Workshop on Sustainable Ecotourism

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Ecotourism in Odisha

- Odisha is being projected as the ecotourism hub of India
- MOU signed between Forest and Tourism Department

- 36 nature camps developed, 9 under progress
- Online booking
- Livelihood support for 229 EDC/VSS members
- Over 23 thousand tourists stayed
Odisha is the land of forests, jungles, mountains and lakes. It is a land of rich biodiversity, with a wide variety of flora and fauna. The state is home to many national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, which attract tourists from all over the world. The state is known for its rich cultural heritage and traditional crafts. Odisha is a land of diversity, offering something to everyone. Whether you are a nature lover, a history buff, or a culture vulture, Odisha has something for you. The state is known for its beaches, rivers, and backwaters, which are perfect for a relaxing getaway. The state is also known for its traditional cuisine, which is a must-try for all food lovers. Odisha is a state that has something to offer for everyone, and is definitely worth a visit.
Development of Eco-tourism

Eco Tourism Policy

• The State Government have approved the Ecotourism Policy and the Forest Department has been declared as the Nodal Agency for development of ecotourism in the state.

• The Scheme named as “Development of Eco-tourism” has been approved by the Government with financial implication of Rs.56.00 crore for a period of five years from the financial year 2016-17 to 2020-21 for its sustainable development and promotion.

• At present, the scheme is being operated by the Wildlife Wing of Forest and Environment Department in Odisha.
Eco Tourism Destinations & Facilities for tourists

- The excellent spots outside the protected areas, in certain Districts such as Anjar in Keonjhar, Sidhamula in Nayagarh, Ansupa in Cuttack, Mahavinayak & Olasuni in Jajpur, Nrusinghnath in Baragarh, Pakidi hill, Saluapali & Lalsing in Ganjam, Manchabandha in Mayhurbhanj, Dhaltangarh in Jagatasinghpur and Saptasajya in Dhenkanal have been developed with providing facilities for minimal camping, trekking and nature exploration to attract nature lovers.

- Besides, employment opportunities have also been created by engaging local communities living in and around the areas for maintaining the facilities like nature trails, watch towers, interpretation centres.
Implementation Status during 2017-18

• During 2017-18 development of ecotourism activities i.e. creation of new infrastructure, renovation and maintenance of existing facilities and other amenities have been undertaken in 36 different locations across the State with financial assistance from State Budget and OEMF.

• At present the facility for night stay accommodation is available in 36 sites with 226 rooms to accommodate 497 persons. 218 number of Eco Development Committee / Vana Surakshya Samiti members have been engaged for livelihood support.

• Now the online booking facility is available for the above destinations through www.ecotourodisha.com.

• This facility was available with effect from 01.04.2016. During the current financial year till 31.12.2017. The total revenue i.e. Rs.179 lakh has been collected from 7674 tourists.
Bhitarkanika Nature Camps

- Dangamal Nature Camp - 16 rooms (13 Ac, 3 Non-Ac)

- Habalikhati Nature Camp - 9 NonAc rooms

- Gupti Nature Camp - 6 AC rooms
Similipal Nature Camps

• Jamuani - 14 (9 Ac/5 NonAc)
• Kumari – 14 Non Ac rooms
• Ramtirtha (Jashipur) – 10 (8 Ac, 2 NonAc)
• Gurguria – 6 NonAc rooms
• Upcoming- Barehipani with 10 cottages
Puri – Chilika Nature Camps

Berhampura Nature Camp – 8 Ac Cottages
Rajhans Nature Camp – 10 Ac Tents
Nuanai Nature Camp – 10 AC Tents

Upcoming: Mangalajodi (12 Ac) & Berbera (3 Ac Cottages)
Satkosia Nature Camps (6) & Satkosia Sands Resort

- Tikarpada, Chhotkei, Tarava, Baghamunda, Baliput, Purunakote - 45 NonAc rooms
- Satkosia Sands Resort (Badmul) - 16 rooms (7 Ac, 9 NonAc)
Debrigarh Nature Camp- 14 Ac Rooms

• Wildlife watch, Birding, Boating, Trekking

• Upcoming- Gandhamardhan Hills Nature Camp (4 Ac rooms), Nrusinghnath
Mandasuru Valley Nature Camp & Phulbani Nature Camp

- 5 Ac Rooms in Mandasuru- Valley and 5 Ac Rooms in Phulbani
Daringbadi-Belghar Nature Camps

• **10 Ac Rooms** in Daringbadi and 5 tented accommodation in Belghar
Bichitrapur - Rissia Nature Camps, Balasore

- Rissia 9 tented accommodation and 4 Ac rooms in Bichitrapur (Near Digha)

- Birding, Boating, Sports, Wildlife sighting, jungle trekking

- Upcoming - Chandipur with 4 Ac cottages
Blackbuck Nature Camps, Ganjam

- Bhanjanagar Dam Site, Saluapalli and Chermeria- 11 rooms (10 Ac & 1 nonAC)
Giant Squirrel Nature Camp, Kaliamba

- Tree House & FRH - 3 AC Rooms
Sanghagra Nature Camp, Keonjhar

- 6 Ac rooms
- Upcoming - Khandadhar Waterfall Nature Camp with 10 Ac Cottages (near Bonai)
- Sarafgarh Dam Nature Camp (Sundargarh) - 10 rooms
Chandaka (Deras- Godibari) Nature Camps 16 Ac rooms & Ansupa Nature Camp 5 Ac Rooms

Boating, Birding, Trekking, Sports, Cycling
THANK YOU