

NATIONAL TOURISM AWARDS (2017-18)

AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT

S. No.	Category	Award Winner	Persons collecting Award
1	Best State/Union Territory for Comprehensive Development of Tourism	Andhra Pradesh (First Prize)	(i) Shri Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement (ii) Shri Pravin Kumar, CEO, AP Tourism Authority and MD, APTDC
2&3	Best State/Union Territory for Adventure Tourism	Goa (Joint Winner)	(i) Shri Manohar Ajgaonkar Dy Chief Minister & Minister for Tourism & Sports (ii) Shri Dayanand Sopte
		Madhya Pradesh (Joint Winner)	(i) Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai Secretary (Tourism) and Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (ii) Mr. Ram Tiwari Deputy Director Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board
4	Best Film Production Friendly State/Union Territory	Uttarakhand	(i) Ms. Sonika, Addl. Secretary/ACEO, Uttarakhand Tourism (ii) Mrs. Poonam Chand, Joint Director, Uttarakhand Tourism
5	Best Civic Management of a Tourist Destination in India	Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Gujarat	(i) Smt. Bijal Patel Hon. Mayor of Ahmedabad (ii) Shri Vijay Nehra, Municipal Commissioner of Ahmedabad.

AWARDS PRESENTED BY SHRI PRAHLAD PATEL, HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MR. ZURAB POLOLIKASHVIL, SECRETARY GENERAL, UNWTO

Sl. No.	Category	Award Winner	Person/s collecting Award
	TRAVEL AGENTS / INBOUND TOUR OPERATORS		
	Category 1 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs. 100 crore and above		
1	First Prize	Abercrombie & Kent India	(i) Mr. VikramMadhok Managing Director (ii) Mr. Rajesh Khanna Executive Director
2	Second Prize	Trail Blazer Tours India Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. JehangirNarimanKatgara, CMD (ii) Mr. HomajeeHomi Mistry, CEO
	Category 2 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs. 50 crore and above but less than Rs.100 crore		
3	First Prize	Trans India Holidays Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. KapilGoswamy Managing Director (ii) Mr. Rajesh Kaushik Vice President
4	Second Prize	Creative Travels Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Dimple Singh Chief Operating Officer (ii) Mr. Lalit Bhatt Vice President - Destination Design
	Category 3 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs. 25 crore and above but less than Rs. 50 crore		
5	First Prize	Indian Legends Holidays Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. GiriSaurabh Naithani, Director (ii) Mr. Ravinder Kumar, MD

6	Second Prize	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. GautamKaul, COO (ii) Ms. Gurpreet Kaur General Manager - Holidays
Category 4 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs.10 crore and above but less than Rs. 25 crore			
7	First Prize	Catai IndiaPvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Bal Kishan Arora Director (ii) Mr. Mustaque Ali Director
8	Second Prize	India Voyage Travel Pundits	(i) Mr. TarunTaneja Director (ii) Mr. AtulHassija Director
Category 5 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs. 5 crore and above but less than Rs.10 crore			
9	First Prize	International Pilgrimage Revolution	(i) BGR. Rev. DrTomy Joseph Chairman - IPR Group (ii) Ms. Sarita Devi Saha
10	Second Prize	Special Holidays Travel Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Sandeep Jain Director (ii) Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Director
Category 6 - Foreign Exchange Earnings of Rs.2.50 crore and above but less than Rs. 5 crore			
11	First Prize	Cal India Tours & Travels	(i) Mr. Rahul Wadhwa, President (ii) MrSachinWadhwa
12	Second Prize	Quality India Tours Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. NeeteshDwivedi

			(ii) Ms. Deepika Dwivedi

DOMESTIC TOUR OPERATORS			
13	Promoting and selling tourism products of the North East Region including Sikkim - with turnover of over Rs. 50 lakh	Neptune Holidays Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jhawar Director
14	Promoting and selling tourism products of Jammu & Kashmir	VCH Corporation Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Vineet Chauhan, Managing Director (ii) Mrs. Neha Chauhan Director
Promoting and selling tourism products of the Rest of India			
15	Category 1 - Turnover of Rs. 25.00 Crore and above	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mrs. Sabina Chopra, Co - Founder & COO (ii) Ms. Smriti Jain, Manager - Marketing & PR
16	Category 2 - Turnover of above Rs.10.00 Crore but less than Rs.25.00 Crore	Infinite Journeys Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. AbhayPrafullaGhanekar , Director (ii) Mr. MayureshShailendraBorse, CEO
17	Category 3 - Turnover of above Rs.5.00 Crore but less than Rs.10.00 Crore	Citius Holidays	(i) Mr. Arpan Mitra, Director (ii) Mr. Kushmesh Chowdhury, Director
18	Category 4 - Turnover of above Rs.2.00 Crore but less than Rs.5.00	Neptune Holidays Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Chandra Prakash Bhatter Director

	Crore		(ii) Mr. Dinesh Kumar Bhattar, Director
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TOURIST TRANSPORT OPERATORS			
Category 1 - Turnover of Rs.50 crore and above			
19	First Prize	KTC (India) Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. SarabJit Singh Managing Director (ii) Mr. Gurudev Singh Director
20	Second Prize	Parveen Travels Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. A. Afzal Chairman & Managing Director (ii) Mr. A. Aarif Director
Category 2 - Turnover of Rs. 10 Crore and above but less than Rs.50 Crore			
21	First Prize	Cholan Tours Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Pandian Managing Director (ii) Ms. Mythily Pandian Director
22	Second Prize	Mann Tourist Transport Service Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. M. S. Mann Managing Director (ii) Mrs. Parmjeet Mann Director
Category 3 - Turnover of Rs.1.00 Crore and above but less than Rs.10 Crore			
23	First Prize	Aruna Tourist Taxi Service	(i) Mr. Mahesh Kumar Shukla, Proprietor (ii) Mr. Sukhbir Shukla General Manager
24	Second Prize	Radiant Travels (I) Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Mr. Rakesh Chopra Managing Director (ii) Mrs. Rekha Chopra

25	Best Adventure Tour Operator - Inbound	Kalypto Adventures Pvt. Ltd.	(i) Cdr. Sam T Samuel, Managing Director (ii) Mr. Vishal Koshy, General Manager
26	Best Adventure Tour Operator - Domestic	Clubside Tours and Travels	(i) Ms. NishaPeriwal (ii) Ms. PayalPeriwal

27	Best MICE Operator	Alpcord Network Travel and Conference Management Company	(i) MrChanderMansharamani Managing Director (ii) MrChetanMansharamani Director
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28	Best Tourist Guide	Shri Tapan Kumar Mishra, Kolkata	(i) Shri Tapan Kumar Mishra (ii) Ms. JagrutiMohanty
29	Best Wildlife Guide	Shri Manoj Kumar Dwivedi Panna Tiger Reserve	(i) Manoj Kumar Dwivedi (ii) Meer Aadil Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board

AWARDS FOR PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION			
30	Excellence in Publishing in Hindi	Shri Shyam Sunder Joshi for the Travel Book 'Rajasthan Darshan'.	(i) Shyam Sunder Joshi (ii) Sushila Joshi
31	Excellence in Publishing in English	Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority for the Coffee Table Books :Seaside, Handcrafted and Sacredscape.	(i) Shri MuttamsettiSrinivasa Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement (ii) Shri Praveen Kumar,

			CEO, AP Tourism Authority and MD, APTDC
32	Excellence in Publishing in Foreign Language other than English	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board for the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Brochure in Chinese language.	(i) Bhavana Walimbe Addl Managing Director Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (ii) Neeraj Soni Marketing Assistant Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board
33	Best Tourism Film	Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala for the Film "Come Out and Play"	(i) Sri Kadakampally Surendran, Minister for Cooperation, Devaswoms & Tourism (ii) Smt. Rani George Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of Kerala
34	Best Tourism Promotion Publicity Material by States and Union Territories	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board for the Pocket Guides : Pocket Madhya Pradesh, Short Escapes from Bhopal, Tiger & Beyond, Heritage Trips in Madhya Pradesh	(i) Sonia Meena Addl Managing Director Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd (ii) Deepika Roy Choudhury Deputy Director Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board
35	Best Tourism Promotion Publicity Material by Stakeholders	Outsite VR (Visionarch Technologies Pvt. Ltd.) for Virtual Reality Cards with Audio Guide feature of Indian Heritage and Tourist Destinations	(i) Amit Singh, CEO & Co-Founder (ii) Mayur Karodia, Head of Products & Co-Founder
36	Most Innovative use of Information	Department of Tourism, Government of Telangana	(i) Sri V. Srinivas Goud, Minister for Tourism,

	Technology - Social Media / Mobile App		Govt of Telangana (ii) Sri C. Parthasarathi, Principal Secretary (Tourism)
OVERSEAS AWARDS			
37.	Best Foreign Journalist / Travel Writer/ Blogger/ Photographer for India'	Ms. Mariellen Ward, Blogger from Canada	Ms. Mariellen Ward

CONVENTION CENTRES			
38 & 39	Best Hotel Based Meeting Venue (Joint Winners)	The Ashok, New Delhi	(i) Mr. Piyush Tiwari, Director (Commercial & Marketing) (ii) Mr. Vijay Dutt, GM.
		The Lalit, Mumbai	(i) Mr. Vivek Shukla, GM- Corporate Affairs
40	Best Stand Alone Convention Centre	India Expo Centre & Mart, NOIDA	(i)Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman (ii) Mr. SudeepSarcas, CEO.
HOSPITALITY SEGMENT			
41	Best Chef (In 4 star, 5 star, 5 star Deluxe, Heritage Classic & Grand category Hotels)	Shri RajdeepKapoor, Executive Chef, ITC	ChefRajdeep Kapoor

42	Incredible India Bed & Breakfast Establishments approved by the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India	Rosegardens Homestay, Karadipara, Munnar	Mr. Tomy Joseph, Owner
43	Incredible India Bed & Breakfast Establishments approved by the State Governments UT Administrations	Coconut Creek Farm & Homestay, Kumarakom	(i) Mr. Lijo Varghese, Report in Charge (ii) Mr. Ananthu V B , Front Office Executive.
HOTELS			
44 & 45	Best Eco Friendly Hotel (Joint Winners)	ITC Maurya, New Delhi	(i) Ms. Benita Sharma, GM (ii) Mr. Rahul Prabhakar, Chief Engineer
		ITC Rajputana, Jaipur	(i) Mr. Shekhar V Sawant, GM (ii) Mr. Rony Anto Joseph, Chief Engineer
46	Hotel providing best facilities for the differently abled guests	The Lalit, New Delhi (Hall of Fame Award)	(i) Mr. Vivek Shukla, General Manager Corporate Affairs.
BEST HERITAGE HOTELS			
47	Heritage Basic Category	Gajner Palace, Bikaner	(i) Maharaj Kumar Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur (ii) Mr. Madan Singh Shekhawat, Executive GM.
48	Heritage Classic Category	Hotel Deobagh, Gwalior	(i) Mr. Aman Nath, Chairman (ii) Mr. Narayan Baral,

			Manager(Operations)
49& 50	Heritage Grand Category (Joint Winners)	Clarkes Hotel Shimla	(i) Ms. Silki Sehgal, VP- Corporate Communications (ii) Mr. Hemant Mediratta, Sr. V P Sales
		The Oberoi Cecil, Shimla	(i) Ms. Silki Sehgal, VP- Corporate Communications (ii) Mr. Hemant Mediratta, Sr. V P Sales
	BEST HOTELS		
51	3 Star	Express Inn, Nashik	(i) Mr. Narayan AnandShelar C&MD (ii) Mr. Vikas Hari Shelar, Director.
52	4 Star	Quality Hotel D V Manor, Vijayawada	(i) Mr. DhanekulaNagendra Prasad, MD (ii) Mr. Rajesh Berry, VP GM.
53	5 Star	Maidens Hotel, New Delhi	(i) Mr. Arpan Rawal, Front Office Manager (ii) Mr. Vishal Ghai, Senior Sales Manager.
54	5 Star Deluxe	Rambagh Palace, Jaipur	(i) Mr. Ashok Singh Rathore, GM

	NICHE TOURISM AWARDS		
55& 56	Most Innovative and Unique Tourism Project (Joint Winners)	Planet Abled Pvt. Ltd. for Accessible Travel Solutions for the Differently Abled.	(i) Mr. Satish Chandra Arora (ii) Mrs. Achla Arora

			(iii) Ms. Neha Arora, Director
		Andaman Holidays Pvt. Ltd. for 'Sail the Andamans'- Andaman Yacht Carnival	(i) Mr. R. M. Ratna Chairman (ii) Ms. Mary Susma Tirkey
57	Most Responsible Tourism Project/ Initiative	Dhordo Gram Pravasan Vikas Trust, Gujarat	(i) Ms. Aparna Gupta Assistant Collector Kachchh (ii) Mr. Mutwa Miya Hussain Sarpanch of Dhordo Village
58	Best Rural/ Agri/ Plantation Tourism Project	Culture Aangan, Burransh, Mumbai	(i) Ms. Rashmi Shanbhag- Sawant (ii) Ms. Deepshikha Dalchand
59	Best Tourism Friendly Golf Course	Hall of Fame Award to Jaypee Greens Golf Course, NOIDA	(i) Mrs. Manju Sharma Managing Director (ii) Mr. Sanjeev Rampal Senior Vice President - Operations
60	Best Medical Tourism Facility	Apollo Health City, Hyderabad	(i) Dr Harinder Singh Sidhu (ii) Mr. Rahul Varma
61	Best Wellness Centre	Manaltheeram Ayurvedic Hospital & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	(i) Mr. Baby Mathew (ii) Ms. Sarah Mathew
	OTHER AWARDS		
	Best Tourist Friendly Airport		
62	Class X Cities	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai	(i) Mr. Aditya Pansari, Assistant General Manager, Aero Commercial Department

			(ii) Mr. Tanvir Moulvi, Assistant General Manager, Slot & Data Management, Mumbai International Airport Ltd.
63	Rest of India	Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport, Indore	(i) Smt. Aryama Sanyal Airport Director, DABH Airport, Indore (ii) Shri G. Chandramouli, Regional Executive Director, Western Region, Airports of Airports Authority of India
64	Best Tourist Friendly Railway Station	Visakhapatnam Railway Station	(i) Mr. Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement (ii) Shri Ashok Rao, Deputy Commercial Manager, Railways
65	Swachhta Award	Indore Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh	(i) Mr. Santosh Gaur, In-charge Swachhata Committee, Member of Mayor-in-Council, Indore Municipal Corporation (ii) Mr. Rajneesh Kasera, Addl. Commissioner, Indore Municipal Corporation

66 & 67	Best Heritage Walk	Hall of Fame Award 2016-17 to India City Walks	(i) Mr. Sachin Bansal Chief Explorer (ii) Ms. Nidhi Bansal, CEO
		Award for 2017-18 to M/s Akshar Travels Pvt. Ltd. for Ahmedabad Heritage Walk.	(i) Mr. Manish Sharma, CMD (ii) Mr. Suhag Modi, Director
68	Best Heritage City	Orchha, Madhya Pradesh	(i) Mr Satish Chandra Chaturvedi Directorate of Archaeology Archives and Museums Govt. of MP (ii) Mr. O P Misra Advisor, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board
69	Best Maintained and Disabled Friendly Monument	Buddhist Monument at Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh	(i) Dr. BhuvanVikrama, Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal Circle (ii) Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mehto Junior Conservation Assistant , Sanchi Sub circle
Best State/Union Territory: Comprehensive Development of Tourism			
70	Second Prize	Goa	(i) Mr. J. Ashok Kumar, Secretary (Tourism) (ii) Mr. Nikhil Desai, MD, Goa Tourism

			Development Corpn.
71	Third Prize	Kerala	(i) Sri Kadakampally Surendran , Minister for Cooperation, Devaswoms & Tourism (ii) Smt. Rani George Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of Kerala

1	Hall of Fame Award to Best State for Comprehensive Development of Tourism	Gujarat	Shri Ganpathsinh Vasava Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Mr. S. J. Haider, Principal Secretary (Tourism)
2	Hall of Fame Award to Best State for Comprehensive Development of Tourism	Madhya Pradesh	Shri Surendra Patwa Hon'ble Minister, Culture & Tourism Shri Tapan K. Bhoumik Chairman, MPSTDC
3	Swachhta Award	Government of Telangana	Shri Azmeera Chandulal, Hon'ble Minister for Schedule Tribe Devt, Tourism & Culture, Telangana Sri. B. Venkatesham, Secretary, Youth Affairs, Tourism & Culture, Telangana