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Title: Need to develop Deogarh in Jharkhand as a Mega Tourist Destination and provide all tourist facilities in the region.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): As you are aware that recently the Government of India has announced Deoghar as a Mega Tourist Destination, but since the economic position of Jharkhand is very poor, it is felt that without Government of India's support, we cannot revive the glory of this place.

As Mega Tourist Destination, till today, as per my knowledge, meeting for inter-department convergence is pending. As you know, Deoghar is one of the seats of dwadash Jyotirlinga and most important amongst 51 Shaktipeeths of the country, and at the same time it is the religious capital of Eastern India. Mandara Mountains of Samudra Manthan fame is just 50 kms. away from Deoghar and 6th century Vikramashila University is hardly 100 kms. away. In modern times Guru Ravindranath Tagore, Maharishi Arvind, Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekanand were closely associated with this place. This is the birth place of great fighter Tilka Majhi, Siddhu and Kanhu, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee as well as Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

Keeping in view the importance of Deoghar, Basukinath, Pathrol, Rikhia, Vikramshila, Mandara, Tarapeeth, Parasnath and Champapuri of Jain culture in ancient and modern times which formed part of Anga-pradesh, the entire region should be preserved as cultural and tourist heritage and the Ministry of Tourism should expedite the process of connectivity like Deoghar Airport, holy city concept, connectivity to the places by trains and buses and establish a regional tourist centre of ITDC facilities at Deoghar to bring the entire region on the world tourist map.