

INDIA SUSPENDS TOURIST VISAS FOR CHINESE: IATA

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India has suspended tourist visas issued to Chinese nationals, the global airlines body IATA told its member carriers on April 20.

India has been raising with China the plight of over 22,000 of its students enrolled in Chinese universities who are unable to go back for physical classes. However, the neighbouring country has till date refused to let them enter.

These students had to leave their studies in China and come to India when the COVID-19 pandemic started in the beginning of 2020.

In a circular issued on April 20 regarding India, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said, "Tourist visas issued to nationals of China (People's Republic) are no longer valid."

The IATA also said that tourist visas with a validity of 10 years are no longer valid. The IATA is a global airlines body of around 290 members that comprise over 80% of global air traffic.

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