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### SpiceJet to start 8 new flights connecting MP from Friday: Jyotiraditya Scindia



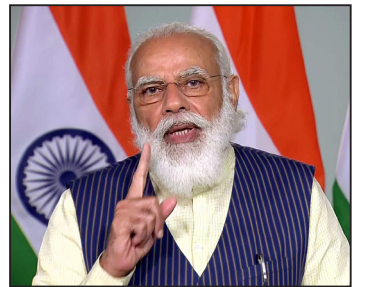
SpiceJet will start eight new flights connecting Madhya Pradesh with Maharashtra and Gujarat from Friday onwards, Civil Aviation

Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said. “Good news for Madhya Pradesh! Starting 8 new flights from July 16 onwards via SpiceJet: Gwalior-Mumbai-Gwalior; Gwalior-Pune-Gwalior; Jabalpur-Surat-Jabalpur; Ahmedabad-Gwalior-Ahmedabad,” the Minister said on Twitter.

## PM expresses concern for overcrowding hill stations

Crowds thronging hill stations and markets without masks is “cause for concern”, said PM Narendra Modi, reiterating his government’s message that the Covid-19 pandemic continues in the country.

“It is true that tourism, business and business have been greatly affected due to coronavirus...but today I will say very emphatically that it is not okay to have huge crowds in hill stations, markets without wearing masks,” said Modi. Modi interacted with Chief Ministers of the northeastern states on the Covid-19 situation via video conferencing, asking them to closely monitor variants of the coronavirus. “The number of Covid-19 cases is rising. We need to take strict action to curb the situation at the micro level. We need to keep an eye on variants. We need to encourage people to follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour,” he said.



## Qatar re-opens for fully vaccinated international travellers

The State of Qatar has re-opened its borders to international travellers who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19,



with vaccines that are approved for use by the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar. In order to visit Qatar –

international visitors, citizens and residents – must register and upload required documentation such as a vaccination certificate, valid PCR test up to 72 hours prior to travel, and personal details through the ‘Ehteraz’ website (www.ehteraz.gov.qa). Travellers have to apply for the authorization through the ‘Ehteraz’ website (free of charge), at least 12 hours before their planned departure to Qatar. All in-bound travellers are advised to submit their application as soon as they have all their required documentation, to ensure they can board their flights as planned. Airlines are advised to only let passengers board who have a valid travel authorisation for Qatar from the above effective date.

## Adani Group takes over management control of Mumbai International Airport

Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL), a wholly-owned unit of Adani Enterprises Ltd, took over the management control of Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) from the GVK Group. This followed approvals from the



Gautam Adani

Union government as well as the government of Maharashtra, and Maharashtra’s City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO). “Our larger objective is to reinvent airports as ecosystems that drive local economic development and act as the nuclei around which we can catalyse aviation-linked businesses. These include metropolitan developments that span entertainment facilities, e-commerce and logistics capabilities, aviation dependent industries, smart city developments, and other innovative business concepts,” said Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group.

## MMT launches Trip Guarantee for passengers to upgrade to alternate travel mode

MakeMyTrip (MMT) has introduced a gamut of new features within its trains segment to offer more choices, flexibility and convenience to customers when booking a train journey on the platform. The feature Trip Guarantee



has been designed to help passengers discover and book last-minute alternate travel and financing options in case the train ticket remains unconfirmed before chart preparation, during these uncertain times. The feature allows customers to upgrade their unconfirmed train ticket to opt for a fresh booking through flight, cab, bus or an alternate train journey for a future date.

With Trip Guarantee, the company aims at easing financial woes associated with paying for an expensive last-minute flight or other ticket. Commenting

on the new features, Parikshit Choudhary, Chief Business Officer, Ground Transport, MakeMyTrip, said, “Today, customers seek travel options that provide an assurance of a successful journey amid the evolving travel guidelines during the pandemic. Trip Guarantee is one such step towards protecting our customers against uncertainties associated with waitlisted train bookings.”

## SriLankan Airlines to resume flights to Moscow from July 30

SriLankan Airlines is set to resume flights to the Russian capital, Moscow. The airline’s new service will operate a weekly scheduled flight between Colombo’s Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) and Moscow’s Domodedovo Airport (DME) from 30th July 2021. Accordingly, SriLankan would commence its flights to Russia every Friday using an Airbus A330 configured for 269 economy and 28 business class seats. The frequency of operation will be once a week, having a flight time of around 08 hours and 25 minutes. Commenting on this, Ashok Pathirage, Chairman, SriLankan Airlines said, “The resumption of services connecting Colombo and Moscow is a link that will not only facilitate travel but will be the impetus for building closer bilateral business connections between the two countries. We believe flying back to Moscow would create a window of opportunity for both countries and travellers could experience the historic heritage of the people of Sri Lanka and Russia.”

