

Update on IATO Activities

Sunday 16th April to Sunday 30th April 2023

Dear Members

Greetings!

Please find appended relevant activities of our association for the period (Sunday 16th April to Sunday 30th April 2023)

Segments covered are

- 1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues**
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Request your feedback to further the content of our weekly report.

1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues

Segment 1 update sequence by date:17, 18, 21,24, 27, April

Monday 17th April

- **IATO requested Mr. Manish Puri, Head of Sales , Air India for introduction of new flights by Air India connecting Aurangabad**

On behalf of the IATO Executive Committee and on his personal behalf, President IATO congratulated Mr. Manish Puri on his taking over the charge as Head of Sales of Air India.

IATO requested with regard to introducing the **following** new flights by Air India on the following sectors: -

- Delhi – Aurangabad - Delhi in afternoon or evening
- Jaipur –Udaipur – Aurangabad – Mumbai and back in afternoon
- Mumbai – Aurangabad – Mumbai in evening

Aurangabad was an important tourist destination for both foreign and domestic tourists who mostly travel from Mumbai. Aurangabad was the Tourism Capital of Maharashtra and is the gateway city to the 2000 year old UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Ajanta & Ellora Caves, 1000 year old impregnable Durg Fort, the Bibi - Ka - Maqbara (the only replica of Taj Mahal in the world) and the 50,000 year old meteorite impact Lonar Crater, ranking the largest of it's kind in the basaltic rock region of the world.

IATO in coordination and support from Maharashtra Tourism and District Administration of Aurangabad would organise its 38th IATO annual convention in Aurangabad in September 2023 to promote Aurangabad to increase tourist footfall in Aurangabad and its neighboring cities.

The Above requested flights will have good passenger loads on both the above sectors as presently there are very limited flights/seats on these sectors and there is acute shortage of air seats.

- **IATO requested Mr. Vinay Malhotra Head of Global Sales IndiGo to restore IndiGo Flight (evening flight) on sector Mumbai - Aurangabad - Mumbai sector which had been discontinued by IndiGo and also advocated for introducing a new daily flight on sector Delhi – Aurangabad – Delhi sector at late morning around 10 am. as there was a shortage of seats on this sector.**

IATO also requested to restore Mumbai – Aurangabad – Mumbai evening flight, which was very much important and needed in terms of tourism point of view. IATO also advocated for introducing a new daily flight on sector Delhi – Aurangabad – Delhi sector at late morning around 10 am. as there was a shortage of seats on this sector.

Tuesday 18th April

IATO wrote to Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India regarding allocation of booths to the co-exhibitors of Arabian Travel Mart - 2023 being held on 1st to 4th May 2023 at the Dubai World Trade Centre

IATO thanked the Ministry for setting up India Pavilion at Arabian Travel Mart being held in Dubai from 1st to 4th May 2023 in Dubai, and inviting the industry stakeholders to participate as co-exhibitors in India Pavilion.

IATO requested that allocation of booth for the Co-Exhibitors of ATM should be done on priority and should be informed to them urgently before 21st April 2023 so that they can in turn convey the same to their foreign tour operators/clients. Also login id and password be given for fixing up b2b meetings.

A Copy of the letter was marked to Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary and Mr. Roshan M. Thomas, Deputy Secretary (IC, IT & OM) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Friday 21st April

- IATO congratulated and welcomed Smt. V Vidyavathi (IAS), Director General, Archaeological Survey of India on being appointed as Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and taking over as Secretary Tourism, Govt. of India on 1st June 2023.

IATO mentioned that it was an extended arm of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India and supported the Ministry by giving its valuable inputs/suggestions on all policy matters and also supported the Ministry in all its efforts for promotion of tourism to our country.

IATO was sure that under the dynamic leadership of Smt. V Vidyavathi, Indian Tourism will reach greater heights and on behalf of the IATO Executive Committee and members IATO assured Smt. V Vidyavathi its full support in all endeavors for the growth of tourism in India.

Monday 24th April

IATO requested H.E. Ms. Satwant Khanalia Consulate General of India Hong Kong and Macau to re-store e-Visa and normal Visa for tourists from Hong Kong

Inbound tourism to India was badly affected due to Covid -19 and post revival of international flights and restoration of Visa/e-Visa, our government and the stakeholders were making all efforts to revive inbound tourism to India. However, we have been able to revive only 30 to 40 % of inbound tourism to India.

IATO had been writing to the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India to restore e-Visa from all the source markets including Hong Kong so that foreign tourist arrivals from Hong Kong can be revived/increased and brought to the level of 2019-20.

But now IATO has been given to understand that instead of restoring of e-Tourist Visa, tourists from Hong Kong, who want to travel to India for Holidays/ Leisure were being denied even the normal paper visa for travel to India. This will negatively impact inbound tourism to our country from Hong Kong.

Hong Kong offers Visa on Arrival to Indian Travellers.

Indian Consulate in Hong Kong has been in constant touch with IATO on many occasions for promotion of tourism to India.

IATO appealed that to kindly look into the matter and restore Normal Tourist Visa and also the e-Tourist Visa at the earliest as India recives large number of tourists from Hong Kong. In absence of Visa/e-Tourists Visa, tourists from Hong Kong will chose to visit other South East Asian countries and will avoid travelling to India which will be a great business loss for the Indian tour operators and thus loss of foreign exchange earnings for the country also.

A Copy of the letter was marked to A. Shri Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary, B. Mr. Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs C. Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary Ministry of Tourism and D.Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India

Thursday 27th April

IATO appealed to the Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi ji, Prime Minister of India and requested to help the Tourism Industry for revival of inbound tourism to India.

IATO apprised the Hon'ble Prime Minister that , inbound tourism industry of India was the worst affected due to Covid-19 pandemic. Post revival of international flight operations and tourist visa, only 30-40 % of Inbound tourism to India had been revived, which was informed during the recently held meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce on 19th April 2023. This fact was accepted by the senior officer, Ministry of Commerce during the meeting. He had very clearly mentioned that most of the services sectors have revived but inbound tourism has not shown signs of recovery so far.

IATO highlighted the statistics of inbound tour operator's contribution in terms of Foreign Tourist Arrivals and foreign exchange earnings:-

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals	Foreign Exchange Earnings (US \$)
2010	5.78 Million	14.49 Billion
2019	17.91 Million	30.05 Billion
2020	2.74 million (decreased to the level of year 2003 due to Covid)	6.95 Billion (decreased to the level of year 2004)
2021	1.52 Million	6.50 Billion
2022	6.19 Million	13.45 Billion

From the above statistics, it could be seen that it took 9 years to increase foreign exchange earnings to 30.05 billion in 2019 from US\$. 14.49 billion in 2010. However, at present we were at the level of 2004, which was 6.17 billion in terms of foreign exchange earnings.

IATO elaborated that during the Covid Pandemic Inbound tourism business was the worst affected and that tourism industry lost trained manpower and there were no financial help from the Government. The Inbound tourism was left to survive on its own under Atmanirbhar Bharat without any handholding from the Government, which would again take 7 to 8 years to recover under the present circumstances. Now SEIS which has been withdrawn or an alternative scheme in lieu is the only hope which could help the tourism industry to revive which has been eliminated from the Foreign Trade Policy 2023

For the revival of tourism and to increase foreign tourist arrivals to India, the tourism industry needed support from the Government for which IATO

1. Requested to Revive withdrawn Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS) or an alternative scheme may be introduced:- In the Foreign Trade Policy – 2023 announced recently, all incentives/benefits that were given to the exporters including inbound tour operators and other tourism industry stakeholders including SEIS, were withdrawn and there was no handholding from the government to help the tour operators to support them for revival of business. Tourism industry is one of the largest foreign exchange earnings and employment generating sector of our country and is highly contributing for the economic development of our country. For the growth of tourism the tour operators had to compete with the neighbouring countries to attract foreign tourists to India by offering competitive rates and at present we were losing a large volume of business in absence of any Government support for marketing and promotion in foreign markets. With the help of Government benefits SEIS, tour operators were utilizing the funds to attract foreign tourists to India and increase India's share of business by counteracting neighbouring countries. The main reason is high effective GST percentage of 20 to 23% without any CENVAT TAX CREDIT, which had cascading effect on our tourism package cost compared to 6 to 8% by our neighbouring countries.

IATO underlined an important point that the SEIS relief was based on the net foreign exchange earnings, the tour operators used to get 5% of the same. If the same condition was continued then it would help not only grow India's Inbound Tourism business but also regenerate employment of trained tourism personnel who had lost their jobs in millions and also increase our foreign exchange earnings to the level of 2019. Further, assured the Hon'ble Prime Minister that the year on year growth would be approximately 10 -12%, which would also help to increase GST collection/taxes for the Government.

Most importantly, it was a fact that 1 tourist generated 7 direct and 21 indirect jobs in every corner of India. This was one of the reasons for the Government to support the tourism industry at least for next 5 years for faster growth.

In view of the above, IATO recommended to the Ministry of Commerce that SEIS which had been withdrawn may please be continued for the tour operators in its original form or an alternative scheme may be introduced for the inbound tour operators at least for 5 years in its or till the time inbound tourism to India is fully revived and brought to the level of 2019-20.

2. Increase in TCS rate from 5 % to 20 % caused outbound tour business loss to tour operators based in India:- In the Finance Bill 2023 an amendment had been made TCS (tax collection at source) that w.e.f 1st July, 2023 Overseas Tour Packages for Indian nationals would attract TCS @ 20% (currently 5%), which would have a tremendous negative impact on Indian travel industry. The TCS had to be collected by tour operators and travel companies based in India and did not apply to tour operators based outside India.

The sole purpose of introducing TCS on foreign travel was to bring more and more people in the TAX net. But if any of the traveler in India who booked tour through a foreign tour operator who was based outside India would not come in the ambit of TAX net. By increasing TCS rate from

5% to 20%, would negatively impact the business of Indian Tour operators as this would discourage Indian travellers to book their tour packages through a tour operator/travel company based in India and would encourage travellers to book their travel through foreign operators who were based outside India. Apart from this, there would be big loss to the Government on account of GST as there would be no billing by Indian tour operators based in India.

In view of the above, IATO requested to roll back the TCS rate to 5%, rather IATO proposed that it should be reduced to 2.5% so that more and more people book their foreign trip through tour operators based in India and come in the TAX net.

Reiterating the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in making India a 5 trillion economy and in 5 years IATO assured that with the requisite support of the government a contribution of 100 Billion Foreign Exchange Earnings to the dream figure of the Hon'ble Prime Minister would be made. Without the help of the government IATO might fail to achieve this target of reaching these figures.

A copy of the request letter was sent to A. Shri G. Kishan Reddy Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and B. Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India

2. Webinars/ Panel Discussions/Circulars/Meetings

Segment 2 update sequence by date: 17.18, 21, 24,25,26,28 April

Monday 17th April

- All members were reminded on the IATO Elections, Tuesday the 18th April 2023 at 11 AM at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

Tuesday 18th April

IATO's Elections for the post of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members were held today, the 18th April 2023 at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. Total number of votes cast were 278 out of 378 eligible members to cast their vote.

List of Office Bearers/EC Members who have been declared elected are as under :-

- President - Mr. Rajiv Mehra, Uday Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- Sr. Vice President- Mr. Rajnish Kaistha, Paradise Holidays India Pvt. Ltd.
- Vice President - Mr. Ravi Gosain, Erco Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- Hony. Secretary - Mr. Sanjay Razdan, Razdan Holidays
- Hony. Treasurer - Mr. Sunil Mishra, Cosmos Tours & Travels
- Hony. Joint Secretary - Mr. Viney Tyagi, Uni Crystal Holidays Pvt. Ltd.
- Immediate Past President – Mr. Pronab Sarkar, Swagatam Tours Pvt. Ltd.

EC Members – Active (5 Posts)

- Mr. Deepak Bhatnagar – Aamantaran Travel Company Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. E.M. Najeeb, Air Travel Enterprises (I) Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Harish Mathur, Concord Travels & Tours
- Mr. Manoj Kumar Matta, Oriental Vacations & Journeys Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Tony Marwah, Indian Travel Promotion Company Pvt. Ltd.

EC Members –Allied (3 Posts)

- Mr. Ashok Dhoot – Harsh Travels
- Mr. P. Vijayasathy – Benchmark Hotels Pvt. Ltd.

- Mr. Zia Siddiqui – Alliance Hotels & Resorts

Mr. Homa Mistry was the Returning Officer for IATO Elections 2023



The New Elected Team



- President Mr. Rajiv Mehra with Mr. Satish Gupta, MD Sharp Travels (India) Ltd



Friday 21st April

- All Active Members were informed on the First Joint Tourism Working Group Meeting between India and Egypt in Cairo for 30th April - 04th May 2023.
- Mr. Dinesh Gupta, Manager Accounts, IATO Secretariat completed 25 years at IATO. A memento, a certificate and a token of appreciation was handed to Mr. Dines Gupta by Mr. Rajiv Mehra, President IATO in the presence of the EC.



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Monday 24th April

- All Members were informed on the MTDC Fellowship and Internship programme

Tuesday 25th April

- All Members were informed on the IATO Annual Subscription for the financial year 2023 – 24 for renewal of membership

Wednesday 26th April

- All Members were reminded on the IATO Interactive Luncheon Meeting on Friday, the 28th April 2023 at 1200 hours at The Park Hotel, New Delhi

Friday 28th April

➤ Brain Storming Session



➤ Interactive luncheon meeting with members



3. Media Coverage

Segment 3 update sequence by date: 19,20,22,23,29 April

Wednesday 19th April

- IATO new team elected office bearers return unopposed, EC Members get voted.
- <http://tourismbreakingnews.com/iato-new-team-elected-office-bearers-return-unopposed-ec-members-get-voted/>



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New IATO Team takes over; Office Bearers elected unopposed

A smooth IATO Elections took place at The Ashok New Delhi on April 18, 2023. While the six Office Bearers were already elected unopposed, the elections were held to elect 5 EC Members – Active and 3 EC Members Allied. The new team, which is the “dream team” of its visionary President Mr. Rajiv Mehra includes him as the President, Mr. Rajnish Kaistha as Senior Vice President, Mr. Ravi Gosain as Vice President, Mr. Sanjay Razdan as Hony. Secretary, Mr. Sunil Mishra as Hony. Treasurer and Mr. Vinay Tyagi as Joint Secretary. Active EC Members includes Mr. Deepak Bhatnagar, Mr. E.M. Najeeb, Mr. Tony Marwah, Mr. Harish Mathur and Mr. Manoj K Matta. Allied EC Members includes Ashok Dhoot, Mr. P. Vijayasarithy and Mr. Zia Siddiqui.

Fortune Hotels launches Fortune Resort Kalimpong

Fortune Hotels, a member of ITC’s hotel group, has announced the opening of Fortune Resort Kalimpong. The property boasts aesthetic, well-appointed rooms and suites with stunning views of Mt. Kanchendzonga. The contemporary decor of the rooms perfectly complements the beauty of nature that is embellished with a burst of flora and fauna of the region. The resort features an open-air swimming pool and a restful spa.

Raga Svara launches cohort-based Yoga Retreat in Rajkot, Gujarat

This Retreat goes beyond just teaching different Yogasanas and offers a complete experience that addresses the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of Yoga. This newly launched Retreat is a seven-day program that includes six nights of stay, and aims to leave

Rajiv Mehra,
President,
IATO

“ Election of six Office Bearers unopposed is something that has never happened in IATO before. Thanks to all the members of IATO who have shown unwavering faith in me and my team. I am extremely grateful to all of them. It makes us feel that we have to work harder and keep the faith safe. It is all because of our members that we are here today. They know that this team has delivered in the past and will continue to deliver in future too. Often convincing Government on industry issues is very difficult but somehow, the Ministers, the Officers, all listen to us and we even received

IATO elects new team for term 2023-25

The IATO elections were held yesterday at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. With no other nominations to contest, the earlier six Office Bearers were elected unopposed. The election was conducted for the new EC members, Active (5 posts) and Allied (3 posts).



Japan to launch new visa track for skilled foreign workers

Under the new measure, the Japanese govt will grant visas to foreign applicants and introduce preferential treatment for those who meet certain conditions, such as having an annual income of ¥20 million (\$151,000) and a master's degree. Under the govt's current points-based system, points are allocated according to categories that include academic and employment backgrounds, and annual income.



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Fortune Resort Kalimpong now open

The scenic resort set amidst picturesque locales, tucked away from the usual hustle and bustle of city life, is a perfect blend of modern amenities and nature's tranquillity offering easy access to all popular tourist spots. The hotel boasts aesthetic, well-appointed rooms and suites with stunning views of Mt. Kanchendzonga. The hotel also makes for an ideal venue for corporate events, weddings, and social gatherings.



MAYFAIR Hotels and Resorts launches Mayfair Spring Valley, Guwahati

This is the first MAYFAIR property in Assam, and the 13th MAYFAIR property in the country, a significant milestone in the brand's growth. The resort boasts over 240 rooms including Executive Rooms, Deluxe Rooms, Cottages, Pool Cottages, Suites, and Villas. The resort also houses one of the largest convention centres in the city.



MoCA gives green flag for new airport near Sabarimala

The new 'Greenfield Airport' project in Kerala's Kottayam district is close to Sabarimala temple and will be beneficial for thousands of devotees



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Blink Brand Solutions announces its foray into destination marketing and consulting

Blink Brand Solutions has announced its entry into the travel and tourism market where it will represent destinations and products in the Indian market in order to boost their visibility and visitation. What sets Blink Brand apart is that it will closely engage and work with the entire eco-system in the travel and tourism representation, including the destination marketing and representation companies, as well as its strategic focus on data, analytics and deep learning in...

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IATO elects new leadership team

The elections to decide the new leadership team of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) took place on April 18th in New Delhi.

Rajiv Mehra of Uday Tours & Travels was elected unopposed for the post of President. Sunil Mishra of Cosmos Tours & Travels and Vinay Tyagi of Uni Crystal Holidays were also elected unopposed for the position of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Joint Secretary respectively. The new leadership team also includes the following:
Sr. Vice President
Rajnish Kaistha of Paradise Holidays India
Vice President...



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Rich Cultural showcased by Madhya Pradesh on World Heritage Day



World Heritage Day 2023

The state of Madhya Pradesh celebrated World Heritage Day on April 18, 2023. This day provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on the importance of preserving cultural heritage sites and to appreciate the richness of India's cultural history.

Madhya Pradesh has a rich and diverse cultural heritage that is reflected in its numerous heritage sites. The state is home to three UNESCO World...

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Dehradun Chapter of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organizes two-day Residential State Conference

Dehradun Chapter of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Northern Indian Regional Council, in association with Graphic Era Hill University, Bhimtal organized a two-day Residential State Conference between 14th to 15th April, 2023 on the topic...

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SOTC Travel opens a new retail store in Dadar

SOTC Travel, a leading omnichannel travel and tourism company inaugurated its new retail store in Dadar. With this, SOTC's network strength increases to nine stores in Mumbai (3 retail and 6 franchise) reiterating the Company's strategic focus to expand its footprint in the city. Having a strategic focus to tap into Mumbai's high-potential market and expand the company's...

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Luxury experiences are high on the travel agenda for Indians in 2023

As per the American Express Travel 2023 Global Travel Trends Report based on survey data from travelers across the United States, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Japan, India, and the United Kingdom, 90% surveyed Indians are prioritizing travel plans focusing on personal wellness with 87% planning on spending more money on luxury experiences than conventional luxury good this year. Indians are planning to travel for gaining new experiences, learning about a city and its culture, breaking away from monotony and trying new food or cuisine. New trends like solo and...



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➤ IATO's New Elected Team for 2023-2025:

<https://travelmail.in/iatos-new-elected-team-for-2023-2025/>

Thursday 20th April



Rajiv Mehra's dream team is back with a bang: IATO Elections 2023 - Travel T...

The elections for the post of Office Bearers ...
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WAYANAD WELCOMED OVER 1.5 LAKH TOURISTS FROM APRIL 6 TO 16

We will do our best to fulfil the needs of tourism fraternity, says Rajiv Mehra



Rajiv Mehra, President, IATO, thanked the membership for voting his Dream team at the elections and said that their focus going forward will be to serve them in the best way possible. "We will do our best to fulfil the needs of tourism fraternity," he said.

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GOVT TO MAKE DELHI INT'L AVIATION HUB; TALKS TO IGA, INDIGO AND AI

Digital presentation of strengths is very important for states: Manisha Saxena



Manisha Saxena, DG, Tourism, said that digital presentation of strengths is very important as a destination and a lot of states have done some good work on it. "Almost everyone has a website and a tourism app. However, there are challenges in digitalization."

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'Tier II, III city travellers want to explore places with longer itineraries in summer'



SMA Sheeraz, Director, Sheeraz Tours, has said, "Travellers from Tier II, III cities want to explore places with longer itineraries this summer, eg. Yas Island- Abu Dhabi, ALULA in Saudi, or Hua Hin & Chiang Mai in Thailand & Malaysian Kota Kinabalu, Padang."

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AKASA AIR BEATS INDIGO; BECOMES MOST PUNCTUAL AIRLINE

Handholding of private partners to give technical support is must: IRCTC



Rajni Hasija, CMD, IRCTC, has said that many times in PPP model, private players don't have much technical knowledge of the subject. "Thus, handholding of the private partner is must, which IRCTC has been doing and we have been able to perform well also."

➤ **Rajiv-Mehra-gets-another-term-as-IATO-President**

<https://bwhotelier.businessworld.in/article/-Rajiv-Mehra-gets-another-term-as-IATO-President-/19-04-2023-473402/>

➤ **New-team-at-iato-takes-charge-as-election-for-office-bearers-ec-members-conclude**

<https://travel.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/associations/new-team-at-iato-takes-charge-as-election-for-office-bearers-ec-members-conclude/99595054#:~:text=378%20eligible%20members.-,Rajiv%20Mehra%20from%20Uday%20Tours%20%26%20Travels%20has%20been%20re%20Delected,last%20team%20got%20re%20Delected.>

➤ **IATO -elects-new-team-for-term-2023-25**



<https://traveltradejournal.com/iato-elects-new-team-for-term-2023-25/>

➤ **IATO-new-team-elected-office-bearers-return-unopposed-ec- members-get-voted**

<https://tourismbreakingnews.com/iato-new-team-elected-office-bearers-return-unopposed-ec-members-get-voted/>

➤ **Rajiv-Mehra-gets-another-term-as-IATO-president**

<https://www.traveltrendstoday.in/rajiv-mehra-gets-another-term-as-iato-president/>

➤ **Iatos-new-elected-team-for-2023-2025**

<https://travelmail.in/iatos-new-elected-team-for-2023-2025/>

<https://www.bottindia.com/bott-shots-april-19-2023/>

➤ **Rajiv-mehras-dream-team-is-back-with-a-bang-IATO-election 2023**

<https://www.travelturtle.world/news/rajiv-mehras-dream-team-is-back-with-a-bang-iato-elections-2023/>

[Evening Mumbai flight likely to resume | www.lokmatimes.com](https://www.lokmatimes.com)



Saturday 22nd April

➤ BOTT Weekly Roundup: April 16th to 22nd, 2023

- Ms. V. Vidyavathi to be new Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, appointed as OSD
- New IATO Team takes over; Office Bearers elected unopposed

Tourist coaches exempted from motor vehicle tax in state

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: In a relief to tour operators, the state transport department has completely exempted motor vehicle tax on tourist coaches.

The tourist coaches recognised by the ministry of tourism, Rajasthan tourism department, Indian Association of Tour Operators and Rajasthan Association of Tour Operators and approved by transport commissioner will be eligible to avail the benefits.

The air-conditioned coaches need to be 22-seaters or more to be eligible for the exemption. Sleeper coaches are not included.

After the Covid pandemic, the state government had given 50% exemption on the tax and now they are fully exempted.

Mohan Singh, general secretary of Rajasthan Association of Tour Operators said, "It's a big relief for the tour operators. These coaches are used mainly for foreign tourists and their footfall is still below the pre-pandemic levels."

The vehicles attract around Rs 40,000 as motor vehicle tax a month. During the off-season, the fleet owners surrender the permission to save the expenses. Now, they can retain permission.

Sunday 23rd April

BOTT Weekly Roundup: April 23 to April 29, 2023

 Tourism Minister addresses concerns of industry stakeholders

 Goa Tourism announces 'Heritage Festival 2023'

 38th IATO Convention to take place from September 29 – October 1, 2023

Saturday 29th April



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4. Chapter News

Segment 4 update sequence by date: 20,29, April

Thursday 20th April : Chapter Chair J&K

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Saturday 29th April



- IATO North East States Chapter, formally welcomed Mr Anil Oraw, the new Regional Director - North East, MOT, Govt of India
