

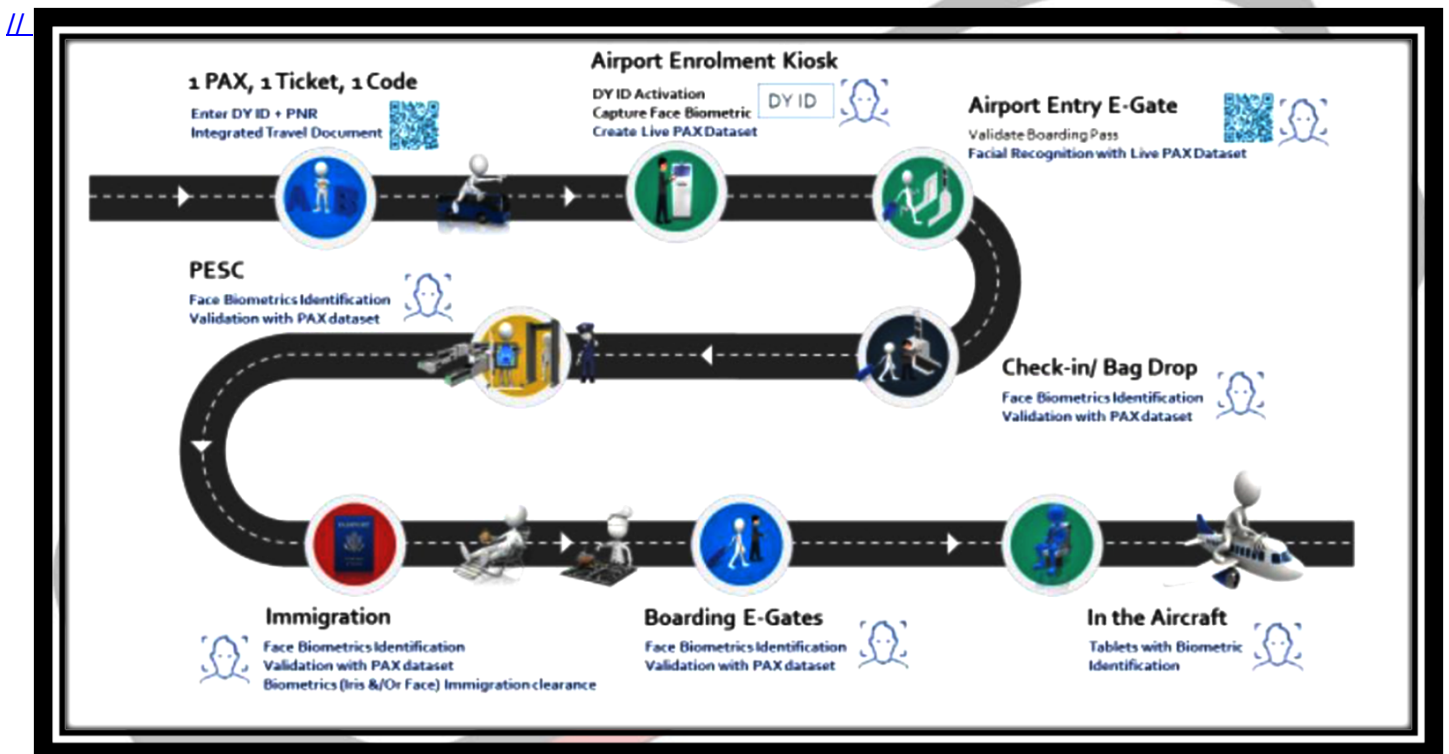


DIGI YATRA

Why in News?

Recently, the **Consultative Committee meeting of the Ministry of Civil Aviation** was held in New Delhi to discuss '**DIGI YATRA**'.

What do we need to know about DIGI YATRA?



▪ About:

- It is a project conceived to achieve **contactless, seamless processing** of passengers at Airports, based on **Facial Recognition Technology (FRT)**.
- The project envisages that any traveller may pass through various checkpoints at the airport through a **paperless and contactless processing**, using facial features to establish the identity which would be linked to the boarding pass.
- It provides a **decentralized mobile wallet-based identity management platform** which is cost effective and addresses **privacy/data protection** issues in implementation of Digi Yatra.

▪ Digi Yatra Foundation:

- It has been set up as a **joint venture (JV)** company in 2019 under Section 8 of the **Companies Act, 2013**.
- The Foundation was formed, with the objective of **creating the Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE)**.

- Digi Yatra Foundation will be a **pan-India entity and the custodian** of the Passenger ID validation process.
- It will also develop **consensus** amongst the Aviation Stakeholders in India.
- It would also define the criteria for compliance and guidelines for the local airport systems.
- **Implementation:**
 - In the first phase, Digi Yatra is proposed to be rolled out at two Airports namely **Varanasi and Bengaluru in August 2022** and at five Airports namely **Pune, Vijayawada, Kolkata, Delhi and Hyderabad by March next year.**
 - **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** will identify their airports where Digi Yatra would be implemented in a phased manner.

What are the Objectives of DIGI YATRA?

- **Enhance passenger experience and provide a simple and easy experience to all air travellers.**
- **Achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using “Digital Framework”.**
- **Result in lower cost operations.**
- **Digitize current manual processes and to bring better efficiencies**
- **Enhance security standards and improve current system performance.**
- Rollout of “Digi Yatra” system with a digital “ID” backed by a strong verifiable government issued identity like AADHAAR.

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