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Misbehaviour with tourists now cognisable offence In Rajasthan

Misbehaviour with tourists will now be a cognisable offence in Rajasthan and a non-bailable one if repeated.



An amendment bill was passed in the state assembly on September 13 night to insert a new

section 27-A in the Rajasthan Tourism Trade (Facilitation and Regulation) Act, 2010. The house passed the Rajasthan Tourism Trade (Facilitation and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2021 with a voice vote.

Tourism is one of the key industries in Rajasthan which is visited by lakhs of domestic and foreign tourists every year. However, the visitors often face problems due to touts, illegal vendors and undesirable elements.

According to the section 27-A, "All the offences punishable under the Act shall be cognisable and bailable: provided that the offences punishable under subsection (3) and sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act shall be cognisable and non-bailable."

Jet Airways to resume domestic flight operations in early 2022

After being grounded for over two-and-a-half years, Jet Airways is set to resume domestic operations in the first quarter of calendar year (CY) 2022, according to the Jalan Kalrock consortium, the successful resolution applicant of Jet Airways.

The consortium also aims to start international operations by mid-2022. Captain Sudhir Gaur has been appointed as the acting CEO of the company.

Murari Lal Jalan, lead member of the Jalan Kalrock Consortium and the proposed Non-Executive Chairman of Jet Airways said that Jet Airways 2.0



aims to restart domestic operations by Q1/2022, and short haul international operations by Q3/Q4/2022.

In a statement released on September 13, the consortium said that the process of reviving the grounded carrier is on track with the existing Air Operator Certificate (AOC) already under process for revalidation. "The consortium is working closely with the relevant authorities and airport coordinators on slot allocation, required airport infrastructure, and night parking," it said.

IRCTC to open world-class executive lounge at New Delhi railway station soon

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to open a new world-class executive lounge at the New Delhi Railway Station.



"The new state of the art executive lounge aims to provide all services and facilities required for comfortable wait for the passengers during pre-departures and post arrivals," said

an official on September 12. "The lounge has been designed on the looks of airport lounges with much more space and serene environment," he added.

The new lounge has been set up on the first floor of platform number 1 of New Delhi Railway Station and would be functional soon. To access the new lounge, passengers will have to shell out INR 150 as entry fee. Further, INR 99 will be charged for every extra hour of stay.

Goa makes 5-day quarantine mandatory for travellers from Kerala

The Goa government has made five-day quarantine compulsory for people, specially students and those coming for work purposes from Kerala, in the wake of a surge in COVID-19 cases in the southern state, officials said.

In a notification issued on September 12, the Goa administration also extended the ongoing statewide curfew till September 20, continuing ban on several activities, including casinos, in the coastal state. The notification also mentioned that "all students and employees coming from Kerala" shall undergo institutional quarantine for five days. "in transit from and to Kerala via any mode of transport are exempted from being quarantined," the notification added.



TAAI appeals to MoCA and IATA to look into Alitalia bankruptcy case immediately

Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) urged the civil aviation ministry to direct International Air Transport Association (IATA) to ensure that all refunds are processed in cash by the bankrupt Italian airline Alitalia. TAAI also appealed to MoCA to direct IATA to ensure all refunds are processed by the Airline and not place it under suspension as per the IATA-BSP rules.

Jyoti Mayal, President – TAAI, in her communication to the government, said, "No Credit Shells shall be acceptable and all refunds should be refunded back in cash into the bank accounts of accredited member agents immediately." She further added, "Taking prompt cognizance of the issue, TAAI is in touch with the highest echelons in the Government of India, especially the ones dealing on the subject, sensitisng them about the need of taking immediate measures and stern steps to protect the interest of the Indian travel agent's fraternity, stakeholders dealing directly and indirectly with the airlines, and above all the people of India."



Jyoti Mayal



P A Muhaad Riyas

Kerala Tourism Dept launches mobile app

According to Kerala Tourism Department, this app would help the tourists of Kerala find out new tourist attractions and to record their travel experience.

Kerala Minister for Tourism and Public Works Department, P A Muhaad Riyas said, "The mobile app highlighting Kerala's tourist destinations aims to projects the unexplored places." He also added, "Tourism Department identified one such destination in each panchayat that will help tourists to experience the fascinating tourist attractions of God's own country." The app was launched by actor Mohanlal in a function conducted at Kovalam. Additional Chief Secretary K Venu was also present at the function.