

Brief Note Of Kishtwar Dev. Authority

Kishtwar Development Authority (KDA) came into existence on 27-9-2005, initially the areas covered under the jurisdiction of KDA were Kishtwar town and its surroundings only however, subsequently this jurisdiction was extended encompassing the areas of Thakrie, Dool, Padder, Machail, Chatroo, Chingam, Synthen valley, Synthen top, Bimal Nag Marwah Warwan etc. almost whole area of District Kishtwar.

Kishtwar is one of the largest Districts of the State spreading over of the 7800 Sq.Km and having number of scenic spots, spread across its length and breadth. Entire Kishtwar valley is bisected by river Chenab interspersed with lofty snowcapped mountains, peaks, gushing streams dense forests, and sprawling highland pastures and meadows. Kishtwar is being connected with Kashmir valley via Synthen pass and with neighboring Himachal Pradesh State via Gulabgarh-Sansari road. The scenic beauty is abundant in all the three Sub-Divisions viz Marwah, Padder and Chatroo besides the picturesque town. The whole District is hub for the varied tourist activities as:

1. **Pilgrimage Tourism**:- Three main Yatras in the District which attract lakhs of pilgrims are:-
 - (i) Machail Mata Yatra
 - (ii) Hud Mata Yatra
 - (iii) Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra ,

Besides, many other small and local yatras. In addition to this thousands of yatris /Zairans pay their obeisance to two renowned shrines at Kishtwar i.e. Ziarat Shah Asrarudin (RA) and Ziarat Shah Farid-ud-din (RA.)

2. **Adventure Tourism**:- Kishtwar is renowned for adventure activities right from River Rafting, Mountaineering, Trekking, Bike riding, Paragliding and snow skiing. Lot of tourists including foreigners and from outside state visit the District for these activities.

3. **Leisure Tourism**:- There are many destinations with sprawling meadows and water bodies/streams which attract the tourists.

There is also abundant scope of Eco-tourism, Herbal tourism and Medical Tourism especially at Hot springs. Kishtwar Development Authority in its endeavor to promote tourism in this District has just created the minimum basic required infrastructure at different places i.e:-

- 1 TRC Kishtwar along with Restaurant
- 2 Double Storey Hutment at TRC Kishtwar
- 3 Additional Accommodation at TRC Kishtwar
- 4 Amphitheatre at TRC Kishtwar
- 5 Wooden hut at TRC Kishtwar
- 6 TRC at Sarthal Agral
- 7 Single storey building at Karool Sarthal
- 8 Double storey Building at Baitul-ul-Zarin Kisthwar
- 9 Single bed room hut at Water Sports Centre Dool
- 10 Restaurant at Dool
- 11 Restaurant at Menthlan
- 12 Single bed room hut at Menthlan
- 13 Restaurant at Mughal Maidan
- 14 Single Bed room Hut at Mughal Maidan
- 15 TRC Chatroo
- 16 Restaurant at Chatroo
- 17 Double bed room hut at Chatroo 02 units
- 18 Wooden Hut at Bimal Nag.
- 19 Wooden Hut at Warwan
- 20 Tourist Facilitation Center at Gulabgarh Padder

Following are the Projects proposed under PMDP Phase 2nd

S.No.	Name of the Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lakhs)
01	Development of Tourist Circuit from Kishtwar to Machail Mata Ji Padder	1738.00
02	Development of Tourist Circuit from Kishtwar –Bhandarkoot – Rakhna Ziyara and Hudmata Dachhan	1314.00
03	Development of Kishtwar Galigarh-Sarthal-Ghan-Devigol-Trigam-Bim alnag Circuit	1738.00
04	Development of Marwah-Warwan Valley as a Tourist Destination	1122.00
05	Development of Tourist Circuit-Mughalmaidan-Chatroo-Chingam-Singpora-Synthen Valley and Famber	870.00
06	Development of Kishtwar Town and Surrounding area.	1425.00
07	Development of Adventure Activities in District Kishtwar	281.00
08	Construction of Cable Car (Gandola) from Kishtwar Chowgan to Kalamsater Kishtwar	3339.00
	Total =	11827.00

Brief note regarding the development of tourist circuit from Kishtwar to Machail Mata Ji Padder

The Kishtwar District has a great potential for the attraction of the tourists having its natural beauty. The area has attraction for viewing of the meandering of the river Chinab and other streams, meadows, vast and sloppy lands and vast plains in the upper reaches of mountainous terrains. The Padder valley is a very beautiful place for the attraction of Tourists and pilgrims for the visit of Machail Mata Ji. About 4-5 Lack of the pilgrims pay their visit to the Machail Mata every year and some foreign tourists also visit in the Padder area. The project for the development of tourist circuit from Kishtwar to Machail Mata Ji with an estimated cost of Rs. 1738.00 Lakhs has been proposed for providing the requisite facilities to pilgrims /tourists to boost the tourism in the area.

Development of Tourist Circuit from Kishtwar-Bhandarkoot-Rakna Ziyarat and Hud Mata Dachhan

The Circuit for the boosting of the tourism in the District Kishtwar is of great importance as the places involved in the circuit are having a great heritage and religious tourism importance. The Bhandarkoot is a place where all the communities have keen interest in the development of the place being of religious and tourism importance. There is a temple on the one side of river Chanderbhaga and a Ziyarat on the other bank. The project is also aimed to provide facility for the zairens visiting Rakhna and pilgrims visiting hudmata yatra Dachhan. The hudmata is located at high altitude and it is proposed to develop a helipad. The project with an estimated cost of Rs. 1314.00 Lakhs has been proposed for development at Bhandarkoot-Rakhna Ziyarat and Hudmata Dachhan.

Development of Kishtwar,Galigad,Sarthal,Ghan, Devigol Trigam, Bimalnag Circuit:-

The proposed project has a great importance from the religious as well as the tourism point of view. The Galidad is a very beautiful place where parks and water body can be developed for attraction of tourists. The Sarthal is a renowned place for having the religious importance as there is a big temple of the Sarthal Mata where thousands of devotees pay their tributes every year. The construction of Sarie is proposed at the temple site which is the need of the hour. The Ghan has a very beautiful and attractive water fall for which development and construction of water body has been proposed. The Devigol in the Bunjwah area has great potential for the attraction of the tourists surrounded by the beautiful terrains of the forest. A project amounting to Rs. 1738.00 Lakhs has been proposed for development of the tourism in the District.

Development of Marwah-Warwan Valley Tourist Destination.

The Marwah and Warwan are connected from Kishtwar and Anantnag side. The area has got a very great potential for attraction of the tourists and also has trekking attraction. The river flows through the valley and has got very great attraction for the tourists due to natural flow of the river. There are beautiful meadows and vast beautiful slopes but the area is yet to be explored and does not have any facilities for the tourists. The project costing Rs. 1122.00 Lakhs has been proposed for providing of infrastructure and facility for the attraction of the tourists by construction for accommodation, development of parks, shelter sheds, huts and development of camping sites.

Development of Tourist Circuit –Mughalmaidan-Chatroo-Chingam-Singpora-Synthen Valley and Famber:-

The Tourist circuit has great importance due to the fact that the district Kishtwar is connected through these areas with the Kashmir valley. The Mughalmaidan-Chatroo-Singpoor has got a trekking potential as well and the route from Mughalmaidn-Chatroo-Synthen, Famber is also connected through a motor able and a trekking route. The Synthen valley has a very good attraction for a tourists where a beautiful nallah also flow through the area where a water

body and a attractive water channel with Cascading has been proposed. The Famber valley an unexplored place where great sloppy meadows and flowing of the Nallah/ Dal is of unforgettable attraction for the visitors. The place is connected through a pedestrian track of about 15 Kmtrs which needs improvement and development of the place for the attraction of the tourists. An amount of Rs. 870.00 Lakhs has been proposed in the project for the development of the tourist circuit.

Development of Kishtwar Town and surrounding area:

The tourists/pilgrims visiting Kishtwar having a very great attraction of the tourists/pilgrims in the periphery have to stay at Kishtwar and cross the Kishtwar town being a central place. In the Kishtwar town the Ziyarat of Hazrat Shah-Farid-ud-Din (RA) and Hazrat Shah Asrar-ud-Din (RA) are of great importance where a large number of devotees are attracted every year. The devotees are facing shortage of accommodation for the stay and unavailability of requisite number of toilet blocks. The Ghori Shanker temple at Sarkoot and the Ram temple near Bus stand Kishtwar are also attraction of the pilgrims. For attraction of tourists/pilgrims the overall development of the Kishtwar town has eminent significance and accordingly the construction of Sarie, Toilet Blocks, development of Parks, illumination and construction of recreational facility has been proposed in the project costing Rs.1425.00 Lakhs.

Development of Activities of Adventure Tourism in Kishtwar.

Kishtwar is renowned for adventure activities right from river rafting, mountaineering, trekking bide riding, paragliding and snow skiing. Lot of tourist mostly foreigners and from outside of the state visit the district for these activities but there is no proper infrastructure and facility for the regular conducting of these activities. A project amount to Rs. 281.00 Lakhs has been proposed for development and creating of infrastructure for smooth conducting of trekking from Kishtwar to Padum(Zanskar), Kishtwar Patimlah to Kishtwar,

Development of skiing and camping sites at Kabban and synthen, development for paragliding at Kalamsatar and Gulabgarh, River Water Rafting in the Chenab.

Construction of Cable Car (Gandola) from Kishtwar Chowgan to Kalamsatar for an estimated cost of Rs. 3339.00 lakhs