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## STATE TOURISM POLICY

# Maluti temple to be developed as a tourist spot

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**RANCHI:** The state cabinet on Tuesday approved the draft state tourism policy 2014 and decided to hand over the Maluti temple city site of Dumka to the Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDRC).

The government will soon make the gazette notification of the tourism policy that will remain in force till March 2019.

The cabinet also approved the agriculture department's proposal to allot 1000 acres at Gouriya Karma in Barhi area (Hazariabagh) to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to set up an agriculture research unit and a centre for excellence.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to lay the foundation of the ICAR projects soon. The date will be finalised in consultation with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

The cabinet decision on Maluti terracotta temples came on the heels of the chief minister's visit to the temple city last month. The government will rope in Indian Trust of Rural Heritage Development (ITRHD) to prepare a plan on how to develop Maluti as a rural tourist spot. The state government will soon ink a memorandum of undertaking with the ITRHD on how to protect the 72 temples built in the 15th century AD and develop the place as a tourist village.

The cabinet decided to rope in private parties to harness potential tourist sites which will generate revenue and provide employment, said tourism secretary Avinash Kumar.

A separate authority will look into the Jain pilgrimage

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Setting up tourism development authority and Jharkhand tourism development board
- Opening vistas in heritage, rural, health, eco, culture, adventure, religious and mining tourism
- 24x7 helpline for tourists, tourist information centres
- Entertainment tax holiday of 7 years for tourist projects
- 25 % relaxation in road permit for operating tourist buses/vehicles having 35+1 seats and 50 % relaxation in the road tax
- To build up tourism infrastructure, improve rail, road and air connectivity
- Setting up tourist centres, building new hotels

of Parasnath in Giridih and Rajrappa in Ramgarh, famous for Chinnamastika kali temple. Trade facilitation centres will be set up and neighbouring states will be consulted to set up a tourist circuit, said cabinet secretary SK Sathpati.

The cabinet also approved the change in nomenclature of special India Reserve Battalion into special adim janjatiya (primitive) battalion. The recruitments will be held soon for 1107 posts from primitive tribes. A Class 7 pass will be eligible to appear for the test.

It approved amendments in the recruitment policy for sportspersons.