

India's domestic passenger traffic up 52% during Jan-Nov 2022: DGCA

Passengers carried by domestic airlines in India during January- November 2022 were at 1,105.10 lakhs as against 726.11 lakhs during the corresponding period of the previous year, registering an annual growth of 52.19 per cent, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) data has showed. In November, the operators carried 116.79 lakh passengers versus 105.16 lakh same month last year, a year-on-year increase of 11 per cent, data showed. The rise in civil aviation traffic in India can also be attributed to the recovery from the pandemic.



Vietnam records strong growth from India with 109,000 arrivals in 2022

Riding on a strong air network growth between the two countries in the recent months, Vietnam has registered strong tourism recovery from the Indian market. The country has received more than 109,000 Indian visitors in the first 11 months of 2022 at an average growth rate of a staggering 49 per cent per month, making India one of its top five source markets.

Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) Deputy Director General, Pham Van Thuy, while emphasising that bilateral tourism could potentially reach half a million by 2025, also said that in just a short time, the air connection between Viet Nam and India has developed strongly and become the catalyst for the increasing flow of passengers thanks to Vietjet Air, Indigo, and Vietnam Airlines, who opened dozens of new routes connecting most major cities of Viet Nam and India.



Jharkhand planning to promote ecotourism at Netarhat

The Jharkhand government is planning to promote eco and cultural tourism at Netarhat, nestled in the lap of pristine forests, situated at an altitude of 3,622 feet above sea level in Latehar district.

Bhor Singh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Latehar, said, "We have plans to promote eco and cultural tourism at Netarhat, and thereby also create employment for locals. Various initiatives are underway including promoting homestay programmes where tourists can enjoy living with the tribes."

Centre earmarks 25 AAI airports for leasing between 2022-2025

As per National Monetization Pipeline (NMP), 25 airports of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) have been earmarked for leasing over the years 2022 to 2025, said the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh, in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, said AAI airports are leased out in the public interest for their better management utilising private sector efficiency and investment.

According to MoCA, the airports namely Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Amritsar, Trichy, Indore, Raipur, Calicut, Coimbatore, Nagpur, Patna, Madurai, Surat, Ranchi, Jodhpur, Chennai, Vijayawada, Vadodara, Bhopal, Tirupati, Hubli, Imphal, Agartala, Udaipur, Dehradun and Rajahmundry have been earmarked for leasing over the years 2022 to 2025.



Maharashtra to promote Jewish places for tourism

Heritage Jewish places in Maharashtra will be promoted as tourist places, the state government said. Maharashtra Tourism Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha signed a letter of intent in this regard with officials from the Israeli Consulate. "Maharashtra will conserve Jewish monuments and other places in the state to boost tourism in the state. The Jews have been part of our society for centuries and many of them have adopted our culture and language as well," the Minister.

Air India launches non-stop service between Mumbai & San Francisco

Air India has launched its first-ever non-stop service between Mumbai and San Francisco. This closely follows the launch of its three times a week flight between Bengaluru and San Francisco on December 2, 2022. This new flight is in line with Air India's vision to enhance its global footprint.

The flight will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with the newly-inducted Boeing 777-200LR aircraft. This will take Air India's India-US frequency to 40 non-stop flights per week. Presently, Air India operates non-stop flights from Mumbai to Newark, from Delhi to New York, Newark, Washington DC, San Francisco, and Chicago, and from Bengaluru to San Francisco. This will be the third Indian city after Delhi and Bengaluru to have a direct flight to San Francisco.

