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DGCA grants Goa's Mopa airport aerodrome license

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted Goa's Mopa airport the aerodrome license to enable it to commence flight operations. The license was issued on Wednesday for the state's second airport ahead of its inauguration.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the greenfield airport. An IndiGo A-320 aircraft from Mumbai has flown to the Mopa airport as part of the mandatory navigation system testing.



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DGCA allows SpiceJet to fly at full capacity for winter schedule

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has lifted the 50% flight cap on Ajay Singh-promoted SpiceJet for the winter schedule, allowing it to operate at its full capacity. The DGCA had directed the troubled carrier to operate at half its capacity during the summer schedule in July, following multiple technical snags reported on its flights.

Qatar to scrap pre-arrival COVID-19 tests before World Cup

Qatar is to drop pre-arrival COVID-19 tests before the World Cup, the Health Ministry said,

weeks after announcing that the million-plus incoming fans do not need vaccinations. The latest relaxation in anti-COVID measures will take effect on November 1, 19 days before the first World Cup on Arab territory starts on November 20.

"Visitors are no longer required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR or Rapid Antigen Test result before travelling to Qatar," a statement said.



Visit Tri-Valley appoints Sartha Global Marketing as India Representative

Visit Tri-Valley, the official destination marketing organisation for the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and the town of Danville in the Alameda and Contra Costa counties in California, has appointed Sartha Global Marketing as Representative office in India.

"We are extremely excited to enter the fast-growing Indian market via our collaboration with Sartha Global Marketing. We plan to use their market knowledge and expertise to build greater awareness of our destination in India, while simultaneously engaging with travel trade partners in creating attractive offers for potential visitors," said Tracy Farhad, President & CEO Tri-Valley.

Sheema Vohra, Managing Director, Sartha Global Marketing, added, "We are delighted to have this opportunity to promote Tri-Valley in India. The destination is a great addition to all Northern California itineraries, located in close proximity to San Francisco, with a range of wonderful attractions for Indian visitors".



Air India Express to launch Vijayawada-Sharjah direct flight from Oct 31



Air India Express is set to launch a direct flight from Vijayawada to Sharjah from October 31. The inaugural fare for the Vijayawada-Sharjah route

begins at INR 13,669, while the airfare for the Sharjah-Vijayawada route begins at AED 399 (INR 8,948).

"We are happy to announce the debut international service of Air India Express between Vijayawada and Sharjah. After the pandemic's two arduous years, the India-Gulf aviation sector has seen a smart recovery, bouncing back to almost pre-pandemic levels. For those travelling to the UAE, particularly to Dubai and the Northern Emirates, the direct service to Sharjah will be a huge benefit with a well-timed flight," said Alope Singh, CEO, Air India Express.



flynas starts direct flights on Riyadh-Mumbai route

flynas started operating direct flights from Riyadh - Mumbai route from October 20, its fifth destination in India. With the launch, Mumbai now joins Delhi, Lucknow, Calicut, and Hyderabad on flynas' India network.

Daily direct flynas flights connect Riyadh with Mumbai, departing from King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh back and forth. Meanwhile, flynas flights from King Fahad International airport in Dammam will be starting in December 2022.

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