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BIAL raises ₹9,000 crore through NCDs to fund airport expansion

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Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, has raised ₹9,000 crore through a private placement of non-convertible debentures (NCDs) with a 15-year tenure. The funds will be utilised for expansion.

The refinancing enables BIAL to conserve capital and allocate resources to funding future expansion plans. The transaction also provides significant savings in borrowing costs, driven by its AAA credit rating, a shift from MCLR-linked (marginal cost of funds-based lending rate) to



Bhaskar A Rao, Chief Financial Officer, BIAL

fixed interest rates, and the extended maturity profile. The transaction is being undertaken in two tranches — ₹4,362 crore was completed on July 25, 2025, and ₹4,638 crore is scheduled for early October 2025. SBICAPs acted as the sole arranger for this landmark issuance.

Bhaskar Rao, Chief Financial Officer, BIAL, said, "This

landmark issuance is a milestone for BIAL as it not only reflects strong investor confidence, but also strategically strengthens our financial position ahead of the next phase of expansion."

"The refinancing enables us to optimise our capital structure. Importantly, the long-tenor structure and improved credit rating will translate into greater value for our stakeholders, including passengers and airline partners, through enhanced affordability and infrastructure development," he said.

The transaction witnessed investor demand across the spectrum, including banks, insurance companies, Infrastructure Debt Funds and Public Financial Institutions.

Namma Metro MD inspects airport line, wants speedy completion

Engineers told to adhere to target dates

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) Managing Director J Ravishankar on Thursday inspected the ongoing construction on the Blue Line from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to Hebbal.

According to a BMRCL statement, the inspection covered critical infrastructure works including viaduct construction, station buildings, and the upcoming depot (at Shettigere).

He also reviewed high-priority locations such as railway crossings and cut-and-cover sections near the Indian Air Force (IAF) premises.



BMRCL Managing Director J Ravishankar inspects the airport metro line works on Thursday. PHOTO: BMRCL

The MD instructed the BMRCL engineers and contractors to strictly adhere to the target completion dates and provide state-of-the-art infrastructure by upholding safety protocols.

The 58.19-km Silk Board Junction-KR Pura-KIA metro line will connect the city's southern, southeastern, eastern and northern areas with the airport.

A senior BMRCL official,

who was present during the inspection, said construction on the KR Pura-KIA section (Phase 2A) had picked up pace after being held up for nine months in 2023 due to the fatal accident in HBR Layout.

"Construction is going on but we cannot make up for lost time. We're also facing a shortage of construction workers. In fact, we have only 50% of the required manpower. We mostly source workers from states

like Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. But with big infrastructure projects going on in all parts of the country, workers from these states aren't coming in as much as before," the official told *DH*.

The two metro stations within the airport premises are also shaping up well, according to the airport.

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) is constructing both stations according to its design specifications.

The Airport City will be an at-grade station while the Airport Terminal will be a partially underground station, about 7-8 metres below surface.

The BMRCL has completed land acquisition for the Shettigere depot, where Blue Line trains will be serviced.

"Construction at the depot has been going on at a satisfactory pace," another official said.

The airport line's new deadline is early 2027.



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BIAL raises ₹9K cr through unlisted NCDs



**BANGALORE
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT (BIAL)**
on Friday announced it has concluded the largest unlisted private placement of NCDs in India's airport sector, raising a total of ₹9,000 crore.

column {rude travel}

Land on your feet

Long-haul flights are hard enough. Airport chaos makes it worse. Paying more is usually worth it. Save these tips for your next trip



VIR SANGHVI

When people hear that I travel every week, they ask: Isn't it exhausting? Well, yes it is, I say. The destinations are nearly always fun, but getting there can be a drag. The next question usually is: How do frequent travellers like you cope? Are there any hacks/tricks you can pass on?

There are three answers to that question. One: We cope only up to a point; otherwise I wouldn't be so tired after every long flight. Two: The only hack that really works is to spend more. This requires no elucidation. If you travel First Class on Emirates, you will have a better experience than someone who travels Easy Jet. It's brutal but it's true.

There is a third answer. There are small things you can do to make your experience less tiring.

● **Airports:** Ninety per cent of the pain of travelling comes from airports, not the aircraft. So, it's worth spending a little more money on them. If you are travelling economy, then try to pay for priority check-in. That way, you don't have to spend an hour in the queue. At many international airports, you get fast-tracked at security at a small charge. This allows you to use the priority queue, which can save 30 minutes.

● **Special Handling:** Most good airlines put frequent premium fliers or holders of top-tier membership cards on a VIP list, which gets them buggies, escorts, loaders, priority boarding, etc. But at nearly every international airport, you can pay for a meet-and-assist service. At Dubai and Bangkok airports, for instance, that gets you priority immigration (even if you are in Economy), buggies (optional), escorts, luggage assistance etc. In the Maldives, they greet you at the plane when you land, put you in a car, take you to a lounge where your passport will be stamped, and then go off and collect your luggage while you have a coffee and a

snack. In Paris, I use a service called Melin that whisks you through CDG (which is not an easy airport to negotiate) in no time at all.

Not all of these services are reasonably priced, though some are very good value. But if you are travelling economy, they are usually cheaper than the extra you would have to pay for Business Class, where you wouldn't even get these arrival privileges. ● **Airport Lounges:** Most First-Class lounges are wonderful. Most Business-Class lounges are horrible. I have a simple policy. If the lounge seems overcrowded and dismal, I just go to an airport restaurant.

● **Connections:** I have a horror of taking

In the Maldives (below), you can pay to skip the queue. You'll be taken to a lounge, where your passport will be stamped, and your luggage collected for you.



so great is the collapse of the nation that they can't afford to man much more than 30 per cent of the immigration desks. In some countries (the US) they make it clear that you are a grubby little crook who would be fortunate to enter their great nation. In some countries (Australia), they never let you forget that their founders were shepherds, cowherds and convicts, and treat the immigration queue like a cattle pen. In some countries (Italy) immigration officers can be uncaring.

There is nothing much you can do to make the experience easier. The UK has Fast Track but most European and American airports don't. The suffering is part of the experience.

● **Overnight flights:** Many people like overnight flights because they arrive in the morning and save money on a hotel. But most hotels won't let you check-in until 3pm even if your plane got in at 8am. So, you hang around, unwashed and bleary eyed. You are also a wreck because it's hard to sleep on planes. Air India's rescheduling meant I took a night flight last month, on one of their new planes. The Business-Class seats are so badly designed that you have to be a contortionist to sleep well.

I don't take overnight flights if I have a choice.

● **And finally:** Learn to be patient. Air travel can be a high-stress affair. Nothing is gained by shouting at the staff unless the provocation is grave. And whatever you do, please avoid the Indian habit of behaving rudely with Indian staff while turning into a snivelling little sycophant with staff from White countries.

You no longer have to be a jet-setter to get buggies or priority boarding. At nearly every international airport, you can pay for a meet-and-assist service. But inflight food is usually inedible. PHOTOS: ADOBESTOCK

connecting flights from European airports. Most European airlines and airports are so badly run that there is a strong possibility that your luggage will not be loaded on the connecting flight. By the time you get it (if you do), you will be back home. If I have to connect, I try to do it through the Middle East or East Asia. I have zero faith in the British and in Europeans.

● **Food:** Airlines spend a lot of time telling you how good their food is. In fact it is usually inedible. There are happy exceptions, but they are rare and usually only at the very front of the aircraft.

So, if it's a long flight, then I take my own food. I don't drink a lot on planes either. The Business-Class wines are usually rubbish, so the safest choice is the champagne. It's always a reliable brand, and there is an element of paisa vasool.

● **Immigration:** This is often a nightmare. In some countries (Germany) they treat you with suspicion. In some countries (the UK)





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AMAR UJALA

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विमान से यात्री को जाना था बागडोगरा, पहुंच गया भुवनेश्वर

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से एक यात्री को कनेक्टिंग विमान लेकर बागडोगरा (पश्चिम बंगाल) जाना था, लेकिन नौद की वजह से यात्री उसी विमान से भुवनेश्वर पहुंच गया। इस बात का पता तब चल जब यात्री को नौद खुली और वह खुद को भुवनेश्वर जाने वाले विमान में पाया। घटना को गंभीरता से लेते हुए एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने इसकी जांच के आदेश दिए हैं। एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि इस तरह की घटना को रोकने के लिए सभी एयरपोर्ट पर संचालन प्रक्रिया और आंतरिक ब्रीफिंग दोहराई जा रही है।

जानकारी के मुताबिक 30 जुलाई को एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान अपने निर्धारित समय पर भुवनेश्वर के लिए रवाना हुई। उड़ान के आधा सफर पूरा करने के बाद एक यात्री ने केबिन कर्मी से संपर्क किया। उसने बताया कि उसे बागडोगरा जाना था। केबिन कर्मी ने तत्काल इस बात को जानकारी काकपिट कर्मी और पायलट को दी तो उन्होंने भुवनेश्वर और

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस
ने घटना की जांच के
दिए आदेश

आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोल को इस बारे में बताया। उड़ान अपने निर्धारित समय पर भुवनेश्वर एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंड हो गई।

शुरुआती जांच में पता चला कि जो विमान दिल्ली से भुवनेश्वर के लिए रवाना हुआ था, वह पहले श्रीनगर से यात्रियों को लेकर आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पहुंचा था। जहां से इस विमान को यात्रियों को लेकर भुवनेश्वर जाना था, लेकिन बागडोगरा जाने वाला यात्री इस विमान से नहीं उतरा।

बताया जा रहा है कि गहरी नौद में होने की वजह से वह उद्घोषणा को नहीं सुन पाया और न ही किसी विमान कर्मी को इस यात्री पर नजर पड़ी। नौद खुलने पर यात्री को पता चला कि वह भुवनेश्वर जाने वाले विमान में सवार है तो उसने तत्काल केबिन कर्मी से संपर्क कर इसकी जानकारी दी।



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**Air India London flight
delayed by 11 hours**

New Delhi: Air India's flight from London to New Delhi on Friday was delayed by more than 11 hours. "Flight AI2018 from London Heathrow to Delhi was delayed due to the late arrival of incoming aircraft," Air India said. ¶¶



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Chardham copter operators ask State to allow flights

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Helicopter operators have urged Uttarakhand government to permit resumption of Chardham flights which were suspended following four accidents in May and June.

“This continued halt is causing serious hardship to pilgrims and others who depend on these services across Uttarakhand. These operations serve not only spiritual travellers but also critical connectivity and medical evacuation needs in remote areas,” Business Air-



SAFETY MEASURE. Chardham shuttle services were put on hold on June 15 following an accident involving a Bell 407 helicopter.

Craft Operators Association Managing Director R K Bali wrote in a letter to Uttarakhand government.

Chardham shuttle ser-

ices were put on hold on June 15 following an accident involving a Bell 407 helicopter. Seven persons on board the helicopter died in

the crash. While initially the suspension was only for two days, it was extended as Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Uttarakhand government continue to review standard operating procedures.

SAFETY ACTIONS

“While we fully support all legitimate safety actions, any further delay in resumption of services — without DGCA’s specific restriction — may not align with the national regulatory framework. We urge the government of Uttarakhand to refrain from issuing directives or restrictions that amount to regulat-

ory decisions, and instead allow the flying operations to resume in accordance with DGCA’s guidelines,” Bali said.

An official from Uttarakhand government, however, claimed that shuttle services have been stopped following DGCA directives. The civil aviation regulator had initiated several precautionary measures post accidents in May and June. These included reduction in frequency of Chardham operations, enhanced surveillance and suspending operations of operators whose helicopters were involved in accidents.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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एयरलाइन ने पैसेंजर को सुरक्षा अधिकारियों को सौंपा इंडिगो की मुंबई-कोलकाता उड़ान में यात्री ने सहयात्री को जड़ा थप्पड़

एजेंसी | नई दिल्ली

मुंबई से कोलकाता जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई138 में शुक्रवार को एक यात्री ने विमान में खड़े सहयात्री को अचानक थप्पड़ मार दिया। सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल वीडियो में देखा गया कि थप्पड़ मारने से यात्री घबरा गया और रोने लगा। एक अन्य यात्री ने बताया कि पीड़ित यात्री को पैनिक अटैक आ रहा था। फ्लाइट क्रू ने तुरंत हस्तक्षेप किया और थप्पड़ मारने वाले व्यक्ति को शांत रहने के लिए कहा। बता दें कि दोनों यात्री एक ही समुदाय के थे।

इंडिगो ने इस घटना पर बयान जारी करते हुए कहा, हम किसी भी प्रकार के अशालीन और हिंसक व्यवहार की कड़ी निंदा



करते हैं। एयरलाइन ने बयान में यह भी बताया कि क्रू ने एसओपी के अनुसार काम किया। संबंधित व्यक्ति की सुरक्षा अधिकारियों को सौंप दिया गया। प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार, सभी संबंधित एजेंसियों को इस घटना के बारे में सूचित कर दिया गया है।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान से जाना था बागडोगरा, पहुंच गया भुवनेश्वर, जांच शुरू

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर एक यात्री को बागडोगरा की यात्रा करनी थी, लेकिन भूलवश वह भुवनेश्वर जाने वाली उड़ान में सवार हो गया। यात्री व एरलाइंस कर्मियों को इस भूल का अहसास तब हुआ, जब विमान भुवनेश्वर के लिए उड़ान भर चुका था। इस भूल को सुरक्षा के लिहाज से एक बड़ी लापरवाही माना जा रहा है। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने इस घटना की जांच के आदेश दिए हैं। एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि इस तरह की घटना की पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिए सभी एयरपोर्ट पर मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया और आंतरिक ब्रॉकिंग दोहराई जा रही है। साथ ही एयरलाइंस की ओर से इस मामले की आंतरिक जांच की जा रही है।

30 जुलाई की घटना: 30 जुलाई को एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान अपने निर्धारित समय पर भुवनेश्वर के लिए रवाना हुई थी। यह उड़ान लगभग अपना आधा सफर पूरा कर चुकी थी, तभी केबिन क्रू से एक यात्री ने संपर्क किया और बताया कि उसे इस उड़ान में नहीं होना चाहिए। केबिन क्रू ने तत्काल इस बाबत काकपिट क्रू को जानकारी दी। मामला सुरक्षा से जुड़ा होने

● श्रीनगर से नई दिल्ली की उड़ान से जिस यात्री को उतरना था, वह नौद के कारण विमान में रहा

● उड़ान के दौरान जागने पर यात्री को हुआ गलती का अहसास, क्रू को कराया अवगत

नियम के पालन में यहां हुई गड़बड़ी

नियम के अनुसार, लैंडिंग के बाद सभी यात्रियों को विमान से डिबोर्ड कराने की जिम्मेदारी केबिन क्रू की होती है। इसके बाद ही एयरलाइंस का सिविलियन स्टाफ आकर जांच

करता है कि विमान में कोई यात्री और सामान रह तो नहीं गया है, लेकिन एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की इस उड़ान में यह गलती हुई है। मामले की जांच की जा रही है

के कारण कप्तान ने इस बारे में भुवनेश्वर और आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल को जानकारी दे दी। यह उड़ान अपने निर्धारित समय पर भुवनेश्वर एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंड हो गई।

ऐसे हुई भूल: शुरुआती जांच में पता चला कि दिल्ली से भुवनेश्वर के लिए रवाना होने से पहले इस विमान ने श्रीनगर से नई दिल्ली के बीच की यात्रा की थी। यहां से इस विमान से उतरकर यात्री को कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट लेकर बागडोगरा जाना था। लैंडिंग के बाद में उदघोषणा के बाद भी यात्री विमान में ही सवार रहा। इसकी वजह यात्री का गहरी नौद में होना था। गलती

यह हुई कि इस पर किसी की नजर नहीं गई। कुछ देर बाद इस विमान ने नई दिल्ली से भुवनेश्वर की नई यात्रा शुरू की। यात्रा के दौरान जब यात्री की नौद खुली तो उसे अहसास हुआ कि वह गलत गंतव्य वाले विमान में है। उसने तत्काल केबिन क्रू को इससे अवगत कराया। लेकिन समस्या यह थी कि भारी गलती के बाद भी अब उड़ान को वापस नई दिल्ली लाया नहीं जा सकता था। बाद में यात्री को उसी विमान से भुवनेश्वर से नई दिल्ली लाया गया। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का कहना है कि क्रू कहां पर हुई इसके जांच के लिए आंतरिक जांच के आदेश दे दिए गए हैं।



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RS DAINIK JAGRAN

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इंडिगो की उड़ान में एक शख्स ने सहयात्री को मारा थप्पड़

नई दिल्ली: इंडिगो की मुंबई से कोलकाता उड़ान में शुक्रवार को एक व्यक्ति ने सहयात्री को थप्पड़ मार दिया। यह घटना उड़ान संख्या 6ई138 में हुई। लैंडिंग के बाद आरोपित को कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षा टीम के हवाले कर दिया गया। आरोपित को एयरलाइन द्वारा अनुशासनहीन घोषित किया गया है। यह तुरंत स्पष्ट नहीं हो सका कि घटना कब हुई। क्या जब विमान टेकआफ की तैयारी कर रहा था या उड़ान के दौरान। इसे लेकर इंडिगो की ओर से कोई आधिकारिक बयान नहीं आया है। सहयात्री द्वारा थप्पड़ मारने का कारण भी ज्ञात नहीं हो सका है। (प्रेट)



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Aviation Fuel Pricier, LPG to Cost Less

New Delhi: Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were hiked 3% on Friday while the price of commercial LPG cylinders was reduced Rs 33.50, in line with fluctuations in international benchmark rates.

ATF price was increased ₹2,677.88 per kilolitre, or 2.9%, to ₹92,021.93 per kl in the national capital.

The increase comes on the back of a steep 7.5% (₹6,271.5 per kl) hike last month, adding to operating cost of airlines. The hike in July came after three monthly reductions starting April. In all, prices

had been cut ₹12,239.17 per kl in the three reductions. The subsequent increases (₹8,949.38 per kl) has wiped away almost three-fourths of the gains.

ATF price in Mumbai was hiked to ₹86,077.14 per kl from ₹83,549.23 while those in Chennai and Kolkata were increased to ₹95,512.26 and ₹95,164.90 per kl, respectively. Rates differ from city to city, depending on incidence of local taxes such as VAT.

Alongside, oil firms reduced the price of commercial LPG by ₹33.50 per 19-kg cylinder. Commercial

LPG now costs ₹1,631.50 in the national capital. This is the fifth straight reduction in commercial LPG rates.

The rate of cooking gas used in domestic households, however, remained unchanged at ₹853 per 14.2-kg cylinder. Price of domestic LPG was hiked ₹50 in April.

Domestic rates of petrol and diesel continue to remain frozen. Rates were cut by ₹2 per litre in mid-March last year, ahead of the general elections. Petrol costs ₹94.72 a litre in Delhi, while diesel is priced at ₹87.62. PTI



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India-origin Ravishankar set to pilot Air New Zealand

India-origin Nikhil Ravishankar is set to take over as the CEO of Air New Zealand from October this year after being associated with the carrier for nearly five years. "Currently the airline's Chief Digital Officer, Nikhil will officially take over as CEO on 20 October 2025," Air New Zealand said in a statement on July 30.



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AI FLIGHT FACES 11-HR DELAY DUE TO CREW DUTY TIME LIMITATIONS

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NEW DELHI: Air India's flight from London to the national capital on Friday, which was delayed by more than 11 hours, will now depart on Saturday morning, officials said.

"Flight AI2018 from London Heathrow to Delhi on 1 August is delayed due to the late arrival of incoming aircraft and is now scheduled to depart at 0800 hrs local time on 2 August. The delayed arrival resulted in the crew coming under the mandatory flight duty time limitation norms as well as night curfew restricting operations at London airport," Air India said in a statement.

Passengers have been offered the option of full refunds on cancellation or complimentary rescheduling of their tickets.



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'Fraudsters' target kin of AI 171 victim: 'Said would sue Boeing'

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THE UDAIPUR police have lodged an FIR after some men allegedly tried to dupe and mislead the family of Vardi Chand Menaria, who died in the Air India flight AI 171 to London which crashed moments after taking off in Ahmedabad on June 12.

The men, allegedly posing as representatives of the central government and a Supreme Court lawyer, claimed that they would get the family ₹8-10 crore compensation, and pressured them to sign papers.

While the incident is from July 18-19, the FIR was lodged on July 29 on the directions of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). It has been lodged under the BNS section 329 (3) for "criminal trespass", which carries a maximum imprisonment of up to three months and a fine of ₹5,000.

In his complaint, Menaria's son Deepak Menaria said that on the evening of July 17, he received a call from a person who identified himself as one Bhupendra, saying that he will come for verification on behalf of the central government.

"I was told that a team from Delhi and Mumbai will come to my house and 'secret verification' will be done, so for this, a copy of my late father's passport and ticket will be needed. They tried to lure me say-

ing that if I file a case against Boeing, I will get ₹8-10 crore," he wrote in his complaint.

"On July 18, around 7:45 pm, a man and a woman reached my house in a Gujarat numbered vehicle. Both started talking in a confusing manner to my mother. After my mother called me, I immediately reached home. They claimed to be from the Supreme Court," he said.

"They pressured me and my mother to put my thumb impression and sign some documents. When I asked them the purpose, they spoke about a case against Boeing in America. When I told them that I will file a case, the duo unethically pressured me to give my thumb impression and signature on the documents," he alleged, adding that after he did not yield, both of them left around 8:40 pm.

The next day the alleged fraudsters again approached the family. Police subsequently took the men to the Vallabh Nagar police station. Deepak claimed that an FIR was lodged only after he approached the DLSA.

Udaipur SP Yogesh Goyal said: "An FIR has been lodged. As per the primary inquiry, some advocates and some locals wanted (the family) to become their client and file a case against the airline. They wanted to take their consent, as per the initial investigation. However, the family says that they were persisting on a regular basis."

Man 'slaps' co-passenger on flight, detained

Kolkata: A passenger on an IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Kolkata on Friday was detained by the police after he was seen in a video purportedly slapping another person — who was reportedly suffering a panic attack — while on board the same flight.

The incident took place on IndiGo flight 6E138, an Airbus A321 aircraft. A video soon surfaced on social media, prompting sharp reactions and criticism.

According to IndiGo, the man was handed over to the authorities immediately after the flight landed in Kolkata. The airline said it has also initiated the process of filing an "incident report." The incident will be reviewed by a committee to determine if the passenger should be put on a "no-fly" list. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has also been informed of the matter, the airline said.

A senior officer with the Bidhanagar Police said, "The passenger was detained and later released." In a post on X, IndiGo condemned the passenger's "unruly behaviour", adding that such actions are "completely unacceptable." **ENS**



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Gross GST collections up 7.5% to ₹1.96 lakh cr in July

New Delhi: Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose 7.5 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 1.96 lakh crore in July (for sales in June), showed government data released on Friday.

While the pace of growth in gross GST collections rose to 7.5 per cent in July from 6.2 per cent, this is the second consecutive month wherein the growth rate has been in single digits and much lower after posting double-digit growth in the first two months of FY26. Net GST collections, after accounting for refunds, took a hit by growing by just 1.7 per cent to Rs 1.69 lakh crore in July as refunds jumped sharply by 66.8 per cent, the data showed. In June, net GST collections had risen 3.3 per cent.

Total refunds stood at Rs 27,147 crore in July, sharply up by 66.8 per cent y-o-y. While domestic refunds grew 117.6 per cent y-o-y to Rs 16,983 crore in July, refunds for imports were up 20 per cent to Rs 10,164 crore. In June, total refunds had risen 28.4 per cent to Rs 25,491 crore, with domestic refunds rising 14.1 per cent y-o-y to Rs 12,643 crore, while refunds on imports rose 46.4 per cent y-o-y to Rs 12,848 crore.

Total refunds stood at ₹27,147 crore in July, sharply up by 66.8% YoY

GST collections from imports rose 9.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 52,712 crore in July as against 11.4 per cent growth seen in June at Rs 45,690 crore.

The revenue collections were better on the domestic front, with GST collections rising 6.7 per cent to Rs 1.43 lakh crore in July, up from 4.6 per cent growth at Rs 1.39 lakh crore in the previous month.

MS Mani, partner, Deloitte India, said, "While GST revenues for the past few months have been on an upward trajectory, the muted increase of 1.7 per cent in the net GST collections for the month and 8.4 per cent during this year can be attributed to the increased refunds. During the month, domestic refunds have more than doubled compared to the same month last year and during the current year refunds have increased by 46 per cent. This increase in refunds augers well for businesses," he said. **ENS**



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विमान ईंधन की कीमत में तीन फीसदी की वृद्धि, नई दरें लागू

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या।
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल विपणन कंपनियों ने विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में शुक्रवार को लगातार दूसरे महीने तीन फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी की है। तेल कंपनियों ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानक दरों में उतार-चढ़ाव के अनुरूप यह कदम उठाया है। नई दरें शुक्रवार से लागू हो गई हैं। राजधानी नई दिल्ली स्थित देश के सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों में से एक इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट (आईजीआई) पर जेट ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमत 2,677.88 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर यानी 2.9 फीसदी बढ़कर 92,021.93 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर हो गई है। ये बढ़ोतरी पिछले महीने 7.5 फीसदी की भारी बढ़ोतरी के बाद हुई है, जिससे एयरलाइंस की परिचालन लागत बढ़ गई थी।
आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई में एटीएफ की कीमत 83,549.23 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर से बढ़कर 86,077.14 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर हो गई, जबकि चेन्नई और कोलकाता में इसकी कीमत बढ़कर क्रमशः 95,512.26 रुपये और 95,164.90 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर हो गई है। विमान ईंधन की कीमत में यह वृद्धि वैश्विक तनाव और व्यापार युद्धों के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय तेल कीमतों में आई तेजी की वजह से हुई है।



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ATF price up 3%, commercial LPG rate cut by ₹33.50

New Delhi: [Aviation](#) turbine fuel (ATF) prices were



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COMMERCIAL LPG RATE CUT BY ₹33.50, ATF PRICE HIKED 3%

NEW DELHI: Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices rose by nearly 3 per cent on Friday, while the cost of commercial LPG cylinders saw a reduction in the latest monthly revision by state-run fuel retailers.

According to Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, ATF in Delhi now costs Rs 92,021.93 per kilolitre after an increase of Rs 2,677.88 per kl. This follows last month's steep 7.5 per cent hike and comes after three consecutive cuts between April and June.

Fuel rates vary across cities due to local taxes such as VAT. In Mumbai, ATF is now priced at Rs 86,077.14 per kl, while in Chennai and Kolkata it stands at Rs 95,512.26 and Rs 95,164.90 per kl, respectively. Industry officials note that the hike reflects higher international oil prices, partly driven by geopolitical tensions. **Continued on P4**

Commercial LPG

For airlines, where fuel accounts for around 40 per cent of operating expenses, the revision is expected to push up costs. No comments have been issued yet by carriers regarding its impact. Meanwhile, the price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder in Delhi has been lowered by Rs 33.50 to Rs 1,631.50. This marks the fifth consecutive monthly cut since April, with reductions totalling Rs 171.50 per cylinder. Rates were last cut by Rs 58.50 on July 1. Domestic LPG prices remain unchanged at Rs 853 for a 14.2-kg cylinder. Petrol and diesel prices are also steady at Rs 94.72 and Rs 87.62 per litre in Delhi, respectively, with no change since March last year. **MPOST**



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जेट फ्यूल के दाम में 3% बढ़ोतरी

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली :
शुक्रवार को एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल
(ATF) के दाम में 3 फीसदी की
बढ़ोतरी की गई है। वही, कमर्शल
एलपीजी सिलिंडर 33.50 रुपये
सस्ते हो गए। यह फैसला
इंटरनेशनल मार्केट के बेंचमार्क
रेट्स में हो रहे उतार-चढ़ाव को
देखते हुए लिया गया है। इस बढ़ोतरी
के बाद अब दिल्ली में ATF का रेट
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हो गया है। यह 2.9 फीसदी की
बढ़ोतरी है।



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PUNJAB KESARI

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गलत फ्लाइट में पहुंचा पैसेंजर टेकऑफ के बाद मचा हड़कंप

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने वाली एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की एक फ्लाइट में सुरक्षा को लेकर गंभीर चूक का मामला सामने आया है। यह चूक तब उजागर हुई जब एक अतिरिक्त यात्री भुवनेश्वर जाने वाली फ्लाइट में सवार पाया गया, जो वास्तव में उस विमान में यात्रा करने वाला नहीं था। यह खुलासा तब हुआ जब विमान अपनी आधी यात्रा पूरी कर चुका था, जिसके बाद दिल्ली और भुवनेश्वर एयरपोर्ट पर हड़कंप मच गया।

सूत्रों के अनुसार यह घटना 30 जुलाई को एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की एक फ्लाइट में घटी। दिल्ली से भुवनेश्वर जा रही इस फ्लाइट में एक ऐसा यात्री मौजूद था, जिसे लैंडिंग के बाद विमान से उतरकर बागडोगरा की फ्लाइट फकड़नी थी। लेकिन वह व्यक्ति गलती से उसी विमान में बैठ रह गया और अगले सेक्टर की यात्रा में शामिल हो गया। विमान के उड़ान भरने के बाद जब केबिन क्रू ने यात्री सूची (मैनफेस्ट) का मिलान शुरू किया तो एक अतिरिक्त यात्री पाया गया। तुरंत इसकी सूचना पायलट को

अंदरूनी जांच के आदेश, एसओपी किए गए जारी

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने इस गड़बड़ी की पुष्टि करते हुए बताया कि यह एक अनजाने में हुई चूक थी, जिसमें एक ट्रांजिट पैसेंजर तय समय पर विमान से नहीं उतरा। एयरलाइंस ने इस मामले में आंतरिक जांच के आदेश दिए हैं और सभी स्टेशनों को कड़ी मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) लागू करने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। नियमों के अनुसार, किसी भी सेक्टर के बाद विमान में सभी यात्रियों को उतराना अनिवार्य होता है, और इसके बाद सुरक्षा एजेंसियां विमान की पूरी जांच करती हैं। इस प्रक्रिया में चूक होना कई सवाल खड़े करता है जैसे कि केबिन क्रू ने यात्री को क्यों नहीं उतारा, बोर्डिंग पास की दोबारा जांच क्यों नहीं हुई, और सिविलीरिटी क्लियरेंस में यह गलती कैसे छूट गई?

दी गई, जिसने दिल्ली और भुवनेश्वर एटीसी को सूचित किया। फ्लाइट सुरक्षित रूप से भुवनेश्वर लैंड हुई और वहां इस घटना की जांच शुरू की गई।



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विमान ईंधन हुआ तीन फीसद महंगा

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में शुक्रवार को तीन प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी की गई, जबकि वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी सिलेंडर की कीमत 33.50 रुपये कम कर दी गई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानक दरों में उतार-चढ़ाव के अनुरूप यह कदम उठाया गया है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के खुदरा ईंधन विक्रेताओं के अनुसार, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी स्थित देश के सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों में से एक इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआई) पर जेट ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमत 2,677.88 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर या 2.9 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 92,021.93 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर हो गई है। यह बढ़ोतरी पिछले महीने 7.5 प्रतिशत (6,271.5 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर) की भारी बढ़ोतरी के बाद हुई है, जिससे एयरलाइंस की परिचालन लागत बढ़ गई थी। जुलाई में यह बढ़ोतरी अप्रैल से शुरू हुई तीन मासिक कटौतियों के बाद हुई थी। इन तीनों कटौतियों में कुल मिलाकर कीमतों में 12,239.17 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर की कटौती हुई थी। इसके बाद

**वाणिज्यिक सिलेंडर हुआ
33.50 रुपये सस्ता**

की बढ़ोतरी (8,949.38 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर) ने लगभग तीन-चौथाई कीमतों में कमी के लाभ को खत्म कर दिया है।

एटीएफ की कीमतों में यह वृद्धि वैश्विक तनाव और व्यापार युद्धों के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय तेल कीमतों में आई तेजी के अनुरूप है। इस वृद्धि से वाणिज्यिक एयरलाइंस पर बोझ बढ़ेगा, जिनकी परिचालन लागत में ईंधन का हिस्सा लगभग 40 प्रतिशत होता है।

मूल्य वृद्धि के प्रभाव पर एयरलाइनों से फिलहाल कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं मिल पायी है।

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दरें अलग-अलग शहरों में अलग-अलग होती हैं। इसके साथ ही, तेल कंपनियों ने 19 किलोग्राम वाले वाणिज्यिक रसोई गैस सिलेंडर की कीमत में 33.50 रुपये की कटौती की है। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में अब वाणिज्यिक रसोई गैस की कीमत 1,631.50 रुपये है। वाणिज्यिक रसोई गैस की कीमतों में यह लगातार पांचवीं कटौती है। पिछली बार एक जुलाई को 19 किलोग्राम वाले सिलेंडर की कीमतों में 58.5 रुपये की कटौती की गई थी। इससे पहले, एक जून को कीमतों में 24 रुपये, एक मई को 14.50 रुपये और एक अप्रैल को 41 रुपये प्रति सिलेंडर की कटौती की गई थी। कुल मिलाकर, अप्रैल से अब तक कीमतों में 171.5 रुपये प्रति सिलेंडर की कटौती की जा चुकी है। जहाँ तेल की कीमतें लगातार बढ़ रही हैं, वहीं गर्मियों के महीनों में कम मांग के कारण मानक एलपीजी की कीमतों में नरमी आई है। वेट सहित स्थानीय करों के प्रभाव के आधार पर, एटीएफ और एलपीजी की कीमतें अलग-अलग राज्यों में अलग-अलग होती हैं।



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UK air traffic glitch causes mass flight cancellations

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More than 100 flights were cancelled and several others delayed after a technical glitch in the UK's air traffic control system led to widespread disruption at key airports across the country.

The issue, identified as radar-related by the National Air Traffic Services (NATS), temporarily halted departures from major hubs including Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, and London City airports on Wednesday (local time).

Although the malfunction was reportedly resolved within 20 minutes through a switch to a backup system, cascading



delays and cancellations continued for several hours, leaving thousands of travellers stranded or rerouted, according to local media reports.

NATS later issued a statement confirming that systems were "fully operational" again and that air traffic capacity was returning to

normal levels.

The agency acknowledged the inconvenience caused and issued an apology for the disruption. Low-cost airline Ryanair emerged as one of the worst-hit carriers, claiming the incident triggered more than four hours of operational chaos, local media

reports suggested.

The airline drew comparisons with a similar system failure in August 2023 that had also resulted in major disruptions, sparking criticism over the air traffic authority's preparedness.

Neal McMahon, CEO of Ryanair, strongly criticised the management of the latest disruption and called for the resignation of NATS chief executive Martin Rolfe. "It is outrageous that passengers are once again being hit with delays and disruption," McMahon said. Airports and airlines urged passengers to contact their respective carriers before heading to the airport, as recovery efforts were expected to continue through the evening.

Man slapped on IndiGo flight, missing in Kol

Silchar/Kolkata/New Delhi: A youth from Assam's Cachar district went missing after being slapped by a co-passenger during a Mumbai-Kolkata IndiGo flight on Friday, reportedly while experiencing a panic attack. He missed his connecting flight to Silchar and remained untraceable late into the night. His phone was unreachable, leaving his family at Silchar airport distressed.

The youth, who works at a gym in Mumbai, began sobbing and walking in the aisle during taxiing, requesting to alight. A co-passenger slapped him, prompting swift intervention from the crew and other flyers. The assaulter was handed over to security in Kolkata and may face action under unruly passenger rules.

IndiGo condemned the incident, saying such behaviour compromises safety and dignity of passengers and crew. **TNN**



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Bagdogra-bound flyer from Srinagar lands in Bhubaneswar

New Delhi: In a security lapse, an Air India Express passenger who was supposed to travel from Srinagar to Bagdogra via Delhi on Wednesday ended up in Bhubaneswar, reports **Saurabh Sinha**.

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The airline has informed the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security which will probe this lapse and take suitable action.

According to sources, the man boarded an AI Express Airbus A320 operating from Srinagar to Delhi, where he was to take a connecting flight to Bagdogra. Sources said repeated announcements are made asking transit passengers to head to the transfer desk. The Airbus plane in question was to operate to Bhubaneswar from Delhi.

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BANGALORE

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London-bound flight returns due to snag

New Delhi: An Air India flight bound for London returned to bay after taxiing Thursday as pilots suspected a snag in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (VT-TSN) aircraft. The airline then arranged another Dreamliner (VT-TSP), which took off about four-and-a-half hours later around 6pm.

Both Boeing 787 Dreamliners are ex-Vistara aircraft.

An Air India spokesper-

son said, "Flight AI 2017 operating from Delhi to London returned to bay due to a suspected technical issue. The cockpit crew decided to discontinue the take-off run following standard operating procedures and brought the aircraft back for precautionary checks." "An alternative aircraft (was) deployed to fly passengers to London at the earliest," the spokesperson said. TNN



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"When the young man realised he was on a plane that was not headed to Bagdogra, he alerted the cabin crew. The crew briefed the pilots, who in turn informed the airline. When the aircraft landed in Bhubaneswar, AI Express teams put him on the return flight the same aircraft was to operate to Delhi. In Delhi, the airline put him up in a hotel on Wednesday night and then flew him to Bagdogra on Thursday," the source said.

An Air India Express spokesperson said: "An internal probe is being conducted to identify and address lapses, while reiterating SOPs and internal briefings across stations to prevent recurrence."

There have been boarding time goof-ups where passengers have inadvertently boarded a wrong plane, but it's rare that a flyer stays on board and flies to the next destination. There's a special protocol in place to ensure this does not happen on Air India's wide body aircraft that operate a domestic flight before heading to an international destination.