

## Direct flights from Dhaka to boost medical tourism in Hyderabad

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Dhaka: The Hyderabad international airport now has a new international destination to its portfolio with the launch of Indigo's direct flight service from Dhaka to Hyderabad on April 18.

Besides increasing tourism between Bangladesh and Telangana, the direct flights are also expected to give a boost to medical travel to Hyderabad.

The IndiGo Flight 6E 1931 departs from GMR Hyderabad International Airport at 12:45 pm. The return flight of IndiGo 6E 1932 from Dhaka arrives in Hyderabad at 6:50 pm.

The 2.45-hours flight between GMR Hyderabad International Airport and Dhaka Airport is being operated twice a week on Saturday and Monday.

According to the Indian tourism ministry, about 54 per cent of all international medical visitors to India are from Bangladesh. With some of the

finest medical facilities in the region, Hyderabad has emerged as one of the preferred destinations for medical tourists from Bangladesh.

To further attract medical tourists to the city, airlines are introducing new flight routes connecting to the popular international destinations catering to the medical tourists.

Sanjay Kumar, Chief Strategy and Revenue Officer, Indigo said, "We are pleased to commence new flights connecting the Indian hub of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology to the cultural and economic capital of Bangladesh. Hyderabad has seen significant recovery in air traffic over the last few weeks, even surpassing the pre-covid levels on some days. Travellers from Dhaka could also use Hyderabad as the hub to connect more than 70 cities within the country. We are very confident that these flights will command high traffic, promoting leisure and medical tourism across both countries."

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