'India needs to develop more global destinations to meet rising demand'

Target is to generate 25 million more jobs in tourism sector by 2030, says director general

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Suman Billa, Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism, speaking about the Indian tourism industry's potential during *TNIE's* Tourism Summit 2026 at ITC Grand Chola in Chennai on Tuesday. (Inset) The one-day event drew a vibrant crowd, ranging from industry insiders to enthusiasts, students and members of the public | ASHWIN PRASATH

INDIA'S tourism sector needs to rapidly expand supply to keep pace with booming domestic demand, as travellers are increasingly comparing Indian destinations with overseas options, Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Suman Billa said on Tuesday, while speaking at TNIE's Tourism Summit 2026.

The event was inaugurated with a welcome song and lighting of traditional lamp by *TNIE* CEO Lakshmi Menon, *TNIE* Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and Suman Billa. Menon delivered the welcome address, pointing out that the theme of the event was 'India: Where Journeys Begin'. The effort, she said, was not just about bringing the world to India, but also about encouraging India to discover itself.

Billa said that one of the ways to attract travellers was to develop more global destinations within the country. He cited the examples of Kumarakom, Ekta Nagar and the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor to drive home his point. "Kumarakom in Kerala has been developed over a period of 20 years. The community has come together to create experiences, and has generated local livelihoods. It supports the ecology and environment," he said.

Likewise, around the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, experiences such as a world-class zoo, white-water rafting and a wellness garden have been developed. He also spoke about how urban transformation, such as opening up spaces around the Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the corridor from the temple to the Ganga River, improved the experience for visitors.

At a time when technology such as artificial intelligence are taking away jobs, he said the tourism sector has to be tapped to create more jobs. Outlining the national vision, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said India has to increase tourism's contribution from the current 5% of GDP to 10% in the next 10 years. He also said the target was to create another 25 million jobs in the tourism sector by 2030. Currently, the sector offers 89 million jobs.

Billa further pointed out that at a Niti Aayog meeting in May last year, the PM had asked every state to develop one global destination. "We are shortly going to launch a scheme called 'One State, One Global Destination' where each destination can receive a grant of up to ₹500 crore from the central government, but that is subject to states being able to show progress."

At the session titled 'The Arts Magnet - Creating Cultural Spaces', singer, songwriter and actor Saras Menon pointed out how music and live performances can help improve tourism. Violinist and music producer Shravan Sridhar said there was a dearth of infrastructure for live performance spaces, while rapper Fault Kai said there was no infrastructure for rapping in Chennai.

Culture, nature and adventure are the three pillars of tourism in Ladakh, said Ashish Kundra, chief secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, at a session titled 'Culture, Nature, Adventure - Travels to the Top of the World'.

Ilayaraja, tourism secretary, Madhya Pradesh, highlighted the state's tourism destinations and said the government has invested around ₹25,000 crore in infrastructure, particularly around Ujjain and Indore.

'Villagers should be able to make money from tourism'

Chennai: Deborah Thiagarajan, founder of the Dakshina Chitra Museum, has called for greater philanthropy and improved infrastructure to help museums and tourism destinations in India become more sustainable and attractive to visitors. Speaking at the tourism summit organised by *TNIE*, Thiagarajan said the union government had provided substantial funding for starting new museums and expanding existing ones, but there was little government support for their day-to-day operations. Drawing from a recent visit to Malaysia with her grandchildren, she said tourists, particularly younger visitors, were increasingly looking for experiences rather than static exhibitions and lengthy text panels. She cited Sarawak's cultural centre, which combines traditional houses, tribal dance performances, local food and demonstration of traditional crafts. She suggested that measures should be taken by administration to promote village tourism. "Villagers should not be exploited for profit. They should be given dignity and an opportunity to make a living off tourism," said Thiagarajan. She urged tourism authorities to map local activities, including farming, pottery, weaving and food production, and make them accessible to visitors. Focusing on Mahabalipuram, she stressed the need for an information centre, interpretation facilities, signage, clean toilets, drinking water, snack outlets, souvenir shops and hop-on-hop-off transport at the tourist destination. ENS

Spiritual tourism market will triple in next 5 yrs: Singh Dev

Chennai: India's spiritual tourism sector is undergoing a rapid transformation, with pilgrimages increasingly moving beyond the traditional idea of austere travel to include premium accommodation, wellness experiences and improved connectivity. Speaking on 'Pilgrim's Progress: Building the Religion Circuit', Neeraj Singh Dev, executive vice-president at Thomas Cook, said major hospitality brands were allocating 35% to 40% of their new property pipelines to spiritual destinations. For instance in Rishikesh, he said average hotel room rates had surpassed those in metros such as Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru, due to the growing demand for spirituality combined with high-end wellness. Singh Dev said India's spiritual tourism market, currently valued at around $1.57 billion, is expected to triple over the next five to seven years, aided by improvements in connectivity. Helicopter services, he said, were making difficult pilgrimage routes such as the Char Dham circuit more accessible, while premium travel packages at destinations such as Ujjain increasingly included priority access to rituals such as the Bhasma Aarti at the Mahakaleshwar temple. "After 2014, this transformation has happened and it has formalised what was once an unorganised ecosystem into a professional powerhouse," Singh Dev said. He added that rising demand for skilled manpower had led educational institutions to offer programmes in temple management, crowd control, revenue management and e-commerce. ENS

Six museums being developed in Haryana, says govt official

Chennai: Haryana would have film and music festivals this year and is also planning to collaborate with private partners to create a stronger live-performance ecosystem, said K M Pandurang, commissioner and secretary, Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture Department, Government of Haryana, at *TNIE's* Tourism Summit on Tuesday. Speaking at the session titled 'Land of Mahabharata - The Epic Odyssey', he said six museums, including the Rakhigarhi Museum depicting the Indus Valley Civilisation, a war memorial and a museum on the Battle of Rewari, are being developed. Pandurang said Murthal was widely known in the NCR for its parathas, while Kurukshetra draws visitors for its religious significance and association with the Mahabharata. He said the surrounding areas also had several villages and teerths of religious importance. For those interested in history and culture, he highlighted Rakhigarhi, an important Indus Valley Civilisation site where excavations are ongoing. He also highlighted the Grand Trunk Road, stretching from Calcutta to Lahore, describing it as one of the most ancient roads. "Youngsters will tell you how Gurugram is a happening place," he said. He also spoke of the 40-year-old Surajkund International Festival, which, over the years, has grown in terms of the number of days and participants. ENS

Drunk auto driver assaults cop after brawl in Salem, held

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A 22-year-old autorickshaw driver was arrested by the Yercaud police after he allegedly assaulted a special sub-inspector during a confrontation, allegedly while under the influence of alcohol, on Monday night. The incident occurred after the man created a disturbance by stopping vehicles in Yercaud.

According to police, S Yuvraj (22) of Mundagampadi in Yercaud was stopping vehicles passing through the area and picking arguments with motorists. A Yercaud traffic head constable, who was on duty, noticed the disturbance and she questioned Yuvraj about his conduct. Yuvraj allegedly abused her using foul language. When special sub-inspector Arun Adhirubaraj intervened and asked Yuvraj not to create further trouble, a verbal altercation ensued and Yuvraj allegedly attacked the officer. He also allegedly threatened the officer with dire consequences, police said.

Following the incident, Yercaud police registered a case against Yuvraj and arrested him. He was subsequently produced before a judicial magistrate and remanded at Salem Central Prison.

Further investigation is under way.

Sowmiya govt action against waste management firm for polluting area

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PMK leader Sowmiya Anbumani sought action against a waste recycling company in Pochampalli SIPCOT, alleging that it was causing pollution in the surrounding areas. She inspected the waste recycling company on Tuesday based on complaints from villagers.

Sowmiya told reporters, "The waste management company is causing water and air pollution in surrounding villages. People have alleged that the colour of groundwater has changed, and health waste collected from various places in the state are being recycled here. SIPCOT should not give permission to such companies as this company is acting as a garbage dumping yard. Farmers who donated land for this SIPCOT are yet to receive full compensation. The state government should provide employment opportunities to people who donated their lands for companies. Further, the government should give 75% employment opportunities to locals in the state. The district administration should rectify the pollution issue, as some people have also complained about health issues."

Sowmiya Anbumani interacts with officials during her visit at Pochampalli SIPCOT on Tuesday | EXPRESS

She further said, "Officials are claiming the company is following all due procedure, but people are objecting to this claim. Necessary action should be taken against the company."

NEAR HOSUR

5 held for vandalising factory after migrant worker's death

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FOLLOWING the death of a migrant worker while handling machinery at an automobile company unit, five migrant workers damaged an office on the company premises on Friday night and were arrested on Tuesday.

The suspects have been identified as G Gaurav Daruka (21) of Odisha, S Aravindhar (25) of Uttar Pradesh, N Thapasha (30) of Assam and P Sumith Kumar (19) and A Sittu Kumar (21) of Bihar. According to Hosur SIPCOT police, J Monoj Bauri (21) of Jharkhand was working in the automobile ancillary parts manufacturing unit at SIPCOT on Friday when the incident occurred and he was killed on the spot. Subsequently, about 50 migrant workers blamed the management for failing to provide an ambulance, and some workers vandalised an office room. After the incident, R Venkatachalam (50), assistant general manager of the company, lodged a complaint against the workers on Monday night. A case was booked and five suspects were arrested on Tuesday.

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The Executive Engineer, RD Agartala Division, Gurkhabasti, Agartala, West Tripura, on behalf of the 'Governor of Tripura', invites ***online EPC e-tender in two bid system*** (Eligibility and Financial) on Engineering, Procurement And Construction **(EPC)** basis from eligible firms/contractors **up to 3.00 P.M. of 05/10/2026** for the following work: **"Construction of PROPOSED BUILDING FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICE CENTRE AT GURKHABASTI, AGARTALA On Engineering, Procurement And Construction (EPC) Basis".** Estimated cost: **₹27.93 crore**. Earnest Money Deposit: **₹55.86 Lakh.** Bid Fee: **₹20,000.00**. **Pre-Bid meeting: On 25/09/2026 at O/o The Executive Engineer, RD Agartala Division, Gurkhabasti, Agartala, West Tripura,** email id: eerd.agartala-tr@gov.in. **For details, visit website https://tripuratenders.gov.in and contact at 0381 2325988. Any subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only.**

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Place: Salem, Date: 15.09.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s. HDB Financial Services Limited

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