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## India's First Zero-Waste Airport | Madhya Pradesh | 23 Dec 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the **Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport** in **Indore** became **India's first zero-waste airport** with the inauguration of a **3000 sq ft material recovery facility**.

- **Waste Management System:**
  - The new **Material Recovery Facility** features a **comprehensive waste management system** to segregate and recycle waste from both the airport and aircraft.
  - **Wet waste** will be converted into **fertilizer**, aligning with the airport's zero-waste initiative based on the **4R principle: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore**.
- **Expansion Plans:**
  - Also, the **Union Minister of Civil Aviation** announced the **capacity of Indore Airport** will be increased from **40 lakh passengers** to **90 lakh passengers annually** in the next **3 years**.
  - Discussions are ongoing with airlines to enhance connectivity to **international destinations**, including **Thailand** and the **US**.
- **Infrastructure Development:**
  - The **new air traffic control tower** at the airport, built at a cost of **Rs 55 crore**, was also inaugurated by the Union Minister of Civil Aviation.

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