

India, Canada discuss expansion of air services pact



India and Canada have discussed the expansion of the bilateral air service agreement that will allow more flights between the two countries.

Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is on a nine-day visit to the

US and Canada, met Canadian Transport Minister Omar Alghabra. Alghabra said he had a productive meeting with Scindia regarding issues of mutual importance to Canada and India. “We spoke about expanding the Air Transport Agreement that will allow more flights between the two countries,” he mentioned. He said he was looking forward to more conversations to open up travel between the two countries, including flights to Amritsar.

MoCA allows GMR to operate Hyderabad airport till 2068

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited has received permission to operate Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport for a further period of 30 years.

In a statement, the company confirmed the receipt of a letter of confirmation from the Ministry

of Civil Aviation (MoCA) extending the term of the December 20, 2004, concession agreement for operating the airport for a further period from March 23, 2038, up to March 22, 2068.



Paving an inclusive road for women in tourism: WITT 2022



In its second edition of Women In TAAI and Tourism, the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) chanted the mantra of involving and empowering women to become proactive, self-dependent, and commanding in every facet of their lives. TAAI’s three-step process to aid women empowerment in tourism is – promote women in entrepreneurship, encourage their participation, and generate accurate evidence-based gender policies. The second woman president in 75 years of TAAI’s inception, Jyoti Mayal, highlighted the dearth of women leaders in the tourism and hospitality industry. Quoting a study by WTTC,

Mayal shared the female share of employment in the tourism industry to be only 12.1%, and their earnings to be 14.7% less than their male counterparts. She underlined the need for coexistence and interdependency between men and women to actively work and ensure a level playing field for both gender.

Madame Tussauds to make its India return at new location of DLF Mall, Noida

Global attraction Madame will be back in an all-new avatar at a new venue at DLF Mall of India, Noida. Rob Smith, Divisional Director, Midway Asia Pacific, Merlin Entertainments Group, said, “We are thrilled about the comeback and really excited to bring back the legend of Madame Tussauds to the culturally rich land of India. Our Wax Attraction will open a new chapter of entertainment to the population of India at large and serve them with the ultimate fame experience and transport them onto the red carpet. India is a significant market for us, and the re-opening will help pave the way to entertain guests in our fantastic new location and shall expose our guests to the most ultimate celebrity experience of visiting a World-famous wax attraction. As Indian travellers are returning to overseas destinations, we are hopeful that Madame Tussauds India will serve as their gateway to Madame Tussauds counterparts in other cities around the world”.



Delhi beats Dubai to emerge as world’s second busiest airport in March



The Delhi airport was world’s second busiest airport in March in terms of domestic and international flights handled, said Official Airline Guide (OAG) in its recent report.

“Whilst Atlanta retains its position as largest, Dubai is knocked out of second place this month (March) by Delhi which moves up from third place last month (February),” the OAG’s report mentioned.

The Delhi airport was on 23rd place in March 2019 before the pandemic, it added. In March this year, airports in Atlanta in the US, Delhi in India and Dubai in the UAE handled 4.42 million, 3.61 million and 3.55 million seats, it mentioned.

Air Arabia Abu Dhabi to start Mumbai operations from May 12

Air Arabia Abu Dhabi will soon add Mumbai as the sixth Indian destination in its network. The airline will start flight operations to Mumbai from May 12 onwards.

Flights will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays onboard an Airbus A320. “Mumbai is the city of dreams and is famously known for its unique experience, magnificent architecture and savoury cuisine. It is the city of aspirations, wealth and glamour, a city which every traveller must visit,” the airline said in a statement.



The flight schedule is as follows:

– Flight 3L 101 – Departing from Abu Dhabi at 15:00, arriving in Mumbai at 19:40.

Flight 3L 102 – Departing from Mumbai at 20:30, arriving in Abu Dhabi at 22:00.

Assam Cabinet approves budget for boosting tourism potential of Brahmaputra

The Assam Cabinet has approved the contract for construction of Terminal & Riverine Infrastructure at Guwahati Gateway Ghat; which will integrate connectivity and safe communication in ferry ghats of Guwahati & North Guwahati along with boosting tourism potential of the Brahmaputra. The total contract value is INR 289.45 crores.

Besides, the Assam Inland Waterways Company Limited (AIWCL) – a fully-owned state government will be constituted. The mandate of this company includes – establishment, maintaining and operating cost-effective water transportation services within Assam, including river cruises; developing & maintaining all-weather ports, jetties, passenger terminals, etc.

