"Regional Carrier Services"



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I took the India One Air flight this morning from Jamshedpur to Kolkata.

I took this airline flight from Jamshedpur to Bhubaneshwar a year ago and wrote about it.

They have completed two years and have progressed well, they serve 7 destinations in the East now - Kolkata, Jamshedpur, Jeypore, Vizag, Cooch Behar, Bhubaneshwar, Urkel, and Raipur.

Their system is physical right now - boarding passes, luggage tags, etc.

They have no crew on the flight, so no beverages or food.

Each aircraft has 9 seats. They have 5 ground crew to serve the aircraft and the 9 passengers. The ground crew are very helpful. Their turnaround time is 15 to 20.mts. The airplane is propped by a metal rod supporting the tail so that the aircraft doesn't tilt while boarding and disembarking!

The business model for regional connectivity services is the government pays the full price for every empty seat, so they get revenue for all 9 seats on every flight.

The price of the Jamshedpur kolkata 60 minute flight is Rs 2950. This is more twice the price of a Vande Bharat 2 Ac ticket which is Rs 1250 and takes 4 hours and 30 minutes.

I looked at the price per minute of travel on the sectors I am flying this week

Jamshedpur to Kolkata India One Air Rs 49 per minute of travel.

Kolkata to Bengaluru Indigo is Rs 33 per minute of travel

Bengaluru to Chennai Air India Express is Rs 74 per minute of travel.

Chennai to Delhi Air India economy is Rs 92 per minute of travel.

So. this is a viable model if they keep the cost structure low.

Attached are a few pictures from the flight

One extra service they offer is a baggage handler Amitabh to download your bags from the belt. He does it with a smile! Picture attached

I think we will see more regional carriers sprouting up soon

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