

# THE COMMUNIQUE



Picture: Golden Temple, Amritsar, Punjab, India

## *A Letter From Mishkat*

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Hello Friends,

I hope that you, your loved ones, and your colleagues are safe and well.

While we eagerly look forward to welcoming you back to our part of the world, this new year, I am happy to share the very first issue of 'The Communique', a newsletter for various updates on travel & hospitality industry. I encourage you to take the time to read through the important information being provided on our quarterly letter.

Sincerely,

### **First Non-stop flight from Bengaluru reaches San Francisco on January 12**

**BENGALURU:** After traversing a distance of 15,553 kms, the first non-stop flight from Bengaluru to the United States, one of the longest flight journeys by an Indian airline, reached San Francisco International Airport on Tuesday, well before its scheduled time. The 15-hour and 14 minute journey did not go via the North Pole route as was done when the Boeing 777-200 Long Range aircraft arrived at Bengaluru on Monday but flew over the Pacific Ocean.

There were 220 passengers, including an infant, on board the flight which reached at 4.55 pm (6.25 am Indian time) on Tuesday.

### **Sri Lanka to reopen international airports from January 21:**

Prasanna Ranatunga, minister of tourism, Sri Lanka, has said that he expects the country's international airports to officially reopen by January 21. "We are currently preparing for this after identifying some basic issues," he added. The airport will open after 10 long months with health protocols in place.



## *Vistara to fly Delhi - Frankfurt direct*

Vistara has announced special, non-stop flights, between Delhi and Frankfurt, starting February 19. The twice a week flight will be on Thursdays and Saturdays, as part of the 'transport bubble' formed between India and Germany and the aircraft will be Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner.

## **Party city Dubai, a haven for escaping lockdowns, gets kicked off UK travel corridor along with rest of UAE amid Covid spike**

The Middle East's leisure and commercial hub of Dubai has been welcoming tourists craving some semblance of normality to its balmy beaches and fully reopened restaurants, malls, amusement parks and hotels.

"The LATEST data indicates we need to immediately remove the #UAE from the #TRAVELCORRIDOR list," U.K. Transport Secretary Grant Shapps tweeted late evening on Monday.

Brits flooded Dubai resorts to escape the harsh U.K. winter lockdown, triggered by the discovery of a rapidly spreading new coronavirus strain that's been found to be 70% more transmissible than its predecessor.

## **Air India to start Hyderabad - Chicago direct flight from January 15**

The flight AI-107 from Hyderabad to Chicago, which operates once a week every Friday, will depart from Hyderabad at 12:50 hrs to arrive in Chicago at 1805 hrs(LT) on the same day. The flight will operate with a Boeing 777-200LR aircraft with a seating capacity of 238 seats including 8 First Class, 35 Business Class, 195 Economy class.

Hyderabad being a gateway to South and Central India will connect Air India's direct flight from Chicago with domestic connections to Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Bengaluru and Chennai.



## **Bengaluru world's fastest-growing tech hub, London 2nd, Mumbai at 6th position: Report**

Bengaluru, the IT capital of India with around 10 million populations, has emerged as the world's fastest-growing mature tech ecosystem since 2016, followed by the European cities of London, Munich, Berlin and Paris. India's financial centre Mumbai has ranked sixth, as per the new research released in London on 14 January.

## *Mumbai airport delivers 2,72,400 doses of Covishield vaccine to 22 cities*

MUMBAI : The Mumbai airport on Wednesday said it is facilitating the delivery of about 2,72,400 doses of the Covishield vaccine to 22 domestic destinations on the first of commencement of flights carrying COVID-19 vaccines from the city.

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