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Air India Express plans more international flights

MUMBAI: Expanding its network and tapping group synergies, Air In-



dia Express will focus on connecting smaller cities and towns with metros as well as fly to new overseas destinations, according to senior officials. The airline, which recently completed the merger of AIX Connect with itself, has a fleet of

around 90 aircraft and the count is expected to cross 110 by the end of

this fiscal.

As part of consolidating its airline business, Tata Group has merged AIX Connect with Air India Express and the integration of Vistara with Air India is scheduled to be completed next week.

It also aims to fly to a

total of 55 destinations by the end of March 2025 and has also rationalised its network as part of Air India Group strategy. Apart from adding domestic routes, the Tata Group-owned airline will start flights to more foreign destinations, including Bangkok and Phuket in Thailand, the officials said. Air India Express Managing Director Alope Singh said the airline would focus on tier-2 and 3 cities and towns as they are the growth engines, and the largest chunk of the market is metro to non-metro.

“On the regional short haul international network, it will be primarily from Tier - 3 cities to points in the Gulf, MidEast, South East Asia and going forward, South Asia. Perhaps, Far East in a couple of

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Air India top level rejig ahead of merger

GURUGRAM: Air India Group has announced significant management shifts in preparation for the upcoming merger between Air India (AI) and Vistara (UK), scheduled for Nov 12.

Further, Air India launched a new service, “Fly Prior” offering travellers greater flexibility for domestic flights across India.

Vinod Kannan, currently CEO of Vistara and Chief Integration Officer for the merger, will continue his integration role post-merger. Reporting directly to Air India CEO Campbell Wilson, he will also join the Management Committee.

Deepak Rajawat, Vistara’s Chief Commercial Officer, will become Chief Financial Officer of the newly expanded Air India Express. Reporting to CEO Alope Singh, he will also assist Group CFO Sanjay Sharma with strategic initia-

tives. This shift moves Vikas Agarwal, current CFO of Air India Express, into a new role within Air India.

Capt. Hamish Maxwell, Senior VP of Flight Operations at Vistara, will transition to an advisory role with Air India Express CEO Alope Singh. Meanwhile, Capt. Pushpinder Singh, COO of Air India Express, will return to flying duties, with his successor to be named later.

Deepa Chadha and Vinod Bhatt, Vistara’s SVP of HR & Corporate Affairs and Chief Information Officer, respectively, will move to senior roles within other Tata companies. Vistara CFO Niyant Maru will retire at the end of his term, having extended his service to support the merger process.

All other CXO positions and reporting structures within Air India Group remain unchanged.

Taj group to add 120 hotels

MUMBAI: Luxury lodging brand Taj’s owner Indian Hotels Co plans to add 120 hotels to its chain over the next few years across premium and mid-range labels, including its first one in Frankfurt next year, in a bid to capture soaring demand for travel and leisure spending.

As many as 11 of those are scheduled for this year, besides the 14 already unveiled. There are 30 planned for next year and 35 the year after, Managing Director Puneet Chhatwal said.

Indian Hotels will open the 1952-built Hessischer Hof in Frankfurt in the next 10 months marking its first foray into continent Europe.

While the hospitality chain, backed by the Tata Group, is evaluating opportunities in western countries and Southeast Asia, Chhatwal said the “focus remains on the Indian subcontinent.” It’ll

only “selectively” grow its flagship Taj brand in key international markets.

Demand for its luxury hotels has shot up as affluent Indians with high disposable incomes splurge on experiences and leisure. That helped Indian Hotels more than double its net income to Rs 5.55 billion for July-Sept from the year-ago quarter, lifting its stock to an all-time high.

The Mumbai-based company is also relying on Indian weddings — nearly five million of which are expected in Nov and Dec this year — to boost demand for its luxury hotels. Chhatwal said 25pc of Taj’s revenue is driven by weddings.

The firm runs hotels under the premium label Taj and lower-tier labels like Vivanta and Ginger. It also operates an air catering service that works with airlines from Singapore Airlines and Air India to Delta and Qantas.

BIG BLOW TO INDIAN APPLICANTS Canada ends fast-track student visas

OTTAWA: Canada has abruptly terminated its popular Student Direct Stream (SDS) programme, effective Nov 8, ending a fast-track study permit process that had helped thousands of international students quickly secure visas.

Launched in 2018, the SDS by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) aimed at simplifying the visa application process for students from 14 countries, including India, China and the Philippines, who met specific requirements.

These requirements included a Canadian Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) worth C\$20,635 and English or French language test

scores. The streamlined process allowed successful applicants to secure study permits in a matter of weeks, while processing times under the standard route often extend to around eight weeks for Indian applicants.

The SDS cancellation reflects Canada’s growing push to control its international student population amid housing and resource strains. As part of its 2024 policy shifts, the government set a cap of 4.37 lakh new study permits for 2025, covering all levels of education, including postgraduate programmes.

Further tightening measures include tougher language and academic benchmarks for stu-

dents aiming to qualify for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), limited work permits for spouses of international students, and higher financial proof requirements. The changes come as Canada seeks to balance the benefits of its international education sector—hosting a record 8.07s lakh study permit holders in 2023—with the need to alleviate pressures on housing and services.

As a result, international students now face longer wait times and heightened eligibility standards. Advisors recommend that students begin their visa planning much earlier than before to navigate the new, more restrictive landscape.

Air India Express plans...

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years,” Singh said. He also stressed that the airline’s network strategy is also deeply woven into the group network strategy.

Air India Express’ CCO Ankur Garg said that Bangkok and Phuket are being looked at to start services. To Bangkok, the flights are likely from Tier-2 cities and to Phuket, the service could be from a metro, Garg said.

Among other destinations, the airline might also explore the possibility of flying to Malay-

sia, Hong Kong and CIS countries in the future. “We don’t want to spread too thin. We want to focus on Tier-2, 3 markets from the metros. We want to provide connectivity between the full service, long haul, wide body side of the business and the domestic Tier-2, 3 cities,” Singh said. In response to a question, he said there are no plans to have premium economy class seats in its flights. At present, Air India Express offers economy class seats and business class seats in some planes.

Singapore’s Changi Airport to hike passenger, airlines fees

SINGAPORE: Singapore’s Changi Airport will charge passengers and airlines more to fly in and out of the city-state to help finance a S\$3 billion (\$2.3 billion) upgrade of its terminals.

A passenger service and security fee for people departing from Singapore currently costs S\$46.40 a flight, which is baked into ticket prices. By April 2030, that will come to S\$58.40, a 26pc increase. There will also be a one-time increase to

the aviation levy from S\$8 to S\$10 in 2027

The operator of one of Asia’s most-loved airports said in a statement that the hike in fees, between 2025 and 2030, will aid in covering the cost of rising demand for air travel while enabling the airport to stay competitive.

“As a major air hub for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, Changi Airport is well-poised to serve this rise in demand and provide better con-

nectivity to travellers,” it said. “The aviation sector will continue to be a key driver of economic growth for Singapore and provide more and better jobs for Singaporeans.”

Most of the money will go toward upgrading baggage handling systems, expanding check-in desk facilities, improving air-side infrastructure and also paying for some wider refurbishments of the facilities outright, such as Terminal-3, which will be 20 years old by 2030.

India cancels Toronto consular camps

TORONTO: The Consulate General of India in Toronto said it is cancelling some of its scheduled consular camps after the Canadian security authorities conveyed their inability to provide minimum security protection to its organisers. The announcement comes days after an incident of violent disruption by protestors carrying Khalistani flags at a consular event co-organised by the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and the Indian Consulate.

“In view of the security agencies conveying their inability to provide minimum security protection to the community camp organisers, the Consulate has de-

ecided to cancel some of the scheduled consular camps,” the Consulate General of India said in a post on X. On Nov 3, the protest occurred at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media appeared to show demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan. The protestors clashed with people and disrupted the consular event. The incident was condemned by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who said every Canadian has the right to practise their faith freely and safely. India condemned the attack with an expectation that those indulging in violence “will be prosecuted”.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains “deeply concerned” about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. The relations between India and Canada came under severe strain following Justin Trudeau’s allegations in Sept last year of a “potential” involvement of Indian agents in Khalistan extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar’s killing. New Delhi rejected Trudeau’s charges as “absurd”. India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Canada giving space to pro-Khalistan elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity.

Singapore Airlines to invest Rs 3,195 cr in Air India

NEW DELHI: Singapore Airlines (SIA) will make an additional investment of Rs 3,194.5 crore in Tata Group-owned Air India post-merger of Vistara in Nov.

The merger will result in Singapore Airlines having a 25.1pc stake in the enlarged Air India. Full-service carrier Vistara, which started flying on Jan 9, 2015, is a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines, where the latter holds a 49pc shareholding.

SIA Group said its consideration for the merger comprises the 49pc interest in Vistara and Rs 20,585 million (Rs 2,058.5 crore) in cash in exchange for a 25.1pc equity interest in the enlarged Air India. Post-merger, SIA expects

to recognise a non-cash accounting gain of around S\$1.1 billion and also start equity accounting for its share of Air India’s financial results.

The merger includes an agreement for SIA to contribute its share of any funding previously provided by Tata prior to the completion of the merger, together with relevant funding costs up to Rs 5,020 crore that would allow it to maintain 25.1pc stake in Air India. “SIA’s additional capital injection is expected to be Rs 31,945 million (equivalent to S\$ 498 million), based on Tata’s funding to Air India to date. This will occur after the completion of the merger and within Nov 2024 through subscription to new Air India shares.

Indian-Americans hail Trump

NEW YORK: Members of the Indian-American community welcomed Donald Trump’s victory in the US presidential election, saying the country needs a “strong leader” like him who will deliver on his promises to tame inflation and curtail illegal immigration.

“We have seen what Trump did for four years and then we saw the Biden-Harris administration for four years. The difference was very clear,” said American cardiologist and community leader Dr Avinash Gupta.

Gupta highlighted that during Trump’s first presidency, the economy was in good shape, there were no

new wars, he was good for India-US friendship and the borders were secure. Gupta added that because of the wars going on in Ukraine and in the Mid-East, “we need a strong leader who can put an end to all these wars and achieve global peace. We know that Trump is not a typical politician, so only he will be able to achieve this.”

Earlier this year, Trump had pledged to end Ukraine’s war with Russia after its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reached out to Trump to congratulate him on his Republican presidential nomination. “... I, as your next President of the US, will bring peace

to the world and end the war that has cost so many lives and devastated countless innocent families. Both sides will be able to come together and negotiate a deal that ends the violence and paves a path forward to prosperity,” Trump had said.

“Definitely, I think if somebody can stop the war, Trump can stop the war,” Gupta said. Trump had also vowed that if he returns to the White House, “inflation will vanish completely”. Deepa, an Indian-American small business owner in the White Plains area of New York, said she voted for Trump in the election. Outlining her reasoning behind

her support for Trump, Deepa, who requested that only her first name be used, said that Trump has served as president before and “knows what should be done for the country. He is the right person.”

“Everyone has their personal choice. I think Trump is better,” she said. When asked about Harris, who could have been the first woman President of the country, Deepa said: “Her being a woman does not matter. (The Democrats) never deliver on their promises. They say they will do something but they don’t. Trump is not like that. He does what he says,” Deepa, who lives with her young

family in the Long Island area, said.

A New Jersey-based businessman, who did not wish to be identified, said that business owners are facing extremely difficult times due to high prices and the current state of the economy. “Businesses are hurting. It is becoming unsustainable,” he said. With pressing domestic issues like inflation and illegal immigration hurting the country as well as impacts of global conflicts such as the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, what the US needs is a leader like Trump to tackle these challenges, he added.

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Japanese Yen	61.77	61.06
Canadian Dollar	0.57	0.56
Singapore Dollar	65.01	64.30
Swedish krona	8.08	8.08
UAE Dirham	23.12	22.86
Swiss Franc (CHF)	97.98	97.98
British Pound	110.29	109.58
New Zealand Dollar	52.11	51.25
Thai Baht	2.58	2.52
Hong Kong Dollar	10.81	10.81
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.39	22.39
Bahraini Dinar	224.12	224.12
Chinese Yuan	11.88	11.88
Danish Krone	12.31	12.31
Kuwaiti Dinar	274.03	274.03
Malaysian Ringgit	20.19	19.59
Omani Rial	218.33	218.33
Qatari Riyal	23.07	23.07
South African Rand	4.80	4.80

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GULF FAQs

Can new employee demand severance clause to contract?

I work in a company in Dubai and earn a decent salary. A start-up company has offered me a job that would require me to run that company. I am very keen to accept the job offer, but I wish to understand what my rights would be if the company suddenly shuts down. Additionally, can I get a clause added to the contract to specify a severance amount if the company is to shut down?

In the UAE, a foreign employee who has completed at least one year of continuous service is entitled to end-of-service benefits at the end of his service.

The amount of these benefits is calculated on the basic salary of an employee. This is in accordance with Article 51(2) of the Federal Decree Law no. 33 of 2021 Regarding the Regulation of Employment Relationships and its amendments, which provides for the end-of-service benefits.

“The full-time foreign employee, who completed a year or more in continuous service, shall be entitled to end-of-service benefits at the end of his

service, calculated according to the basic salary as per the following:

- A salary of 21 days for each year of the first five years of service.
- A salary of 30 days for each year exceeding such period.

Furthermore, Article 8 of the Employment Law read with Article 10 (1) of the Cabinet Resolution No. 1 of 2022 on the Implementation of Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021 Regarding the Regulation of Employment Relations, states general terms and conditions which may be included in an employment contract to be executed between an employer and an employee.

An employer may be penalised if it closes its operations without paying its employees' entitlements including end-of-service benefits. This is under Article 60 (1)(d) Federal Decree-Law no. (9) of 2024 Revising Some provisions of Federal Decree-Law no. (33) OF 2021 Concerning Labour Relations, which states: “1. Individuals who commit the following violations shall be fined a minimum of Dh1 lakh and a maximum of Dh10 lakh.

(d). Closure or discon-

tinuation of an establishment without following the appropriate procedures for settling workers' dues is a violation of this law, the Implementing Regulation, and the Resolutions issued to implement it.”

Under the aforementioned provisions of law, you should be entitled to the end-of-service benefits only after the completion of one year of continuous employment.

Furthermore, the relationship between an employer and employee is governed by the employment contract, the provisions of the Employment Law, Cabinet Resolution No. 1 of 2022 and its subsequent amendment and ministerial resolutions. Therefore, your end-of-service benefits and other employment entitlements are protected by the provisions of the Employment Law and its subsequent ministerial resolutions, and it is not mandatory to mention the same in your employment contract. However, for your comfort, you may mutually agree with your employer to add an appropriate clause in the employment contract relating to your end-of-service benefits.

Is notice period necessary for resigning during probation?

I am working in a mainland company in Dubai and am under probation. What is the procedure for me to resign from my position? Do I need to give a notice period? Also, I had signed a non-compete clause. Does this apply even under probation? Or can I take a similar position in another company?

An employee who intends to resign during his or her probation period in UAE and join a new employer thereafter needs to give one month's notice to his or her current employer.

A new employer shall compensate the current employer with recruitment or contract costs. This is in accordance with Article 9 (3) of the Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021 on the Regulation of Employment Relations, which states: “An employee who intends to move on to another employer in the UAE during the probationary period shall notify his current employer in writing at least one month before the date on which he intends to terminate the contract, and unless agreed otherwise, the new employer shall compensate the first employer for re-

cruitment or contract costs.”

Furthermore, Article 12(5) (b) of the Cabinet Resolution No.1 of 2022 on the Implementation of Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021 Regarding the Regulation of Employment Relations states that an employee shall be exempted from the non-compete clause under the following conditions:

“If the contract is terminated during the probationary period.”

Based on the aforementioned provisions of law, you may need to serve one month's notice to your employer if you intend to join a new employer in the UAE.

Additionally, the non-compete signed by you may not apply if you join a new employer who is conducting similar activities as your current employer because you have resigned from your current employer while you are on probation. However, it is recommended that you review the details of your employment contract for any additional provisions.

Saudi tightens barbershop hygiene regulations

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Municipalities and Housing has banned the use of tanning beds and tattoo paraphernalia as part of a comprehensive set of new health regulations.

The new regulations primarily aim to enhance public health safety in barber-shops, mandating stricter sanitation practices and prohibiting the reuse of shaving razors.

Salons are now required to provide sterilisation devices to ensure all tools are sanitised after each use.

Additionally, only cosmetics and products approved by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority will be allowed.

The ministry framed these changes as part of an ongoing effort to modernise and improve men's grooming services across the kingdom, while also fostering a more organised and investor-friendly urban environment.

“These steps reflect our commitment to improving the quality of services and supporting the growth of investments in this sector,” a spokesperson from the ministry stated. Further health guidelines include restrictions on worker conduct, such as prohibiting barbers from touching their nose or mouth during services and requiring them to refrain from working if

Saudi launches first AI human travel companion

LONDON: SARA represents Saudi Arabia's progressive



approach to smart tourism.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Tourism Authority recently launched SARA,

they exhibit any symptoms of illness.

To maintain hygiene, eating and drinking are banned within the salon premises, and women are only permitted to enter under specific circumstances.

a cutting edge artificial intelligence (AI) digital human, to serve as a brand ambassador, travel companion and personal concierge for Kingdom's tourism.

The Kingdom has claimed that SARA is the first digital human travel companion developed for a national tourism board, setting a new standard in the industry. The tourism authority showcased SARA to visitors as a beta version in the Saudi Pavilion at the World Travel Market (WTM) in London.

Utilising the latest ad-

vancements in generative AI, SARA will showcase Saudi's innovative tourism approach, enhancing tourist understanding and engagement through engaging, interactive content. SARA offers a superior interactive experience compared with basic AI chatbots, utilising intent, contextual understanding, and learning from previous questions.

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FAQs regarding the New Passport Rules-2024

Tatkal Passport

The Tatkal Passport is one kind of passport that the Indian government issues for urgent travel requirements. It is a passport that is expedited. The Ministry of External Affairs introduced the Tatkal scheme to expedite the processing of passport applications. It enables avoiding the otherwise laborious passport application procedure. Both new passport applications and passport renewal applications are eligible for the Tatkal scheme. A Tatkal passport fee does, however, cost more than a standard passport. For those who urgently need a passport, getting a Tatkal passport in India can be a practical choice. In a shorter period of one to three days, applicants can receive their Tatkal passport.

Eligibility for Tatkal Passport in India as per the new rules 2024 - It should be noted that not all applicants are qualified to apply under the Tatkal scheme. It is also critical to remember that the Tatkal passport service is dependent on the specific circumstances of each case and is at the discretion of the Regional Passport Office authorities. Before the final decision, the applicant's compelling circumstances and the urgency of the passport would be examined. Before submitting an application for a Tatkal passport, it is crucial to confirm that you are eligible. The following are the prerequisites for obtaining a Tatkal passport - The applicant must be a citizen of India. To get a Tatkal passport, the applicant needs to provide evidence of urgency. In accordance with the new passport rules, the applicant must have all the necessary documents for the passport application.

Who cannot apply for a Tatkal Passport? The



The reasons for traveling are numerous. While some individuals travel for work, others do so for leisure. Some travel to study further, while others travel to take a break from life. Similarly, others have business reasons to travel. Travel is a wonderful way to learn a lot of things in life, be it for job search, employment, entertainment or knowledge. Whatever the reason, travel opens a huge door for us to explore the world beyond our imagination and immerse ourselves in many things.

The fields of Overseas Manpower Recruitment and Travel and Tourism are full of jargon and acronyms. In order to make the ensuing journeys entertaining, educational, and potentially life-saving, SKILLSGURU presents a few glossaries explaining the domains of overseas manpower recruitment and travel and tourism. Skills Guru hopes that people who are unfamiliar with it will find this glossary helpful. Let us continue with Passport that ranks first in these fields even though it is not regarded as a glossary.

following categories are not eligible for the Tatkal passport facility: * Applicants born to Indian parents in a foreign country * Individuals deported from other countries to India * An individual repatriated from

changed * Adopted children from both foreign and Indian families * Minors who only have one parent * Individuals who have a negative police record, have been placed on a watch list, have a history of losing their pass-

ports, or have previously travelled using a forged or fake passport * Children born out of wedlock and have a single parent * Children conceived through surrogacy * Cases where the passport is damaged beyond recognition * Change of father/mother/spouse name

schedule an appointment as soon as you can. In order to receive a passport under the Tatkal scheme, applicants must give sincere justifications for their need



another nation * Citizenship granted to Indian residents based on naturalisation or registration * Citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and Nagaland * Indians of Naga descent who live outside of Nagaland * Minors in Nagaland * People Who Want to renew passports with short validities * Applicants with Significant Name Changes * Applicants Looking to Re-issue Passports After They Were Stolen or Lost * Applicants who were involved in a criminal case * A person cannot obtain a Tatkal passport if their appearance, sex, or personal credentials (such as their signature) have

ports, or have previously travelled using a forged or fake passport * Children born out of wedlock and have a single parent * Children conceived through surrogacy * Cases where the passport is damaged beyond recognition * Change of father/mother/spouse name

The important points to note while applying for a Tatkal passport.

* Both new passport applications and passport renewals can be completed through the Tatkal passport service * Slot availability at the Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) determines whether the Tatkal passport service is offered. It is best to

documents and their photocopies for verification, and they must make sure that all necessary documents are in order.

* The Tatkal passport application may be rejected if any false information is submitted.

How does one apply for a Tatkal passport?

The first step is to register as a new user on the Passport Seva Kendra's (PSK) official website. After registering, go to your account and choose to apply for a new passport. Complete the online application form with the necessary information. During the online application process, you will be prompt-

ed to choose the application type. To apply for a Tatkal passport, select the Tatkal scheme option. You must pay the relevant fee for the Tatkal passport after completing the application. There are several ways to pay for the fee online, including challan at specific banks, credit/debit cards, and net banking. You will be able to make an appointment at the closest Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) as soon as the fee payment is completed. Select an appointment time and date that works for you. Bring all the required documents to the chosen Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) on the appointed day and time. For verification, it is crucial to have both the original documents and their photocopies with you. Your documents will be checked at the Passport Seva Kendra (PSK), and biometric information such as your fingerprints and photos will be gathered. Be sure to give the officials accurate information and to co-operate with them. The Tatkal passport application will go through police verification on a post-police verification basis as per the case. The Tatkaal scheme does not require police verification prior to passport issuance.

Documents Needed for Tatkal Passport Application

In order to apply for a Tatkal passport, you must provide any three of the following documents

- Aadhaar Card
- Voter Card
- SC/ST/OBC Certificate
- PAN Card
- Ration Card
- Arms Licence
- Card of Service Identity
- Property Documents.

- Gas Bills
- Driving License
- Birth Certificate
- Pension Documents
- Bank/Post Office/Kisan Passbook
- A student's identity card from an accredited school.

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