

## एयरपोर्ट, एयरोसिटी और मेट्रो स्टेशन की सुरक्षा बढ़ी

पुलिस-सीआईएसएफ की टीमों हर वाहन की ले रहीं तलाशी



दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट और एयरोसिटी पर बढ़ी सुरक्षा। अमर उजाला

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। लालकिला धमाके के बाद से दिल्ली हाई अलर्ट पर है। ऐसे में दिल्ली के तमाम महत्वपूर्ण जगहों की सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई है। अन्य जगहों से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचने वाले यात्रियों को भी एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा के कड़े इंतजाम देखने को मिल रहे हैं। ब्यूरो आफ सिविल एविएशन सेफ्टी ने भी एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को लेकर दिशा निर्देश जारी किए हैं, जिसके मुताबिक ही सुरक्षा के इंतजाम किए गए हैं।

सुरक्षा निर्देश में कहा गया है कि एयरपोर्ट की ओर आने वाले तमाम वाहनों की पुख्ता तरीके से जांच की जाएगी। यहां तक कि पार्किंग एरिया में भी वाहनों को श्वान दस्ता के साथ तलाशी

पार्किंग में भी वाहनों की जांच के निर्देश, कूड़ेदान और गमले भी खंगाले जा रहे

लेने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। विमान को भी पूरी तलाशी के निर्देश हैं। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट और एयरोसिटी के पास दिल्ली पुलिस और सीआईएसएफ के जवानों की गश्त बढ़ा दी है। अत्याधुनिक हथियार से लैस सीआईएसएफ की टीम श्वान दस्ता के साथ वाहनों की तलाशी लेते हुए नजर आ रहे हैं। वाहनों के डिग्गी और बोनट को खोलकर इसकी जांच की जा रही है।

टर्मिनल 2 व 3 के फोरकोर्ट एरिया के चप्पे चप्पे की तलाशी ली जा रही है। यहां सुरक्षा में लगे जवानों की संख्या में बढ़ोतरी की गई है। उधर, मेट्रो स्टेशन पर भी सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई है।



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## 'Delhi Airport to expand network to 159 destinations by 2026'

Rohit Vaid  
New Delhi

Aiming to be India's global aviation hub, the national capital's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport is set to expand its network to 159 destinations by 2026.

Speaking to *businessline*, Vidh Kumar Jaipuria, Chief Executive Officer of Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), said the airport's expansion will include flights to seven new international destinations — Manila, Krabi, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Manchester, Athens and Tokyo Narita.

Along with international destinations, he cited Jamnagar, Jabalpur and Pune as the three new domestic routes. Notably, these new routes will be operated by a mix of Indian and international carriers — Japan Airlines on Tokyo Narita, IndiGo on Manchester, and Aegean Airlines on Athens, among others.

### HUB STATUS

"This expansion strengthens Delhi's position as the preferred gateway linking India to both eastern and western geographies," said Jaipuria.

Currently, transfer passengers, he pointed out, account for around 29 per cent of Delhi Airport's total throughput, up from 22 per cent two years ago — a 34 per cent year-on-year increase in absolute numbers.

DIAL expects this share to cross 30 per cent in FY26, further reinforcing Delhi's status as a hub.

Besides, he revealed that DIAL is preparing for the government's domestic-to-international (D2I) pilot project, beginning with the Varanasi-Delhi-London



**PREFERRED GATEWAY.** Currently, transfer passengers account for around 29 per cent of Delhi Airport's total throughput, up from 22 per cent two years ago

model. Under the plan, passengers will complete immigration at their origin — such as Varanasi — and arrive directly at Terminal 3 (T3) as international passengers.

### DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

In parallel, the Pier C wing of T3, currently handling domestic flights, is being converted for international operations, with completion slated for mid-January 2026 — a shift from the earlier December timeline.

Once operational, the project will increase international capacity by nearly 50 per cent, giving a major fillip to long-haul traffic.

Further, a new airside baggage transfer system will soon be commissioned, he said, enabling automatic movement of bags between T1, T2, and T3, thereby eliminating the need for passengers to manually transfer luggage.

Furthermore, the shuttle bus frequencies between terminals have been improved to every 10-12 minutes, he said, adding that the upcoming Metro Gold Line will allow seamless inter-terminal movement.

On the current traffic trend, Jaipuria disclosed that during the first month

of the current winter schedule, passenger growth has surged 45 per cent year-on-year, reflecting robust demand across both domestic and international sectors.

In FY25, IGI Airport handled 7.9 crore (79 million) passengers, up from 7.7 crore in FY24.

Looking ahead, he said that DIAL's next master plan is in the finalisation stage. At present, IGI Airport's capacity stands at 105 million passengers per annum, which can be stretched to 110-112 million through operational de-bottlenecking.

"Typically, once traffic crosses the 100 million mark, it triggers the next expansion cycle," Jaipuria said, adding that Delhi-NCR's overall air traffic is expected to maintain 8-9 per cent annual growth.

On the cargo front, IGI Airport continues to handle around one million tonnes annually, with volumes now trending upward following the reopening of China and India's export push under the Make in India initiative.

In addition, he said that DIAL has applied for approval to set up a special economic zone at the airport to create an integrated logistics and cargo hub, expected to enhance efficiency.



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## ‘जल्द शुरू होगा नोएडा हवाई अड्डे का परिचालन’

उत्तर प्रदेश के जेवर में स्थित नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का परिचालन जल्द ही शुरू हो जाएगा। टाटा समूह की बुनियादी ढांचा एवं निर्माण कंपनी टाटा प्रोजेक्ट्स ने गुरुवार को यह जानकारी दी। टाटा प्रोजेक्ट्स लिमिटेड को नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनआईए) के निर्माण का ठेका दिया गया था। टाटा प्रोजेक्ट्स के मुख्य कार्य अधिकारी और प्रबंध निदेशक विनायक पई ने संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा, ‘नोएडा इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड इस समय नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के साथ मिलकर हवाई अड्डे की सुरक्षा से जुड़ी मंजूरियां लेने की प्रक्रिया में है, जिसे ‘यरोड्रम लाइसेंस’ कहा जाता है।

भाषा

## सिटी एंकर

विंटर सीजन की सौगात... लखनऊ, गुवाहाटी, गोवा से आगे निकला जयपुर

# जयपुर की देश के टॉप-10 बिजी एयरपोर्ट में एंट्री; 75 फ्लाइट का रोज मूवमेंट, अक्टूबर में 4.77 लाख यात्रियों ने उड़ान भरी

एविएशन रिपोर्टर | जयपुर

विंटर सीजन जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए खुशखबरी लेकर आया है। देश के टॉप-10 सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट की सूची से बाहर रहने वाला जयपुर एयरपोर्ट विंटर शेड्यूल शुरू होते ही टॉप-10 में शामिल हो गया है। इसका कारण फ्लाइट मूवमेंट के साथ यात्री भार बढ़ना है।

अब रोजाना औसतन 75 फ्लाइट का मूवमेंट हो रहा है, जबकि पहले 57 ही हो रही थी। इसके चलते गुवाहाटी, लखनऊ और गोवा

जैसे एयरपोर्ट भी पीछे हो गए हैं। एविएशन एक्सपर्ट कुंवर विजय राज सिंह ने बताया कि जयपुर से रोज 8 इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट और 67 घरेलू फ्लाइट संचालित हो रही हैं। ये देश के 25 शहर और 6 इंटरनेशनल डेस्टिनेशन को कनेक्ट करती हैं। गुवाहाटी एयरपोर्ट से रोज 66, गोवा के दाबोलिम से 59 और लखनऊ से 57 फ्लाइट संचालित हो रही हैं। एयरपोर्ट का अक्टूबर माह में यात्रीभार 4.77 लाख था। यह सितंबर की तुलना में 75 हजार ज्यादा है। दिसंबर में यात्रीभार और एयरक्राफ्ट मूवमेंट में 50% तक बढ़ोतरी संभव है।

**4101** विमानों का आवागमन  
**75** फ्लाइट ने औसतन रोजाना उड़ान भरी  
**4.77** लाख यात्रियों ने सफर किया सितंबर माह  
**4.02** लाख यात्रियों ने यात्रा की  
**3407** फ्लाइट का मूवमेंट  
**57** फ्लाइट औसतन रोज संचालित होती थी



दिल्ली से सबसे ज्यादा 705 फ्लाइट्स

(नोट : कनेक्टिविटी शहरों की, फ्लाइट्स के आंकड़े संचालन के)

एयरपोर्ट	कनेक्टिविटी	फ्लाइट्स	अक्टूबर माह	
दिल्ली	163	705	कोलकाता	66 207
मुंबई	130	478	अहमदाबाद	57 141
बेंगलुरु	109	399	पुणे	36 98
हैदराबाद	98	296	कोच्चि	31 97
चेन्नई	73	219	जयपुर	31 75



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## नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे से जोड़ेगा 74 किमी का मेगा लिंक

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 13 नवम्बर (देशबन्धु)। उत्तर प्रदेश की कनेक्टिविटी क्रांति में एक और बड़ा कदम उठने वाला है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (जेवर) को गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे से जोड़ने के लिए 120 मीटर चौड़े विशाल लिंक एक्सप्रेस वे का पूरा एलाइनमेंट तैयार हो चुका है। यह 74.3 किलोमीटर लंबा हाई-स्पीड कॉरिडोर न केवल जेवर एयरपोर्ट को प्रदेश के प्रमुख शहरों से जोड़ेगा, बल्कि पूर्वी भारत तक की पहुंच को आसान बनाएगा। अनुमानित लागत 4000 करोड़ रुपए की इस परियोजना से ट्रैफिक की रफ्तार बढ़ेगी, लॉजिस्टिक्स मजबूत होगी और स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था को नई उड़ान मिलेगी।

### एलाइनमेंट पूरा, निर्माण की तैयारी जोरों पर

उत्तर प्रदेश एक्सप्रेस वे इंडस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी (यूपीडा) ने लिंक एक्सप्रेस वे का एलाइनमेंट कार्य सफलतापूर्वक पूरा कर लिया है। बुलंदशहर के स्थाना क्षेत्र से निकलने वाले गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे को यमुना सिटी के

- 4000 करोड़ की सुपर कनेक्टिविटी
- यमुना प्राधिकरण के 20 किमी हिस्से का एलाइनमेंट फाइनल
- ग्रेटर-बुलंदशहर से सीधी उड़ान तक का रास्ता खुलेगा
- पूर्वी यूपी, बिहार और उत्तराखंड को मिलेगी तेज रफ्तार

पास फिल्म सिटी के निकट 120 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क से जोड़ा जाएगा। यहाँ से यह लिंक सीधे जेवर एयरपोर्ट और यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे तक पहुंचेगा। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के 14 से किमी पर गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे लिंक हो रहा है, जिसमें 20 किमी यमुना सिटी क्षेत्र में आ रहा है। यूपीडा के एसीईओ एसपी शाही ने गुरुवार को यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास (यीडा) के सीईओ आरके सिंह के साथ महत्वपूर्ण बैठक की। इस दौरान प्राधिकरण के अंतर्गत आने वाले 20 किलोमीटर हिस्से के एलाइनमेंट को अंतिम रूप दिया गया। यह हिस्सा पूरी परियोजना का अहम हिस्सा है, क्योंकि यहाँ से एयरपोर्ट की सीधी कनेक्टिविटी शुरू होगी। जेवर एयरपोर्ट पहले ही लगभग बनकर तैयार है, और जैसे ही इस लिंक का निर्माण शुरू होगा, गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे से एयरपोर्ट तक

का सफर बिना किसी रुकावट के पूरा हो सकेगा।

### कौन से क्षेत्रों को मिलेगा फायदा?

**मेरठ, बुलंदशहर और आसपास के जिले :** इन क्षेत्रों के लोग अब सीधे जेवर एयरपोर्ट पहुंच सकेंगे, जिससे समय और ईंधन की बचत होगी।

**पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और उत्तराखंड :** गंगा एक्सप्रेस वे के जरिए ये राज्य एयरपोर्ट से जुड़ेंगे, जिससे यात्रा और माल परिवहन में क्रांति आएगी।

**यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे का विस्तार:** मौजूदा इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर को मजबूत करते हुए फास्ट ट्रैफिक मूवमेंट सुनिश्चित होगा।

### आर्थिक और विकासात्मक प्रभाव

यह लिंक एक्सप्रेस वे सिर्फ एक सड़क नहीं, बल्कि विकास

का इंजन बनेगा।

**लॉजिस्टिक्स में सुधार :** तेज गति से माल ढुलाई संभव होगी, जिससे उद्योगों को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

**औद्योगिक और व्यापारिक विकास :** जेवर एयरपोर्ट के आसपास नए इंडस्ट्रियल हब उभरेंगे।

**पर्यटन को गति :** पूर्वी भारत से आने वाले पर्यटक आसानी से दिल्ली-एनसीआर और अन्य स्थानों तक पहुंच सकेंगे।

**स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था मजबूत :** रोजगार सृजन, संपत्ति मूल्यों में वृद्धि और छोटे व्यवसायों को नई संभावनाएं मिलेंगी।

जेवर एयरपोर्ट उत्तर भारत का नया हवाई हब बनने की राह पर है, और यह लिंक एक्सप्रेस वे इसे 'गंगा से गगन' तक की यात्रा का माध्यम बनाएगा। यूपीडा और यीडा की टीम अब टेंडर प्रक्रिया और भूमि अधिग्रहण पर फोकस कर रही है, ताकि निर्माण जल्द शुरू हो सके। उत्तर प्रदेश को यह मेगा कनेक्टिविटी परियोजना न केवल यात्रियों को सुविधा देगी, बल्कि पूरे क्षेत्र को वैश्विक मानचित्र पर मजबूत करेगी।

## जयपुर एयरपोर्ट देश के टॉप-10 में शामिल

लखनऊ, गुवाहाटी और गोवा को पीछे छोड़ा

विंटर सीजन में रिकॉर्ड उड़ानें और यात्रीभार, हर दिन 75 फ्लाइट्स का संचालन

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट अब देश के सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों में शामिल हो गया है। फ्लाइट मूवमेंट और यात्रीभार दोनों मामलों में जयपुर ने लखनऊ, गुवाहाटी और गोवा जैसे प्रमुख शहरों को पीछे छोड़ दिया है। वर्तमान में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से औसतन रोजाना 75 फ्लाइट्स का संचालन हो रहा है, जिनमें 67 फरेल और 8 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शामिल हैं। जयपुर से अब देश के 25 फरेल शहरों और 6 अंतरराष्ट्रीय डेस्टिनेशन के लिए कनेक्टिविटी उपलब्ध है। वह आंकड़े एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने जारी किए हैं।



अक्टूबर में 4.77 लाख लोगों ने की यात्रा

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से अक्टूबर माह में 4 लाख 77 हजार यात्रियों ने यात्रा की। यह सितंबर के मुकाबले 35 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाता है। सितंबर में 4.02 लाख यात्रियों ने जयपुर से उड़ान भरी थी। इसी अवधि में विमान मूवमेंट में भी उल्लेखनीय

बढ़ोतरी हुई है, जबकि 4101 उड़ाने अक्टूबर में संचालित हुईं, सितंबर में यह आंकड़ा 3407 था। विंटर शेड्यूल के लागू होते ही जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से वर्तमान में रोजाना औसतन 75 फ्लाइट संचालित हो रही हैं।

टॉप-10 में यह एयरपोर्ट शामिल

एयरपोर्ट	फ्लाइटें	शहरों के लिए फ्लाइटें संचालित
दिल्ली	705	163
मुंबई	478	130
बैंगलुरु	399	109
हैदराबाद	296	98
चेन्नई	219	73
कोलकाता	207	66
अहमदाबाद	141	57
पुणे	98	36
कोच्चि	97	31
जयपुर	75	31



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## Bomb threat at IGI, 4 other airports a hoax; security heightened

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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, along with four other airports, received a bomb threat on Wednesday, sending security agencies in a tizzy, before it was declared a 'hoax'. An Air India Express flight also received a bomb threat, but landed safely at its destination, with the threat declared a hoax too.

The threat was received at around 3:15 pm on IndiGo's grievance portal, with the message shared by the airline with security agencies at these airports, officials said.

Following this, the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee and agencies like Delhi Police, Fire Brigade and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) combed the airport premises, declaring the threat a hoax.

"The message warned that a blast will take place at Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Trivandrum," said an official. "Though declared a hoax, agencies are on alert," the official added.

An Air India Express spokesperson said this happened on a Mumbai to Varanasi flight. "All necessary security procedures promptly initiated," said the spokesperson.



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## Govt mulls financial incentives to revive ghost airports

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India is planning to subsidize airlines for operating flights to dormant airports, according to people familiar with the matter, in a bid to resurrect ghost projects and justify the billions of infrastructure spending it's poured into them.

The subsidies build on an existing initiative, called UDAN

(Ude Desh Ke Aam Nagrik), to boost regional connectivity and will now include airports that have remained idle despite substantial investments, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the discussions are private. Airlines will be offered monthly subsidy payments in return for cheaper fares to select routes—to cover the gap between regular and discounted fares. The pay-

ments will also be based on factors including number of seats sold.

India's aviation ministry didn't immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

UDAN, launched in 2016, has helped add 649 new air routes and brought 93 airfields with only basic infrastructure—such as a runway—into operation. The revamped program will

now seek to boost usage of several newly inaugurated airports, including those in Azamgarh and Muzaffarpur, which still have no passengers despite having proper air-side and city-side facilities.

While the existing program allowed the airlines to bid for subsidies to operate select flights, the proposed overhaul includes an auction-based approach as well as a direct

incentive option that doesn't involve bidding, the people said.

Although countries across Asia and parts of Africa face similar challenges in bridging infrastructure and demand, few match India's scale. At least a dozen of India's 140 airports recorded zero passengers between December and March, people familiar with the matter said earlier this year.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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## ***T'PURAM AIRPORT GETS SMART WASTEWATER SYSTEM***

The Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has installed an AI-powered wastewater intelligence system, aimed at reducing water consumption by up to 30 per cent. The system is designed to improve the efficiency and reliability of sewage treatment.

## दिल्ली ब्लास्ट के बाद लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर हाई अलर्ट

स्वतंत्र भारत ब्यूरो लखनऊ। दिल्ली ब्लास्ट की घटना के बाद पूरे देश के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा एजेंसियां सतर्क हो गई हैं। लखनऊ के चौधरी चरण सिंह अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर भी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था कड़ी कर दी गई है। तीन दिनों के लिए विजिटर पास जारी करने पर रोक लगा दी गई है। अब कोई भी व्यक्ति केवल पास बनवाकर एयरपोर्ट परिसर

में प्रवेश नहीं कर सकेगा। सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट की चेकिंग को कई स्तरों पर मजबूत किया है। एयरपोर्ट में प्रवेश करने वाले हर वाहन की चेकिंग की जा रही है। यात्रियों के सामान को स्कैनर और हैंड डिटेक्टर से कई चरणों में जांचा जा रहा है। एयरपोर्ट के भीतर और बाहर सीआईएसएफ और एयरपोर्ट पुलिस के जवानों की तैनाती बढ़ा दी गई है। डॉग स्कवॉड और बम डिस्पोजल टीम को भी सतर्क रखा गया है। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन का कहना है कि यह कदम यात्रियों की सुरक्षा के लिए एहतियातन उठाया गया है। विजिटर पास जारी



करने की प्रक्रिया फिलहाल रोक दी गई है। तीन दिनों तक यह व्यवस्था लागू रहेगी।

आमतौर पर यह पास उन लोगों को जारी किया जाता है जो यात्रियों को छोड़ने या लेने के लिए एयरपोर्ट तक आते हैं।

सुरक्षा जांच में समय लगने की वजह से एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने यात्रियों से अपील की है कि वे फ्लाइट टाइम से कम से कम दो घंटे पहले एयरपोर्ट पहुंचें, ताकि चेकिंग प्रक्रिया में उन्हें कोई परेशानी न हो। साथ ही यात्रियों को कहा गया है कि वे किसी भी संदिग्ध व्यक्ति या वस्तु की सूचना तुरंत सुरक्षा कर्मियों को दें।



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THE ASIAN AGE

DELHI

13 NOVEMBER 2025

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## **Air Mumbai-Varanasi flight faces bomb hoax, all safe**

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An Air India Express flight operating from Mumbai to Varanasi received a bomb threat on Wednesday prompting the security agencies to carry out extensive searches.

The flight carrying over 170 passengers landed safely at the Varanasi airport at 4 pm. The passengers were deboarded and the flight was searched. So far nothing was found.

"One of our flights to Varanasi received a security threat. In

line with protocol, the government-appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was immediately alerted, and all necessary security procedures promptly initiated. The flight landed safely and all guests disembarked. The aircraft will be released for operations once all mandated security checks are completed," an Air India Express spokesperson said in a statement.

The security of all airports have been increased.

## विमान हादसा...अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुसार आगे बढ़ेगी जांच : केंद्र

सरकार ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट में कहा-प्राथमिक जांच में पायलट को दोषी नहीं ठहराया जा रहा

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया कि 12 जून को अहमदाबाद में हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे में विमान दुर्घटना जांच बोर्ड (एआईबी) की प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट में पायलट को दोषी नहीं ठहराया जा रहा है। केंद्र ने बताया कि हादसे की जांच अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुसार आगे बढ़ाई जाएगी। इस हादसे में

260 लोगों की जान चली गई थी। जस्टिस सूर्यकांत और जस्टिस जायमाल्या बागची की पीठ को सॉलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने बताया कि विमान दुर्घटना की जांच के लिए एआईबी की टीम का गठन अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था के तहत किया गया था और इसके लिए एक वैधानिक प्रावधान है।

जस्टिस बागची ने कहा कि एआईबी जांच किसी पर दोष मढ़ने के लिए नहीं है। यह सिर्फ कारण स्पष्ट करने के लिए है ताकि ऐसा दोबारा न हो। एक गैर सरकारी संगठन की ओर से पेश वकील प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा कि इतने बड़े पैमाने की दुर्घटना की कोर्ट ऑफ इन्क्वायरी की तरह समानांतर जांच की जानी चाहिए। जस्टिस कांत ने कहा, ये कार्यवाही एक एयरलाइन बनाम दूसरी एयरलाइन के बीच लड़ाई नहीं बननी चाहिए। पीठ ने मेहता से मृतक पायलट कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल के पिता की याचिका पर जवाब दाखिल करने के लिए कहा है। इसमें हादसे की जांच के लिए एक स्वतंत्र समिति के गठन का निर्देश देने की मांग की गई है। इस समिति में विमानन और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञ भी होंगे। अगली



### सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र से मांगी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन नीति लागू करने की रूपरेखा

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र सरकार से 2020 की इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) नीति को दोबारा समीक्षा कर उसे मौजूदा परिस्थितियों के अनुसार अद्यतन (अपडेट) करने को कहा है। अदालत ने सुझाव दिया कि नीति का क्रियान्वयन पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के रूप में किसी महानगर से शुरू किया जाए। जस्टिस सूर्यकांत और जस्टिस जायमाल्या बागची की पीठ ने वृहस्पतिवार को सुनवाई के दौरान अटॉर्नी जनरल आर वेंकटरमणी से कहा कि पिछले पांच वर्षों में ईवी सेक्टर में काफी बदलाव हुए हैं, जिन्हें राष्ट्रीय इलेक्ट्रिक मोबिलिटी मिशन प्लान (एनईएमएएमपी-2020) में शामिल किया जाना चाहिए।

**मामला 2**

अटॉर्नी जनरल ने अदालत को बताया कि फिलहाल केंद्र सरकार के 13 मंत्रालय इस नीति की व्यवहार्यता पर विचार कर रहे हैं और जल्द ही इस पर निर्णय लिया जाएगा। अदालत ने कहा कि नीति के तहत प्रोत्साहन योजनाओं, सरकारी संस्थानों द्वारा ईवी अपनाने और चार्जिंग पॉइंट्स की उपलब्धता जैसे मुद्दों पर विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। इस मामले में जनहित याचिका (पीआईएल) 'सेंटर फॉर पब्लिक इंटरैस्ट लिटिगेशन' (सीपीआईएल) नामक गैर-सरकारी संगठन ने 2019 में दाखिल की थी। ब्यूरो

लोग तेजी से इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों को अपना रहे : पीठ ने कहा कि वर्तमान समय में लोग तेजी से इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों को अपना रहे हैं और बाजार में इनकी मांग के चलते कई उच्च श्रेणी के मॉडल भी आ चुके हैं। गौरतलब है कि 19 फरवरी 2020 को भी शीर्ष अदालत ने सुनवाई के दौरान इस नीति पर परिवहन मंत्री नितिन गडकरी से बातचीत की इच्छा जताई थी ताकि प्रदूषण कम करने के लिए सार्वजनिक परिवहन को चरणबद्ध तरीके से ईवी में बदला जा सके।

### राहुल के भाषण मामले में इन्फ्लुएंसर को अग्रिम जमानत

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सोशल मीडिया इन्फ्लुएंसर रीशन सिन्हा को अग्रिम जमानत दे दी जिनके खिलाफ विपक्षी नेता राहुल गांधी के संसदीय भाषण को कथित तौर पर गलत तरीके से पेश करने के आरोप में मामला दर्ज किया गया था। राहुल ने 2024 के चुनावों के बाद अपना पहला लोकसभा भाषण दिया था। उसी दिन सिन्हा ने सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट पर पोस्ट किया कि राहुल ने हिंदुओं को हिंसक कहा है। तेलंगाना में एक कांग्रेस कार्यकर्ता की शिकायत पर इस पोस्ट को लेकर उनके खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया गया था। ब्यूरो

**मामला 3**

जस्टिस दीपांकर दत्त और जस्टिस अरविंद कुमार की पीठ ने तेलंगाना हाईकोर्ट के 3 अप्रैल के उस आदेश को रद्द कर दिया जिसमें उन्हें अग्रिम जमानत देने से मना कर दिया गया था। यह देखते हुए कि पुलिस ने जून 2025 में आरोपपत्र दाखिल किया था, अदालत ने सिन्हा को अग्रिम जमानत दे दी। पीठ ने कहा कि अब हिरासत में पृष्ठताछ की आवश्यकता नहीं है। सिन्हा पर भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बीएनएस) की धारा 352, 353(2), 353(1)(सी) और 336(4) के तहत सार्वजनिक उपद्रव, सार्वजनिक शांति भंग करने के लिए जानबूझकर अपमान, प्रतिष्ठा को नुकसान पहुंचाने वाली जालसाजी से संबंधित अपराधों का आरोप लगाया गया था।

सुनवाई दो सप्ताह बाद होगी। 12 जून को अहमदाबाद से लंदन की उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद एअर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई 171 का विमान एक मेडिकल हॉस्टल परिसर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था। इसमें 241

यात्रियों और चालक दल के सदस्यों सहित 265 लोग मारे गए थे। मरने वाले 260 लोगों में 169 भारतीय, 52 ब्रिटिश, सात पुर्तगाली नागरिक, एक कनाडाई और 12 चालक दल के सदस्य शामिल थे।



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

14 NOVEMBER 2025

## SpiceJet expands operational fleet to 35 aircraft as restructuring push takes off

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

Budget carrier SpiceJet's aircraft induction and ungrounding programme has expanded its operational fleet to 35 planes.

In September, industry estimates indicated that SpiceJet had only 21 of its 53 aircraft in operation. The number progressively increased to 32 in early November.

Notably, the low-cost airline had signed lease agreements for several Boeing 737 aircraft to strengthen its fleet ahead of the Winter Schedule 2025.

The decision to lease additional aircraft was aimed at meeting rising air travel demand during the festival and Winter season. Some of these aircraft began joining the fleet in October 2025.



**TRAVEL SEASON.** The decision to lease additional aircraft was aimed at meeting rising demand during the winter season. REUTERS

Apart from the newly-leased 737s, the airline deployed a leased Airbus A340 aircraft on international routes with heavy passenger traffic.

### 15 INDUCTIONS

On Thursday, SpiceJet said it had bolstered its fleet with five additional Boeing 737 aircraft, including one Boeing 737 MAX, marking 15 inductions in just over a

month. This includes 14 planes added on damp lease (including two 737 MAX) and the successful ungrounding and reactivation of a Boeing 737 MAX from the airline's grounded inventory.

With these additions, SpiceJet's operational fleet now stands at 35 aircraft. All five newly inducted planes have commenced commercial operations, the airline

said, adding that the expansion has significantly enhanced connectivity on high-demand domestic and international routes.

Furthermore, the rapid fleet expansion has provided a major boost to SpiceJet's winter schedule, enabling it to cater to surging passenger demand during the festive and holiday season.

As of September 30, 2025, the airline was operating 100 daily flights. With the latest additions, daily operations have surged to 176 flights per day.

"With aircraft additions already underway and our network expanding rapidly, SpiceJet is now on a clear trajectory towards stronger operational and positive financial performance in the second half of the year," said Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet.



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## Star Air raises ₹150 cr in Series B to fund expansion

**Our Bureau**  
New Delhi

To accelerate its ambitious expansion plans, regional airline Star Air has raised ₹150 crore in the first tranche of its 'Series B' funding round.

Accordingly, the funds were raised from a consortium of marquee investors, including Micro Labs Ltd, Deepak Agarwal

of Bikaji Foods, and others. This tranche marks the airline's first external fundraise as it gears up for an expansion of its fleet and network.

Besides, the airline plans to raise an additional ₹200 crore by FY26-27 to support its long-term growth objectives.

As per the airline, the capital will be utilised to expand Star Air's fleet and route network, strengthen

its Non-Scheduled Operator Permit (NSOP) operations, and enhance its Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) capabilities.

### IMMEDIATE GOAL

"Our immediate goal is to connect more cities and communities across India with swift, secure, comfortable, and affordable air travel," said Shrenik Ghodawat, Managing Dir-

ector of Sanjay Ghodawat Group. Notably, Star Air's fundraise comes amid a strong growth period in India's aviation sector, fuelled by rising passenger demand and a policy push for regional connectivity.

According to Captain Simran Singh Tiwana, CEO, Star Air, the fundraise represents a major step in enhancing the airline's operational foundation.



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## **Air India losses drag Singapore Airlines profits**



**Bengaluru:** Singapore Airlines reported a sharp drop in first-half profit on Thursday, hit by losses at its Indian associate Air India, higher costs and intensifying competition across key markets. The airline said half-year net profit came in at S\$239 million (\$184.67 million) for the six months ended on September 30, compared with S\$742 million a year earlier. Singapore Airlines holds a 25.1% stake in the Indian carrier. REUTERS



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## Deceased pilot of Air India crash not being blamed: Centre tells SC

The deceased pilot, Captain Sumeet Sabharwal of Air India, has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash that claimed 260 lives, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday. Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI171 en route to London's Gatwick airport was operated by pilot-in-command Captain Sabharwal and co-pilot Captain Clive Kunder, who lost their lives in the crash after taking off from Ahmedabad. The horrific incident killed 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board. The top court had issued notice to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation on a plea of the father of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal.



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## स्पाइसजेट के बेड़े में शामिल हुए पांच और बोइंग 737 विमान

नई दिल्ली। किफायती विमान सेवा कंपनी स्पाइसजेट के बेड़े में पांच और बोइंग 737 विमान शामिल हो गए हैं। एयरलाइंस ने गुरुवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि इन पांच विमानों में एक बोइंग 737 मैक्स विमान भी है। इसके साथ ही अब उसके बेड़े में विमानों की संख्या बढ़कर 35 हो गई है। कंपनी ने पिछले एक महीने से कुछ ज्यादा समय में अपने बेड़े 15 विमान बढ़ाए हैं। इनमें से 14 उसने डैम्प लीज पर लिए हैं, जिनमें दो 737 मैक्स विमान भी हैं। इसके अलावा ग्राउंडेड विमानों में से एक को ठीक कर फिर से बेड़े में शामिल किया गया है। कंपनी ने बताया कि 30 सितंबर को वह रोजाना 100 उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही थी जबकि इन नए विमानों के आने से अब वह हर दिन 176 उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही है। स्पाइसजेट के मुख्य व्यवसाय अधिकारी देबोजो महर्षि ने कहा, 'स्पाइसजेट का मौजूदा विस्तार बाजार में मजबूत मांग और इसे पूरा करने की हमारी तत्परता को दिखाता है।'



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# AI flight faces bomb threat

**New Delhi, Nov. 12:** An Air India Express flight from Mumbai to Varanasi carrying 182 passengers received a bomb threat on Wednesday, prompting a high-security response before landing safely at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport.

According to officials, the Kolkata Air Traffic Control alerted its Varanasi counterpart around 3:58 pm about a possible threat to flight IX-1023. Security agencies, including CISF and airport police, were immediately placed on

high alert. The flight landed safely at 4:19 pm, and all passengers were disembarked before a thorough security sweep of the aircraft was conducted.

Officials confirmed that no suspicious object or activity was found during the inspection, and the threat was later declared a hoax. Air India Express said in a statement that the government-appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was promptly alerted and all necessary security measures were taken.



## SpiceJet loss widens to Rs 635 cr in Q2

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** SpiceJet on Wednesday reported widening of net loss to Rs 635.42 crore in September quarter FY26 as multiple factors, including foreign exchange loss, additional expenses related to grounded as well as reinducted aircraft and airspace curbs, hit the budget carrier's bottom line.

The airline, which had faced multiple headwinds, had recorded a net loss of Rs 447.54 crore in the year-ago period and expects positive financial performance in the second half of the current financial year.

Excluding foreign exchange loss, the carrier had a net loss of Rs 447.70 crore in the second quarter of the current fiscal, higher than Rs 424.26 crore reported in the same period a year ago, it said in a release.

"The results for the seasonally weak quarter were primarily driven by impact of recalibrating dollar-based future obligations along with carrying cost of grounded fleet and additional expenses incurred towards RTS (Return to Service)," the release said.



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## एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे के लिए पायलट को दोषी नहीं ठहराया गया : केंद्र सरकार

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : केंद्र सरकार ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया कि अहमदाबाद में 12 जून को हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे के लिए विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) की प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट में पायलट को दोषी नहीं ठहराया गया है। दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान के पायलट कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल के पिता की निष्पक्ष जांच की मांग वाली याचिका पर सुनवाई के दौरान गुरुवार को केंद्र सरकार की ओर से पेश सालिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने यह बात कही। शीर्ष अदालत ने भी टिप्पणी की कि एएआइबी जांच किसी पर दोष मढ़ने के लिए नहीं है। यह केवल कारण स्पष्ट करने के लिए है, ताकि ऐसी घटना दोबारा न हो। इसके साथ ही जस्टिस सुर्यकांत और जोयमाल्या बागची की पीठ ने सभरवाल के पिता की याचिका पर केंद्र सरकार को नोटिस जारी करते हुए जवाब दाखिल करने को कहा है।

गत 12 जून को अहमदाबाद में एअर इंडिया का विमान लंदन के लिए उड़ान भरते ही दुर्घटनाग्रस्त

- केंद्र ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया जांच कानून और अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था के अनुसार हो रही है
- शीर्ष अदालत ने पायलट सुमित सभरवाल के पिता और फेडरेशन आफ इंडियन पायलट्स की याचिका पर केंद्र से मांगा जवाब

हो गया था। गुरुवार को मामले पर सुनवाई के दौरान सालिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने कहा कि विमान दुर्घटना की जांच के लिए एएआइबी की टीम का गठन अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था के तहत किया गया है। इसके लिए वैधानिक प्रविधान हैं। दूसरे देशों के लोग भी जांच में शामिल होते हैं। दुर्भाग्यवश दुर्घटना में कुछ विदेशी लोगों की भी मृत्यु हुई थी। ऐसे में वे देश भी जांच में अपने प्रतिनिधि भेजते हैं। जांच के लिए एक तय कानून और अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रक्रिया मौजूद है। मेहता ने कहा कि वह पिता की भावनाओं को समझते हैं, लेकिन प्रारंभिक जांच में किसी पर कोई दोष नहीं

लगाया गया है। सभरवाल के वकील गोपाल शंकर नारायण ने कहा कि निष्पक्ष जांच के नियमों का उचित ढंग से पालन नहीं किया गया है।

अन्य याचिकाकर्ता एक गैर सरकारी संगठन की ओर से पेश वकील प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा कि इतने बड़े विमान हादसे की कोर्ट आफ इन्क्वायरी की तरह जांच होनी चाहिए। पायलट महासंघ ने कहा है कि इन विमानों पर भरोसा नहीं किया जाना चाहिए। इनमें बहुत खतरा है। मेहता ने कहा कि इस मामले में किसी तरह का हस्तक्षेप नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय और नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) की चल रही जांच पर प्रतिकूल असर डाल सकता है। पीठ ने प्रशांत भूषण की दलीलों पर कहा कि यह कार्यवाही एक एयरलाइन बनाम दूसरी एयरलाइन के बीच लड़ाई नहीं बननी चाहिए। कोर्ट ने कहा कि वह पायलट के पिता की याचिका पर केंद्र सरकार को नोटिस जारी कर रहा है। पीठ ने केंद्र सरकार से याचिका का जवाब दाखिल करने को कहा है।



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## Singapore Airlines H1FY26 Net Profit Plunges to \$239 m

Forum Gandhi

**Mumbai:** Singapore Airlines (SIA) Group's net profit for the first half of FY26 plunged nearly two-thirds year-on-year to \$239 million, weighed down by losses from Air India, in which it holds a 25.1% stake. However, total revenue rose 1.9% to a record \$9.68 billion, supported by steady traffic across Singapore Airlines and its low-cost arm, Scoot.

"The Group's net profit for the first half fell by \$303 million (47.8%) to \$239 million," SIA said.

"Interest income declined by \$10 million due to lower cash balances and interest rate cuts, while the Group's share of results from associated companies was \$17 million lower year-on-year, notably reflecting Air India's losses, which were not included in the previous year."

SIA began equity accounting for Air India's performance from December 2024, following Vistara's full integration, marking the first time the Tata-owned carrier's results have appeared in SIA's books.

In Q2 FY26, operating profit rose 22.5% to \$396 million

on record revenue of \$4.88 billion, driven by higher passenger traffic, though net profit fell 62% to \$92 million. For the first half, operating profit stood at \$801 million, broadly flat year-on-year, as SIA and Scoot carried 20.8 million passengers, up 8%. Load factor improved to 87.7%, while yields slipped 2.9% amid rising competition. Cargo revenue declined 2.8% to \$1.07 billion.

SIA, which jointly controls Air India with majority shareholder Tata Sons (71.9%), has invested over \$6,300 crore in the merged airline's recapitalisation plan. Combined funding from Tata and SIA exceeded \$9,500 crore in FY25, according to recent disclosures.

The airline said the investment is part of its "long-term multi-hub strategy providing a stake in one of the world's largest and fastest-growing aviation markets." Air India's turnaround, however, has been hit by ongoing losses and the fallout from the June 2025 Ahmedabad crash, which triggered regulatory scrutiny and compensation payouts.

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## Singapore Airlines' profit slumps as AI losses mount

● September quarter figure 82% lower y-o-y

FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, November 13

**SINGAPORE AIRLINES' (SIA)** September-quarter profit declined 82% year-on-year as losses at Air India, in which it holds a 25.1% stake, wiped out much of the group's earnings despite steady revenue growth.

Net income for the three months ended September fell to 52 million Singapore dollars (S\$) as the carrier absorbed the full impact of Air India's weak finances following the start of equity accounting from December 2024, following the full integration of Vistara into Air India. SIA said its share of results from associated companies was S\$417 million lower in the first half, almost entirely due to Air India's losses.

However, the investment in Air India is central to SIA's long-term multi-hub strategy, as it offers essential access to one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets. Air India's financial pressures have intensified despite rising traffic and

### HIGH-PRESSURE AREA

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capacity, with consolidated losses surging 48% in FY25 to ₹10,859 crore, according to disclosures from Tata Sons. That made it the largest loss-maker across all Tata Group companies for the year.

The airline has also been hit by the aftermath of a deadly June crash that killed 260 people, one of the world's worst air disasters. It is now seeking at least ₹10,000 crore in financial support from Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines, according

to reports. During FY25, the partners jointly injected ₹9,558 crore into the carrier to meet capital expenditure needs, with SIA contributing a larger share. Air India is in the early stages of a five-year transformation programme involving fleet upgrades, operational integration and service improvements, a process SIA said it remains committed to support.

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## Singapore Airlines' profit slumps as AI losses mount

DESPITE THE STRAIN from Air India, SIA said that underlying air-travel demand remains firm heading into Q3. The group flew a record 10.5 million passengers in the September quarter, with both its flagship brand and budget arm Scoot operating fuller flights. Scoot, in particular, continued to benefit from the shutdown of rival Jetstar Asia in July, keeping its load factors above 90% for six straight months. Leaving out the Air India drag, SIA's core performance showed some resilience. Quarterly revenue rose 2.2% to S\$4.9 billion, supported by steady passenger growth even as yields slipped 3% to 9.8 Singapore cents per kilometre. Operating profit increased almost 23% to S\$398 million as fuel costs eased and expenses stayed broadly flat.



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## AI crash: AAIB report doesn't blame pilot, Centre to SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, November 13

**THE AIR INDIA** pilot has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash that claimed 260 lives, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) probe team into the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there is a statutory provision for it.

Justice Bagchi said, "The AAIB inquiry is not for apportion blame on anyone. It is only to clarify the cause so that the same does not happen again." Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for an NGO, said that a parallel inquiry should be done like a court of inquiry into the accident of such a major scale.

He said that a pilot federation has stated that these airplanes cannot be trusted and there is a huge risk on people flying in their aircraft.

Justice Kant said these proceedings should not become a fight between one airline versus another airline, and asked Mehta to file the response to the plea filed by the father of the deceased father.



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## SpiceJet loss widens to ₹635 cr in Q2; eyes better performance in Oct-March

**PTI**  
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet on Wednesday reported widening of net loss to Rs 635.42 crore in September quarter FY26 as multiple factors, including foreign exchange loss, additional expenses related to grounded as well as reinducted aircraft and airspace curbs, hit the budget carrier's bottom line.

The airline, which had faced multiple headwinds, had recorded a net loss of Rs 447.54 crore in the year-ago period and expects positive financial performance in the second half of the current financial year.

Excluding foreign exchange loss, the carrier had a net loss of Rs 447.70 crore in the sec-



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ond quarter of the current fiscal, higher than Rs 424.26 crore reported in the same period a year ago, it said in a release.

The results for the seasonally weak quarter were primarily driven by impact of recalibrating dollar-based

future obligations along with carrying cost of grounded fleet and additional expenses incurred towards RTS (Return to Service),\* the release said.

The airline also said that continued airspace restrictions negatively impacted operations and resulted in a sharp escalation in operating costs, further weighing on the quarter's performance.

SpiceJet incurred costs of Rs 120 crore related to the grounded fleet and expenses of Rs 30 crore with respect to aircraft that returned to service.

Total income in the latest September quarter fell to Rs 835.31 crore from Rs 1,078.21 crore in the year-ago period, as per a filing to the BSE.



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**HOAX** | Bomb Threat caused emergency landing of Air India flight

## Jet diverted to isolation after email threat

**UP State Bureau**  
VARANASI

Panic erupted at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi on Wednesday after an Air India Express flight from Mumbai made an emergency landing following a bomb threat. The warning, received through an email, claimed that an explosive device had been planted on board.

According to officials, Air India Express flight IX-942 had taken off from Mumbai early in the morning and was nearing Varanasi when the local Air Traffic Control (ATC) received the threatening email. The message alleged that a bomb was hidden inside the aircraft and would be detonated mid-air. ATC immediately alerted the pilots, who requested priority landing clearance.

The plane landed safely at 10:14 a.m. and was directed to the isolation bay to ensure



**176 passengers evacuated safely after threat email sparks airport-wide alert**

safety for other aircraft and passengers. Emergency services, including fire brigades and bomb disposal units, rushed to the site. All 176 passengers and crew members were safely evacuated from the

aircraft, and no injuries were reported.

Security personnel from CISF, ATS, and airport police sealed off the area while a detailed search of the plane began. Bomb disposal experts conducted a thorough inspection, but no explosive device was found in the initial sweep. Officials, however, confirmed that operations would remain suspended until the aircraft was completely cleared.

The email threat also mentioned possible attacks at air-

ports in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Hyderabad. Following this, security was tightened at major airports nationwide. Cybercrime units and intelligence agencies are now tracking the source of the email, which appears to have been routed through multiple proxy servers to conceal the sender's identity.

Varanasi Airport Director confirmed that the situation was under control but emphasized that all precautionary protocols were being followed. "Passenger safety is our utmost priority, and every standard security procedure has been activated," he stated.

The incident comes days after an explosion near Delhi's Red Fort metro station prompted nationwide vigilance. Officials have not ruled out a coordinated attempt to create panic. Airport authorities resumed limited operations later in the evening after ensuring full security clearance.



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HINDUSTAN

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## अहमदाबाद हादसे की जांच में पायलट दोषी नहीं: केंद्र

### सुनवाई

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। केंद्र सरकार ने गुरुवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया कि अहमदाबाद में एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे की शुरुआती जांच रिपोर्ट में पायलट समेत किसी को भी दोषी नहीं ठहराया गया है। शीर्ष अदालत ने कहा कि एएआईबी की जांच का उद्देश्य किसी को दोषी ठहराना नहीं, बल्कि कारणों का पता लगाना है।

जस्टिस सूर्यकांत और जाँयमाल्या बागची की पीठ ने समक्ष भारत सरकार की ओर से सॉलिसिटर जनरल तुषार

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मेहता ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि जांच के लिए वैधानिक और अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था मौजूद है और एएआईबी ने किसी को दोषी नहीं ठहराया है। मेहता ने कहा, अंतरिम रिपोर्ट के बाद (पायलट की गलती के बारे में) गलतफहमी हुई थी, इसलिए नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने साफ कर दिया था कि किसी को दोषी नहीं ठहराया जा सकता।



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## Air India crash investigation aimed at finding cause, not apportioning blame, says SC

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday clarified that the ongoing investigation by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) into the Air India Flight 171 crash at the Ahmedabad airport, killing 12 crew members and 229 passengers on June 12, was not meant to “apportion blame” but to unearth “what” caused the accident, and to safeguard against future tragedies.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the government “understands the feelings” of the father of Commander Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots on the aircraft.

Pushkarraj Sabharwal,



The debris of the Air India aircraft that crashed in Ahmedabad on June 12.

represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, along with the Federation of Indian Pilots, had moved the top court seeking an independent and judicially monitored probe into the accident. His petition was triggered by “nasty” reportage about his son and rumours of pilot error.

His petition followed a preliminary report, published in the media, con-

taining a verbal exchange between the two pilots, caught on the flight’s black box. In this, one of them had reportedly asked about the fuel switch being cut off, while the other replied that he had not switched it off.

### Ministry note

“There is no blame attributed to anyone. As a matter of fact, after the interim report, which had to be given mandatorily within a month of the accident according to international standards..., the Ministry of Civil Aviation had issued a press note,” Mr. Mehta submitted.

Justice Bagchi said the purpose of the inquiry was not to assign blame. “The object of the probe is to clarify the cause and give recommendations so that such a situation does not arise again,” he observed.



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## Star Air raises ₹150 cr. for fleet expansion

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Bengaluru-headquartered regional carrier Star Air said it has raised ₹150 crore in a Series B Round Fund for fleet expansion.

The funds were from a consortium of marquee investors including Micro Labs Ltd., Deepak Agarwal of Bikaji foods, and others.

The airline of the Sanjay Ghodawat Group plans to raise another ₹200 crore.

The funds will help the airline to grow its fleet, Star Air said in a press statement.

The airline plans to grow to a 50-aircraft fleet by 2030, according to its CEO Simran Singh Tiwana.

The airline today has nine aircraft.



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**Hindustan Times**

## AIR INDIA LOSS HURTS LARGEST SHAREHOLDER SIA

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**NEW DELHI:** Losses at Air India have caused the profit of its largest shareholder, Singapore Airlines, to plunge in the six months-ended September.

Singapore's flag carrier's net profit dropped 67.8% year-on-year to S\$239 million for the April-September period, according to its statement. It attributed the decline to accounting losses primarily from its associate company Air India, where Singapore Airlines owns a 25.1% equity.

...while the Group's share of results of associated companies was S\$417 million lower year-on-year, notably reflecting Air India's losses which were not included in the previous year net profit," it said in a statement.

Lower interest income owing to lower cash balances and interest rate cuts weighed on profits. Singapore Airlines's second-quarter net profit fell 82.1% over a year earlier to S\$52 million. This was largely due to the "share of results of associated companies" (S\$296 million) and a lower interest income (down S\$42 million).

It's unclear if the entire loss of associated firms is linked to Air India. India's second-largest airline with a 27% market, is a privately held entity and submits its results annually to the ministry of corporate affairs and does not disclose quarterly numbers. Previously, Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines jointly owned Vistara (in India) in a 51:49 ratio. Post acquisition of Air India in 2022, and subsequent merger of Vistara in November 2024, Singapore Airlines saw its equity stake reworked at 25.1%, with Tata Sons holding 74.5%.

Singapore Airlines, with its equity stake, has one board seat at Air India, a position currently held by its chief executive officer Goh Choon Phong.

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## No blame being assigned in AI-171 crash probe: Govt

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**NEW DELHI:** The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that there was "no attempt to apportion blame on anyone" in the ongoing investigation by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) into the Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner crash on June 12 that killed over 250 people, even as the court too clarified that the object of such inquiries was to ascertain the cause of the tragedy and prevent its recurrence — not to fix responsibility or assign fault.

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that the investigation was being conducted in accordance with international civil aviation norms and that there existed a "clear regime" under the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) conventions.

"There is an international convention, a regime in place, and mandatory steps to be followed in cases of air crash investigations," Mehta submitted before a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Jaymalya Bagchi.

"Suppose some foreigners were also victims. Those countries send their representatives for the investigation. There is no blame attributed to anyone. Since there was some misconception after the preliminary report, the Ministry of Civil Aviation issued a press note clarifying that no one has been blamed," he added.

The bench, while issuing notice on a petition filed by the father of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots who died in the crash, underlined that the AAIB's inquiry is not for "apportioning blame" but for identifying causes and issuing recommendations to ensure such incidents do not recur.

"The purpose of the AAIB inquiry is not to apportion blame. Its object is to clarify the cause and give recommendations so that the same does not happen again," said the bench, granting the Centre time to file its detailed response.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for



Plea sought court-monitored probe into the AI-171 crash.

father of the deceased pilot and the Federation of Indian Pilots, however, contended that the investigation so far had not adhered to ICAO-mandated standards. "The regime that Mr Mehta refers to has not been properly followed. That is the problem," he said.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, arguing for NGO Safety Matters Foundation, contended that a court of inquiry, and not merely an AAIB probe, was required for an accident of such magnitude.

Bhushan submitted that several "systemic failures" in Boeing 787 aircraft had been reported since the crash and that continuing to operate the model without a comprehensive inquiry posed a risk to all passengers. "Everybody flying in these aircraft is at risk. The pilots' association has said they need to be grounded immediately," he said.

Mehta urged the court to allow the investigation to proceed unhindered, cautioning that "any interference might be counter-productive to the focused investigation that is ongoing." "Let's not unnecessarily create panic," he said.

The bench responded that it did not wish to "pre-judge anything" and would examine the issue on the basis of the Centre's forthcoming response. "It should not look like a fight between the airlines," the court remarked before adjourning the matter.

The plea by Captain Sabharwal's father and the Federation of Indian Pilots has sought a court-monitored investigation into the June 12 crash, arguing that the preliminary AAIB findings suggesting possible "human error" were defective and ignored evidence of a potential electrical or systems failure.



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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

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## Air India crash probe aims to find cause, not assign blame: Top court

**Express News Service**  
*New Delhi, November 13*

THE SUPREME Court said Thursday the purpose of the inquiry by the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) into the June 12 crash of an Air India Boeing Dreamliner in Ahmedabad, which killed 260 people, was not to apportion responsibility but to clarify the cause and suggest improvements to avoid such accidents.

A bench presided by Justice Surya Kant was hearing petitions, including one by the father of one of the deceased pilots, who lost his life in the crash. The father has contended that the preliminary inquiry report was trying to implicate the pilots.

"The supplemental Central government investigation may go into the question of responsibility," Justice Joymalya Bagchi, who was part of a two-judge bench, said.

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said, "I understand the feelings of the father. No blame is attributed to anyone. As a matter of fact, after the interim report, which is mandatory within one

month, as per international standards, since there was some misconception, the Ministry of Civil Aviation issued a press note that there is no blame attributable to anyone."

Senior Advocate Gopal Saranarayanan, who represented the pilot's father, said, "Our apprehension is the regime (on the kind of inquiry that should be done after a plane crash) that Mr Mehta has mentioned has not been followed. That's the problem. In fact, that must be followed".

Mehta said, "Any interference by anyone can be counter-productive to a good, valid, and really focused investigation which is going on."

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the aviation safety NGO Safety Matters Foundation, pointed out that the association of pilots had flagged the risks associated with flying in Boeing 787 planes and demanded that all such flights be grounded immediately.

Justice Kant remarked, "It should not look like a fight between airlines." The SC directed the government to file a counter-affidavit in response to all the petitions in the matter.



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JANSATTA

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## केंद्र ने उच्चतम न्यायालय को बताया एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे के लिए पायलट को दोषी नहीं माना

जनसत्ता ध्यूसो  
नई दिल्ली, 13 नवंबर।

केंद्र ने गुरुवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया कि 12 जून को हुए विमान हादसे के संबंध में एएआइबी की प्रारंभिक रपट में एअर इंडिया के पायलट को दोषी नहीं ठहराया गया है। सालिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने न्यायमूर्ति सुर्यकांत और न्यायमूर्ति जायमाल्य बागची की पीठ को बताया कि विमान दुर्घटना की जांच के लिए विमान दुर्घटना जांच बोर्ड की जांच टीम का गठन अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था के तहत किया गया था और इसके लिए वैधानिक प्रावधान हैं।

न्यायमूर्ति बागची ने कहा कि एएआइबी जांच किसी पर दोष मढ़ने के लिए नहीं है। यह केवल कारण स्पष्ट करने के लिए है ताकि ऐसा दोबारा न हो। मामले में एक गैर सरकारी संगठन की ओर से पेश हुए अधिवक्ता प्रशांत

### जांच की मांग उठाई गई

'एअर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर्स (एटीसी) गिल्ड' ने नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय से दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हाल ही में 'ऑटोमैटिक मैसेज सिस्टम' में खराबी की जांच कराने तथा अन्य प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर प्रणालियों के उन्नयन की समीक्षा करने का अनुरोध किया है।

भूषण ने कहा कि इतने बड़े पैमाने की दुर्घटना को 'कोर्ट आफ इन्क्वायरी' की तरह समानांतर जांच की जानी चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि पायलट फेडरेशन ने कहा है कि इन विमानों पर भरोसा नहीं किया जा सकता और इनमें उड़ान भरने वाले लोगों के लिए बहुत बड़ा खतरा है।

न्यायमूर्ति कांत ने कहा कि यह कार्यवाही एक एअरलाइन बनाम दूसरी एअरलाइन के

बीच लड़ाई नहीं बननी चाहिए। उन्होंने मेहता से मृतक के पिता द्वारा दायर याचिका पर जवाब दाखिल करने को कहा। सरकार ने कहा कि अंतरिम रपट आने के बाद लोगों में पायलट की गलती को लेकर गलतफहमी हुई थी, इसलिए नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने प्रेस नोट जारी कर साफ किया कि किसी पर दोष तय नहीं हुआ है।

पीठ ने मामले की अगली सुनवाई दो सप्ताह बाद के लिए स्थगित कर दी। इस साल 12 जून को, एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआइ 171 वाला बोइंग 787-8 विमान लंदन के गैटविक हवाई अड्डे के लिए अहमदाबाद से उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही देर बाद एक मेडिकल हास्पिटल परिसर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था, जिससे इसमें सवार 241 लोगों सहित कुल 265 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी। मरने वाले लोगों में से 169 भारतीय, 52 ब्रिटिश, सात पुर्तगाली और एक कनाडाई नागरिक तथा चालक दल के 12 सदस्य शामिल थे।



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## Air India loss hurts largest shareholder SIA

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## Pilot of Ahmedabad plane crash not being blamed, Centre tells SC

### MPOST BUREAU

**NEW DELHI:** The deceased pilot, Captain Sumeet Sabharwal of Air India, has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI171 en route to London's Gatwick airport was operated by pilot-in-command Captain Sabharwal and co-pilot Captain Clive Kunder, who lost their lives in the crash after taking off from Ahmedabad. The horrific incident killed 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board.

The top court had issued notice to the Centre and the

Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on a plea of Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal.

Pushkaraj Sabharwal and the Federation of Indian Pilots moved the Supreme Court for a court-monitored inquiry headed by a former apex court judge into the crash of Air India flight AI171 in Ahmedabad.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) probe team into the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there was a statutory provision for it.

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He added that blame has not been attributed to anyone in the preliminary report of AAIB and stated there was some misconception about the pilot's error after the release of an interim report.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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## Pilot not blamed in plane crash: Centre

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THE Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the deceased pilot, Captain Sumeet Sabharwal of Air India, or anyone has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash in Ahmedabad that claimed 260 lives. The top court had issued notice to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on a plea of Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of the deceased pilot. Pushkaraj and the Federation of Indian Pilots moved the SC for a monitored inquiry into the plane crash headed by a former apex court judge.

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### ALSO IN TOP COURT

#### Verdict reserved on Covid vaccine deaths

The Supreme Court reserved the judgement on petitions seeking compensation from the Centre for the deaths allegedly caused by Covid-19 vaccines. After hearing a detailed argument from the petitioners' lawyer, Colin Gonsalves, and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, a two-judge bench of the apex court has reserved the verdict. The petitioners also sought an expert committee formation to inquire into the adverse effects of Covid vaccination.



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is no blame attributed to anyone in the interim report," Mehta said.

Justice Bagchi said, "The AAIB inquiry is not for apportioning blame on anyone. It is only to clarify the cause so that it doesn't repeat." Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the deceased's father, said rules for a fair probe were not being followed. "The regime that Mr Mehta has mentioned has not been followed. That's the problem," he said.

#### SC: No mining in wildlife sanctuaries and national parks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday directed that no mining activities shall take place within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and in their radius of 1km. Pronouncing the verdict, a two-judge bench of the apex court, comprising Chief Justice of India B R Gava and Justice K Vinod Chandran, observed that though such a restriction on mining was imposed with respect to Goa in the Goa Foundation case, there was a need to extend it pan-India.

The SC directed the Jharkhand government to notify 126 compartments in Saranda forest area as a wildlife sanctuary within three months.



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## **AIR TRAFFIC SURGE LIKELY FOR YEAR-END**

AirNav officials expect air traffic to peak on 19–20 December, with the return flow on 3–4 January. The operator anticipates handling about 4,930 flights daily, totalling nearly 77,000 during the holiday period, with Bali, Yogyakarta and Lombok seeing the heaviest demand. To manage the surge, AirNav has optimised its network management centre, adjusted air-capacity settings and coordinated slots and airport hours. Safety teams will increase monitoring for extreme weather, volcanic ash, wildlife hazards and cyberthreats to ensure smooth year-end travel.



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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## अहमदाबाद क्रैश पर केंद्र का सुप्रीम कोर्ट में जवाब- पायलट को दोषी नहीं बताया

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■ नई दिल्ली : केंद्र ने गुरुवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट को बताया कि 12 जून की विमान दुर्घटना मामले में एयर इंडिया के पायलट को एएआईबी (एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सिडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन बोर्ड) की प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट में दोषी नहीं ठहराया गया है। अदालत ने कहा कि एएआईबी की जांच का मकसद किसी को दोषी ठहराना नहीं होता है। इसका मकसद केवल यह साफ करना है कि दुर्घटना का कारण क्या था ताकि भविष्य में ऐसा फिर न हो।

एक एनजीओ की ओर से पेश सैनियर



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वकील प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा, इतनी बड़ी दुर्घटना के मामले में एक समानांतर जांच, जैसे कि कोर्ट ऑफ इन्क्वायरी, भी कराई जानी चाहिए। कोर्ट ने सॉलिसिटर जनरल मेहता से पायलट के पिता को याचिका पर जवाब दाखिल करने को कहा। सुनवाई दो हफ्ते के लिए टाल दी गई है।

### ‘जांच की गोपनीयता जरूरी’

सितंबर में सुनवाई के दौरान सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस बात पर ध्यान जताई थी कि शुरुआती जांच रिपोर्ट के कुछ हिस्से लीक हो गए। इससे भौडिया में यह धारणा बनी कि एयर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के लिए उसका पायलट जिम्मेदार थे। अदालत ने यह भी कहा कि जब तक जांच पूरी नहीं होती, तब तक पूर्ण गोपनीयता बनाए रखना आवश्यक है।



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NAVODAYA TIMES

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## एअर इंडिया की टोरंटो-दिल्ली उड़ान को मिली बम की धमकी

नई दिल्ली 13 नवम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): कनाडा के टोरंटो से दिल्ली आ रही एअर इंडिया की उड़ान में बम होने की धमकी भरा संदेश मिलने के बाद विमान

■ संदेश मिलने के बाद विमान की कराई सुरक्षित लैंडिंग

ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की।

सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। जानकारी के अनुसार सुबह दिल्ली पुलिस को सूचना मिली जिसमें दावा किया गया कि विमान संख्या एआई 188 में बम होने की धमकी दी गई है। इसके बाद, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे

पर बम खतरा आकलन समिति (बीटीएसी) का गठन किया गया और यह आकलन किया गया कि खतरा अविशिष्ट था। एअर इंडिया के प्रवक्ता ने कहा

कि वीरवार को टोरंटो से दिल्ली के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले विमान एआई188 के संबंध में सुरक्षा अलर्ट जारी किया गया था। विमान में मौजूद चालक दल के सदस्यों ने यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देते हुए सभी निर्धारित सुरक्षा अभ्यास किए। इसके बाद उड़ान दिल्ली में सुरक्षित उतर गई और प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार सुरक्षाकर्मियों द्वारा अनिवार्य सुरक्षा जांच के लिए उसे पार्क कर दिया गया है।



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## Air India diverted to Varanasi over threat

ASHOKE RAJ  
■ New Delhi

For passengers aboard an Air India Express flight on Wednesday, what began as a routine journey quickly turned into a tense and unforgettable experience. The flight, which was en-route to Varanasi, made an emergency landing after the crew received a bomb threat mid-air.

According to travellers on board, the cabin crew remained calm and professional as they followed all safety procedures. The aircraft landed safely at Varanasi Airport, where emergency teams were already waiting on the runway.

An Air India Express spokesperson confirmed that standard security protocols were immediately activated once the threat was received. "One of our flights to Varanasi received a security threat. In line with protocol, the



Government-appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was immediately alerted, and all necessary security procedures promptly initiated. The flight landed safely and all guests have been disembarked. The aircraft will be released for operations once all mandated

security checks are completed." — An Air India Express Spokesperson.

After landing, passengers were safely guided out of the plane and taken to a secure area while bomb disposal squads and airport security teams inspected the aircraft. No injuries were reported, and authorities

have not found any explosives so far.

The incident has sparked concern among frequent flyers, many of whom are urging airlines and airport authorities to strengthen threat response systems without causing panic or delays. Travellers also praised the quick action of

the flight crew and airport staff, crediting them for ensuring everyone's safety.

Flight operations at Varanasi Airport continue under increased security, while Air India Express awaits clearance to resume normal services once the aircraft is declared safe.

The incident comes at a time when security agencies across India are already on high alert. Following the recent car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort that claimed several lives, multiple states have tightened security at airports, railway stations, and other public places. Police forces in major cities such as Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kolkata have intensified checks, with additional surveillance at transport hubs and crowded marketplaces. Travellers have reported seeing more security personnel and stricter baggage screenings at airports nationwide.



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## GPS interference reported in Mumbai airspace

**ASHOKE RAJ**  
■ New Delhi

After Delhi, aviation authorities have issued an alert warning pilots and air traffic controllers of possible GPS signal interference in the skies near Mumbai, amid heightened concerns over cyber threats targeting aviation systems.

The Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), valid from November 13 to 17, cautions aircraft operating within the Mumbai Flight Information Region (FIR) about potential disruptions in satellite-based navigation systems.

Pilots have been advised to exercise "utmost caution" and be prepared for possible loss or degradation of GPS signals along two key Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes — L639 and P574. "GPS signal interference/loss reported on ATS L639 and P574 in Mumbai FIR. All aircraft to exercise caution," the NOTAM reads.

The alert follows recent incidents of suspected GPS spoofing, which disrupted air traffic operations over Delhi last week, leading to delays and diversions for nearly 36 hours. In response, the Directorate General of

Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed all airlines, pilots, and Air Traffic Control units to report any instance of GPS signal manipulation or interference within 10 minutes of detection. The National Security Advisor's Office, headed by Ajit Doval, is currently investigating the Delhi incident.

Experts say such interference could indicate spoofing or jamming—techniques used in cyberattacks to mislead pilots and navigation systems by transmitting false positional data. Aviation security analysts have warned that disruptions of this nature can pose serious operational and safety challenges.

The warning was first flagged publicly by Damien Symon, a geo-intelligence analyst with Intel Lab, who noted on X (formerly Twitter) that India's NOTAM followed "reports of similar interference observed around New Delhi."

In a separate development, Air India's Toronto-Delhi flight (AI188) received a bomb threat while en route to the capital on Thursday. The airline later confirmed that the threat was a hoax.



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## Deceased pilot of Ahmedabad plane crash not being blamed: Centre to SC

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ New Delhi

The deceased pilot, Captain Sumeet Sabharwal of Air India, has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash that claimed 260 lives, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI171 en route to London's Gatwick airport was operated by pilot-in-command Captain Sabharwal and co-pilot Captain Clive Kunder, who lost their lives in the crash after taking off from Ahmedabad. The horrific incident killed 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board.

The Supreme Court had issued notice to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on a plea of Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal.

Pushkaraj Sabharwal and the Federation of Indian Pilots moved the Supreme Court for a court-monitored inquiry headed by a former Supreme Court judge into the crash of Air India flight AI171 in Ahmedabad.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the Aircraft

Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) probe team into the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there was a statutory provision for it.

"There is an international convention. There's an international civil aviation organisation. They have prepared mandatory steps to be taken in case of an investigation into air crashes.

There is a regime in place. "Some foreigners are also victims. Those countries also send their representatives in the investigation. I understand the feelings of the father but there is no blame attributed to anyone in the interim report," Mehta said.

He added that blame has not been attributed to anyone in the preliminary report of AAIB and stated there was some misconception about the pilot's error after the release of an interim report.

"The Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued a press note saying that blame was not attributable to anyone. There is no question of blaming anyone in the report," he submitted.

Justice Bagchi said, "The AAIB inquiry is not for apportioning blame on anyone. It is only to clarify the cause so that the same does not



happen again." The Supreme Court was hearing three petitions filed by an NGO, a law student and the father of the deceased pilot seeking an independent, court-monitored investigation into the crash of Air India Flight near Ahmedabad. Among the 241 dead were 169 Indians, 52 Britons, seven Portuguese nationals, one Canadian and 12 crew members.

The lone survivor of the crash was Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, a British national.

On November 7, the Supreme Court said no one blamed the chief pilot of the Air India Dreamliner for the June 12 crash, which claimed 260 lives, and asked his 91-year-old father not to carry any emotional burden.

"There is no insinuation

against him even in the preliminary report," the Supreme Court had said while emphasising that if necessary, the court will clarify that the pilot is not to be blamed for the "unfortunate" plane crash.

During the hearing, advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for an NGO 'Safety Matters Foundation', said that a parallel inquiry should be done like a court of inquiry into the accident of such a major scale.

Bhushan submitted that serious accidents require a court of enquiry and not just an investigation by AAIB.

"It is very alarming. There have been many system failures in these 787s. Everybody flying in these aircraft is at risk. The pilots' association

has said that these aircraft need to be grounded immediately," he said.

He said that a pilot federation has stated that these aeroplanes cannot be trusted and there is a huge risk to people flying in their aircraft.

Justice Kant said these proceedings should not become a fight between one airline and another and asked Mehta to file the response to the plea filed by the father of the deceased.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the deceased pilot's father, said that rules for a fair probe were not being followed.

"The regime that Mr Mehta has mentioned has not been followed. That's the problem. It has not been properly followed," Sankaranarayanan submitted and urged the court to ask the Centre to file their replies to the petition of the deceased pilot's 91-year-old father.

The bench adjourned the matter for further hearing after two weeks as it clarified that it was not interested in hearing a plea of the law graduate on the issue.

The plea of deceased pilot Captain Sumeet Sabharwal's father seeks directions for the constitution of an independent committee, also

comprising aviation and technical experts, to probe the crash.

The approach of the investigation has failed to adequately examine, or rule out, other more plausible technical and procedural factors relating to Boeing that could have contributed to the tragic incident, the plea said.

The probe team is dominated by officers from DGCA and the state aviation authorities whose procedures, oversight and possible lapses are directly implicated in the investigation, it added.

The plea filed by the NGO alleged that the official probe violates citizens' fundamental rights to life, equality and access to truthful information.

The plea says the AAIB issued its preliminary report on July 12, attributing the accident to "fuel cutoff switches" being moved from "run" to "cutoff", effectively suggesting a pilot error.

On September 22, while entertaining the plea of the NGO, the Supreme Court termed as "unfortunate and irresponsible" the selective publication of a preliminary report on the June 12 Air India crash which outlined lapses on the part of pilots and paved the way for a "media narrative".



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## SpiceJet's net loss widens to ₹621 cr in Q2 FY26, revenue slips 13 pc:



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## Every Boeing-787 flyer at risk, says Bhushan; let's not make PILs appear a fight between airlines: SC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** In a PIL seeking an independent, fair and transparent inquiry into the Air India crash at Ahmedabad on June 12, advocate Prashant Bhushan quoted Federation of Indian Pilots Association to tell Supreme Court on Thursday that every person flying in Boeing-787 planes, the make of the ill-fated aircraft, runs a grave risk.

This remark before a bench of CJI-designate Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi drew immediate protest from solicitor general (SG) Tushar Mehta, who informed the court that the strict regime laid down by Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau (AAIB) to investigate air crashes is being scrupulously adhered to in the probe into the Ahmedabad crash.

He said it was important that no one attempts to trigger a general panic, and that govt was trying to ascertain the cause/s behind the crash to



SG Tushar Mehta said that contrary to claims, no blame has been placed on pilots of the ill-fated Air India plane

ensure necessary steps are taken for passenger safety. Responding to Bhushan's remarks, the bench said, "Let us not create an impression that it (hearing on the PILs) is becoming a fight between airlines."

The bench asked the civil aviation ministry to file its response to the PIL. Mehta said that contrary to claims of the petitioners through Bhushan, who was apparently trying to grab eyeballs, no blame has been placed on the pilots of the ill-fated plane. Some misconceptions created through media reports have already been cleared up by civil aviation ministry, the SG said.

Justice Bagchi said, "AAIB probe is to find out the causes behind the air crash and not to apportion blame on anyone. It is only after AAIB gives its report that the supplementary inquiry would attempt to find out who was responsible for causes of the accident."

While sympathising with the petition filed by one of the pilots' father, the SG said a litany of PILs would not serve the purpose of a fair and expeditious investigation into the accident. The bench agreed and refused to entertain a PIL by a student, advising him to concentrate on his studies instead.



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## Singapore Air's profit plunges 68% in H1 on Air India losses

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Singapore Airlines (SIA) has seen its profit for the first half this year fall 68% "notably" due to losses of Air India and some other factors. Owned 25.1% by SIA and the rest by Tata Group, Air India group had lost Rs 9,568.4 crore in FY25. SIA said its group "net profit for the first half fell by \$503 million (67.8%) to \$239 million".

Following the June 12 Ahmedabad crash, AI has reportedly sought more fund infusion from its promoters. According to agency reports, Air India is seeking at least Rs 10,000 crore (\$1.1 billion) in financial support from its promoters.

SIA, in a statement on

### IN A FREE FALL

**AI Express** | Losses soared 4.2 times to ₹5,678 crore in FY25 from ₹1,357 crore in FY24

**Air India** | Loss narrowed to ₹3,890 crore in FY25 from ₹5,025 crore in FY24

**SIA Group** | Net profit nosedived 68% in first half this year to \$239mn

➤ SIA Group's 'share of results of associated companies was \$417mn lower YoY', reflecting AI's losses

Thursday, said: "Despite the ongoing challenges, the SIA Group remains committed to working with its partner Tata Sons to support Air India's comprehensive multi-year transformation programme."

SIA Group's interest in-

come fell \$103 million from lower cash balances and interest rate cuts, while the "group's share of results of associated companies was \$417 million lower year-on-year, notably reflecting Air India's losses which were not included in the previous year. The group began equity accounting for Air India's financial performance from Dec 2024, following the full integration of Vistara into Air India," SIA said in a statement, adding, "Share of losses from Air India and lower interest income drag (ged) down net profit."

The net profit nosedived despite SIA Group revenue rising by \$178 million (1.9%) from the year before to a first half record of \$9,675 million.



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BANGALORE

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## IndiGo receives bomb threat message for 5 airports, including Delhi, Mumbai

**New Delhi:** Days after the blast near Red Fort, in which nine people were killed and 30 injured, security agencies were on Wednesday thrown into a tizzy after IndiGo received a message threatening that five airports, including Delhi and Mumbai, would be blown up

within 24 hours.

The bomb disposal squad, along with fire department personnel, immediately launched an extensive search operation at IGI Airport that continued for several hours. The threat was later declared a hoax.

This came on a day an Air

India Express aircraft en route from Mumbai to Varanasi received a bomb threat.

An official said IndiGo's grievance portal received a message at 3.14pm saying, "Indian Airports will be attacked within 24 hours — Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mum-

bai, Trivandrum." Security agencies, including the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC), were soon alerted. BTAC termed the threat "non-specific". The fire department, which received a call around 4pm, dispatched three fire tenders to the spot. TNN



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MUMBAI

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## Bomb hoax on Air India Express flight to Varanasi

**Mumbai:** An Air India Express aircraft received a bomb threat when it was en route from Mumbai to Varanasi on Wednesday. The flight landed safely at its destination, and the passengers and aircraft underwent a security check on the tarmac.

"A paper chit with the words 'Bomb. Goodbye' was found in the lavatory by one of the crew members of flight IX-1023," said a source. Security at airports in the country has been tightened following Monday's Delhi Red Fort blast.

The passengers were not aware of the threat, said Shradha Ghosalkar, a passenger. "The flight was delayed, we were to land in Varanasi at 3.50pm, but we landed at 4.25pm. The crew didn't tell us anything about the threat, we were merely told to remain seated after we landed. We could see our aircraft was parked at a distance from the terminal building. When we eventually alighted, we were asked to leave our cabin bags on the tarmac. A sniffer dog went through our bags."

An Air India Express spokesperson said: "One of our flights to Varanasi received a security threat. In line with protocol, the government-appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was immediately alerted, and all necessary security procedures were promptly initiated. The flight landed safely, and all guests have disembarked. The aircraft will be released for operations once all mandated security checks are completed." 1/8