<u>Swachhta Pakhwada observed in the</u> <u>Ministry of Earth Sciences</u>

Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) of Ministry of Earth Sciences and its various Organisations was organized from 16th to 30th June, 2017.

Foreign Exchange Earnings (In Rupee And US \$ Terms) through Tourism in India in June 2017

Ministry of Tourism estimates monthly Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India, both in rupee and dollar terms. Based on the credit data of Travel Head from Balance of Payments of RBI.

22.5% Growth in Foreign Tourist arrivals in June, 2017 over June, 2016

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e- Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani assumes additional charge of Ministry of I&B

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Textiles assumed additional charge as Minister for Information & Broadcasting here today.

Government clarifies that
accommodation in any hotel, including
5-star hotels, having a declared
tariff of a unit of accommodation of
less than INR 7500 per unit per day,
will attract GST @ 18%; Star rating
of hotels is, therefore, irrelevant
for determining the applicable rate of
GST.

Reports have been received expressing doubts whether 5-star Hotels are liable to pay GST @ 28% irrespective of the declared tariff of a unit of accommodation.