

Dear Sir/Madam,

IMC's Travel, Tourism and Hospitality committee is organizing its fourth event a panel discussion on **Tourism and Safety in India** and details are as under:

Day and Date : Thursday, 22nd February 2018

Time : 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Venue : Walchand Hirachand Hall, 4th Floor, IMC

Tourism sector in India is a pivotal sector as driver of social integration and economic development. This sector is growing at impressive pace in recent years. Tourism traffic is attaining new heights with this sector in top gear and still moving ahead to gradually to tap its vast potential. This sector is also a potentially large employment generator besides foreign exchange. Therefore, Safety and Security plays a significantly important role in travel and tourism industry.

It is an incontestable fact that safety and security issues have gained a much bigger importance in the last two decades in tourism. Changes in the world during the last two decades were enormous. Due to terrorist acts, local wars, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, that we were witnesses to, security has significantly decreased. The travel and tourism industry could not avoid the negative impacts and consequences of these events. It has become a complex multidimensional notion with a wide range of components belonging to it like political security, public safety, health and sanitation, personal data safety and many more.

Moreover, some of these events manifested the vulnerability of tourism both on global and regional levels. Therefore, this fact necessitates us to collectively discuss problems of safety and security since they are vital for the country and its tourism industry.

IMC has invited **Mr. Deven Bharti, IPS**, Joint Commissioner of Police (L&O), **Mr. Satish Khandure, IPS**, Inspector General (West), CISF and **Mr. Ya'akov Finkelstein**, Consul General Consulate General of Israel and a senior official from Uber as eminent Speakers at the panel discussion.

Interested members are requested to register in advance and kindly send their details including the name, company, address, phone and email to **Ms Anu Oomman**, IMC by Tel: 71226701 or e-mail: to anu.oomman@imcnet.org by 21st February 2018.

Looking forward to your confirmation.

With regards,

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Director General