

### **e- Tourist Visa during March, 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 March, 2016.

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- (i) During the month of March, 2016 a total of 1,15,677 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 25,851 during the month of March, 2015 registering a growth of 347.5%.
- (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 March, 2016 were as follows:  
  
UK (27.74%), USA (13.41%), Russian Fed. (7.04%), France (6.55%), Germany (5.18%), China (4.49%), Canada (3.89%), Australia (3.79%), Spain (1.99%) and Ukraine (1.66%).
- (iv) The percentage shares of top 10 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during March, 2016 were as follows:  
  
New Delhi Airport (46.76%), Mumbai Airport (18.75%), Goa Airport (11.11%), Chennai Airport (5.55%), Bengaluru Airport (5.03%), Kochi Airport (2.82%), Kolkata Airport (2.38%), Amritsar Airport (2.12%), Hyderabad Airport (2.07%) and Trivandrum Airport (1.33%) .

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