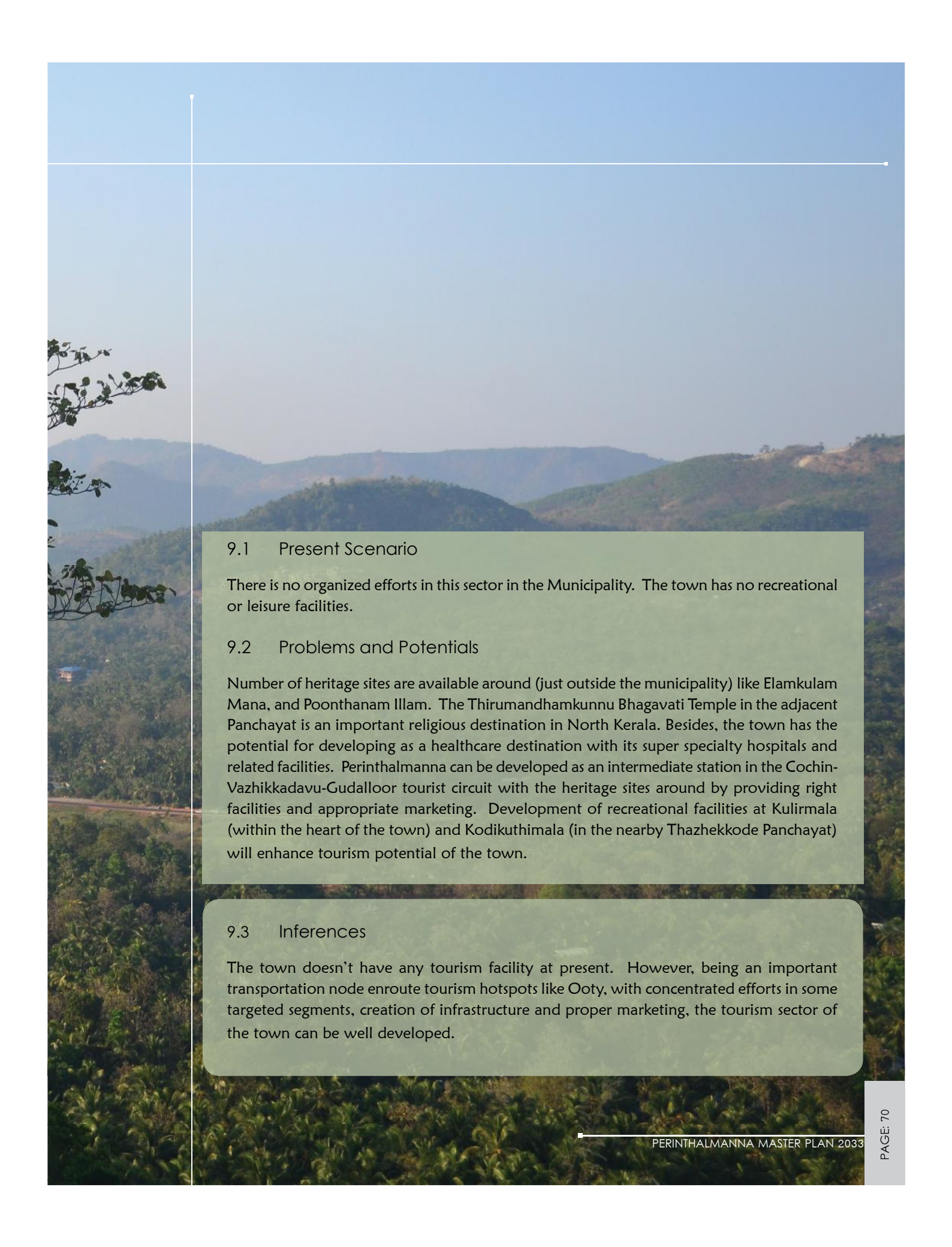




Perinthalmanna, view from Kulirmala, a potential tourist destination.



9.1 Present Scenario

There is no organized efforts in this sector in the Municipality. The town has no recreational or leisure facilities.

9.2 Problems and Potentials

Number of heritage sites are available around (just outside the municipality) like Elamkulam Mana, and Poonthanam Illam. The Thirumandhamkunnu Bhagavati Temple in the adjacent Panchayat is an important religious destination in North Kerala. Besides, the town has the potential for developing as a healthcare destination with its super specialty hospitals and related facilities. Perinthalmanna can be developed as an intermediate station in the Cochin-Vazhikkadavu-Gudalloor tourist circuit with the heritage sites around by providing right facilities and appropriate marketing. Development of recreational facilities at Kulirmala (within the heart of the town) and Kodikuthimala (in the nearby Thazhekkode Panchayat) will enhance tourism potential of the town.

9.3 Inferences

The town doesn't have any tourism facility at present. However, being an important transportation node enroute tourism hotspots like Ooty, with concentrated efforts in some targeted segments, creation of infrastructure and proper marketing, the tourism sector of the town can be well developed.