

Ministry of Tourism



Swadesh Darshan Scheme

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Under Swadesh Darshan 1.0 thematic circuits were identified and projects were sanctioned under the identified thematic circuits. Each circuit would generally cover multiple destinations for development.

The Ministry of Tourism after a comprehensive review has now revamped this scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. Under SD 2.0 projects are confined to the delineated area. The projects sanctioned under SD 2.0 cover multiple aspects including elements related to Niche Tourism.

The Ministry of Tourism had undertaken a third party impact assessment of Swadesh Darshan (Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits) through National Productivity Council in 2019. The study states that 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' has been able to give a fillip to livelihood opportunities and create employment for the local communities in construction phase.

The SD 2.0 guidelines provides for regular evaluation and monitoring of the projects sanctioned under it on various parameters. Further, Ministry of Tourism regularly undertakes review meetings with the State Governments at different levels to ensure successful implementation of the sanctioned projects.

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CBSP Scheme to promote Rural Tourism

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The Ministry of Tourism under its “Capacity Building for Service Providers (CBSP)” scheme conducts various short term skill development training programmes with the aim to provide education, training and certification to the tourism service providers, through Government Institutes and empanelled implementing agencies in the tourism and hospitality sectors both in urban and rural areas in the country.

The skilling/re-skilling/up-skilling programmes conducted under CBSP scheme includes Hunar Se Rozgar Tak (HSRT), Entrepreneurship Programme (EP), Skill Testing & Certification (ST&C) - a re-skilling programme for the existing service providers to test and certify them, Tourism Awareness Programme (TAP), etc.

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Crowd Management Strategies at Major Tourist Sites

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Under Swadesh Darshan 1.0 thematic circuits were identified and projects were sanctioned under Safety and security of tourists including crowd and tourist inflow management at tourist sites is primarily a State Government subject. However, the Ministry of Tourism has been continuously taking up the matter with all the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for setting up of dedicated Tourism Police. With the efforts of Ministry of Tourism, the State Governments/UT Administrations of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh have deployed tourist police, in one form or the other.

Through Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes of Ministry of Tourism, infrastructure development is undertaken in an inclusive, integrated, and sustainable manner that inter-alia focuses on security, accessibility and ecological preservation.

Multiple components have been sanctioned which aim at enhancing the security & safety of visitors, accessibility and environmental sustainability such as, ramps, railings, CCTV systems, public announcement systems, signages, Illumination, queue complex and solid waste management.

During the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), the Ministry of Tourism emphasizes the State Governments/UT Administrations to prioritize barrier free access, clean energy sources, use of locally available material for construction and procure eco-friendly transport options for last-mile connectivity. In addition, emphasis is placed on the inclusion of sustainable operation and maintenance plans.

Further, as conveyed by the National Disaster Management Authority, in 2014, it had issued a guide for State Government, Local Authorities, Administrators and Organizers for Managing Crowd at Events and Venues of Mass Gathering.

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Spiritual Tourism

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The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs for tourism infrastructure development. The details of the current status of the projects under Spiritual Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme and PRASHAD Scheme is given in the Annexure.

Development and completion of projects under PRASHAD scheme depend on various factors like successful tendering process, capacity of state implementing agency, timely project planning and designing, submission of requisite documents etc. The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations. However, in order to monitor and expedite progress of the projects and to guide the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Ministry of Tourism holds regular review meetings at different levels.

The Ministry of Tourism consults various stakeholders, including the temple trusts, State Governments/UT Administrations, local bodies, and concerned Union Ministries and other stakeholders while approving of the projects under the PRASHAD Scheme. In order to prevent delays in projects, the State Governments/UT Administrations are required to provide undertakings ensuring encumbrance-free land availability and other necessary clearances, etc.

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ANNEXURE

Details of Projects sanctioned in Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Crore)	Amount Released (₹ Crore)	Amount Utilised (₹Crore)	Project Status/ Remarks

1.	Kerala	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala (2016-17)	46.54	33.39	36.27	Project Reported Complete
2.	Manipur	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple (2016-17)	45.34	45.33	43.04	Project Reported Complete
3.	Kerala	Development of Sree Padmanabha Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala (2016-17)	78.08	73.77	68.98	Project Reported Complete
4.	Bihar	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar (2016-17)	44.76	42.52	42.17	Project Reported Complete
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh- Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana-Baghpat- Shahjahanpur (2016-17)	71.91	69.63	69.63	Project Reported Complete
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi-Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba-Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh-Bhadohi (2016-17)	67.51	64.14	63.62	Project Reported Complete

7.	Rajasthan	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) (2016-17)	87.05	75.03	75.03	Project Reported Complete
8.	Puducherry	Development of Karaikal, Yanam and Puducherry (2017-18)	34.96	31.40	31.40	Project Reported Complete
9.	Bihar	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh (2017-18)	44.55	42.32	42.32	Project Reported Complete
10.	Maharashtra	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad (2018-19)	45.47	43.19	38.24	Project Reported Complete
11.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Jewar-Dadri- Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda (2018-19)	12.03	11.43	11.69	Project Reported Complete
12.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyaganj) (2018-19)	18.30	18.12	18.12	Project Reported Complete

13.	Kerala	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram-Arruvipuram-KunnumparaSreeSubrahmania-ChembazhanthiSree Narayana Gurukulam (2018-19)	66.42	42.01	32.91	Project under progress Project is delayed due Covid, NoC & Clearances from Local Authority.
TOTAL			662.92	592.28	573.42	

List of projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme (as on 10.03.2025)

(Rs. in Crore)

State/UT	S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %	Financial Progress %
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Andhra Pradesh	1.	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77	100%	100%
	2.	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	100%	100%
	3.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04	13.69	59%	25%
	4.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	-	0%	0%
Arunachal Pradesh	5.	Development of Parshuram Kund	2020-21	37.88	31.02	92%	82%
Assam	6.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%	100%
Bihar	7.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	100%	100%
	8.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple	2014-15	3.63	3.63	100%	100%

Chhattisgarh	9.	Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple	2020-21	48.44	40.19	90%	83%
Goa	10.	Development of Bom Jesus Basilica	2024-25	16.46	-	0%	0%
Gujarat	11.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	10.46	10.46	100%	100%
	12.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36	45.36	100%	100%
	13.	Development of Promenade at Somnath	2018-19	47.12	47.12	100%	100%
	14.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Ambaji Temple	2022-23	50.00	10.54	35%	21%
Haryana	15.	Development of Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Saheb Gurudwara	2019-20	48.53	34.68	74%	71%
Jammu and Kashmir	16.	Development at Hazratbal Shrine	2016-17	40.46	34.30	100%	85%
Jharkhand	17.	Development of Baba Baidya Nath Dham	2018-19	36.79	34.95	100%	89%

Karnataka	18.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Temple	2023-24	45.71	0.00	0%	0%
Kerala	19.	Development at Guruvayur Temple	2016-17	45.19	45.19	100%	100%
Madhya Pradesh	20.	Development of Amarkantak	2020-21	49.99	34.73	89%	69%
	21.	Development of Omkareshwar	2017-18	43.93	43.93	100%	100%
Maharashtra	22.	Development of Trimbakeshwar	2017-18	45.41	29.93	93%	66%
Meghalaya	23.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	27.78	100%	95%
Mizoram	24.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89	13.18	29%	29%

Nagaland	25.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	23.56	100%	93%
	26.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	15.45	72%	85%
Odisha	27.	Infrastructure Development at Puri	2014-15	50.00	10.00	-	20%
Punjab	28.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40	6.40	100%	100%
	29.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib	2021-22	31.57	17.49	79%	55%
Rajasthan	30.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	32.64	26.11	100%	80%
	31.	Development at Shri Karni Mata Temple, Bikaner	2024-25	22.58	-	0%	0%
Sikkim	32.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%	85%

Tamil Nadu	33.	Development of Kanchipuram	2016-17	13.99	13.99	100%	100%
	34.	Development of Velankanni	2016-17	4.86	4.86	100%	100%
Telangana	35.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple	2020-21	38.90	33.07	72%	85%
	36.	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	2022-23	62.00	32.73	37%	53%
	37.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam	2022-23	41.38	8.43	29%	20%
Tripura	38.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	34.43	28.01	79%	81%

Uttar Pradesh	39.	Development of Varanasi –Phase –I	2015-16	18.73	18.73	100%	100%
	40.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	10.98	10.98	100%	100%
	41.	Development of River Cruise Tourism at Varanasi	2017-18	9.02	9.02	100%	100%
	42.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan	2014-15	9.36	9.36	100%	100%
	43.	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60	31.77	100%	71%
	44.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan	2018-19	37.59	30.97	100%	78%

Uttarakhand	45.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77	34.77	100%	100%
	46.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15	38.38	85%	68%
	47.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities at Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36	10.22	100%	18%
West Bengal	48.	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	100%	78%

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