

## **Airports Authority of India**

### **Press Release**

#### **DigiYatra launched at AAI's Varanasi Airport to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers based on facial recognition technology**

**New Delhi, 02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022:** DigiYatra was launched at AAI's Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. In an event organised at Delhi International Airport, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation inaugurated the service for Delhi International Airport and virtually launched the facility for Varanasi and Bengaluru Airport. Conceived by DigiYatra Foundation under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the project is aimed to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at airports based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT).

On this occasion, Honourable Minister said that the project envisages a traveller today pass through various check points at the airports through a paperless and contactless processing using facial features to establish her identity which could be linked to the boarding pass. To use this facility, one-time registration on Digi Yatra App is required using Aadhar based validation and a self-image capture. The project has tremendous advantages of improving passenger convenience and ease of travel.

During the launch at Varanasi Airport, Smt Aryama Sanyal, Airport Director welcomed and greeted the first passenger of the new facility, who was travelling from Varanasi to Delhi by Indigo Airlines.

Passenger can download the App (available for both Android and iOS platform) and register themselves on the App with their ID and image on phone. While travelling through airport the system will recognise the passenger by capturing his/her face and the passenger will be allowed to enter without showing any document. The service is presently being launched for domestic flights passengers only and is voluntary in nature

AAI plans to launch the DigiYatra at three more AAI Airports namely Pune, Vijayawada, Kolkata in the next phase by March, 2023.

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HMCA during the launch of DigiYatra



Airport Director with first passenger of DigiYatra from Varanasi Airport



## Travel credentials in **DigiYatra** Mobile Application



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- 1 Passenger needs to upload boarding pass or scan QR Code in boarding pass through DigiYatra mobile app to create travel credentials.
- 2 Mobile App will automatically fetch details and save it in mobile phone.
- 3 Passenger can share his/her identity and travel credentials as per his/her willingness to share it with Departure Airport by clicking on "Not Shared" button. The text of button will be changed to "Shared" and colour will change to green if passengers share details with the airport.



- 1 At Airport entry, passenger scans boarding pass and e-Gate will capture face of the passenger.
- 2 Details from QR code will be matched with travel credentials and face will be matched with identity credentials, as shared by passenger.
- 3 After verification, e-Gate will open and passenger can move to Security Hold Area (SHA).
- 4 At SHA and Boarding Gates, only passenger face is captured. Upon validation, e-Gate opens and passenger moves ahead for boarding process.
- 5 CISF staff is available at entry and SHA e-Gates to handle any anomalies.

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