



Two-day workshop  
**“PRACTISING RESPONSIBLE TOURISM”**  
September 30 & October 01, 2011  
Tourism Club House, Leh (J&K)

**Programme**

**Day 1**      **Friday, September 30, 2011**

9:00 – 10.00 am	Registration and Delegate Kit
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**Inaugural Session**    10:00 – 11:45 am - Setting the Context

- 10:00 am      **Welcome Address**  
Mr Rakesh Mathur, Hony.Vice President -ESOI
- 10:10 am      **Inaugural Address**  
Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora, Hon’ble Minister for Tourism & Culture  
Government of J&K
- 10:25 am      **Responsible Tourism in the Himalaya**  
Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant Biodiversity
- 10:35 am      **Tourism Potential and Development in Ladakh**  
Mr Rigzin Spalbar, Chairman & Chief Executive Councillor Ladakh Autonomous  
Hill Development Council, Leh
- 10:50 am      **People Public Private Partnership (PPPP) in Ecotourism**  
Mr.Ajoy Bhattacharya, CEO, Madhya Pradesh Ecotourism Development Board
- 11:05 am      **Mountain Medicine and Physiology**  
Dr Tsering Norboo, MD  
Founder & Honorary Secretary, Ladakh Institute for Study of Prevention of  
Environmental, Occupational, Lifestyle Related & High Altitude Diseases, Leh
- 11:20 am      Discussion

11:45 am	Tea and Coffee Break
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### Technical Session I - 12:00 – 1:00 pm - Sharing Best Practices

- 12:00 pm      **Sustainable Tourism Experiences from CGH Earth**  
Mr. Jose Dominic, MD, CGH Earth Hotels  
E-mail : josedominic@cghearth.com
- 12:20 pm      **Role of Hotels in Ecotourism**  
Mr Rakesh Mathur, Hony.Vice President – ESOI  
E-mail : mathurhospitality@yahoo.co.in
- 12:35 pm      **Carrying Capacity in Tourism**  
Mr. Sudhir Sahi, Hony.Secretary – ESOI  
E-mail : sudhirsahi@gmail.com
- 12:45 pm      Discussion

1:00 pm	Lunch
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### Technical Session II - 2:00 – 3:30 pm - Conserving Cultural and Natural Heritage

- 2:00 pm      **Restoration of Monastries & Local Cultural Heritage**  
Mr Jigmed Wangchuk Namgyal, Leh
- 2:15 pm      **Conserving Built Heritage**  
Mr. Saleem Beg, Convenor - INTACH Srinagar  
E-mail : saleembeg@gmail.com
- 2:30 pm      **Eco-sensitive Architecture for Tourism Destinations**  
Mr. Himanshu Lal, Architect - Arch I, Delhi  
E-mail : arch.iplatform@gmail.com
- 2:45 pm      Discussion

3:30 pm	Tea and Coffee Break
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### Technical Session III - 3:45 – 6:30 pm - Raising the Responsible Tourism Bar

- 3:45 pm      **Ecotourism in Himalayan High Altitude Wetlands**  
Mr. Pankaj Chandan, WWF India  
E-mail : pchandana@wwfindia.net
- 4:10 pm      **Home-stays in Ladakh**  
Ms. Radhika Kothari, Deputy Director, Snowleopard Conservancy  
E-mail : radhikarvk@gmail.com
- 4:30 pm      **Certification of Community-based Home-stays in Ladakh**  
Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant Biodiversity  
E-mail : seemabhattacharya@gmail.com

- 4:50 pm **Tour Operators' Focus on Responsible Tourism in Ladakh**  
Mr.Tsering Namgyal, President - All Ladakh Tour Operators Association  
E-mail : windhorse@vsnl.net
- 5:10 pm **Energy Alternatives for High Altitude Tourism**  
Mr Jigmet Takpa IFS, Regional Wildlife Warden, Leh  
E-mail : takpa@msn.com; jiksmet@gmail.com
- 5:30 pm **Balancing Wildlife and Tourism Needs at Sarai at Toria**  
Dr Raghu Chundawat, Conservation Biologist  
E-mail : raghu.baavan@gmail.com
- 5:50 pm Discussion
- 6:15 pm End of Day 1

**Day 2 Saturday, October 1, 2011**

**Technical Session IV- 9:30 – 11:00 am - Environment & Wildlife Law in Tourism**

- 09:30 am **Ecotourism Policy & Framework**  
Mr.Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer, Supreme Court  
E-mail : ritwickdutta@gmail.com
- 10:00 am **Environment & Wildlife Law in Tourism**  
Mr. Jigmet Takpa IFS, Regional Wildlife Warden, Leh  
E-mail : takpa@msn.com; jiksmet@gmail.com
- 10:30 am Discussion

<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
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**Technical Session V - 11:15 – 12:30 pm**

- 11:15 am Panel Discussion on Tourism Issues in Ladakh:**
- Mr. P.T. Kunzang, President, Ladakh Travel Trade Alliance
  - Ms. Radhika Kothari, Deputy Director, Snowleopard Conservancy
- and other key panelists include Leh Tourism Authority, LAHDC, Corps Commander, Leh, DIG of the ITBP at Leh

**Closing Session - 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

- 12:30 pm **Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps**  
Mr.Sudhir Sahi, Hony.Secretary - ESOI
- 1:00 pm **Special Address**  
Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture  
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
- 1:30 pm **Vote of Thanks**  
Mr.Rakesh Mathur, Hony.Vice President - ESOI
- 1:40 pm Distribution of Certificates and Photo Session
- 2:00 pm End of Workshop and Lunch