

Expansion of DigiYatra Services

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Recently, the CEO of Digi Yatra Foundation has proposed that the **DigiYatra technology** used at airports, could be implemented at hotels and public places such as historical monuments.

- The 'DigiYatra' is a Biometric Enabled Seamless Travel experience (BEST) based facial-recognition technology.
 - It provides check-in service at airports by using biometrics for paperless movement through airport checkpoints.
 - It is an industry-led initiative co-ordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
 - It was rolled out in 2022, currently covers 14 airports and will include 15 more by the end of 2024.
- The potential application of Digi Yatra in hotels and other public venues suggests that its role may expand beyond just air travel.
- Concerns:
 - **Privacy violations:** Government can get access to increasing information about people's travel patterns.
 - Data security: Digi Yatra is collecting all facial biometric data of passengers.
- Digi Yatra Foundation is a not-profit private company with a consortium of private airports holding 74% share and Airports Authority of India holding 26% share.

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