

## **Foreign Tourist Inflow to India during August, 2018**

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of information received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI). The following are the important highlights regarding FTAs and FTAs on e-Tourist Visa during the month of August, 2018:

### **Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs):**

- FTAs in August 2018 were 784814 as compared to 719129 in August 2017 registering a growth of 9.1%.
- FTAs during the period January-August 2018 were 6754412 as compared to 6283285 in January-August 2017 registering a growth of 7.5%.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during August 2018 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (26.49%) followed by USA (11.03%), UK (8.87%), Sri Lanka (6.93%), Malaysia (3.36%), China (2.73%), Japan (2.55%), France (2.31%), Canada (2.31%), Australia (2.30%), Germany (2.04%), Nepal (1.88%), Singapore (1.83%), Italy (1.50%) and Rep. of Korea (1.48%).
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during August 2018 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (26.65%) followed by Mumbai Airport (14.24%), Haridaspur Land Check Post (12.14%), Chennai Airport (9.51%), Bengaluru Airport (6.14%), Kolkata Airport (5.18%), Hyderabad Airport (3.40%), Gede Rail Land Check Post (2.56%), Cochin Airport (2.38%), Sonauli Land Check Post (1.99%), Ghojadanga Land Check Post (1.95%), Trivandrum Airport (1.70%), Tiruchirappalli Airport (1.40%), Agartala Land Check Post (1.40%) and Ahmedabad Airport (1.14%).

### **FTAs on e-Tourist Visa:**

- During the month of August, 2018 total of 150457 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 113243 during the month of August, 2017 registering a growth of 32.9%.
- During January-August 2018, a total of 1418534 tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 948981 during January-August 2017, registering a growth of 49.5%.

- The percentage shares of top 15 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during August, 2018 were highest from UK (11.0%), followed by USA (9.6%), China (7.4%), Spain (6.1%), France (5.6%), Italy (5.2%), UAE (4.0%), Germany (3.6%), Malaysia (3.4%), Australia (3.3%), Oman (3.3%), Republic of Korea (3.0%), Canada (3.0%), Israel (3.0%) and Singapore (2.5%).
- The percentage shares of top 15 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during August 2018 were highest from New Delhi Airport (47.1%), Mumbai Airport (19.2%), Chennai Airport (10.0%), Bengaluru Airport (7.8%), Hyderabad Airport (3.5%), Kochi Airport (3.0%), Kolkata Airport (1.7%), Trivandrum Airport (1.5%), Tirchy Airport (1.4%), Amritsar Airport (1.2%), Ahmedabad Airport (0.9%), Jaipur Airport (0.8%), Calicut Airport (0.6%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (0.4%) and Sonauli Land check post (0.4%).

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