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एयरपोर्ट से छह और शहरों के लिए आज से शुरू हो जाएंगी उड़ानें

यमुना सिटी। नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से बुधवार से उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़ने जा रही है। एयरपोर्ट 1 जुलाई से अपने नेटवर्क को बढ़ाने जा रहा है। बुधवार से छह और शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू हो जाएंगी। दो जुलाई और 13 जुलाई से यह उड़ानें और बढ़ जाएंगी। जिसके बाद एयरपोर्ट पर हर दिन उड़ान भरने और लैंडिंग करने वाले विमानों की संख्या 48 तक पहुंच जाएगी। उड़ान बढ़ाने से पहले एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने रोजाना 12 उड़ानें चलाकर संचालन को स्थिर कर लिया है।

एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन होने के बाद 15 जून से यहां पर कमर्शियल उड़ानें शुरू हो चुकी हैं और 17 जून से कार्गो उड़ानें भी रनवे पर उतर रही हैं। अब यहां से कमर्शियल उड़ानें और बढ़ाई जाएंगी, जिससे यात्रियों को अन्य बड़े शहरों के लिए भी उड़ानें मिल सकें।

अभी तक एयरपोर्ट पर इंडिगो और अकासा एयर की 12 दैनिक उड़ानें संचालित की जा रही हैं। इनमें 6 आने वाली और 6 जाने वाली हैं। ये उड़ानें लखनऊ, नवी मुंबई, जम्मू, अमृतसर, हैदराबाद और बेंगलुरु शहरों के लिए हैं। अब पहली जुलाई से एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानें बढ़ने जा रही हैं। बुधवार से भोपाल, देहरादून, धर्मशाला, जोधपुर, बरेली व पंतनगर शहर के लिए फ्लाइट मिलेंगी। बरेली व जोधपुर के लिए सोमवार, बुधवार, शुक्रवार और रविवार को फ्लाइट मिलेंगी। दो जुलाई से किशनगढ़ और जयपुर के लिए फ्लाइट उड़ान भरेंगी। किशनगढ़ के लिए मंगलवार, गुरुवार और शनिवार फ्लाइट मिलेंगी। जयपुर के लिए रोजाना फ्लाइट

दो जुलाई को दो और शहरों के लिए मिलेंगी उड़ानें, 13 जुलाई से चंडीगढ़ की शुरु हो जाएगी सेवा



धीरे-धीरे बढ़ेगी संख्या

एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानों की संख्या को धीरे-धीरे बढ़ाया जाएगा। हालांकि अभी एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानें नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से शुरू नहीं की गई हैं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने भी नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें शुरू करने के लिए प्रबंधन के साथ एमओयू किया था। फिलहाल एयरलाइन ने अभी नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से फ्लाइट शुरू करने को टाल दिया है। मिडिल ईस्ट में उथल पुथल भी इसका बड़ा कारण माना जा रहा है। हालांकि इंडिगो और अकासा एयर ने अपनी सेवाएं शुरू की हैं। जल्द ही शहरों की संख्या और बढ़ेगी। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि एयरपोर्ट का दायरा धीरे-धीरे बढ़ेगा। फ्लाइट वाले शहरों की संख्या बढ़ेगी।

रहेगी। 13 जुलाई से चंडीगढ़ के लिए भी सेवा शुरू हो जाएगी। एयरपोर्ट से 15 शहरों की कनेक्टिविटी हो जाएगी।



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DGCA suggests use of drones for safety inspections at airports

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is inspecting airports to ensure implementation of all safety related standard operating procedures.

This comes in the backdrop of June 7 incident at Delhi when a step ladder and ground equipment hit three parked Air India aircraft after being swept away by gusty winds.

On June 19, Director General Vir Vikram Yadav chaired a meeting to review preparedness of airports for the monsoon. Instructions were given on wildlife hazard management, airside surveillance and runway condition assessment.

Airports have been advised to explore the possibility of using drones for inspections subject to regulatory approvals and safety assessments.

SAFETY MEASURES

Inclement weather enhances risks of safety incidents and accidents such as runway excursions and bird strikes. Airports have also been directed to ensure ground handling equipment is properly secured in order to prevent accidents. The regulator has also asked airports to remove unused equipment from operational areas.

DGCA officers are checking whether airports have all procedures in place and ground staff is trained to take necessary safety ac-



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tions. Airport operators carry out daily inspections of runway and airside areas to check runway condition, surface lights and signage. Inspections are also done on the basis of pilot observations to remove any foreign objects or debris. Runway friction tests are also conducted periodically.

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) said that it completed runway maintenance activities last month ahead of monsoon.

"The scope of work included pavement maintenance, electrical checks across airfield ground lighting systems and substations, rubber removal, surface markings and largescale drain cleaning. Technical teams also inspected runway intersections, over 3,000 runway lights and critical cable networks supporting lighting, information technology and navigational systems to ensure uninterrupted performance," MIAL said.



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Private airports seek rollback of landing, parking concessions

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New Delhi

Private airport operators have urged the Centre to discontinue the temporary 25 per cent reduction in landing and parking charges for domestic flights once the three-month relief period expires on July 7, 2026.

Accordingly, the Association of Private Airport Operators (APAO) said the circumstances that warranted such concession have substantially eased.

In a representation to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, APAO sought restoration of the tariff framework approved by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) after the expiry of the temporary relief granted by AERA.

According to the representation, the concession was conceived as an exceptional and time-bound measure to support airlines amid prevailing geopolitical challenges.

However, airport operators said the operating environment has since stabilised considerably, reducing the need for continued regulatory support.

"In these circumstances, the continuation of the concession beyond the originally stipulated period would no longer be justified," the representation stated.

Besides, airport operators said they continue to incur substantial fixed costs and make ongoing investments



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in infrastructure, safety, security, technology, sustainability and capacity enhancement.

ADVERSE EFFECT

As per the representation, extending the concession would result in under-recovery of AERA-approved revenue requirements, adversely affecting financial sustainability as well as future infrastructure development.

The operators further pointed out that newly-commissioned airports require regulatory stability and predictable cash flows for operational stabilisation along with long-term viability.

Notably, they said restoring the approved tariff structure after the expiry of the temporary relief would uphold established regulatory principles, ensure equitable treatment of stakeholders as well as safeguard the finan-

cial health of the aviation sector.

In addition, airport operators have requested that the landing fee revenue forgone during the relief period be permitted as a deduction from the revenue share or concession fee payable to the respective authorities during FY27.

PRESERVING INTERESTS

The airport operators proposed the deducted amount could subsequently be remitted to the authorities without interest or penalty once recovered by airport operators through the tariff true-up mechanism.

The operators said such an arrangement would provide interim liquidity to meet debt servicing obligations and ensure operational continuity while preserving the economic interests of all stakeholders through eventual settlement.

Kishan: Warangal airport to take wing within a year

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 29

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Monday said the Warangal airport would be operational within a year and pledged to be among the first passengers there, promising to land in the city on the inaugural flight.

Speaking at the party's booth workers meeting in Warangal, he presented detailed report card of Central projects for the city and challenged claims by Congress and BRS that the Centre had neglected local development. He invited rival leaders to a public debate at Martyrs Memorial or Ambedkar Chowraha, saying the BJP would present project details.

Kishan Reddy urged voters to opt for a double engine government for comprehensive development. He appealed to voters to elect a BJP mayor in the upcoming municipal polls, promising to secure funds for Warangal from the Prime Minister if the party won. He announced that construction of a 30 acre railway terminal would begin next month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi would perform the ground-breaking ceremony this year for the proposed Sammakka Sarakka Tribal University, he said.

Kishan Reddy said Warangal, despite never having elected BJP MLAs or MPs, shared a special fondness and respect for Modi. Kishan Reddy accused successive BRS and Congress governments of neglecting the



BJP national president Nitin Nabin, Union ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, MP and senior BJP leader Dr K. Laxman and BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao along with other leaders at the party's booth-level meeting in Warangal on Monday.

BJP committed to tribal welfare: Nabin

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HANAMKONDA, JUNE 29

BJP president Nitin Nabin on Monday said the Centre was committed to the welfare of tribal communities and had taken measures to curb Left-Wing Extremism across the country. He said extremist activity had declined in states such as Telangana, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, enabling development in affected regions.

Addressing tribal representatives in Warangal, Nabin said efforts were being made to ensure that

city, and stated that the Modi government has sanctioned about ₹17,000 crore to transform Warangal into a major urban centre.

Kishan Reddy said the

benefits of Central welfare schemes reach tribal communities at the grass-roots level and in remote areas. He interacted with representatives of Lambada, Koya, Gond and Chenchu communities and heard their concerns related to education, healthcare, employment and socio-economic development. Nabin, who is on a three-day visit to Telangana, addressing party functionaries, stressed the importance of strengthening booth-level organisation and maintaining contact with the public.

long awaited Kazipet rail coach factory has been brought to Warangal, with roughly 90 per cent of work complete and coach production expected to start by January 2027.



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से देश के नए 11 शहरों के लिए विमान भरेंगे उड़ान

जागरण संवाददाता, गेटर नोएडा: नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से देश के 11 शहरों की कनेक्टिविटी आज से और मजबूत होगी। इंडिगो एयरलाइन बुधवार से नवी मुंबई समेत भोपाल, जयपुर, देहरादून, धर्मशाला समेत अन्य शहरों के लिए उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने जा रही है। अभी तक इंडिगो की विमान सेवा हैदराबाद, बेंगलुरु, अमृतसर, जम्मू आदि शहरों के लिए ही उपलब्ध थी। नए शहरों के जुड़ने से एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की संख्या में इजाफा होगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से 15 जून से यात्री सेवाओं की शुरुआत के साथ इंडिगो ने लखनऊ, हैदराबाद, बेंगलुरु व

● बरेली व किशनगढ़ के लिए सप्ताह में सीमित फ्लाइट

● इंडिगो नए शहरों के लिए शुरू करेगी विमान सेवा

बुधवार को भी उपलब्ध रहे टिकट

एक जुलाई से शुरू होने वाली विमान सेवा के लिए बुधवार शाम को भी टिकट उपलब्ध रहे। जयपुर के लिए 3325 रुपये प्रति यात्री में टिकट उपलब्ध था। लखनऊ के लिए 3394 से लेकर 5979 में टिकट उपलब्ध था। भोपाल के लिए टिकट 5297 रुपये, जयपुर के लिए 4375 रुपये, धर्मशाला के लिए 5028 रुपये, देहरादून के लिए 2888, चंडीगढ़ के लिए 4400 रुपये है।

अमृतसर के लिए विमान सेवा शुरू की थी। 16 जून को इंडिगो ने जम्मू व अकासा एयर ने बेंगलुरु व नवी मुंबई के लिए अपनी सेवा शुरू की थी, लेकिन एक जुलाई से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट कई नए शहरों को विमान

सेवा से जोड़ने जा रहा है। इसके शुरू होने से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से यात्रा करने वालों को सहायिता होगी। वे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से देश के 16 शहरों के लिए यात्रा कर सकेंगे। हालांकि बरेली के लिए सप्ताह में

चार दिन व किशनगढ़ के लिए सप्ताह में तीन दिन विमान सेवा उपलब्ध होगी।

एयरपोर्ट पर रोजाना टेकआफ और लैंड करने वाले विमानों की संख्या 48 तक पहुंच जाएंगी। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के नोडल अफसर शैलेंद्र भाटिया का कहना है कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से यात्रियों को आरामदायक यात्रा का अनुभव मिले, इसके लिए सभी व्यवस्थाएं हो चुकी हैं। बुधवार से फ्लाइट व यात्री संख्या में वृद्धि को देखते हुए यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्रा. लि. व एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने अपने स्टाफ की संख्या को जरूरत के अनुरूप कर लिया है।



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Airport capex to hit ₹4.2L cr

India's airport infrastructure sector is expected to attract investments of up to ₹4.2 lakh crore by 2029, according to a report by Brickwork Ratings.

The estimate includes ₹3.7 lakh crore worth of announced and ongoing projects, along with nearly ₹0.5 lakh crore in projects likely to be commissioned by 2029. The sector is expected to maintain strong momentum in FY27, supported by robust domestic air traffic growth and expanding airport capacity.

Passenger traffic is projected to grow 8-10%, driven by rising demand from Tier-2 cities and upcoming greenfield airports such as Navi Mumbai and Jewar.

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Laser beam targets IndiGo flight during landing at airport

FPJ News Service

SURAT

A major aviation safety scare unfolded at Surat International Airport on Saturday night after an IndiGo flight arriving from Delhi was targeted with a powerful green laser beam during its final approach to the runway. The incident, which occurred at one of the most critical stages of the landing process, prompted an immediate security response, with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Airport Authority officials and local police launching a search operation to trace the source of the laser.

According to airport sources, the IndiGo aircraft was approximately 9 nautical miles from the runway threshold when the pilot noticed an intense green laser beam flashing from about 2 nautical miles to the right of the extended centre line. The laser briefly illuminated the cockpit, prompting the pilot to immediately alert Air Traffic Control (ATC) about the potentially dangerous interference.

Treating the matter as a serious breach of aviation safety, airport authorities coordinated with the CISF and



Surat police, who traced the suspected origin of the laser to the Katargam area. Search teams subsequently inspected several high-rise residential buildings in the locality to identify the person responsible.

"Passenger safety remains our highest priority, and no compromise will be made in matters affecting flight operations," airport security officials said while confirming that the investigation is underway.

Authorities pointed out that the use of high-powered laser devices or drones in the vicinity of airports is a punishable offence under aviation safety regulations, as such devices can seriously interfere with aircraft operations.

This is not the first such incident in Surat. In February last year, a similar laser beam used during a wedding celebration in the Dumas area disrupted an aircraft during landing. Following a complaint to the Dumas police, the laser display was immediately shut down.

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस ने शुरु की उड़ानें, जयपुर सहित 11 नए शहरों के लिए आज से यात्रा की शुरुआत होगी नोएडा से 16 शहरों के लिए उड़ान भर सकेंगे



ग्रेटर नोएडा, प्रमुख संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से बुधवार को जयपुर और धर्मशाला सहित 11 नए शहरों के लिए घरेलू उड़ान सेवाएं शुरू होंगी। नए रूटों पर उड़ानों का संचालन इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की ओर से किया जाएगा। इसके बाद नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से संचालित होने वाले उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़कर 16 हो जाएगी।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट (डीएक्सएन) से घरेलू उड़ानों का संचालन 15 जून से शुरू हुआ है। यहां इंडिगो और अकासा एयर अपनी सेवाएं दे रही हैं। शुरुआत में बेंगलुरु, नवी मुंबई, अमृतसर, हैदराबाद और जम्मू के लिए नियमित उड़ानें शुरू की गईं। अब इंडिगो ने

नेटवर्क का विस्तार कर और 11 नए शहरों को जोड़ दिया। इनमें जयपुर, श्रीनगर, जोधपुर, धर्मशाला, भोपाल, देहरादून, लखनऊ, पंतनगर, चंडीगढ़, बरेली और किशनगढ़ शामिल हैं। इनमें बरेली और किशनगढ़ के लिए निर्धारित दिनों में ही उड़ानों का संचालन किया जाएगा। जबकि अन्य शहरों के लिए तय शेड्यूल के अनुसार सेवाएं उपलब्ध रहेंगी। इन नई उड़ानों के लिए टिकट बुकिंग मई में ही शुरू कर दी गई थी। नए शहरों के जुड़ने से पर्यटन, व्यापार और क्षेत्रीय संपर्क को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

बेंगलुरु व जोधपुर के लिए ज्यादा यात्री : बुधवार यानी आज नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से बेंगलुरु व जम्मू व नए शहरों में जोधपुर जाने वाले यात्री अधिक हैं। बेंगलुरु के लिए मंगलवार शाम तक 171 यानी कुल 95 प्रतिशत जबकि जोधपुर के लिए 151 यानी 83 प्रतिशत तक सीटें बुक हो चुकीं। रात 12 बजे तक बुकिंग स्लॉट खुला रहेगा।



नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग। • फाइल फोटो

दिल्ली के मुकाबले आधे खर्च पर हवाई यात्रा

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से दिल्ली आईजीआई के मुकाबले आधे से भी कम खर्च पर हवाई यात्रा की जा रही है। नोएडा से दिल्ली के मुकाबले 24 घंटे से भी कम अंतराल में कुछ शहरों के हवाई टिकट की कीमत 155 से 162% तक कम है।

आज उड़ान भरने वाले यात्री

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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर समय के अनुसार भी हवाई टिकट के दामों में अंतर है। रात्रि के समय उड़ान थोड़ी महंगी पड़ेगी, जबकि दिन में टिकट की दाम काफी कम है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर कैट तीन जैसे आधुनिक उपकरण लगे हैं, जिससे घने कोहरे समेत जीरो विजिबिलिटी में भी रनवे पर लैंडिंग और टेकऑफ संभव है।

विमान रोजाना 32 बार लैंडिंग-टेकऑफ करेंगे

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर प्रतिदिन विमान 32 बार लैंडिंग व टेकऑफ करेंगे। वहीं, बरेली व किशनगढ़ के लिए निर्धारित दिनों के अनुसार फ्लाइट का संचालन होगा। बरेली के लिए सोमवार, बुधवार, शुक्रवार व रविवार जबकि किशनगढ़ के लिए मंगलवार, गुरुवार व शनिवार को फ्लाइट रहेगी।



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JANSATTA

DELHI

1 JULY 2026

आज से हवाई अड्डे पर रोजाना 45 उड़ानों का होगा संचालन सोलह शहरों से जुड़ेगा नोएडा हवाई अड्डा

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
नोएडा, 30 जून।

उत्तर प्रदेश को देश का प्रमुख विमानन केंद्र बनाने की दिशा में जेवर स्थित नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा एक और महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाने जा रहा है।

एक जुलाई से हवाई अड्डे की उड़ान सेवाओं का बड़ा विस्तार होगा, जिसके बाद यहां से देश के 16 प्रमुख शहरों के लिए नियमित हवाई सेवाएं उपलब्ध होंगी। नई समयसारिणी लागू होने के साथ ही प्रतिदिन उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़कर लगभग 45 हो जाएगी। अब तक हवाई अड्डे से इंडिगो और अकासा एअर की ओर से सीमित स्तर पर संचालन किया जा रहा था। वर्तमान में



नवी मुंबई, बंगलुरु, अमृतसर, हैदराबाद और जम्मू के लिए कुल 12 उड़ानें (छह आगमन और छह प्रस्थान) संचालित हो रही थीं, जिनमें पहली उड़ान सुबह आठ बजे पहुंचती थी।

नई समयसारिणी के तहत मुंबई, जयपुर, लखनऊ, भोपाल, चंडीगढ़, देहरादून, श्रीनगर, जम्मू, बरेली, धर्मशाला, जोधपुर, किशनगढ़ और

पंतनगर समेत कई प्रमुख शहरों के लिए सीधी उड़ानें उपलब्ध होंगी। पहली उड़ान सुबह 6:40 बजे रवाना होगी, जबकि दिन की अंतिम उड़ान शाम करीब 7:55 बजे संचालित की जाएगी। नोएडा हवाई अड्डे को भविष्य की विमानन आवश्यकताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रमुख विमानन केंद्र के रूप में विकसित किया जा रहा है। पहले चरण में एक रनवे और एक टर्मिनल का निर्माण पूरा हो चुका है, जिसकी वार्षिक क्षमता लगभग 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों की है। आगामी चरणों में यहां कुल छह रनवे और कई टर्मिनलों का निर्माण प्रस्तावित है, जिससे यह देश के सबसे बड़े हवाई अड्डों में शामिल होगा। गौरतलब है कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने 28 मार्च को हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन किया था।

EXPORT DEMAND, IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE AMONG FACTORS

A'bad air cargo bucks trend, international freight up 35%

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Ahmedabad: Even as the ongoing West Asia crisis continues to disrupt global aviation routes and add to operating costs for airlines, Ahmedabad's international air cargo business is showing little sign of slowing down. Exports of pharmaceuticals, engineering products and chemicals helped Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport register strong growth in international freight volumes in April, bucking the trend seen at several major airports across the country.

The airport handled 5,893.7 metric tonnes (MT) of international cargo in April 2026, a jump of 35.1% from 4,361 MT recorded in April 2025. The performance stands out at a time when major cargo gateways such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad reportedly saw average declines of around 5% in freight traffic during the same period.

The momentum has been building for several months.

In Feb 2026, international cargo volumes at SVPI touched 5,995.6MT, up 63% from 3,679.5MT in Feb 2025. March also recorded healthy growth, with freight volumes rising 17.7% to 5,324.9MT from 4,523.3MT a year earlier.

SUSTAINED MOMENTUM



Airport officials attributed the sustained rise to a combination of strong export demand and improved cargo-handling infrastructure, particularly the integrated cargo terminal developed at the airport. Engineering goods accounted for the largest share of exports moving through Ahmedabad, followed by pharmaceuticals, chemicals, fabrics, courier shipments and seasonal exports of mangoes, airport sources said.

Imports, too, remained strong. Engineering products topped the list, followed by electronic and electrical goods, pharmaceuticals, machinery components and garments.

Industry representatives said changing global logistics patterns have also worked in Ahmedabad's favour. "Uncertainty in maritime logistics and longer shipping transit times prompted several exporters to shift critical and time-sensitive consignments from sea to air freight. Gujarat also continues to witness healthy demand from European markets, particularly for engineering and pharma products, which contributed significantly to the increase in cargo volumes despite disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis," said ICC Gujarat president Patihk Patwari.

The growth is particularly noteworthy because airlines operating international routes have been dealing with longer flying distances and higher costs as a result of airspace restrictions and geopolitical tensions in West Asia. Despite these challenges, exporters in Gujarat have continued to rely on air cargo for high-value and time-sensitive shipments, helping Ahmedabad emerge as one of the brighter spots in the country's air freight sector.



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THE ASIAN AGE

DELHI

1 JULY 2026

Govt hikes windfall tax on petrol, cuts levy on diesel, ATF exports

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NEW DELHI, JUN 30

The Central government on Tuesday hiked the windfall tax on petrol exports, while reducing the levy on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) exports. The revised rates will come into effect from Wednesday (July 1). However, there is no change in the existing excise duty on petrol and diesel meant for domestic consumption.

The levy was also intended to discourage excessive exports and prevent refiners from benefiting disproportionately from higher international fuel prices during the ongoing regional crisis. With the reduction of levy on jet fuel or ATF, the air travels, however, is expected to be cheaper as flight tickets may come down to some extent.

THE GOVERNMENT had first imposed the export levy on diesel and ATF on March 27 amid escalating tensions in West Asia, with the duty rates reviewed every fortnight. An export duty on petrol was introduced later, from May 16.

Issuing a notification, the finance ministry also said that special additional excise duty (SAED) on petrol exports has been raised to ₹4 per litre from ₹1.5 per litre. "At the same time, the government reduced the SAED on diesel exports to ₹8.5 per litre from ₹14 per litre, while the levy on ATF exports has been lowered to ₹7.5 per litre from ₹12.5 per litre," it said.

The ministry, however, clarified that there is no change in the existing excise duty on petrol and

diesel meant for domestic consumption, meaning retail fuel prices are unaffected by the latest revision. The government had first imposed the export levy on diesel and ATF on March 27 amid escalating tensions in West Asia, with the duty rates reviewed every fortnight. An export duty on petrol was introduced later, from May 16.

The export duties were introduced to ensure adequate domestic availability of petroleum products and prevent exporters from benefiting disproportionately from higher international fuel prices following the conflict in West Asia.

When the duties were initially imposed, state-owned oil companies were exempted from paying the export levy on petrol, diesel and ATF supplied to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

30 JUNE 2026

Air India Express eyes expansion into Europe, plans Georgia entry

SPREADING WINGS. Carrier aims to boost Malaysia presence; prepares to add domestic routes in 2026

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Tata Group-promoted Air India Express is set to expand its international footprint into Europe, with the airline actively evaluating the launch of non-stop services to Georgia during the upcoming winter schedule, sources told *businessline*.

When contacted, the airline did not respond to *businessline*'s queries.

Sources said the proposed entry into Eastern Europe forms part of the airline's broader strategy to strengthen its international network across short-to-medium haul markets.

Besides, the airline has restored nearly 80 per cent of its West Asia operations and currently serves 13 destinations across the Gulf, maintaining its leadership position on the strategically-important India-Gulf corridor.



NETWORK SCALE-UP. The proposed entry into Eastern Europe forms part of the airline's broader strategy to strengthen its international network across short-to-medium haul markets

Further, sources pointed out that Southeast Asia had emerged as another key growth market for the airline.

Following recent network additions in Bangkok and Phuket, the airline, sources said, is evaluating opportunities to expand its presence

in Malaysia. Alongside its international expansion plans, sources indicated that Air India Express is preparing to launch at least five new domestic services in 2026.

NETWORK EXPANSION

From a network spanning 43 domestic and 16 interna-

tional destinations, the airline is steadily building one of India's largest short-haul route networks across South Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia and, potentially, Eastern Europe.

According to sources, the airline's expansion strategy has focused on "disciplined and sustainable growth through network and fleet expansion while maintaining operational consistency and service standards".

KEY MILESTONE

Notably, Air India Express recently crossed the 100-aircraft milestone, with nearly two-thirds of its fleet comprising new-generation aircraft, supporting both scale and operational efficiency.

Since its privatisation in 2022, the airline has nearly doubled its capacity and tripled its market share, making it one of India's fastest-growing carriers.

Meanwhile, passenger traffic has also grown by

more than 25 per cent year-on-year, reflecting rising demand across its network.

RATING BOOST

Additionally, the airline recently secured a 4-Star Skytrax rating in its first-ever audit, marking a significant milestone in its transformation journey.

The carrier, which began as a relatively small airline headquartered in Kochi, has since evolved into a pan-India and international operator. As per sources, Air India Express is positioning itself as a value carrier by offering a differentiated product that bridges the gap between traditional low-cost airlines and full-service carriers.

Looking ahead, sources added that Air India Express has outlined plans to achieve a 25 per cent domestic market share by FY31, supported by a planned fleet of 300 aircraft, representing a threefold expansion from its current scale.



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

DELHI

1 JULY 2026

Centre raises duties on petrol export, cuts levy on diesel & ATF

SAURAV ANAND
New Delhi, June 30

THE GOVERNMENT ON Tuesday raised the export duty on petrol while reducing levies on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for the fortnight beginning July 1, recalibrating the tax structure in line with movements in global crude and refined product prices.

The special additional excise duty on petrol exports has been increased to ₹4 per litre from ₹1.5 per litre. In contrast, the levy on diesel exports has been reduced to ₹8.5 per litre from ₹14 per litre, while the duty on ATF exports has been cut to ₹7.5 per litre from ₹12.5 per litre.

The revised rates will come into effect on July 1. The government reviews these levies every fortnight based on the average international prices of crude oil, petrol, diesel and ATF during the preceding review period.

Export duties on diesel and ATF were first imposed on March 27, amid the West Asia crisis to discourage overseas shipments and safeguard domestic fuel supplies. Petrol exports were brought under the levy from May 16.

The government has also expanded the scope of exemptions available to public sector oil marketing companies.



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MUMBAI

30 JUNE 2026

In a first, GAGAN guides Airbus' landing



In a landmark achievement for Indian aviation, an IndiGo Airbus A320 has successfully completed a satellite-guided landing using India's home-grown GAGAN navigation system.

The demonstration flight was conducted on June 27 under the supervision of DGCA.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

1 JULY 2026

इंडिगो के एक और अधिकारी का इस्तीफा

नई दिल्ली। एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो के मुख्य मानव संसाधन अधिकारी सुखजीत सिंह पसरीचा ने अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया है। कंपनी ने मंगलवार को बताया कि वह लगभग आठ वर्षों से अधिक समय से कंपनी से जुड़े हुए थे। दिसंबर 2025 में बड़े पैमाने पर परिचालन में आए व्यवधान के बाद कई शीर्ष स्तर के अधिकारियों ने इस्तीफा दे दिया था और इसी में अब पसरीचा ने भी पद छोड़ दिया है।



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THE HINDU

DELHI

1 JULY 2026



NCLAT upholds order to pay PF dues to Jet Airways staff

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Tuesday upheld an NCLT order directing Jet Airways' liquidator to pay provident fund (PF) and gratuity dues to workmen and employees in full. The NCLAT rejected pleas by SBI and other banks that payment of PF, gratuity and pension fund dues be part of the liquidation estate, where they would be subjected to competing claims from various creditors under the IBC distribution mechanism.



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MINT

DELHI

1 JULY 2026



The leadership change comes as IndiGo is scaling up its international ambitions. HT

IndiGo hires new HR chief Bakshi

IndiGo co-founder Rahul Bhatia is continuing to reshape IndiGo's top leadership, inducting a trusted executive from his privately held InterGlobe Enterprises Pvt Ltd, into the airline's C-suite. On Tuesday evening, the airline announced the appointment of Kanwal Jeet Singh Bakshi as IndiGo's chief human resources officer (CHRO), replacing Sukhjit Singh Pasricha, who resigned after an eight-and-a-half-year stint. Bakshi's appointment as group head-HR and CHRO at India's largest airline will come into effect on 20 July.

Pasricha will exit the company after the close of business on 19 July, according to the company's exchange filings. The leadership change comes as IndiGo is scaling up its international ambitions, making the human resources function increasingly critical to the airline's long-term strategy.

DIPALI BANIK

स्वदेशी गगन तकनीक से पहली बार जेट विमान की लैंडिंग



नई दिल्ली। भारत ने विमानन सुरक्षा और आत्मनिर्भरता की दिशा में एक और महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि हासिल की है। नागरिक उड्डयन

■ आत्मनिर्भरता की ओर भारत का एक और कदम

महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने बृहस्पतिवार को पहली बार जेट इंजन वाले विमान की सैटेलाइट आधारित लैंडिंग प्रणाली के जरिये सफल लैंडिंग करवाई। उदयपुर में इंडिगो के एयरबस ए320 विमान ने इसरो और भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) की ओर से विकसित गगन (जीपीएस एडेड जियो ऑगमेंटेड नेविगेशन) प्रणाली

का इस्तेमाल करते हुए लैंडिंग प्रक्रिया पूरी की।

कुछ वर्ष पहले टर्बोप्रॉप एटीआर विमान इस तकनीक का इस्तेमाल कर चुके हैं। अब जेट विमान भी इस प्रणाली से लैस हो गए हैं। सैटेलाइट आधारित लैंडिंग सिस्टम को उन छोटे हवाई अड्डों के लिए गेम चेंजर माना जा रहा है, जहां महंगे उपकरण लैंडिंग सिस्टम उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। इसरो और एएआई ने संयुक्त रूप से प्रणाली विकसित की है। यह हवाई क्षेत्र में एलपीवी प्रक्रियाओं के लिए जरूरी कवरेज उपलब्ध कराती है। इसके साथ भारत उन चुनिंदा देशों में शामिल हो गया है, जिनके पास अपनी सैटेलाइट आधारित ऑगमेंटेशन प्रणाली है।

‘PF, gratuity payable in full even if no separate fund exists’

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In a ruling with implications for insolvency cases across sectors, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Tuesday held that workmen were entitled to receive their full provident fund and gratuity dues even if their employer hadn't maintained separate provident fund and gratuity accounts.

The appellate tribunal upheld the rights of hundreds of former Jet Airways employees to receive these statutory dues outside the airline's liquidation estate, while dismissing appeals filed by SBI and other financial creditors.

The dispute arose after Jet Airways entered liquidation following the collapse of the Jalan-Fritsch consortium's resolution plan in Nov 2024. The staffers argued that their provident fund and gratuity dues should not form part of the liquidation estate under Section 36(4)(a)(iii) of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), while lenders contended that such protection applied only if separate provident fund or gratuity funds existed on the liquidation commencement date.

Rejecting the lenders' argument, NCLAT upheld National Company Law Tribunal's Feb order directing the liquidator to pay these dues



NCLAT upheld the rights of former Jet Airways employees to receive PF and gratuity dues outside the airline's liquidation estate and dismissed appeals filed by SBI and other creditors

outside the liquidation estate. "The liquidator is liable to pay the provident fund and gratuity dues to the workmen and employees as are payable to them in terms of provisions of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and such dues shall not form part of the liquidation estate," the order said.

The tribunal, however, declined the employees' request to keep a recovery certificate issued by the deputy labour commissioner for salary dues from Jan to March 2019 outside the liquidation estate. It said these salary claims must be dealt with under IBC's waterfall mechanism applicable to workmen's dues.