

Destination Updates as on 10 June 2021

INDIA

As on date, India has successfully administered over 242 million vaccination doses to its citizens across the nation with the number of fully vaccinated persons standing at over 45 million. In a welcome move, the Government of India has announced that vaccination will be available for all adults over the age of 18 years free of cost starting the 21st of this month. A new directive by Government stipulates that people who need to undertake international travel till 31st August 2021 can take the second dose of AstraZeneca vaccine after 28 days of the first dose.

The vaccination drive initiated by our organisation is also proceeding in full force with many of our colleagues getting themselves and their family members inoculated. We have also been keeping our staff engaged with a variety of exciting knowledge sharing sessions on topics ranging from managing one's personal and emotional energy to understanding cross-cultural currents that have shaped the world, as we know it today.

From culture to environment, keeping the theme of this year's World Environment Day 'Ecosystem Restoration' in mind, Responsible Tourism Mission Kerala had organised a 'Plant a tree in your home' challenge that resulted in the planting of over 25000 saplings across the state. With an aim to become a complete responsible tourism destination in the next five years, Kerala has been a model of sustainable tourism for India for the world.

On the same occasion, the Indian Railways announced that they are on a mission to become the largest Green Railways in the world and they are moving towards the goal of becoming 'net zero carbon emitter' by 2030. Electrification of the railway network, using bio-toilets, and LED lights will make the railways environmentally friendly without compromising on passenger comfort.

With both vaccine manufacturing and inoculation drives firing on all cylinders, India is slowly but steadily coming out of the deadly second wave. The number of new cases reported daily has also gone down considerably giving hope of things getting better soon.

For detailed and latest updates, please <u>click here</u>.



A FAIRFAX COMPANY