





# Two-day workshop on "PRACTISING RESPONSIBLE TOURISM"

on April 6 & 7, 2011 at

# Hotel Jammu Ashok (opp. Amar Mahal), Jammu

# Programme

## Day 1 Wednesday, 6 April 2011

10:30 – 11:30 am	Registration
11:30 – 12 noon	Introduction and Setting the Context

## Inaugural Session 12 noon to 12:50 pm

12:00 noon	Welcome Address Mr. Toby Sinclair, Honorary Vice President ESOI, Wildlife Film Maker
12:05 pm	Address by Mr.Samir Sinha, WWF India
12:10 pm	Address by Mr.Atal Dullo IAS, Commissioner / Secretary Tourism Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir
12:15 pm	Address by Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani Hon'ble Minister of State, Tourism & Culture Government of Jammu & Kashmir
12:20 pm	Address by Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture Government of Jammu & Kashmir
12:30 pm	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister Government of Jammu & Kashmir
12:45 pm	Vote of Thanks Mr. Robin Singh Mehta, Director Tourism, Jammu, Government of Jammu & Kashmir

12:50 – 1:50 pm	Lunch

1:50 – 2:00 pm - Collection of workshop kit by delegates

**Present Scenario** 

2:00 pm Round of Introduction.

2:20 pm Role of Tourism in Conserving National Parks & Sanctuaries - Guidelines

Mr. Sujit Banerjee, IAS (Retd), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism,

Government of India, Honorary Member ESOI

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2:40 pm The Way Ahead: Need for Guidelines For Responsible Tourism

Mr. Krishna Kumar Singh, Executive Member ESOI,

Former MLA, Madhya Pradesh E-mail: <a href="mailto:churhatkk@gmail.com">churhatkk@gmail.com</a>

3:00 pm Discussion

#### Technical Session II 3:30 – 5:15 pm

Moderator: Prof S.C. Bagri, Director, Institute of Tourism & Mountain Studies, Uttarakhand

Responsible Practices

3:30 pm Community-based Homestays in Ladakh

Mr. Pankaj Chandan, WWF India E-mail: <a href="mailto:pchandan@wwfindia.net">pchandan@wwfindia.net</a>

3:50 pm Tourism Related Solid Waste Management in High Altitude Areas

Mr. Asit Nema, Environmental Engineer,

Foundation for Greentech Environmental Systems

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4:10 pm Waste Management Experience in Himachal Pradesh

Ms Jodie Underhill, Founder, Mountain Cleaners, Dharamshala

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4:30 pm Viable Alternatives To Conventional Energy In High Altitude

Dr A.K. Singhal, Director, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy,

Government of India E-mail: singhalak@nic.in

4:50 pm Discussion

5:15-5:30 pm	Tea and Coffee Break

## Day 2 Thursday, 7 April 2011

#### Technical Session III 9:30 - 10:45 am

Moderator: Prof Shashi Kant, Consultant, J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency

9:30 am Hotels' role in Ecotourism

Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President ESOI, President WelcomHeritage

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9:50 am Checks And Balances in Ecotourism

Ms Aditi Chanchani, Coordinator Programmes, EQUATIONS

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10:10 am Eco-friendly Architecture

Ms Sneha Khullar, Architect E-mail: snehakhullar@gmail.com

.10:30 am Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 am	Tea and Coffee Break

#### Technical Session – IV 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Moderator: Mr. Toby Sinclair, Vice President- ESOI, Wildlife Film Maker.

11:00 am Role of Tourism in Preserving Cultural Heritage

Mr. Parveen Sharma, Convenor INTACH, Uttarakhand

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11:20 am Towards Certification in Ecotourism

Case Study of Certification of Community-Based Ecotourism in Ladakh Ms Seema Bhatt, ESOI Governing Body member and Consultant Biodiversity

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11:40 am Estimating Carrying Capacity

Ms. Archana Chatterjee, Head, Regional Programme on Himalayan Glaciers,

Rivers & High Altitude Wetlands, WWF India

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11:50 am Discussion

12:10 pm Policy and Legal Framework on Eco-Tourism in India

Mr. Ashok Sharma, Lawyer, Indian Council for Enviro-legal action, J&K

12:20 pm Wildlife Trade and Ecotourism

Mr Samir Sinha, Head, TRAFFIC INDIA

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12:40 pm Discussion

#### Technical Session - V 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Moderator: Dr C.M.Seth, Chief – WWF India J&K

2:00 pm Ethics of Wildlife Tourism & Short-comings

Mr. Toby Sinclair, Vice President ESOI, Wildlife Film Maker

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2:20 pm Towards Responsible Tourism in J&K

Mr. Jigmet Takpa, IFS, Regional Wildlife Warden, Ladakh

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2:40 pm Content and Method to Educate Students

Prof. Anil K Raina, Deptt. Of Environment Sciences, University of Jammu

3:00 pm Discussion

3:20 pm Communication to Tourists

i) Ms Ragini Letitia Singh, Regional Communications Officer,

Regional Programme for Himalayan High Altitude

Wetlands Conservation, WWF India

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ii) Ms Anjali Bhartari, Heritage Interpreter and Consultant.

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3:50 Discussion

4:00 – 4:15 pm	Tea and Coffee Break

### Closing Session 4:15 - 5:30 pm

4:15 pm Open Forum

(Viewpoints of registered delegates)

4:30 pm Summary of Discussions

Mr. Toby Sinclair, Honorary Vice President ESOI

4:45 pm Valedictory Speech

Mr. Atal Dulloo, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary,

Department Tourism & Culture to Govern

5:00 pm Vote of Thanks

Mr.Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President ESOI

5:05 pm Distribution of Certificates

5:30 pm End of Workshop