

Recent happenings in Goa....

*In the first meeting of Goa Tourism Board, the board has granted approval to organize various events such as Sunburn Festival. Government is putting in place the ease of doing business system with a single window clearance for the investments. In the meeting it was discussed how to cater to the tourists once Mopa Airport is in operations and to take infrastructure like and accommodation. The Board also deliberated in bringing legislation for tourism trade by simplifying procedures for regulations of business. It has also discussed that every event that would be organized in Goa should have Goa Tourism Branding.

*The transport department will start a special drive against taxi operators ferrying passengers without mandatory digital meters. There will be a fine of Rs.500 or along with show cause notice for cancellations of permit for 3 years. The department is in the process of developing a mobile App which can help commuters to share their experience or lodge complaint against taxi drivers for not ferrying using meters.

*The tourism ministry is mulling to have "Tourist Security Force" to put things in order as there are littering's.

*TTAG has supported the Transport Minister's recommendation for App-based taxi services in the state. TTAG is in favor of OLA and Uber.

*The legislators have demanded with Government to take action against illegal homestays, hotels operators without registering them with the tourism department.

*The impact of covid pandemic on the tourism economy foreign tourist arrivals in Goa crashed by 97.6% during the two years of the pandemic.

*There is order from District Magistrate that the liquor will not be served after 10 pm till the panchayat elections, which will affect our business.