

Matabari Tourism Circuit

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Why in news?

Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region chaired the review meeting on development of Matabari Tourism Circuit development in Tripura.

- **Aim** - To transform Tripura into a vibrant hub of cultural, spiritual and eco-tourism by connecting key heritage and nature sites across the state.
- The project forms part of the Prime Minister Modi's vision of transforming Northeast India into a vibrant global tourism hub.

About the Circuit

- It is a 4-night, 5-day itinerary designed to showcase Tripura's rich cultural heritage, scenic landscapes, and spiritual landmarks.
- It includes:
 - **Agartala** - the state capital and gateway to Tripura
 - **Neer Mahal** - a stunning lake palace blending Hindu and Mughal architecture
 - **Sepahijala** - known for its wildlife sanctuary and botanical gardens
 - **Udaipur** - home to the revered **Tripura Sundari Temple** (Matabari)
 - **Chabimura** - famous for its **rock carvings** on steep hill faces
 - **Dumboor Lake** - a picturesque spot with islands and boating options
- **Government Support** - The Central government has assured funding support for key developmental components of the circuit.

Other key development priorities

- **Boosting international connectivity** - At Agartala's **Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport**, with potential new routes to Southeast Asia.
- **Revamping heritage sites** - Like Neer Mahal, Tepania, Jampui Pura, and Udaipur to enhance conservation and tourist amenities.

- **Developing Dumbur Islands** – Via Public-Private Partnerships to attract eco-friendly investments and recreation.
- **Launching river-based tourism** and eco-resorts in line with sustainable development goals.

References

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