

Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in Uttar Pradesh

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Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including destination planning is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). In order to complement the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country, Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in 2014-15 and sanctioned 76 projects for Rs.5290.33 Crore under identified thematic circuits including Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit. The projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in the State of Uttar Pradesh are physically complete. The details of projects sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh under various thematic circuits including Ramayana and Buddhist Circuits in Swadesh Darshan Scheme is annexed.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, has also sanctioned projects in the country with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale. Under this scheme, the project 'Integrated Buddhist Tourism Development in Shravasti' has been sanctioned in 2024-25 for Rs.80.24 Crore.

This information was given by Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha on 9th February 2026.

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ANNEXURE

Details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)	Amount Released /Authorised (₹ Cr.)	Amount Utilised (₹ Cr.)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit 2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, &Kapilwastu	87.89	72.56	68.43

2.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur	69.45	64.09	56.03
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Ahar-Aligarh-Kasganj-Sarosi (Unnao)-Pratapgarh-Kausambi-Mirzapur-Gorakhpur-Domariyaganj-Basti-Barabanki-Azamgarh-Kairana- Baghpat-Shahjahanpur	71.91	69.63	69.63
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Bijnor-Meerut- Kanpur-Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur-Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh-Fatehpur- Deoria-Mahoba- Sonbhadra-Chandauli- Mishrikh-Bhadohi	67.51	64.14	63.62
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-MagharDham(SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)-MahuarshaheedSthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	36.65	36.65	36.65
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit 2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21	115.46	113.22
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03	11.43	11.43

8.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	18.30	18.12	18.12
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