

# Nod to free transfer of heritage bldgs to boost tourism in state

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**Lucknow:** The UP cabinet has allowed free-of-cost transfer of various heritage buildings from department concerned to state tourism department so that it could start the process for their adaptive reuse. In all, as many as 13 such buildings were identified for the purpose.

Once the transfer is complete, tourism department would be able to start tender process for engaging a private player for adaptive reuse. Officials also said some of the buildings are not in good condition and need lots of funds to undertake their restoration. The adaptive reuse through PPP model would allow their conservation while giving a boost to the state's tourism economy.

The cabinet also approved financial bids for selection of companies to run the Rahi to-

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## Pvt players to run Rahi guest houses

**Lucknow:** An agreement between the UP tourism department and a private player was signed on Thursday to operate the Rahi tourist guest house in Khurja, Bulandshahr, under PPP mode. Minister Jaiveer Singh said UP is emerging as a leader in tourism due to increasing interest of travellers. Agreements for nine more properties will be finalised soon, while 11 properties were already handed over under this model. TNN

urist bungalows in Sumer Singh Quila of Etawah, Kapilvastu in Siddhartnagar, Shikohabad in Firozabad, Vindhyanchal in Mirzapur, Jheel Mahal restaurant in Mau and Gopiganj in Bhadohi.