



TUNNELLING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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Tunnelling Asia 2022: Postponement of dates due to COVID

Dear ITA Family Members,

Greetings from TAI, New Delhi.

The 3rd wave of global spread of [COVID coronavirus](#) has infected more than three million people in India, and is continuing at faster pace. At the moment, it's a challenge to contain the pathogen. This crisis is experienced directly by some and indirectly by all of us. It calls for greater cooperation across the borders to turn the tide. Howsoever devastating [COVID coronavirus](#) is, our resolve to fight it together and come back stronger is the need of the hour. TAI hopes that the tunnelling industry Members, their families and friends, personnel, and other people associated with them are all safe. We are also wishing the same for our international partners ITA and other stakeholders.

On behalf of tunnelling fraternity, we would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims around the world. It's a global crisis and time to show our solidarity with affected countries and people. It is heartening to note that the number of recoveries far outweigh the number of fatalities. Thus, it offers hope that soon we will be able to overcome this deadly virus and stay out of danger through international cooperation.

On behalf of the TAI and on my personal behalf, I wish to express our solidarity with the ITA Family Members during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID). Our prayers and thoughts are with the families currently dealing with COVID. We wish safe and healthy life to all.

TAI is closely following developments of the outbreak of 3rd wave of coronavirus in the different States of India and other parts of the Globe. Most of the countries are affected with this 3rd wave outbreak of COVID. However, countries like USA, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, UK, China, Iran, Turkey and Belgium are the more severely affected.

India too has been affected by COVID, and no. of cases are increasing day by day. We have implemented restrictions, by imposing the weekend as well as night curfew in almost all the major cities to break the chain of this virus. There is a possibility that these restrictions may even get extended further in some areas. Strict quarantine procedures have been implemented and healthcare system to treat and care for those who have contracted the virus has also been strengthened.

Keeping in view the above and various predictions of experts that COVID may prolong up to end of March and hope to settle down by the month of April 2022. There is hardly one month time remained for organization of the Tunnelling Asia 2022 event at Mumbai. By the time normalcy is restored, many of TAI Family members and delegates from the ITA Member

Nations will remain in uncertainty to register for the Tunnelling Asia event and also book the hotel accommodation etc.

In view of the above situation, based on the request of tunnelling fraternity, the Organizing Committee has taken a decision to postpone the dates of Tunnelling Asia 2022 event after normalcy of this pandemic situation. We will shortly announce the new dates for the Tunnelling Asia 2022 event at Mumbai.

Colleagues, we wish you and your families to stay safe.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,



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