

**FOUNDATION FOR AVIATION & SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
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organize
SEMINAR ON
BOOSTING TOURISM
STRATEGY : AVIATION - THE DRIVING FORCE**

**Venue: Hotel Pride Plaza, Aerocity, IGI Airport, New Delhi
Thursday, 15th December 2016**

Objective :

This seminar aims at bringing together all stakeholders in Tourism and Aviation industry such as tour and travel operators, hoteliers, business leaders, investors, financial institutions/banks, knowledge partners, on the one hand and airport operators, airlines, Pawan Hans, ground handling agencies, FAA, IATA, CAPA, regional airlines and general aviation on the other, besides representatives from policy makers i.e. State tourism departments, Ministries of Tourism and Civil Aviation, DGCA, Government of India etc. at a common platform for deliberating on key issues/concerns on boosting tourism and evolving workable short-term/long-term solutions.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

1400 Registration

1430 – 1530 Inaugural Session

Welcome address : Lt. Gen.KM Seth, former Governor of Tripura & Chhattisgarh and President FAST

Address by Guests of Honour :

- Dr. BP Sharma, CMD - Pawan Hans Ltd.
- Mr. Ashwani Lohani, CMD – Air India
- Shri B S Bhullar, Director General Civil Aviation
- Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, IAS, Chairman – Airports Authority of India
- Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary (DONER)
- Mr. Vinod Zutshi, IAS – Secretary (Tourism)
- Shri R N Choubey, IAS, Secretary (Civil Aviation)
- Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO – Niti Aayog

Address by Chief Guest :

- Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism (I/C)
- Shri Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for CA

Vote of thanks : Mr. VP Agrawal, Vice President FAST

1530 Tea/Coffee Break

1600– 1730 : **Business Session - 1 : Remote & Regional Air Connectivity – A Boom for Sustainable Tourism**

This session will deal with current business scenario, including National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 and hidden potentials of regional & remote air connectivity, with its economic & social benefits - and its impact on tourism

Chairperson : Dr. Lalit K Panwar, IAS - former Secretary(Tourism), Govt.of India

Speakers :

- Shri V K Mathur, former Chairman IAAI
- Mr. Sudhir Raheja, Member (Planning) – Airports Authority of India
- Mr. Kapil Kaul, CEO (South Asia) - CAPA
- Mr. Koustav Dhar, CEO - Zoom Air
- Mr. Ajay Singh, SpiceJet
- Shri Karan Anand, Cox & Kings
- Question/Answer

1730 – 1900 : Business Session 2 : Panel Discussion - Air Transport and Tourism Development : Convergence & integration of efforts and Skilling Manpower

The session will elaborate on the strategies and infrastructure development in air transport and tourism sectors, including regulatory challenges - convergence & integration of efforts by all stake holders, including skilling manpower - Crucial role to be played by State Governments and Public-private Participation

Chairperson : Mr.MP Bezbaruah, Former Secretary - Tourism

Speakers :

- Mr. Parvez Dewan, former Secretary Tourism
- Mr. S N Pradhan, Joint Secretary (DONER)
- Director General (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism
- Mr. Subhash Goyal, Chairman, Stic Tours
- Capt. R K Bali, Managing Director - Business Aircraft Operators Association(BAOA)
- Representative from Tourism Skill Development Council
- Mr. Tushar Pandey, Yes Bank
- Representative from State Governments –Mizoram / Rajasthan/UP/MP/Kerala/J&K
- Tour Operators Association/Travel Agents Association/Hotel Industry
- Question/Answer slot

Honouring the Excellence : 1900 - 1930 hrs.

- **Welcome Address** by Dr. R K Tyagi, former Chairman HAL and FAST Board of Trustee
- **Giving away of awards & address** by - Shri P Ashok
- Gajapathi Raju, Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation
- **Vote of thanks** : By Mr. Ravi Sharma, Editor – Travel Trade Journal

Followed by Cocktails and Dinner

Note : Confirmation from some speakers awaited .
