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MoCA forms Advisory Groups to resolve challenges amid Covid-19

The Civil Aviation Ministry has formed three advisory groups comprising airlines, airport operators, cargo carriers, ground handling companies, flying training organisations and maintenance, repair and overhaul companies to deliberate and resolve challenges faced by the sector, according to an official statement on Wednesday. The Ministry said on Twitter: “Under the chairmanship of the Honourable Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya Scindia, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has formed three advisory groups comprising airlines, airport operators and MRO, cargo carriers, FTOs and ground handling companies.”

“The groups shall meet regularly to deliberate upon issues and resolve challenges facing each sector. Orders have been issued for the same,” it added. The first advisory group comprises chiefs of all major airlines in India — Air India Chairman and Managing Director Rajiv Bansal, IndiGo Chairman Rahul Bhatia, SpiceJet Chairman Ajay Singh, Go First Director Ness Wadia, Vistara Chairman Bhaskar Bhat, AirAsia India CEO Sunil Bhaskaran, Alliance Air CEO Harpreet A De Singh.



Ajay Prakash-led team sweeps TAFI national elections



Ajay Prakash-led ‘Team Rejuvenate’ swept the TAFI national elections held last week by e-voting process. Candidates from Team Rejuvenate won all the 9 posts. Prakash will lead the team along with Kamal Ramchand who is elected as Vice-President. The other winners are Abbas Moiz, Secretary and Hitank Shah, Treasurer. The managing Committee members are Lalith Jain, Rani Bachani, Anil Kalsi, , Rai Achal Krishna, Seeraj Sabharwal. Commenting on the election results, Prakash said, “We are grateful for the overwhelming trust the members have reposed in our team. We seek their continued support in our mission to rejuvenate TAFI and make it more responsible and responsive.”



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IRCTC launches scheme for booking tickets of Tejas Express with SBI cards

The Indian Railway Catering And Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) has recently launched a specially conceived loyalty scheme for all the passengers planning to travel in the first private premium train Tejas Express. IRCTC has launched the scheme in association with SBI Cards for all the passengers buying tickets for two Tejas Express trains— Tejas Express on the Delhi-Lucknow-Delhi route and Tejas Express on the Ahmedabad–Mumbai-Ahmedabad route. To avail of the benefits, travellers just have to book the ticket with IRCTC-SBI Premier.

According to IRCTC, a passenger will get 500 reward points for booking Tejas Express train ticket (s) within 45 days of getting the new IRCTC-SBI Card premier. These points will be given to the passenger after five days of the completion of the journey without cancelling the ticket. For subscribing to the new IRCTC SBI Card Premier users can apply online.



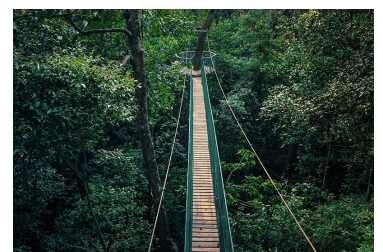
Goibibo introduces Price Lock facility to help customers lock flight fare and book later at same price

Goibibo, has introduced an industry-first feature, Price Lock to help customers lock flight fares up to seven days before they firm up their travel plans. The feature has been designed to help customers make smart travel decisions by allowing them to book air travel by reserving their seats without paying for the actual price of the ticket upfront. Price Lock further secures flyers against any price hike by allowing them to purchase the ticket at the same locked-in price later.

Commenting on the rollout of Price Lock, Saujanya Shrivastava, COO - Flights SBU shared, “We are always looking at ways in which we can make the flight booking experience delightful. The Price Lock feature is indeed an innovative and relevant solution that will appeal to those customers who cannot book right away but would like to seek some form of price protection until they firm up their decision to travel.”

Karnataka’s Kali Tiger Reserve opens first canopy walk In India

The unique eco-tourism attraction of Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka – the canopy walk – is now open for nature enthusiasts. The Castle Rock Wildlife Division of the park has resumed trekking near the Dudhsagar waterfalls in Kuveshi area. The 240 mtr structure has been built between four large trees at the height of 30 feet, and visitors can indulge in the rich flora and fauna unique to the region.



“For a long time, the canopy walk structure was unused. From this season, the division has resumed guided trips. The vehicles will take the visitors up to the forest check point near Kuveshi and then the walk will begin,” said a forest official. He added that water sports at Ganeshgudi have also resumed.

28% Indians plan to travel in August-September; risk of third COVID-19 wave set to rise: Survey

With as many as 28 per cent Indians planning to travel in August-September, which is also the time for some of the major festivals in the country, the risk of the third wave of the pandemic is set to rise, according to a survey. The survey received over 18,000 responses from citizens residing in 311 districts, with 68 per cent of respondents being men and the rest women.

LocalCircles said 28 per cent citizens are planning to travel during August-September though only five per cent have made their bookings. It added that during the second wave of the outbreak, many citizens faced teething issues to cancel their travel plan for the summer. Now, as many citizens look forward to travelling in August and September, the first question in the survey was to know about their current plan. “In response, it received from 9,146 people, 63 per cent of citizens said they don’t have a plan to travel during these two months.” “Five per cent said they have plans and have booked the tickets, along with stays while 23 per cent said they have a plan to travel during these two months but have not booked tickets and they stay yet. Nine per cent said they are undecided,” LocalCircles said in the statement.

