

Update on IATO Activities (Monday, 3rd May to Sunday, 9th May 2021)

Dear Members

Greetings

Please find appended relevant activities of our association for the period (Monday, 3rd May to Sunday, 9th May 2021)

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1. Webinars/ Panel

Discussions/Circulars/Meetings

Segment 1 update sequence by date:5,8 May

Wednesday, 5th May

- **IHCL organised a Webinar with a presentation on “Incredible Kerala Journeys with Taj Holidays”, on Wednesday, 5th May’2021 at 4 PM.**

Members were informed on the above

- **All Active Members were informed about the reconstitution of IATO Sub Committees for 2021-23**

A detailed circular was sent on the above

Saturday, 8th May

- **Dekho Apna Desh - Episode 88 Wild India: Exploring India’s wildlife and Natural Heritage was organized on Saturday, 8th May 2021 (1100-1200 hrs.)**

2. Media Coverage

Segment 2 by date: 3,4,5,6,7 May

Monday, 3rd May

➤ IATO appoints Regional and State Chapter Chairman

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The United States to restrict travel from India from May 4

The U.S. is suspending almost all travel from India beginning May 4 and the travel ban is indefinite until lifted by President Biden. The travel ban won't apply to U.S. citizens or permanent residents and their spouses. Other individuals who qualify for exemptions are academics and students with F-1 or M-1 visas and certain humanitarian workers and journalists. Non-residents who have been in India in the past 14 days will not be permitted to enter the US.

Israel bans travel to India, six other countries citing high COVID infection rates

In a joint press release issued by the Israel Prime Minister's Office and the Health Ministry, it was said that Israelis will not be allowed to travel to Ukraine, Brazil, Ethiopia, South Africa, India, Mexico, and Turkey. This regulation will come into force today and will remain in place until May 16. Non-Israelis, however, will be able to travel to these countries, provided they plan to reside there permanently.

IATO appoints Regional and State Chapter Chairmen

Sejoo Jose has been appointed as the Chairman of the IATO Southern region. He will take over from E.M. Najeer who has been the Chairman of the Southern Region. James Kodanthara is now the Chairman of the IATO Kerala Chapter. Itendra Kejriwal has taken over as Chairman, Maharashtra Chapter. Nidhi Sharma, and Tsering Namgyal, have been appointed as Chapter Chairmen for Uttarakhand and Ladakh respectively.

ADTOI forms COVID task force to help its members and fraternity

To provide timely assistance to its members and Fraternity on pan India basis, ADTOI has formed a COVID Task Force to assist the ADTOI membership in the alarming COVID crisis. Rajiv Arora of Phoenix Holidays, New Delhi is the in-charge of this Task Force along with some member volunteers and they will be coordinating and collecting authentic information on available hospital resources to be circulated to all the members.

To read more: www.traveltradejournal.com

➤ IATO appoints new regional Chapter Chairman and new State Chapter Chairmen

<http://www.bottindia.com/iato-appoints-new-regional-chapter-chairman-of-southern-region-and-new-state-chapter-chairmen/>

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Villa Hotels & Resorts, Maldives continues to welcome travellers from India

The premier choice for resort accommodation in the Maldives, Villa Hotels & Resorts, will continue to welcome travellers from all around India. Amidst the growing confusion among Indians, whether or not they can visit the Maldives, here are some clarifications based on the latest guidelines:

1. Indian CAN visit the Maldives like before
2. The restriction DOES NOT apply to resorts and hotels located away from the local population
3. Indians are allowed to visit all Maldivian resorts located on separate islands with a negative RT-PCR test taken within 96 hours of the flight to the Maldives
4. Indians cannot stay at the guesthouses and hotels located on inhabited islands effective April 27, 2021.
5. Indians who already checked in to hotels and guesthouses will be allowed to stay at such facilities for the duration they made their bookings.

NORWEGIAN cruise line prepares for resumption of cruising from Barcelona and Rome

Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), the innovator in global cruise travel, today announced a further restart of operations in Europe from the homeports of Barcelona and Rome (Civitavecchia) with previously scheduled port-intensive itineraries to the Mediterranean and Greek Isles beginning Sept. 5, 2021. Crissled by the robust protocols of the SOLASAT Global Health and Safety Program, and in partnership with local governments, NCL gains to welcome travellers to experience the warm and vibrant cultures and sites of Spain, Italy and Greece. Currently scheduled to sail from Barcelona, Norwegian's epic world cruise seven-night Western Mediterranean itineraries from Sept. 5, 2021 through Oct. 24, 2021, with Norwegian Gateway sailing a mix of 10 to 11-day Greek Isles voyages from Rome (Civitavecchia) from Sept. 13, 2021 to Oct. 25, 2021. With two to eight ports of call, up to 12 hours in each city and no more than two days at sea, guests can spend their days exploring ancient ruins and medieval architecture, admiring artistic masterpieces or simply savoring a variety of local cuisine.

Mr. Rajiv Mehra, President, IATO

"I am sure that the new regional/state chapters will help strengthen IATO membership base pan India and especially in Uttarakhand and Ladakh as there was no separate Chapter Chairman in these two states. With having State Chairman located at those places, besides increasing membership base, IATO will have better coordination and interaction with the state governments and the local trade."

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ITB Asia gears up for a physical event in October 2021

ITB Asia's organizing committee is gearing up to for a physical event from October 27-29, 2021 in Singapore. The annual three-day B2B trade show and convention have already registered Over 1600 international exhibitors to connect the key travel industry leaders from the MICE, leisure and corporate travel segments. The in person event will not only give an opportunity to travel industry professionals for meaningful business, networking and knowledge sharing but will also boost confidence of travel and tourism industry.

Unanticipated speed and Ferocity of 2nd COVID wave could precipitate a collapse of Aviation Sector : CAPA

The 2nd COVID wave which has surged in India with unanticipated speed and ferocity could precipitate a collapse of the sector, without intervention. Since late Mar-2021, there has been a tragic run of events, with cases and fatalities from the virus surging. This is likely to subside demand for several months to come. This will deal a body blow to the Aviation industry, eroding the optimism that had been emerging in recent months. CAPA says there is a need for an interim measure to support sectoral emergence from the crisis through the stages of survival, stabilisation, recovery and eventually expansion. In line with the Honourable Prime Minister's vision, this is the time to take decisions and pursue reforms that will deliver a quantum leap for the aviation sector and the national economy.

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HRAWI backs App based taxi operators for Goa.

HRAWI has submitted a representation to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and to the Hon'ble Tourism Minister of Goa to allow app-based taxi service aggregators to operate in the interest of tourists and the industry. Today, online services have become an important part of our day-to-day lives. The app-based cab services are a boon especially for travellers who find it easy and convenient to plan and pre-book their trips. Bringing a tourist to Goa will benefit with app based cab services which offer tourists easier, better and cheaper options. HRAWI says.

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IATO News



IATO Appoints New Regional Chapter Chairman of Southern Region and State Chapter Chairmen in Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Ladakh

The IATO Executive Committee after the elections has relooked and restructured the IATO Regional and the State Chapters to expand its wings and strengthen membership basis. Mr. Rajiv Mehra while welcoming the new regional/state chapters mentioned that creating separate chapters for Uttarakhand and Ladakh will not only help strengthening membership base pan india but also enhance co-ordination and interaction with the state governments and local trade.

Mr. Sejo Jose, Managing Director, Marvel Tours will look after the Southern Region.

Mr. James Kodianthara, Managing Director, Concord Exotic Voyages will replace Sejo Jose as Chairman Kerala Chapter.

Mr. Jitendra Kojriwal, Chairman, Arika Tour & Travels is new Chairman Maharashtra Chapter. Mr. Nidhish Sharma, MD, Garhwal Adventure is the new Chairman for Uttarakhand Chapter and Mr. Tereng Namgyal, MD, Windhorse Expeditions India is the Chairman for Ladakh Chapter.

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Google launches tool to check travel advisories



Google has recently added a new function that lets users see specific restrictions, like whether they will need to quarantine when arriving at a certain destination or if they need proof of testing. The new tool lets users get updates about travel restriction changes. When users look up flights or hotels in a certain area using Google Search, the site will inform them if there are travel restrictions or advisories.

Nepal suspends all domestic and international flights till 14th May

Nepal has suspended all domestic flights from 3rd May midnight and all international flights from 5th May midnight until May 14 unless a surge in COVID-19 cases. "The decision on flight restrictions are in place until May 14. However, charter flights will be allowed," said Nepal's Health Minister, Hridayesh Tripathi. Nepal has also made quarantine mandatory for everyone on arrival.

Boeing launches \$10 Million emergency assistance package to support India

Boeing has announced a \$10 million emergency assistance package for India to support the country's response to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. The assistance from Boeing will be directed to organizations providing relief, including medical supplies and emergency facilities for communities and families battling COVID-19. Boeing will also provide relief to international relief organizations.

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Wednesday May 5, 2021

IATO creates two new regional chapters in Ladakh & Uttarakhand

IATO EC has restructured its state chapters to expand its wings and strengthen membership basis. Separate chapters have been created for Uttarakhand and Ladakh with Nidhish Sharma, MD, Garhwal Adventure, Darjoun and Tereng Namgyal, MD, Windhorse Expeditions India, Ladakh being appointed as Chairman for Uttarakhand and Ladakh respectively.

Chances of successful Air India disinvestment less certain: CAPA India

CAPA India has said that the chances of a successful disinvestment of Air India may be less certain as of May 2021. It further said that the Government would need to at least have a plan B ready. Earlier, CAPA India in January 2021 had mentioned that the government's commitment to privatisation of Air India and airports is laudable.

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Lockdown to continue in Goa's tourist hotspots: Michael Lobo, Ports Minister

Tourist hotspots like Calangute and Candolim in North Goa will continue to be under lockdown, even as the government has lifted the lockdown in other parts of the state. Goa's Ports Minister Michael Lobo has said. The parichayis of Calangute, Candolim and Apora Nagoa have passed orders to continue the lockdown to curb the spread of the infection, said the MLA from Calangute.

FHRAI petitions for Special Credit Guarantee Window for Hospitality Sector

FHRAI has submitted a representation requesting FIA, Narmada Sittaraman to provide a Special Credit Guarantee Window to Hospitality sector under ECLGS. The association has asked that the Government standardise and aligns terms and moratorium facilities floated under ECLGS 1.0, 2.0 & 3.0. It has also sought relief in terms of loan and moratorium facilities.

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Air India pilots union threaten to stop working

Air India's pilots union, Indian Commercial Pilot's Association (ICPA) has threatened that they will stop work if Air India does not arrange Pan-India vaccination camps for all flying crew above the age of 18 years on priority. The pilots body has also written to Goa Union Minister, Hareesh Singh Puri seeking restoration of their pre-COVID-19 monthly pay.

IN MEMORIAM



Jag Mohan
Former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir & Former Union Tourism Minister, Jag Mohan has passed away at the age of 84, a man of ethics and values. Jag Mohan will forever be remembered for his service to the nation. He was the designer of 'Incredible India' slogan as tourism minister.

IATO Immediate Past President on CNBC

https://twitter.com/CNBC_Awaaz/status/1390261501437509637?s=08

IATO President on the appointment of New Regional Chapter Chairman of Southern Region and State Chapter

<http://www.travelworldonline.in/archive-video-news-play.aspx?videoid=EVabFvWtnxc>

Friday, 7th May

➤ **IATO President & Hony. Secretary FAITH on ECLGS 3: hospitality-msmes-urge-govt-for-changes-in-borrower-status-calculation-of-outstandings_**

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3. Chapter News

Segment 3 update sequence by date:9 May

Sunday, 9th May

 <p>09th May 2021</p>	<p>Difficult Roads Often Leads to Beautiful Destinations' This time shall pass too Keep moving</p> <p>contact us +91 -8715060403 visit us at www.casadekashmir.com</p> 
<p>Outside investment into tourism sector will not be welcomed : Ladakh Travel & Tourism stakeholders</p> <p>Tsering Namgyal – Chairman, IATO – Ladakh Chapter said, I would like to inform through two tv that Recently All the major religious organisations in Ladakh, all the major tourism stake holders, the tour operators, hotel associations, guest house associations, motor biking association, rafting association, taxi union, tempo travellers association, everybody came on single platform and unanimously passed a resolution that outside investment into tourism sector will not be welcomed and it will be rejected in whatever manner it has to be.</p> 	<p>Tit - Bit</p> 
<p>TAAI Appeals to IATA to Waive Annual Fees & Extend Financial Security Deadline</p> <p>Over the last two years TAAI has been appealing to MoCA and IATA to rework Financial Security towards protecting the travel agents from Airlines defaults and its suspension of services, which has impacted the travel agents by several hundred crores.</p> <p>TAAI- President, Mrs. Jyoti Mayal during the interaction with IATA on GoLite Accreditation w/s Standard IATA Travel Agency Accreditation & IATA Easy Pay, has strongly voiced the concern to IATA, to reconsider the extension of Financial Security by one more year and also asked for a waiver in Annual Fees considering the global pandemic.</p> 	<p>M.K.Stalin allotted key portfolio of Tourism to Dr. M. Mathiventhan</p> <p>Dr. M. Mathiventhan, 36 years doctor from Rasipuram, a Semi Urban constituency in West region and Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu got the responsibility as Tourism Minister in Stalin's Government. He is the 1st time MLA and also the Dist. DMK Youth Wing Dy. Organiser.</p> <p>Mathiventhan is an MD in General Medicine and a medical practitioner.</p>
 <p>an insight into the Incredible!</p> 	 <p>According to ITB BERLIN TRAVEL AND TOURISM DECLARATION, President & CEO, WTTTC, Guevara Gloria Manzo's message to policy makers is ...</p>
<p>Air India opens booking for London (LHR) - Mumbai flight</p> <p>Air India informed through a tweet that, "Air India will operate flights from London Heathrow to Mumbai from 17th May to 31st May 21. (Except 18th, 23rd, 25th and 30th May). Passengers who are already booked on these dates and wish to travel, will be required to revalidate their bookings".</p> <p>Philippines tightens inbound rules</p> <p>The new controls will apply regardless of whether a visitor has been vaccinated, visitors will get a Covid-19 test on the seventh day after arrival, but will still be required to complete a 10day of quarantine will be in a government-accredited facility, Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said in a media briefing.</p>	<p>"Implement the best mobility, international mobility protocols so that we can have a seamless and safe experience and resume international travel... offer common standards, common approach and clear rules ... including testing, wear the masks, the vaccination and all the solutions that are needed combined."</p>
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