

PROMOTION OF CARAVAN TOURISM

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Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including caravan tourism is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government / Union Territory (UT) Administration. **The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives.**

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' extends financial assistance to the State Governments / UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development in the country. The central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals / detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments.

The Ministry of Tourism has not supported any Caravan Tourism Project in Andhra Pradesh. However, the list of other infrastructure projects sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh is **given at Annexure.**

ANNEXURE

List of projects sanctioned in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

S. No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)	Status
A	Swadesh Darshan 1.0		
i.	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally (March 2015)	67.83	Completed

ii.	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Waterfalls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli (December 2015)	49.55	Completed
iii.	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda -Amravati- Anupu (September 2017)	35.24	Completed
	Total Sanction Cost	152.62	
B	Swadesh Darshan 2.0		
i.	Borra Cave Experience Araku-Lambasingi (March 2024)	29.88	Ongoing (32.31% physical progress)
ii.	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience, Bapatla (March 2025)	97.52	Ongoing (16.57% physical progress)
	Total Sanction Cost	127.40	
C	Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)		
i.	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar (March 2025)	25.00	Ongoing (21.27% physical progress)
ii.	Ahobilam-A spiritual Odyssey (March 2025)	24.99	Ongoing (34.39% physical progress)
	Total Sanction Cost	49.99	
D	PRASHAD		
i.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination (July 2020)	27.77	Completed
ii.	Development of Srisailam Temple (October 2021)	43.08	Completed

iii.	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple (December 2022)	54.04	Ongoing (95.58% physical progress)
iv.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town (December 2024)	25.33	Ongoing (33.11% physical progress)
	Total Sanction Cost	150.22	
E	Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)		
i.	Gandikota- Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience (November 2024)	77.91	Ongoing (49.16% physical progress)
ii.	Akhanda Godavari: (Havelock Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) (November 2024, Revised Sanction in Dec 2025)	94.44	Ongoing (31.78% physical progress)
	Total Sanction Cost	172.35	
F	Assistance to Central Agencies		
i.	Sound and Light Show at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh (November 2017)	7.08	Completed
ii.	Construction of Cruise-Cum-Costal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port (December 2018)	38.50	Completed
iii.	Tirupati Railway Station (February 2017)	5.75	Completed
iv.	Glass Top Coaches: 1. Vizag-Arakku Valley Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. (2017-18)	4.00	Completed
	Total Sanction Cost	55.33	
	Total Central Assistance	707.91	

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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