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Hoax bomb threat creates panic at Jammu airport

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Panic Sunday briefly gripped Jammu airport after a private airliner received an email pertaining to a bomb threat, which later proved to be a hoax.

Airport Authority of India (AAI) officials said that a formal Police complaint was lodged in this connection after conducting an anti-sabotage drill to ascertain the identity of the sender of this hoax email.

"Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Police conducted a thorough search operation. Nothing was found during searches. Air traffic, however, remained unaffected," AAI officials said.



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UPHOLDS SERVICE TAX DEMAND

'All services rendered by AAI taxable': Supreme Court

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has ruled that all services provided by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at airports are taxable, bringing closure to a long-standing dispute over service tax liability between 2003 and 2007.

A bench comprising Justices Pankaj Mithal and P B Varale dismissed AAI's appeal against a tax demand, uphold-

ing a March 1, 2017, order of the Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT). The tribunal had earlier confirmed the service tax obligation on AAI for various services, including handling of export cargo.

In carrying out its statutory functions, AAI oversees a range of activities related to export cargo, such as unloading, carting, X-ray screening, and export packing.

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These services are delivered from the point cargo is accepted for shipment until it is loaded onto an aircraft. AAI had argued that such services were exempt from service tax under Sub-section (23) of Section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994.

The court, however, found the definition of taxable service to be comprehensive. "Accordingly, all kinds of services rendered by the Airports Authority in any airport are taxable services and are chargeable to service tax under Section 66 of the Act," the bench stated in its judgment. The bench noted that sub-clause (zzm), which specifically brought "airport services" within the ambit of taxable services, was introduced on September 10, 2004. "Any kind of services, whether in respect of export cargo provided by the Airports Authority to any person after inclusion of sub-clause (zzm) would be a taxable service," the verdict clarified. The court observed that the charging provision in Section 66 referred to all taxable services under various sub-clauses, including (zzm). "In short, any kind of services which are cov-

ered under any of the sub-clauses of Section 66, including (zzm) are chargeable to tax," it held, rejecting AAI's argument that handling export cargo fell outside the tax net.

The dispute originated in March 2010 when the Commissioner (Adjudication), Service Tax, Delhi confirmed AAI's liability for the period from October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2007. The liability was assessed under "Storage and Warehousing Services" up to September 9, 2004, and under the newly introduced "Airport Services" category thereafter. AAI challenged the Commissioner's order before the CESTAT, arguing that export cargo services were exempt. The tribunal, however, sided with the tax authorities—a decision now affirmed by the Supreme Court.

All services rendered by Airport Authority of India taxable: SC upholds Service Tax demand



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■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court (SC) has said all kinds of services rendered by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in any airport are taxable and liable to service tax as it dismissed the appeal of the airport regulator against the service tax liability between 2003 and 2007.

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and PB Varale upheld the March 1, 2017 order of Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) that approved the service tax demand from the AAI on services, including export cargo, it provides.

The AAI in discharge of its duties, handles cargo on airports including export cargo which involves a number of activities like unloading, carting, X-ray, export packing, etc.

These services are rendered from the time the cargo is accepted for shipment till it is placed on the aircraft.

The AAI contended that the service tax demand was raised for services, including handling of export cargo which was excluded under Sub section (23) of Section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994.

The bench after analysing the provisions of the law said the definition of the taxable service is very wide and takes into its fold any kind of service that may be provided to any person by the Airports Authority at any airport.

"Accordingly, all kinds of services rendered by the Airports Authority in any airport are taxable services and are chargeable to service tax under Section 66 of the Act," the bench held in a recent verdict.

"It may be pertinent to note that sub-clause (zzm) was introduced with effect from September 10, 2004. Accordingly, any kind of services whether in respect of export cargo provided by the Airports Authority to any person after inclusion of sub clause (zzm) would be taxable service," the top court said.

The bench observed that the intent of the charging Section 66 of the Act, which provides for tax on the services, refers to in sub-clauses including sub-clause (zzm).

"In short, any kind of services which are covered under any of the sub-clauses of Section 66, including (zzm) are chargeable to tax and are taxable service,"

the top court said, while rejecting AAI's argument that handling of export cargo does not incur service tax liability.

While upholding the decision of the CESTAT, the bench said, "CESTAT or the authorities below have not erred in taxing the services rendered by the appellant in relation to export cargo as taxable service under sub-clause (zzm) of Sub-section (105) of Section 65 of the Act with effect from September 10, 2004."

On March 17, 2010, the Commissioner (Adjudication), Service Tax at Delhi confirmed the service tax liability upon the airport regulator for the period October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2007 under the category of "Storage and Warehousing Service" up to September 9, 2004 and thereafter from September 10, 2004 under the category "Airport Services" introduced in Finance Act of 1994. Aggrieved by the order, the AAI moved the CESTAT on the ground that the order of the Commissioner (Adjudication), Service Tax was flawed in view of the exem.



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भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की सभी सेवाएं कर योग्य : सुप्रीम कोर्ट

निर्यात कार्गो सहित सेवाओं पर कर की मांग के खिलाफ एएआई ने दायर की है अर्जी

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) की ओर से किसी भी हवाई अड्डे पर प्रदान की जाने वाली सभी प्रकार की सेवाएं कर योग्य हैं और सेवा कर के अधीन हैं। शीर्ष अदालत ने 2003 और 2007 के बीच सेवा कर देयता के विरुद्ध हवाई अड्डा नियामक की अपील को खारिज कर दिया।

जस्टिस पंकज मिथल और जस्टिस पीवी वराले की पीठ ने सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सीईएसटीएटी) के 1 मार्च, 2017 के आदेश को बरकरार रखा, जिसमें निर्यात कार्गो सहित सेवाओं पर एएआई से सेवा कर की मांग को मंजूरी दी गई थी। एएआई हवाई अड्डों पर निर्यात कार्गो समेत कार्गो को संभालता है, जिसमें उतराई, गाड़ी चढ़ाना, एक्स-रे, निर्यात पैकिंग आदि जैसी कई गतिविधियां शामिल होती हैं। ये सेवाएं शिपमेंट के लिए कार्गो स्वीकार

सेवाएं शिपमेंट के लिए कार्गो स्वीकार किए जाने से लेकर विमान पर रखे जाने तक प्रदान की जाती हैं। एएआई ने तर्क दिया कि सेवा कर की मांग सेवाओं के लिए की गई थी, जिसमें निर्यात कार्गो की हैंडलिंग भी शामिल है, जिसे वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 65 की उपधारा (23) के तहत बाहर रखा गया था। कानून के प्रावधानों का विश्लेषण करने के बाद पीठ ने कहा कि कर योग्य सेवा की परिभाषा बहुत व्यापक है और इसके दायरे में किसी भी हवाई अड्डे पर हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण की ओर से किसी भी व्यक्ति को प्रदान की जाने वाली कोई भी सेवा आ जाती है।

जमानत आदेशों में गंभीर खामियों पर शीर्ष अदालत नाराज



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BUSINESS LINE

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Navi Mumbai airport receives DGCA licence

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Mumbai

The Navi Mumbai airport on Tuesday received the aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, paving the way for its launch.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis last week said the airport would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit on October 8-9. Actual operations will begin a few weeks later, after a security sweep of the facilities.

KEY STEP

"The achievement represents a key step in the Navi Mumbai International Airport's (NMIA) progress towards becoming fully operational. With the aerodrome licence now in place, NMIA moves closer to its vision of enhancing regional and international connectivity and establishing a modern gateway that will link Navi Mumbai with the rest of the world," the airport said in a statement.

IndiGo, Akasa Air and Air India Express have already announced plans to commence flights from Navi Mumbai.



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DELHI

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Delhi Airport to launch 'E-Arrival Card'

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The Delhi Airport plans to introduce a new system which allows international passengers to fill out their arrival information online through a seamless digital platform, eliminating the need for manual paper-based cards at the airport.

FOREIGN PASSENGERS

Accordingly, the GMR Aero-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), under the aegis of the Bureau of Immigration, is set to launch the 'E-Arrival Card' facility at Delhi Airport for arriving foreign passengers from October 1, 2025.



PAPERLESS. The Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi

"We are delighted to join hands with the 'Bureau of Immigration' to launch the 'E-Arrival Card' facility for international passengers. This initiative reflects the Government of India's commitment to delivering a world-class, hassle-free travel experience while pro-

moting sustainable practices," DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria was quoted as saying in a statement.

FASTER CLEARANCES

"By digitising the arrival card process, we are enabling faster clearances, shorter waiting times, and greater

convenience to enhance the overall passenger experience."

According to DIAL, the new system will not only ease the arrival process for passengers but also improve efficiency, reduce queues, and support the airport's sustainability goals by cutting down paper usage.

Similar facilities are available at some world-class airports in Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea and Malaysia. Earlier, in June 2024, India's first 'Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveler Programme' (FTI-TTP) was launched at Delhi airport, allowing Indian nationals and OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cardholders a faster, easier, and more secure travel experience.

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर आज से ई-आगमन कार्ड की सुविधा

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए विदेश से नई दिल्ली पहुंचने पर ई-अराइवल कार्ड की सुविधा बुधवार से शुरू हो रही है। यह पूरी तरह से पेपरलेस प्रणाली है, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के आगमन को सरल बनाएगी। इसके शुरू होने पर विदेश से आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने के बाद हाथ से कागजी 'अराइवल कार्ड' भरने की जरूरत नहीं होगी। यात्री अब आगमन की जानकारी आनलाइन सहज डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से भर कर सबमिट कर सकते हैं। इससे इमिग्रेशन काउंटरों पर लगने वाली लंबी कतार कम होगी और यात्रियों का समय बचेगा। यह सुविधा कागज के इस्तेमाल में कटौती करके

- अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट पर कागजी अराइवल कार्ड भरने की नहीं होगी जरूरत
- आज से शुरू यह सुविधा पूरी तरह से पेपरलेस, इमिग्रेशन काउंटर की कतार होगी कम



आइजीआइ पर इमिग्रेशन काउंटर

एयरपोर्ट को हरित परिचालन की ओर ले जाने वाला कदम है।

डायल की ओर से यह सुविधा ब्यूरो आफ इमिग्रेशन के सहयोग से शुरू की जा रही है। यह भारत सरकार के डिजिटल इंडिया मिशन का महत्वपूर्ण कदम है, जिसका उद्देश्य यात्रियों के लिए सुगम और विश्वस्तरीय अनुभव सुनिश्चित करना है। यह सुविधा थाइलैंड,

इंडोनेशिया, सिंगापुर, दक्षिण कोरिया और मलेशिया के प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट्स पर उपलब्ध सुविधाओं के समान है।

तीन दिन पहले दर्ज करा सकेंगे अपनी जानकारी: यात्री अपनी यात्रा से तीन दिन पहले तक अपने आगमन की जानकारी आधिकारिक और सुरक्षित सरकारी वेबसाइटों या मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन के माध्यम से भर सकते हैं। ये जानकारी ब्यूरो

आफ इमिग्रेशन के पोर्टल, इंडियन वीजा वेबसाइट, इंडियन वीजा मोबाइल एप व दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की वेबसाइट पर दर्ज कराई जा सकती है। डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने इस सुविधा के बारे में कहा कि यह पहल विश्वस्तरीय व परेशानी मुक्त यात्रा अनुभव प्रदान करने और स्थायी प्रथाओं को बढ़ावा देने की भारत सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाती है।

बता दें कि इससे पूर्व पिछले वर्ष जून में आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर भारतीय नागरिकों और ओसीआइ कार्डधारकों के लिए फास्ट ट्रैक इमिग्रेशन-ट्रस्टेड ट्रैवलर प्रोग्राम शुरू किया गया था, जो उन्हें तेज और आसान यात्रा अनुभव देता है।



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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर ई-आगमन कार्ड की सुविधा आज से हो रही शुरू

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए विदेश से नई दिल्ली पहुंचने पर ई-अराइवल कार्ड की सुविधा बुधवार से शुरू हो रही है। यह पूरी तरह से पेपरलेस प्रणाली है, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के आगमन को सरल बनाएगी। इसके शुरू होने पर विदेश से आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने के बाद हाथ से कागजी 'अराइवल कार्ड' भरने की जरूरत नहीं होगी। यात्री अब आगमन की जानकारी आनलाइन सहज डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से भर कर सबमिट कर सकते हैं। इससे इमिग्रेशन काउंटरों पर लगने वाली लंबी कतार कम होगी और यात्रियों का समय बचेगा। यह सुविधा कागज के इस्तेमाल में कटौती करके एयरपोर्ट को हरित परिचालन की ओर ले जाने वाला कदम है।

डायल की ओर से यह सुविधा ब्यूरो आफ इमिग्रेशन के सहयोग से शुरू की जा रही है। यह सुविधा थाइलैंड, इंडोनेशिया, सिंगापुर, दक्षिण कोरिया और मलेशिया के प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट्स पर उपलब्ध सुविधाओं के समान है।

कागजी अराइवल कार्ड भरने की नहीं होगी जरूरत, इमिग्रेशन काउंटर की कतार होगी कम



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल 3 पर बना इमिग्रेशन काउंटर। सी- डायल

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नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को मिला एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस

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अगले महीने पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी द्वारा नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनएमआइए) के उद्घाटन से पूर्व नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने नए बने हवाई अड्डे को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस प्रदान कर दिया है।

रायगढ़ जिले के उल्चे में स्थित एनएमआइए, मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र में छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज हवाई अड्डे के बाद दूसरा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा है। कड़े सुरक्षा और विनियामक मानदंडों को पूरा करने के बाद प्रदान किया गया एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस परिचालन शुरू करने के लिए आवश्यक शर्त है। एनएमआइए के एक प्रवक्ता ने मंगलवार को बताया कि नए विमानतल के पूर्णतः परिचालन की दिशा में यह अहम कदम है। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के साथ, एनएमआइए क्षेत्रीय व अंतरराष्ट्रीय संपर्क बढ़ाने और

▶ प्रधानमंत्री मोदी आठ अक्टूबर को करेंगे हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन

▶ एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस परिचालन शुरू करने के लिए आवश्यक शर्त है



नई मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का माडल चित्र। इंटरनेट मीडिया

नवी मुंबई को शेष विश्व से जोड़ने वाले आधुनिक प्रवेश द्वार के और करीब पहुंच गया है। ज्ञात हो, एअर इंडिया, इंडिगो और अकासा एयर ने पहले ही नए हवाई अड्डे से वाणिज्यिक परिचालन शुरू करने की योजना घोषित कर दी थी।

मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र के लिए प्रमुख विमानन केंद्र के रूप में विकसित ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन

आठ अक्टूबर को पीएम करेंगे। विभिन्न चरणों में एनएमआइए के विकास और हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण की देखरेख नई मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड द्वारा की जा रही है, जिसे अदानी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड और सिटी एंड इंटरस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन आफ महाराष्ट्र लिमिटेड (सिडको) द्वारा एक विशेष प्रयोजन वाहन (एसपीवी) बनाकर

विकसित किया गया है।

मुंबईवासियों को मिल जाएंगे दो अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतल : यह विमानतल शुरू होने के बाद मुंबई स्थित छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय टर्मिनल (सीएसएमआइए) के अलावा मुंबईवासियों को दो अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानतल मिल जाएंगे। इन दोनों विमानतलों के बीच की दूरी लगभग 40 किलोमीटर है। हालांकि, दोनों के बीच कनेक्टिविटी संबंधी समस्याओं का समाधान किया जा रहा है। इसके लिए मल्टीमाडल परिवहन सड़क, मेट्रो, उपनगरीय रेल और जल संपर्क द्वारा एक निर्बाध स्थानांतरण माडल स्थापित करने के प्रयास चल रहे हैं। ये दोनों विमानतल आपस में अच्छी कनेक्टिविटी से जुड़ जाने के बाद भारत का सबसे व्यस्त व्यापारिक शहर विश्व की प्रमुख राजधानियों के समान ही बुनियादी ढांचे के साथ काम करेगा।



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सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एएआइ की सर्विस टैक्स की मांग को बरकरार रखा

नई दिल्ली, प्रे: सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा है कि एयरपोर्ट अथारिटी आफ इंडिया (एएआइ) द्वारा किसी भी एयरपोर्ट पर प्रदान की गई सभी प्रकार की सेवाएं कर योग्य हैं और सर्विस टैक्स के लिए उत्तरदायी हैं। इसी के साथ कोर्ट ने 2003-07 के बीच सर्विस टैक्स देनदारी के खिलाफ एयरपोर्ट नियामक की अपील खारिज कर दी।

जस्टिस पंकज मित्रल और पीबी वराले की पीठ ने कस्टम्स, एक्ससाइज और सर्विस टैक्स अपीलेट ट्रिब्यूनल (सीईएसटीएटी) के एक मार्च, 2017 के आदेश को बरकरार रखा, जिसने एएआइ से उन सेवाओं पर सर्विस टैक्स मांग को मंजूरी दी, जिसमें निर्यात कार्गो शामिल है। एएआइ एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो का प्रबंधन करता है, जिसमें अनलोडिंग, कार्टिंग, एक्स-रे, पैकिंग आदि शामिल होती हैं।

कहा-एयरपोर्ट अथारिटी आफ इंडिया की सभी सेवाएं कर योग्य

एएआइ ने तर्क दिया कि सर्विस टैक्स की मांग उन सेवाओं के लिए उठाई गई थी, जिसमें निर्यात कार्गो का प्रबंधन शामिल था, जिसे वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 65 की उपधारा (23) के तहत बाहर रखा गया था। पीठ ने कानून के प्रविधानों के विश्लेषण के बाद कहा, कर योग्य सेवा की परिभाषा बहुत व्यापक है। इसमें किसी व्यक्ति को किसी भी एयरपोर्ट पर 'एयरपोर्ट अथारिटी' द्वारा प्रदान की गई सेवा शामिल है। पीठ ने फैसले में कहा, इस प्रकार, एयरपोर्ट अथारिटी द्वारा एयरपोर्ट पर प्रदान की गई सभी प्रकार की सेवाएं कर योग्य सेवाएं हैं और अधिनियम की धारा 66 के तहत सर्विस टैक्स के लिए चार्जेबल हैं।"



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Navi Mumbai airport gets licence to start operations

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, September 30

ADANI AIRPORTS-CONTROLLED NAVI MUMBAI International Airport (NMIA) on Tuesday received its aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), taking the greenfield project a step closer to commencing commercial operations.

An aerodrome licence is an official certification that confirms an airport meets all required safety, operational, and infrastructural standards for air transport services. Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL) had applied for the licence a few months ago.

Following the inauguration, it will take around 45 days for commercial operations to begin. Sources said authorities are awaiting confirmation from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as the airport is expected to be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi.



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MUMBAI

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NHRC summons Surat collector over airport safety negligence

FPJ News Service

SURAT

In a scathing indictment of official inaction, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to Surat District Collector Dr. Sourabh Pardhi, summoning him for a hearing on October 15. The move follows a complaint filed by Sanjay Ezhava, president of the Surat Airport Action Committee (SAAC), who alleged gross negligence in addressing high-rise buildings obstructing the flight path of Surat Airport.

The controversy dates back to a joint obstruction survey conducted by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) in 2018, which found violations of NOC norms in 41 projects out of nearly 50. Under the Aircraft Rules, 1994, these projects were directed to reduce their height.

While 14 projects voluntarily agreed to lower their struc-



tures, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in August 2021 passed 27 final orders directing developers to comply within 60 days. However, 21 builders challenged the DGCA orders in the Gujarat High Court, while six projects—Florence, Jash Residency, Sarjan Apartment, Fionna Apartment, Ravi Ratnam Apartment, and L&T Apartment—did not appeal, leaving them liable for immediate demolition.

Despite clear directives, the Collector of Surat failed to act for nearly three years, even after reminders from both the AAI and the Surat Municipal

Corporation (SMC). In fact, on September 16, 2022, SMC's Deputy Municipal Commissioner formally urged the Collector to act on the DGCA's final order. No demolition was carried out.

The issue resurfaced dramatically after the June 12, 2025 Ahmedabad plane crash, which heightened concerns about aviation safety. Following the tragedy, Collector Pardhi wrote to the Airport Director on July 3, 2025, shifting the demolition responsibility to the AAI and SMC—a move critics say was an attempt to deflect blame.

Calling out this delay, complainant Sanjay Ezhava said, "For three years, the administration turned a blind eye, risking the lives of 70 lakh Surat residents. The Collector's inaction only benefited powerful builders while compromising airport safety. This is not just negligence, it is a human rights violation."



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Cidco submits project report for CSMIA-Navi Mumbai airport link

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MUMBAI: The long-awaited Metro Line 8 project, which will provide a direct mass transit link between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), has reached a crucial milestone. The detailed project report (DPR) has been submitted to the state government for approval after receiving clearances from both the urban development and finance departments, senior officials confirmed.

According to the DPR, the 34.89-km corridor will cost an

estimated ₹23,000 crore and is being planned on a public-private partnership (PPP) model, similar to Mumbai Metro Line 1 (Versova-Ghatkopar). The City and Industrial Development Corporation (Cidco), the nodal agency for the project, has sought 20% viability gap funding (VGF) each from the state and Centre, with the balance investment to come from the private build-operate-transfer (BOT) partner.

The line will feature 20 stations—six underground and 14 elevated—with projected daily ridership expected to reach 1,030,000 passengers by 2031. Officials said the corridor will serve as a “seamless connector”

across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), integrating with at least six other Metro lines as well as suburban rail and bus terminals.

In addition, the corridor will be linked to the Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT), enabling out-station travellers to directly access either airport via Metro.

A senior official said, “This project will offer end-to-end connectivity between MMR’s two international airports and integrate with major rail and road hubs...” Cidco has begun a peer review of the DPR, covering alignment, traffic and environment studies, integration with existing networks, land acquisition, and financing.



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IGIA goes paperless for foreign travellers

New Delhi: Foreign travellers arriving at Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) will no longer need to fill out paper-based arrival forms. The airport is set to introduce a new e-Arrival Card facility starting Wednesday. The initiative, launched under the aegis of the Bureau of Immigration by Delhi

International Airport Limited (DIAL), which operates IGIA, aims to simplify the entry process for international passengers.

According to officials, the digital system will allow travellers to submit arrival details online – cutting down waiting time at counters, reducing queues, and supporting the airport's push for

greener operations through reduced paper consumption. "By digitising the arrival card process, we are enabling greater convenience to enhance the overall passenger experience. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to delivering a world-class travel experience," said DIAL CEO Vidh Kumar Jaipuriar. **ENS**



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JANSATTA

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दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर विदेशी यात्रियों को आज से मिलेगी ई-आगमन कार्ड की सुविधा

नई दिल्ली, 30 सितंबर (भाषा)।

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर एक अक्टूबर से विदेशी यात्रियों के लिए ई-आगमन कार्ड सुविधा उपलब्ध होगी। यह एक ऐसी प्रणाली है जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को कागज आधारित कार्ड पर लिखकर आगमन जानकारी देने के बजाय आनलाइन जानकारी देने की सुविधा प्रदान करेगी।

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे परिचालक डीआइएएल ने मंगलवार को बताया कि यह सुविधा यात्रियों के लिए आगमन प्रक्रिया को आसान बनाएगी, दक्षता में सुधार करेगी, कतारों को कम करेगी और कागज के उपयोग में कमी लाकर हवाई अड्डे के स्थायित्व लक्ष्यों में मदद करेगी। उन्होंने बताया कि थाईलैंड, इंडोनेशिया, सिंगापुर, दक्षिण कोरिया और मलेशिया के हवाई अड्डों पर भी ऐसी ही सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं।

डीआइएएल ने कहा कि नई प्रणाली अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को एक सहज डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से अपनी आगमन जानकारी आनलाइन भरने की सुविधा देती है, जिससे हवाई अड्डे पर कागज-आधारित कार्ड की आवश्यकता समाप्त हो जाएगी।



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भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की ओर से प्रदान की जाने वाली सभी सेवाएं कर योग्य : न्यायालय

नई दिल्ली, 30 सितंबर (भाषा)।

उच्चतम न्यायालय ने कहा है कि किसी भी हवाई अड्डे पर भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआइ) द्वारा प्रदान की जाने वाली सभी प्रकार की सेवाएं कर योग्य हैं और उन पर सेवा कर लगाया जा सकता है। न्यायालय ने वर्ष 2003 से 2007 के बीच सेवा कर देयता के खिलाफ दायर हवाई अड्डा नियामक की अपील को खारिज कर दिया।

न्यायमूर्ति पंकज मिश्रल और न्यायमूर्ति पीवी वराले की पीठ ने सीमा शुल्क, उत्पाद शुल्क और सेवा कर अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (सीइएसटीएटी) के एक मार्च 2017 के आदेश को बरकरार रखा। जिसमें माल के निर्यात सहित एएआइ द्वारा प्रदान की जाने वाली

न्यायालय ने वर्ष 2003 से 2007 के बीच सेवा कर देयता के खिलाफ दायर हवाई अड्डा नियामक की अपील को खारिज कर दिया।

सेवाओं पर सेवा कर लगाने को मंजूरी दी गई थी। एएआइ अपने कर्तव्यों के निर्वहन में हवाई अड्डों पर माल का प्रबंधन करता है जिसमें माल का निर्यात भी शामिल है। जिसके तहत माल का उतारा जाना, दुलाई, एक्स-रे, निर्यात के लिए पैकिंग आदि जैसी कई गतिविधियां शामिल हैं।

एएआइ ने तर्क दिया कि सेवा कर की मांग जिन सेवाओं के लिए की गई थी, उसमें निर्यात किए जाने वाले माल का प्रबंधन भी शामिल है, लेकिन इसे वित्त अधिनियम, 1994 की धारा 65 की उपधारा (23) के तहत बाहर रखा गया था। पीठ ने कहा कि कर योग्य सेवा की परिभाषा व्यापक है और हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण द्वारा किसी भी व्यक्ति को प्रदान की जाने वाली किसी भी प्रकार की सेवा इसके दायरे में आती है।



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MILLENNIUM POST

DELHI

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₹400-cr interchange to boost access to Noida Int'l Airport

DIPIKA KIROLA

GREATER NOIDA: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) is expediting infrastructure work to ensure seamless connectivity to the upcoming Noida International Airport. On Monday, NHAI Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav inspected the ongoing construction of the key interchange linking the Yamuna Expressway with the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE), along with the 8-km-long airport link road.

The interchange is being built near Jaganpur Afzalpur village at the 10-km point of the Yamuna Expressway. With an estimated cost of Rs 400 crore, the cloverleaf and loop-style interchange will provide direct access between EPE and the Yamuna Expressway. Officials said this link will greatly benefit commuters from various districts of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, offering faster access to the airport.

During the visit, Yadav reviewed the progress of the interchange and the 30-metre-wide link road, as well as a 750-metre-long secondary access road. These routes will connect the airport to major expressways including the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, DND-Faridabad-Ballabgarh corridor, and the KMP Expressway.

The NHAI Chairman instructed officials and contractors to complete all work on



“This link will greatly benefit commuters from various districts of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana”

time, stressing the importance of operational readiness before the airport becomes functional. He also assessed land acquisition, relocation of utilities, and other potential delays. Coordination with YEIDA, Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the Uttar Pradesh government was urged for timely resolution of issues.

Yadav highlighted that the interchange and road connectivity are crucial components for the airport's success. He issued strict directions to maintain quality and timelines.

YEIDA ACEO Nagendra Pratap and OSD Shalendra, along with senior NHAI officials, were present during the inspection. The visit underscores the government's determined push to accelerate infrastructure projects linked to Noida International Airport, set to become a major aviation hub in North India.



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MILLENNIUM POST

DELHI

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Delhi airport sees 5 flight diversions

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: At least five flights were diverted at the Delhi airport on Tuesday afternoon due to adverse weather conditions in the national capital, according to an official.

Heavy rains lashed parts of Delhi-NCR on Tuesday and airlines issued advisories that flight operations might be impacted.

The official said five flights that were to land at the Delhi airport were diverted to Jaipur between 12.15 pm to 12.30 pm.

"Persistent rainfall and thunderstorms are currently affecting #Delhi, leading to possible delays in flight oper-

ations. Our teams are closely monitoring the situation to ensure your journey resumes as soon as conditions improve," IndiGo said in a post on X at 12.49 pm.

Air India, in a post on X at 12.07 pm, said heavy rain may impact flight operations to and from Delhi today.

Due to bad weather in Delhi, all departures/arrivals and their consequential flights may be affected, SpiceJet said in a post on X at 11.46 am.

In a post on X at 11.56 am, Delhi airport operator DIAL said Delhi is experiencing inclement weather conditions but all flight operations were normal.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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e-Arrival card facility to kickstart at airport for foreign flyers from today



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TO simplify the arrival process for foreign flyers at the Indra Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, an e-Arrival card facility will be launched from Wednesday (October 1). This digital-first initiative aims to reduce queues and enhance the passenger experience.

An official release from the airport operator said the initiative is a partnership between the GMR-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) and the Bureau of Immigration.

"The new system allows international passengers to fill out their arrival information online through a seamless digital platform, eliminating the need for manual paper-based cards at the airport. This will not only ease the arrival process for travellers but also improve efficiency, reduce queues,

'It will improve efficiency and reduce queues'

"The system allows international passengers to fill out their arrival information online through a digital platform. It will also improve efficiency, reduce queues, and support the airport's sustainability goals by cutting down paper usage," release said.

and support the airport's sustainability goals by cutting down paper usage," the release said. World-class airports such as those in Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia already have similar facilities, it said. "It is a sustainable step towards greener operations by cutting down paper usage."

The release added that the initiative marks another milestone in the Digital India vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In June this year, India's

first Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme was launched at Delhi Airport, allowing Indian nationals and OCI cardholders a faster, easier, and more secure travel experience. Both initiatives, it said, will enhance travel convenience.

Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO, DIAL, said, "We are delighted to join hands with the Bureau of Immigration to launch the e-Arrival Card facility for international passengers. This initiative reflects the Government of India's commitment to delivering a world-class, hassle-free travel experience while promoting sustainable practices. By digitising the arrival card process, we are enabling faster clearances, shorter waiting times, and greater convenience to enhance the overall passenger experience."

Foreign flyers can fill out and submit their arrival information via an official and secure government website or a dedicated mobile application.

These include the Bureau of Immigration's portal (<https://boi.gov.in>), the Indian Visa website (<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>), and the Indian Visa mobile app Su-Swagatam. It can also be accessed through the Delhi Airport's website (www.newdelhiairport.in). The form can be completed up to three days before arrival.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

1 OCTOBER 2025

Pilots to face tougher alcohol test rules

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A massive step towards ensuring safer air travel for all has been taken by the aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). It has proposed various stringent punishments for cockpit crew who report drunk for duty, including cancellation of licence for repeat offenders.

In its draft amendments to the Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) made public last week, the regulator stated that alcohol present in the body even in small quantities jeopardises flight safety on several counts and adversely affects an aviator even during the hangover period.

It has proposed enforcing these actions in the case of violations detected before the departure of a flight (pre-flight) during the breath-analyser test. The biggest punishment the DGCA has proposed is the cancellation of the licence or the approval to fly in the case of any individual who tests positive for the third time during the breath-analyser tests. Testing positive for alcohol twice would result in a three-year suspension of licence while testing positive the first time would result in a three-month suspension of licence. Giving a miss to such tests would also be treated with much seriousness.

Similar penalties have been mooted for post-flight alcohol



Technical snag causes Jaipur-Pune flight return

A Jaipur-Pune SpiceJet flight had to return to base on Tuesday morning after a technical problem was detected soon after takeoff. According to the official sources at airport the aircraft, operating as 5G-1077, departed at 4:50 am, about 15 minutes ahead of schedule, but was forced to turn back within half an hour due to a malfunction in the cockpit door system. The incident comes at a time when airlines are under sharper scrutiny for safety.

tests. The maximum punishment here is cancellation of licence or approval and action initiated as per Aircraft Rules 1977 if the crew tests second time positive in the breath-analyser tests.

Testing positive for alcohol for those in a traineeship role like Examiners, Instructors, Line Training Captain, Check Pilot or Line Check Cabin Crew would result in the loss of approval or authorisation for three years in addition to penal action.

The DGCA has made it mandatory for all operators to maintain separate records of pre-

flight and postflight breath analyser exams for the flight crew and cabin crew for a minimum period of one year.

The draft pointed out that as per the provision of Rule 24 of the Aircraft Rules, a pilot, commander, navigator, engineer, cabin crew or other operating members should have used any alcoholic drink, sedative, narcotic or stimulant drug preparation within 12 hours of the commencement of the flight or use such preparation in the course of the flight.

Airlines have been given time till October 24 to respond to the proposed rules.

Mumbai-Delhi flight gets hoax bomb threat

S LALITHA @NewDelhi

ANXIOUS moments were witnessed after an IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Delhi carrying over 200 passengers landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) on Tuesday morning. The anonymous threat of a bomb placed inside the engine found midair on a tissue inside the lavatory turned out to be a hoax.

Flight No 6E 672, an A320 Neo aircraft, took off from 6.14 pm from Mumbai airport and landed at 7.53 am at IGI airport, according to flight tracking platform flightradar24.

An airport source said, "When the flight was airborne after it took off from Mumbai, a cabin crew member found a tissue inside the lavatory with three words scrawled on it 'Bomb in Engine'. The staff informed the cockpit crew who alerted the Air Traffic Control at Delhi airport about it."

An emergency was declared at the IGIA airport with the Central Industrial Security Force, airport police, fire personnel and ambulance with staff waiting for the arrival of the flight.



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विदेशी यात्रियों को ई-आगमन कार्ड सुविधा आज से

नई दिल्ली, 30 सितम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एक अक्टूबर से विदेशी यात्रियों के लिए ई-आगमन कार्ड सुविधा उपलब्ध होगी। यह एक ऐसी प्रणाली है जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को कागज आधारित कार्ड पर लिखकर आगमन जानकारी देने के बजाय ऑनलाइन जानकारी देने की सुविधा प्रदान करेगी।

एयरपोर्ट का संचालन करने वाली दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने मंगलवार को जारी रिलीज में बताया कि यह सुविधा यात्रियों के लिए आगमन प्रक्रिया को



आसान बनाएगी। दक्षता में सुधार करेगी, कतारों को कम करेगी और कागज के उपयोग में कमी लाकर हवाई अड्डे के स्थायित्व लक्ष्यों में मदद करेगी। यह सुविधा आब्रजन ब्यूरो के तत्वावधान में शुरू की जाएगी।

रिलीज के अनुसार, थाईलैंड, इंडोनेशिया, सिंगापुर, दक्षिण कोरिया और मलेशिया के हवाई अड्डों पर भी ऐसी ही सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं। डायल ने कहा, नयी प्रणाली अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को एक सहज डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से अपनी आगमन जानकारी ऑनलाइन भरने की सुविधा देती है, जिससे हवाई अड्डे पर कागज-आधारित कार्ड की आवश्यकता समाप्त हो जाएगी। इसके लिए यात्री अपने आगमन से तीन दिन पहले तक फॉर्म भर सकते हैं।



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डी.जी.सी.ए. ने नवी मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को दिया लाइसेंस

मुंबई (एजेंसी): विमानन नियामक नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डी.जी.सी.ए.) ने नवी मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को लाइसेंस प्रदान कर दिया है।

नवी मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (एन.एम.आई.ए.एल.) ने कहा, "डी.जी.सी.ए. से लाइसेंस मिलने के साथ ही नवी मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे ने एक बड़ी उपलब्धि हासिल कर ली है। कड़ी सुरक्षा और नियामक आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के बाद प्रदान किया गया यह लाइसेंस परिचालन शुरू करने के लिए एक आवश्यक शर्त है।" नवी मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण 5 चरणों में किया जा रहा है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी द्वारा अक्टूबर की शुरुआत में इस हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन किए जाने की उम्मीद है।



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PUNJAB KESARI

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हिसार एयरपोर्ट पर वेयरहाउस इंफ्रा होगा विकसित

चंडीगढ़, राजेश जैन (पंजाब केसरी): हरियाणा सरकार द्वारा महाराजा अग्रसेन एयरपोर्ट, हिसार पर अत्याधुनिक वेयरहाउस इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकसित



किया जाएगा। इसका उद्देश्य किसानों की बागवानी फसलों की गुणवत्ता एवं ताजगी को नियंत्रित तापमान पर संरक्षित रखते हुए उनके भंडारण और परिवहन की सुगम व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करना है ताकि निर्यात को बढ़ावा देकर किसानों

को उनकी उपज का अधिकतम लाभ सुनिश्चित किया जा सके। इसके तहत हरियाणा स्टेट वेयरहाउस कॉर्पोरेशन द्वारा एयरपोर्ट परिसर में

कोल्ड स्टोरेज एयर कार्गो सेवाएं स्थापित की जाएंगी। इन सुविधाओं से किसानों के उत्पाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप संरक्षित और निर्यात किए जा सकेंगे, जिससे हरियाणा बागवानी उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में देश के अग्रणी राज्यों में अपनी

स्थिति और मजबूत करेगा। यह जानकारी आज यहां मुख्यमंत्री श्री नायब सिंह सैनी की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित हरियाणा स्टेट वेयरहाउस कॉर्पोरेशन और नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग की बैठक में दी गई। बैठक में कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री श्री श्याम सिंह राणा भी विशेष रूप से उपस्थित रहे। मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि हिसार, सिरसा, फतेहाबाद आदि जिले स्ट्रॉबेरी, अमरूद और किन्नु जैसी बागवानी फसलों के प्रमुख क्लस्टर के रूप में तेजी से विकसित हो रहे हैं।



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Delhi airport to launch e-arrival card

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An e-Arrival Card facility will be launched for foreign travellers arriving at Delhi Airport from Oct 1, said the airport operator GMR Aero-led Delhi International Airport Limited on Tuesday.

The new system allows international passengers to fill out their arrival information

online through a digital platform. DIAL said the facility will ease the arrival process for travellers, improve efficiency, reduce queues and support the airport's sustainability goals by cutting down paper usage.

Similar facilities are available at some world-class airports in Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia.

Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO, DIAL, said, "We are delighted to join hands with the Bureau of Immigration to launch the e-Arrival Card facility for international passengers. This initiative reflects the govt's commitment to delivering a world-class, hassle-free travel experience while promoting sustainable practices."



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AHMEDABAD

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Another bomb hoax at city airport

Ahmedabad: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport was placed on high alert on Sunday after receiving an email claiming that a bomb had been planted in the terminal. Security measures were immediately stepped up as Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel, along with the bomb and dog squads, conducted thorough searches of passenger and flight areas throughout the day.

Nothing suspicious was found. Sources confirmed that no flight operations were impacted during the process.

According to the FIR filed by Ravikant

Bhardwaj, senior screener at the airport's security in-line department for 'spreading false information online and making a criminal threat', the email was received at 6.06am on Sunday on the official ID of the airport director from the address, evilterrorizer111@gmail.com. The subject stated, "Bombs have been placed around your buildings; you have 24 hours to react or face the blood pool."

The message identified the sender as the "leader of terroristic group... known as terrorizers 111" and contained further threatening statements. Investigators are working to trace the email to its sender. TNN



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GUWAHATI

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Lufthansa Group to shed 4,000 jobs by 2030 with AI

FRANKFURT, Sept 29: Lufthansa Group said Monday that it would shed 4,000 jobs by 2030 with the help of artificial intelligence, digitalisation and consolidating work among member airlines – even as the company reported strong demand for air travel and predicted stronger profits in years ahead.

Most of the lost jobs would be in Germany, and the focus would be on administrative rather than operational roles, the company said.

Lufthansa said it was moving to deepen the integration among member airlines Lufthansa, SWISS, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines and ITA Airways, and is “reviewing which activities will be no longer necessary in the future, for instance due to duplication of work.”

The group said in a statement that “profound changes brought about by digitalisation and artificial intelligence” would increase efficiency across business areas and activities.

The airline group laid out its strategic plans at a presentation for investors and analysts in Munich, saying it was seeing strong demand for air travel amid limits on offerings of flights due to stretched supply chains for planes and engines. That means a tight market that is keeping planes full and boosting revenue. – AP



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इंडिगो विमान में बम की धमकी



नई दिल्ली। मुंबई से दिल्ली आने वाली इंडिगो की एक उड़ान को मंगलवार सुबह बम की धमकी मिलने से आईजीआई पर हड़कंप मच गया और लैंडिंग के लिए हवाईअड्डे में पूर्ण आपातस्थिति घोषित करनी पड़ी। सूत्रों ने बताया कि उड़ान संख्या 6ई-762 में लगभग 200 लोग सवार थे और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने इस धमकी को अस्पष्ट पाया। इसके बावजूद किसी भी प्रकार की चूक से बचने के लिए पूरे प्रोटोकॉल के तहत कार्रवाई की गई। ब्यूरो



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अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन संगठन की परिषद में फिर चुना गया भारत

नई दिल्ली। भारत को अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागर विमानन संगठन (आईसीएओ) की परिषद में फिर से चुना गया है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने मंगलवार को बताया कि भारत को संयुक्त राष्ट्र की विशिष्ट एजेंसी आईसीएओ की परिषद के भाग दो के लिए पुनः निर्वाचित किया गया। भाग दो में वे देश शामिल हैं, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागर हवाई नींव के लिए सुविधाओं के प्रावधान में सबसे अधिक योगदान देते हैं। व्यूरो



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Jeh Aerospace scales to \$100 m order book, plans defence entry

Aishwarya Kumar
Bengaluru

Hyderabad-based Jeh Aerospace has secured long-term export contracts worth over \$100 million from tier-1 and tier-2 players in the US commercial aerospace supply chain.

"We have been able to secure contracts in excess of \$100 million, which has created a very stable platform for us," said Vishal R Sanghavi, Founder and CEO of Jeh Aerospace. "These are long-term contracts that provide significant visibility."

DOMESTIC REVENUES

While the company currently operates on a 100 per cent export model, Sanghavi anticipates a shift as domestic revenues begin flowing in.

"We would not be surprised to see this mix change to 80-20 or even 70-30 over the next four to five years," he explained, indicating a gradual pivot toward the Indian market.



Vishal R Sanghavi, Founder & CEO, Jeh Aerospace

Currently focused entirely on commercial aerospace, Jeh plans to diversify into defence aerospace in the coming years to balance demand cycles across sectors. The company operates with a 110-member team from its production facility in Hyderabad.

Jeh's growth comes amid a broader surge in aerospace sourcing from India. In 2024, Airbus announced plans to double its sourcing from India to \$1.5 billion in the coming years, up from \$750 million currently, according to

Remi Maillard, President of Airbus India and South Asia, who was speaking at the "Wings India" event in Hyderabad.

Similarly, Boeing has indicated it will increase its sourcing from India, which currently stands at ₹10,000 crore, signalling strong confidence in the country's aerospace manufacturing capabilities.

While the US remains Jeh's immediate focus, the company is laying the groundwork to expand into Western Europe, targeting countries like Germany, France, and Switzerland.

Founded in 2022, Jeh Aerospace is backed by industry veterans Prat Kumar, former Boeing India CEO and Srinivasan Dwarkanath, former CEO of Airbus India. It raised funds (undisclosed) from IndiGo Ventures, the venture capital arm of airline operator IndiGo.

In August 2025, the company secured \$11 million in a funding round led by Elevation Capital, with participation from existing backer General Catalyst.



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Aviation Minister opens Air India-Airbus pilot training centre

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The Air India-Airbus Pilot Training Centre will install 10 simulators at an investment of over ₹1,000 crore, said Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu.

The Centre was inaugurated by Naidu at Air India's Aviation Training Academy in Gurugram, Haryana.

"Through this joint ven-



Union Minister for Civil Aviation K Rammohan Naidu

ture, 10 cutting-edge simulators, including India's first A350 simulators, will be installed with a planned investment of over ₹1,000 crore," he said on social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

The facility will train more than 5,000 pilots over the next decade to support the exponential growth of commercial aviation in India. The training centre is designed to train pilots for the Airbus A320 and A350 aircraft families, and its courses are approved by both the DGCA and EASA.

"The facility is currently equipped with two Full Flight Simulators for Airbus A320 family aircraft. The remaining six A320 simulators and two A350 simulators will be installed progressively," Air India said in a statement.

businessline was the first to report last week that Air India was on the verge of launching an in-house flight simulator facility at its Gurugram-based academy to boost pilot training capacity.

The training centre expected to become a critical asset for Air India, as it is in the midst of a fleet expansion with more than 500 aircraft on order.

FLEET STRENGTH

Currently, Air India has around 3,500 pilots and a fleet of nearly 200 aircraft, including narrow-body Airbus A320 family jets and wide-body Boeing 777s and 787

Dreamliners.

Apart from type-rating training, the facility will also help in providing recurrent training for existing pilots.

"Air India is in an expansion mode with 570 new aircraft on order, and the new pilot training centre at our Aviation Training Academy in Gurugram, a part of which is being executed with Airbus, will help train and upskill pilots who will fuel Air India's ambition of becoming a world-class airline," Air India MD and CEO Campbell Wilson was quoted in a statement.

"This facility is a major step forward in our transformation journey and in making Air India and the Indian aviation industry more self-reliant. With our partners Airbus, we are playing our part in building the aviation infrastructure that India needs as one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets."

Presently, industry estimates that India would require an additional 10,000 pilots over the next decade, nearly doubling the current strength of around 12,000 licensed commercial pilots in the country.

However, limited simulator capacity has led Indian airlines to rely heavily on overseas simulator facilities in countries such as the UAE, Malaysia, and Singapore, leading to higher training costs and logistical challenges.



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1 OCTOBER 2025

India to study Maldives' seaplane model ahead of UDAN 5.5 operations

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

India will study seaplane operations in the Maldives as it prepares to roll out the phase 5.5 of its flagship regional air connectivity scheme, UDAN, sources told *businessline*.

The Maldives has developed comprehensive operational best practices that allow the smooth functioning of around 100-120 twin-engine seaplanes.

These aircraft operate almost 600 flights and carry 5,000 passengers every day, making it an ideal case study for India as it seeks to replicate such services in coastal and remote regions.

Sources told *businessline* that a high-level delegation, consisting of officials from civil aviation authorities, will soon travel to study the Maldives' well-established seaplane ecosystem.

Besides, the latest study



Seaplane services operate over 600 flights and carry 5,000 passengers daily

tour will assess regulatory frameworks, compliance mechanisms and operational best practices of the Maldives.

KEY STUDY

This will be the third such visit by the civil aviation authorities to the island nation.

Two previous delegations have already conducted similar studies, providing valuable insights into the Maldivian model.

Further, the latest mission is considered critical as it

will have a direct bearing on the final contours of the UDAN 5.5 scheme.

According to sources, the latest iteration of UDAN intends to promote last-mile connectivity in remote regions, hilly areas and island territories.

Under this phase, routes have been awarded that will be serviced exclusively with seaplanes, choppers and small aircraft with seating capacity of fewer than 20 passengers.

Industry insiders expect that the flights under UDAN 5.5 will commence by the year-end.

Till now, 'Letters of Award' for routes under the scheme have been issued to three players, including Sky-Hop and Pawan Hans.

As per sources, the 5.5 version is offering operators a chance to chart out seaplane routes between 80 water bodies, which include water-dromes, ponds and dams.



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1 OCTOBER 2025

Airlines boost India-UK connectivity, roll out incentives to push sales

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Airlines are adding flights to London and offering incentives to travel agents to grow their share in the India-UK market.

This comes on the back of India-UK comprehensive



economic and trade agreement that promises to increase travel and trade.

While Air India has introduced a fourth daily frequency from Delhi to London's Heathrow Airport, IndiGo is set to begin its maiden flight between Mumbai and Heathrow in the winter schedule.

REWARDS PROGRAMME

Among international carriers Oman Air has announced its second daily service to London Heathrow from October end. Virgin Atlantic is running a rewards programme called Sky High Club for travel agents that allows them to collect points on ticket sales. These can later be redeemed for gift vouchers and other benefits.

"We have always believed in the power of partnerships and Sky High Club is our way of recognising the travel agents who make incredible journeys possible every single day," said Shivani Singh Deo, country manager (India), Virgin Atlantic.

United Kingdom is the largest destination for Indian travellers in Europe with two-way traffic of 4.4 million in FY 2025. Delhi and London Heathrow airports account for the most traffic between India and the UK. Other UK destinations with direct connectivity include Birmingham and Manchester. Carriers including Air India, British Airways, IndiGo and Virgin Atlantic are scheduled to operate 42 daily flights between the two

countries in October. West Asian carriers such as Emirates and Etihad carry a large share of traffic between the two countries.

"There is sufficient demand on the India-UK market for both non-stop and one-stop carriers," said Sunil VA, Regional Vice-President, Oman Air. "Our second daily flight will have a morning arrival in London and we will offer onward connections in partnership with British Airways," he added.

DIASPORA CONNECT

With its large diaspora connect, student and corporate traffic, airlines have a steady demand round the year. Visit Britain, the country's national tourism agency, is also looking to drive demand by promoting destinations beyond London and focusing on segments like sporting events. "UK remains popular among Indian visitors and extra flights will definitely help," said Rajat Bagaria, Director of Sristhi Tours & Travels.

A Heathrow spokesperson said: "We're seeing growing interest in Indian destinations, and these new routes reflect Heathrow's unrivalled global reach and the choice and convenience we offer our customers - made possible through the strong partnerships we have with airlines. This surge in demand highlights the strength of UK-India ties, with 46 per cent more passengers travelling between Heathrow and India in 2024 than in 2019."



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Air India, Airbus set up pilot training facility in Haryana

Air India and Airbus have established a joint venture training facility in Haryana to train pilots for A320 and A350 family aircraft, with a planned investment of over ₹1,000 crore for simulators. The advanced pilot training centre at the Air India Aviation Training Academy will train more than 5,000 new pilots over the next decade, the airline said in a release on Tuesday. It was inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday. PTI



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DGCA approves aerodrome licence for Navi Mumbai airport

Aviation regulator DGCA has granted an aerodrome licence to the Navi Mumbai International Airport. Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) will be the second airport in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. “NMIA marks a significant milestone with the grant of its Aerodrome Licence from the DGCA. The licence, awarded after meeting stringent safety and regulatory requirements, is an essential prerequisite for commencing operations,” operator NMIAL said.

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भारत में पहली बार ए350 सिम्युलेटर, 50,000 पायलट, इंजीनियरों को ट्रेनिंग

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एअर इंडिया और एयरबस ने मिलकर हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम में पायलट ट्रेनिंग के लिए एक जॉइंट वेंचर सेंटर शुरू किया है। फिलहाल यहां ए320 और ए350 एयरक्राफ्ट के पायलट्स को ट्रेनिंग दी जाएगी। पर, अगले कुछ सालों में यह एकेडमी 50,000 से ज्यादा एविएशन प्रोफेशनल्स को ट्रेनिंग देगी। इनमें पायलट्स, केबिन क्रू, ग्राउंड स्टाफ, इंजीनियरिंग और सिंब्योरिटी स्टाफ शामिल होंगे। इस सेंटर में 10 फुल-फ्लाइट सिम्युलेटर लगाए जाएंगे। इसके लिए 1,000 करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा का निवेश होगा। एअर इंडिया एविएशन ट्रेनिंग एकेडमी में बना यह सेंटर 12,000 वर्ग मीटर में फैला है। इसमें एडवांस क्लासरूम और ब्रीफिंग रूम भी हैं। मंगलवार को इस सेंटर का उद्घाटन नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने किया। उन्होंने बताया कि इस सेंटर में भारत के पहले ए350 सिम्युलेटर लगेंगे।

क्यों है यह सेंटर जरूरी:
भारत का एविएशन सेक्टर वर्तमान में लगभग 1.2 लाख करोड़ रुपए का है और 2033 तक 12.21% की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर के साथ बढ़कर इसके करीब 3.4 लाख करोड़ रुपए पहुंचने का अनुमान है। इसके अनुसार, अगले दशक में 10,000 पायलटों की आवश्यकता होगी।



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एयर इंडिया ने एयरबस के साथ शुरू किया एडवांस्ड पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र

गुरुग्राम, 30 सितम्बर (एजेंसियां)। टाटा समूह की विमान सेवा कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने विमान बनाने वाली फ्रांसीसी कंपनी एयरबस के साथ मिलकर मंगलवार को हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम स्थित एयर इंडिया एविएशन प्रशिक्षण अकादमी में एक एडवांस्ड पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र का उद्घाटन किया। यह केंद्र एयर इंडिया और एयरबस की बराबर हिस्सेदारी वाला संयुक्त उपक्रम है। यहां अगले 10 साल में 5,000 से अधिक नये पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना है ताकि भारत में वाणिज्यिक विमानन के तेजी से बढ़ते विकास को गति मिल सके। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने एयरबस के वाणिज्यिक विमान विभाग के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) क्रिश्चन शेर और एयर इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक एवं सीईओ कैपबेल विल्सन की उपस्थिति में इस केंद्र का शुभारंभ किया। कुल 12,000 वर्ग मीटर में फैले इस नये केंद्र में 10 पूर्ण उड़ान सिम्युलेटर के साथ-



■ 10 साल में 5,000 से अधिक नये पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना बनाई

साथ एडवांस्ड क्लासरूम और ब्रीफिंग कक्ष भी होंगे। यह सुविधा एयरबस ए320 और ए350 परिवार के विमानों पर पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने के लिए डिजाइन की गई है। इसके पाठ्यक्रम डीजीसीए और ईएएसए दोनों द्वारा अनुमोदित हैं।

फिलहाल इसमें एयरबस ए320 परिवार के विमानों के लिए दो पूर्ण उड़ान सिम्युलेटर मौजूद हैं। शेष छह ए320 सिम्युलेटर और दो

ए350 सिम्युलेटर बाद में स्थापित किये जायेंगे। एयरबस इंडिया और दक्षिण एशिया के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक, जर्गन वेस्टरमियर ने कहा, 'हमें इस महत्वपूर्ण चुनौतीपूर्ण ढांचे परियोजना पर एयर इंडिया और टाटा समूह के साथ साझेदारी करने पर बहुत गर्व है। प्रशिक्षण केंद्र का उद्घाटन भारतीय विमानन के भविष्य के लिए हमारे साझा दृष्टिकोण का प्रमाण है। यह एक संयुक्त उद्यम से कहीं अधिक है; यह भारतीय एयरोस्पेस उद्योग के भविष्य में एक रणनीतिक निवेश है।' एयर इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी कैपबेल विल्सन ने कहा, 'एयर इंडिया 570 नये विमानों के ऑर्डर के साथ विस्तार की प्रक्रिया में है और गुरुग्राम स्थित हमारी एविएशन ट्रेनिंग अकादमी में नया पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र, जिसका एक हिस्सा एयरबस के साथ मिलकर चल रहा है, पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित और कुशल बनाने में मदद करेगा, जो एयर इंडिया की विश्वस्तरीय एयरलाइन बनने की महत्वाकांक्षा को पूरा करेगा।



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SpiceJet launches daily direct flights to Phuket from Delhi and Mumbai

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SpiceJet has announced the launch of daily non-stop flights to Phuket, Thailand's largest and most popular island, from Delhi and Mumbai, marking its second destination in Thailand after Bangkok. Flights from Delhi to Phuket are set to commence on October 31, 2025, while services from Mumbai will begin on November 6, 2025. The move strengthens SpiceJet's growing interna-



Spice Jet

tional network and offers Indian travellers more direct access to Thailand's renowned tourist destinations. Debojo Maharshi, Chief Business Officer of SpiceJet, said, "We are excited to add

Phuket, one of the world's most sought-after holiday destinations, to our growing international network. With non-stop flights from Delhi and Mumbai, SpiceJet is making it easier than

ever for Indian travellers to enjoy Thailand's pristine beaches, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. This expansion also reaffirms our commitment to offering more international choices and seamless connectivity at affordable fares." Phuket is celebrated for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and rich cultural experiences, including the Sino-Portuguese architecture of Old Phuket Town and the iconic Big Buddha statue.



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विमान में बम की सूचना, तलाशी में नहीं मिला कुछ संदिग्ध

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: मंगलवार को इंडिगो के विमान को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। इंडिगो के लैंडलाइन नंबर पर इस बारे में सुबह आठ बजे धमकी भरी काल आई, जिसमें कहा गया कि मुंबई से दिल्ली आने वाली उड़ान संख्या-6ई 762 में बम है। इसके बाद एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी घोषित कर दूसरी उड़ान भरने

को तैयार विमान से यात्रियों को उतारकर तत्काल सघन तलाशी ली गई, लेकिन कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। मामले में पुलिस अब जांच कर काल करने वाले का पता लगाने में जुटी है।

जानकारी के अनुसार जिस उड़ान के बारे में धमकी मिली, वह काल आने से कुछ देर पहले ही मुंबई से आकर लैंड हुई थी।

लैंडिंग के बाद यह दूसरी उड़ान के लिए तैयार थी। विमान में 200 यात्री सवार थे। इंडिगो ने बताया कि 30 सितंबर को मुंबई से दिल्ली जाने वाली इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 762 में सुरक्षा संबंधी खतरा देखा गया। प्रोटोकाल का पालन करते हुए हमने संबंधित अधिकारियों को तुरंत सूचित किया।।



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जयपुर में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण वापस उतारा गया स्पाइस जेट विमान

जागरण संवाददाता, जयपुर : जयपुर से पुणे जा रहे स्पाइस जेट के विमान में उड़ान के दौरान तकनीकी खराबी आने के बाद उसे वापस जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया। तकनीकी खराबी ठीक नहीं होने की वजह से बाद में उड़ान को रद्द कर दिया गया, जिससे 70 यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

जानकारी के मुताबिक विमान एसजी-1077 सुबह पांच बजकर पांच मिनट पर जयपुर हवाई अड्डे से पुणे के लिए रवाना हुआ था। पायलट ने तकनीकी खराबी मिलने पर एयर टैफिक कंट्रोल से संपर्क कर विमान को 25 हजार फीट की ऊंचाई से वापस उतारने की अनुमति मांगी। उड़ान भरने के करीब 25 मिनट बाद विमान वापस हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया।



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SpiceJet to double its daily flights

LOW-COST CARRIER SPICEJET plans to triple its active fleet and more than double its daily flights by mid-November as it works to regain lost ground.

Addressing shareholders at the airline's 41st annual general meeting, Ajay Singh, chairman and MD, said on Tuesday, "The company is undertaking a major expansion of capacity over the next few weeks. We will be adding to our fleet 20 aircraft comprising 19 narrow bodies and one widebody by the middle of November." SpiceJet will bring back into service around 10 grounded aircraft by April. "But four of those will join in November itself and with that we will have a near tripling of our existing active fleet," Singh added.

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In 2025, global air passenger traffic to reach 9.8 bn



GLOBAL AIR PASSENGER traffic is projected to touch 9.8 billion in

2025, 4% higher compared to last year, according to Airports Council International World. In 2024, the total passenger traffic stood at 9.4 billion. Its bi-annual World Airport Traffic Report, said the global aviation market is expanding, but its trajectory remains sensitive to geopolitical events, macroeconomic conditions and region-specific headwinds.



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● AI, AIRBUS LAUNCH PILOT HUB IN HARYANA



Union minister of civil aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu (second from right) being presented with an Air India Airbus model in Gurugram on Tuesday. Air India and Airbus have set up a joint venture training facility in Haryana to train pilots for the A320 and A350 aircraft families, with a planned investment of over ₹1,000 crore for simulators.



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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी घोषित

फ्लाइट में करीब
200 यात्री
सवार थे

मुंबई से दिल्ली आ रही
इंडिगो में बम की धमकी

एजेसी ►► नई दिल्ली

इंडिगो की मुंबई से दिल्ली आ रही एक फ्लाइट को मंगलवार सुबह बम की धमकी दी गई, जिसके बाद हड़कंप मच गया। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा कारणों से पूर्ण आपातकाल घोषित कर दिया गया।

जानकारी के मुताबिक इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई 762 में करीब 200 यात्री सवार थे। सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने जांच के बाद इस धमकी को गैर-विशिष्ट बताया। यह विमान एयरबस ए321 नियोजित था और सुबह करीब



7:53 बजे सुरक्षित रूप से दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर उतरा। इंडिगो की तरफ से इस घटना पर बयान भी जारी किया गया। इसमें कहा गया कि फ्लाइट के दौरान एक सुरक्षा खतरे का पता चला था। इसके बाद

स्थापित प्रोटोकॉल के तहत संबंधित अधिकारियों को जानकारी दी गई और उनके साथ उचित सहयोग किया गया। जरूरी सुरक्षा जांच के बाद विमान को आगे संचालन की अनुमति मिल गई।



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पिथौरागढ़ विमान सेवा बंद होने से गुस्सा

पिथौरागढ़। पिथौरागढ़ से देहरादून-पंतनगर के बीच संचालित विमान सेवा के त्योहारी सीजन में बंद होने से सीमांत के लोगों में गुस्सा है। लोगों का कहना है कि त्योहार में लोग मैदानी क्षेत्रों से घर लौटेंगे। ऐसे में विमान सेवा का बंद होना दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है। विमान सेवा के अभाव में यात्रियों को अब फिर से 14 से 15 घंटे लगातार थका देने वाली यात्रा झेलनी पड़ेगी।



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THE HINDU

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AI to train 5,000 new pilots over a decade

Jagriti Chandra

NEW DELHI

Air India says it will train more than 5,000 new pilots over the next decade at a training facility it unveiled on Tuesday here.

The centre now has two Airbus A320 simulators and will add 8 more over time, including India's first A350 simulators helping the airline save costs and resources on sending pilots overseas for training.

"This facility is a major step forward in our transformation journey and in making Air India and the Indian aviation industry more self-reliant," AI CEO Campbell Wilson said.

The centre will eventually have 21 simulators, including those of Boeing.

The Air India Training Academy is likely to train



The training centre will eventually have 21 simulators

AI professionals, including pilots, cabin crew, ground handling, engineering and security staff over the next few years and host management training programmes. AI is also in the process of setting up South Asia's largest Flying Training Organisation (FTO) at Amravati in Maharashtra.

AI has planned an aircraft maintenance engineering school for supply of skilled engineers.



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DELHI-BOUND INDIGO FLIGHT RECEIVES HOAX BOMB THREAT

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi-bound IndiGo flight from Mumbai received a hoax bomb threat mid-air on Tuesday morning, triggering an alarm among security agencies, officials aware of the details said.

"A crew member found a threat note with 'BOMB' written on it in one of the lavatories and told the pilot. The pilot alerted the local air traffic control (ATC)," an official privy to the matter said.

A second official said a bomb threat assessment committee (BTAC) was formed immediately at both Mumbai and Delhi airports to assess the situation and decide on the next course of action.

An IndiGo spokesperson confirmed the incident and said, "A security threat was noticed onboard IndiGo flight 6E 762 operating from Mumbai to Delhi on 30 September 2025. Following the established protocol, we informed the relevant authorities immediately and fully cooperated with them in carrying out the necessary security checks before the aircraft was cleared for operations."

The officials cited above said upon being informed of the threat, the aircraft was given priority landing and was parked in a secluded bay.

"The aircraft was thoroughly checked before declaring it safe," the second official cited above said.



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Boeing 737 MAX replacement said to be in early development

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LONDON: Boeing is in early stages of developing a single-aisle airplane to eventually replace the 737 MAX, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Reuters could not immediately confirm the report. Rolls-Royce declined to comment, while Boeing did not respond to a Reuters' request for comment.

The 737 MAX entered service in 2017 but was grounded globally in 2019 after two fatal crashes killed 346 people. The incidents hurt Boeing's profits and triggered lawsuits, investigations, and a criminal probe by the US Department of Justice.

The Federal Aviation Administration lifted the grounding order in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. Last Friday, the FAA said it would allow the planemaker to issue airworthiness certificates for some 737 MAX jets, starting this week. This authority had been revoked in 2019 following the



The Boeing 737 MAX first entered service in 2017.

AP

second fatal crash involving the model in Ethiopia.

Earlier this year, Boeing chief executive officer (CEO) Kelly Ortberg met with officials from Rolls-Royce Holdings in the UK to discuss a new engine for the aircraft, as per the WSJ report.

The US planemaker has also been designing the flight deck of a new narrow-body aircraft, the report said, adding that development remains in the early planning phase, with final decisions yet to be made.

The planemaker told WSJ that its recovery plan is on track, with priorities including the delivery of roughly 6,000 back-logged commercial airplanes and the certification of previously announced models.

Still, Boeing faces regulatory scrutiny. In early 2024, the FAA imposed a production cap of 38 per month for 737 MAX planes after a mid-air cabin panel blowout on a new Alaska Airlines jet, which was later found to be missing four bolts.



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MUMBAI

30 SEPTEMBER 2025

MUMBAI-SOLAPUR DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 15

MUMBAI: Solapur in western Maharashtra will be connected via air to Mumbai as Star Air, a private airline, has announced the launch of direct flights between the two cities from October 15. The inaugural flight from Mumbai to Solapur will be flagged off by chief minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Flights from Mumbai will depart at 12:50pm and reach Solapur at 2.10pm. Return flights will depart Solapur at 2.40pm and arrive in Mumbai at 3:45pm. The flights, with tickets priced at ₹3,999 for a one-way trip, will operate under the state regional connectivity scheme four days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – enhancing connectivity, supporting regional economic growth, and catering to business and leisure travellers.

“Solapur will be the 31st city on our growing network,” said Shilpa Bhatia, chief commercial and marketing officer, Star Air.

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Air India, Airbus set up pilot training facility in Haryana

New Delhi: Air India and Airbus have established a joint venture training facility in Haryana to train pilots for A320 and A350 family aircraft, with a planned investment of over Rs 1,000 crore for simulators. The training centre at the Air India Aviation Training Academy will train more than 5,000 new pilots over the next decade, the airline said.

The joint venture facility, spread over 12,000 square metres,

will have 10 full-flight simulators, along with advanced classrooms and briefing rooms. It was inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Tuesday.

Currently, it has two full-flight simulators for A320 family aircraft. The remaining six A320 simulators and two A350 simulators will be installed progressively. Naidu, in a post on X, said the simulators will be installed with an investment of more than Rs 1,000

crore. "Had the honour of inaugurating the Air India-Airbus Pilot Training Centre at Air India's Aviation Training Academy alongside Airbus Board Chairman, Rene Obermann and Air India CEO, Campbell Wilson. "Through this joint venture, 10 cutting-edge simulators, including India's first A350 simulators, will be installed with a planned investment of over (Rs) 1,000 crore," the minister said in a post on X.

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एयर इंडियाने एयरबस के साथ शुरू किया एडवांस्ड पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र

गुरुग्राम, लोकसत्य। टाटा समूह की विमान सेवा कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने विमान बनाने वाली फ्रांसीसी कंपनी एयरबस के साथ मिलकर मंगलवार को हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम स्थित एयर इंडिया एविएशन प्रशिक्षण अकादमी में एक एडवांस्ड पायलट प्रशिक्षण केंद्र का उद्घाटन किया। यह केंद्र एयर इंडिया और एयरबस की बराबर हिस्सेदारी वाला संयुक्त उपक्रम है। यहां अगले 10 साल में 5,000 से अधिक नये पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने की योजना है ताकि भारत में वाणिज्यिक विमानन के तेजी से बढ़ते विकास को गति मिल सके। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने एयरबस के वाणिज्यिक विमान विभाग के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) क्रिश्चन शेरर और एयर इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक एवं सीईओ कैप्टेन विल्सन की उपस्थिति में इस केंद्र का शुभारंभ किया।



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Boeing starts working on 737 MAX replacement

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Boeing is planning a new single-aisle airplane that would succeed the 737 MAX, according to people familiar with the matter, a long-term bid to recover business lost to rival Airbus during its series of safety and quality problems.

Earlier this year, Chief Executive Kelly Ortberg met with officials from Rolls-Royce Holdings in the U.K., two of the people said, where they discussed a new engine for the aircraft. Ortberg appointed a new senior commercial aircraft chief in Boeing's commercial plane business, whose prior role was developing a new type of aircraft.

Boeing has also been designing the flight deck of a new narrow-body aircraft, according to a person familiar with the plans.

This new aircraft is in early-stage development and plans are still taking shape, some of the people said.

Boeing's plans represent a shift for the company, which had put some new aircraft development work on the back burner while it navigated multiple challenges. They are also a sign that the company is betting that a cutting-edge plane

design could power its business for the next few decades.

Ortberg hasn't publicly detailed any plans for a 737 successor. He has consistently said that fixing Boeing's long-running quality and manufacturing problems, and shoring up its balance sheet, are his priorities.

At a recent investor conference, Ortberg said the company is looking to finish up various projects, which "will also free up a lot of capital for us to focus on what's next."

Boeing said in a statement that it remains focused on its recovery plan, including delivering on a backlog of roughly

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"Our team evaluates the market, advances key technologies, and improves our financial performance, so that we will be ready when the time is right to move forward with a new product," the company added.

Boeing's aircraft-development programs have struggled in recent years. The 737 MAX entered commercial service in May 2017. Two deadly crashes involving the jets resulted in a global grounding of the fleet in 2019 and delayed two new variants. The company later dropped plans to build a new midsize aircraft that it had



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been trumpeting. It is years behind on a new upgrade for its 777.

The crashes and other safety problems dented customers' confidence, spurred turnover in Boeing's senior management and prompted regulatory crackdowns.

As Boeing struggled, rival Airbus didn't sit still. The European aircraft manufacturer has grown to be the world's biggest plane maker by total deliveries and order backlog.

Despite starting production roughly 20 years after its rival, Airbus deliveries of A320 nar-

row-body jets have caught up to Boeing's deliveries of its 737s. Airbus's gains are bringing it billions of dollars to invest in its own next-generation narrow-body, an aircraft that it wants to deliver to customers in the late 2030s.

Boeing's previous chief, Dave Calhoun, considered reviving the effort for a midsize aircraft to gradually replace the 737 family and discussed the idea with customers. Those grand plans took a back seat to more pressing problems following a midair door-plug blowout that exposed persistent manufac-

turing problems and led to Calhoun's departure in 2024. Boeing has historically signaled development plans years in advance to entice airline customers, lock in commitments from suppliers and drum up interest from investors.

Ortberg, who harked Boeing for just over a year, has had an eye on Boeing's next big play. Building an all-new aircraft, known as a clean-sheet design, can take over a decade and cost tens of billions of dollars. Manufacturers typically look for at least a 15% jump in fuel efficiency when

deciding whether to embark on a major plane program. That could come from new engine architecture, lighter materials or radical changes to the airframe.

In February, Ortberg traveled to Rolls-Royce's factory in Derby, England, a roughly three-hour drive from London, where he met with the company's CEO, Tufan Erginbilgic. The Boeing chief heard the company's pitch to supply an engine for a new narrow-body aircraft.

"We actually hosted Boeing leadership in Derby to talk about narrow-body this year," Erginbilgic said, according to a transcript of a September investor event viewed by The Wall Street Journal. "That should give you a sense where the conversations are."

Rolls-Royce, which began testing a prototype of its newest engine in 2023, doesn't yet have a customer for the technology. The new engine could offer a 10% jump in fuel efficiency compared with engines on Airbus's A320neo and up to 20% when combined with other upgrades to a new airframe, the Rolls-Royce CEO said at the investor presentation.

In a separate media event,

Erginbilgic said the company would need a partner to help manufacture the engines and could begin deliveries as soon as 2035, a faster timeline than what Airbus is planning for its next narrow-body plane.

Any deal with Rolls-Royce would mark a major change for Boeing, which for about 40 years has used engines from CFM International—a joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran—to power its 737 narrow-body planes. The first 737 aircraft made its debut in the 1960s.

In April, Boeing shifted the focus of a project with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration aimed at developing a radical new and greener aircraft, known as X-66. Instead, the company has retocused that effort to design a lighter and more aerodynamic wing for a new aircraft.

The next month, Ortberg promoted Brian Yutko, boss of its flying-taxi subsidiary Wisk Aero, to a role leading product development within the company's commercial division. The role would include overseeing any successor to the 737 family of planes.

Boeing executives have said that Wisk technologies would be essential to designing

future cockpit avionics, including Boeing's next airplane.

Ortberg has worked to convince customers and the public that Boeing can overcome its challenges. That has been reflected in comments from airlines, including the discount carrier Ryanair, one of Boeing's biggest customers and at times, a staunch critic.

Boeing is "doing a really good job at the moment, the aircraft are coming early, quality is excellent," Ryanair CEO Michael O'Leary said at a press conference in August. He said Ryanair had started recalling engineers it had based at Boeing's factories to oversee the plane maker's work.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which will have to approve Boeing's new plane, is loosening its grip over the company's aircraft deliveries and production. Regulators expressed tentative satisfaction with the plane maker's efforts to improve its manufacturing quality.

The company still has major near-term hurdles to clear. Two new 737 MAX models have yet to be certified. Boeing is roughly six years behind schedule in bringing an upgraded 777X, a long-distance aircraft, to market.

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The FAA shouldn't let Boeing certify its own planes so soon

Reducing oversight while the firm ramps up production is risky



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The planemaker had landed in trouble for judging its own planes as air-worthy.

Boeing has been getting a flood of aircraft orders, partly because of White House jawboning during tariff negotiations. US President Donald Trump has championed Boeing as the driver of aerospace exports, one of the few industries in which the US has a trade surplus.

The rebound of Boeing's finances does not hinge on capturing more orders and swelling its backlog. The planemaker's focus now is to ramp up production and complete the certification work on new aircraft, including its 777X and 737 Max 10. Increased production will generate cash and put planes into the hands of airlines, which have been forced to fly older jets longer than they want. Increased production, including for the 787 Dreamliner, will solve most of Boeing's problems.

So it comes with some concern that the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced last week that it was taking initial steps to take the leash off Boeing after the company had been under close regulatory scrutiny following a series of accidents. The FAA said it would allow Boeing workers to issue certificates that deem a new aircraft safe to operate. Boeing and the FAA will issue these certificates on alternating weeks, the agency said in a statement. The agency was clear that it will continue to have "direct and rigorous oversight of Boeing's production processes." This move is seen as a step toward authorizing Boeing to increase 737 Max production beyond the current limit of 38 a month.

Boeing's crucial need to raise production rates is precisely why the FAA must keep a close watch on the company over the next year or two while the planemaker ramps up. If the FAA doesn't have enough inspectors to keep up with the workflow, Boeing should pay for the agency to hire more. A lack of inspectors should not impede the ramp-up, but they also shouldn't be on Boeing's direct payroll in these early stages.

As a reminder, the company got into trouble in the first place because it was given too much leeway on certifying its own work and ended up deceiving authorities on the 737 Max. A key software addition that wasn't flagged to the FAA because it could have required extra pilot training led to two fatal crashes. The pressure to crank out planes also got Boeing into trouble when corners were cut on the factory floor and out-of-sequence work created confusion, resulting in its workers placing a door panel on a new plane without bolts. That door plug blew off during a

flight in January 2024, exposing the disarray at Boeing's production facilities.

Kelly Ortberg, the former chief executive officer of aerospace supplier Rockwell Collins who was hired a year ago to lead Boeing out of its mess, has been doing and saying the right things. He took advantage of a worker strike that shut down production in the Seattle area last year to introduce new manufacturing processes and a culture that put emphasis on quality and safety. He has talked about increasing production methodically and not going to a new level until the workforce and supply chain can handle the increases.

Still, these changes are recent. There is pressure on Boeing from airlines and shareholders to boost output. The financial incentives are to ramp up quickly, even if that's tempered with the scars of past incidents. Going too slow will disappoint investors and customers. This is why inspectors who aren't on the company payroll are still needed to ensure that the ramp-up and certifications are done properly.

The FAA said that the return of the Organization Designation Authorization, which allows Boeing to certify functions on behalf of the FAA, is necessary to free up its personnel. "Resuming limited delegation to the Boeing ODA will enable FAA inspectors to provide additional surveillance in the production process," the regulator said in its statement.

With an administration focused on shrinking the federal workforce and cutting regulation, there's a danger this may again go too far.

Out of all the billions of dollars that Boeing has lost and paid out because it cut corners in the past, would it be too much of a burden to finance additional FAA inspectors? Wouldn't the FAA have more confidence to raise production limits on the 737 Max if it had more of its own inspectors handling airworthiness certifications?

These next couple of years are make or break for Boeing. If the aircraft company's production ramp-up goes smoothly, it will soon be rolling in cash. If there's a snag or another mishap, it would be a serious setback.

The FAA needs to take off the leash at some point, but perhaps it still needs to be held tight during this initial effort to boost production.

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इंडिगो की मुंबई-दिल्ली फ्लाइट को मिली बम की धमकी

नयी दिल्ली, 30 सितम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): मुंबई से दिल्ली आने वाली इंडिगो की एक उड़ान को मंगलवार सुबह बम की धमकी मिली। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-762 में लगभग 200 लोग



सवार थे। जांच में सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने धमकी को गलत पाया। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि मंगलवार को मुंबई से दिल्ली जाने वाली फ्लाइट में सुरक्षा संबंधी खतरे का पता चला। इसके

बाद मामले की सूचना संबंधित एजेंसियों को दी गई।

इंडिगो प्रवक्ता के अनुसार विमान को परिचालन के लिए मंजूरी देने से पहले आवश्यक सुरक्षा जांच में सुरक्षा अधिकारियों का पूरा सहयोग किया गया। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर भी इस फ्लाइट को लेकर इमरजेंसी स्थिति घोषित कर दी गई थी। सुबह 7.53 पर फ्लाइट सुरक्षित रूप से दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पहुंची। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा इस दौरान ग्राहकों की असुविधा को कम करने के लिए हर संभव प्रयास किया और उन्हें हर स्थिति से अवगत कराया गया।

गुरुग्राम में तैयार होंगे पायलट, एयर इंडिया ने शुरू किया ट्रेनिंग सेंटर

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पायनियर समाचार सेवा। गुरुग्राम

विमान कंपनी एयर इंडिया की ओर से गुरुग्राम में एडवांस ट्रेनिंग सेंटर की शुरुआत की गई है। मंगलवार को नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किजरापुराममोहन नायडू इसका विधिवत उद्घाटन किया गया। इस ट्रेनिंग सेंटर में एयर बस कंपनी के साथ मिलकर 10 साल में 5000 पायलट तैयार किए जाएंगे।

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इंडिया एविएशन ट्रेनिंग अकादमी में यह एडवांस पायलट ट्रेनिंग सेंटर शुरू किया गया है। भारत में वाणिज्यिक विमानन के तेजी से हो रहे विस्तार में गति देने का काम यहां से किया जाएगा। यहां एडवांस सुविधाओं के साथ पायलट्स को प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा। यह सेंटर दोनों कंपनियों द्वारा 50-50 के ज्वायंट वेंचर के आधार पर संचालित होगा। इस अवसर पर एयर बस इंडिया और दक्षिण एशिया के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक जर्गन वेस्टरमिबर ने इस अवसर पर कहा कि इस समय यहां एयर बस ए-320 के विमानों के लिए दो पूर्ण उड़ान सिम्युलेटर की सुविधा है। बाकी छह ए-320 सिम्युलेटर और दो ए-350

सिम्युलेटर नए स्थापित किए जाएंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि इस महत्वपूर्ण परियोजना पर एयर इंडिया और टाटा समूह के साथ साझेदारी गर्व और गौरव की बात है। ट्रेनिंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन भारतीय विमानन के भविष्य के लिए हमारी सांझी सोच का मजबूत प्रमाण है। यह भारतीय एवरोस्पेस उद्योग के भविष्य में एक रणनीतिक निवेश है।

वर्ल्ड क्लास उपकरणों और नई तकनीक से यहां पर प्रशिक्षण दिया जाएगा। 12,000 वर्ग मीटर में फैले इस नए सेंटर में 10 पूर्ण उड़ान सिम्युलेटर, एडवांस क्लास और ब्रीफिंग रूम होंगे। यह सुविधा एयरबस 320 और 350 विमान

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परिवारों के पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने के लिए डिजाइन की गई है और इसके पाठ्यक्रम डीजीसीए व ईएएसए दोनों द्वारा तैयार किए गए हैं।



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India re-elected to ICAO council with highest-ever mandate: Min

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New Delhi: India has been re-elected to the council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) with a “stronger mandate”. The election took place on Sept 27 during the 42nd ICAO assembly session at Montreal and India secured more votes as compared to the 2022 elections.

Union aviation minister **Ram Mohan Naidu** said: “Proud to share India has been re-elected to ICAO council with its highest-ever mandate for the 2025–28 term. Global support for India’s membership reflects our rising stature under PM Narendra Modi’s leadership and the growing confidence in India’s commitment to aviation safety, security and sustainability... During my visit to ICAO general assembly in Montreal, I (saw) strong interest from global stakeholders in our aviation sector, especially in aircraft component manufacturing, MRO and skill development.”

Naidu had on Sept 2 hosted a reception for ambassadors and high commissioners in New Delhi ahead

of the ICAO assembly session, where he had sought the support of member states for India’s candidature for re-election for the 2025–2028 term.

For the 2025–2028 term, India has reaffirmed its commitment to: Strengthening international aviation safety, security and sustainability; promoting equitable growth in air connectivity; advancing technology and innovation and supporting ICAO’s ‘No Country Left Behind initiative’, a govt statement said Tuesday.

India’s foreign ministry had also reaffirmed the country’s strong commitment to ICAO objectives through continuous engagement with other member states. “The external affairs ministry’s diplomatic outreach strengthened India’s campaign for the ICAO council elections. The representative of India at ICAO headquarters also actively canvassed support for India’s re-election,” the govt statement said.

During his Montreal visit, Rammohan Naidu held bilateral meetings with other member states and engaged with aviation industry stakeholders.





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DELHI

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Mumbai-Delhi flight receives bomb threat

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New Delhi: A Mumbai-Delhi IndiGo flight received a bomb threat on Tuesday morning. An emergency was declared at the Delhi airport, and the flight landed safely.

All the passengers and crew disembarked safely after Flight 6E 762, carrying approximately 200 passengers, landed at the airport at 7:53 am.

An IndiGo spokesperson said, "A security threat was noticed onboard IndiGo flight 6E 762 operating from Mumbai to Delhi on Sept 30, 2025. Following the established protocol, we informed the relevant authorities immediately and fully cooperated with them in carry-

ing out the necessary security checks before the aircraft was cleared for operations. We have made all efforts to minimise inconvenience to our customers, including offering them refreshments and sharing regular updates."

The spokesperson added that, as always, the safety and security of our customers, crew, and aircraft are our top-most priorities.

In Oct last year, a bomb threat was received concerning a Bengaluru-bound flight carrying 184 passengers, which forced it to return to Delhi. Police stated that in Oct 2024, seven incidents involving bomb threats were handled by IGI police. The threats were found to be hoaxes.



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HYDERABAD

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Flight aborts take-off due to mist in cabin

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Guwahati: A Hyderabad-bound IndiGo flight aborted take-off and was grounded at the LGBI Airport in Guwahati on Monday after thick mist filled the aircraft cabin.

"The aircraft did not take off and returned to the bay because of a technical issue. It was grounded, and another plane was arranged, with boarding starting shortly after," an IndiGo spokesperson said.

Passengers were alarmed to see thick mist coming from above the windows. Some filmed the mist inside the plane, which reduced visibility. Elderly passengers felt suffocated, mistaking the mist for smoke, and some experienced coughing as the cabin filled with mist, sources said.

Later, IndiGo spokesperson clarified it was not smoke. "The mist was due to humid conditions in the area. It was not smoke," the spoke-



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person said. Meteorological officials, however, said the humidity in Guwahati was around 80% on Monday, which is not unusually high for Sept. While IndiGo arranged the alternative flight for passengers travelling to Hyderabad, it also offered other options like refunds.

The replacement flight, numbered 6E565, an A20N aircraft with about 180 seats, finally left the Guwahati airport at 3.09pm. "Refreshments were also provided to all passengers," the spokesperson said.



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Flier caught smoking on int'l flight

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Hyderabad: The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) police on Sunday took a man into custody for allegedly smoking aboard an international flight.

According to police, the man, who was aboard an Indigo flight from Dubai, went to the restroom where he smoked a cigarette during the journey, which is prohibited.

"The man was able to sneak in the cigarettes as, according to the rules at Dubai airport, passengers are allowed to carry a certain amount of cigarettes in their cabin luggage," RGIA police inspector S Kankaiah said.

Officials said the man was caught after the cabin crew noticed smoke coming from the toilet. Upon arrival at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), the crew handed him over to police.

The police said they started an inquiry against the man, following which a case would be registered against him for allegedly committing the offence.