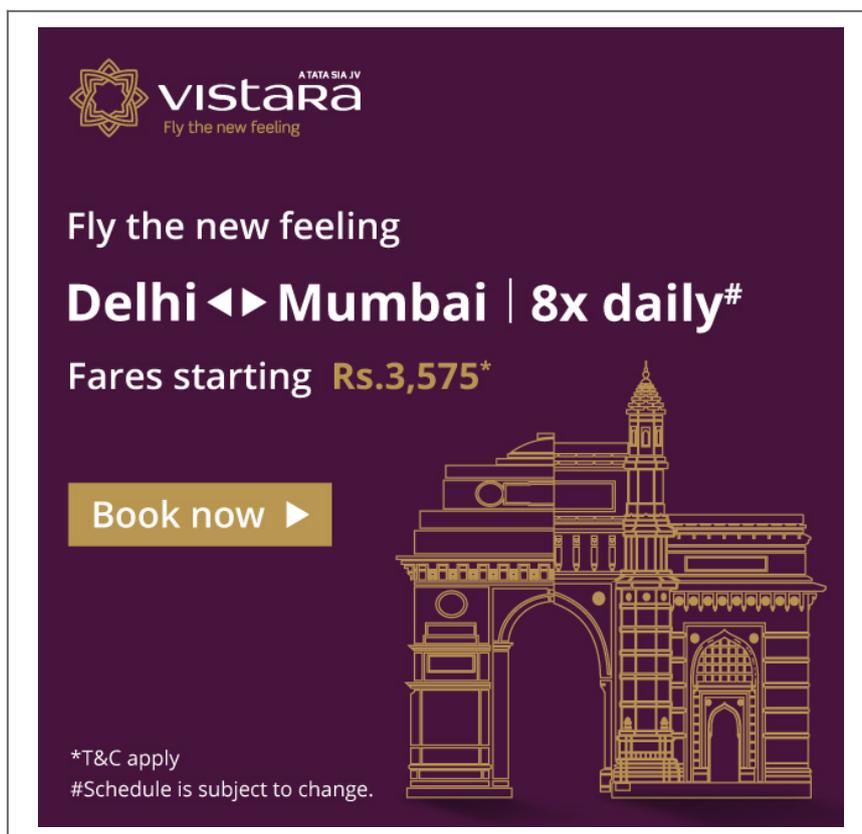


Mumbai to Delhi flights



The advertisement features the Vistara logo at the top left, which includes a stylized star icon and the text "vistarA" with "A TATA SIA JV" in smaller letters above it, and the tagline "Fly the new feeling" below. The main text in the center reads "Fly the new feeling" followed by "Delhi ◀▶ Mumbai | 8x daily#" and "Fares starting Rs.3,575*". A yellow button with the text "Book now ▶" is positioned to the left of a detailed line-art illustration of the Gateway of India monument. At the bottom left, there are two lines of small text: "*T&C apply" and "#Schedule is subject to change."

Spicejet: First Private Airline to Operate a Direct Flight Between Jaipur and Dubai

SpiceJet has also announced the launch of two new flights connecting Jaipur and Hyderabad to Dubai from February 16.

Read : Spicejet Celebrates UAE's 44th National Day

The National Day sale, opened on November 29 and ran till December 3 midnight, and the travel period covered from February 1 to October 29, 2016. The offer was for outgoing

direct flights from Dubai to Indian destinations served by SpiceJet, India's budget airline.

SpiceJet has announced a special UAE National Day offer with one-way fares starting as low as Dh244 (\$66.41) base fare (statutory taxes applicable) from Dubai to Indian cities.



In addition to the offer, the airline has announced that it will enhance connectivity from Dubai to a host of Indian cities by increasing frequencies on multiple routes.

"We see a huge potential, especially from non-metro cities such as Jaipur, waiting to be unlocked and over the years we have also witnessed a resurgence in demand on the Hyderabad-Dubai route from business and leisure travellers alike," said Shilpa Bhatia,



senior vice president – commercial with SpiceJet. "Dubai is a key market in increasing our footprint across the Middle East and with these flight launches, we aim to provide our customers with better and more convenient travel options," Bhatia was quoted in a statement.

According to the airline, with the introduction of these new

flights, it now connects ten Indian cities with Dubai every day.

Read : Spicejet has Done it : Direct Dubai-Amritsar Flight

Introductory one-way fares (all-inclusive)–

Rs.6,499 – Jaipur – Dubai.

Rs.7,999 – Hyderabad-Dubai

Rs.7,199 – Dubai-Hyderabad

SpiceJet will have the distinction of being the first private airline to operate a direct flight on Jaipur-Dubai sector. SpiceJet will be the only airline to fly 5 times per week on this route. The flights (Hyderabad-Dubai) are so timed as to allow business travelers to India's IT hub make the most of every working day.

The airline said it will deploy its Boeing 737-800 aircraft on these routes.



Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director, SpiceJet, said: "Dubai is SpiceJet's key international market. We will continue to increase our presence here. Our customers can expect many more flights and many more exciting offers in the coming months."

The special offer of Dh244 is for travel from Dubai to Mumbai, Kochi and Kozhikode; while base fares for travel from Dubai to Delhi, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Madurai and Pune will be Dh344.

Bookings for these sectors can be made on NC Airways.

Inputs:TradeArabia News Service; IANS,New Delhi

A Modern Greenfield Airport Coming up in Vizag: Union Minister of Civil Aviation A G Raju

The Day 3 of The CII Partnership Summit began with a Plenary on The Changing World of Work and was followed by a session on Tourism in Andhra Pradesh and how the state government wants to use it as an agent of economic development. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu who expects Rs.5 lakh crore investment in A.P., discussed with Tourism professionals and entrepreneurs and encouraged them to bring innovative ideas in this sector.



Participating in the tourism session, the Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ashok Gajapathi Raju said, "There are only three modern airports in India in the sense with parallel runways and they are in Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Delhi. India needs to modernise its airports and east and west coasts need modern airports," he said. He made it clear that an international airport would be developed in Bhogapuram. The State Government had earlier proposed to develop a new Greenfield Airport at Bhogapuram, about 50 k.m. from Visakhapatnam. The airport will be located in the town of Bhogapuram and will serve the wider Vizianagaram and

Srikakulam districts.

Dec-2015. India's Civil Aviation Ministry has reportedly given site clearance for Bhogapuram Airport. The airport, which is being opposed by the locals, received necessary clearances from the Defence Ministry.



Oct-2015. Bhogapuram Airport received approval from Andhra Pradesh's Government to seek INR15 billion (USD231 million) in loans to cover pre-development, land acquisition and infrastructure development. The Government also appointed Secretary of Energy, Infrastructure and Investments Ajay Jain as Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation (BIAC) chairman.

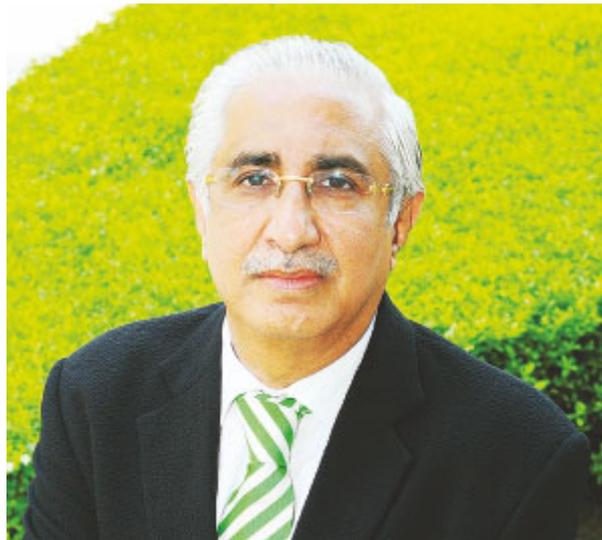
Read: Durgapur Greenfield Airport

The Minister also urged Chief Ministers of different states to bring down VAT on ATF (aviation turbine fuel) on the lines of what AP government did. The TDP regime had reduced VAT on ATF to 1%.

Referring to tourism potential in AP, he said, "AP has all types of terrain. We have abundance of water, the Eastern Ghats and a picturesque Vizag-Bheemili road and Vizianagaram Fort. AP has everything for a tourist."

"Tourism is a human necessity and everyone has a travel bug in him," he said adding that infrastructure does play a part and so does aviation. At the same time, he cautioned investors by stating, "Exploit it, but don't destroy it. Have a sustainable

movement for tourism.”



Nakul Anand, Executive Director, ITC Limited said, “AP is fast emerging as a tourism destination in India. It has witnessed a 35% growth in domestic and 11% in foreign tourist arrivals. State represents Indian culture and has beaches, hills, wildlife and Eastern Ghats spreading over AP.” He said, “AP has identified 42 sub themes for tourism and Vizag alone has 9 sub themes including potential for water sports, religion among others.”

Earlier, ITC’s The Grand Bharat hotel luxury retreat became the only hotel from India featuring in the Top 50 of the world’s best. More than 128,000 travelers, the most recorded yet, participated in the 28th Annual Readers’ Choice Awards Survey, voting for their favorite hotels from around the world.

Set amidst the ancient Aravali hills spread in 1.2 sq. km. estate, ITC Grand Bharat hotel is India’s first and only all-suite luxury retreat opened in November 2014.

Nakul Anand has said, “ITC Grand Bharat is a milestone in ITC Hotels’ four-decade journey.

Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department Principal Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad said, “MoUs worth Rs 5,200 crore have been signed in the tourism sector and tourism policy includes a single desk clearance system with approvals in 21 days.” He said, “There are certain issues as we don’t have water sports policy, but we are working on it and are committed to fill the gap area.” He said, “We are not just looking at hotels, we

want to think like a tourist and take all stakeholders on board for developing the tourism potential.”



In an effort to portray Andhra Pradesh as a global tourism destination, Neerabh Kumar Prasad had earlier taken part in BITE 2015-16 in China. During his visit, Prasad had meetings with the Buddhist Association of China which has expressed deep interest in visiting Amaravati, Nagarjuna Konda and other Buddhist Sites in Andhra Pradesh.

Highlighting the potential of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist destination, Prasad said that the main sites promoted the Beaches in and around Vizag, the Hill stations, the backwaters of Kakinada, Konaseema, the Hope Island & the Coringa Mangroves, and also the Buddhist circuits linking Amaravati and Nagarjuna Konda.

The chairman of HVS Asia Pacific Manav Thadani has said that there are only around 1.10 lakh branded rooms and about 2-3 lakh unbranded rooms in the country. He said, “Put more hotels in AP in order to meet the tourism potential in the state.”



Manav Thadani has co-founded SAMHI in 2011, a leading Indian hotel investment and development firm with focus on ownership of branded hotels in the upscale, mid-scale and economy segments across key cities. Within a short span of time, SAMHI has a total pipeline of over 3,400 rooms across 24 hotels in 10 Indian cities under international brands such as Courtyard by Marriott, Hyatt Place, Sheraton Four Points, Fairfield by Marriott and Formule1.

Airbus Increases its Planes' Prices

One year ago the prices of a new Airbus A320 and A320neo were USD 97 million and 106.2 million. Today, they are being priced at USD 98 million USD 107.3 million respectively. Similarly, the list prices of other models and their variants has also gone up by 1.1%.



One day ago one of the oldest Airbus customers, namely, Air India had announced to dry lease 15 A320s including A320neos. Lessors normally charge an airline between 0.85 to 1 per cent of the aircraft's list price (aircraft cost) as rental per month. .

Now, the buyer will have to pay higher price for buying or leasing A320s as Airbus could not bring down its cost of production. The European aviation major has made an upward revision in the average list price of its aircraft across models by a little over one per cent.



“The 1.1 per cent price increase has been calculated according to Airbus’ standard escalation formula over the January 2015 to January 2016 period and takes into account the drop in materials and commodities prices. We see demand for our aircraft continuing to grow across all size categories as our reliable, efficient product line enables customers to grow their businesses profitably as well as being favoured by passengers who want to travel in the most comfortable cabins,” Airbus Chief Operating Officer, Customers, John Leahy said in the statement.

Airbus new 2016 price increase reflects the strong appetite from customers around the globe for its comprehensive, modern and innovative product range ..

In India, Air India, IndiGo, GoAir, Vistara and AirAsia India, are the major Airbus customers. Besides, Jet Airways and SpiceJet also have some Airbus planes in their fleet. There are a total of 211 Airbus planes registered as against 175 of the US aircraft maker Boeings. [Source: DGCA].

Significantly, most of the Airbus A320 operators in India are opting for more fuel-efficient A320neos. An A320neo is USD 10 million costlier, and the manufacturer claims it to be 10-15% more efficient in fuel consumption.

Story of Indian Aviation: Air India Struggles, Others Progress Merrily

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI.

While Air India struggles, India's private sector air carriers are adding flights across the country connecting metros with Tier II and Tier III cities. They are giving passengers more options to travel as demand remains robust.



GoAir, IndiGo and SpiceJet are adding flights, Vistara is growing its fleet while Jet Airways is planning to announce new services shortly. (See Jet Air)

Read: Indigo, Jet, and Spicejet earn “Unfair Business Practitioner” tag

Budget carrier GoAir, the Wadia Group-promoted airline and the second most profitable carrier after IndiGo, has disclosed its ambitious plans to increase the air connectivity to tier 2 and tier 3 cities from the metros. It will introduce 12 additional daily services and four new routes on its network in upcoming summer schedule from March.



GoAir as of now operates 144 daily flights across 22 domestic destinations with a fleet of 19 Airbus A320 planes. It had been earlier offering Rs 691+ taxes tickets.

GoAir has announced in a release.-

- It is launching 12 additional daily frequencies and 4 new routes.
- Direct connectivity to Leh from Mumbai, and Port Blair from Bengaluru.
- Additional frequencies with improved timings have also been introduced connecting 10 Indian cities
- Ranchi, Lucknow and Patna will have increased flights from Delhi.
- Besides, Srinagar will be additionally connected with Mumbai, among other enhanced connections.
- A new daily flight connecting Bengaluru to Patna and Ranchi would also be introduced during the summers of 2016,
- Ahmedabad being an important market, a third daily

direct flight will be introduced from Mumbai.

GoAir will be the first domestic airline providing such direct connections to the two remote areas of the country.

In the wake of growing demand on these sectors and with the launch of these new routes, GoAir becomes the first airline to directly connect

- Mumbai – Leh and
- Bengaluru – Port Blair.

It added that 'improved' timings will be implemented on key routes like

- Mumbai – Bengaluru,
- Delhi – Bengaluru,
- Mumbai – Goa,
- Delhi – Goa and
- Delhi – Kolkata.



“The new summer schedule follows the principle of connecting the triangle of Mumbai-Delhi-Bengaluru with better timings and connectivity from these main hubs to Tier II and Tier III cities,” said GoAir Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Wolfgang Prock-Schauer, “the schedules have been planned to allow quick and convenient connections for customers, we hope both holiday and business travelers would find the new flights attractive and convenient”.

IndiGo announced the launch of 24 new flights connecting key cities within the country.

IndiGo said in a release that it is launching several flights as follows:-

Effective 07 January, 2016

- Delhi to Trivandrum,
- Bengaluru to Vishakhapatnam,
- Bengaluru to Bhubaneshwar,
- Ahmedabad to Bengaluru,
- Bhubaneshwar to Kolkata and
- Chennai to Trivandrum.

Effective January 14, 2016

- 6th daily non-stop flight between Chennai and Hyderabad.

Effective January 15, 2016

- Bengaluru to Kolkata,
- Delhi to Ahmedabad,
- Delhi to Bengaluru,
- Delhi to Kolkata and
- Hyderabad to Mumbai;"

SpiceJet has increased capacity on the Delhi-Kabul route and other domestic routes such as



- Chennai- Kochi,

- Bengaluru-Vijaywada,
- Kochi-Chennai and
- Hyderabad-Vijaywada.

Read :Spicejet shares may jump another 300%

Vistara will add 4 Airbus A320 planes this year. The airline currently operates a fleet of 9 Airbus 320 aircraft and operates 307 weekly flights to 12 destinations across the country.

Jet Airways offers special discounted fares for Amsterdam

Jet Airways, the Indian airline based in Mumbai, the second largest airline in India, both in terms of market share and passengers carried, after IndiGo, would offer special discounted fares for Amsterdam, which is set to become the private carrier's new European Gateway from March, for a limited period.

Under the five-day offer, which can be availed till January 15, Jet Airways has cut ticket prices by up to 16% for both Premier and Economy class passengers travelling to Amsterdam from New Delhi and Mumbai.



The airline has already announced commencement of two daily non-stop flights, one each from its domestic hubs –Mumbai and New Delhi – to the Dutch capital from March 27. Besides, it will also operate a daily flight from Toronto in Canada to Amsterdam.

“We have received an overwhelming response to our new routes to and from Amsterdam since announcing them last month. The inaugural offer acknowledges the support from our guests, providing them with greater value when travelling to our new European gateway,” Jet Airways senior vice president (commercial) Gaurang Shetty said. From Amsterdam, Jet Airways will be able to provide its passengers with one stop access to a wider array of destinations across Europe and North America with its partners, he said.



The airline had last month also announced code sharing pacts with KLM and Delta Air Lines along with its decision to shift the European Gateway to the Dutch capital from Brussels. Code-sharing of flights allows an airline to book passengers on its partner carriers and provide seamless transport to multiple destinations where it has no presence.

Under the inaugural offer, passengers travelling from Mumbai to Amsterdam in Economy class can book all-inclusive return tickets for Rs 33,734 while those travelling in Premiere (business) class can avail an all-inclusive return ticket for Rs 1,47,071, it said.

The fares for the same from New Delhi will be Rs 37,211 (Economy) and Rs 1,12,480 (Premier), the airline said. Special fares are also available for travel from Amsterdam to India,

it said.



Jet Airways passengers from Canada can also avail the offered fares while they book on the airline's new service between Toronto and Amsterdam, it said.

Similarly, Jet Airways has also extended the offer to guests travelling to Amsterdam on the airline's network from ASEAN and SAARC countries via Mumbai and Delhi. The codeshare pact with the two global airline, which when approved by the government, would provide seamless air connectivity to Jet Airways passengers to as many as 41 European and American cities from India.

PTI Inputs