

HOME STAY:

The term 'homestay' defines as **“a period during which a visitor lives with a local family”**. The idea of the homestay program is to accommodate tourists with a local family, thus enabling the tourist to learn about local lifestyle, culture, nature etc.

The guests have the opportunities to interact, gain knowledge, and experience the life style and culture of the host family as well as the local community. This element involves the guests eating, cooking, and engaging in many activities together with their adopted families, thus allowing two parties with different cultural backgrounds to interact and learn from each other.

The tourism industry has experienced continued growth and diversification to become one of the largest and fastest growing economic sectors in the world for the past decades. For many economies, tourism has become a key driver for socio-economic progress.

The homestay program is a tourism product that has been given special emphasis by the government. The Government took the initiative of introducing the Home Stay scheme to upgrade and improve the sector of tourism.

Government have introduced “Homestay scheme” in Telangana State for providing a clean and affordable place for domestic and foreign tourists with a family to experience the customs, tradition and culture and constituted a committee vide G.O.Rt.No.315, YAT&C(T&PMU) Deptt., dt.27.5.2016.