

#### THE WEEKLY WATCH

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# Govt asks airlines to fly fewer flights during G20 in Delhi

More than a thousand commercial flights could either be rescheduled or cancelled as the government has instructed airlines to curtail frequency by a fourth throughout the G20 summit next month due to parking constraints at Delhi airport. Simultaneously, airlines



have also been asked to reposition some of their aircraft, which are parked at Delhi, to other airports. The Summit will be held from September 9. Airline executives have warned of nationwide network repercussions, leading to flight cancellations as Delhi is India's primary airport. Amid crowded hotels and road closures announced by Delhi police, travel agents have advised travellers to cancel plans for those specific days. Heads of state of nearly 30 countries and top international organisations will participate in the G20 summit being held in Delhi on September 9 & 10.



### IndiGo to start Delhi-Belagavi flights from Oct 5

IndiGo has launched daily direct connections from Delhi to Belgaum



starting from October 5. The airline said it will run two flights, one going from Delhi to Belgaum at 3:45 pm, and other back from Belgaum to

Delhi at 6:35 pm.

This new endeavour is to establish smooth connectivity between northern and southern India, IndiGo said in the statement.

## Vistara to connect Delhi with Male from Oct 1 with direct flights

Vistara, a joint venture of Tata group and Singapore Airlines, announced the addition of a new route to its growing international network. The airline will be further

expanding its presence in Malé with direct, daily flights to and from Delhi starting 01 October 2023. Vistara will operate its A320neo aircraft



featuring a three-class configuration on the route as it enhances connectivity between India and the Republic of Maldives. Bookings for the flights are being progressively opened on all channels, including Vistara's website, mobile app, and through travel agents.

### Air India to shift operations to T2 at Bengaluru

Air India will shift its flight operations from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru from August 31, 2023. From 00:01Hrs of 31st August, all Air India operations, domestic and international, will operate to and from Terminal 2 of the airport except for AI176 from San Francisco, which will land at Terminal-1 on 31st August 2023 only. Air India is making every effort to ensure the transition experience is smooth and convenient for its passengers.



### Bhutan reduces SDF to woo dollar-paying tourists



The Government of Bhutan has announced its decision to reduce sustainable development fees (SDF) for dollar-paying tourists in an attempt to revive the tourism sector.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment announced a 50 per cent discount on the prevailing SDF of USD 200 for US dollar-paying tourists visiting the country. After the move was announced, the effective SDF with the discount will now be USD 100 per person per day. The new changes will come into effect from September 1 and will remain effective till August 31, 2027.













