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Ttile: Need to develop a mobile application to assist the foreign and domestic tourists to access information about Courtallam, a famous tourist spot in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.

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Courtallam is not just waterfalls, its temples too attract visitors. The most important among these is the Chitra Sabha, one of the five sabhas with Nataraja, Shiva in the dancing posture as the main deity. The paintings at the Chitra Sabha were renovated about 100 years ago. The others are the Rathna Sabha at Thiruvallangadu, the Kanaka Sabha at Chidambaram and the Velli Sabha at Madurai and the Thamira Sabha at Tirunelveli. The temple at the foot of the hill is conch-shaped which has special significance in Hindu tradition.

Many of the foreign tourists visiting Courtallam without having any prior information regarding tourist spots in the region. Hence, I urge upon the Union Ministry of Tourism to introduce new mobile app so that tourists can have better knowledge of Courtallam as a heritage place.