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# UNWTO, Google partner for recovery of global tourism

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNTWO) and Google have signed an agreement



Google have signed an agreement to work together and lead tourism's global

tourism's global recovery through

innovation, education and market intelligence. The new memorandum of understanding builds on past cooperation between the two parties. With destinations in some parts of the world looking to restart tourism, the new partnership will focus on harnessing the power of innovation, education, data and market intelligence to drive sustainable and inclusive recovery.

Notably, the two organisations will host training for destination management organisations using a new Capacity Building Curriculum developed by Google.

# writes open letter to the PM seeking multiple-policy relief to save businesses & employees

The Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) has written an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for protecting jobs and businesses by seeking a comprehensive relief measures at policy level. TAAI has urged for a slew of measures including moratorium for at least 2 years



Narendra Modi

from all loan EMIs for staff and members, granting of INR 10,000 per month per employee for the next one year and amalgamation of all employee benefits like ESIC, Professional Tax, PF, Gratuity etc. under one head, industry status for travel & tourism, and rebates on digital payments.



#### Flybig connects Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh with Guwahati

After foraying in the northeast airspaceandflaggingoffitsfirst flight from Guwahati to Rupsi earlier this month, Flybig has expanded its operations Arunachal Pradesh, to connecting Pasighat with Guwahati. "In the next stage, Pasighat will also be directly connected with Shillong, while Tezu will get connected Guwahati, making it to convenient and quick to travel between these cities," said a Flybig spokesperson.

## Bahrain bars international travellers from Red List countries, including India

Bahrain has suspended entry of travellers from countries on its 'Red List', which includes India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Bahraini citizens and residency visa holders are not covered by the suspension, but will have to provide a PCR test before



boarding a plane and quarantine for 10 days upon arrival. Bahrain will also apply precautionary 10-day quarantine to vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals from all other countries, in their homes or in places licensed for quarantining.

### Bihar CM directs strict COVID test of people coming from Bengal by trains, buses

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has told officials to strictly conduct COVID test of passengers coming to the state by trains and buses from West Bengal having high positivity rate. Kumar gave this direction while conducting a virtual high-level meeting on the COVID situation with the health department officials as well as the district magistrates during the day. According to official sources, the positivity rate of Bengal is more than 10 per cent.

### Maharashtra seeks World Heritage Site tag for 14 forts

In order to seek the World Heritage Site tag for 14 forts in the state, the Maharashtra government has prepared and submitted a tentative "serial" nomination for these sites. All 14 of them belong to the era of Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the 17th century and these forts have been built on the theme of Maratha Military Architecture. The Ministry of Culture after a serial nomination by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has forwarded the list to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The nominations have been accepted in the Tentative Lists that UNESCO considers for giving tags of World Heritage Site.



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