

Tourism devt plan gets nod, PPP model for heritage sites

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➤ Nod to proposal related to selection of pvt players for adaptive reuse of heritage properties on PPP model

➤ Green signal to technical and financial bids for **Kothi Roshan-ud-Daula (Lucknow)**, **Jal Mahal (Barsana, Mathura)** and **Shukla Talab (Kanpur)**

➤ Tourism dept gets go ahead to initiate the process for engaging with pvt players to launch helicopter service in Lucknow, Prayagraj and Kapilvastu



➤ Nod to transfer of land free of cost to tourism dept for development of Maa Shakumbhari Devi temple complex in Saharanpur

Lucknow: The state cabinet on Tuesday approved several proposals related to development of tourist sites and facilities in different parts of the state.

One of the main proposals related to selection of private players for adaptive reuse of heritage properties on PPP model in the state. The technical and financial bids by players for Kothi Roshan-ud-Daula, Lucknow, Jal Mahal, Barsana, Mathura, Shukla Talab, Kanpur were approved by the state cabinet. Under the scheme, private players will be allowed to develop these popular but difficult to maintain places for development of tourist facilities, hotels, museums, interpretation centres and so on.

In another decision the state cabinet allowed the tourism department to initiate the process for engaging with private players to launch helicopter service in Lucknow, Prayagraj and Kapilvastu. The move aims to boost tourist and pilgrim services in

the three destinations.

The other proposal related to floating request for proposal to run non-profitable or closed tourist bungalows on PPP mode. The state tourism department had invited proposals for Rahi tourist house in Munshiganj, Amethi, Khurja, Bulandshahr, Deva Sharif, Barabanki and Hargaoon Sitapur. A committee formed for the purpose has finalised the bid and had put up

details before the state cabinet so that a letter of award may be issued to the selected players. The approval was also important to ink the memorandum of understanding between the state govt and the private player.

In the same proposal, the tourism department sought approval of the state cabinet for holding a similar exercise for tourist bungalows in Kachala, Badaun, Etawah, Ka-

pilvastu, Siddharthnagar Shikohabad Firozabad, Vindhyachal, Mirzapur, Gopiganj, Bhadohi and Mau. The cabinet granted the permission to roll out the request for proposal for the listed properties.

Yet another significant matter on the cabinet agenda related to the development of Maa Shakumbhari Devi temple complex for which acquisition of 0.36 hectares of land from Miraghpur Paanjuwala village was proposed. The cabinet approved transfer of land free of cost from the district administration to the state tourism department.

The estimated worth of this land is Rs 22.14 lakh as per the prevalent circle rate. To note, Maa Shakumbhari Devi Temple is a revered religious Shakti Peeth located in the Saharanpur district.

The cabinet also approved transfer of 460 square metres of land from the local administration to state tourism department for development of a memorial after Paramhans Yoganand Maharaj in Mufti area of Gorakhpur district.