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1. India to participate in the World Travel Market 2022 London to boost tourism in India (Nov. 6, 2022)

India to participate in the World Travel Market 2022

The Union Ministry of Tourism will represent India at the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 being organized in London, England from 7th to 9th November 2022 to boost [international tourism](#) in India. The World Travel Market is one of the largest international travel exhibitions.

With the opening of the tourism sector by the government of India, the government wants to showcase it as a safe international tourist destination.

The Indian delegation is being led by **Arvind Singh**, Secretary (Tourism), Government of India

Theme of the World Travel Market 2022: **The Future of Travel Starts Now'**

According to the government of India, before the Covid pandemic, the contribution of the tourism sector to the Indian economy was 5.19%.

According to the government of India in 2021, foreign exchange earnings from tourism were **US \$ 8.797 billion.**

2. National Conference on Tourist Police Scheme held in New Delhi (Oct. 19, 2022)

Tourist Police Scheme held in New Delhi

The Union Ministry of Tourism in coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) organised the National Conference on Tourist Police Scheme in **New Delhi** on 19 October 2022.

The conference was addressed by the Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**, Union Minister for Tourism G. **Kishan Reddy** and others.

Status of Tourism in India

According to the Tourism Statistics 2022 released by the Union Ministry of Tourism;

- The total number of domestic tourists in 2021 was **677.63 million** as compared to 610.22 million in 2020, an increase of 11.05 percent.
- **Tamilnadu received** the maximum number of domestic tourists (140.65 million) followed by Uttar Pradesh (86.12 million).
- Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the number of **Foreign Tourists** visiting India during 2021 decreased to 1.52 million as compared to 2.74 million in 2020, registering a negative growth of 44.5%.
- The favourite destination of the foreign tourists in 2021 was **Tamilnadu** (1.26 million tourists) followed by Maharashtra (1.23 million).

- India received maximum foreign tourists from the **United States of America** followed by Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Nepal.
- In 2021, foreign exchange earnings from tourism were **US \$ 8.797 billion** as compared to US\$ 6.959 billion in 2020, registering a positive growth of 26.4%.