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.

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