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IndiGo Refreshes In-Flight Menu with Regional Dishes and New Pre-Booking Options

IndiGo has introduced a refreshed in-flight food and beverage programme across its network, featuring new packaging, an expanded pre-book menu and regionally inspired dishes. The updated offering includes sandwiches, rolls, snacks and beverages, alongside Jain, vegan, diabetic and low-calorie options. The airline has also incorporated measures to reduce food wastage and promote recyclable packaging.



Air India – Restricted Power Bank Model

Air India has advised that the MOBIKINS MK-PB-04 power bank is prohibited on flights operating to, from or within India. The specified model cannot be carried in either cabin or checked baggage.



Air India to Launch Four Weekly Delhi–Osaka Flights from February 2027

Air India will launch four weekly non-stop flights between Delhi and Osaka from February 2, 2027, using Boeing 787-8 aircraft. Osaka will become the airline's second destination in Japan after Tokyo. The new route will expand India-Japan connectivity and allow travellers to plan multi-city itineraries across Osaka and Tokyo.



BA and Viva to Launch Codeshare Partnership

British Airways and Mexican carrier Viva will launch a codeshare partnership on 28 March 2027, BA announced on 3 November. Through the agreement, BA customers will be able to book connecting flights to or from 13 Mexican destinations served by Viva via BA's website, allowing customers to book their entire journey in a single transaction. Members of the British Airways Club loyalty programme will also be able to earn Avios and tier points when travelling, according to BA. In addition, customers starting their travel in Mexico will be able to connect in London to BA's global network of more than 200 destinations.



Ryanair Expands at Birmingham Airport with Five New Routes



Ryanair has announced an expansion at Birmingham Airport this winter, including the addition of five new routes from the UK airport. The Irish budget carrier said it plans to add a ninth aircraft at Birmingham for the 2026–27 winter season, allowing the airline to launch routes to Copenhagen, Rome Fiumicino, Warsaw Modlin, Marrakesh & Tirana. Ryanair is also increasing frequencies on seven existing routes from Birmingham this winter, including extra flights to Barcelona, Budapest and Poznan.

United States – New Mandatory Passenger Declaration

Effective November 3, 2026, all passengers boarding international flights to the USA must complete an attestation confirming that they have not been present in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) during the preceding 21 days. Airlines are responsible for collecting the declaration before boarding. Passengers who do not complete it may be denied boarding.



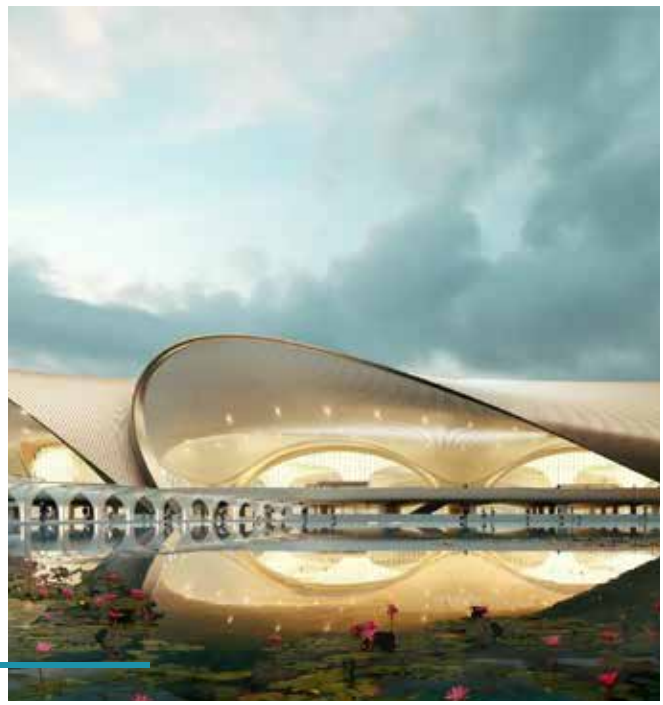
Mumbai Airport to Shut Both Runways for Six Hours on November 19 for Maintenance

Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport will temporarily suspend operations on both its cross runways from 11 am to 5 pm on November 19 for scheduled post-monsoon maintenance. The work will cover runway surface repairs and inspections of lighting, markings and drainage systems. Airlines and stakeholders have been notified in advance to coordinate flight schedules.



Navi Mumbai Airport Adds Nine Domestic Destinations to Expand Regional Connectivity

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) has added nine domestic destinations to its network, connecting the Mumbai Metropolitan Region with markets across Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Lakshadweep & coastal Maharashtra. The expansion aims to improve regional access, support tourism and strengthen links with heritage, wildlife, island & eco-tourism destinations. The airport has recorded 27,185 scheduled aircraft movements since its operational launch.



Digi Yatra Begins International Passenger Trials at Seven Indian Airports

Digi Yatra has begun trials to extend its contactless passenger processing platform to eligible international departures at seven Indian airports. The three-month programme, running from October to December 2026, covers Indian nationals with e-passports flying internationally on Air India & IndiGo. Passenger feedback will inform plans for a wider rollout in 2027.



Australia Expands Biometric Collection Programme to Visa Applicants in India

As of October 26, 2021, visa applicants in India should be aware of a new requirement that may involve providing biometric data. This means submitting fingerprints and a facial image for identity confirmation. The Department of Home Affairs will notify applicants if biometrics are mandatory. They have the option to visit 16 Biometrics Collection Centres in India or use the Australian Immi App.



IHG Hotels & amp; Resorts Introduces Ruby to Thailand, Marking the Brand's Asia Pacific Entry

IHG Hotels & Resorts, one of the world's leading hotel companies, has announced the debut of Ruby in Thailand with the signing of a new Ruby hotel in Bangkok. The signing marks Ruby's first hotel in Asia Pacific since joining the IHG portfolio and represents another milestone in IHG's continued expansion across one of Southeast Asia's key priority markets.



Hyatt Strengthens Its Bengaluru Presence

Hyatt affiliates signed management agreements for Hyatt Regency Bengaluru at Brigade Global Park and Hyatt Regency Bengaluru on Whitefield-Kadugodi Road. Hyatt Regency Bengaluru at Brigade Global Park is covered by a management agreement with Brigade Estates and Projects Private Limited, an entity of Brigade Group. The hotel is planned within Brigade Group's 25-acre Global Park integrated advanced engineering and business ecosystem. The property is planned to include approximately 350 guestrooms and suites, meeting and event facilities totalling approximately 25,000 square feet, and multiple dining outlets. Hyatt Regency Bengaluru on Whitefield-Kadugodi Road is covered by a management agreement with Ananthay Properties Private Limited, an entity of Brigade Group. The hotel will be part of an upcoming integrated township on Whitefield-Kadugodi Road and is planned as part of a mixed-use development. The Whitefield-Kadugodi Road hotel is planned to have approximately 250 guestrooms and suites. Its meetings and events programme is expected to include a ballroom of more than 10,000 square feet, a pre-function area and additional meeting spaces. The property is also planned to include food-and-beverage outlets.



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