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Aviation industry interdependence key to recovery: ACI

Airports Council International (ACI) World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira has said air transport remains a vital part of the economy which, in pre-COVID-19 times, supported 88 million jobs and contributed USD 3.5 trillion to global GDP.

“Air transport has always been an industry based on the interdependence of all its parts. Tourism and air transport have a strong reciprocal and symbiotic relationship - we are going to need collaborative action on a scale not seen before,” he said.

Turkey imposes lockdown from April 29 to May 17 to curb Covid infections

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that businesses will have to close unless otherwise stated by the Interior Minister. Supermarkets can stay open, except on Sundays. Permission will be needed for intercity travel. Erdogan said without stricter restrictions and curbing infection rates, there would be a “heavy price” for tourism, trade and education. He said the aim is to lower daily infections to 5,000. Turkey had so far instituted partial lockdowns. After the country lifted partial restrictions in March, infections and deaths soared.



Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Avoid travelling to Nepal for onward journey to third countries: Indian Embassy

The Indian Embassy has advised its citizens to avoid travelling to Nepal for the purposes of onward journeys to third countries after Kathmandu banned all foreign nationals from using the Himalayan nation as a transit point as part of its effort to combat the surge in the coronavirus cases.

The Indian Embassy also noted that the ongoing services provided to travellers arriving in Nepal as final destination and departing from Nepal will be continued as usual. The Embassy is in contact with Nepalese authorities to facilitate the travel of bona fide Indian nationals already in Nepal, it said.



IATA expects USD 47.7bn airline industry loss in 2021



Willie Walsh

Global airline industry’s net losses are expected to narrow down in 2021, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said. IATA expects net airline industry losses of USD 47.7 billion in 2021 - an improvement on the estimated net industry loss of USD 126.4 billion in 2020.

“This crisis is longer and deeper than anyone could have expected. Losses will be reduced from 2020, but the pain of the crisis increases. There is optimism in domestic markets where aviation’s hallmark resilience is demonstrated by rebounds in markets without internal travel restrictions. Government imposed travel restrictions, however, continue to dampen the strong underlying demand for international travel,” Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA said.

EaseMyTrip partners with JustDial for air bookings



Rikant Pitti

EaseMyTrip has said it has tied up with local search engine JustDial for providing air travel services. “Through this association, EaseMyTrip will be the exclusive service provider for all flight bookings at JustDial. All Air bookings requests received on JustDial will be completed by EaseMyTrip,” EaseMyTrip said in a statement.

“There is direct API integration of EaseMyTrip with JustDial where real time bookings are executed.” “Through JustDial, we will be able to serve millions of users on their platform for a seamless travel booking integration with the best in class experience exclusively provided by EaseMyTrip,” said Rikant Pitti, Whole-time Director, EaseMyTrip.