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## Beijing-Delhi direct flight resumes

**NEW DELHI:** Direct air links between India and China continue to reopen in phases, with a Chinese carrier resuming its Beijing-Delhi service, signalling a steady return of connectivity after years of disruption.

The flight departed Beijing Capital International Airport at 3:12 pm and

landed at Delhi's IGI Airport around 8:35 pm, marking the second India route restored by Chinese airlines this month.

The Beijing-Delhi service will operate three times a week -- Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays -- using an Airbus A330 aircraft. Economy fares are expected to start from 3,570 yuan

(about US\$ 523).

The latest restart follows China Eastern Airlines resuming its Kunming-Kolkata direct flights on April 18. The airline said the route, with six weekly return services on Boeing 737 aircraft, is aimed at easing travel and boosting exchanges between the two countries.

The move comes months after it revived the Shanghai-Delhi route in Nov 2025. On the Indian side, IndiGo has also expanded its China network. It launched a daily non-stop Kolkata-Shanghai service on March 30, adding to earlier resumption of flights to Guangzhou and new operations from Del-

hi. The airline is deploying A320neo aircraft on these routes, according to an official statement.

These developments follow the Centre's confirmation last year that both countries had agreed to restore direct air services, which had remained suspended since the Covid-19 (Cont. on page - 2)

### Nitu Sarma Noida Airport CEO

**MUMBAI:** Noida International Airport (NIA) has appointed Nitu Sarma as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on an interim basis, until the board of directors conclude a formal selection process.

This change in leadership follows directions issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) that the CEO of an airport in India is required to be an Indian national. BCAS recently rejected the security



approval of Christoph Schenellmann, CEO of NIA, as he is a foreign national. Schnellmann, who has led the airport as CEO since August 2020, will join the air-

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## No transit visa needed for Indians flying via France

**NEW DELHI:** In a significant boost to travel convenience, France has lifted airport transit visa requirements for Indian nationals, with the decision coming into effect earlier this month as part of deepening bilateral ties.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has said the visa-free transit regime for Indians passing through French airports in the European territory has now been operationalised by the French government.

The move follows an an-

nouncement made during the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to India in Feb this year, when he and Prime Minister Modi agreed on measures to ease travel between the two countries.

Under the revised rules, Indian nationals holding ordinary passports and transiting exclusively by air through French airports will no longer require an airport transit visa, with effect from April 10, 2026. The exemption applies to passengers who remain within the international transit zone during layovers en route to a third country.

The French embassy in New Delhi said the change was enabled through a decree amending earlier visa regulations, which was published in France's Official Gazette (Journal Offi-

ciel) on April 9.

Describing the step as a reflection of the "enduring partnership" between the two countries, the MEA said the decision underscores a shared commitment to strengthening people-to-people ties by facilitating smoother movement.

The easing of transit norms is expected to benefit a large number of Indian travellers using French hubs such as Paris for onward international connections, reducing both procedural hurdles and travel time.

Officials said the updated provisions have already been incorporated into France's visa processing systems, signalling swift implementation of a key mobility initiative agreed at the highest political level.

## High fares leave India-bound travellers from Oman grounded

**MUSCAT:** The summer holidays of various Indian schools in Oman will begin earlier than usual this year, coinciding with the Eid al-Adha holidays, which are expected to be in the third week of May.

According to estimates, the airfare trends from Oman to India starting May 21, 2026, are showing a major upward trajectory due to the peak holiday season, coupled with issues such as fuel surcharges and disruptions in the supply of aviation fuel in some markets. Prices for late May are currently 20 to 50pc higher, with the one-way fare touching the

RO100 to RO150 range for most of the demand days. Fares do vary depending on the weekends, weekdays and other factors.

Currently, Mumbai (served by OmanAir, SalamAir and Air India Express) is the most competitive route with fares starting around RO55-65 due to high frequency and multiple options, which can be rated as above average but reasonable under circumstances.

Fares to destinations like Hyderabad, Delhi and Bengaluru have been affected by the reduction in the capacity and subsequent uncertainties in the frequency

of Indian operators.

The most expensive sector is Kerala (Kochi/Kozhikode/Kannur), which is home to a large number of Indian residents in Oman, and most of them rush home on annual vacation in line with the summer holidays of Indian schools in the country.

The other sectors, such as Mangaluru (IXE) and Lucknow (LKO), are affected due to a lack of competition among airlines. According to industry sources, some individual routes can be found for low fares on certain days; travellers need to keep track of the (Cont. on page - 2)

## Delhi Airport T-3 international capacity to Jump 50pc

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) announced that Pier C at Terminal 3 will now handle international operations from the first week of May. Earlier, Pier C was used for domestic flight operations.

The move is expected to significantly increase international passenger handling capacity of the ter-

minal. DIAL said with the conversion of Pier C, Delhi Airport's international passenger handling capacity will rise by around 50pc, translating to an additional 10 million passengers per annum (MPPA). This will take Terminal 3's total international capacity to 30-32 MPPA, positioning the airport well to serve growth (Cont. on page - 2)



## Air India may cut overseas flights

**NEW DELHI:** Tata group-owned Air India is likely to reduce its international flight operations after posting a loss of nearly Rs 20,000 crore in FY26, amidst rising aviation fuel costs.

According to a travel industry source, a final decision is expected to be taken at a board meeting scheduled for early May. It has been decided to keep travel companies informed about any development in this regard.

Air India is considering a

15pc to 20pc reduction in its flight schedule, though the overall cut across the Air India Group is expected to be relatively lower, in the range of 10-15pc. If the flight rationalisation proposal is implemented, more than 100 flights could be affected, from roughly 1,100 services operated daily by the Air India Group. Currently, Air India operates more than 700 domestic and international flights every day.

International services  
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## Delhi Airport T-3 international...

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ing international traffic in the years ahead.

"Pier C has been an integral part of Terminal-3 since the terminal's inception. Through careful planning, it has been repurposed from domestic to international operations, seamlessly integrating with the existing terminal infrastructure," DIAL said. Speaking on the development, CEO DIAL Videh Kumar Jaipurjar said : "This conversion strengthens Delhi Airport's ability to support long-haul connectivity, airlines' expansion plans and India's ambition to be a global aviation hub."

Pier-C, DIAL has also introduced key upgrades to enhance departure and arrival efficiency and reduce waiting times at critical touch points.

These include 12 new Self-Baggage Drop (SBD) counters, helping improve check-in efficiency by around 10pc, which will take the number of SBDs in T3 to 26, 20 emigration counters, including Trusted Traveller Programme (TTP) counters, Five Automatic Tray Retrieval System (ATRS) lanes and dual-view X-BIS machines for faster security screening, 16 boarding gates converted for international operations, 40 additional Bureau of Im-

## Beijing-Delhi direct...

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outbreak and the military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Flight operations had been halted for over four years after the pandemic and the June 2020 Galwan Valley clash, one of the deadliest confrontations in decades. While limited ser-

vices resumed from October 2025, full restoration has been gradual.

The renewed flight activity comes amid broader efforts by New Delhi and Beijing to stabilise ties, with aviation emerging as a key indicator of cautious engagement between the two sides.

## SkyHop Aviation receives AOC to commence seaplane operations

**NEW DELHI:** SkyHop Aviation said that it has received its Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to commence commercial seaplane operations in India. As per the airline, this development follows the successful series of test flights conducted earlier this month, including water take-offs & landings at the Ganga Barrage and Tehri Lake in Uttarakhand.

Avani Singh, Founder & CEO, SkyHop Aviation, said: "Receiving the AOC is an important milestone for us and the result of consistent effort over the past year. Building SkyHop from the ground up has been a learning experience and this certification gives us the foundation to move ahead with confidence."



"We look forward to continuing to work closely with them as we prepare to commence operations. Our aim is simple – to offer a safe, reliable and new way of connecting parts of

India that are still difficult to access."

Avani Singh is the daughter of SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh. She previously led SpiceHealth and is now

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## Oman Air increases baggage allowance

**MUSCAT:** Oman Air has announced enhancements to its Economy Class fare bundles, including an increase in check-in baggage allowance on selected international routes.

The airline stated that passengers travelling to destinations such as the Indian subcontinent, Cairo, Manila, Dar-es-Salaam, Baghdad and Zanzibar will now benefit from a 20kg

check-in baggage allowance under the Super Saver fare, which previously included only cabin baggage.

On the same routes, the Comfort fare now offers 30kg of check-in baggage, while the Flex fare includes up to 40kg, reflecting growing passenger demand for greater flexibility and convenience.

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## Nitu Sarma Noida Airport CEO

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port's board Executive Vice Chairman.

In this role, he will continue to support the project and its transition to operations. Sarma has been serving as Chief Financial Officer of Noida International Airport since Oct 2021 and has been closely involved in the airport's development journey, overseeing financial stewardship, governance and strategic planning during a key phase of the project.

Daniel Bircher, Chairman, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, said: "This management change brings the airport into compliance with Bureau of Civil Aviation Security requirements while maintaining continuity in the airport's leadership team. The newly structured team will support a smooth

transition into operations, guided by clear and transparent governance and a strong corporate culture."

Prime Minister Modi last month inaugurated the first phase of the Noida International Airport at Jewar. Developed for Rs 11,200 crore, passen-

ger capacity in the initial phase is pegged at 12 million passengers per annum (MPPA), with scalability up to 70 million MPPA in later stages. As per reports, cargo and domestic flight services are expected to commence between late April and May 2026.

## High fares leave India...

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constant changes in the situation.

The airfares have also been disrupted by the closure of the airports and airspaces in the region, forcing the airlines traveling to the GCC (outside Oman) to opt for alternative arrangements that consume more time and fuel.

With Mumbai offering relatively low fares from Oman, passengers are exploring travel by train to onward destinations at the

cost of a day or two of their vacation. Another worrying factor for most residents is the possibility of the resumption of the conflict in the region if the ongoing talks between Iran and the US do not meet their desired results. According to Willie Walsh, Director General of the International Air Transport Association, there is an almost direct correlation between the oil price and ticket prices and the industry will respond through higher fares.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please be informed that China VFS will remain closed from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 05<sup>th</sup> May 2026 on account of Labour day holidays.

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## India–New Zealand FTA unlocks jobs, study rights, holiday visas for youth

**NEW DELHI:** India and New Zealand have signed their first-ever bilateral free trade agreement. While the deal covers trade in goods and services, it is the labour mobility rules that are already getting a lot of attention, especially from companies and HR teams on both sides.

Details show that New Zealand has agreed to offer a special annual quota of 5,000 temporary work visas for skilled professionals from India.

Under this new arrangement, Indian workers will be able to apply for jobs in New Zealand across several key sectors. These include IT, healthcare, and

engineering, along with more specialised areas like yoga instruction and Indian cuisine.

Each visa will allow professionals to stay in New Zealand for up to three years. After that, they may also be able to move towards permanent residency through existing immigration routes.

The agreement also opens a new travel and work option for younger Indians. A Working Holiday Scheme will allow 1,000 Indians aged between 18 and 30 to get a multiple-entry visa valid for 12 months. This will let them travel, work, and explore New Zealand more

freely during their stay. Officials described it as "a future-ready and facilitative mobility framework," aimed at improving entry and stay options for professionals, students, and young workers.

Indian students studying in New Zealand will also see continued and bigger benefits under the deal. They will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week while studying. Depending on their qualification level, they may also be eligible for post-study work permits of up to four years, giving them more time to gain international work experience after graduation.

## SWISS flight aborted due to fire, six hurt

**NEW DELHI:** Six passengers on board a SWISS flight were injured after the aircraft aborted the takeoff run at Delhi airport following an engine fire incident. All the passengers were evacuated on the runway using emergency slides, officials said, adding the flight was scheduled to fly to Switzerland's Zurich.

Flight No. LX147, an Airbus A330, began its takeoff run at 1.08 am when one of the engines failed and a fire broke out, officials said. "We are aware of an incident involving flight LX147 in Delhi. The aircraft involved is an Airbus A330, registration HB-JHK. SWISS has established a task force. There were 228 passengers and four infants on board," SWISS said in a statement.

"Shortly after takeoff, just after 1 am local time, an issue occurred with one of the engines. The crew rejected the takeoff and, following an assessment of the situation, decided as a precaution to evacuate the aircraft. Six passengers currently receiving medical attention, crew unharmed," the airline said. Visuals of the Delhi airport incident appeared on social media.

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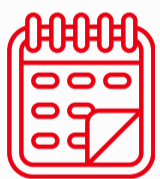
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# GULF FAQs

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To answer this question, I would advise the questioner as follows:

According to Article (28) of the Cabinet Resolution No. (1) of 2022 on the Implementation of Feder-

## What to do if your employee stops showing up to work in UAE ?



al Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021, and subject to the

provisions of Article 50 of the Decree-Law:

The employer must notify the ministry if a worker unexpectedly abandons work, in accordance with the following rules and

procedures:

a. The worker's absence from work must exceed seven consecutive days, without the employer knowing the worker's whereabouts or being able to contact them.

b. The absence from work form must be completed in accordance with the procedures set by the ministry.

If a foreign worker leaves work for an illegitimate reason before the end of their contract term, they will not be issued another work permit for a period of one year from the date of

absence, except in the following cases:

a. The worker holds a family-sponsored residency visa.

b. The worker applies for a new work permit at the same establishment.

c. The worker possesses professional qualifications, skills, or knowledge that are in demand in the UAE.

d. The worker is a Golden Visa holder.

e. The worker belongs to professional categories determined by a resolution of the minister based on labour market needs.

## Can you file a complaint for unpaid salary while still employed?

**I have been working for a company for two years. The company did not pay my salaries for December 2025 and February 2026, amounting to Dh18,000 . Is it possible to file a complaint to recover these salaries even if I am still working for the company? What should I do to receive this amount in case I get a judgment from the ministry?**

You can file a complaint with the Ministry of Labour to claim the Dh18,000 even if you are still working for the company.

According to Article 54 of the Labour Law, the ministry will issue a decision, which shall be regarded

as an executive bond and stamped with the executive formula in accordance with the usual procedure.

You and the company have the right, within 15 working days following notification or announcement of the decision to challenge the ministry's decision before the Court of First Instance. The ruling of the competent Court of First Instance on the dispute shall be final. If you accept the ministry's decision, you must file for execution to receive the amount after 15 working days from the date of the decision, to ensure that the company has not filed a case before the Court of First Instance to appeal the decision.

## Applying for a loan? Check your credit score

**I am an NRI based in Dubai. I want to take a large loan. How can I check my credit score?**

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## Do UAE labour laws limit working hours for maritime ship crew?

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# US imposes anti-dumping duties on Indian solar imports

**WASHINGTON:** The US Department of Commerce (DoC), following an investigation, has determined that solar cells imported from India are being sold in the US below fair value and has recommended the imposition of anti-dumping duties equivalent to the dumping margin.

The notice outlining the preliminary findings names four Indian manufacturers — Mundra Solar PV, Mundra Solar Energy, Kowa Company and Premier Energy hotovoltaic. Their estimated weighted average

dumping margin has been calculated at 123.07pc.

For all other Indian manufacturers, the same dumping margin has been applied. The US Customs and Border Protection will collect duties equivalent to the dumping margin, with adjustments to account for countervailing duties (CVD) already in place.

After factoring in existing CVDs, the effective dumping margin has been pegged at 107.77pc. The Department of Commerce is expected to issue its final determination within

75 days of the preliminary findings. In addition to India, Indonesia and Laos have also been investigated for dumping solar cells and modules. The dumping margin for Indonesian producers has been set at

5.15pc while that for Lao-tian producers stands at 22.46pc. Combined with earlier US countervailing duty determinations, the total duties could reach about 234 pc for India, 121pc to 178pc for Indo-

nesia and 103pc for Laos, according to the Alliance for American Solar Manufacturing and Trade.

The industry group had filed the initial complaint in July 2025, alleging dumping and subsidised exports.

## Oman Air increases baggage...

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The move is part of the airline's broader efforts to enhance the overall travel experience by offering more value and choice across its services.

Earlier this year, Oman Air had also introduced

a "cancel for any reason" option on its Super Saver fare, along with improvements to its travel insurance offerings.

Since launching its fare bundles in 2024, the airline has seen strong uptake, with more than one million passengers opting to customise their travel experience through various add-ons. Currently, Oman Air provides more than 10 options for passengers to

tailor their journeys, including fast-track services, priority boarding, extra legroom and additional baggage, all integrated into the booking process.

The airline said it will continue to invest in enhancing its services, with upcoming upgrades expected to include onboard connectivity, a revamped loyalty programme, new cabin configurations and network expansion.

## Air India may cut overseas...

( Cont. from page - 2 ) are likely to see the deepest cuts, since rising fuel costs, longer flying hours and higher crew expenses have squeezed route profitability and aircraft utilisation on overseas routes.

Air India has been re-assessing capacity deployment across its entire network, particularly on long-haul international routes, where extended

block hours have eroded productivity and weighed on overall operating economics.

Overseas flight operations to Europe and North America are most likely to form a substantial portion of the proposed reduction, even as the airline is also exploring temporary frequency reductions as well as timetable adjustments to improve cost efficien-

cy without fully exiting key overseas markets.

The exercise is being presented as a network optimisation initiative rather than a rollback of expansion plans. While domestic operations may also see selective changes, the bulk of the impact is expected to fall on international routes, where cost pressures are higher, according to industry sources.

## SkyHop Aviation receives...

( Cont. from page - 2 ) spearheading the new venture. As per reports, this is a personal venture of Avani and is not related to SpiceJet. In the first phase, SkyHop plans to connect five islands in Lakshadweep

with each other and Twith the mainland. Operations will begin with a 19-seater aircraft. The airline is also evaluating opportunities in other parts of the country where such connectivity can make a real difference.

## TRAVEL FOR SEXUAL WELLNESS

**MUMBAI:** Sexual health and wellness is no longer a taboo. The young generation is quite vocal about their sexual needs and is at the forefront of seeking pleasure. Travel for sexual wellness is surely a new and upcoming concept in the travel industry which will push the economic engine to boost business growth. Yes, green shoots of success are already visible in this new business model.

Travellers are hitting the road of tourism where they can interact with experts and rejuvenate their sex lives. This trend is not only limited to India but extends to other countries across the globe. Ananda in the Himalayas (a luxury wellness retreat located in Uttarakhand) has a sexual reawakening programme where pleasure mapping to build relationships with

their bodies and explore pleasure has remained the topmost agenda. Kerala also has a very elaborative programme in sexual wellness in Sanjivani Ayurveda, where an expert team of sexologists claim to provide the best solutions for both men and women.

According to a scientific paper published in the International Journal of Indian Psychology, it is mentioned that "Sexual satisfaction has always been one of the primary motivators of human behavior." It is a very influential aspect of our lives. It is a fact that hunger, thirst and sex are the three basic biological needs of any reproductive species. But unfortunately, evo-

lutionary behavior is seen among human beings, especially in the post-millennial era, because of certain socio-psychological factors. That is why now both Gen X and the millennial generation are trying to find and explore sexual wellness for making their lives more sexually active and interesting.

At the global level, Ali-

cante, Spain, is becoming another frequented place where sexual wellness is on top of the charts for providing guidance to travellers to understand their sexual needs and their timely solutions. Several research papers suggest that millennials (born between 1981–1996) have less sex compared with the previous generation or Gen X (born between 1965–1980). Likewise, Gen Z (born between 1997–2021) are also found to be engaging less in sexual activity due to more work stress and other reasons like social isolation and being away from parents and family in search of job prospects.

### Rejuvenate your health

The sex toy mar-

ket has seen an unprecedented upward trend with business growth. The use of sex toys by young couples in the bedroom to seek personal pleasure is in vogue nowadays. Researchers and medical experts from renowned health institutions and medical colleges expressed their views that "Sex desire is more, but certainly the frequency of sex has reduced due to corporate work culture, late-night sitting or working, changes in lifestyles and of course, the redistribution of time." The couples need to rejuvenate their lives through good nutrition and healthy foods, shunning all junk food, followed by hormonal therapy if required. In various parts of the world, the concept of sexual wellness is being considered the need of the hour and the generation.

