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Indore's Devi Ahilyabai International Airport now accepts e-visas

In a relief to travellers, the Devi Ahilyabai International Airport in Indore will now accept electronic visas (e-visas), which was



a long-standing demand. "I am happy to inform you that the approval has been granted for acceptance of e-visas at the Devi Ahilyabai International Airport," BJP's Indore Lok Sabha member Shankar Lalwani told reporters. He further

said that passengers will be able to avail the "Digi Yatra" facility at the time of entering the airport in the coming days.

Bulgaria, Romania to join Schengen visa system allowing entry via ports & airports from March 31

Effective March 31, 2024, Bulgaria and Romania will implement the Schengen visa



system rules for entry through ports and airports. While border checks for air and sea travel in Bulgaria and Romania will be lifted, the decision on entry by land will be determined after March 31, 2024, according to the Council of the European Union. This decision comes after an agreement among the Member States.





Gujarat to unveil India's first submarine tourism project by Diwali

In a ground breaking move, the Gujarat government has partnered with Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL) to unveil India's inaugural submarine tourism project. The venture will focus on exploring the marine life around Bet Dwarka, a significant island off the coast of Dwarka city with mythological importance in Hinduism.



Scheduled to be operational before Diwali 2024, the tourism facility will offer a unique underwater experience, allowing tourists to dive 100 meters below the sea in a specially designed submarine. The submerged area is believed to harbour a city created by Lord Krishna, as per mythological texts.



Phuket has facilitated visas for foreigners by introducing an online visa extension system. The system, named 'E-Extension,' is designed to simplify the extension process for the 12 specified visa categories. Tourists can now submit documents and schedule appointments online, and then receive a physical stamp to extend their visa.

Intense Competition Predicted Between Air India & IndiGo in 2024: CAPA India

In the realm of Indian aviation for the year 2024, a highstakes competition is anticipated between two major players, Air India and IndiGo, as outlined in a



comprehensive report by aviation consultancy firm CAPA India. The report suggests that the rivalry is expected to be particularly intense, covering various aspects such as routes, regions, and products, marking a level of competition not previously witnessed in the Indian aviation sector.

Etihad Airways starts direct Abu Dhabi-Kozhikode & Thiruvananthapuram flights

Etihad Airways has started daily flights from Abu Dhabi to Kozhikode (CCJ) and Thiruvananthapuram (TRV). The non-stop services to these destinations bring the total



number of Indian gateways Etihad serves to 10. Antonoaldo Neves, CEO, Etihad Airways, said, "We have established a fantastic group of non-stop routes between India and Abu Dhabi, providing customers with easier access to our growing network without transiting through one of the main Indian hub airports."









