

# Digi Yatra Initiative

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**In News:** Air passengers can soon use facial recognition technology to enter any airport in the country under the recently unveiled Digi Yatra initiative by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

## Digi Yatra Initiative

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Civil Aviation
- To promote paperless and hassle-free air travel.
- There would be one-time verification at the departure airport while travelling for the first time using the ID.
- After successful verification, facial recognition biometric would be captured and stored in the Digi Yatra ID.
- With this initiative, the civil aviation ministry is looking to make ticket booking, airport entry and boarding pass security check-in digital.
- The technology will soon be operational at Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to roll out the initiative at Kolkata, Varanasi, Pune and Vijayawada airports by April next year.

## Key features

- Centralised registration system for passengers and each of them would get a unique ID on booking the tickets
- ID can be created by sharing name, e-mail id, mobile number and details of any identity proof, including Aadhaar
- The airline would share the passenger data and the ID with the airport from where the passenger would be flying out
- Optionally linking of Aadhaar to airlines at the time of

booking for faster airport entry and automated check-ins without requiring any paper-based interventions

- A biometrics-based digital processing system for passenger entry and related requirements at the airport
- Voluntary for passengers on whether to opt for facial recognition biometric for air travel
- The Digi Yatra platform would be operational by February 2019
- Will be available at major airports in the country
- Real-time notifications about congestion and delays of flights
- Passengers would be notified when their luggage reaches the baggage claim belt.

## Face value

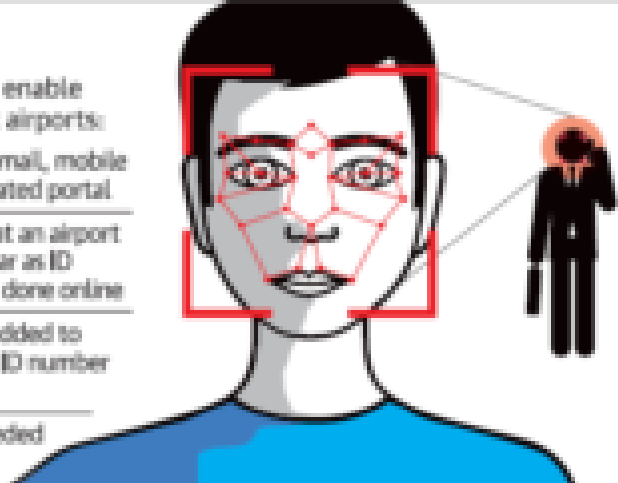
A step-by-step process to enable yourself for facial scans at airports:

**Step 1** Register your name, e-mail, mobile number, ID proof on a designated portal

**Step 2** One-time verification at an airport is a must and if you use Aadhaar as ID proof, then verification can be done online

**Step 3** Your photo has to be added to your Digi Yatra profile and an ID number should be generated

**Step 4** This ID number is needed while booking tickets



**Step 5** Scan QR code and undergo facial recognition before entering airports, Facial ID along with ticket PNR is made into a single token

**Step 6** Carry out self check-in, drop baggage & access security and embarkation area with a facial scan