

Chamba-Dalhousie to link with heli-taxi service

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With a view to connect various tourist destinations including unexplored spots of Chamba district, the department of tourism of civil aviation will submit a proposal to state government for introducing heli-taxi service. If the proposal is okayed, this will go a long to tempt a big chunk of high - paying -capacity domestic and foreign tourists.

After holding a joint meeting of hoteliers, tour operators, handicraft and handlooms artistes and other stake-holders of the district here at Chamba, assistant commissioner-cum-district tourism development officer, Kishori Lal said initially with a base-centre at Dalhousie, heli taxi service would be provided to Chamba, Bharmour, Pangi and Saach pass.

He said under the quality tourism service(QTS), dhabas having the best and hygenic services enroute Pathankot- Chamba highway would be certified by the department as quality food centres. Certified dhabas would also figure in departmental publicity mechanism, he added.

Chamba handlooms and handicrafts like Chamba rumal and Chamba chappal would also be available at hotels' show-windows in Dalhousie and Chamba, DTDO said.

Kishori Lal also stressed the need for exploiting the potential of rural tourism under home-stay scheme of the government. He said the department had planned to bring some villages on tourist map through Har Gaon Ki Kahani scheme.