

Update on IATO Activities (Monday 1st May to Monday 15th May 2023)

Dear Members

Greetings

Please find appended relevant activities of our association for the period (Monday 1st May to Monday 15th May 2023)

Segments covered are

1. **Communication / Letters that addressed key issues**
2. **Webinars/ Panel Discussions/Circulars/Meetings/Chapter news**
3. **Media Coverage**
4. **Chapter News**

Request your feedback to further the content of our weekly report.

1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues

Segment 1 update sequence by date: 2, 15, May

Tuesday 2nd May

IATO requested Mr. Arvind Singh, Secretary Tourism, Government of India for inclusion of THSC Certificate in MOT Guidelines for recognition of Tourism Service Providers Qualification.

We requested Ministry of Tourism to consider Diploma/Degree/Certificate course holders of Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC) as qualified staff and to amend the guidelines for requirement of qualified staff accordingly. Also, RPL (Review Prior Learning) Certificate of THSC certify the knowledge of Tourism Operation, Marketing and planning for the people who has been working from last 10+ years in the industry. This will benefit the industry

*A Copy was marked to **A. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary** and **B. Mr. Sanjay Singh, Dy. Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India***

Monday 15th May

- **IATO wrote to Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary (Tourism) Participation of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in important upcoming overseas travel marts.**

IATO apprised that marts like

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| 1. IFTM – TOP RESA, Paris France | 04 - 06 October, 2023 |
| 2. TTG Rimini, Italy | 11 - 13 October, 2023 |
| 3. WTM, London, UK | 06 - 08 November, 2023 |
| 4. ILTM (luxury show), Cannes, France | 04 - 07 December. 2023 |

are very important for English, French and Italian markets and the Ministry needs to plan participation well in advance and information to be sent to stakeholders so that they can plan their participation and inform their foreign tour operators to fix up meeting with them.

*A copy of the letter was sent to **A. Mr. Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism)** and **B. Mr. Roshan M. Thomas, Deputy Secretary (IC, IT & OM), Ministry Tourism, Govt of India***

- IATO wrote to Mr. Sudesh Poddar, President FHRAI, Mr. Punit Chhatwal, President HAI and Mr. Randhir Vikram Singh, President, IHHA on the Issue pertaining to Long Delay in Receiving Bills for Accounting Purposes where 100% Advance Payments were Made by IATO Members to Approved/ Classified Hotels

IATO apprised that Post Covid dynamics have changed and hoteliers mostly demand full advance payment at booking stage IATO requested that a circular may be issued amongst all FHARI, HAI and IHHA members to issue GST invoice to the tour operators immediately on receipt of payment/services are rendered.

2. Webinars/ Panel Discussions/Circulars/Meetings

Segment 2 update sequence by date: 5,12,13,15, May

Friday 5th May



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Friday 12th May

- All Members were informed on the IATO Annual Subscription for the financial year 2023-24 reg : Availing 50% discount by paying before 31st July 2023
- To All Members were informed on the Registration in Fairview Media International Tourism Conclave (FMITC- Kolkata) 2023.

Saturday 13th May

addresses and interactive sessions.

The Pride of Rajasthan Award ceremony was also organized during the conclave, in which Padmashree Gulabo Sapera was given the Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of dance, Kala Ratna Nritya Srijan Award, Hanif Usta for contribution to Usta Art, Kala Ratna Shilp Srijan Award and **Bhim Singh Ji was awarded the Paryatan Ratna Outstanding Leadership Award for his contribution to tourism.**

Pride of Rajasthan function was also organized during the conclave.

Monday 15th May

- President IATO met Shri Rajiv Bansal at the latter's office and discussed three important key issues i.e.
- 1. Reduction of Free Baggage Allowance by the Domestic Airlines- It was requested that Ministry of Civil Aviation/DGCA to issue directive to all the domestic airlines to give free baggage allowance of 20 kgs as it was earlier.
- 2. Refunds of Travel Agents/clients from Go First Airline:- Go First Airline is to be directed to make refund of the entire amount pending with them of the travel agents including money security amount deposited with them as bank guarantee so that travel agents can make refunds to their foreign/domestic clients.

Also It should be made compulsory for all the airlines operating in India to give bank guarantee / financial security to be kept with DGCA or an appropriate Statutory body to protect the interest of travel agents / tour operators/ airline travellers in a situation when an airline goes bankrupt or ceases to operate like in the case of Jet Airways, Kingfisher and now Go First Airline.

- 3. Exorbitant increase made by MIAL for Commercial Airport Entry Passes for the tour operators: - It was requested that MIAL to withdraw increase in Airport Entry Pass Charges for the tour operators rather they should decrease the charges till the time inbound tourism to India is revived. Charges for Airport Entry Pass for the tour operators should not be more than Rs. 72000/- plus GST for one year (Rs. 6000/ per month) for airports in Tier – 1 cities and Rs. 36,000/- for airports in Tier-2 and Tier – 3 cities per pass.

Media Coverage

Segment 3 update sequence by date: 1,2,3,4,6,10 May

Monday 1st May

TRAVLTALK
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Technology key to dynamic industry

Can we make the tourism industry a dynamic one? Yes! And we must. The best way to get there is using technology. Digital advancements are going to be the key enabler of efficiency and market dominance, and innovative SaaS start-ups that build the right solutions will be a good investment option.

TT Bursary
There is tremendous optimism in the Indian start-up arena today. With the year ahead expected to push the Indian economy towards a strong rebound, there is likely to be good growth in most sectors. However, the biggest beneficiaries will be industries with faster and widespread digitization. Similarly, infrastructure development is bound to get a big push from the public as well as private sector in the next few years. Another high potential investment area will be the SaaS (Software as a Service) companies. Today, the Indian domestic SaaS market is witnessing a rapid surge in demand from almost every segment. Times are changing and travel is changing with it. To deliver deeper, 360-degree solutions to key decision-makers in the tourism ecosystem, the industry, as well as travel technology providers, to get their perspective and to understand what they are doing towards adopting technology in their businesses.

Deepak Nanda
Managing Director
GTRConnect

Technology is one big enabler in the travel industry in today's time. It helps us to improve our product, distribution and also aids in supply side of the business. By embracing technology, one can move from being a small-town travel company and become a global company. There is no end of innovation in technology and new products are being introduced everyday to make it easier for our travel partners to do business. There are artificial intelligence (AI) tools available to study the pattern of future bookings, current trends, etc. in the travel industry. Technology helps us to push our product line accordingly. We at GTRConnect are constantly working towards bringing the best in technology to our travel partners at every stage. Very soon, we will be launching a series of new features, which will further improve the experience of booking on our portal www.GTRConnect.com. 373

IATO promises constant support

Rajiv Mehra thanks IATO members for re-electing him as President, says electing six office-bearers unopposed is 'unprecedented in IATO's history' and promises that his team, elected for the two-year term, will try its best to do whatever it could do for the travel fraternity.

Rajiv Mehra
The Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) office-bearers were elected unopposed and voting took place for the Executive Committee (EC) members recently. Out of 375 eligible members, 275 cast their votes. The following office-bearers were elected:

Rajiv Mehra, thanked the members to their support. "I am overwhelmed with the support of IATO members, by first electing all the office-bearers unopposed and then all eight EC members from my dream team with over 200 votes each. However, being re-elected means that we must work harder than before. Elected as office-bearers unopposed is an achievement that is unprecedented in IATO's history. I am grateful and we will try our best to do whatever we can for our fraternity," he said.

Mehra said that they will meet Union Minister Piyush Goyal. "We will take up the matter of SES or any other version of the same," he added.

Next in line is the convention, which will be held at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. The convention will be held sometime in September and the date will be officially announced soon. I would like to clarify that rooms and flights are not a problem at the destination. We already have an inventory of 375 rooms confirmed. Aurangabad or Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar is a city that has two airports now - one is Aurangabad airport and second is Shri Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Airport, which is just 40 minutes drive. We are hoping it to be a successful convention and we are getting full support from Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra, along with Deputy CM, Hon. Speaker, Leader of opposition, and Tourism Minister.

Rajiv Mehra
President 2023

All of them will be present at the convention," he shared. 374

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Over ₹4,000 cr being spent on infra boost for adventure tourism in border villages

Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said the Center provides 100 per cent finance to the state to implement tourism-related schemes. More than Rs 4,000 crore is being spent to develop infrastructure for adventure tourism in border villages, he added.

38th IATO Convention to be organized in Sambhaji Nagar from 29 Sept-2 Oct

Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) stated the 38th IATO Convention will be held from 29 Sept-2 Oct in Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra. The convention will be inaugurated on 29th evening, sessions on 30th and the post-tours will take place on 1-2 Oct.

Yas Island offers incentives to attract MICE and Indian weddings: CEO Miral Destinations

Yas Island has established a dedicated team and allocated resources to offer attractive incentives for MICE events and weddings. They also provide incentives for Indian weddings, which are a substantial market, announced Liam Findlay, CEO of Miral Destinations.

'Pan-India premium hotel occupancy projected at 72% in FY24, post recovering 70% in FY23'

ICRA estimates pan-India premium hotel occupancy at 70-72% in FY 2024, after recovering up to 65-70% in FY 2023. Pan-India premium hotel ADRs are likely to be at Rs 6,000-6,200 in FY 2024. RevPAR is expected to remain at a 20-25% discount to the FY2008 peak.

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PM acknowledges the achievements of Udan Scheme

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi recently responded to the tweet by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, wherein Ministry informed that 6 years ago, Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Udan took flight, connecting Shimla to Delhi. Today, with 473 routes and 74 operational airports, heliports, and water aerodromes became the game-changer for the Indian aviation sector. Responding to the tweet PM said that the last 9 years have been transformative for India's aviation sector. Modi also...

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Cygnett Hotels & Resorts organise annual GM conclave as it looks to embark on major expansion plans

One of India's fastest-growing hospitality chains, Cygnett Hotels & Resorts recently organised its 6th annual GM Conclave 'TRANSFORMATION 2023' in Jaipur. In the conference, the hospitality chain focused on diverse aspects including Digital Transformation, Leadership Programme and Cultural Transformation.



"The prime objective for organising our GM Conclave was to highlight what our leadership and corporate teams need to do for transforming the company as we look to reach...."

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IATO writes to PM pressing on key demands



Rajiv Mehra, President of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) has recently written a letter to the Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) requesting his intervention to implement key demands of the inbound tourism sector.

Mehra in his communication to the PM

has sought his help to restore SEIS (Service Export Incentive Scheme) or introduce an alternative scheme in the new Foreign Trade Policy, as the inbound tourism sector is facing hardships and needs hand-holding by the government. ...

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Arabian Travel Market kickstarts at Dubai World Trade Centre

Government officials and industry leaders from the Middle East and beyond are gathering at Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) from May 1 for the 30th edition of Arabian Travel Market (ATM). The milestone event, which will run till May 4 will see global travel, tourism, and hospitality experts come together to explore how their industry is 'Working Towards Net Zero'...

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Miral Destinations to highlight key milestones for Yas Island and Saadiyat Island at ATM 2023

Miral Destinations, the trusted one-stop trade and promotional partner for Saadiyat Island and Yas Island Abu Dhabi, has announced its participation in Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023 held in Dubai from...

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STIC Travel Group wins International Hospitality Award

Celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year, STIC Travel Group - Hyderabad recently bagged The International Hospitality Award for 2023 from the International Hospitality Council London UK. Established in 1973, STIC Travel Group represents the world's best travel, aviation, tourism, cruise and car rental brands exclusively in India, and is focused on bringing the best of the world to India's doorstep. Headquartered out of India's corporate hub in Cyber City, Gurgaon, STIC Travel Group's vast network of offices covers all regions of India.



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Tour Operators Write to PM to Get Sops Restored

Want service export incentive scheme back or an alternative scheme in the new foreign trade policy

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New Delhi: The Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) said on Sunday it has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting him to restore service export incentive scheme (SEIS) or introduce an alternative scheme in the new foreign trade policy as the inbound tourism sector is still suffering and needs handholding by the government.

In addition, the association sought the roll-back of tax collection at source (TCS) of 20% to 5% on overseas tour packages announced in the Union budget.

IATO president Rajiv Mehra wrote that these steps would place the tourism industry on a par with foreign tour operators and help it compete with the

neighbouring countries.

During India's G20 presidency, under which promoting tourism is one of the key objectives, it would be pertinent for the government to extend a helping hand to the tourism sector, he said in the letter.

Mehra also said the inbound tourism industry was the worst affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since resumption of international flight operations and tourist visas, only 30-40% of inbound tourism to India has been revived, according to the letter.

Mehra said it took nine years to increase foreign

exchange earnings to \$30.05 billion, in 2019, from \$14.49 billion, in 2010. However, India has slipped back to the 2004 level, when the sector earned \$6.17 billion of forex, which is indicative of the stress the sector is undergoing, he said.

"We need to compete. But it becomes very difficult as the government has withdrawn marketing

and promotion support in foreign countries. SEIS has ended and no alternate benefit has been given. GST is as high as 20-23% without any input tax credit, whereas neighbouring countries are charging 6-8%," Mehra said in the letter to the PM. To attract tourists we need to holistically look at all these issues. As regards the argument of revenue loss, it would be made up by more than

100 times as tourism has a positive multiplier impact

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Even after resumption of international flights, inbound tourism is claimed to be just 30-40% of pre-pandemic levels

on the overall economy." The IATO president also said the four-fold increase in TCS rate to 20% from July 1 is causing losses to the outbound tour operators based in India. "The traveller would simply bypass the Indian operator and book outside, it will be a lose-lose situation both for the government and the tour operators. This needs to be brought back to 5% as was before or even lower," said Mehra.



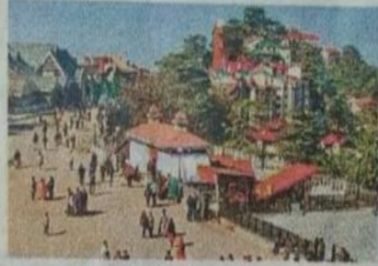
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होटलों में बमुश्किल जगह मिल पा रही शिमला हो या गोवा...इस गर्मी घूमना दोगुना महंगा

गुलमर्ग के कई होटल 15 जून तक पैक, मनाली में भी वीकेंड पर हाउसफुल

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इस बार गर्मी की छुट्टियों में अगर आप कहीं घूमने जाने का प्लान बना रहे हैं तो यह खबर जरूर पढ़िए। गुलमर्ग, शिमला, मनाली और गोवा में पर्यटकों की भारी भीड़ है। लोग हवाई जहाज और होटल्स दोनों के लिए दोगुना किराया तक दे रहे हैं, फिर भी बमुश्किल जगह मिल पा रही है।

गुलमर्ग में कई होटल 15 जून तक चलने वाली छुट्टियों के पूरे सीजन के लिए बुक हैं। संभव है, शिमला-मनाली जैसे पर्यटन केंद्रों में कुछ होटलों में कमरे मिल भी जाएं लेकिन वीकेंड पर तो यहां भी पूरे सीजन के लिए लगभग सारे कमरे बुक हैं। हिल स्टेशन ही नहीं गोवा और महाबलीपुरम जैसे पर्यटन स्थलों में भी 50-60%

तक कमरे पूरे सीजन के लिए बुक हो चुके हैं। बाकी बचे कमरों का रेट पिछले साल से दोगुना चल रहा है।

इंडियन एसोसिएशन ऑफ टूर ऑपरेटर (आईओटीए) के वाइस प्रेसीडेंट रजनीश कायस्थ कहते हैं, फ्लाइट का किराया दोगुना होने के बाद भी भरी सीटों का औसत पिछले एक दशक में सर्वाधिक है। होटल में ठहरने और हवाई यात्रा का किराया कितना भी हो, इस पर सरकार का कोई नियंत्रण है ही नहीं। नतीजतन लंबे समय बाद घाट से बाहर निकल रहे पर्यटकों का बजट बिगड़ रहा है। शेष | पेज 28 पर

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पर्यटन के लिए विदेश की सैर अब पड़ेगी महंगी

■ संजय टुटेजा

नई दिल्ली। एसएनबी

पर्यटन के लिये विदेश की सैर अब महंगी पड़ेगी। एक ओर सरकार विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित कर विदेशी मुद्रा को बढ़ाने का प्रयास कर रही है तो दूसरी ओर टीसीएस को 5 प्रतिशत से 20 प्रतिशत कर सरकार अब घरेलू पर्यटकों को वैश्विक पर्यटन के प्रति हतोत्साहित कर रही है। सरकार की इस नीति से पर्यटन उद्योग के सामने नया संकट उत्पन्न हो गया है। लगभग तीन वर्ष तक कोरोना की मार झेलने के बाद अब पर्यटन उद्योग को टीसीएस की मार पड़ती दिखाई दे रही है।

देश से प्रति वर्ष लगभग 25 से 30 बिलियन घरेलू पर्यटक विभिन्न देशों में पर्यटन के लिये जाते हैं। विदेश जाने वाले पर्यटकों में बड़ी संख्या ऐसे पर्यटकों की होती है जिनके पर्यटन प्रबंधन की पूरी जिम्मेदारी पर्यटन से जुड़ी ट्रेवल एजेंसियां व अन्य पर्यटन एजेंसियां संभालती हैं जो पर्यटकों को दूर पैकेज बेच कर दूर की कुल राशि के साथ 5 प्रतिशत

टीसीएस पर्यटकों से वसूलती हैं, यह टीसीएस आयकर विभाग में संबंधित पर्यटक के खाते में ही जमा कराया जाता है। टीसीएस को टैक्स कलेक्शन एट सोर्स कहा जाता है, इसका मकसद पर्यटक से विदेश पर्यटन पर किये

जाने वाले खर्च से संबंधित आयकर को ट्रेवल एजेंसी पर ही वसूल किया जाना है।

चूंकि विदेश यात्रा पर किये जाने वाले खर्च को सरकार पर्यटक की आय मानती है, इसलिए इस आय पर टीसीएस के रूप में

आयकर वसूल किया जाता है। वित्तीय वर्ष के अंत में पर्यटक जब अपनी आयकर रिटर्न दाखिल करता है तो यह टीसीएस पर्यटक की कुल आय में समावृत्त भी किया जाता है।

केन्द्र सरकार अब पर्यटकों से वसूल जाने वाले इसी टीसीएस को 5 प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर 20 प्रतिशत कर रही है, और नई

टैक्स नीति एक जुलाई से लागू होगी है, ऐसे में पर्यटन उद्योग इस कर नीति को उद्योग के लिये नुकसानदायक मान रहा है। देश में दूर आपरेटरों के अग्रणी संगठन इंडियन एसोसिएशन आफ दूर आपरेटर आईएटीओ

के अध्यक्ष राजीव मेहरा का कहना है कि कोरोना की मार से पर्यटन उद्योग पहले ही संकट का सामना कर रहा है, ऐसे में पर्यटन उद्योग को प्रोत्साहित करने के बजाय नई टैक्स नीति से पर्यटन उद्योग को संकट में डाला जा रहा है। उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी को भी इस संबंध में पत्र

लिखकर इस नीति पर पुनर्विचार करने का अनुरोध किया है।

उनका कहना है कि विदेश जाने के इच्छुक पर्यटक अब देश के दूर आपरेटरों को 20 प्रतिशत टीसीएस चुकाने के बजाय सीधे विदेशी दूर आपरेटरों से संपर्क करेंगे और उनसे ही दूर पैकेज खरीदेंगे जिससे देश की

दूर आपरेटर कंपनियों को नुकसान होगा ही साथ ही विदेश जाने वाले पर्यटकों की संख्या में भी कमी होगी जिससे सरकार को जीएसटी का भी नुकसान होगा।

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार की ओर से पहले पर्यटन से अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा से दूर आपरेटरों को 5 प्रतिशत सर्विस एक्सपोर्ट इंसेटिव एसईआईएस प्रदान किया जाता था, यह इंसेटिव से मिलने वाली राशि से दूर आपरेटर अपने व्यवसाय का विस्तार करते थे लेकिन सरकार ने अब एसईआईएस भी बंद करने का एलान किया है। उनका कहना है कि पर्यटन उद्योग को फिलहाल मदद की आवश्यकता है, सरकार जी 20 के माध्यम से देश के पर्यटन उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने का प्रयास कर रही है, इसके लिये यह भी आवश्यक है कि भारत के दूर आपरेटर विदेशी दूर आपरेटरों को प्रतिस्पर्धा देने की स्थिति में हों। उनका कहना है कि इस मुद्दे पर गंभीरता से ध्यान न दिया गया तो पर्यटन उद्योग के सामने बड़ा संकट उत्पन्न हो जायेगा।

■ सरकार की नीति से पर्यटन उद्योग नए संकट में

■ कोरोना की मार के बाद अब पर्यटन उद्योग पर टीसीएस की मार



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Dusit International showcases expanding portfolio @ ATM 2023

Dusit International, one of Thailand's leading hotel and property development companies, is showcasing its expanding portfolio of international properties – including its first hotels in Europe, Japan, and Nepal – at the Arabian Travel Market 2023, being held from May 1 – 4. Led by Mr Nicholas Maratos, Vice President Commercial, Dusit International, and Mr. Bandar Qaqish, Director of Sales, Middle East, the Dusit team includes representatives from existing Dusit properties such as Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi; Dusit Thani Dubai; Dusit Doha Hotel; DusitD2 Naseem Resort Jabal Akhdar, Oman; Dusit Thani LakeView Cairo; Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket and Dusit Thani Maldives.

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IATO writes to PM, appeal to restore incentives for revival of tourism

IATO President Mr. Rajiv Mehra has written to the PM requesting him to restore SEIS (Service Export Incentive Scheme) or introduce an alternative scheme in the new Foreign Trade Policy, as the inbound tourism sector is still suffering and needs hand holding by the government.

“Hello Hong Kong” mega FAM organised for Indian travel trade

The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) has successfully concluded the Hello Hong Kong mega familiarisation trip for 35 leading travel brands and industry professionals from across key markets such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune, Ahmedabad. The Hong Kong familiarisation tour was designed to provide first-hand immersive experience to the leading travel consultants and product managers about Hong Kong's latest tourism attractions.

This Summer Kids Go Free @ Yas Island Abu Dhabi

Miral Destinations has launched its exciting Kids Go Free packages for the summer at Yas Island Abu Dhabi. They announced the same at Arabian Travel Market 2023. The family offering will allow Yas Island's visitors to extend their stay and indulge in a wide array of leisure and entertainment offerings that appeal to travellers of all ages and preferences.

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Ankush Nijhawan,
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“ I am extremely delighted to be here at the Arabian Travel Mart this year and I must say that ATM has never been as busy as what I am experiencing this time around. I think post covid now everybody is hungry for business and these exhibitions provide a perfect platform to stakeholders and decision makers from travel and tourism sector to network and discuss business opportunities. I am very happy to see all my stakeholders here at the ATM Dubai. This is a very promising sign of what lies ahead in store for us. I have said it before also that 2023 – 24 is going to be a gamechanger year for tourism sector. ”



ABU DHABI APPOINTS RANVEER SINGH AS TOURISM AMBASSADOR

IATO writes letter to PM requesting for incentives to restore tourism industry



IATO President Rajiv Mehra has written to the Prime Minister requesting him to restore the Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS). As an alternative, IATO has suggested a scheme in the new Foreign Trade Policy, as the inbound tourism sector is still suffering.

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Will take back leased land if private players fail to carry forward projects: Rohan Khaunte



With its plan to attract private investment in its premium properties stuck five years after signing of the agreements, Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte said if the project proponents fail to kickstart the projects, then the government would revisit its decision.

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Go First seeks ₹8,000 cr in compensation in SIAC arbitration in order to recover losses



In a statement issued by Goa First airline, it has said that in order to recover losses, it has sought compensation of approximately INR 8,000 crores in the SIAC arbitration. If it is successful in the arbitration, the airline will be able to address the liabilities of its creditors.

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Demand for hospitality jobs up 60% between March 2022 & March 2023: Indeed Report



Jobs portal, Indeed, reveals the top job roles highlighting a remarkable increase in job opportunities in the hospitality sector from March 2022 to March 2023. With a growth of 60% in job postings, career opportunities in the industry are flourishing.

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- ▶ Goa Tourism successfully concludes PATA India Roadshow
- ▶ IATO writes to PM, appeal to restore incentives for revival of tourism
- ▶ Airfares likely to rise as Go First cancellations reduce capacity: TAAI

Wednesday 10th May

<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/go-first-airline-faces-legal-action-from-travel-agents-over-pending-dues-and-credit-shells-issued-to-passengers-11683565559574.html>

3. Chapter News

Segment 4 update sequence by date: 1, 8, May

Monday 1st May

- All Members were informed On Campus and off campus Interview of MBA Tourism Students of Department of Tourism Management, University of Burdwan, West Bengal

Monday 8th May

- **Co-Chairman, IATO Andaman & Nicobar UT in Meeting Secretary Civil Aviation during his visit to Port Blair**

