

## Photo of the Month



Aguada Fort

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## Initiatives

### Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Manohar Ajaonkar Launches Hop On Hop Off sightseeing coach services



**Panjim, May 13** : The Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Mr. Manohar Ajaonkar today flagged off the much awaited Hop on Hop off sight-seeing coach services amidst much fanfare. The launch of the new tourism initiative was held today at the Paryatan Bhavan, Patto, Panjim.

Other dignitaries present during the launch were Chairman, GTDC, Mr. Nilesh Cabral, Mayor, CCP, Mr. Surendra Furtado, Director of Tourism, Govt of Goa, Mr. MeninoD'souza, MD, GTDC, Mr. Nikhil Desai and other officials from Goa Tourism.

Goa Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (GTDC) has launched the new and swanky sightseeing coach service in association with Pune based Prasanna Purple Group. To be popularly called the Hop on Hop off (HOHO) buses, the royal red buses will offer tourists sightseeing circuits in and around the capital city, Old Goa, Miramar and Dona Paula to begin with. The HOHO service through open top Double Decker and Hydeck vehicles are all set to offer tourists an opportunity to explore Goa with leisure, flexibility and comfort.

The buses will move from Paryatan Bhavan giving tourists an experience to witness the Panjim Church, Palace of Arch Bishop, Miramar Beach, Goa Science Centre, Dona Paula, KalaAcademy, Bhagwan Mahaveer Garden, Panjim Market, casino Point, River cruise point, Goa State Museum, Ribandar Patto Circle and back to Paryatan Bhavan.

The buses will operate from 9 am to 6 pm on regular basis. Some of the salient features of this new sightseeing coach service are local based multi-lingual running commentary, CCTV surveillance, GPS tracking, trained tour guides, guest relationship executives and more. Two separate routes have been proposed one each for the double decker buses and the hydeck buses. Tourists can avail of the tour services by taking a 1 or 2 day pass and multiple options for families and groups. The fares are reasonable priced at Rs 300 per head as a launch offer. [Read more>>](#)



## Awards

### GTDC's Calangute Residency bags the "Best Host" Award in Budget Hotel Category from Yatra.com



Mr. Nilesh Cabral, Chairman, GTDC receiving the Best Host Award for Calangute Residency in Budget Hotel Category from Yatra.com

**Panjim, 4 May**: Calangute Residency, a unit of Goa Tourism Development Corporation has won the "Best Host" Award in Budget Hotel Category from Yatra.com. This prestigious award is a shot in the arm and has come at a time when GTDC is focusing on improving its accommodation & other facilities in the State. Calangute Residency is one of the flagship hotels of the GTDC and provides spacious accommodation facilities overlooking the Arabian sea, beautifully landscaped gardens, restaurants, swimming pool, ample parking facilities etc making it a favorite for F.I.T's & families. [Read more>>](#)



## Events

### Goa to promote Aquatic Physiotherapy



**Panjim, May 27**: Mr. Manohar Ajaonkar, Minister for Tourism, Govt of Goa along with Mr. Vijai Sardessai, Minister for TCP today inaugurated the first international Aquatic Conference AquaCon 2017 organized by Dr. Ketan Bhatkar's Sparc Physiotherapy Centre at the Neelam Resorts, Calangute. [Read more>>](#)



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