

## Thomas Cook India & SOTC Travel partner with LTIMindtree to monitor & manage business travel emissions

Thomas Cook (India) Limited and its Group Company SOTC Travel, announced their partnership with global technology consulting and digital solutions company LTIMindtree, to launch “Green Carpet” – a global platform to monitor and manage business travel emissions.



According to the release, Green Carpet is built on the combined prowess of Thomas Cook & SOTC’s deep expertise in the travel industry, LTIMindtree’s ESG consulting and digital solutions capabilities and also leverages the

global expertise of Fairfax Digital Services (a Fairfax company).

Commenting on the development, Madhavan Menon, CMD, Thomas Cook (India) Limited, said, “At Thomas Cook & SOTC, our leadership in the travel sector formed the basis of our partnership with LTIMindtree – a leading technology solutions provider. “Green Carpet” therefore, not only embodies this potent partnership of leaders, but also leverages the global expertise of Fairfax Digital Services to collectively empower enterprises with the ability to seamlessly monitor and manage business travel emissions and drive their net zero goals.”



## DGCA approves 22,907 flights per week from 110 airports for the summer schedule

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved 22,907 flights per week from 110 airports for the summer schedule, which begins from March 26 till October 28.

“Summer schedule 2023 of the scheduled domestic airlines has been finalised after the slot conference meeting held in February 2023. It has been observed that there are 22,907 departures per week which have been finalised to/from 110 airports as per summer schedule 2023,” the statement from DGCA read.

## Tourism New Zealand completes 20 years in India

Tourism New Zealand, the official tourism board responsible for promoting New Zealand, celebrated its 20th year anniversary in India through frontline training workshops and networking events in Delhi and Mumbai. The attendees comprised of members of the travel trade fraternity, airline partners, media and other key stakeholders.

Speaking on this occasion, Angela Blair, GM International, Tourism New Zealand, said, “We are delighted to celebrate 20 years of inspiring travellers in India, which is one of our priority markets. New Zealand is known for its rich culture, arts, scenic beauty and stories that await to be discovered by high-quality Indian visitors. This special occasion was also a way to thank all our trade partners for contributing immensely to our journey and we look forward to their continued support in the years to come.”



## IATO delegation meets Maharashtra CM

Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) team led by Rajiv Mehra, President (Elect) and Ravi Gosain, Vice President (Elect) met the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde, Ambadasji Danve, leader of Opposition of Maharashtra Legislative Council and Mangal Prabhatji Lodha, Tourism Minister of Maharashtra in Mumbai

to invite them for the 38th IATO Annual Convention scheduled to be held in SAMBHAJINAGAR (formerly Aurangabad) in September this year. The Chief Minister assured his full support from his office and also from the Directorate of Tourism, Maharashtra Government for the convention.



## Skal Club of Bombay (144) forms its new team for the term 2023-2025

Skal Club of Bombay (144) formed its new team (2023-2025) at the AGM held on 18th March 2023. The meeting which took place at West End Hotel in Mumbai unanimously elected Sk Burjis Mehta as President, Sk Irshad Patel and Sk Vishal Bhatia as Vice Presidents 1 & 2 respectively. Sk SatyaPrakash Gupta and Sk Nishant are the new secretary and treasurer of the club.

The other members of the new team are Sk Ayyappan Syam, Director Membership Development; Sk Rajesh Ratera, Director CSR; Sk Anil Kadvil, Director PR; Sk Yusuf Poonawala, Director Events; Sk. Shashank SM, Director Sponsorships; Sk. Hema Manghnani, Director Young Skal; Sk. Muffi, Sr. Auditor; Sk Deepan Shah, Jr. Auditor.

## Air India to curtail US flights due to shortage of staff: CEO

Passengers flying to the US on Air India may see cancellations during the peak summer travel season as a crew shortage forces the flag carrier to trim popular flights to the country, officials said.

“As of now, six weekly flights to US, three to Newark and three to San Francisco, will be trimmed due to crew shortage for the coming 2-3 months,” said Campbell Wilson, CEO & MD.

“Air India’s flight AI 105/106 will be cancelled from March 26 to April 29, its flight AI 119/ 116 from Mumbai to New York will be cancelled for the entire May and its flight AI 173/ 174 from Delhi to San Francisco will be cancelled from March 26 to June 29,” an official said.

