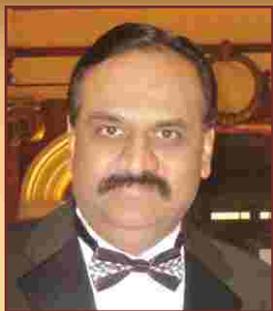


FROM THE DESK OF OUR LEADER



62nd TAAI Convention at Bali, Indonesia

Welcome to BALI.

Welcome to the 62nd Convention & Exhibition of TAAI.

It is an event that brings the cross-section of the world's most exciting industry – travel & tourism together. And when an enterprising group joins together to take our travel and tourism industry farther – the ambience that gets created is enlivening.

Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) is the premier travel and tourism association in India that offered Leadership to the industry for over Six Decades.

Popularly known as the **Indian Travel Congress**, TAAI Conventions have created an enormous impact wherever they are held. This time it is Bali from the 26th to 28th March 2015 (3 Nights). TAAI's membership of over 2,200 organizations certainly will look forward to optimize their significance through participation at this Congress.

India is a key player in outbound tourism. We have earned recognition, globally. An Indian tourist became important in view of growing volumes and high spending. TAAI's readiness to associate with the industry beyond India attracted global attention. One can gauge our increased bandwidth from the previous 5 convention locations. Bengaluru (India); Istanbul (Turkey); Phuket (Thailand); Dubai (UAE) and London (UK). A significant and visible accomplishment is the huge rise in outbound volumes from India to such Convention countries.

Indonesia & India are two great cultures that have plenty in common. Both these highly populated countries have enormous tourism potential. TAAI Convention at Bali is timely. We associate with the initiative of the Government of India currently organizing "Festival of India in Indonesia – Theme **"Sahabat India"**. **meaning Friendship India.**

One important area TAAI shall also focus is to promote our "Incredible India" in Indonesia. There will be inbound tour professionals who will go all out to promote inbounds into India, for sure.

The convention theme is **"Reflections. Redefining Relevance!"**. Its focus is to encourage industry players to evolve in a changing environment that offers growing opportunities. Sustaining Success in today's vibrant market place is a huge challenge and one must be ready to reflect in order to initiate change and remain relevant.

The impressive 3 day Congress will be packed with presentations, sessions & partnerships. It will be held at the most majestic Bali International Convention Centre (BICC). The Convention will also house our B2B Exhibition – India Travel Trade Expo from 26th to 28th. Exhibitors will be offered opportunities to showcase their products and services to the visiting delegates.

While business sessions keep delegates busy, there are abundant opportunities during the day and at Lunches & Dinners to network in order to hand-shake new relationships. The Delegates are offered the opportunity to experience tours within Indonesia; hotels and other attractions as Pre-Post Tours. With evenings that are padded up with entertainment; cuisine and festivity, surely the TAAI Convention at Bali is a "must join" event.

We extend our hand of friendship and welcome industry players from Indonesia and the rest of the world to join the TAAI Convention and take home value that can be well utilized to support growth and success.

Let us all make TAAI@Bali a great experience.

Welcome to Bali!

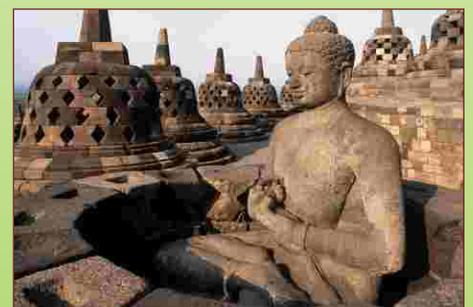
With warm regards

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IT'S BEAUTIFUL BALI !!

Members, TAAI has announced its most prestigious annual event – the Indian Travel Congress, 62nd Annual Convention and Exhibition, to be held from 26th to 28th March 2015, in Beautiful Bali, Indonesia at the Westin Resort Nusa Dua Bali. The registrations have already started coming in so if you haven't registered till now, do it right away by visiting our website www.taai.in and clicking on the convention logo. Get ready for a most fruitful and interesting convention. Expert Speakers will enthrall you with their insights and inputs related to the industry and Panelists will involve you in meaningful debates. There will be lots to sight-see and shop in and around this beautiful city whilst on the specially arranged tours alongwith the exciting pre and post Convention packages that have been put together just for you all. Log on to our website to register for these tours too. Do not delay and miss out!



WELCOME TO BALI



Convention Hi-Lights

- Bali is a terrific destination – An ideal location for any Indian to be involved with all kinds of activities. Its serenity is beyond imagination. Plenty of water sports and great times to spend..
- A unique opportunity for an Indian Industry Leader to promote Outbound & Inbound. Don't you forget – Indonesia's Tourist outflows are very large. It is the 4th largest populated country of the world.
- TAAI Convention offers a superb industry ambience. The best of Industry leaders can certainly meet up to hand-shake partnerships and optimize opportunities.
- TAAI has chosen some great locations to house our convention – You have plenty of variety to experience
 - Bali International Convention Centre – A masterpiece venue
 - Our Convention Hotels carefully chosen and attractively priced – Westin and Laguna are immediately connected. No hassles of transportation
 - Nikko Hotel – A superb property once again – offers a great venue for one of the evenings
 - Another Convention hotel in close vicinity: Ayodya Hotel – A masterpiece location one cannot afford to miss out. Perhaps one of the most all-embracing lobbys
- Three Day's are well planned – packed with Presentations; Sessions; Partnership opportunities
- An array of Pre-Post Tours : giveaways to Delegates at very nominal pricing : Lombok; Yogyakarta and Jakarta – More can be added on.
- Pre-Post Stays at some good Bali Hotels – Absolutely free of cost.
- For those transiting Singapore – a 3 night almost free CRUISE Experience in the Super Star Gemini
- Delegates visit Bali's masterpiece show – The Devdan Show, an amazingly alluring and daring show – a Bali Attraction presented in Bali's newest and most advanced theatrical complex.
- Entertainment – Hold your breath .. We are proposing something special.
- TAAI's exclusive B2B Exhibition - ITTE - India Travel Trade Expo from 26th to 28th March at BICC. Exhibitors offered ample opportunities to showcase their products and services to the delegates.
- Festivity – Party Time – Fun to cheer you up to celebrate a cherished holiday

**To get the most of these - REGISTER RIGHT AWAY!
Bali – Go for it – NOW!**

ABOUT BALI

Bali is an island of great diversity with plenty for travellers to experience. Each region of the island has its own unique characteristics and attractions. From pristine white sandy beaches to dense tropical forests, bustling marketplaces to hinterland terrain, art and culture to sunbathing and surfing. As well as tempting flavours and colourful places to explore. From the dramatic temple complex of Uluwatu or Bali's holy "Mother Temple" in Besakih: from important sea temples of Tanah Lot to the heart of Bali's "cultural tourism in Ubud or from Kuta and Legian - Bali's main tourist areas, bustling with colourful market stalls, Seminyak's charming and contemporary appeal to Sanur a sleepy resort village with a beachfront Kuta is the center of

entertainments and has become the favorite destination of multinational visitors. It has everything a tourist looks for i.e. white-sandy beach, rows of excellent bars and restaurants, discotheques, and entertainment spots for an enjoyable nightlife. Rows of kiosks selling souvenirs and everything a tourist needs. With sunshine shining throughout the year, Bali has a tropical monsoon climate. With the increasing number of direct flights to Bali from some other parts of the world, it makes it easier to go to Bali. The underwater world or marine life of Bali has been noted as one of the best in the world with various species. India and Indonesia share not only tourism influences but more importantly age old cultural history of yore.

THE CONVENTION THEME



With an impressive theme “REFLECTIONS– redefining relevance” TAAI will focus on inspiring our participating delegates to prepare themselves to sustain success in a fast changing environment.

“REFLECTIONS” inspires us to review and take a deeper look to determine our relevance in a fast-changing scenario which is loud and clear – “You are there or You aren’t.”

“REFLECTIONS” offers to delegate’s the access to innovative approaches that can support new visions and enable them to evolve with the current.

“REFLECTIONS” will be a thrilling journey that blends you with the best of opportunities and people. You simply can’t afford to miss out.

ITTE : B2B at TAAI CONVENTION @ BALI



TAAI’s India Travel Trade Expo – popularly known as ITTE is India’s leading Travel and Tourism Exhibition. It promotes successful B2B activity and offers great opportunities for Inbound & Outbound; MICE; Domestic; Medical; Health Care; Adventure; Medical Tourism, and more. Several States; National & overseas Tourism Boards/Authorities take part. ITTE combines all sectors of tourism. It is an ideal platform for exhibitors, buyers & sellers from this industry to showcase their products; properties and services to the various segments of tourism growth potential.

At the TAAI Convention 2015 at Bali, ITTE is being held from the 26th to 28th March 2015 (all 3 days). There will be B2B opportunities for Exhibitors; Buyers & Sellers from all over. One cannot be away from grabbing the most potential of buyers. In the past years, ITTE served its purpose extremely well. Do contact us for stalls and your participation. You are invited to shake-hands with the most potential of industry leaders and be rewarded with a successful relationship.

SPECIAL AIR FARE OFFERS TO DELEGATES !!

TAAI has successfully negotiated

SPECIAL AIR FARES FOR DELEGATES opting for total package (INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION) on Malaysia Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Jet Airways in combination with Garuda and Air Asia

Ex Chennai, Ex Hyderabad / Bengaluru / Ex Mumbai / Delhi, Ex Kochi, Ex Ahmedabad and Ex Hyderabad.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE TAAI SECRETARIAT

INAUGURAL AT TAAI CONVENTION - 26TH MARCH 2015 – 630 PM ONWARDS!

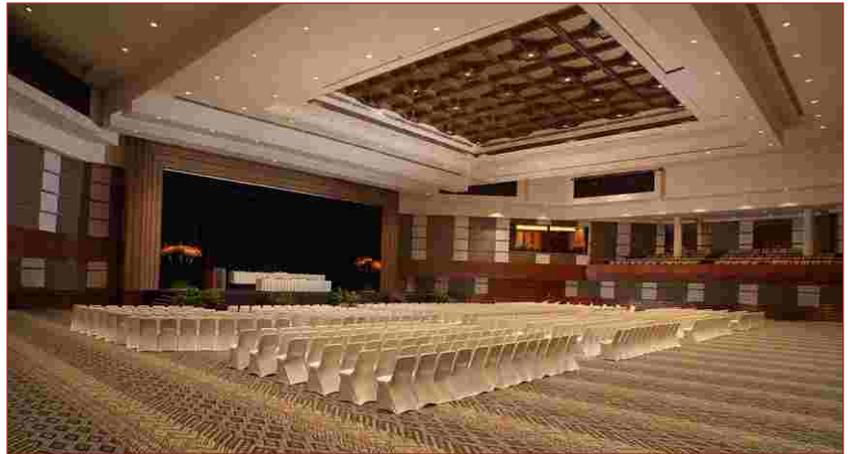
One of the most majestic and classy venues in Indonesia – the Mangapura Hall in Bali International & Convention Centre will host the Inaugural of the 62nd Convention & Exhibition of TAAI!

What a great place to be! Superbly crafted – the ambience it offers is absolutely fantastic.

The evening will be cladded with some great presentations; good speakers and classy entertainment that one would cherish.

It will be the launch of yet another majestic event in the Travel & Tourism Industry.

The TAAI Convention Committee is going all out to offer to its delegates a palette that is full of splendor; fun and fiesta.



If you haven't signed up for the Convention – start packing your bags. For it is so easy to access Bali – and without any pre-visa requirement, you could land most conveniently in this land that is known for its serenity and charm.

Let's go to BALI.

TAAI PRESENTS FESTIVAL OF INDIA IN INDONESIA AT BALI

A very special Dinner on 27th March 2015



To commemorate and support the Government initiative of SAHABAT INDIA (Friendship India) launched by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to attract attention towards India, TAAI will be organizing a very special evening on 27th March 2015.

NIKKO Hotels – one of the best venues in Bali and a great property is the proposed venue for this INDIA FESTIVAL DINNER.

The best of the Indian Restaurants group in BALI (Queens Tandoor Group) will offer rich Indian delicacies to supplement global cuisine – in order to bring back on to our taste-buds the Chats and Biryanis.

On this special evening – TAAI presents to the Balinese in particular and Indonesians in general - as well as the outbound tour operators of Indonesia the opportunity to appreciate the Indian way of festivity.

You may hand-shake with the successful Indians who have made Indonesia their forte having established well and continue to passionately associate with India and our culture.

Surely, there will be a food corner for the NAVRATRA observing delegates as well. We surely care for you!

An evening one cannot afford to miss!

Be with us at TAAI Convention @ Bali!

DEV DAN SHOW AT BALI (27th MARCH 2015)



An excellent opportunity for DELEGATES at TAAI CONVENTION to experience a great show at Bali. The show is one of the most amazing Bali attractions and ensures to provide a perfect choice to fulfill your entertainment activities during your stay in Bali. It is presented in Bali's newest and most advanced theatrical complex located in the heart of Nusa Dua Bali, Bali's number one tourist and entertainment area. The Devdan show in Bali is an alluring and daring show that takes the audience on a magical journey across Bali and the Indonesian Archipelago. Bali's Devdan show features a fusion of traditional Indonesian dance activities with modern contemporary dance, world-class aerial acrobatic attractions, dazzling costumes and hi-tech special effects. Acrobats and Artists from around Indonesia and the world provide guests with one of the most memorable attractions during their visit to Bali.

SAHABAT INDIA - MEANING "TRUSTFUL, LOYAL, TRUE FRIEND."

The opening ceremony of Sahabat India was done by former President Megawati Soekarnoputri at the launch of the "Festival of India in Indonesia" in Jakarta on 26th January 2015 along with Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Shri Gurjit Singh. The three-month-long festival celebrates India's social, economic and cultural engagement with Indonesia and TAAI's forthcoming Convention in Bali is a fitting tribute to this great initiative. The festival highlights Indonesia's profound friendship and respect for India.



PRESENTING FIRST COPIES OF CONVENTION BROCHURE



First Secretary of Indonesian Embassy in Delhi with Acting President Mr. Sunil Kumar, who presented her with the first official copy of the brochure of The Indian Travel Congress 2015-62nd Convention & Exhibition of TAAI.



Acting President Mr. Sunil Kumar with Mr. Pankaj Srivastava Commercial Director of Air India in Delhi and Executive Director Cargo Division Mr. Sanjeev Kumar. Mr. Kumar met with them to present the official copy of the brochure of the India Travel Congress 2015 to them.

TAAI TEAM WITH CONSUL GENERAL OF INDIA IN BALI



TAAI team called on Consul General of India in Bali Mr. Amarjeet Singh Takki and briefed on 62nd Convention and India Travel Congress to be held in Bali from 26th to 29th March 2015.

In the Pic:

1. Tourism Council Chairman-Jay Bhatia
2. Acting President - Sunil Kumar
3. Consul General of India in Bali - Mr. A S Takki
4. Hon. Secretary General - Harmandeep Singh Anand

MEETING WITH INDONESIA TOURISM IN JAKARTA

Meeting with Indonesia Tourism in Jakarta on 18th Feb 2015. TAAI gearing up for the forthcoming Convention in Bali. In centre Ms. Nia Niscaya - Director of International tourism promotion - Ministry of tourism of the republic of Indonesia.

On her left is Ms. Masruroh - Dy Director And on her right - Ms. Diah Pahame - Dy Director - Mice and special interest. Extreme right is Mr Panca Sarungu- MD of Raja Mice, Indonesia. Representing TAAI are Hon. Secretary, Harmandeep Singh Anand and Tourism Council Chairman Jay Bhatia



TAAI's Acting President Mr. Sunil Kumar and HSG Harmandeep Singh Anand at the office of Bali Tourism Board with its Chairman on 17th Feb



TAAI's HSG - Harmandeep Singh Anand and Chairman of Tourism Council - Jay Bhatia met the Ambassador of India in Indonesia H.E. Gurjeet Singh in Jakarta on 18th Feb. The Ambassador ensured full support to TAAI for the forthcoming India Travel Congress, 62nd Convention and ITTE to be held from 26th to 28th March in Bali, Indonesia.

CONVENTION HOTELS

THE WESTIN RESORT NUSA DUA – BALI – A MATCHLESS EXPERIENCE

The Westin Resort Nusa Dua, Bali is nestled on a white sandy beach on Bali's southern coast, overlooking the inviting waters of the Indian Ocean and has an exclusive array of signature services and amenities to help Delegates can unwind and recharge amid tropical surroundings. Choose from freshwater and saltwater swimming pools, with a 12-metre slide, a waterfall or take delight in a stretch of white-sand beach. Cradling 5,000 square meters of swimmable lagoons, the resort ensures a matchless experience with its 24-hour butler service, a new state-of-the-art spa, and a wide range of dining venues.



LAGUNA RESORT BALI- AMIDST PRISTINE BEAUTY

The Resort provides endless activities, including water sports and floodlit tennis courts, to ensure an engaging stay. Overlooking the tranquil lagoon, their Fitness Centre features modern equipment and the expertise of personal trainers. This serene retreat pampers guests with timeless rituals and effortless Balinese grace amid unique water features. The state-of-the-art Business Centre provides guests with everything they need to keep in touch with the outside world



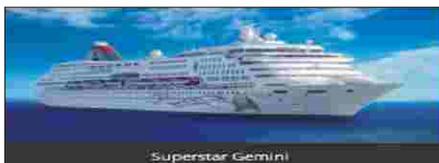
AYODYA HOTEL - THE KINGDOM OF HOSPITALITY



The magic of Ayodya Resort Bali almost defies description. At Ayodya Resort Bali, there is a wonderful blend of hospitality and grace of Bali's engaging people along with Ayodya Resort's standards of excellence. The Resort serves up a generous amount of traditional Ayodya magic. Add a touch of Bali mystique. And the perfect recipe for comfort, quiescence and indulgence is created. Close to Bali's cultural heart, Nusa Dua is home to hundreds of shops and crafts stores. Five minutes away, Bali Collection offers both everyday needs

and travel treasures. Kuta Beach, famous for its sunsets, has a local art market. Located on the ground floor, the resort's shopping arcade features a variety of outlets offering stylish clothing options as well as gifts for your family and friends back home plus uniquely-designed jewelry—including gold, silver, and precious stones.

PRE OR POST CONVENTION TOUR PACKAGES



Post Tour: SINGAPORE STAR CRUISE

“SUPER STAR GEMINI”

- ◆ 3 Nights Sailing (For those checking out on 28th at Bali will get free night with BF only at SIN – Standard Class Hotel without transfers).
- ◆ **29 March - 01 April**



Pre Tour - LOMBOK (Indonesia)

1 Night Bali + 2 Nights

- ◆ Lombok Package at the beautiful Island Lombok including the Bali-Lombok Ferry; Accommodation on twin sharing and Breakfast included.
- ◆ **23rd- 26th March**



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- ◆ **29th March - 1 April**



Pre Tour - YOGYAKARTA (JOG)

1 Night Bali + 2 Nights

- ◆ JOG Package at the Paradise island Yogyakarta. Accommodation on twin sharing and Breakfast included. DPS-JOG–DPS economy flight ticket option available
- ◆ **23rd - 26th March**



Post Tour - YOGYAKARTA (JOG)

1 Night Bali + 2 Nights

- ◆ JOG Package at the Paradise island Yogyakarta. Accommodation on twin sharing and Breakfast included. DPS-JOG–DPS economy flight ticket option available.
- ◆ **29th March- 01st April**



Pre Tour - JAKARTA (CGK)

- ◆ 2 Nights Jakarta Package at the Capital City Jakarta. Accommodation on twin sharing and Breakfast included. DPS-CGK or CGK-DPS economy flight ticket option available.

◆ **24th-26th March**



Post Tour - JAKARTA (CGK)

- ◆ 2 Nights Jakarta Package at the Capital City Jakarta. Accommodation on twin sharing and Breakfast included. DPS-CGK or CGK-DPS economy flight ticket option available.

◆ **29th-31st March**



Pre Tour - Bali

- ◆ One Night or Two Nights at Bali in Hotels other than Convention Hotels as decided by the Committee. LIMITED numbers only. First come first serve basis.

◆ **24th-25th March**



Post Tour - Bali

- ◆ One Night or Two Nights at Bali in Hotels other than Convention Hotels as decided by the Committee. LIMITED numbers only. First come first serve basis.

◆ **29th/30th March**



Post Tour- BATAM ex SINGAPORE

- ◆ 2 Nights stay at Batam (Ferry cost not included) on return from DPS.

◆ **29th-31st March**

TAAI WITH FIJI TOURISM IN INDIA



Tourism Council Chairman Mr. Jay Bhatia along with WR office bearers Mr. Sampat Damani, Col., Shashidharan -VSM, AFV & Mr. Sameer Karnani. Met the Fiji Tourism Minister Mr. Kota in Mumbai On 4 Feb. Discussing promotion of bilateral tourism between Fiji and India TAAI stressed the need for more workshop and educational workshops for its members. Mr. Bhatia has also extended an invitation to the Minister, Mr. Koya to attend the India Travel congress and the 62 convention in Bali. The minister along with Mr. Pranav Kapadia, representative for Fiji tourism in India assured support to TAAI and will jointly work in promoting tourism. During the Mumbai stop of the Tourism's Fiji Roadshow, the Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Faiyaz Siddiq Koya, launched a travel brochure on Fiji that specifically targets Indian travellers. The brochure was developed through a partnership between Tourism Fiji and Kuoni SOTC, which is a well-known, Swiss-based luxury travel and tour operator, with branches in several countries, including India. "Fiji has managed to capitalise

on its long standing business relations with Kuoni SOTC in the UK and European markets and we see the launch of this brochure as the beginning of an even more successful partnership in India and the Asian region," Mr Koya said. "Kuoni has gained a wealth of experience working in the Indian market for 60 years This will assist Fiji in understanding the needs of Indian travellers and enable us to package our products accordingly." Also in Mumbai, the Minister had a series of meetings with prominent travel agents, including a meeting with senior representatives from the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI). "The meetings with travel agents and especially TAAI have been fruitful and I am confident as a result we will see further increases in Indian visitor numbers in the coming year," the Minister said. TAAI has extended an invitation to the Minister to attend the Indian Travel Agent Forum in March 2015. The Mumbai roadshow was attended by 130 travel and tourism operators. The Roadshow ended last Friday in the city of Chennai.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS UPDATES

MALYSIAN TOURISM MINISTER DATO SERI MOHMAMED NAZRI BIN ABDUL AZIZ MEETS TRADE LEADERS IN MUMBAI.



TAAI & TAFI Team along with the Minister of Tourism & Culture, Govt. Of Malaysia at a special meeting with the travel trade associations in Mumbai



Dato Mirza Mohammed Taiyab - Director General of Tourism, Malaysia, Hon. Secretary General - Harmandeep Singh Anand, Hon. Minister of Tourism & Culture - Malaysia : Dato Seri Mohmamed Nazri Bin Abdul Aziz, Hon. Treasurer Marzban Antia, Tourism Council Chairman, Jay Bhatia, Manoj Ran Perisamy - Head Malaysia Tourism in India



TAAI team along with Hon. Eldeen Husajni Mohd Hashim - Consul General of Malaysia in Mumbai

An exclusive meeting was held between tourism Malaysia, TAAI and Tafi in Mumbai on 14th February 2015. Once again issues related to visa on arrival, current procedures and promotion of points beyond Kuala Lumpur were discussed. Airline connectivity and the need for educational workshops on regular basis was proposed by HSG, Harmandeep Singh Anand. The Malaysian Consul General in Mumbai assured that ease in visas through agents would be considered and has asked TAAI and Tafi to submit a proposal to them which could be forwarded to the minister. The minister also graced TAAI proposal to host pre and post tours for delegates traveling enroute to Bali for the TAAI convention and explore Malaysia. TAAI was represented by HSG, Harmandeep S. Anand, Treasurer, Marzban Antia and Tourism Council Chairman, Jay Bhatia.

MEETING WITH MR. OM PRAKASH, TOURISM MINISTER OF UTTAR PRADESH

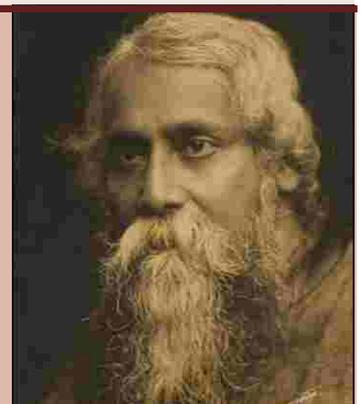


HSG, Mr. Harmandeep Singh Anand along with Chairperson, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand Chapter, Mr. Sunil B Satyawakta and Director, Civica Travels, Lucknow Mr. Sukesh Bahadur presented a memento to the Tourism Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Om Prakash, when he later invited them at his office in Vidhan Sabha, Lucknow on February 23, 2015. The Minister thanked TAAI for its efforts in promoting tourism in Uttar Pradesh and HSG detailed him at length about the various activities of TAAI. He also invited the Minister and his team to participate in TAAI Convention at Bali in March.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ Everything comes to us that belongs to us if we create the capacity to receive it.”

- Rabindranath Tagore



UTTAR PRADESH & UTTARAKHNAD CHAPTER HOLDS WORKSHOP ON SERVICE TAX



Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand Chapter organized a Workshop on Service Tax conducted by HSG and Mr. Manish Gadia, CA, at Hotel Golden Tulip, Lucknow on February 21st, 2015. The Workshop was well attended by over 56 travel agents and tour operators from Allahabad, Agra, Dehradun, Gorakhpur, Varanasi besides Lucknow. To top it all eight Chartered Accountants and Tax Consultants also participated and were later presented mementos by HSG.

UTTAR PRADESH & UTTARAKHNAD CHAPTER INVITES AGENTS TO MEET & GREET HSG AT ANNUAL DINNER



TAAI HSG Mr Harmandeep Singh Anand met TAAI members of TAAI Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Chapter at their annual dinner event and had successful interaction with all of them. The members were happy to have the HSG in their midst and thanked him for arranging the Service Tax Presentation program for their benefit. Members welcomed the opportunity to bond with each other.

TAAI WITH JNTO & JATA OFFICIALS

Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) and Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) called upon TAAI colleagues on 4th February 2015 at the TAAI Secretariat in Mumbai for interactions and way forward to promote Tourism between the two countries.

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Mr. Jay Bhatia – Chairman Tourism Council

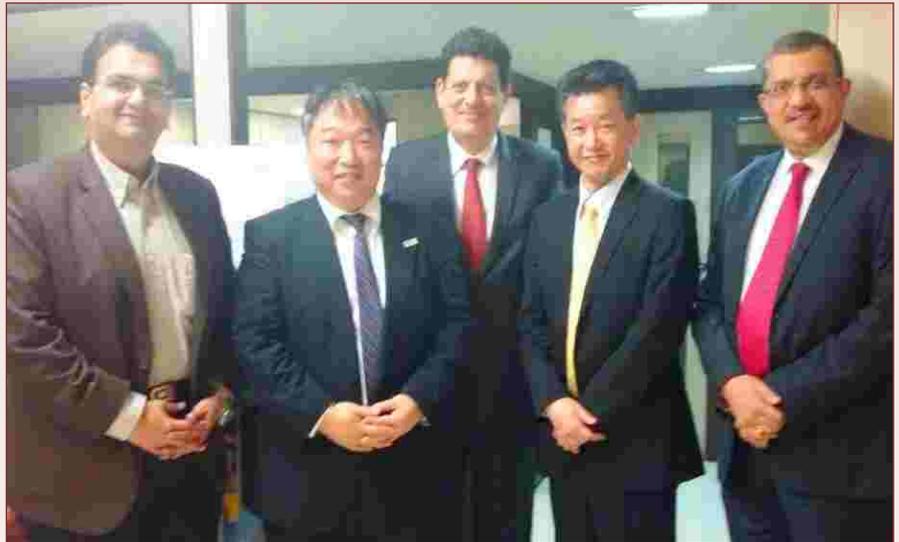
Mr. Hideki MANABE-Executive Director -JNTO

Mr. Marzban Antia-Hon. Treasurer TAAI

Mr. Hideki KASAHARA – Dy. GM Inbound Travel Promotion – JATA

Mr. Sunil Puri - Industry Relationship Representative, India - JNTO

Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO)
Visit Japan



MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

TAAI MEMBER FROM SAURASHTRA KUTCH CHAPTER RECEIVES TROPHY

Chairman of TAAI Saurashtra Kutch Chapter Devendra Shah informs us that his Chapter's Active member Deepak J Kakkad was honored by Star Tour UK in Mumbai recently at a special function held by them at Novotel Juhu, Mumbai. He was presented with a beautiful trophy for his dedication and hard work in the travel and tourism industry. The memento was handed over to him by Mr. Girish Shah CMD of Star Tour UK.



OBITUARY



We have lost a great soul Mr. Gautam K. Khanna : Past President – TAAI

Travel & Tourism Industry in India is grieved with a huge setback. We have lost one of the most illustrious and noble leaders India had produced. TAAI is deeply pained to share this agony with our membership that an outstanding luminary and achiever Leader like Mr. Gautam K Khanna breathed his last a few days ago.

Mr. Gautam K. Khanna was FOUR TIMES president of TAAI (1958-59 & 1988-91) and has been instrumental in providing Leadership of a great order. Not often do we come across such accomplished achievers and people who brought glory to TAAI and to the Industry.

On behalf of all the Members of Managing Committee; All our Chairpersons and the Members of TAAI, we pray to the lord almighty for his soul to rest in peace and to offer solace and courage to the members of his bereaved family to face this huge crisis.

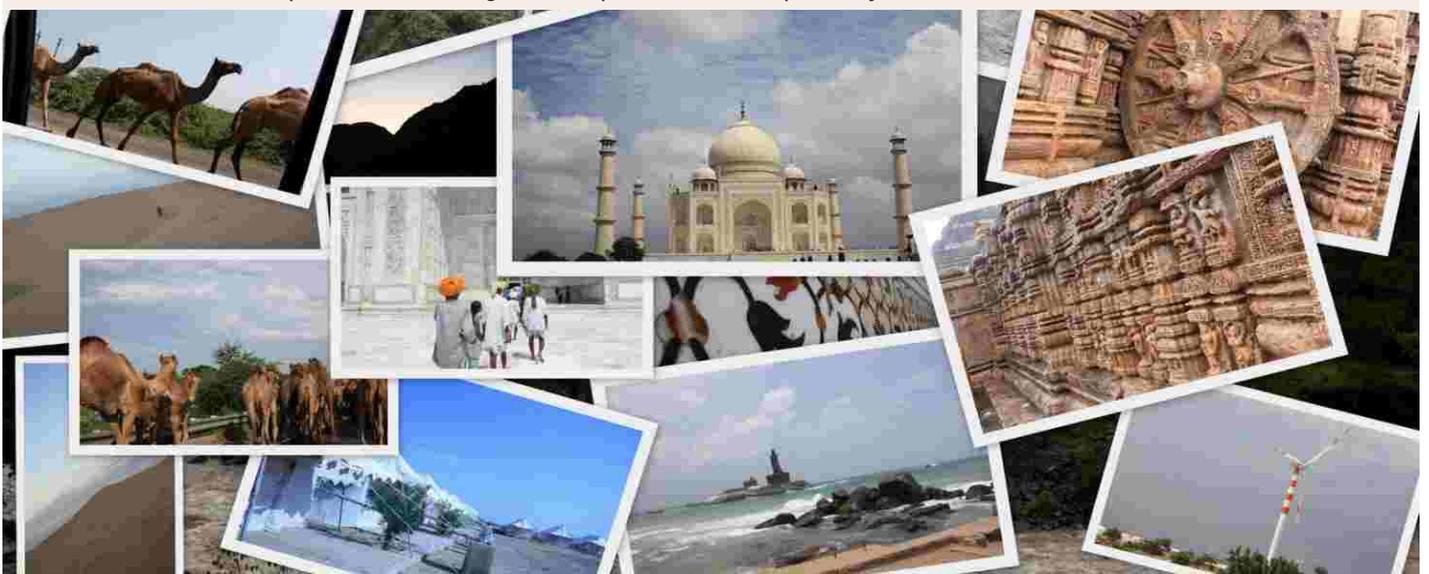
TRADE NEWS

COUNTRY HAS SEEN 421% JUMP IN TOURIST ARRIVAL AFTER NEW VISA SCHEME: RAJNATH SINGH

PTI Feb 17, 2015,

NEW DELHI: India has seen 421.6 per cent jump in tourist arrival after implementation of a faster visa clearance process, Home Minister Rajnath Singh. Addressing a meeting of the consultative committee of Members of Parliament attached to the Home Ministry, Singh said after the launch of the Visa Enabled by Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) and Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) project, 65,000 visas have been issued in 75 days and on an average 1,000 travel documents are being issued per day at present. There had been 421.6 per cent jump in tourist arrival during December 2014 as compared to the previous year," he told the Mps. In December 2013, a total of 2,700 tourist visas- on-arrival (VOAs) were issued while in December 2014, the corresponding number had gone upto over 14,000. ETA and IVFRT enable the prospective visitor to apply for an Indian Visa from his or her home country online without visiting the Indian Mission and also pay the visa fee online.

Once approved, the applicant will receive an email authorising him or her to travel to India and the person can travel carrying a print out of this authorisation. On arrival, the visitor has to present the authorisation to the immigration authorities who would then stamp the entry into the country. The Home Minister told the members that the IVFRT is one of the Mission Mode Project (MMP) undertaken by the Home Ministry under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). The scope of the project covers 178 Indian missions abroad and 13 Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs), 674 Foreigners Registration Offices (FROs) and 83 Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) within the country. Singh said as on date the project has been implemented in 155 Indian missions abroad and 13 FRROs, 450 FROs and 81 ICPs covering 85 per cent of the foreigners coming to India. The implementation of the project in remaining 23 Indian missions abroad, biometrics software installation in 116 Indian missions abroad, 224 FROs and implementation of e-gates at airports will be completed by March, 2017.





**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO
WELCOMING
YOU ALL IN BALI !**



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