

## Assam's Guwahati Airport resumes international flights after two years

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Guwahati : Guwahati Airport will see international flights resume following a two-year hiatus. Bhutanese carrier Druk Air is resuming its Paro-Guwahati-Singapore fifth freedom flight, which connects the northeastern Indian city with Bhutan.

September 3 saw the return of Guwahati's sole international flight service, operated by Bhutan's flag carrier, Druk Air.

The airline operates one of India's sole fifth-freedom flights, from Paro Airport (PHB) to Guwahati (GAU) to Singapore (SIN). The resumed service kicked off on September 3 and will operate once a week only, with outbound flights on Saturday and return ones on Sundays.

The route has been suspended for over two years due to strict entry requirements by the Bhutanese government following Covid-19. However, with high vaccination rates, tourists are free to visit once more and flights can return to their previous capacity as well.

The Indian government has long promoted more international flights from Guwahati Airport, which is nestled close to Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, and other destinations.

Officials hope to see flights to Yangon, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Hanoi, and Kathmandu in the coming months and years as well.