Expansion of DigiYatra Services

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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