

Govt tourist bungalows to be given to pvt sector on lease

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LUCKNOW: The state cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to give the tourist bungalows of Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (UPSTDC) on 30-year lease to private entrepreneurs to bring about an improvement in facilities for domestic and international tourists.

Uttar Pradesh minister for tourism Jaivir Singh said the 30-year lease would be in two parts (15 years extendable to another 15 years with mutual agreement) through e-bidding.

He said there would be a provision for a 5% increase in the amount of lease every year. He said 50% of the lease amount would be given to UPSTDC as handling charges, while the remaining amount would be deposited in the government treasury.

Singh said that the state government has been making efforts to give the tourist bungalows on five-year lease since 1998 and this was not attracting private entrepreneurs. He said the UPSTDC has 87 tourist bungalows and out of them only those running in losses or on the verge of closure would be given on lease.

He said the state government had decided to give some of these tourist bungalows on five-year lease and these included the tourist bungalows situated in Badaun, Jhansi, Agra, Ghazipur and Garh Mukteshwar.

Singh said the inflow of tourists has been going up in the state.



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath performs 'Maha Aarti' on the occasion of Janmashtami at Gorakhnath Temple

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Sanskrit students' scholarship increased

LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Tuesday decided to increase the amount of scholarship given to the students of government Sanskrit schools and colleges.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath presided over the meeting of the state cabinet that also decided to introduce scholarship for Prathma (classes 6 to 8) students.

Minister for finance Suresh

Khanna said the state cabinet decided to give scholarship to all the students studying Sanskrit in government schools and colleges. Khanna said there were 517 Sanskrit schools and the number of students studying Sanskrit was 1,21,573 in the state.

Minister for secondary education Gulab Devi said the students of classes 6 to 7 would get scholarship of Rs

50 per month while those in class 8 would get scholarship of Rs 75 per month. She said the scholarship for Poorv-Madhyama (classes 9 and 10) would be Rs 100 per month while for Uttar Madhyama (classes 11 and 12) the amount would be Rs 150 per month. The scholarship for Shastri and Acharya would be Rs 200 and Rs 250 per month respectively.