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Dabolim Airport is AAI's best airport

VASCO: The Goan International Airport at Dabolim has been ranked the best airport of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), based on the ASQ rating in the ACI-ASQ Survey. On the occasion of its 30th Annual Day, the AAI announced the winners of the ACI-ASQ Survey Awards 2024, demonstrating outstanding service quality and passenger experience.

Myanmar ATC quake victims mourned

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: The air traffic control at the Calcutta airport observed a minute's silence on Sunday in memory of their counterparts in the Myanmar capital killed in Friday's earthquake.

The ATC tower at Naypyitaw International Airport got uprooted from its base and collapsed during the 7.7 magnitude quake that killed thousands in Myanmar and Thailand. Four ATC personnel were among those killed.

Among those killed in the tower collapse are Lay Aung, general manager of ATC; and women personnel Thaw Thaw Htet Ko Ko, assistant manager; Honey Run, ATC officer 2; and Naing Naing Maw, ATC officer 2.

"We observed one minute's silence in our ATC tower on Sunday morning to show solidarity and pay homage. We were shocked to learn of the death of our ATC counterparts in Myanmar," said an ATC official.

"On Monday, we informed our Yangon ATC counterparts about the homage," he said.

Yangon ATC in Myanmar is adjacent to Calcutta's and the two "hand over" communication, navigation and surveillance controls of flights to



Air traffic control officials at the Calcutta airport observe a minute's silence on Sunday in memory of their counterparts killed in the ATC tower collapse at Myanmar's Naypyitaw International Airport

each other daily.

"We speak over the telephone several times a day with Yangon ATC. Calcutta ATC's most communications are with Yangon because of the sheer volume of flights through that region," said the official.

"The deaths of these ATC

officials shocked us. We are deeply affected," he said.

All flights taking off from Calcutta or flying above the city to places like Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and China are initially guided by Calcutta ATC.

"Then, Calcutta ATC hands over the communica-

tion, navigation and surveillance of all these flights to the Yangon ATC. In the opposite direction, Yangon ATC hands over the flights to us," said a Calcutta ATC official.

There are around 1,000 flights that the two ATCs hand over to each other.

The two airports are more

than 1,000km apart.

Calcutta's ATC also shares similar arrangements with ATCs of Dhaka, Delhi, Nagpur and Chennai.

Yangon ATC, though not physically affected by the earthquake, had technical issues.

The lateral separation between two flights mid-air between Calcutta and Yangon is kept at 10 minutes. But because of the technical problems at Yangon, the separation was increased to 15 minutes, said ATC sources.

Since Monday afternoon, the normal 10-minute gap had been restored, they said.

A pilot who frequently operates flights from Calcutta to Yangon and Bangkok, and has to communicate with the Myanmar ATC personnel, said "they are very helpful".

"Whenever I request clearance to climb up to a higher altitude for smoother flying and less fuel consumption, the Yangon ATC obliges. Other ATCs say they would allow the climb, but often do not," said the pilot.

However, he said has difficulties following some of the verbal communications. "Sometimes I have trouble understanding their accent. Then, I ask them to say it slowly a second time," he said.



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DESHBANDHU

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दरभंगा हवाई अड्डे का 14 सौ करोड़ रुपए से हो रहा विस्तार : किंजारापु नायडू

केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजारापु राममोहन नायडू ने राज्यसभा में कहा कि बिहार में ग्रीन फील्ड अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा का निर्माण पटना के करीब ही किया जाएगा और दरभंगा हवाई अड्डे का 1400 करोड़ की लागत से विस्तार किया जा रहा है। नायडू ने वायुयान वस्तुओं में हित संरक्षण विधेयक 2025 पर हुई चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए कहा कि जहां तक बिहार में अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का मुद्दा है तो पटना और उसके पास दो हवाई अड्डा पटना तथा बिहटा में हैं। चालू वित्त वर्ष के आम बजट में वित्त मंत्री द्वारा घोषित एक ग्रीन फील्ड अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के लिए भी पटना के आसपास ही भूमि की पहचान की जानी है। जहां तक दरभंगा हवाई अड्डे का सवाल है तो 1400 करोड़ से इसका विस्तार किया जा रहा है। पूर्णिया हवाई अड्डे का भी अगस्त या सितंबर तक काम पूरा होने के बाद परिचालन शुरू किया जायेगा।



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CTI urges CM to cut VAT on ATF to prevent passengers shifting to Jewar airport

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NEW DELHI

The Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI) on Monday wrote a letter to Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, urging a reduction in Value Added Tax (VAT) on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to prevent a shift of air passengers to Noida's Jewar Airport. CTI Chairman Brijesh Goyal said the high VAT on ATF in Delhi is making flight operations costlier, which could lead airlines to prefer Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh.

He said, "While Delhi levies a 25 per cent VAT on ATF, Uttar Pradesh reduced its tax from 21 per cent to just 1 per cent in December 2024."

CTI General Secretary Gurmeet Arora emphasised that



the lower tax in UP will significantly reduce operational costs for airlines, potentially leading to lower airfares at Jewar Airport compared to Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

He said this price gap could result in a shift of air travellers to the new airport.

The CTI added that if VAT on ATF in Delhi is reduced,

airlines will face pressure to lower ticket prices, benefiting passengers and ensuring that Delhi remains a preferred aviation hub.

The industry body urged the Delhi government to reconsider its tax policy on ATF to maintain competitive airfare rates and sustain air traffic at Indira Gandhi International Airport.



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HARI BHUMI

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मोपा एयरपोर्ट और डोडामार्ग गोवा के विकास का भविष्य

नई दिल्ली। मोपा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के आसपास का विकास उत्तरी गोवा और डोडामार्ग को पर्यटन व्यवसाय और रियल एस्टेट के लिए एक संपन्न केंद्र में बदलने के लिए तैयार है। सड़क नेटवर्क, राजमार्गों और बुनियादी ढांचे में बड़े निवेश के साथ, यह क्षेत्र तेजी से विकसित हो रहा है, निवेशकों, डेवलपर्स और व्यवसायी को आकर्षित कर रहा है। मोपा के पास स्थित डोडामार्ग एक रियल एस्टेट हॉटस्पॉट के रूप में उभर रहा है, जो प्रतिस्पर्धी कीमतों पर प्लॉट्स डेवलपमेंट, लक्जरी विला और वाणिज्यिक स्थान प्रदान करता है। हवाई अड्डे से इसकी निकटता और सुंदर परिवेश इसे निवेश के लिए एक प्रमुख स्थान बनाते हैं। एक प्रमुख रियल एस्टेट डेवलपर फर्म के ग्लोबल सेल्स हेड श्री आशीष डे के अनुसार, कई हाई प्रोफाइल प्रोजेक्ट पाइपलाइन में हैं, जिनमें एक विश्व स्तरीय कैसीनो और मनोरंजन केंद्र एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट स्टेडियम और कॉर्पोरेट कार्यालयों, होटलों और खुदरा केंद्रों के साथ एक एयरोसिटी शामिल है, जो न केवल पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देगा बल्कि कई क्षेत्रों में महत्वपूर्ण रोजगार के अवसर भी पैदा करेगा। बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी, बड़े पैमाने पर निवेश और तेजी से बढ़ते रियल एस्टेट बाजार के साथ, मोपा और डोडामार्ग व्यापार और अवकाश दोनों के लिए प्रमुख गंतव्य बनने के लिए तैयार है।

Send Parandur airport project proposal to the Civil Aviation Ministry for clearance: panel

This step precedes the formal announcement of clearance for the project; govt. aims to start building the first phase of airport at Parandur in 2026

Sunitha Sekar
CHENNAI

Inching closer to the final approval, the high-level Steering Committee has recommended that the Parandur airport project proposal be forwarded to the Ministry of Civil Aviation. This step precedes the formal announcement of clearance for the project.

With two parallel runways, the Tamil Nadu government aims to start building the first phase of the airport at Parandur in 2026. They project that with the completion of all four phases of the airport, the handling capacity will touch 100 million passengers per annum.

“Since the minutes of this meeting have been sent to the Tamil Nadu government, it is only a matter of time till the formal announcement comes,” said a source in New Delhi.

On March 12, the Steering Committee meeting was held in New Delhi, and members from Ministry of Civil Aviation, Tamil Nadu government, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



A view of the proposed site for the greenfield airport at Ekanapuram Village in Kancheepuram district.

and Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India participated and discussed issues regarding the airport project, and whether to recommend the project to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for grant of in-principle approval.

Issues flagged

While officials of the State government refused to comment, reliable sources said that most of the departments have supported the airport project but

there are certain observations and requirements that the State government has to adhere to before starting the construction work.

For instance, the DGCA has flagged some obstacles to the project, including chimneys and electric lines, which have to be removed.

Similarly, the presence of waterbodies and flooding issues were also discussed at the meeting. The State government had said it had chalked out a detailed plan to address all the issues, and that the obstacles would be removed.

During the meeting, NITI Aayog had also asked about 1,005 families that would be affected due to the project, and about their rehabilitation.

The State government said that a masterplan for special rehabilitation package and financial assistance programme are being drafted for them.

On 1 August 2024, the Centre had issued the site clearance for the Parandur airport and in a month, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation had sent the application and sought the ‘in-principle’ approval from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.





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IGI: टर्मिनल-2 के बंद होने में 12 दिन बाकी, 280 फ्लाइट्स, 50 हजार यात्री T-1 पर होंगे शिफ्ट

■ नवीन निश्चल, IGI एयरपोर्ट

अप्रैल की शुरुआत के साथ ही इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-2 के बंद होने का काउंटडाउन शुरू हो गया है। अब केवल 12 दिन बाकी हैं और 15 अप्रैल से घरेलू उड़ानों के यात्री यात्रा के लिए हाईटेक और देश के सबसे बड़े डोमेस्टिक टर्मिनल 'टर्मिनल-1' का उपयोग करेंगे।

इस बदलाव के तहत, टर्मिनल-1 से लगभग 280 फ्लाइट्स का संचालन शुरू होगा, जिससे प्रतिदिन करीब 50,000 यात्री इस टर्मिनल से यात्रा करेंगे। टर्मिनल 2 को अपग्रेड करने के लिए कई महीनों तक बंद रखा जाएगा, और इस संबंध में दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (DIAL) समय-समय पर जानकारी उपलब्ध करा रही है।



राजधानी दिल्ली के आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट का टर्मिनल-1 देश का सबसे बड़ा डोमेस्टिक आवागमन के लिए टर्मिनल बन चुका है। यहां से देश के अलग-अलग हिस्सों में हवाई यात्री अलग-अलग एयरलाइंस से सफर कर सकते हैं। इस नए टर्मिनल को पर्यावरण के अनुकूल बनाया

गया है और यह प्लैटिनम ग्रेड LEED प्रमाणित ग्रीन बिल्डिंग है। यात्रियों के लिए मेट्रो कनेक्टिविटी की सबसे बड़ी सुविधा है। यहां पर बैगेज हैंडलिंग की क्षमता को बढ़ाकर 6000 बैग प्रति घंटा कर दिया गया है। यात्रियों की चेक-इन प्रक्रिया को तेज और सरल बनाने के लिए 108 सेल्फ चेक-इन कियोस्क और 100 चेक-इन काउंटर स्थापित किए गए हैं। सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को भी अत्याधुनिक बनाया गया है, जिसके तहत 20 ऑटोमेटेड ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम (ATRS) लगाए गए हैं। इसके अलावा, बैगेज हैंडलिंग को बेहतर बनाने के लिए इंडिविजुअल कैरियर सिस्टम लागू किया गया है। टर्मिनल में 29 एंटी गेट हैं। महिलाओं के लिए बेबी केयर रूम, यात्रियों के लिए सेल्फ-मेडिकेशन रूम भी यहां मौजूद है।

■ टर्मिनल-2 को अपग्रेड करने के लिए कई महीनों तक बंद रखा जाएगा

■ IGI का टर्मिनल-1 देश का सबसे बड़ा डोमेस्टिक टर्मिनल बन चुका है



20 ऑटोमेटेड ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम (ATRS) लगाए गए हैं, सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को भी अत्याधुनिक बनाया गया है

108 सेल्फ चेक-इन कियोस्क और 100 चेक-इन काउंटर स्थापित किए गए हैं



4.97% RR rate hike in Panvel driven by airport construction

Clara Lewis & Nisha Nambiar | TNN

Mumbai/Pune: Officials said they constantly survey the market to assess the market rates in various zones, which are referred to while preparing the RR rates for the next financial year. In the case of Panvel Municipal Corporation, the construction of the airport, a major infrastructure project, influenced the RR rate increase, which is 4.97%, and for Navi Mumbai, it is 6.75%. While the RR rate hike for Mira-Bhayandar is 6.26%, it is 4.5% for Vasai-Virar and 5.84% for Kalyan-Dombivli.

Sunit Gupta, a property valuation expert, said Mumbai has 700 zones, and it would take another couple of days to know what the hike is in each of these zones. "The average increase in Mumbai is 3.39%. It could be zero in some zones, 5% or 10% in others. This entire exercise is futile. Our demand to govt has been that it must rationalise the RR rates in areas where it exceeds even market rate for the flat," he said.

Gupta said recently the Supreme Court in a judgement directed that RR rates

RISE HIGHEST IN SOLAPUR (10.17%)

> RR rates, determined annually by govt serve as benchmark property value for stamp duty and registration fee calculations

> Buyers must pay what is higher -- either RR rate or actual transaction value

> For financial year 2024-25, Maharashtra's property revenue collection reached ₹57,422 crore, surpassing the target of ₹55,000 crore, with 29.12 lakh documents registered

> "By March 30, we achieved 105% of our revenue collection target," said state inspector gen of registration Ravindra Binwade

> Rural areas saw avg hike of 3.36%, influential areas 3.29%, municipal councils 4.97%, and corporations 5.95% (excluding Mumbai)

> Solapur corporation recorded steepest hike at 10.17%, followed by Ulhasnagar's 9%



must be drawn up scientifically and must be as near as possible to the market rates. "While the 7.72% average increase in RR rate in Thane may seem high, it is actually not because the flat rates are nearly double the RR rates. The Ulhasnagar RR rate hike is surprising considering it has very poor infrastructure and a large number of illegal buildings," he said.

State Inspector General of Registration Ravindra Binwade said municipal cor-

poration areas witnessed the highest hike at 5.95%. "Excluding Mumbai, the state's average RR rate hike stands at 4.39%. Some areas have seen reductions, depending on transaction trends. This year, we relied on traditional assessment methods, but from next year, GIS mapping technology will be used for a more scientific approach," Binwade added.

Rural areas saw an average hike of 3.36%, influential areas 3.29%, municipal co-

uncils 4.97%, and municipal corporations 5.95% (excluding Mumbai). Solapur municipal corporation recorded the steepest hike at 10.17%, followed by Ulhasnagar's 9% and Amravati at 8.03%. Pune city's RR rates rose by 4.16%.

Developers and real estate industry representatives expressed concerns over the hike, especially in the backdrop of rising construction costs and the recently introduced 1% metro cess on stamp duty. They argued that the increase will adversely affect property sales and development costs.

Shantilal Kataria, a governing council member of CREDAI, criticised the traditional assessment method used in the revision. "A scientific, data-driven approach is necessary. While average increase appears moderate, rural areas undergoing rapid development may witness steep hikes, impacting planned township and infrastructure projects," he stated. For homebuyers, Ramesh Prabhu, a consumer rights advocate, said the metro cess combined with the RR rate hike could dampen property transactions.

विमानन परिसंपत्तियों से जुड़े विवादों को सुलझाने वाला विधेयक राज्यसभा में पारित विमानों को पट्टे पर देने के लिए कानून जरूरी, किराये में होगी कमी

अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि के तहत हल होंगे एयरलाइन और पट्टा देने वालों के बीच विवाद

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। राज्यसभा ने विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़े एक महत्वपूर्ण विधेयक को मंजूरी दे दी, जिसमें विमान एवं इंजन जैसी विमानन परिसंपत्ति की वसूली को लेकर एयरलाइन और पट्टा देने वालों के बीच विवादों का समाधान अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि के अनुसार करने का प्रावधान है। उच्च सदन में विधेयक पर चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए नागर विमानन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा कि इससे हवाई किराए को कम करने में आंशिक रूप से मदद मिलने की उम्मीद है।

विधेयक पर विपक्षी सांसदों के सभी संशोधन खारिज कर दिए गए। इससे पहले चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए नायडू ने कहा यह विधेयक भारत में विमानन के क्षेत्र में नई क्रांति का उदय करेगा। इसके माध्यम से केपटाउन संधि एवं प्रोटोकॉल को मंजूर किया है। इस पर भारत पहले ही हस्ताक्षर कर चुका है। अभी विमानन



चर्चा का जवाब देते राम मोहन नायडू।

कंपनियों के विवादों के कारण उनके विमान खड़े हो जाते हैं। इससे उद्योग को खासा नुकसान पहुंचता है। खासतौर पर जो भी विमान को पट्टे पर देता है, उसे कई तरह से हानि उठानी पड़ती है। इसलिए केंद्र का मानना था कि विमान को पट्टे पर देने के लिए एक स्पष्ट कानून होने चाहिए। इसीलिए यह विधेयक लाया गया है। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि इस कानून से विमानन क्षेत्र को कई तरह की सुविधाओं का लाभ मिलेगा। विधेयक पारित होने से पट्टे पर विमान लेने की लागत में 8 से

नायडू विपक्ष की तरफ से किराये की विसंगतियों को लेकर उठाए गए सवाल का जवाब भी दिया और कहा कि किसी भी देश में किराये के लिए सामान नीति नहीं

**किराये में विसंगति पर
कार्रवाई का प्रावधान**

तक की अनियमितता और कानून के खिलाफ काम करने पर सरकार की तरफ से कड़ी कार्रवाई का प्रावधान है। उन्होंने हवाईअड्डे पर मिलने वाले खाने के महंगे सामान से जल्द निजात दिलाने का आश्वासन भी दिया और कहा कि 25 रुपये में समोसा मिल सकेगा।

होती। इस पर संतुलित रख अपनाता होता है। उन्होंने विश्वास दिलाया कि किसी

10 फीसदी की कमी आएगी। इसका सीधा लाभ खात्री किराये में मिल सकेगा। नायडू ने यह भी कहा कि पिछले एक दशक में भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र ने नई ऊंचाइयां हासिल की हैं। देश के विमानन क्षेत्र की तरक्की दुनिया के लिए मिसाल है। देश में करीब 359 विमान थे जो कि अब 840 हो गए हैं। इसमें हर दिन चार हजार यात्राओं का प्रबंधन किया जाता है। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि सरकार चाहती है कि देश के बहुत से हिस्सों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों से जोड़ा जाए।



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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ATF, commercial LPG rates cut

Press Trust of India
New Delhi

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The Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price was reduced by ₹5,870.54 per kilolitre, or

6.15 per cent, to ₹89,441.18 per kl in the national capital, according to State-owned fuel retailers. The reduction negates the increase in prices effected since February.

The ATF price in Mumbai was cut to ₹83,575.42, while those in Chennai and Kolkata were reduced to ₹92,503.80 and ₹91,921 per kl, respectively.

ON COMMERCIAL LPG

Oil firms also reduced the price of commercial LPG by ₹41 to ₹1,762 per 19-kg cylin-

der in the national capital. This reduction follows a ₹6 per cylinder hike effected on March 1.

Commercial LPG now costs ₹1,713.50 per 19-kg cylinder in Mumbai, ₹1,868.50 in Kolkata and ₹1,921.50 in Chennai. Prices of ATF and LPG differ in each State depending on the incidence of local taxes, including VAT.

The rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at ₹803 per 14.2-kg cylinder.



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How Aircraft Objects Bill will bring down cost, airfares

bl.explainer

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The soon to be enacted, Protection and Enforcement of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill is expected to accelerate the growth of India's civil sector by lowering the operating cost of airlines as well as airfares.

On Tuesday, the bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha. It will now make its way to the Lok Sabha.

WHAT'S IN THE BILL?

Emphasising the critical impact of this bill, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu stated "Upon the enactment of this legislation, we improve India's compliance score in the AWG's (Aviation Working Group) outlook, making Indian airlines eligible for CTC (Cape Town Convention) discounts, which will significantly reduce leasing costs by



MORE AIR PLAY. Legislation expected to significantly reduce leasing costs by 8-10 per cent

approximately 8 to 10 per cent.

These are the costs that will trickle down to passengers and airfares as well. That is why this becomes very important for us."

The Protection and Enforcement of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill aims to ease the procedure for global lessors to repossess their leased equipment in case of a payment default by the lessee, thereby boosting their confidence in doing business in India.

The Cape Town Convention is a legal instrument that was adopted at a diplomatic conference held in Cape Town in November 2001 under the auspices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

Presently, India is a signatory to the convention, but Parliament has not ratified the same.

The unique situation has given precedence to local

courts' judgements over the norms of the convention, giving rise to legal conundrums like the ones faced by lessors during the Go First crisis.

The Go First case had made global lessors concerned about leasing aircraft to domestic-based airlines. Consequently, India was deemed as a risky jurisdiction, and high premium charges were applied to cover the leased equipment to the domestic airlines.

The proposed Act will resolve this type of conundrum by settling cases between lessors and airlines or operators under the CTC provisions, as it empowers the Centre to make rules to implement the convention and protocol in India.

LOWER RENTALS/FARES

Industry expects that the reduction in risk premium will lead to lower leasing and financing costs of aircraft for airlines, ultimately containing airfares.

As per some industry es-

timates, India-based airlines would have had to bear the brunt of nearly ₹10,000 crore due to high-risk premiums if a bill such as the 'Aircraft Objects Bill, 2024' was not considered.

Currently, the majority of commercial aircraft in India are leased, with another 1,700 on order.

LEASING HUB

The proposed Act is expected to aid in achieving efficient financing of high-value equipment, thereby making operations cost-effective.

Besides, the GIFT City, or Gujarat International Finance Tech City-based International Financial Services Centre, is expected to benefit from the proposed Act.

It is expected that the proposed Act will help in establishing GIFT City as an aviation leasing hub, as it presents some variable benefits for lessors to set up their shops there.

As of now, airlines in India depend on lessors based out of Ireland or Dubai.



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DESHBANDHU

DELHI

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आम यात्रियों के लिए सुलभ होगी हवाई यात्रा

तो ऐसे होने वाली हवाई यातायात सस्ती

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राज्यसभा में 'द प्रोटेक्शन ऑफ इंटरैस्ट्स इन एयरक्राफ्ट ऑब्जेक्ट्स बिल 2025' पर चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने इस विधेयक के महत्व और इसके व्यापक प्रभावों पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला।

उन्होंने इस विधेयक को भारत के विमानन क्षेत्र में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम करार देते हुए कहा कि यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मान्यता प्राप्त केप टाउन कन्वेंशन और इसके प्रोटोकॉल को लागू करने की दिशा



में एक ठोस प्रयास है। इस कन्वेंशन का उद्देश्य विमानन उपकरणों की खरीद, पट्टे (लीजिंग) और वित्तपोषण को सुरक्षित और पारदर्शी बनाना है। मंत्री ने बताया कि इस विधेयक के लागू होने से विमानन कंपनियों को विमानों और उनके उपकरणों की लीजिंग में आसानी होगी। उन्होंने कहा, वर्तमान में,

भारत में लीजिंग की लागत अधिक है। विधेयक के कानून का शकल अख्तियार करने के बाद, लीजिंग लागत में 8 से 10 प्रतिशत की कमी आएगी। इसका सीधा असर विमानन कंपनियों के परिचालन खर्च पर पड़ेगा, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप हवाई किराया कम हो सकता है। उन्होंने जोर देकर कहा कि यह लाभ अंततः आम यात्रियों तक पहुंचेगा, जिससे हवाई यात्रा अधिक सुलभ और किफायती बनेगी। उन्होंने यह भी उल्लेख किया कि यह विधेयक भारत को वैश्विक विमानन बाजार में अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धी **» शेष पेज 5 पर**

तो ऐसे होने वाली...

बनाएगा। जब हमारे पास बेहतर कानूनी ढांचा होगा, तो अंतरराष्ट्रीय लीजिंग कंपनियां और वित्तीय संस्थान भारत के साथ व्यापार करने में अधिक विश्वास महसूस करेंगे। इससे न केवल विदेशी

निवेश बढ़ेगा, बल्कि घरेलू विमानन कंपनियों को भी सस्ते और लचीले वित्तीय विकल्प मिलेंगे, उन्होंने कहा। चर्चा के दौरान विभिन्न दलों के 16 सांसदों ने कई सुझाव केंद्रीय मंत्री को दिये। जिनमें मुख्य रूप से महंगे होते हवाई किराये पर अंकुश लगाना प्रमुख था। कुछ सांसदों ने इस विधेयक के संभावित नकारात्मक प्रभावों, जैसे छोटे विमानन ऑपरेटरों पर अतिरिक्त नियामक बोझ, को लेकर सवाल उठाए। इसके जवाब में मंत्री ने आश्वासन दिया कि सरकार ने इस विधेयक को तैयार करते समय सभी हितधारकों के साथ व्यापक विचार-विमर्श किया है। उन्होंने कहा, हमारा लक्ष्य न केवल हवाई यातायात के बड़े खिलाड़ियों को लाभ पहुंचाना है, बल्कि पूरे विमानन क्षेत्र को सशक्त बनाना है। इसके लिए जरूरी नियम और दिशानिर्देश बनाए जाएंगे ताकि छोटे ऑपरेटरों को भी कोई नुकसान न हो। नायडू ने विधेयक को मेक इन इंडिया और आत्मनिर्भर भारत की प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की पहल से जोड़ते हुए कहा कि यह भारत को विमानन क्षेत्र में एक मजबूत और आत्मनिर्भर प्लेयर के रूप में स्थापित करेगा। विधेयक राज्यसभा से पारित हो गया।



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Rajya Sabha passes protection of interests in Aircraft Objects Bill

THE RAJYA SABHA on Tuesday passed the protection of interests in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025, which seeks to give legal effect to certain international agreements in their application to India with civil Aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu asserting that it will partly help to bring down airfares.



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Commercial LPG, jet fuel prices slashed

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, April 1

IN A RELIEF for consumers, state-owned oil marketing companies on Tuesday announced a reduction of ₹41 in the price of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders, effective April 1.

With the revision, the retail price of a 19-kg LPG cylinder in Delhi now stands at ₹1,762, down from ₹1,803. In Mumbai, the price has been reduced to ₹1,713.50, while in Kolkata, it now costs ₹1,868.50. The revised price in Chennai is ₹1,921.50.

This price cut follows a ₹6 hike on March 1 and a ₹7 reduction on February 1. Oil marketing companies revise LPG prices monthly based on global crude oil prices and other market dynamics.

While commercial LPG prices continue to fluctuate, domestic LPG



cylinder rates remain unchanged in this revision.

Along with LPG, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were also cut by 6.1% as part of the monthly revision. The price of jet fuel in Delhi was reduced by ₹5,870.54 per kilolitre, bringing it down to ₹89,441.18 per kilolitre. This follows previous price hikes implemented since February.



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Airbus delivered about 70 airplanes in March

Airbus delivered about 70 planes in March, industry sources said on Tuesday, up about 11% from March last year but leaving the European group a steep path towards its 2025 target. The world's largest planemaker declined to comment ahead of a monthly progress report to be published next week.

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MUMBAI

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Night landing services begin at Shirdi Airport: Mohol

Staff Reporter

PUNE

In good news for devotees visiting the Saibaba Temple, night landing services have begun at the Shirdi Airport. The first flight from Hyderabad to Shirdi landed at the airport at around 9.20pm on Sunday. Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol took to X (formerly Twitter) to make the announcement.

Mohol wrote, "The 'night landing' service has started at Shirdi Airport on the auspicious occasion of Gudi Padwa and this will definitely help in

increasing the number of devotees coming to Shirdi. Moreover, the industrial development of Shirdi and its surroundings will also be boosted and this will have a positive impact on the economy of this area.

Therefore, the start of the 'night landing' service at Shirdi Airport is an important step not only for Shirdi but also for Ahilyanagar and the surrounding districts.

"The process of starting the 'night landing' service was started under the guidance of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. A meeting was held



at Shirdi Airport to review all the ATC (Air Traffic Control) permissions required for starting the 'night landing'

facility, the provision of CISF personnel and the recarpeting of the runway. In addition, the relevant departments

were also informed to complete the work on time. Moreover, detailed discussions were held with the authorities regarding the commencement of the 'night landing' service before March 31, 2025, and today, this service has been successfully started a day ahead of the scheduled date," he added.

Reportedly, the night landing licence was granted to the facility in February 2023. However, the airport couldn't start it because airlines weren't interested.

Until now the airport was operational from 10am till 6pm.



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MUMBAI

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Air pax traffic likely to rise 9% CAGR to 485 mn by FY27

PTI

MUMBAI

Air passenger traffic is likely to rise at a 9 per cent compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) between FY2025 and FY2027, taking the passenger volume to approximately 485 million by FY27, ratings agency CareEdge said on Monday.

International passenger traffic is likely to grow at a

faster pace, supported by the induction of more wide-body aircraft from FY26, while the domestic passenger traffic may continue with its steady upward trajectory, expanding from a high base, it added.

The Indian aviation sector has experienced a V-shaped recovery, with passenger traffic reaching 1.10 times its pre-COVID levels in FY24, the rating agency said.

While the domestic air

travel rebounded by FY23, the international traffic recovered in FY24, exceeding pre-COVID levels by 1.04 times, it noted.

The ratings agency earlier estimated passenger traffic to reach around 425 million in FY25. However, owing to the delays in aircraft deliveries and adverse weather conditions, pax growth is expected to be marginally lower by 4 per cent and reach around 410 million.



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MUMBAI

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India can be great producer of SAF; the fuel can help reduce pollution: Airbus

PTI
TOULOUSE (FRANCE)

India has many attributes to become a great producer of Sustainable Aviation Fuel, which can help reduce pollution, as rice and wheat straws can also be used as a feedstock for SAF, according to a senior Airbus official.

India is one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets and slowly, steps are being taken towards using SAF.

Aircraft maker Airbus has been pursuing initiatives for increasing the production and use of SAF, for which the

demand is in Europe currently. It has also inked a partnership with the Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun.

"India has a lot of attributes to become a great SAF producer. The first one is the availability of feedstock, there is a lot of biomass waste, used cooking oil (and) municipal solid waste that can be recovered," Julien Manhes, Head of SAF and CDR (Carbon Dioxide Removal) Development Sustainability Organisation at Airbus, told PTI. During an interaction at Toulouse last week, he asserted that SAF can help in



addressing various issues, including pollution.

"In India, for example, the rice straws or the wheat straws that are burnt every year that makes for very bad air quality in Delhi, these could be used as a feedstock for SAF," he said. Among other aspects that can push SAF production, Manhes said India also has a huge petrochemicals industry, a lot of refineries and engineering capabilities.

Rajya Sabha passes Bill for resolving airline-lessor disputes

Jagriti Chandra

NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed the Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025 that seeks to turn into law provisions of an international treaty governing disputes between airlines and lessors of aircraft and engines.

Referring to past disputes over unpaid dues to lessors, such as those involving SpiceJet and the now-defunct Go First that emanated from challenges in interpreting the Cape Town Convention and Protocol by courts in the absence of a uniform legislation posing a roadblock for lessors who could not repossess their aircraft and remove them from the country, Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu told the Rajya Sabha, "With this Bill, we aim to bring much-needed clarity. We hope it will provide a significant boost to the leasing industry, which is the need of the hour. The industry urgently requires this legislation."

The Minister also underlined that with the Bill providing "security" for the lessor and lessee, the airlines have informed him that leasing costs were expected to decline by 8-10%,



K. Rammohan Naidu

which he maintained would also have a trickle-down advantage for passengers because of lower airfares.

He said over 86% of the nearly 850 aircraft in the fleet of various domestic airlines were leased. Airlines often lease aircraft from a third party instead of outright purchase in order to preserve liquidity.

The Bill recognises the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as the authority that can issue necessary directions for implementing the provisions of the Convention.

The Cape Town Convention is an international treaty that aims to standardise transactions involving movable property, particularly high-value assets like aircraft, engines, and helicopters, to ensure creditors can enforce their rights in case of default.

AIRCRAFT OBJECTS BILL CLEARS RS

Union Minister: New Bill to boost aircraft leasing industry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

THE RAJYA Sabha passed the Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025, on Tuesday, which seeks to implement international conventions on the leasing of aviation equipment.

Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said the new Bill will provide a boost to the aircraft leasing industry.

"We are leasing so many planes every year. Ireland has a big leasing industry, and Dubai and Singapore have taken a lead in this industry. In our Indian skies, 840 planes are operating, and 86.4% of those planes are in the leasing model today. Airlines are preferring to go into the leasing model, and they go to other countries and lease. So, our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) thought we should have a leasing industry here...there was no legislation so far," he said.

The Bill seeks to give legal effect to certain international agreements in their application to India, which includes the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (also known as Cape Town Convention of 2001) and Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment.

"In 2001, international leasing industries, airlines, governments...came together to do something on issues faced by the industry...the lessor, bank, airline are all in different countries, multiple jurisdictions. And in 2001, the Cape Town convention happened, and protocols were discussed. India took the opin-

ion of the Law Ministry and the Cabinet ratified it in 2007, and we were a signatory to the convention," he said.

He, however, said that when airlines defaulted on payments or went bankrupt, there was "no proper legislation".

"The DGCA becomes the domestic registry... (the Bill) has created a provision...airlines have to periodically intimate the DGCA plane-by-plane on the dues to lessors. Lessors have to intimate the DGCA about their activity in the country...It has been a grey area for some time. The Bill will bring clarity," he said.

"We are bringing this Bill to give force of law to the Cape Town convention and protocols," he said. In cases of a default, the Bill gives creditors certain remedies, including the right to take back possession of the asset within two months or a mutually agreed upon period, whichever is earlier.

During the discussion, RS members raised the matter of rising airfares, demands for international airports in some areas, and for some airports to be given "point of call" status.

On airfares, Naidu said, "Hundreds of things affect it, from fuel prices to leasing charges, maintenance... capping airfares and a one-stop approach is not followed by any country. We are trying to follow dynamic fare pricing." Citing comments by carriers like Air India, Indigo and Akasa Air in favour of the Bill, he said, "Once by getting this Act into place, you're reducing leasing cost by 8 to 10%. Now, these are costs which are going to trickle down to the passengers and the airfares also."



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DELHI

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Prices of commercial cooking gas, aviation fuel reduced

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used in hotels and restaurants were reduced by ₹41 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with benchmark international prices, on Tuesday. ATF price was reduced by ₹5,870.54 per kilolitre to ₹89,441.18 per kl in the national capital. **PTI**



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DELHI

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ATF RATES REDUCED BY 6.1%

NEW DELHI: The price of Jet fuel, or ATF, on Tuesday, was cut by a steep 6.1 per cent. The Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price was reduced by Rs 5,870.54 per kilolitre, or 6.15 per cent, to Rs 89,441.18 per kl in the national capital - home to one of the busiest airports in the country, according to state-owned fuel retailers. The reduction negates the increase in prices that have been affected since February.

MPOST

‘Air passenger traffic likely to rise 9% CAGR to 485 mn by FY27’

International passenger traffic is likely to grow at a faster pace, supported by the induction of more wide-body aircraft from FY26

OUR CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI: Air passenger traffic is likely to rise at a 9 per cent compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) between FY2025 and FY2027, taking the passenger volume to approximately 485 million by FY27, ratings agency CareEdge said on Monday.

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The Indian aviation sector has experienced a V-shaped recovery, with passenger traffic reaching 1.10 times its pre-COVID levels in FY24, the rating agency said.

While the domestic air travel rebounded by FY23, the international traffic recovered in FY24, exceeding pre-COVID levels by 1.04 times, it noted.

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pax growth is expected to be marginally lower by 4 per cent and reach around 410 million.

The increased air travel observed during the Mahakumbh in Q4 FY25 is likely to partially offset the low passenger growth for the remainder of the current financial year, CareEdge Ratings said.

“This surge (traffic growing at a CAGR of 9 per cent from FY25 to FY27) is driven by strong air travel demand and additional capacity creation by both airports and air-

lines. By FY27, passenger traffic is anticipated to reach approximately 485 million, reflecting the sector’s strong recovery and growth trajectory,” said Maulesh Desai, Director, CareEdge.

Noting that the domestic airport operators, including the Airports Authority of India, have invested approximately Rs 80,000 crore in capex from FY21 to the December quarter of this fiscal, CareEdge said that as much as 42 per cent of this investment was allocated to

Highlights

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- » The increased air travel during Mahakumbh in Q4 may partially offset low passenger growth for remainder of FY25

the development of greenfield airports across four locations.

The rating agency also projected a total capital outlay increase of Rs 30,000 crore during FY26- FY30, reaching approximately Rs 1.1 lakh crore. This growth will be primarily driven by brownfield airport expansions, creating funding opportunities of around Rs 75,000 crore.

Additionally, two greenfield airports, with a combined project cost of about Rs 25,000 crore, are expected

to commence operations in the first half of FY26, it said, adding that 18 per cent of the total capex is allocated for city-side development (CSD) and non-aeronautical developments, highlighting efforts to enhance commercial and ancillary infrastructure.

Global successes, such as Singapore’s Changi Airport, demonstrate the potential of CSD. Yet, given the relatively higher saleability risk associated with CSD, the pace of CSD capex and the corresponding revenue generation are key ponderable from a credit perspective, it said.

CareEdge Ratings estimates that the aero revenue of 11 private airports to grow at a CAGR of around 42 per cent over FY24-27.

Meanwhile, it said, non-aero revenues are expected to grow at a CAGR of around 12-14 per cent over FY24- FY27, driven by growth in revenue from duty-free, food and beverages, and lounges, the ratings agency said.

However, non-aero revenue per passenger for international peers is twice that of Indian airports, indicating significant headroom for growth in this segment, it added.

एयरलाइंस और पट्टा देने वालों के बीच विवादों का हल अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि के मुताबिक होगा एविएशन सेक्टर से जुड़े बिल को राज्यसभा से मंजूरी मिली

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

राज्यसभा ने मंगलवार को विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़े एक महत्वपूर्ण विधेयक को मंजूरी दे दी। इसमें विमान और इंजन जैसी विमानन परिसंपत्ति की वसूली को लेकर एयरलाइनों और पट्टा देने वालों के बीच विवादों का सम्बन्ध अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि के अनुसार करने का प्रावधान है।

केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा कि इन प्रावधानों से लीजिंग रेट में 8-10 फीसदी की कमी आने की उम्मीद है, जिससे कि हवाई किराए में भी कमी आएगी।

नायडू ने कहा कि एयरलाइंस के दिवालिया हो जाने पर कानूनी विवाद की वजह से उनके विमान खड़े रहते हैं, जिससे पूरी इंडस्ट्री को बहुत नुकसान होता है, खासतौर से विमान पट्टा देने वालों के पक्ष में उन्होंने कहा कि इंडस्ट्री की ऐसी मांग रही है कि लीज पर विमान देने के मामले में देश में साफ कानून होने चाहिए और इसी जरूरत को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह बिल लाया गया।

इस पर चर्चा के दौरान सदन में सीपीआई के संदीप कुमार पी. और सीपीएम के ए. रहीम ने एयरलाइंस की ओर से यात्रियों पर तमाम तरह के शुल्क लगाने का मुद्दा सदन में उठाया। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार को इस पर कंट्रोल करना चाहिए। इस पर मंत्री ने कहा कि किसी भी देश में हवाई किराये में एक समान नीति नहीं होती, क्योंकि ये किसी देश के क्षेत्रधिकार से जुड़ा मसला नहीं होता है।

इस पर बिल पर हुई चर्चा में भाग लेते हुए जेडीयू (यू) के संजय झा ने कहा कि इस विधेयक के कानून बन जाने से अब भारतीय एयरलाइनों को घरेलू बाजार से विमान पट्टे पर लेने में मदद मिलेगी।

बीजेपी के सदानंद तन्हाड़े ने चर्चा में कहा कि इस



त्रिभुवन सहकारी यूनिवर्सिटी बिल राज्यसभा से भी पास

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली : मंगलवार को राज्यसभा में त्रिभुवन सहकारी यूनिवर्सिटी बिल-2025 को मंजूरी मिल गई। लोकसभा में पारित हो चुके इस बिल को लेकर सरकार का कहना है सहकारी समितियों के लिए योग्य जनशक्ति तैयार करने के मकसद से गुजरात के आणंद में 'त्रिभुवन सहकारी विश्वविद्यालय' बनाने के लिए इस बिल को लाया गया है। सरकार का तर्क है कि यह विश्वविद्यालय सहकारी समितियों में शिक्षा, ट्रेनिंग और रिसर्च को बढ़ावा देगा।

हालांकि, इस दौरान मंगलवार को इसे लेकर हुई बहस में विपक्षी सांसदों ने इसके नाम में श्वेत क्रांति के जनक वर्गीज कुरियन के नाम को शामिल किए जाने की मांग की। सीपीएम सांसद वी शिवदासन ने कहा कि राइट विंग केरल में प्राइवेट बैंकों के लिए जगह बनाने के लिए सहकारी बैंकों के खिलाफ नेगेटिव प्रोपेगंडा खड़ा कर रही है।

विधेयक के कारण निवेशकों का भारत में भरोसा बढ़ेगा और एयरलाइनों को पट्टे पर विमान लेने में मदद मिलेगी।

सर्वे में हर 5 में से 3 यात्री बोले, रद्द हुई फ्लाइट, पर मुआवजा नहीं मिला

NBT रिपोर्ट: भारत में हवाई यात्रा की मांग तेजी से बढ़ रही है, लेकिन फ्लाइट कैंसिलेशन और देरी यात्रियों के अनुभव को प्रभावित कर रही है। जनवरी 2022 से सितंबर 2024 तक 25,500 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द हुईं, जिससे 10.67 लाख यात्री प्रभावित हुए। इनमें 41.56% खराब मौसम की वजह से रद्द हुईं, जबकि बाकी तकनीकी, व्यावसायिक और अन्य कारणों से। लोकल सर्वे के सर्वे के अनुसार, 61% एयरलाइन यात्रियों ने आंतरिक एयरलाइन कारणों से पिछले 12 महीनों में एक या अधिक उड़ान रद्द होने का अनुभव किया।



पिछले 12 महीनों में, जब किसी एयरलाइन ने उड़ान रद्द की, तो क्या मुआवजा मिला?

22% उत्तरदाताओं ने कहा कि बाद की तारीख में किया राशि वापस कर दी गई
11% 24 घंटे के भीतर एक वैकल्पिक उड़ान पर फिर से बुकिंग की
67% ने बताया कि कोई मुआवजा नहीं मिला, बस रिफंड समय पर किया गया



पिछले 12 महीनों में एयरलाइनों ने अपने आंतरिक कारणों से कितनी बार उड़ान को रद्द किया है?

5% ने कहा, 7-10 बार
17% उत्तरदाताओं ने कहा, 4-6 बार
28% ने जवाब दिया, 2-3 बार
11% उत्तरदाताओं ने कहा, एक बार
39% ने कहा, कभी नहीं

पिछले 12 महीनों में, जब आपने फ्लाइट बुकिंग रद्द की, तो फीस और जुर्माने में कितना नुकसान हुआ?

19% ने कहा कि टिकट की 100% या पूरी कीमत चुकानी पड़ी
28% उत्तरदाताओं ने कहा कि लागत का 75-100%
9% ने कहा कि लागत का 50-75%
14% ने कहा कि लागत का 25-50%
19% उत्तरदाताओं ने कहा कि लागत का 25% तक
6% ने कहा कि कोई पैसा नहीं गंवाया
5% उत्तरदाताओं ने स्पष्ट जवाब नहीं दिया।



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Rajya Sabha passes Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill

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Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed The Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025 that seeks to give legal effect to certain international agreements in their application to India.

Replying to the discussion on the Bill, Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said the legislation will create a lot of security for both the lessors and the lessees and the overall aviation market also because there has been a lot of confusion in this area. It has been a grey area for sometime.

"With the bringing of this Bill, definitely it is going to create a lot more clarity. We hope this is going to give a lot of push for the leasing industry, which is the need of the hour. There is an immediate need for this Bill to be there in the industry," he said.

The Bill seeks to give legal effect to certain international agreements in their application to India, which includes Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (also known as Capetown Convention of 2001) and Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile

Equipment on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment. India had acceded to these in 2008.

The Bill states that before exercising any remedy, the creditor must notify the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) about the occurrence of a default.

In cases of a default, it gives creditors certain remedies, including the right to take back possession of the asset within two months or a mutually agreed upon period, whichever is earlier.

"This is a very important Bill which the industry needs today. It is going to change the aviation landscape of the country," the aviation minister said.

The Bill was introduced in the upper house on February 10 this year.

"The whole reason we are bringing this Act is to give force of law to the Capetown convention and protocol. If you see the majority, other than giving the force of law, it contains the Capetown convention, it contains the aircraft protocol and the declaration which we are signing, abiding ourselves to both the convention and protocol as a signatory to the International Civil Aviation Organisation," the minister said.

विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़े बिल को राज्यसभा की मंजूरी

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। राज्यसभा ने मंगलवार को विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़े एक महत्वपूर्ण विधेयक को मंजूरी दे दी जिसमें विमान एवं इंजन जैसी विमानन परिसंपत्ति की वसूली को लेकर एयरलाइनों एवं पट्टा देने वालों के बीच विवादों का समाधान अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि के अनुसार करने का प्रावधान है।

नागर विमानन



■ नए कानून से पट्टे पर विमान को देने वाली कंपनियों को मिलेगा लाभ

मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने वायुयान संपत्तियों में हित संरक्षण विधेयक, 2025 पर उच्च सदन में हुई चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए कहा कि इस विधेयक के जरिये कंप्टाउन संधि एवं प्रोटोकॉल को अंगीकार किया जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि इस विधेयक पर भारत काफी पहले ही हस्ताक्षर कर चुका है।

मंत्री के जवाब के बाद सदन ने विधेयक को ध्वनिमत से पारित कर दिया। विधेयक पर विपक्षी सदस्यों द्वारा लाये गये संशोधन प्रस्ताव खारिज कर दिये गये। विधेयक पर हुई चर्चा के जवाब में नायडू ने कहा कि 2014 में भारत में घरेलू यात्री बाजार 6.07 लाख का था, जो 2024 में बढ़कर 10.63 करोड़ का हो गया। उन्होंने कहा कि



राज्यसभा

2014 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की संख्या 4.3 करोड़ थी जो 2024 में बढ़कर 6.68 करोड़ हो गयी है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस अवधि में विमानों की संख्या भी करीब 359 से बढ़कर आज

840 हो गयी है।

उन्होंने कहा कि एयरलाइनों के दिवालिया हो जाने पर कानूनी विवाद के कारण उनके विमान खड़े रहते हैं, जिससे पूरे उद्योग को बहुत नुकसान होता है विशेषकर विमान पट्टा देने वाले पक्षों को। उन्होंने कहा कि उद्योग चाहता है कि पट्टे पर विमान देने के मामले में देश में स्पष्ट कानून होने चाहिए और इसी जरूरत को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह विधेयक लाया गया।

नागर विमानन मंत्री ने कहा कि किसी भी देश में हवाई किराये में एक समान नीति नहीं होती और इस मामले में संतुलित रख रखना पड़ता है। हालांकि उन्होंने सदन को आश्वासन दिया कि यदि इस मामले में कोई

गलत चलन या कानून विरुद्ध काम होता है तो सरकार उस पर तुरंत कार्रवाई करेगी। इससे पहले विधेयक पर हुई चर्चा में भाग लेते हुए जनता दल (यू) के संजय कुमार ने कहा कि आज एयरलाइनों के पास जितने विमान होते हैं, उनमें 90 विमान पट्टे पर हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि एयरलाइनों के दिवालिया हो जाने के कारण पट्टे पर विमान देने वाले पक्षों को बहुत समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता है और इसके लिए लंबी कानूनी लड़ाई चलती है। भाजपा के सदानंद महालू शेट तनावडें ने चर्चा में भाग लेते हुए कहा कि इस विधेयक के कारण निवेशकों का भारत में भरोसा बढ़ेगा और एयरलाइनों को पट्टे पर विमान लेने में मदद मिलेगी क्योंकि देश में विमानन क्षेत्र का आकार तेजी से बढ़ रहा है। नेता प्रतिपक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने कर्नाटक के कलवुर्गी हवाई अड्डे के विकास के बारे में सरकार से प्रश्न पूछा और कहा कि यह बैंगलुरु के बाद राज्य का सबसे बड़ा हवाई अड्डा है।



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विमान ईंधन व वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी सिलेंडर के दाम घटे

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की खुदरा ईंधन कंपनियों ने विमान ईंधन और वाणिज्यिक सिलेंडर के दाम में मंगलवार को कटौती की। एटीएफ के दाम में 6.1 प्रतिशत की बड़ी कटौती की गयी जबकि होटल और रेस्तरां में उपयोग किये जाने वाले 19 किलोग्राम के वाणिज्यिक सिलेंडर की कीमत 41 रुपये घटाई गई है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की खुदरा ईंधन कंपनियों के अनुसार, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमत 5,870.54 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर यानी 6.15 प्रतिशत घटकर 89,441.18 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर हो गई है। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा देश के सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों में से एक है।

इससे पहले, फरवरी से एटीएफ के दाम में वृद्धि की गयी थी। इस कटौती के बाद मुंबई में एटीएफ की कीमत 83,575.42 रुपये हो गई, जबकि चेन्नई और कोलकाता में इनकी कीमत क्रमशः 92,503.80 रुपये और 91,921 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर कर दी गई। पेट्रोलियम कंपनियों ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में

वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी की कीमत भी 41 रुपये घटाकर 1,762 रुपये प्रति 19 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर कर दी।

मुंबई में अब वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी की कीमत 19 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर के लिए 1,713.50 रुपये, कोलकाता में 1,868.50 रुपये और चेन्नई में 1,921.50 रुपये है।

मूल्य वर्धित कर सहित स्थानीय करों के आधार पर एटीएफ और एलपीजी की कीमतें अलग-अलग राज्यों में भिन्न-भिन्न होती हैं। हालांकि, घरों में इस्तेमाल होने वाली रसोई गैस सिलेंडर की कीमत में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया गया है और यह 803 रुपये प्रति 14.2 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर पर अपरिवर्तित है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन, भारत पेट्रोलियम और हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम हर महीने की पहली तारीख को अंतरराष्ट्रीय ईंधन की औसत मानक कीमत और विदेशी विनिमय दर के औसत मूल्य के आधार पर एटीएफ और रसोई गैस की कीमतों में संशोधन करती हैं।



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Cessna aircraft hard lands in field, trainee pilot suffers minor injuries

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Ahmedabad: A two-seater Cessna 152 aircraft crashed during a training sortie in Mehsana district's Ucharpi village on Monday, leaving the woman trainee pilot injured.

Mehsana municipality fire department officials said that the aircraft was owned by Blue Ray Aviation Pvt Ltd, a pilot training institute based in the town.

The incident occurred around 7 pm, fire brigade sources said, adding that the trainee pilot, Alekhya Pechetti, suffered minor injuries. "She was taken to a govt hospital and then to a private hospital. She suffered minor injuries," officials said.



The Cessna 152 aircraft after crashing in Ucharpi village on Monday

After about an hour of flying, she suspected some technical issue in the aircraft and informed the aviation institute. Their team rushed to the spot, but the aircraft lan-

ded hard in the field, causing damage. Along with the fire brigade, the Mehsana taluka police also reached the spot. The reasons for the crash were under investigation.



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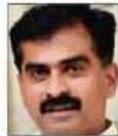
CHENNAI

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Trichy-Delhi flight service soon: MP

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Trichy: Trichy international airport will get new and additional domestic and international services in the coming months, Trichy MP Durai Vaiko said on Monday.



He visited the Trichy airport to launch a new Trichy-Mumbai flight service by Air India Express, and handed over boarding passes to passengers on the maiden flight.

"As an outcome of my visit to the Air India Express office in New Delhi, the operator launched a new Trichy-Chennai domestic service on March 22. Now, they have introduced the Trichy-

Mumbai service. The foray of Air India Express in Trichy-Chennai destinations reduced the travel fares up to 70%," Durai Vaiko said.

He interacted with the passengers of the Trichy-Mumbai flight to assess the demand on the route.

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The flight operated on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays shall leave Trichy by 1.05am and reach Mumbai by 3.10am.

The MP said the new service to Mumbai would facilitate a wide range of travel options for people from Trichy and other central region heading to gulf countries for work. He said more services including one between Trichy and New Delhi are expected shortly.