

Digi Yatra launched for three airports in India

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What is Digi Yatra?

- Digi Yatra is conceived to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at airports based on **Facial Recognition Technology (FRT)**.
- To use this facility, one-time registration on Digi Yatra app is required using **Aadhar based validation and a self-image capture**.
- The project has tremendous advantages of improving passenger convenience and ease of travel.
- With Digi Yatra, India will now stand in the ranks of world class airports like Heathrow in London and Atlanta in United States of America.
- **Privacy features of the project:**
 - There is no central storage of Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
 - Passenger's ID and travel credentials are stored in a secure wallet in the passenger's smartphone itself.

- The uploaded data will utilise blockchain technology and all the data will be purged from the servers within 24 hours of use.
 - **It saves passenger time.**
 - For example, **Dubai Airport** where passenger time upto 40 percent was saved due to this technology.
 - A similar technology saved nine minutes per aircraft time at the **Atlanta Airport**.
 - The service is presently being launched for domestic flights passengers only.
 - It is voluntary in nature.
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Q1) What are the 3 classifications of personal identifiable information (PII)?

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must be treated as Internal Data and elements of PII may be classified as Sensitive, Confidential, or High-Risk Data.

Q2) Who invented facial recognition?

The earliest pioneers of facial recognition were Woody Bledsoe, Helen Chan Wolf and Charles Bisson. In 1964 and 1965, Bledsoe, along with Wolf and Bisson began work using computers to recognise human face.

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