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NOTE : Few stringent actions have been taken nationwide by the Government Of India to contain the spread of COVID-19. For details on Travel Advisories please log on to <https://www.mohfw.gov.in> - the official site of **Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare**



Govt. extends Visa for Foreigners already in India

According to the Travel Advisory issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt Of India, all existing visas (except diplomatic, official, UN / International Organizations, employment, project visas) stand suspended till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. The Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till 15th April 2020. This will also come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. However the OCI card holders already in India can stay in India as long as they want. Moreover, Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO / FRO through e-FRRO module for extension / conversion etc. of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so.



Flights Restrictions Announced

With regard to Travel & Visa restrictions related to COVID - 19, the Office of The Director General Of Civil Aviation issued a circular dated 26.03.2020, that all scheduled international commercial passenger services shall remain closed till 1830 hrs GMT of April 14, 2020.

Upcoming Events & Festivals June - July'20

Rath Yatra

The Puri Rath Yatra is among the most-awaited Hindu festivals in Odissa. Celebrated in one of four 'Chardham' pilgrimage spots in the country i.e. Jagannath Temple in Puri, the festival is all about colorful processions of the Hindu deities, placed on chariots which are pulled by thousands of devotees with extreme enthusiasm and energy. The procession starts from Jagannath Temple, carrying idols of Lord Jagannath, Subhadra and Balabhadra in three separate gigantic well decorated chariots

However, this restriction will not apply to international all cargo operations and flights specially approved by DGCA.



Restrictions on Indian Land Borders

According to the notification dated 14th March 2020 from Ministry Of Home affairs, Govt Of India, all types of passenger movements through all the immigration land check posts located at India - Bangladesh Border, India - Nepal Border, India - Bhutan Border, India - Myanmar Border will be suspended with effect from 00:00 hours, 15th March 2020 and at India - Pakistan Border with effect from 00:00 hours 16th March 2020 till further orders except few posts in Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

which conclude their journeys to the Gundicha Temple. Along the route, devotees and saints gather to chant and sing praising the Almighty. This year the festival will be organised in July.

Shimla Summer Festival

One of the most popular Hindu Festivals in June, Shimla Summer festival is widely popular among the locals and the visiting tourists across the world. The beautiful city of hills and picturesque valleys turns more colourful and vibrant with the arrival of the festival which showcases dance, music, events and many activities that will intrigue the tourists to enjoy their vacation to the utmost. Usually this festival takes place on the first week of June in Himachal Pradesh.

The operation of existing India - Bangladesh cross border passenger trains and passenger buses shall remain suspended during the period March 15 - April 15 2020.

#The final dates will be announced soon.

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE NUMBER

Coronavirus Helpline Number

S. No.	State/UT	State Helpline No.	S. No.	State/UT	State Helpline No.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0866-2410978	20.	Punjab	104
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9436055743	21.	Rajasthan	0141-2225624
3.	Assam	6913347770	22.	Sikkim	104
4.	Bihar	104	23.	Tamil Nadu	044-29510500
5.	Chhattisgarh	077122-35091	24.	Telangana	104
6.	Goa	104	25.	Tripura	0381-2315879
7.	Gujarat	104	26.	Uttarakhand	104
8.	Haryana	8558893911	27.	Uttar Pradesh	18001805145
9.	Himachal Pradesh	104	28.	West Bengal	3323412600
10.	Jharkhand	104	29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	03192-232102
11.	Karnataka	104	30.	Chandigarh	9779558282
12.	Kerala	0471-2552056	31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	104
13.	Madhya Pradesh	0755-2527177	32.	Delhi	011-22307145
14.	Maharashtra	020-26127394	33.	Jammu	01912520982
15.	Manipur	3852411668	34.	Ladakh	01982256462
16.	Meghalaya	108		Kashmir	01942440283
17.	Mizoram	102	35.	Lakshadweep	104
18.	Nagaland	7005539653	36.	Puducherry	104
19.	Odisha	9439994859			

Note: The central helpline number is 011-23978046

THE BEAUTIFUL BENGAL



Bengal has always earned greatest admiration from the rest of India and abroad for its rich history and vast cultural diversity. On one hand you will experience the mix of profound academics, colourful festivals, passionate theatres & fine arts and on the other you will discover the serene of nature widely spread among the greens of Sunderbans, hills of Darjeelings and blues of Bay of Bengal. As you explore the state you will be amazed to find the cult folk art in the villages of Bankura, Bishnupur, Birbhum, Purulia, Midnapore and Murshidabad where the artisans and small cottage industries are creating brilliant handicrafts, perhaps what could easily be declared as the rarest form of art.

The rural soils have so far remained as unsung parts of Bengal exploration, but as you cultivate deeper you will find many traditional livelihood, mostly unknown and engaged in the creation of finest art forms which will leave you awestruck. Being handicraft an integral part of their lives, hundreds of women embroiders in Birbhum work on *Nakshi Kantha* - a

traditional hand woven fabric and men work on sparkling metalwork popularly known as *Dokra*. Folk dances of Purulia (*Chhau*) have already been represented in international platforms whereas scroll paintings (*Patachitra*) of Midnapore have claimed the visitors' respect. Throughout Bengal, one not only can keep exploring the variety and traditions but also can learn these fascinating arts and take up as future professions which certainly yields a tremendous value in the international market.

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