

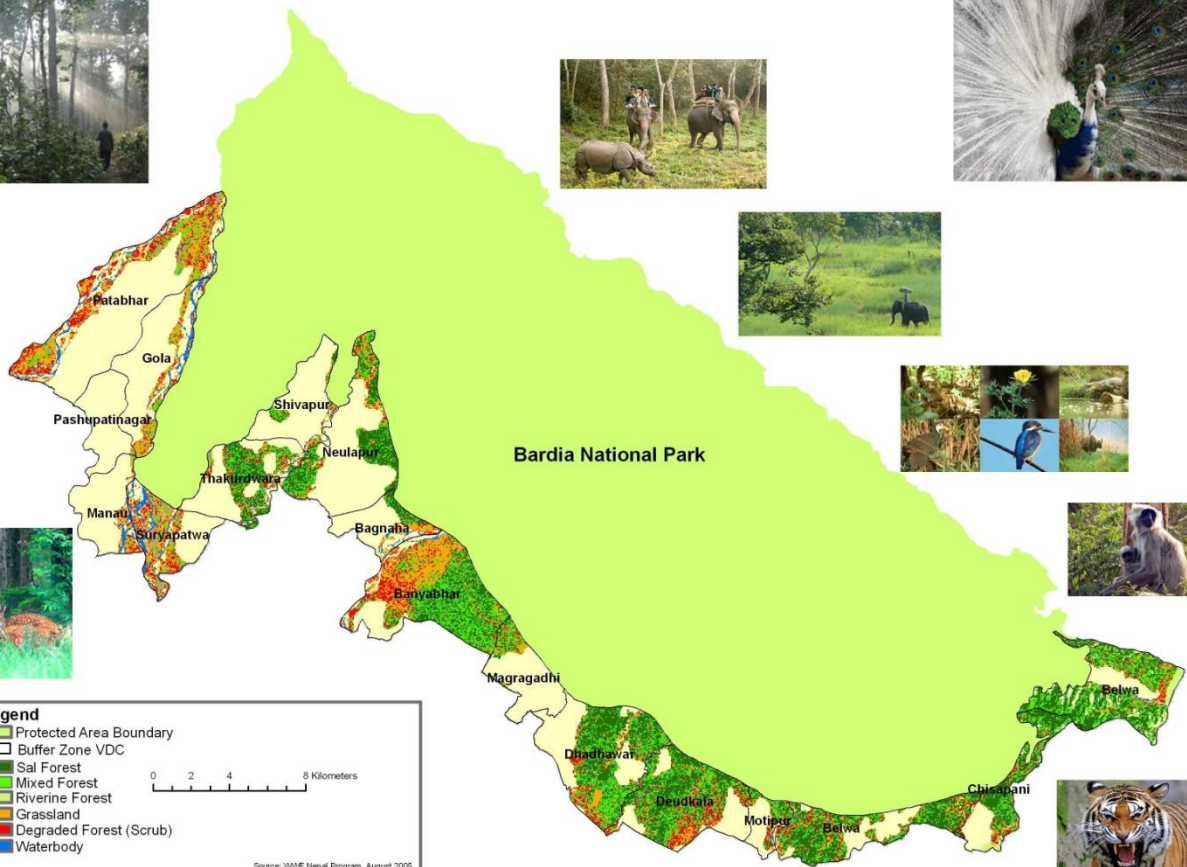
# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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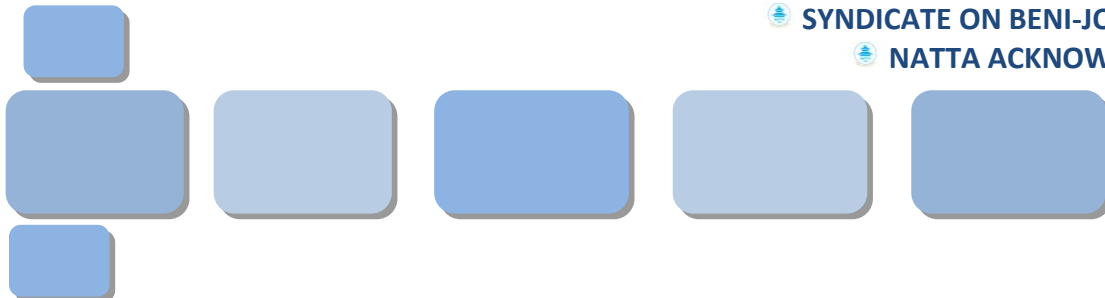
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## MEETING WITH HOME MINISTRY

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JULY



In our continuous effort to find a solution to the problem faced by our members in regard to the frequent cases of Deportees, a NATTA delegation visited Home Ministry for a joint meeting with Mr. Laxmi Prasad Dhakal, Joint Secretary, Home Ministry and Mr. Sharad Chandra Poudel, DG, Immigration Department on 03<sup>rd</sup> July'14. NATTA delegation was led by Secretary General, Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, along with Treasurer, Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney, Executive Members Mr. Binay Basnet, Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung and CEO, Prof. Hari

Sarmah.

NATTA briefed on the financial burden faced by the members due to deportee cases and emphasized on the need to find short-term & long-term solutions. NATTA has already in the past sent a request to the DG, Immigration department, to inform NATTA when a deportee arrives in Kathmandu so that NATTA is able to inform its member on time. However, this has not been very effective and thus NATTA requested the DG to look into it further for more effective actions.

Besides the short-term solution of providing timely information from Immigration Department, NATTA also highlighted on finding a long term-solution at the government level. The Joint Secretary agreed to start correspondence with the related country governments through our Foreign Ministry to find an amicable and long-term solution. NATTA will now initiate by sending a request letter to the Joint Secretary.





## Transport syndicate on Beni-Jomsom road broken, finally

SANTOSH POKHAREL  
POKHARA, July 2

Are you planning to visit Mustang in a private vehicle or a hired jeep? If yes, you can now be sure that there will not be any disturbances during the journey like in the past. If you face any disturbance, the regional administration will immediately swing into action.

The Western Regional Administration Office has finally managed to break the syndicate on the 75-kilometer Beni-Jomsom road enforced by the local transport entrepreneurs. Now onwards, one can drive their vehicles on the road without any obstacles. The office has said it would take immediate action if anyone obstructs movement of vehicles on the road.

"If anyone obstructs movement of vehicles on the road, we will not call them for negotiation like in the past. We will immediately initiate legal action against them," Karki said. "This is not a private road. No one has the authority to create disturbance on public road."

The office has directed local administration to do the needful for ensuring smooth movement of vehicles on the road.

Now onwards, passengers needn't change vehicles between Beni and Jomsom. Earlier, they had to change vehicles at Ghasa.

"We will immediately action against those collecting excessive fare or creating problem to passengers. If



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passengers are disembarked from private vehicles and forced to board local vehicles, those involved in such act will be dealt with seriously," he added.

Karki, who was recently appointed as Western Regional Administrator, said his first priority was to end the transporters' syndicate on Beni-Jomsom road. "I will not allow anyone to enforce syndicate system on public roads as I am aware of the consequences of such system," added Karki. He assured that any type of vehicles can ply the Beni-Jomsom road now onwards.

The Western Regional Administration Office is also doing necessary homework for determining the standards for tourist vehicles. It is having discussion with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation

- One way fare fixed at Rs 800 for the time being
- New fare to be decided by mid-August
- No need to change vehicles between Beni and Jomsom
- Private vehicles can also use the road



on whether tourist vehicles need to get route permit like other vehicles and whether tourist vehicles registered before 2012 need to follow standards issued in 2012.

The office has fixed fare on Beni-Jomsom road at Rs 800 on temporary basis. It has asked Dhaulagiri Transportation Management Committee to fix new fare by mid-August.

Earlier, local transport entrepreneurs were charging arbitrary fares. They also used to charge fare from passengers traveling in tourist vehicles.

Local transport entrepreneurs are also positive about fixing new fare. "Local transport entrepreneurs have expressed commitment to not obstruct movement of private vehicles on Beni-Jomsom road," Madhu Karanjit, officiating chief of the committee, said.

## सिन्डिकेट अन्त्यको नाट्टाद्वारा स्वागत

काठमाडौं, १९ असार  
(कास) : नेपाल एसोसिएसन अफ टुर एण्ड ट्राभल्स एजेन्ट्स (नाट्टा) ले म्याग्दी-जेनीमा रहेको यातायात सिन्डिकेट अन्त्यको



स्वागत गरेको छ। उक्त क्षेत्रमा लामो समयदेखि यातायात व्यवसायीहरूले सिन्डिकेट गरी अन्य क्षेत्रका सवारी साधन प्रवेशमा रोक लगाउँदै आएका थिए। सिन्डिकेटले गर्दा स्वदेशी तथा विदेशी पर्यटकलाई आवत-जावत गर्न अफठेरो हुँदै आएकोमा अब भने सहज हुने नाट्टाले विश्वाससमेत लिएको छ।

### NATTA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & THANKS

NATTA Executive Committee had been involved in creating pressure to the concerned authorities of the government right from the early days of the introduction of transport syndicate in Ghasa and surrounding areas on Beni –Jomsom route since the syndicate had forcefully evolved numerous hassles for the pilgrims and other tourists en route to Jomsom and on their way back.

NATTA delegates had called on the Minister for Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation Hon'ble Bhim Acharya, Tourism Secretary Mr. Sushil Ghimire and Chief of Tourism Industry Division Mr. Madhusudan Burlakoti and lately Inspector General of Police Mr. Upendra Aryal with letters of complaints and NATTA grievance to ban local transport syndicate prevailing in the above route on different dates showing the cause that the route is mostly frequented by tourists and the ill and unwholesome treatment towards them ought to be stopped immediately.

Now since the syndicate system has been lawfully lifted by the Western Regional Administration Office, we, with great appreciation, would like to extend our thankfulness to all those who have contributed in eliminating the problem faced by tourists and transports plying on Beni-Jomsom and Jomsom- Beni route. Our special thanks are also due to local transport entrepreneurs for their consent and approval on lifting the local syndicate system. NATTA Regional Association (Pokhara) too deserves special credit in this achievement.





## CONTRACT

Please read below a self-explanatory letter of contract signed by Pokhara Tourism Council & Pokhara Valley City Development Committee in regard to the use of existing Tourist Bus Park by the tourist transports plying from Pokhara.

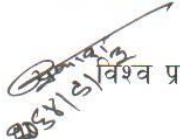


लिखितम कास्की जील्ला पोखरा उपमहानगर पालिका वडा नं ७ स्थित पोखरा उपत्यका नगर विकास समिति (यसपछि प्रथम पक्ष भनिएको) र ऐ.ऐ वडा नं ६ स्थित पोखरा पर्यटन परिषद (यसपछि द्वितीय पक्ष भनिएको) विच पोखरा उ.म.न.पा . वडा नं ७ स्थित प्रथम पक्षको स्वमीत्वमा रहेको कि.न २०१४, २००४, २००६, २००८, २०१०, को जग्गामा संचालन मा रहिरहेको पर्यटन वसपार्क देहय वमोजिमका शर्तहरुको अधिनमा रही मर्मत सम्भार गरी सञ्चालन गर्नका लागि यो सम्झौता गरिएको छ ।


१) प्रथम पक्षको स्वमीत्वमा रहेको पो.उ.म.न.पा वडा नं ७ स्थित उल्लेखित जग्गामा विगत एक दशक देखि संचालनमा रही आएको पर्यटन वसपार्क लाई आवश्यक मर्मत संभार गरी पोखरा मा अर्को सुविधा सम्पन्न पर्यटक वसपार्क नवनिजेल सम्म का लागि दोस्रो पक्षले पर्यटक वसपार्कको रुपमा संचालन गर्ने ।

२) मर्मत संभार कार्य सम्पन्न भएपश्चात उक्त वसपार्कको हेरचाह सरसफाई लगायत वसपार्क संचालनर्थ आवश्यक पर्ने सम्पूर्ण ब्यावस्था दुवै पक्षको सहमतिमा गरिने छ ।

### प्रथम पक्षको तर्फबाट

  
विश्व प्रकाश लामिछाने  
अध्यक्ष  
पोखरा उपत्यका नगर विकास समिति ।

### दोस्रो पक्षको तर्फबाट

  
टिकाराम सापकोटा  
महासचिव  
पोखरा पर्यटन परिषद





## JUNE ARRIVAL FIGURE

The figures released by Immigration Office, Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) reveal that visitor arrivals in the month of June 2014, compared to the same month last year, have decreased by 0.30% to 41,137.

In aggregate, the South Asian segment has registered negative growth of 1.04%. India, which constitutes the major market of Nepal, has recorded negative growth of 2.21%. Also, arrivals from Pakistan and Sri Lanka have decreased by 5.54 % and 28.97% respectively. However, arrivals from Bangladesh has increased by 17.43%.

Arrivals from Asia (other than South Asia) have also recorded positive growth of 0.49% in aggregate. The visitor arrivals from China grew by 10% compared to the same month last year. Similarly, the arrivals from Singapore and Thailand have also increased by 12.56% and 5.79% respectively. Japan, South Korea and Malaysia markets saw declines of 13%, 31.8% and 1.98% respectively.

An overall negative growth of 13.27% has been observed from the European markets with negative growths from markets such as the UK, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, France and Germany 10.24%, 3.50%, 24.64%, 13.90%, 16.25% and 17.85% respectively. However, arrivals from Austria, the Czech Republic and Poland have increased by 71.05%, 6.67% and 12.77% respectively compared to the same month last year.

Tourist arrivals from Australia, New Zealand and the USA have increased by 18.69%, 37.65% and 5.68% respectively. However, arrivals from Canada have decreased by 15.76% respectively.





# PLACES TO TRAVEL FOR MONTH OF JULY

## MONTH of JULY



### Season's Best

Malta  
Vienna  
Norway  
Manali  
Ladakh  
St Petersburg  
Alaska  
Kashmir

### Cruises

Scandinavia and  
Russia  
Alaska  
Asia  
Caribbean



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### Special Events

Rath Yatra  
Tour De France  
Christopher Street  
Day  
Bastille Day  
Independence Day  
USA  
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### Off Season's Best

Gokarna  
Mauritius  
Acapulco  
Malshej Ghat  
Rio De Janeiro  
Chikmagalur  
Munnar  
Matheran

### Festivals

Copenhagen Jazz  
Fest  
Wife Carrying  
Festival  
Tanabata  
Pampalona Bull Fest  
Teej Festival  
Exit Music Festival  
Poryong Mud Festival

### Adventure

Bolivia  
Karjat, Maharashtra  
Mukteshwar  
Blue Mountains  
Ladakh  
Banff, Canada  
Nilgiris, Ooty  
Niagara Falls, USA  
Fjords, Norway



**Pilgrimage**  
Shankaracharya  
Temple  
Vatican City, Rome  
Mansarovar  
Amarnath Yatra  
Vaishno Devi  
Jerusalem  
St.Paul's Cathedral,  
London  
Yogyakarta

### Beach

Miami, USA  
Nice, France  
Chandipur  
Mykonos, Greece  
Langkawi  
Malaga, Spain  
Zanzibar, Africa  
Bournemouth,  
England



### Honeymoon

Bora Bora  
Bahamas  
Santorini, Greece  
Gulmarg, Kashmir  
Scotland  
Kodaikanal  
Ireland  
Mahabaleshwar  
Switzerland

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### Hill Stations

Lucerne, Switzerland  
Mount Abu  
Shillong  
Lansdowne  
Kasauli  
Coonoor  
Genting Highlands  
Anchorage  
Helsinki, Finland



**Luxury**  
W Hotel, Barcelona  
Lindner Grand Hotel,  
Interlaken  
Taj Dal View,  
Srinagar



### Heritage

Moscow, Russia  
Athens, Greece  
Petra, Jordan  
Nuremberg,  
Germany  
Hyderabad  
Stonehenge, England  
Budapest  
Florence, Italy  
Warsaw



### Wildlife

Bandipur, Karnataka  
Masai Mara, Kenya  
Kruger National Park  
Tsavo National Park  
Botswana  
Periyar, Kerala  
Yosemite, USA



### Spa & Wellness

Spa Retreats in India  
Turkish Baths,  
Hungary  
Anantara Spa, Bali  
Royal Myconian  
Thalasso Spa,  
Mykonos  
Om Beach Resort,  
Gokarna



### Offbeat

Naukuchiatal  
Nahan  
Diu  
Boracay, Phillipines  
The Channel Islands  
Bintan Island  
Dresden, Germany  
Nha Trang, Vietnam



### Getaways from

Bangalore  
Coorg  
Chandigarh  
Dalhousie  
Parwanoo



Kolkata  
Puri  
Chennai  
Pondicherry  
Ahmedabad  
Porbandar

Jaipur  
Udaipur  
Pune  
Shirdi  
Hdyderabad  
Horsley Hills



# WORLD'S BEST SHOPPING CITIES

# FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT



## New York City

New York's Fifth Avenue is synonymous with the luxe life, with "Old New York" classics like Saks Fifth Avenue, Tiffany's, Bergdorf Goodman and FAO Schwarz. But just like New York itself, Fifth Avenue is always keeping pace with current trends and is now home to a 24-hour flagship Apple store.

## Tokyo

Tokyo's Shinjuku neighborhood is one of the city's most famous shopping districts. Skyscrapers, department stores, shopping malls and electronics megastores -- this is high-energy shopping at its best.



## Paris

From haute couture to flea markets, Paris is full of numerous shopping opportunities. The City of Light's most famous shopping street is Champs-Elysees. This high-end thoroughfare houses the city's most luxurious shops, including Louis Vuitton.



## Moscow

For those who haven't been to Moscow, it might be surprising to learn that Russia's capital is a fashion mecca with expensive boutiques from the gaudy to the glamorous. You can find everything in Moscow from haute couture to Soviet vintage clothing.



## Madrid

Variety is the essence of Spain's shopping scene. There is something for every shopping personality here -- giant department stores, emerging designer boutiques and weekly flea markets. Don't forget about the Spanish siesta, which keeps smaller stores closed in the afternoons, generally from 2 to 5 p.m.



## Hong Kong

Hong Kong's heritage international trade. So anything you could today. But Hong Kong is street labels (it's a electronics.



stems from being a hub of it's no surprise you can buy virtually possibly ever dream of in this city best known for its great deals on knockoff heaven) and cutting-edge

to be continued....