


Tourism Ministry convenes Inter-State Regional Conference for Seven Western States/Union Territories in Goa

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INVC,, With a view to ensure holistic and integrated tourism development in close cooperation and coordination with the States/Union Territories, Union Ministry of Tourism has been holding Inter-State Regional Conferences. Three Inter-State Regional Conferences have already been organized at New Delhi (for North Central States/UT Administrations) on August 18, 2009; at Gangtok, Sikkim (for East and North East States) on December 6, 2009 and at Bangalore (Southern States/UT Administrations) on January 16, 2010. The fourth Inter-State Regional Conference is being organized for the Western States/UT Administrations, namely, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli on March 6, 2010 at Goa in which issues and the bottlenecks coming in the way of the effective growth of tourism sector in the region could be deliberated upon to find the way forward. The Union Tourism Minister Kumari Selja will inaugurate the conference and tourism ministers along with their representatives from the concerned States/UTs are scheduled to attend. During the conference, Open Session with State Governments/UT Administrations and Trade Representatives will be held to discuss among other things Tourist Security and safety, Rationalization of Luxury Tax, Issues to facilitate seamless travel in inter-State circuits, Broad basing of hospitality education and training and Initiation for skill training for the hospitality sector A Domestic Tourism Road Show will also be organized on March 5, 2010 at Goa to show case the Tourism products of the region. 

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