GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2021

- The Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism and Culture participated in the G-20 Tourism Ministers' Virtual Meeting held in Italy on 4th May 2021. Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and Culture, Government of India thanked the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Government of Italy for organizing the meeting in such challenging times and bringing together the Member States for a dialogue to collaborate in protecting tourism businesses, jobs and taking initiative to frame policy guidelines to support the sustainable and resilient recovery of travel and tourism.
- The Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism and Culture participated through a video message in the Tourism Recovery Summit held virtually in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) on 26th May 2021. The Summit focused on the new era the tourism industry is entering and actions needed to respond to global challenges. The Summit was held on the side-lines of the 47th Meeting of UNWTO Regional Commission for the Middle East. Taking this opportunity, the Hon'ble Minister (T&C) also sent a congratulatory message to the Secretary General, UNWTO for opening the Regional Office of UNWTO in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Ministry of Tourism attended the IBSA Tourism Working Group (ITWG) virtual meeting held on 12th May 2021 to deliberate upon the draft IBSA Tourism Action Plan which would be taken up during the upcoming IBSA Tourism Ministerial Meeting which is proposed to be held in August 2021.
- Indiatourism Singapore participated in the virtual PATA Adventure Tourism Travel Mart held from 26th 27th May 2021, organized by the Pacific Asia Travel Association. During the Mart, virtual meetings were held with tour operators and Indian adventure tourism products were highlighted. The office also set up a virtual booth showcasing e-brochures and Incredible India promotional videos.
- Addl. Director General (Tourism) chaired a virtual meeting on 28.05.2021 with Indian Heritage Hotels Association (IHHA) in which various issues pertaining to "Heritage Properties" including their recognition and promotion were discussed.

- Indiatourism Domestic Offices organized a number of promotional events to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. The activities included promotions on social media, Webinar on "1857, War of Independence, Meerut Uprising", Online presentations on Freedom Struggle for School students, etc.
- In the midst of the COVID pandemic, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi provided 500 packed meals daily from 18th to 31st May 2021 to the health care workers at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital as CSR activity of ITDC. The food was cooked and packed with all safety measures.
- The Ministry disposed of 146 Public Grievances by the end of May 2021 and 33 remained pending.
