

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022**

1. On 26.12.2022, the Hon'ble President of India inaugurated the "Development of Srisailem Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh" project at Srisailem Temple Complex, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. The project was sanctioned and executed under the PRASHAD scheme of the Ministry of Tourism. Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture & DoNER, Union Minister of State for Tourism, Dy. Chief Minister & Minister for Endowments, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Minister for Tourism, Culture & Youth Advancement, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh graced the occasion. Senior officials of the Ministry and the State Government were also present at the event. The project, completed at a cost of Rs.43.08 crore, is 100% funded by the Ministry of Tourism. The components executed in the project include interventions like Amphitheatre, Illuminations and Sound and Light Show, Digital Interventions, Tourist Amenity Center, Parking area, Changing rooms, Toilet Complexes, Souvenir Shops, Food court, ATM & Banking Facility. These interventions aim at making Srisailem Temple a world-class pilgrimage and tourist destination by providing state-of-the-art facilities for the visitors.
2. On 28.12.2022, the Hon'ble President of India laid the foundation stone for the project 'Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples' at Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam in the Bhadradi Kothagudem District of the State of Telangana. She also laid the foundation stone for 'Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Infrastructure of UNESCO World Heritage Site at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple' project at Mulugu in the State of Telangana. Both these projects have been approved under the PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism. The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture & DoNER, Minister for Prohibition & Excise, Sports & Youth Services, Tourism & Culture and Archaeology, Govt. of Telangana, Minister for ST Welfare, Women and Child Welfare, Govt. of Telangana and senior officials were present on the occasion.
3. The Hon'ble Home Minister of India, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP, Hon'ble Education Minister, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Tourism & DoNER, and other invited dignitaries attended the closing ceremony of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS). India Tourism Varanasi had set up 10 Cuisine Counters and a Tourist Information Counter at the Kashi Tamil Sangamam from 19 November to 16 December 2022. The counters were visited by thousands of visitors. The Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Culture and DoNER interacted with the special Tamil Chefs and professionals at the Tamil Multi-Cuisine stalls set up by the Indiatourism Varanasi office.
4. On 13.12.2022, the Hon'ble Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and DoNER visited Puducherry and inaugurated the Swadesh Darshan projects. The Hon'ble CM of Puducherry and Lt. Governor of Puducherry were present on the occasion. The Hon'ble Minister visited Aurobindo Ashram and the Eden Beach, which has been awarded the Blue Flag status recently. Hon'ble Union Minister also attended the 150

Birth centenary of Sri Aurobindo and released commemorative postal stamps to mark the occasion.

5. A bilateral meeting was held between Vice Chairman of VNAT (Vietnam National Administration of Tourism) and Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Tourism on 12th December 2022 in New Delhi. During the meeting matters related to strengthening of tourism cooperation, organizing of road shows as well as issues of direct flight connectivity between India and Vietnam were discussed.
6. Secretary (T) held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Chang Jae-bok, Ambassador, Republic of Korea to India on 12.12.2022 in New Delhi. Matters related to tourism cooperation between India and Korea were discussed in the meeting.
7. The Ministry of Tourism is arranging a series of Webinars under the overall theme of 'Dekho Apna Desh'. In the month of December 2022, Ministry organized webinars on the subject of "Trekking in India, Bodoland – Discover a land untouched and Lesser Known Destinations of Assam". So far more than 150 webinars have been organized under the Dekho Apna Desh banner till date.
8. In the month of December 2022, several activities were organized by the field offices of the Ministry of Tourism. Details of the same are:
  - India Tourism Chennai in association with Puducherry Tourism and PTDC organized a "Workshop on Incredible India Bed & Breakfast and Homestay Establishment" in Puducherry. More than 100 delegates from the Hotels, Homestays and other stakeholders participated in the meeting.
  - The Yuva Tourism Club (YTC) of St. Kabir High School Navrangpura, Ahmedabad visited the Gujarat Legislative Assembly at Gandhinagar. The trip helped the students to understand about the Constitution Design, the working of the Institution and Electoral Politics in Civics. The YTC members witnessed a live-session of the Assembly.
  - India Tourism Delhi participated in the 37th Annual Convention of Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 16-19 December, 2022 by way of setting up of a booth for dissemination of tourist information and displayed various schemes/initiatives of the Ministry.
  - India tourism Hyderabad participated in the India International Travel Mart (IITM) organized at HITEX, Hyderabad along with the Yuva Tourism Clubs and State Governments under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Theme.
9. As part of the ongoing preparation for G20 Meeting, India tourism offices organized various training programmes/workshops for the tourism service providers/stakeholders:
  - India tourism Mumbai Office organized Workshop for Tourist Guides and Regional Level Guides in association with Archaeological Survey of India. The session was especially on Kanheri Caves (SGNP), the site selected for the excursion for the G-20 delegates.
  - A training programme for prepaid taxi drivers at Mumbai airport was organized by Indiatourism Mumbai in association with Mumbai International Airport.

- A training session for the pink E-rickshaw women drivers at Statue of Unity (SOU), Kevadia, Gujarat organized in association with GMR Varalaksmi Foundation Skill Development Centre.
  - Sensitization Program for Tourism Stakeholders was organized by India tourism Delhi at State Institute of Hotel Management, Jodhpur to impart the training to the tourism service providers.
  - Indiatourism Delhi in association with IITTM, IHM, organized a Sensitization Program for Travel Trade and Hospitality Stakeholders in UT of Chandigarh.
10. Ministry of Tourism continued the aggressive social media promotion through its social media handles viz. @incredibleindia and @tourismgoi during the month of December 2022. All major hashtags such as DekhoApnaDesh, G20, Rann of Kutch, and major initiatives of the Government were highlighted and amplified.
  11. During the month of December 2022, the Ministry of Tourism organized Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) activities to create awareness for Swachhta amongst tourists, students and tourism stakeholders through educational institutions under the Ministry of Tourism. During this period a total no. of 131 SAP activities were undertaken.
  12. A total of 48888 accommodation units (both classified and unclassified) have registered on the National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry (NIDHI) portal and 11252 units have self-certified for SAATHI standards.
  13. The Ministry disposed of 210 Public Grievances by the end of December 2022 and 102 remained pending.

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