

### **Growth in Foreign Tourist Arrivals in March, 2018 over March, 2017**

The 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 March, 2018:

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

- FTAs in March 2018 were 10.26 lakh as compared to 9.05 lakh in March 2017 registering a growth of 13.4%.
- FTAs during the period January-March 2018 were 31.27 lakh as compared to 28.45 lakh in January-March 2017 registering a growth of 9.9%.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during March 2018 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (19.59%) followed by UK (11.56%), USA (10.79%), Russian Federation (3.89%), Sri Lanka (3.72%), Malaysia (3.36%), Canada (3.35%), Germany (3.19%), China (2.67%), Australia (2.62%), France (2.58%), Japan (2.11%), Thailand (2.00%), Singapore (1.64%) and Afghanistan (1.60%).
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during March 2018 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (30.68%) followed by Mumbai Airport (14.31%), Haridaspur Land Check Post (9.12%), Chennai Airport (6.53%), Goa Airport (4.87%), Bengaluru Airport (4.73%), Kolkata Airport (4.66%), Cochin Airport (3.29%), Sonauli Airport (2.45%), Hyderabad Airport (2.39%), Gede Rail Land Check Post (2.20%), Amritsar Airport (1.65%), Ghojadanga Land Check Post (1.40%) Ahmedabad Airport (1.37%), and Trivandrum Airport (1.21%).

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

- During the month of March, 2018 a total of 2.46 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 1.46 lakh during the month of March, 2017 registering a growth of 68.8%.
- During January-March 2018, a total of 7.62 lakh tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 4.67 lakh during January-March 2017, registering a growth of 63.0%.
- The percentage shares of top 15 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during March, 2018 were highest from UK (19.6%) followed by USA (9.8%), Russian Federation (6.0%), France (5.5%), China (5.3%), Germany (5.3%), Canada (4.8%), Australia (3.3%), Thailand (2.8%), Italy (2.2%), Malaysia (1.9%), Spain (1.9%) Oman (1.9%), Republic of Korea (1.9%) and Singapore (1.9%).
- The percentage shares of top 15 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during March 2018 were highest from New Delhi Airport (46.0%), Mumbai Airport (16.8%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (9.5%), Chennai Airport (5.8%), Bengaluru Airport (5.2%), Kochi Airport (3.1%),

Kolkata Airport (2.7%), Hyderabad Airport (2.0%), Amritsar Airport (1.9%), Trivandrum Airport (1.2%), Ahmedabad Airport (1.0%), Jaipur Airport (0.9%), Gaya Airport (0.7%), Mumbai Seaport (0.6%) and Tirchy Airport (0.6%).

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