

10.1% growth in Foreign Tourist Arrivals in February, 2018 over February, 2017

The Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

The following are the important highlights regarding FTAs and FTAs on e-Tourist Visa during the month of February, 2018:

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs):

- The number of FTAs in February, 2018 was 10.53 lakh as compared to FTAs of 9.56 lakh in February, 2017 and 8.49 lakh in February, 2016.
- The growth rate in FTAs in February, 2018 over February, 2017 was 10.1%, compared to 12.7% in February, 2017 over February, 2016.
- FTAs during the period January- February 2018 were 21.19 lakh with a growth of 9.2%, as compared to the FTAs of 19.40 lakh with a growth of 14.6% in January-February 2017 over January- February 2016.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during February 2018 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (18.28%) followed by USA (12.40%), UK (11.75%), Canada (4.36%), Russian Federation (4.20%), France (3.24%), Malaysia (3.14%), Germany (3.04%), Sri Lanka (2.89%), Australia (2.65%), China (2.33%), Japan (2.09%), Thailand (1.92%), Afghanistan (1.65%) and Nepal (1.41%) .
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during February 2018 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (30.95%) followed by Mumbai Airport (15.85%), Haridaspur Land Check Post (8.58%), Chennai Airport (6.60%), Goa Airport (5.32%), Bengaluru Airport (4.93%), Kolkata Airport (4.75%), Cochin Airport (2.63%), Gede Rail Land Check Post (2.58%), Hyderabad Airport (2.39%), Ahmedabad Airport (2.05%), Amritsar Airport (1.46%), Sonauli Airport (1.28%), Ghojadanga Land Check Post (1.27%) and Trivandrum Airport (1.23%).

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) on e-Tourist Visa

- During the month of February, 2018, a total of 2.76 lakh foreign tourists arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 1.70 lakh during the month of February, 2017 registering a growth of 62.0%.
- During January- February 2018, a total of 5.16 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 3.22 lakh during January-February 2017, registering a growth of 60.3%.
- The percentage share of top 15 source countries availing e- Tourist Visa facilities during February, 2018 was as follows:

UK (20.1%), USA (10.3%), France (7.0%), Canada (5.5%), Russian Fed (5.4%), China (5.1%), Germany (4.8%), Australia (3.4%), Thailand (2.7%), Italy (2.6%), Oman (1.8%), Korea (Rep.of) (1.7%), Netherlands (1.5%), Malaysia (1.4%), and Spain (1.4%).

The percentage share of top 15 ports in foreign tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during February, 2018 was as follows:-

New Delhi Airport (43.6%), Mumbai Airport (18.6%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (9.6%), Chennai Airport (9.5%), Bengaluru Airport (5.6%), Kochi Airport (3.6%), Kolkata Airport (3.1%), Hyderabad Airport (1.8%), Trivandrum Airport (1.6%), Amritsar Airport (1.4%), Ahmadabad Airport (1.3%), Jaipur Airport (0.9%), Gaya Airport (0.8%), Tirchy Airport (0.5%) and Calicut Airport (0.3%).

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