

RURAL TOURISM IN INDIA

5.1 Do you know?

Description	Image	Source
Nearly 70 per cent of the country's population lives in rural areas where, for the first time since independence, the overall growth rate of population has sharply declined, according to the latest Census.		http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/about-70-percent-indians-live-in-rural-areas-census-report/article2230211.ece
The Endogenous Tourism Project- Rural Tourism Scheme (ETP-RTS) is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India (MoT) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) initiated in 2003 and being implemented currently at 36 sites across the country.		Ministry of Tourism, Government of India / UNDP India 2008, Url: www.undp.org.in
Pochampally, a cluster of 80 villages, is the place where threads and colours find their way into the hands of skillful weavers and meander into the market as beautiful sarees and dress material is the most typical weaving village in Nalgonda District of Telangana.		https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhoodan_Pochampally
Anegundi one of the first beneficiaries of Rural Tourism Scheme of The Ministry of Tourism, and the only ones who continued it through community participation during 2004-2009. Today Anegundi has many humble but elegant heritage homes that offer accommodation for tourists, retaining the local style of architecture.		http://tktkishkinda.org/rural-tourism/
Sualkuchi is a small sleepy village that displays the culture and traditions of Assam in its best form. The weaving village is however, best known for its skills and craftsmanship for producing one of the best kinds of silk in the state and thus earning its self a nickname of 'Manchester of East'.		http://www.holiday.com/places/sualkuchi/
The Hodka village is believed to have been set up by the Halepotra clan. 'Halepotra' literally means the 'son or the descendant of Halaji', who is believed to have immigrated from Sindh.		http://www.hodka.in/hodka-village/community/
Naggar was the former capital of Kullu Situated on the left bank of river Beas at an altitude of 1851m, Naggar - an ancient town commands extensive views. Today this ancient and beautiful Palace is a popular tourist spot.		http://kullutourism.com/naggar-castle-roerich-art-gallery-tripura-sundari-temple-jagtipatt-temple-kullu.php

5.2 Glossary

Starting Character	Term	Definition	Related Term
A	Agrarian	Relating to the cultivation of land.	
C	Craft	Made or manufactured an object, objects, product, etc. with skill and careful attention to detail.	
E	Ethnic	Relating to a population subgroup with a common national or cultural tradition	
F	Farming	land or water devoted to the raising of animals, fish, plants, etc	
I	Ikat	A method of printing woven fabric by tie-dyeing the warp yarns the weft yarns or both before weaving.	
M	Murals	A large picture painted or affixed directly on a wall or ceiling	
P	Park	An area of land, usually in a largely natural state, for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and recreation.	
S	Scenic	Constituting or affording pleasing views of natural features	

5.4 Web links

Web links
http://incredibleindia.org/eri/
http://tourism.gov.in/
http://www.hodka.in/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhoodan_Pochampally
http://tktkishkinda.org/
http://hptdc.nic.in/cir0201.htm
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naggar
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