

Proceedings of the 6th meeting of National Board for Adventure Tourism chaired by the Secretary (Tourism), on 05th June 2024 at 1530 hrs.

The 6th meeting of the National Board for Adventure Tourism (NBAT) was chaired by the Secretary (Tourism) through hybrid mode on 05th June 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Agenda 6.1 Leave of absence

The list of participants, who attended the meeting is given in Annexure-1. Leave of absence was granted to those, who could not attend the meeting.

Agenda 6.2 Confirmation of proceedings of the 5th meeting of the National Board for Adventure Tourism

Proceedings of the 5th meeting of the National Board for Adventure Tourism circulated to all the members vide email dated 18th October 2023 was confirmed by the members.

Agenda 6.3 Action Taken Report on the Proceedings of the 5th Meeting

Action taken report on various items of the 5th meeting of the Board was noted.

Agenda 6.4 Draft Model Adventure Tourism Law

- i. Draft Model Adventure Law has been drafted with suggestions from the Line Ministries, concerned stakeholders and aligned with international best practices such as those followed by New Zealand, for the guidance of the States. Draft Model Adventure Tourism Law was sent to Secretary – Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice for Feedback/ suggestions. They have no specific comments on the draft Model Adventure Tourism Law.
- ii. It was decided to circulate the draft Model Adventure Tourism Law to the States and Union Territories for forwarding their final comments/ feedback within one month.
- iii. The draft Model Adventure Tourism Law to be shared with the Ministry of Defence as requested by their representative, for suggestions and feedback.
- iv. Thereafter the final draft of the draft Model Adventure Tourism Law will be notified.

Agenda 6.5 Development of Mega Adventure Trails in the Country

- i. Ministry of Tourism has been working with Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) for development of Mega Adventure Trails and prioritized the following two trails:
 - a. Mega Adventure Trail for Ganga Nature & Heritage Trail.
 - b. Western Himalaya Mega trail.
- ii. A draft RFP for selection of agency for development of Western Himalaya Mega Trail was prepared and submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs for inputs /comments. MHA has conveyed that they have no specific comments to offer. However, few points were requested to be considered from a security point of view.
- iii. The security concerns raised by MHA was discussed in the meeting, it was decided that the draft RFP should include provisions for operating permits and access control

- planning. The RFP will be revised to include another deliverable pertaining to security management in consonance with the extant guidelines.
- iv. The appointed agency will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive assessment of security and statutory compliance. Additionally, the consultant will assess and document the PAP/RAP requirements as applicable in different areas along the trails and submit a detailed, feasibility report.
 - v. ATOAI was requested to prepare a concept note for developing Trans-Himalayan Trail.

Agenda 6.6 Adventure Tourism Rescue Centres (ATRC)

- i. The proposal drafted by CNA-AT for setting up of Adventure Tourism Rescue Centres has been sent to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) & the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to incorporate the ATRC into the National Disaster Management System (NDMS) and for further feedback and suggestions.
- ii. It was suggested to hold a meeting with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to discuss establishing the ATRC at three levels: District, State and National.
- iii. It was also decided to request the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to facilitate integration of the ATRC with the relevant District Disaster Management Authority and initiating the project with five pilot centres well in time for upcoming tourist season.
- iv. Accordingly, a DO Letter to be sent from Secretary (Tourism) to the Home Secretary requesting to facilitate the above.
- v. ATOAI to provide a concept note on the pilot adventure tourism hubs proposed by them at Leh, Manali, Rishikesh, Darjeeling and Gangtok detailing the areas of priority.

Agenda 6.7 Other points discussed in the meeting

6.7.1 Insurance

- i. It was suggested to contact the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) for exploring the possibility of drafting of Insurance policy for adventure tourist.
- ii. ATOAI was requested to should develop a detailed concept note on insurance and share the same with Ministry of Tourism for further discussions.

6.7.2 Recognition Procedure

- i. Regarding the recognition procedure, the representative from the Ministry of Home Affairs requested that only qualified individuals in adventure tourism should be granted an operation permit, after mandatory physical inspections and security audits.
- ii. ATOAI was requested to should develop a detailed concept note on the recognition procedure and share the same with Ministry of Tourism for further discussions.

6.7.3 Satellite phone

- i. It was informed to the board that a committee constituted by the Department of Telecom, Ministry of Communication has made recommendations with regard to use of satellite phones by travellers /foreign tourists while in India.

- ii. A D.O. Letter to be sent from Secretary (Tourism) to the Secretary (Telecom) with request to expedite notification of the above recommendations.
- iii. Ministry of Tourism and adventure tour operators will create awareness among the tourists, once the Ministry of Communication notifies the recommendations.

6.7.4 Adventure Tourism Conclave

CNA-AT was requested to consult /coordinate with ATOAI and other relevant stakeholders and plan for an Adventure Tourism Conclave in the fourth quarter of 2024 or the first quarter of 2025.

1. List of Participants from Ministry of Tourism

Sn	Name	Designation
36.	Ms. V. Vidyavathi	Secretary (Tourism)
37.	Ms. Manisha Saxena	Director General (Tourism)
38.	Mr. Arun Srivastava	Joint Director General (Tourism)
39.	Mr. Vibhava Tripathi	Assistant Director General, S & PD Division
40.	Ms. Jisha Ashok	Assistant Director, S & PD Division
41.	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Devrani	Deputy Secretary, Facilitation & Standards Division
42.	Mr. Niraj Sharan	Assistant Director General, Facilitation & Standards Division
43.	Ms. Diksha Joshi	Assistant Secretary
44.	Mr. Yasharth Shekhar	Assistant Secretary
45.	Ms. Varsha Sharma	Assistant Manager, S & PD Division

2. List of Participants from Central Ministries

S.No.	Ministries	Name	Designation
1.	Ministry of Civil Aviation	Mr. Kameshwar Mishra	Under Secretary
2.	Ministry of Youth Affairs	Dr. Parveen Kumar	Deputy Secretary
3.	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Mr. Sudheer Chintalapati	Wildlife (Scientist E)
4.	Ministry of Home Affairs	Mr. Digendra Singh	Deputy Commandant
5.	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER)	Ms. Charu Verma	Assistant Secretary

3. List of Participants from Central Government Organizations

S.No.	Organisation	Name	Designation
10.	Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management	Prof. Alok Sharma	Director
11.		Dr. Kamakshi Maheshwari	Nodal Officer, CNA-AT
12.		Mr. Atul Kumar Sharma	Manager, CNA-AT
13.		Mr. Chaitanya Pawar	Assistant Manager, CNA-AT
14.		Dr Pawan Gupta	Nodal Officer – NIWS
15.		Dr Ravinder Dogra	Assistant Professor - NIWS
16.		Dr. Monika Prakash	Nodal Officer, CNA-ST
17.		Dr. Ananya Ghosh	Assistant Manager, CNA-ST
18.		Mr. Vikaash D	Assistant Manager, CNA-ST

19.	Indian Mountaineering	Mr. Keerthi Pais	Hony. Secretary
20.	Foundation	Col S S Phogat	Director
21.	Indian Institute of Skiing &	Col IS Thapa	Principal
22.	Mountaineering	Ms. Renu Bamrara	TIO
23.	NDMA	Mozart Maxon	Consultant (GLOF), NDMA

4. List of Participants from States

S.No.	State	Name	Designation
24.	Jammu and Kashmir	Ms. Yasha Mudgal	Commissioner/Secretary (T)
25.	Himachal Pradesh	Mr. Chandan Kapoor, HAS	Joint Director
26.	Ladakh	Ms Kunzes Angmo, KAS	Director Tourism
27.	Goa	Mr. Rodlin Mascarenhas	Assistant Director

5. List of Participants from Industry Associations

S.No.	Industry Associations	Name
28.	ATOAI	Mr. Ajeet Bajaj
29.		Ms. Sonam Bhutia
30.		Mr. Nirat Bhatt
31.		Mr. Vaibhav Kala
32.	CII National Committee on Tourism	Mr. Sanjay Basu
33.		Swati Thakre
34.		Ms. Priyal Arora
35.	Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO)	Mr. Harish Mathur