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## Fly to Kol, B'luru, Goa from Hindon from Sat, 4 new routes soon

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**Ghaziabad:** The passenger footfall at Hindon Civil Terminal is expected to increase from Saturday as Air India Express will commence flight operations on Kolkata, Goa and Bengaluru routes. Air India Express will operate flights on these three routes all seven days of the week.

Director of Hindon Civil Terminal Umesh Yadav said, "The Hindon Civil Terminal is all decked up to handle passenger footfall from Saturday as flight operations commence on three additional routes — Kolkata, Goa and Bengaluru from March 1. As of now, on average, there is a footfall of 70-100 passengers per day and the numbers will rise to up to 500 a day from March 1."

Currently, flight services from Hindon are taking place on five routes — Nanded, Adampur, Bhatinda, Kishanganj, and Ludhiana.

The Aerodrome Advisory Committee had recently held a meeting for capacity enhancement of the terminal. Apart from that, the upgradation of all airport-related facilities to enhance passenger facilitation, like round-the-clock medical

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Umesh Kumar

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Earlier, Ghaziabad MP Atul Garg had pointed out that the govt had suffered annual losses worth Rs 60 crore because Hindon airport was not utilised to its capacity. He said this while following up on the matter with the Union civil aviation ministry.

In Oct 2023, the GMR-led consortium — Delhi International Airport Limited — had approached the Delhi high court, saying commercial operations from Hindon would have a potential impact on IGI Airport's viability. The court, however,

dismissed DIAL's petition, paving the way for enhanced operations from the Hindon terminal.

"Air India Express will operate 180-seater flight service on each route for which booking has already started, and passenger occupancy from and to Hindon civil terminal from March is already 150 plus," Yadav said.

Officials also said that by the middle of this year, flight operations to Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Varanasi and Lucknow are also expected to commence, which will make the Hindon Civil Terminal quite busy.