

## Rajasthan to hard sell tourism at resurgent summit

The department of tourism of Rajasthan has been geared up to hard sell the state to tourists as their most preferred destination in the country during the upcoming 'Rajasthan Resurgent summit'.

The two-day summit organised by the state government will be held here Nov 30 and Dec 1.

'In our presentation to the delegates, we will focus on the tourism infrastructure that is already in place in the state and the new projects that are being undertaken to further strengthen the tourism infrastructure,' said Usha Punia, Rajasthan's minister of state for tourism.

The minister informed mediapersons that foreign tourists' inflow in the state has seen a quantum jump from 428,000 in 2002 to 1.2 million in 2006.

Domestic tourists also have leapfrogged from 8.3 million in 2002 to 23.4 million in 2006. The state's tourism infrastructure also is going from strength to strength, the minister said.

Punia said the five national highways in the state are all four-laned or six-laned, and the state also has five mega highways and an extensive railway network.

As for air connectivity, the minister said,