

## **MoT releases its 'Year End Review' for 2020**

2020 was a year that ceased the scheduled proceedings around the world because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, the Ministry of Tourism did not stop promoting India's rich heritage and culture. With changing times, the Ministry also changed its communication channel by conducting online conferences, webinars, inauguration ceremonies, etc. Here is a list of events organised by the Ministry of Tourism in 2020.

Ministry of Tourism organised 68 webinars under the 'Dekho Apna Desh' Series. Gaining a viewership of over three lakhs, the Ministry of Tourism streamed the series to bolster India's rich tourism culture.

The Ministry also launched the SAATHI initiative to aid the hospitality industry for its safe operation and simultaneously instilled confidence regarding hotel/unit safety keeping the COVID-19 pandemic in mind.

Moreover, 34399 accommodation units have been registered on the NIDHI portal. On the other hand, the 'Stranded in India' portal assisted the stranded foreign tourists and provided support during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Various projects under 'PRASHAD' and 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme were completed and inaugurated. The year 2020 saw varied activities by the Ministry to promote EBSB.