

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1577**  
ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF JAIN TOURISM CIRCUIT**

1577 MS. SWATI MALIWAL:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to identify and develop a dedicated Jain circuit as a thematic tourism circuit, on the lines of Buddhist circuit under the Swadesh Darshan scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of Jain religious and heritage sites proposed to be included in such a circuit, State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal in this regard have been received from State Governments or other stakeholders and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the estimated cost, funding pattern and timeline for development of proposed Jain circuit; and
- (e) the steps proposed to promote Jain tourism at the national and international level?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): While development and promotion of tourism and identification of tourist sites are primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/UT Administration, the Ministry of Tourism through its various schemes provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and enhancement of tourism experiences in the country to the State Governments/UT Administrations on receipt of project proposals from them in line with the scheme guidelines, government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

The Ministry launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (central sector scheme) in 2014-15 and sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5290.33 Crore under various identified thematic circuits. Heritage circuit and Tirthankar (Jain) Circuit are one of the identified thematic circuits under SDS. Further, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned one project namely 'Development of Vaishali–Arrah–Masad–Patna–Rajgir–Pawapuri–Champapuri' in 2016-17 under Tirthankar (Jain) Circuit for Rs.33.96 Crore in Bihar and the project has been reported as physically completed.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the focus on destination development and has sanctioned 53 projects under SD2.0. In addition, the Ministry has also sanctioned 38 projects under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan. The projects sanctioned under SD2.0 and CBDD cover multiple tourism aspects including those related to Indian heritage.

Receiving project proposals under the scheme is part of process. Presently, there is no proposal is under consideration for the development of Jain Circuit under the aforesaid schemes in the country.

Details of the projects sanctioned under Heritage Circuit theme of SD Scheme and projects sanctioned in SD2.0 and CBDD is **annexed**.

The Ministry as part of its ongoing promotional activities holistically promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including those related to Jain tourism through its website, social media activities, events etc.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1577 ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF JAIN TOURISM CIRCUIT RAISED BY MS. SWATI MALIWAL**

**(i) Details of the projects sanctioned under Heritage Circuit theme of SD Scheme in the country:**

**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>
1.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
2.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar – Bardoli- Dandi	59.17
3.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.12
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu	89.82
5.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Franco- Tamil Village, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	49.44
6.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit 2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	85.32
7.	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
8.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90

9.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Maghar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mahuarshaheed Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65
10.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region - Katarmal -Jogeshwar-Bajjnath-Devidhura	76.32

**(ii) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the country:**

**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Amount
1	Andhra Pradesh	Bapatala	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	2024-25	97.52
2	Andhra Pradesh	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	2023-24	29.88
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	2023-24	18.48
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	2023-24	12.75
5	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	2023-24	14.02
6	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	2023-24	26.68
7	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	2023- 24	23.88
8	Bihar	Bodh Gaya	Development of the Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	2024-25	165.44
9	Chhattisgarh	Kawardha	Bhoramdeo Corridor Development, Kawardha	2024-25	145.99
10	DNHDD	Daman	Daman Convention Centre	2024-25	147.13
11	Goa	Porvorim	Porvorim Creek Experience	2024-25	24.07
12	Goa	Colva	Colva Beach Experience	2024-25	19.89
13	Haryana	Panchkula	Development of Adventure Tourism Hub at TikkarTaal and Adventure Park	2024-25	26.68
14	Haryana	Panchkula	Rejuvenation of Yadavindra Garden	2024-25	65.82
15	Himachal Pradesh	Chintpurni	Development of MaaChintpurni Devi Temple, Una	2025-26	56.26
16	Karnataka	Mysuru	Ecological Experience Zone	2023-24	18.48
17	Karnataka	Mysuru	Tonga ride Heritage experience zone	2023-24	2.72

18	Karnataka	Hampi	Setting up of 'Traveller nooks'	2023-24	25.64
19	Kerala	Alappuzha	Alappuzha: A Global Water Wonderland	2024-25	93.18
20	Kerala	Malampuzha	Enhancement of Tourist Experience at Malampuzha Garden and Leisure Park	2024-25	75.87
21	Kerala	Kumarakom	Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Experience	2023-24	13.81
22	Ladakh	Leh	JulleyLeh Biodiversity Park	2023-24	23.17
23	Ladakh	Kargil	Exploring LOC & Hundarman village Exp	2023-24	11.91
24	Lakshadweep	Bangaram	Development of Eco-Retreat, Adventure, Beach and Mice Experience at Bangaram	2024-25	81.18
25	Madhya Pradesh	Chitrakoot	Spiritual experience at Chitrakoot	2023-24	27.22
26	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Phoolbagh Experience Zone	2023-24	16.74
27	Madhya Pradesh	Datia	Development of Pitambara Peeth Datia	2025-26	44.24
28	Maharashtra	Pune	Shivshruthi Theme Park	2024-25	76.22
29	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails Experience	2023-24	27.61
30	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan Age Cave Experience	2023-24	32.45
31	Mizoram	Champhai	Eco Resort Experience at Keilungliah, Zote, Ngur&Mualbuhvum, Champhai	2024-25	38.85
32	Mizoram	Champhai	Heritage and Cultural Centre, Champhai	2024-25	33.87
33	Mizoram	Aizawl	Construction of Conference Centre	2025-26	99.71
34	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Adventure Tourism Experience at Jacob Village, Chumoukediema	2024-25	32.54
35	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint	2024-25	7.87
36	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	2023-24	21.57
37	Puducherry	Karaikal	Karaikal beach and waterfront experience	2023-24	20.30
38	Punjab	Amritsar	Border Tourism Experience at Attari	2024-25	25.91
39	Punjab	Kapurthala	Eco Tourism experience at Kanjli wetland	2023-24	20.06
40	Rajasthan	Sikar	Development works at Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Temple (Sikar)	2024-25	87.87

41	Rajasthan	Bundi	Spiritual Experience, Keshavraipatan	2023-24	21.65
42	Rajasthan	Bikaner dist.	Development Works at Shri Karnimatamandir, Bikaner	2025-26	22.58
43	Rajasthan	MalaseriDungari (District Bhilwara)	Development of Malaseri Dungri, Bhilwara District	2025-26	48.73
44	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	2023-24	15.41
45	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	2023-24	22.60
46	Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	Immersive experience at Shore Temple	2023-24	30.02
47	Telangana	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	2023-24	38.00
48	Telangana	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	2023-24	56.82
49	Tripura	Agartala	Tripura Heritage Village & Sangeet Experience at Agartala (Phase-1 & 2)	2024-25	48.95
50	Uttar Pradesh	Naimisaranya	Vedic- wellness Experience	2023-24	17.80
51	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj	Azad Park and Dekho Prayagraj Trail Experience	2023-24	14.52
52	Uttarakhand	Champawat	Tea Garden Experience	2023-24	19.89
53	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh	Rural Tourism Cluster Experience at Gunji	2023-24	17.86
<b>Total</b>					<b>2208.31</b>

**(iii) Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the country:**

(Amount in ₹Crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Destination/ Category	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Year	Sanctioned Amount
1	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjuna Sagar (Culture & Heritage)	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at NagarjunaSagar	2024-25	25.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	Ahobilam Temple (Spiritual Tourism)	Development of Ahobilam as a Spiritual Odyssey	2024-25	24.99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Kibitho (Vibrant Village Programme)	Kibhito Frontier Tourism - Gateway to Serenity	2024-25	4.96
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Bichom Dam Site (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Bichom Dam Adventure & Eco-Tourism Project	2024-25	9.90
5	Assam	Sivasagar	Panidhing Bird Sanctuary	2024-25	9.99

		(Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)			
6	Bihar	Saran Dist. (Sonepur Fair) (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Sonepur Fair Site	2024-25	24.29
7	Chhattisgarh	Mayali Bagicha (Ecotourism and AmritDharohar Sites)	Development of Mayali Bagicha as Eco Tourism Destination	2024-25	9.97
8	Goa	Mayem Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Beautification and Development of Harvalem Waterfall	2024-25	9.81
9	Gujarat	Vadnagar (Culture & Heritage)	Transformation of Sharmishtha Lake: Light & Culture	2024-25	17.29
10	Gujarat	Thol Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	THOL: Transformative Tourism, Harmonious Sustainability, Optimized Skilling, Leading Technology	2024-25	9.96
11	Gujarat	Porbandar (Spiritual Tourism)	The Sacred Ocean Retreat at Harsiddhi Shore	2024-25	24.66
12	Himachal Pradesh	Kaza (Culture & Heritage)	Kaza under Culture & Heritage	2024-25	24.82
13	Himachal Pradesh	Rakchham (Vibrant Village Programme)	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Rakcham - Vibrant Village	2024-25	4.96
14	Jharkhand	Ramrekha Dham (Spiritual Tourism)	Tourism Infrastructure Development at Ramrekha Dham	2024-25	18.87
15	Karnataka	Bidar (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Bidar as a Heritage Tourism Destination	2025-26	25.00
16	Kerala	Varkala (Culture & Heritage)	Varkala-Dakshin Kashi	2024-25	25.00
17	Kerala	Thalassery (Spiritual Tourism)	Thalassery: The Spritiual Nexus	2024-25	25.00
18	Ladakh	Mushkoo Village (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Advancing Mushkoo as a Sustainable Tourism Hub: Integrating Wildlife Sightings and Community Progress	2024-25 (Rev Dec 2025)	9.78
19	Madhya Pradesh	Orchha (Spiritual Tourism)	Orchha A Medieval Splendour 2.0	2024-25	25.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	Mandu (Culture & Heritage)	Mandu-A Medieval Wonder	2025-26	24.88
21	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Ahmednagar Fort	2024-25	25.00

22	Manipur	Langthabal Konug, Imphal (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Ancient Capital of Manipur, Langthabal Konug	2024-25	24.69
23	Meghalaya	Nartiang Village (Spiritual Tourism)	Nartiang Spiritual & Cultural Centre	2024-25	24.87
24	Meghalaya	Mawphlang Village (Culture & Heritage)	Mawphlang Cultural & Heritage Centre	2024-25	24.87
25	Nagaland	Impur Village (Spiritual Tourism)	Soulful Trails: The Impur Heritage Experience	2024-25	24.94
26	Nagaland	Doyang Reservoir (Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Wings Over Doyang: An Eco-Tourism Haven	2024-25	9.99
27	Puducherry	White Town (Culture & Heritage)	Development of White Town	2024-25	22.19
28	Punjab	Rupnagar (Anandpur Sahib) (Spiritual Tourism)	Heritage Street -A Symbol of Peace and Harmony at Sri Anandpur Sahib	2024-25	24.90
29	Punjab	Ferozpur (Hussainiwala Border) (Culture & Heritage)	Cultural and Heritage Strech at Hussainiwala Border	2024-25	25.00
30	Sikkim	Kabi (Spiritual Tourism)	Kabi Chronicles: A journey through Unity and Heritage	2024-25	24.96
31	Sikkim	Gnathang Village (Vibrant Village Programme)	Echoes of Valor: The Gnathang Valley Experience	2024-25	5.00
32	Tamil Nadu	Rameswaram Island (Spiritual Tourism)	Iconic transformation of Rameswaram	2024-25	20.01
33	Telangana	Nalgonda (Culture & Heritage)	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam	2024-25	24.85
34	Telangana	Kamareddy (Kalki Cheruvu) (Ecotourism and AmritDharohar Sites)	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar	2024-25	9.98
35	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba (Culture & Heritage)	Development of Cultural Landscape at Mahoba	2024-25	24.98
36	Uttarakhand	Jadung (Vibrant Village Programme)	Development of Jadung Festive Ground, Jadung	2024-25	4.99
37	Uttarakhand	Kainchidham (Spiritual Tourism)	Development of Kainchi Dham Campus	2024-25	17.60
38	Uttarakhand	Mana Village (Vibrant Village Programme)	Mana Haat	2024-25	4.99
<b>Total</b>					<b>697.94</b>

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