



Thomas Cook India reiterates that there is no impact due to Thomas Cook PLC collapse in the UK

In light of media reports on Thomas Cook PLC, reiterated that the Thomas Cook India Group is a completely different entity since August 2012, when it was acquired by Fairfax Financial Holdings (Fairfax), a Canada based multinational with varied interests across the globe as well as in India. Post transfer of its entire stake in Thomas Cook (India) to Fairfax, Thomas Cook UK ceased to be the promoter of Thomas Cook (India) from August 2012 and since then, Thomas Cook UK has had no financial or business stake in Thomas Cook (India).

Madhavan Menon, Chairman and Managing Director, Thomas Cook (India) (TCIL), reiterated, "In light of today's media reports regarding the collapse of Thomas Cook PLC in the UK, it is important that I categorically reiterate that it is business as usual for Thomas Cook India which is a completely independent entity, acquired by Canada based Fairfax Financial Holdings in August 2012 from Thomas Cook in the UK."

Travelport fuels greater adoption of special service for airline passengers with intellectual or developmental disability

Requests for assistance for airline passengers with intellectual disabilities have nearly doubled since the launch of the Travel Unified global campaign by travel technology company, Travelport. The campaign drives awareness about DPNA (disabled passenger with intellectual or developmental disability needing assistance) as a Special Service Request (SSR) code available in the airline industry for passengers. In India, the use of the code for flights booked through Travelport has increased by 165 per cent. Travelport launched its Travel Unified campaign in March, 2019 after it found evidence of exceptionally low use of the code on bookings made through its global distribution system (GDS). A poll of travel agents and conversations with non-profit organisations confirmed this was due to lack of awareness.

Lithuania visa services now available in India through VFS Global

VFS Global has rolled out Lithuania visa services in New Delhi, India, to cater to travellers from India visiting the European country. HE Julius Pranevicius, Ambassador of Lithuania to India and Giedrius Kazakevicius, Director of the Consular Department of the Lithuania Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally inaugurated the new Lithuania Visa Application Centre in the capital. VFS Global has been serving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania since 2013, with visa operations in eight countries. On June 10, 2019, the contract was extended, mandating VFS Global to serve customers in 71 countries in all, including India, owing to Lithuania's growing popularity among travellers globally. In the months between January to August, 2019 alone, centers across Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, P.R. China, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan processed about 150,000 visas to Lithuania.



200,000 students take 'Tourism Pledge' on World Tourism Day

Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

Day speech, I penned this पर्यटन प्रतिज्ञा (Tourism Pledge), with a purpose to contribute ably and

पर्यटन प्रतिज्ञा

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यह प्रतिज्ञा करता/करती हूँ कि।

एक पर्यटक अथवा एक आतिथेय के रूप में, मुझे यह हमेशा यह ज्ञात रहेगा कि मे अपने देश तथा उसकी संस्कृति का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहा/रही हूँ।
उसका मान बनाए रखना यह मेरा उत्तरदायित्व है।

मे अपने मातृभूमि को केवल पुस्तकों एवं अन्य माध्यमों से ही नहीं, बल्कि भ्रमण कर, इस महान संस्कृति को आभूषण करूंगा/करूंगी।

मेरे देश में आया पर्यटक मेरा अतिथि है। और 'अतिथि देवो भव', का पालन करते हुए, उसे अपने भारत वर्ष के आतिथ्य का परिचय दूंगा/दूंगी।

मे चाहे जहा भी, देश या विदेश में, भ्रमण करूँ, उस स्थान की सांस्कृतिक गर्यादाओं का सम्मान करूंगा/करूंगी तथा वहाँ की परंपराओं का पालन करूंगा/करूंगी।

मे अपने देश को प्रदूषण एवं अस्वच्छता से स्वच्छता की ओर लेजाने का प्रति दिन प्रयास करूंगा/करूंगी।

महात्माओं की इस पावन जन्मभूमि को विश्व का सबसे सुंदर स्थान बनाने में अपना योगदान दूंगा/दूंगी।

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significantly to the five trillion dollar economic vision of his. The very first success we experienced was when my father Ajay Singh Sengar, presented it to the Collector, Jitendra S. Papalkar and Ayush Prasad Akola, Zilla Parishad CEO.

Nearly 2,00,000 students in two districts took the oath in Marathi. Inspired by the overwhelming response, I intend to translate the pledge in many different languages and spread it to enlighten the people about the importance of tourism.

- Pawas Sengar, Managing Director, Pawas Tourism