	Rural Circuit 2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.27
13.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	44.55
14.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur - Maheshpur - Kurdar - Sarodhadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon– Nathiyanawagaon- Jagdapur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh	96.10
15.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sinqerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65
16.	Goa	Coastal Circuit 2017-18	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula - Colva - Benaullim	99.35
17.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi	59.17
18.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12

19.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
20.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra	77.39
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	68.34
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Jammu-Srinagar-Pahalgam-Bhagwati Nagar-Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
23.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama.	81.60
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	90.43
25.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	91.99
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Pulwama-Kishtwar-Pahalgam-Zanskar Padum - Daksum - Ranjit Sagar Dam	86.39
27.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara-Kargil - Leh	91.84

28.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44
29.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
30.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam	46.54
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura	78.08
32.	Kerala	Rural Circuit 2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
33.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	66.42
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Sanchi-Satna-Rewa- Mandsaur-Dhar	74.02
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82

37.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
38.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06
39.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	45.47
40.	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
41.	Manipur	NSpiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	45.34
42.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
43.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro – Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
44.	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26

45.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37
46.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36
47.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon	98.14
48.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
49.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet- Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44
50.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
51.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit 2017-18	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry	34.96
52.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32
53.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01

54.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit 2016-17	Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	75.80
55.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Spiritual Circuit– 'Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)-Jaipur (Shri Samodke Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) - Mehndipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	87.05
56.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Heritage Circuit Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) - Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Nahargarh Fort) -Jhalawar (Gagron Fort) - Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) – Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) - Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) - Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) - Dholpur (Bagh-I-Nilofor and Purani Chawani) - Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak, Merta) - Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	70.61
57.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang-Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok- Phodong- Mangan- Lachung- Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu- Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05
58.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi- BermoikTokel- Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32

59.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit 2016-17	Development of (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13
60.	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62
61.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai-Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90
63.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor-NarikelKunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	82.85
64.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra-Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal-Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak-Avangchaarra	44.83
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	87.89
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45

67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur-Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra-Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuar shaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj)	18.30
73.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17

74.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar-Bajjnath-Devidhura	76.32
75.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakklhai- Henry Island	67.99
76.	-	Wayside Amenities 2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	15.07
Total				5287.90

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION THROUGH TOURISM INDUSTRY

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The Ministry of Tourism has undertaken Destination Based Skill Development training programme at various places in the country to train, upgrade and sensitize the local people residing near the tourist sites and destinations. Under the initiative, around 12187 candidates have been trained at 145 destinations.

For development of domestic tourism in the country the Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism destinations and products in Domestic and International Markets. Marketing and promotion is carried out through various initiatives including events and social media. Further, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of “Swadesh Darshan” provides funds to State/UT Administration/Central Agencies etc. for tourism infrastructure development, for existing destinations as well as new destinations.

For development of new destinations, the Ministry of Tourism has revamped the “Swadesh Darshan” scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. Additionally, the Ministry of Tourism has formulated “Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)” as a sub-scheme under SD2.0 aiming for holistic development of destination to enhance tourist experience.

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The State wise detail of projects sanctioned in various States/Union Territory Administrations under the schemes of “Swadesh Darshan 2.0” and destinations identified under “CBDD” are at **Annexure-I** and **II**.

ANNEXURE-I**Detail of projects sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme.****(₹ in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State /UT	Destination	Interventions Name	Amount Sanctioned
1	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	26.30
2	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	4.12
3	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	30.02
4	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81
5	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience zone	16.73
6	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshoraipatan	17.37
7	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59
8	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00
9	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjili wetland	20.06
10	Puducherry UT	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	20.29
11	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	32.20
12	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	11.21
13	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	13.92
14	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan age Cave Experience	32.45
15	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87
16	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	18.36

17	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48
18	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67
19	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.91
20	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience through ghats of Chitrakoot	27.21
21	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40
22	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02
23	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisharanya	Vedic- wellness Experience	15.94
24	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75
25	Ladakh UT	Leh	Julley Leh Biodiversity Park	24.89
26	Ladakh UT	Kargil	Exploring LOC and Hundarman village Experience	12.01
27	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails experience	27.84
28	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	13.02
29	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56
TOTAL				644.00

ANNEXURE-II

Detail of Destinations identified under the CBBB Scheme

i. Culture & Heritage Destinations

Sl.no.	Destination	State/UT
1.	Nagarjuna Sagar	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Bhagalpur	Bihar
3.	Saran Dist. (Sonepur Fair)	Bihar
4.	Kaza	Himachal Pradesh
5.	Bidar	Karnataka
6.	Varkala	Kerala
7.	Mandu	Madhya Pradesh
8.	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra
9.	Langthabal Konug	Manipur
10.	Mawphlang Village	Meghalaya
11.	White Town	Puducherry
12.	Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border)	Punjab
13.	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
14.	Nalgonda	Telangana
15.	Mahoba	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Vadnagar	Gujarat

ii. Spiritual Destinations

Sl. No.	Destination	State/UT
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1.	Ahobilam	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Porbandar	Gujarat
3.	Ramrekha Dam	Jharkhand
4.	Thalassery	Kerala
5.	Orchha	Madhya Pradesh
6.	Nartiang Village	Meghalaya
7.	Impur Village	Nagaland
8.	Rupnagar(Anandpur Sahib)	Punjab
9.	Kabi, Mangan	Sikkim
10.	Rameswaram Island	Tamil Nadu
11.	Kainchidham	Uttarakhand

iii. Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations

Sl. No.	Destination	State/UT
1.	Bichom Dam	Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Sivasagar	Assam
3.	Mayali Bagicha	Chhattisgarh
4.	Mayem Village	Goa
5.	Thol Village	Gujarat
6.	Udupi	Karnataka

7.	Mushkoh Village	Ladakh
8.	Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep
9.	Doyang Reservoir	Nagaland
10.	Kamareddy	Telangana

iv. Vibrant Villages Program Destinations

Sl. No.	Destination	State/UT
1.	Kibitho	Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Rakchham, Chhitkul	Himachal Pradesh
3.	Gnathang	Sikkim
4.	Jadung	Uttarakhand
5.	Mana Village	Uttarakhand

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