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Biman to operate flights to Chennai from Nov 15

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Dhaka: Biman Bangladesh Airlines is going to operate flights to Chennai from November 15, announced the carrier in a press release.

The move follows the efforts of Bangladesh and India to restore air connectivity between the two neighbouring countries under an "air bubble" arrangement effective October 28, after almost an eight-month long hiatus in flight operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The one way fare for Biman flights on Dhaka-Chennai route starts from USD 145 in economy class while the return fare starts from USD 250. In business class, the one way fare starts from USD 300 while the return fare starts from USD 520.

These fares are effective immediately and are valid till June 30, 2021, said Biman in its press statement.

The airline further mentioned the free baggage allowance on the flights to be 20 kg and 30 kg in economy and business class respectively.

Also changing the flight tickets will cost USD 10 if done before 24 hours and USD 25 if done within 24 hours or for even a no show. On the other hand, refunding the flight tickets will cost USD 15 if done before 24 hours and USD 40 if done within 24

hours. For a no show, the refund charge will also be USD 40.

Apart from Chennai, the flag carrier will resume flights to New Delhi (from October 29) and Kolkata (from November 1), Biman added in the press statement.

Furthermore, on October 9, the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh announced resumption of online visa application services for Bangladeshi citizens. For now, visas will be provided in nine categories including medical, business, employment, journalists, diplomatic personnel, officials, UN officials, and UN diplomats, said the Bangladesh foreign ministry.