

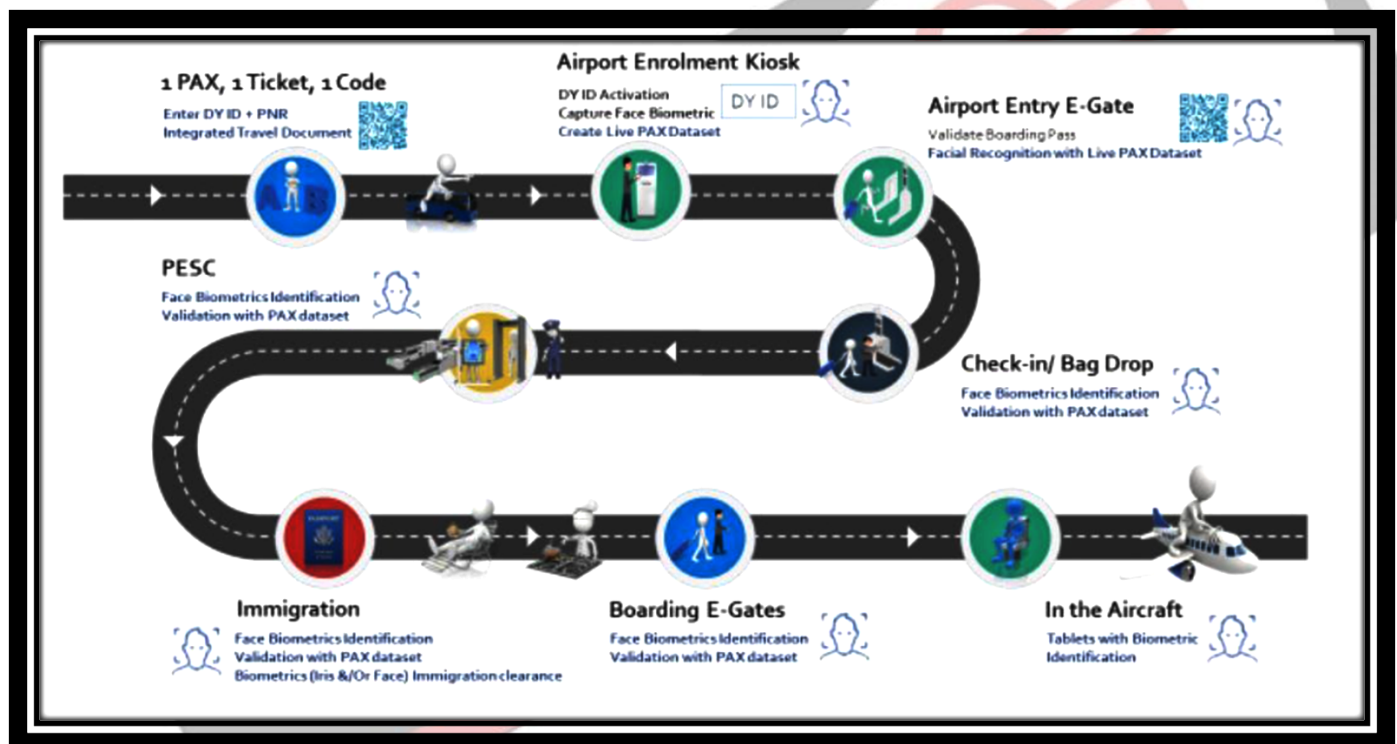


DigiYatra

Why in News?

Recently, the government has **introduced paperless entry at select airports to make air travel hassle-free.**

- In the first phase, the **initiative will be launched at seven airports**, starting with three — Delhi, Bengaluru, and Varanasi, followed by four airports namely Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune, and Vijayawada by March 2023.
- Subsequently, the technology will be implemented across the country.



What is DigiYatra?

- **About:**
 - DigiYatra envisages that **travellers pass through various checkpoints at the airport through paperless and contactless processing**, using facial features to establish their identity, which would be linked to the boarding pass.
 - With this technology, the **entry of passengers would be automatically processed based on the [facial recognition system](#)** at all checkpoints – including entry into the airport, security check areas, aircraft boarding, etc.
- **Implementation:**
 - The project is being implemented by the **DigiYatra Foundation** under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
 - DigiYatra Foundation is a **joint-venture company whose shareholders are the**

Airports Authority of India and Bengaluru Airport, Delhi Airport, Hyderabad Airport, Mumbai Airport and Cochin International Airport.

▪ **Significance:**

- Facial recognition technology is **beneficial as it makes flying more convenient and reduces congestion at airports.**
 - The facial recognition system at various airports across the globe, including Dubai, Singapore, Atlanta and Narita (Japan), have helped bring in efficiency.
- Result in **lower cost operations.**
- Digitize current manual processes and to bring **better efficiencies.**
- Enhance security standards and **improve current system performance.**
- With Digi Yatra, India is setting a new global benchmark for a seamless, **hassle free and health risk free process at airports.**

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