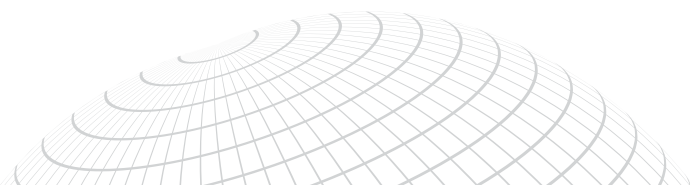


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FLY91 completes 2 years, flying over 4.8 lakh passengers across regional India

FLY91 has completed two years of operations, carrying over 4.8 lakh passengers since March 2024. The airline has operated 9,569 flights and nearly 13,000 flying hours, reflecting growing demand for regional connectivity, with plans to expand its network from nine to 15 destinations.



Air India completes revival of 30 grounded aircraft with return of Boeing 777-300ER VT-ALL

Air India has completed the revival of 30 previously grounded aircraft with the return of Boeing 777-300ER VT-ALL. The milestone concludes a major post-privatization fleet restoration programme initiated after the airline's return to the Tata Group in 2022, aimed at strengthening operational capability and supporting long-haul expansion.



Singapore Airlines cancels flights to Dubai till April 30 due to ongoing disruptions in the region

Singapore Airlines has suspended its Singapore-Dubai services until April 30, 2026, due to the ongoing situation in the Middle East. Flights SQ494 and SQ495 are affected, with passengers offered rebooking or full refunds. The airline advises customers to monitor updates, as other flights may also be impacted.



Ethiopian Airlines to resume Addis Ababa–Atlanta flights from May 21

Ethiopian Airlines will resume direct passenger flights between Addis Ababa and Atlanta from May 21, 2026, restoring a key transatlantic connection. The move strengthens connectivity between Africa and the United States, supporting business, diaspora, and leisure travel demand while expanding the airline's network reach.



Lufthansa can finally begin selling a large majority of the business-class seats on its newly configured Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners

The airline received certification for 25 of the 28 seats in the Allegris business class on the Dreamliner. Lufthansa currently has nine Allegris-configured Dreamliners, and they had been flying with only four business-class seats available for purchase amid an industrywide backlog in seat certifications, which are undertaken by the FAA and the European Union Safety Agency. All nine of the planes will be flying with 25 available Allegris seats no later than March 18, Lufthansa said. The first such flight traveled March 15 from Frankfurt to Toronto.



Bengaluru airport launches 'Connections by BLR' to enhance transfer experience

Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru has introduced 'Connections by BLR', a new transfer experience aimed at improving passenger connectivity across terminals. The initiative focuses on simplifying processes, enhancing infrastructure and delivering a seamless journey, as transfer traffic at the airport continues to grow steadily.



Frankfurt Airport set to open €4 billion Terminal 3 in April

Germany's largest airport, Frankfurt, is to open its new €4 billion Terminal 3 on 23 April, which will have capacity for up to 19 million passengers per year. Frankfurt Airport's operator Fraport said that nearly 60 airlines currently using Terminal 2 will move to the new terminal in four phases up to 9 June. Germany's second-largest airline, Condor, is scheduled to move its operations to Terminal 3 in summer 2027.



DGCA asks airlines to avoid 9 West Asia airspaces and restrict flying below 32,000 feet

India's aviation regulator, DGCA, has instructed airlines to avoid several airspaces in West Asia. This directive comes amid the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict. The move aims to ensure safety and contingency planning for flights. Airlines must refrain from operating in specific countries. Flights over Oman and Saudi Arabia may be permitted under certain conditions. The advisory is effective immediately.



Air travel relief: DGCA mandates 60% free seat allocation signals stronger passenger- first aviation policy

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued a fresh set of directives through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), aimed at strengthening passenger convenience and ensuring uniform practices across airlines. The move comes at a time when India has emerged as the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, handling over five lakh passengers daily.



VFS Global supports UKVI's rollout of eVisa platform

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) has begun the rollout of eVisas, replacing physical visa vignette stickers with secure digital status. The new system, effective from 25 February 2026, allows travellers to retain their passports, apply for visas to other countries simultaneously, and benefit from faster, more flexible travel planning.



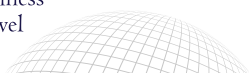
iVisa launches support service for US B1/B2 visa applicants as compliance measures tighten

iVisa has introduced a new assistance service for applicants seeking the United States B1/B2 visitor visa, amid tightening compliance requirements and evolving screening measures. The service aims to support travellers with application preparation, documentation review and interview guidance. Its launch follows recent policy developments, including a visa bond pilot programme and updated compliance advisories from US authorities affecting visitor visa applicants.



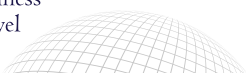
IHCL signs 250-key Taj Hotel in Guwahati

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) has signed a Taj hotel in Guwahati, marking the brand's debut in the city. The project will involve the renovation of an existing 150-key property and the addition of 100 new rooms, creating a 250-key hotel. The development reflects growing hospitality demand in Assam and the strategic importance of Guwahati as a gateway to Northeast India.



Hyatt set to open property at renovated London Olympia

Hyatt is set to open a new property at the redeveloped Olympia exhibition and conference centre in London this spring. Hyatt Regency London Olympia in Kensington, West London, is now accepting bookings for stays from 26 May, according to Hyatt's website. The property forms part of the £1.3 billion project to renovate Olympia, which was home to Business Travel Show Europe before the event moved to the ExCeL exhibition centre in East London in 2021.





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