

Two-day workshop on  
**“RESPONSIBLE TOURISM – ISSUES & PRACTICES”**  
on April 27 & 28, 2012 – Hotel VITS, Station Road, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

**Programme**

**Day 1 - Friday, April 27, 2012**

9:00 – 9:30 am	Registration
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**Technical Session -1 09:30 – 10:45 am - Setting the Context**

- 09:30 am **Welcome Address & Introduction to the Workshop**  
Mr Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President -ESOI
- 09:45 am **Ecotourism: Issues & Concerns**  
Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant -Biodiversity, Ecotourism & Climate Change
- 10:10 am **Role of Hotels in Ecotourism and STCI for Hotel Sector**  
Mr Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President - ESOI;  
Director & Principal Advisor – Zinc Hospitality, Cross Roads Hotels  
and CIE Hospitality
- 10:35 am Q & A

10:45 – 11:15 am	Tea and Coffee Break
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**Technical Session II - 11:15- 12:30 pm Learning for local tourism industry**

- 11:15 am **Rural Ecotourism**  
Mr Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President – ESOI
- 11:25 am **An Overview on successful Tourism Practices – Sharing experiences from Jungle Lodges & Resorts, Karnataka**  
Mr.Vinay Luthra IFS, Addl. PCCF, Government of Karnataka
- 11:55 am **The Ajanta-Ellora Ecotourism Model – Lessons, and need for replication:**  
Mr.Chandrashekhar Jaiswal, MTDC Aurangabad.
- 12:20 pm Q & A

12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch: Agri tourism organised lunch: local flavour
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### Technical Session III - 1:30-3:25 pm – Greening the Tourism Industry

- 1:30 pm **MGM’s Khadi Initiative**  
Mr. Mukesh R. Luthade , MGM Khadi & Paithani Deptt.. Aurangabad
- 1:50 pm **Sharing ITC’s initiatives on Responsible Tourism**  
Mr.Niranjan Khatri, GM-Environment, ITC WelcomGroup
- 2:20 pm **Alternate Energy Sources - Battery operated vehicles**  
Mr. Hyder Ali Khan, Kinetic Engineering, Pune
- 2:45 pm **Agri & Rural Tourism – A Success Story**  
Mr.Pandurang Taware, Agritourism, Baramati
- 3:10 pm Q & A

3:25 – 3:45 pm	Tea and Coffee Break
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### Technical Session IV – 3:45 – 5:45 pm – Environment Concerns

- 3:45 pm **Conserving Nature with Community Participation**  
Mr.Anirudh Chaoji, ESOI Governing Body Member; Director, Pugmarks Ecotours
- 4:05 pm **Certification of Community-based Home-stays:  
Experiences from Ladakh**  
Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant -Biodiversity, Ecotourism & Climate Change
- 4:25 pm **Conserving Built Heritage – showcasing experiences**  
Ms.Supriya Goturkar, The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Pune
- 4:45 pm **Home stay Model for Conservation – Vales Turtle Experience**  
Mr. Ramashish Joshi, Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra, Chiplun, Maharashtra
- 5:15 pm **Checks & Balances in Ecotourism Practices**  
Ms. Swathi Sheshadri, EQUATIONS, Bangalore
- 5:35 pm Q & A
- 5:45 pm End of Day 1

**Day 2 : Saturday, April 28, 2012**

08:45 am onwards Day 2 attendance

**Technical Session IV- 9:00 – 10:50 am – Strategies for Wildlife Tourism**

09:00 am Screening of short film – “**The Truth About Tigers**” by Mr.Shekar Dattatri

09:45 am **Balancing Wildlife and Tourism Needs**  
Dr.H.S. Pabla IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh

10:05 am Q & A

<b>10:15-11:05am</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
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11:05 am **Announcements, Final Tally of Participants, Feedback Forms**

11:10 am **Panel Discussion – Tourism Potential of Maharashtra’s forests**  
Moderator: Ms.Seema Bhatt , Dr.H.S.Pabla, Mr.Vinay Luthra, IFS

11:50 pm **Panel Discussion – Stakeholders’ perspective on Ecotourism in Maharashtra**

12:20 pm Q & A

**Closing Session - 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

12:30 pm **Interactive Discussion: The Way Ahead: Need for Guidelines for Responsible Tourism - Moderator: Mr.Rakesh Mathur**  
Ms Seema Bhatt, Mr.Anirudh Chaoji, Ms.Kishore Gadre

1:00 pm **Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps**  
Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President ESOI

1:15 pm **Vote of Thanks**  
Ms.Seema Bhatt, Honorary Secretary (Elect) ESOI

1:30 pm Awarding Participation Certificates

2:00 pm End of Workshop, followed by Lunch

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