

e- Tourist Visa during May, 2016

Commencing from 27th November 2014 e-Tourist Visa facility was available until 25th 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 26th February 2016 taking the tally to 150 countries. The following are the important highlights of e-Tourist Visa during May, 2016.

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(i) During the month of May, 2016 a total of 43,833 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 15,659 during the month of May, 2015 registering a growth of 179.9%.

(ii) During January- May, 2016, a total of 4,34,927 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 1,10,657 during January - May 2015, registering a growth of 293.0% .

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

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

USA (18.52%), UK (15.63%), China (8.17%), France (5.16%), Germany (4.91%), Australia (4.50%), Canada (4.49%), UAE (3.01%), Russian Fed. (2.79%) and Malaysia (2.12%).

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

New Delhi Airport (45.11%), Mumbai Airport (22.50%), Bengaluru Airport (9.00%), Chennai Airport (6.63%), Kochi Airport (3.68%), Goa Airport (2.86%), Hyderabad Airport (2.75%) Kolkata Airport (2.63%), Trivandrum Airport (1.42%) and Ahmedabad Airport (1.26%).
