

### **e- Tourist Visa during February, 2016**

Commencing from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 e-Tourist Visa facility was available until 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for citizens of 113 countries arriving at 16 Airports in India. The Government of India has extended this scheme for citizens of 37 more countries w.e.f 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 taking the tally to 150 countries. The following are the important highlights of e-Tourist Visa during February, 2016.

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(i) During the month of February, 2016 a total of 1,17,210 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 24,985 during the month of February, 2015 registering a growth of 369.1%.

(ii) This high growth may be attributed to introduction of e-Tourist Visa for 150 countries as against the earlier coverage of 43 countries.

(iii) The percentage shares of top 10 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during February, 2016 were as follows:

UK (27.86%), USA (13.85%), France (8.08%), Russian Fed. (6.21%), Germany (4.92%), China (4.91%), Canada (4.21%), Australia (3.64%), Republic of Korea (2.15%) and Ukraine (2.00%).

(iv) The percentage shares of top 10 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during February, 2016 were as follows:

New Delhi Airport (40.96%), Mumbai Airport (20.62%), Goa Airport (13.42%), Chennai Airport (6.19%), Bengaluru Airport (5.42%), Kochi Airport (3.44%), Kolkata Airport (2.50%), Trivandrum Airport (1.88%), Hyderabad Airport (1.86%) and Ahmedabad Airport (1.58%).

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