

# दैनिक भास्कर

आप पढ़ रहे हैं देश का सबसे विश्वसनीय और नंबर 1 अखबार

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जेवर एयरपोर्ट का पहला रनवे तैयार

## देश के सबसे बड़े निर्माणाधीन जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर रनवे ट्रायल इसी माह

जेवर स्थित देश के सबसे बड़े निर्माणाधीन नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का 3900 मी. लंबा और 60 मी. चौड़ा पहला रनवे तैयार है। दिसंबर में ट्रायल संभव है। पहले यह 30 नवंबर को था। ट्रायल में इंडिगो और अकासा के विमान दौड़ेंगे। पहले चरण में वार्षिक यात्री क्षमता 1.2 करोड़ होगी, पूरा तैयार होने पर 7 करोड़ होगी। अप्रैल 2025 से 28 विमान जबकि 2050 में पूरा तैयार होने पर एक साथ 178 विमान पार्क हो सकेंगे। देश की विमानन इंडस्ट्री के इस नए 'जेवर' को गढ़ने में 10 हजार लोग लगे हैं...

## उड़ान की इबारत

पहला एयरपोर्ट... जहां बिना टिकट भी फूड कोर्ट में एंट्री, यहां अप्रैल से उड़ानें शुरू होंगी

# जेवर; रनवे 100%, टर्मिनल 80%, फूड कोर्ट 60% तैयार

मनोज अर्पेजा/मदन कलाल/रियाज हाशमी  
(जेवर के नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से)

इस वक्त हम हैं जेवर स्थित नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (एनआईए) पर। इसका पहला चरण अप्रैल 2025 तक पूरा होना है। इसके तहत हवाई अड्डे पर एक यात्री टर्मिनल, एक रनवे, 10 एयरोब्रिज (विमानों को टर्मिनल से जोड़ते हैं) और 25 पार्किंग स्टैंड (करीब 10 हजार वाहन खड़े हो सकेंगे) बनने हैं। रनवे 100% तैयार है। टर्मिनल का काम 80% हो चुका है। फूड कोर्ट और सेवन स्टार होटल 60% तक बन चुके हैं। खराब मौसम में 50 मीटर विजिबिलिटी पर भी विमान लैंड कराने वाले सिस्टम का काम 90% तक हो चुका है। विमान संचालन में अहम भूमिका निभाने वाले एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल की बिल्डिंग तैयार है। पहले चरण का कुल 80% काम हो चुका है।

एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया के अफसरों का दावा है, बाकी काम 3 महीने में पूरा हो जाएगा। फरवरी से टिकट बुकिंग शुरू होगी और अप्रैल 2025 से नियमित उड़ानें संचालित होने लगेगी। शुरुआत 60 उड़ानों से होगी। इनमें 3 इंटरनेशनल हैं, जो ज्यूरिख, दुबई और सिंगपुर से कनेक्ट होंगी। गाजियाबाद और नोएडा का कार्गो से जाने वाला 51% सामान अब दिल्ली की जगह जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर शिफ्ट हो जाएगा। इनमें मोबाइल, मेडिकल उपकरण, टेक्सटाइल आदि शामिल होंगे। कार्गो का काम भी टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग के साथ चल रहा है। यह 85% हो चुका है। पहले चरण का काम करीब 13 वर्ग किमी जमीन पर होगा। जेवर एयरपोर्ट कुल 4 चरण में बनना है, जो 2050 तक पूरा होगा। यह कुल 51 वर्ग किमी में बनना है। अभी 22.25 वर्ग किमी में फैला हैदराबाद का राजीव गांधी एयरपोर्ट देश में सबसे बड़ा है।

### निर्माणाधीन टर्मिनल



एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल बिल्डिंग यात्री टर्मिनल एरिया



एयरपोर्ट का मॉडल: पूरा तैयार होने पर कुछ ऐसा नजर आएगा। ऊपर का डिजाइन गंगा-यमुना नदियों के संगम जैसा बनेगा।

## एंट्री से लेकर खाने-पीने और टेकऑफ तक वो सब कुछ जो आपके लिए जानना जरूरी है

### यात्री टर्मिनल; एंट्री पर गंगा-यमुना के घाट, विभागों के नाम भी नदियों पर रखे

- एयरपोर्ट के विभाग देश की प्रमुख नदियों, पेड़-फूलों के नाम पर रखे गए। राप्ती, कोसी, गोमती, वरुणा, सरयू, त्रिवेणी, सारस, पलाश, पिलखन, चंपा, महोआ, गुलमोहर, अमलतास।
- टर्मिनल के बीच में हवेली के आंगन जैसा डिजाइन रहेगा। ऊपर का हिस्सा नदी के बहाव जैसी सफेद डिजाइन वाली जालीनुमा शेप से ढंका होगा, ताकि प्राकृतिक रोशनी आ सके।
- यहां फोरकोर्ट (प्रांगण) पर गंगा-यमुना के घाटों की झलक मिलेगी तो यूपी की हवेलियों और जालीदार खिड़कियों का संगम होगा। सिविल और मैकेनिकल काम पूरा होते ही इंटीरियर डेकोरेशन अगले माह से शुरू होगा।
- टर्मिनल के अंदर चेकिंग से लेकर बाकी सभी मशीनें लगाई जा चुकी हैं। हालांकि, टर्मिनल के बाहर और ऊपरी हिस्से का काफी काम बचा है। फ्लाइंग की ओर जाने के लिए बन रहे एंट्री पॉइंट का काम लगभग पूरा हो चुका है। यहां फिनिशिंग की जा रही है।
- आगे टर्मिनल से एयरक्राफ्ट पार्किंग तक पहुंचने के लिए लिंक तैयार किए जा रहे हैं।

### फूड कोर्ट; यहां स्थानीय खाने से लेकर इंटरनेशनल डिश तक उपलब्ध होंगी...

- टर्मिनल में फूडकोर्ट बन रहा है। यह एयरपोर्ट पर देश का पहला ऐसा फूडकोर्ट होगा, जिसमें कोई भी ऐसा व्यक्ति, जिसके पास टिकट नहीं है या पास नहीं है, वे भी यहां आ सकते हैं।
- इस वर्ल्ड क्लास लाउंज में एक प्रीमियम और दूसरा लग्जरी जोन होगा। लाउंज में लाइव इंटेरेक्टिव फूड स्टेशन बनाए जाएंगे, जहां अलग-अलग रेंज में फूड मिलेंगे। लोकल फूड से लेकर इंटरनेशनल डिश तक सब मिलेगा।
- डिजिटल एयरपोर्ट; यहां बुकिंग से लेकर चेक-इन तक सबकुछ ऑनलाइन होगा
- नोएडा एयरपोर्ट देश ही नहीं, एशिया का पहला ऐसा एयरपोर्ट होगा, जहां पर पेपर का इस्तेमाल नहीं होगा। इसमें यात्री सुविधाओं से लेकर अन्य सभी काम पेपरलेस होंगे। इसे डिजिटल एयरपोर्ट का दर्जा दिया गया है।
- यहां किसी को एयरपोर्ट आकर टिकट लेने की जरूरत नहीं। यात्री एप से बुकिंग से लेकर चेक-इन तक कर सकेंगे। आईडी प्रूफ भी उसी से चेक होंगे। वर्ल्ड क्लास स्पा भी शुरू होगा।

### वेगज हैंडलिंग सिस्टम; 30-40% कम समय लगेगा, एआई आधारित ट्रेकिंग है

- वेगज हैंडलिंग सिस्टम भी अत्याधुनिक होगा। इसके 3 बड़े फायदे होंगे। 30-40% समय बचेगा। मिसिंग या गलत तरीके से हैंडल किए गए बैग की घटनाएं कम होंगी। यात्री अपने बैग की सटीक स्थिति लगातार ट्रैक कर सकेंगे। यह कैसे काम करेगा? रेडियो फ्रिक्वेंसी आइडेंटिफिकेशन (RFID) वेगज टैगिंग तकनीक के तहत हर बैग को एक टैग दिया जाएगा, जिससे सटीक ट्रैकिंग हो सकेगी।
- विमान मरम्मत; फ्रांस की कंपनी बना रही एमआरओ हब, 6 महीने में बनेगा
- फ्रांसीसी विमान निर्माता कंपनी डसॉल्ट एविएशन फ्रांस के लड़ाकू विमानों राफेल, मिराज के मेंटेनेंस, रिपेयर और ओवरहाल (एमआरओ) के लिए जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास हब बनाने जा रही है। अगले 6 माह में यह हब तैयार होगा। यहां वायुसेना बेड़े में शामिल 36 राफेल, 50 मिराज का रखरखाव होगा।
- 500 एकड़ क्षेत्र में इसे बनाने की तैयारी है। ऐसी सुविधा वाला देश का पहला एयरपोर्ट।

### कनेक्टिविटी; लिंक रोड बन रही, बसें चलेगी, हाई स्पीड रैपिड रेल सेवा होगी

- यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे से लिंक रोड तैयार किया जा रहा है। लिंक रोड के मेन गेट से 700 मीटर की दूरी पर टर्मिनल में एंट्री होगी।
- दूसरा गेट कार्गो के लिए बनाया जा रहा है, जो कि पश्चिम की ओर होगा। फिलहाल किशोरपुर से हो रही एंट्री बाद में बंद होगी।
- नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से 70 किमी के दायरे में ग्रेटर नोएडा, नोएडा, अलीगढ़, गुरुग्राम, फरीदाबाद और दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट है। यहां से आंगरों 130 किमी है। शुरुआती चरण में यहां के लिए स्पेशल बसें चलाई जाएंगी।
- आसपास के शहरों तक 80 बसें चलेगी। पहली उड़ान के साथ बसें शुरू होंगी। इनसे दिल्ली, मेरठ, मथुरा, आगरा, बुलंदशहर, गाजियाबाद, नोएडा, हापुड़ से एयरपोर्ट पहुंच सकेंगे। बसें यूपी रोडवेज चलाएंगी।
- 2030 तक एयरपोर्ट को गाजियाबाद-दिल्ली से सीधे हाई स्पीड रैपिड रेल से जोड़ेंगे।
- एयरपोर्ट को दिल्ली-वाराणसी हाई स्पीड रेल से जोड़ने का प्लान है। इस ट्रेन से दिल्ली से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट 21 मिनट में पहुंच जाएंगे।

### आगे की तैयारी? अमेरिका समेत 4 देश यहां पूरा शहर बनाएंगे

एयरपोर्ट के 10 किमी इलाके में जमीनें 4 साल में 10 गुना तक महंगी होंगी। भास्कर टीम जेवर से लगते कई गांवों में पहुंची। जेवर विधायक धीरेन्द्र सिंह मिले तो बोले- 4 साल पहले यहां जमीन की कीमत 3-4 लाख होती थी, जो अब एक करोड़ में है। यहां 1 लाख रोजगार पैदा होने की उम्मीद।

- जेवर एयरपोर्ट के आसपास अमेरिका, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, जापान और दक्षिण कोरिया अपने शहर बसाने जा रहे। इससे यमुना प्राधिकरण को ₹20,000 करोड़ का प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश मिलेगा। अमेरिकी कंपनियों की ओर अगले 6 वर्षों में 32 हजार करोड़ का निवेश प्रस्तावित है। शेष | पेज 7

### एयरपोर्ट से रोजगार पैदा होंगे: उड्डयन मंत्री

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट दुनिया के बेहतरीन एयरपोर्ट में से एक बनने जा रहा है। युद्धस्तर पर काम जारी है। देश के लिए बड़ी सौगात है। सुविधाओं के साथ रोजगार के भारी अवसर पैदा होंगे। -किजराफु राममोहन नायडू, केंद्रीय नगरिक उड्डयन मंत्री

### हम वर्ल्ड क्लास एयरपोर्ट बना रहे: सीईओ

हम वर्ल्ड क्लास एयरपोर्ट विकसित करते हुए काफी खुश हैं। स्विस् के साथ भारतीय तकनीक के सामंजस्य से इसे बेजोड़ बनाया जा रहा है। इससे रोजगार के जबरदस्त अवसर पैदा हो रहे हैं। -क्रिस्टोफ स्केनेनलामनू, सीईओ, नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट



QR कोड को स्कैन करके देख सकते हैं नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की तस्वीरें।

## Cyclone Fengal Wreaks Havoc

Flights cancelled, trains suspended



**Landfall and after:** Street scene in Chennai on Saturday afternoon —ANI

**N Chithra**  
CHENNAI

Normal life came to a standstill in Chennai, its neighbouring districts, parts of north Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry on Saturday as Cyclone Fengal (pronounced Feinjla) intensified, leaving a trail of disruption. The storm was centred approximately 50 km southeast of Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram), bringing torrential rain and gusty winds.

Both domestic and inter-

national flights at Chennai airport were suspended until 4 am Sunday, with over 100 flights cancelled and 19 diverted, primarily to Bengaluru. Local train services were also halted due to waterlogged tracks in suburban areas.

The Metropolitan Transport Corporation ran limited bus services as residents largely stayed indoors. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) assured that senior officials are monitoring the situation for

resuming operations as soon as weather conditions improve.

"A WebEx meeting with stakeholders and the IMD at 1630 hrs indicated landfall around 2030 hrs with conditions persisting until 2330 hrs. Operations closure was extended through a NOTAM until 0400 IST on 1st December 2024," an AAI statement said, urging passengers to contact airlines for updates.

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## Cyclone Fengal ...

As of 7 pm, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that the storm, moving westward at 7 kmph, was expected to cross the Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast near Puducherry by Saturday evening with wind speeds of 70-80 kmph, gusting up to 90 kmph.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin visited the State Emergency Operations Centre and held virtual reviews with District Collectors, instructing timely evacuation and provision of relief in affected areas. Food was distributed for free at Amma Unavagams in Chennai, and three disaster relief teams were deployed in the city, with 18 dispatched to other districts.

Authorities have urged residents to remain cautious as the storm progresses.

# Adverse weather conditions force closure of city airport

A call on resumption of services will be taken today; flight services were severely hit; operations were suspended after meetings with airline representatives and officials of Meteorological Dept.

**The Hindu Bureau**

CHENNAI

**W**ith 226 cancellations and 21 diversions, Cyclone Fengal threw flight operations out of gear at Chennai airport. The airport was shut down on Saturday afternoon due to adverse weather.

Officials of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said they held multiple consultative meetings with airline representatives and the Meteorological Department officials before making the decision. "The crosswinds were very strong, and we decided that for safety reasons, it



**Left high and dry:** Passengers stranded at the Chennai airport following suspension of flights on Saturday. PTI

will be advisable to suspend operations until the weather improves. As of now, it will be shut till 4 a.m. [on Sunday]. We are frequently inspecting the airfield. There was some water in the airfield, but it wasn't much. On Sunday

morning, a decision will be taken about the resumption of flight services," an official said.

While flight operations were normal in the early hours of Saturday, many aircraft were forced to go around and arrival flights

couldn't land due to heavy winds after 8 a.m. Around 11.30 a.m., due to crosswinds as strong as 35 knots, the AAI announced the closure of the airport from 12.30 p.m. till 7 p.m., but as the winds showed no signs of slowing down, the shut down was extended till 4 a.m. on Sunday.

Twenty-one flights from cities including Mumbai, Kolkata, Madurai, Tiruchi, Abu Dhabhi, Thoothukudi, Bhubhaneshwar, Colombo, Dubai, Hyderabad, and New Delhi were diverted to other airports. While over 10 flights were diverted to Bengaluru, some were also diverted to Hyderabad, Tiruchi, and Madurai.



# Corporate Communications Directorate

MILLENNIUM POST

KOLKATA

1 DECEMBER 2024

## TO ENSURE SAFETY

# Kolkata airport gears up to handle low visibility

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**KOLKATA:** As winter sets in, the Kolkata airport authorities are busy preparing to tackle the issue of low visibility.

Like many other places, Kolkata's visibility drops due to heavy fog during the winter months, causing an impact on flight operations.

The entire schedule of airlines goes haywire from the very moment the morning flights are delayed due to fog, triggering a cascading effect.

To ensure safety, authorities here are gearing up to implement Low Visibility Procedures (LVP). The ATC declares LVP when visibility falls below 800 meters, and then "Follow-Me" vehicles guide aircraft to their stands when visibility is extremely poor, a top Airports Authority of India (AAI) official in Kolkata said. The LVP is also activated when the cloud ceil-



ing is below 200 feet.

The procedure involves coordination among the airport operator, air traffic control (ATC), and pilots to manage flights safely and minimise disruptions, the director of NSCBI airport said. "These ensure that aircraft are able to land, taxi, and take off safely, using advanced navigation systems and ground lighting," he said.

According to the official, the AAI will ensure all necessary systems, like Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) and ground lights, are working. It will coordinate with various stakeholders, including airlines, to prepare the airport for low-visibility operations. According to

standard procedure, non-essential vehicle movement on runways and taxiways will maintain safety.

"The (NSCBI) is equipped with CAT III-B Instrument Landing System (ILS). With the help of this, an aircraft can land with Runway Visual Range (RVR) of up to 50 meters," the airport director explained. He said: "In case of delayed flights, special arrangements will be made in the airport. All food outlets will be ready with sufficient stock so as to serve stranded passengers."

A sufficient number of passenger chairs will also be provided for their comfort, he added. WITH AGENCY INPUTS

## Flyers stranded as hundreds of flights cancelled

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**Chennai:** Cyclone Fengal forced Chennai International Airport to shut down for more than 16 hours since noon on Saturday. Flight operations were withdrawn citing crosswinds. There was no waterlogging on runways and taxiways, and decision to resume operations will be taken after 4am on Sunday, officials said.

Airports Authority of India initially suspended operations until 7pm, citing heavy winds beyond the speed of 35 knots. Later, they extended the closure until 4am on Sunday. At least 229 flights were cancelled.

"The crosswinds prevailed from 300m to 1km from the ground, and airlines raised concerns about operating flights at such high crosswinds. The wind speed was recorded at 35 knots. Since wind speeds beyond 25 knots are risky for flights to operate, the operations were suspended," said an AAI official. The announcement was preceded by several delays, diversions and cancellations of domestic and internatio-

nal flights. Passengers were stranded in the airport lounge for several hours.

In the afternoon, Indigo Airlines cancelled all its flights to and from Chennai, and requested passengers to apply for a refund.

On Saturday morning, two ATR flights — one to Trichy and Madurai and back to Chennai, and another Air India Express flight to Singapore, scheduled to depart at 2.50am — were delayed until 9am. Flights from Dubai (Emirates), Abu Dhabi (Etihad) and Bengaluru that were to land between 8am and 9am were made to go around before being diverted to Bengaluru due to inclement weather. Two Air India flights from Andaman and Delhi were also diverted to Bengaluru as the weather conditions were not conducive for landing.

After 9am flights to Trichy, Thoothukudi, Madurai, Rajamundry and Jaffna were cancelled. Sri Lankan Airlines cancelled flights to and from Colombo. Chennai airport authorities said 55 arrival flights were cancelled and 19 were diverted to other airports.



**CHAOTIC:** Passengers stuck at the airport due to cancelled flights



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DAINIK BHASKAR

JAIPUR

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## जेवर; रनवे 100%, टर्मिनल 80%...

1200 एकड़ में अमेरिकन सिटी बसेगी। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे इंडस्ट्रियल अथॉरिटी में अमेरिका की तर्ज पर यूनिवर्सिटी, कॉलेज, स्कूल, रेजिडेंशियल एरिया विकसित होगा। कंसल्टेंसी कंपनी ब्लू स्काई वेटेज ने इस योजना का खाका तैयार किया है। 365 हेक्टेयर में कोरियन सिटी, सेक्टर 5 में 395 हेक्टेयर में जापानी सिटी प्रस्तावित है।

▪ टैक्टर निर्माता कंपनी कुबोटा ने 4500 करोड़ निवेश की योजना बनाई है। विप्रो, प्रियागोल्ड, बिकानो जैसी कंपनियों के साथ फिल्म सिटी, मेडिकल डिवाइस पार्क, सेमी कंडक्टर यूनिट, अपरेल पार्क, टेक्सटाइल इंडस्ट्री, टायज इंडस्ट्रीज, हैंडलूम पार्क सहित अन्य कई इंडस्ट्री यहां यूनिट लगा रही हैं। भास्कर ने मौके पर देखा तो तेजी से

काम चल रहा है। कंपनियां अपनी-अपनी यूनिट लगा रही हैं। एयरबस, बोइंग, जेपी मॉर्गन, सिटीबैंक, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट, गूगल, फेसबुक, एडोबी, सिस्को, हुंडई, सैमसंग, एलजी, पैनासोनिक, टोयोटा, वोक्सवैगन, टाटा, रिलायंस, एचडीएफसी, इंफोसिस जैसी कंपनियों की अपने-अपने फील्ड में भागीदारी की तैयारी है।

आर्थिक मामलों की जानकार डॉ. आरती चौपड़ा बताती हैं-इन कंपनियों की मौजूदगी से उत्तरप्रदेश ही नहीं बल्कि देश की इकोनॉमी ग्रोथ करेगी। इंडिया ट्रेवल मार्ट के मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर अजय गुप्ता के अनुसार फिलहाल देशभर के टूरिस्ट काफी हद तक इंदिरा गांधी एयरपोर्ट की ओर रुख करते हैं, लेकिन अब जेवर बड़ा विकल्प आ गया है। उम्मीद है कि एयरपोर्ट के विकास के साथ ही टूरिज्म इंडस्ट्री में बूम आएगा। नए डोमेस्टिक डेस्टिनेशन मिलेंगे। एविएशन इंस्टीट्यूट स्थापना की योजना, इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज, मैनेजमेंट इंस्टीट्यूट, स्कूल डवलपमेंट सेंटर, आईटी और आईटीईएस कंपनियों के लिए सेज, लाजिस्टिक और कार्गो, होटल-रेस्त्रां विकसित हो रहे हैं।



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DECCAN CHRONICLE

HYDERABAD

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# Airport shut, rly services hit as cyclone maroons Chennai

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CHENNAI, NOV. 30

The predicted landfall of cyclone Fengal was delayed by hours and finally hit the Pondicherry coast late on Saturday evening even as heavy rains that preceded its arrival virtually shut down the state capital and drenched its neighbouring districts.

Heavy rains along with gusty winds lashed city throughout the day, derailing normal life. Streets in all low-lying areas in Perambur, Kolathur, Korattur, Velachery, Madipakkam, Adyar and Sholingnanallur were submerged, forcing residents to leave for safer places or stay indoors

throughout the day. Chengalpet, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Ranipet, Cuddalore, Mayiladumthurai and Villupuram districts and parts of Pondicherry received heavy rains on Saturday.

The authorities were forced to halt operations of the Chennai international airport from 12.30 pm on Saturday to 4 am on Sunday as the runways are inundated. Ten flights which arrived in the morning were diverted to Bengaluru, Tiruchi, Colombo and Hyderabad.

Public transport was also hit in Chennai. The suburban train services between Chennai Beach and Chengalpet were affected following waterlogging on the tracks and

severing of electric cables near the Chennai Park station.

Though the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) had predicted landfall of the cyclone between Karaikkal and Mammalapuram by Saturday evening, the system remained slow-moving and settled in the Bay of Bengal.

According to IMD late evening update, the cyclonic storm which lay centred 120 km east-northeast of Puducherry was likely to move nearly westwards and cross north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram close to Puducherry as a cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

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# BIAL to build 2.5-km tunnel road to help decongest city's eastern parts

Likely to be completed, operationalised by mid-2026, says CEO

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) has decided to construct a 2.5-km tunnel road within the premises of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to provide an alternative access which will help the city's eastern parts. The project, roughly estimated to cost about Rs 200 crore, is likely to be ready in three years.

Hari Marar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BIAL, said that the Bengaluru airport is being redefined in more ways than we imagine.

"Metro work is progressing at a brisk pace. It is likely to be completed and operationalised by mid-2026. There is also a plan to bring suburban rail but it will take a slightly longer time. Apart from that, we will be building a tunnel road to provide access to the airport from the eastern side," he said.

He was speaking to Malini Goyal, founder and CEO of UnboxingBLR who was hosting an interview titled, 'From Code to Culture', which is published on Youtube.

The eastern tunnel access road, he said, would reduce the driving time by 30 minutes for people residing in east Bengaluru, including Whitefield. The tunnel road passes underneath an active apron and connects the terminal. The project will also cut down the traffic coming to the airport from Hebbal by 30%.

"Hebbal will be decongested," he said.

The four-lane tunnel road, first proposed in 2016, will join the state highway 104 which is currently being widened to four lanes by the Karnataka Road Development Corporation (KRDCL). It will also help the motorists using the newly constructed Satellite Town Ring Road.

During the interview with Goyal, Marar, also said that India is the third largest aviation market in the world. "We are infusing Rs 16,500 crore for expanding the next phase of the Bengaluru airport. This includes eastern tunnel road, construction of two metro stations, a bridge across the main road for the aircrafts to cross over, taxi-way extension etc. Building the second half of the Terminal 2 is also a part of this proposal. The two terminals will be capable of handling 80 million passengers," he said.



## Corporate Communications Directorate

THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

DELHI

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{ STUCK FOR OVER 13 HOURS }

# 60 Indians stranded at Kuwait airport

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**NEW DELHI:** Around 60 Indian passengers were left stranded at the Kuwait International Airport for over 13 hours on Sunday after their Gulf Air flight was diverted due to a technical snag.

The passengers, travelling on Gulf Air flight GF 005 from Bahrain to Manchester, complained of facing discomfort as the airline failed to provide food, accommodation, or basic assistance during their extended wait.

The situation escalated as passengers voiced their grievances on social media, which eventually prompted a response from the Indian Embassy in Kuwait.

**THE PASSENGERS, TRAVELLING ON GULF AIR FLIGHT GF 005, WERE LEFT STRANDED FOR OVER 13 HRS AFTER THEIR FLIGHT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO A TECHNICAL SNAG**

"Embassy @indembkwt had immediately taken up the matter with Gulf Air in Kuwait. A team from Embassy is at the airport to assist the passengers and coordinate with the airline. Passengers have been accommodated in 2 airport lounges," the Indian Embassy in Kuwait said in a post on X.

Arzoo Singh, one of the stranded passengers travelling from Mumbai to Manchester, talked about the ordeal to news agency ANI.

"After we raised the issue on social media, senior officials from the Indian Embassy in Kuwait reached out to the Indian passengers stuck at the airport," she said.

Singh said that after discussions with airport authorities, senior citizens and passengers travelling with infants would be accommodated at a facility inside the airport.

However, she added, there was no clear information about how the rest of the passengers would be treated.

As pointed out by the Indian Embassy in a post on X, Indian nationals were unable to exit

the airport as they "do not fall under Visa on arrival facility in Kuwait". Singh said that UK and US passport holders were allowed to exit due to the availability of a transit visa on arrival.

She further said that the embassy was in talks to schedule an alternate flight for the stranded passengers.

The Indian Embassy in Kuwait later confirmed that Gulf Air had scheduled a flight for the stranded passengers. "Embassy has been informed by Gulf Air that the flight for stranded passengers from Kuwait to Manchester is tentatively scheduled at 3.30am on 2 Dec. This is being conveyed to all passengers by the Embassy team at the airport," it said in another post on X.



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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# Fengal brings rain to coastal A.P.; 20 flights cancelled in Hyderabad airport

**The Hindu Bureau**

VIJAYAWADA/HYDERABAD

Andhra Pradesh woke up to cloudy and wet morning on Saturday as light to moderate rainfall was recorded in many places across the State, while very heavy rainfall, above 100 mm and accompanied by gusty winds, lashed several parts of Tirupati district under the impact of the cyclonic storm Fengal.

As per the information available on the A.P. State Development Planning Society, Bheemulavaripalem



**Under water:** Tirupati district received over 100 mm rainfall on Saturday. K.V. POORNACHANDRA KUMAR

in Tirupati district received the maximum rainfall of 131.5 mm between 8.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

In Rayalaseema, except for Kurnool, Nandyal and

Anantapur that recorded very light rain at a few places, the other five districts received light to moderate rainfall.

The IMD has given a yel-

low alert for the districts of SPSR Nellore, Tirupati, Annamayya, Chittoor, YSR and Sri Sathya Sai for December 1.

According to the A.P. State Disaster Management Authority, strong winds, flash floods and heavy rain are likely in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and at a few places in Rayalaseema as the cyclonic storm makes its landfall.

Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) reported 20 flight cancellations and two diversions on Saturday.



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

DELHI

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## चंडीगढ़ एयरपोर्ट पर भगत सिंह की प्रतिमा पर गरमाई सियासत

■ पीटीआई, चंडीगढ़

आम आदमी पार्टी के सांसद मालविंदर सिंह कंग ने रविवार को कहा कि पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री भगवंत मान जल्द ही चंडीगढ़ एयरपोर्ट पर महान स्वतंत्रता सेनानी भगत सिंह की प्रतिमा का अनावरण करेंगे और उन्होंने बीजेपी पर इसे लेकर ओछी राजनीति

करने का आरोप लगाया। कुछ दिन पहले बीजेपी ने शहीद-ए-आजम भगत सिंह इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर प्रतिमा का अनावरण न कर सकने पर आप सरकार की आलोचना की थी और

**AAP ने बीजेपी पर ओछी राजनीति करने का आरोप लगाया**

उसे 72 घंटे का अल्टीमेटम दिया था। कंग ने एक बयान में कहा कि सीएम मान की कोशिशों से ही चंडीगढ़ हवाई अड्डे का नाम भगत सिंह के नाम पर रखा गया। सत्ता में आने के बाद मान ने भगत सिंह के नाम पर हवाई अड्डे का नामकरण करने की प्रक्रिया शुरू की और वहां उनकी प्रतिमा भी स्थापित की। आप सांसद ने कहा कि सीएम बहुत जल्द प्रतिमा का उद्घाटन करने वाले हैं।

पंजाब बीजेपी के उपाध्यक्ष सुभाष शर्मा ने गुरुवार को कहा था कि आप सरकार ने भगत सिंह की प्रतिमा का अनावरण करने की जल्दवाजी नहीं दिखाई।



# Corporate Communications Directorate

PIONEER

DELHI

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## एयरपोर्ट के पास बसेंगे नए औद्योगिक सेक्टर

● जमीन के लिए सर्वे शुरू, सीईओ रवि कुमार एनजी द्वारा संबंधित विभाग के अधिकारियों को दिशा निर्देश दिए

पावनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

एनसीआर में औद्योगिक विकास अब और रफ्तार पकड़ेगा। ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण ने जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से सटे अपने अधिसूचित क्षेत्र गांवों के साथ ही ग्रेटर नोएडा- ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट को जोड़ने वाली 130 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क के किनारे औद्योगिक विकास को गति देने की तैयारी तेज कर दी है।

प्राधिकरण ने नए औद्योगिक सेक्टर विकसित करने के लिए क्षेत्र के अस्तीली, अमरपुर, अटाई मुरादपुर, सुनपुरा, धूममानिकपुर आदि गांवों में किसानों से सीधे जमीन खरीदेगा। किस गांव में कितनी जमीन



उपलब्ध है, इसके सर्वे का काम शुरू कर दिया गया है। दरअसल, नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अगले साल हवाई जहाजों की उड़ान शुरू हो जाएगी। इससे जिले में औद्योगिक निवेश की संभावनाएं बढ़ रही हैं।

राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर की कंपनियां यहां निवेश करने को इच्छुक हैं, लेकिन प्राधिकरण के पास जमीन की उपलब्ध न होने की वजह से उद्योगों और संस्थागत परियोजनाओं के लिए आर्बटन करने में दिक्कत आ रही है। इसको देखते हुए प्राधिकरण एयरपोर्ट से सटे गांवों यानी ग्रेटर नोएडा ईस्ट इलाके में औद्योगिक सेक्टर विकसित करेगा। इस संबंध में

सीईओ रवि कुमार एनजी द्वारा संबंधित विभाग के अधिकारियों को दिशा निर्देश दिए गए हैं।

एयरपोर्ट से सटे गांवों के साथ ग्रेटर नोएडा व ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट को जोड़ने वाली 130 मीटर सड़क के किनारे औद्योगिक सेक्टर विकसित करने के लिए किसानों से सीधे जमीन खरीदी जाएगी। सीईओ के निर्देश पर काम शुरू कर दिया गया है। दस से अधिक गांवों में जमीन का सर्वेक्षण करने के लिए लेखपालों को लगाया है। किसानों से बातचीत चल रही है। बाजार दर से काफी कम मुआवजा होने की वजह से किसान जमीन देने को तैयार नहीं हैं। किसानों

की मांग है कि बाजार दर के फी से मुआवजा मिले। प्राधिकरण ने माह पहले गांवों में कैंप लगाए लेकिन सफलता नहीं मिली। प्राधिकरण 4125 रुपये प्रति वर्ग की दर से जमीन खरीद रहा जबकि बाजार भाव कम से कम हजार रुपये प्रति वर्गमीटर है। नोएडा प्राधिकरण की योजना ल 500 हेक्टेयर जमीन खरीदने व जिससे कि आगामी परियोजनाओं के लिए लैंडबैंक तैयार किया जा सके शासन द्वारा उद्योगों के

जमीन आर्बटन की नीति को लागू रूप दिए जाने के बाद योजना की जा सकती है। ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण के सीईओ रवि कुमार एनजी ने कहा, उद्योगों और संस्थाओं सहित अन्य परियोजनाओं के किसानों से सीधे जमीन खरीदने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। एयरपोर्ट से सटे इलाके में औद्योगिक विकास बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा। 130 सड़क के किनारे भी उद्योगों के जमीन आर्बटन की जाएगी। स किया जा रहा है।



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# Indians stranded at Kuwait airport after snag leads to flight diversion

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A technical snag forced Gulf Air's Bahrain-Manchester flight to divert to Kuwait, leaving several Indians stranded at the airport as India does not have a "visa on arrival" agreement with Kuwait, and airport hotels were fully booked due to the ongoing GCC meetings.

Indian embassy has managed to accommodate the stranded passengers in the airport lounge. "The embassy has

been informed by Gulf Air that the flight for stranded passengers from Kuwait to Manchester is tentatively scheduled for 3.30 am on Dec 2. Food and water are available for the stranded passengers in the lounges," Indian embassy in Kuwait said on X on Sunday night.

Gulf Air GF5 had taken off from Bahrain at 2.05 am on Sunday, with a planned landing in Manchester after 7.5 hours. However, a technical issue forced it to land at Kuwait at 4.01 am (all times local).

Shivansh, a software engineer among the stranded passengers, said on X, "Reading (foreign minister S Jaishankar's) 'Why Bharat Matters' while getting stuck in Kuwait without any help. All British passport holders got their hotels sorted with a visa on arrival, while Indian passport holders have been left stranded."

Sai Samrat Anandapu, another passenger, wrote, ". There are children and elderly among us, with no confirmation about our flight. Please

provide accommodation as we need to freshen up and attend to our daily needs."

## INNOVATIVE MEASURES INCLUDE ACOUSTIC DETERRENCE, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

# How airport curbed bird-hit incidents

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**Ahmedabad:** Bird strikes at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in the city significantly reduced in 2024, marking a major win for aviation safety. From Jan to Oct 2024, the airport witnessed 32 incidents of bird strikes and animal incursions, a sharp decline from the 53 reported in 2023, according to airport sources. This marked reduction can be attributed to a series of innovative measures taken by the airport.

Bird strikes are capable of damaging aircraft engines and other critical components. A single collision with a bird could potentially endanger lives and disrupt flights. To mitigate the risk of bird hits, SVPI Airport has come up with a comprehensive bird management programme. A key initiative taken by the airport operator is its targeted vegetation management strategy. "By using plant growth re-



gulators and bird deterrents, the airport reduced the height of the vegetation, limiting the presence of insects like termites, which attract birds such as the black kite. This approach, the first of its kind in India, is a prime example of how ecological management can prevent aviation hazards," the airport operator said in a statement.

The comprehensive bird management programme includes several groundbreaking measures like advanced light traps for insect control, customised anti-perching devices and acoustic deterrence systems using bioacoustics. It has introduced one of India's first wildlife relocation programmes which ensures safe reloca-

tion of problematic species without disrupting airport operations. "These measures, involving advanced technology, have controlled over 95% of bird infestations," said a source at the airport. The airport has also launched community engagement initiatives to educate locals about the risks of feeding birds and littering.



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## **No takers for Ulundurpet airport: Union minister**

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha to the queries by Villupuram VCK MP D Ravikumar, Union minister of state for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol said Ulundurpet airstrip is one of the unserved airports of the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Udan. "No valid bid connecting the Ulundurpet airstrip has so far been received. Therefore, the airstrip was not taken up for revival under Udan," he said.



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# HC fines firm ₹5 lakh for harassing widow over Kolhapur airport land

## Calls Plea Against Land-Owner Frivolous, 'Grossest Abuse Of Process Of Law'

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**Mumbai:** The Bombay High Court dismissed a petition filed by a firm over acquisition of a village plot for the expansion of Kolhapur Airport, imposing exemplary costs of Rs 5 lakh for raising a frivolous plea, consciously wasting its time, and harassing the landowner, a widow. HC division bench of Justices Girish Kulkarni and Advait Sethna, in a Nov 28 order, said it was the "grossest abuse of process of law" by the petitioner; GB Industries, "at every possible opportunity".

Sans any semblance of legal rights to a plot belonging to Minakshi Magdum, an elderly widow, the firm filed a petition, said the HC. The

land was being acquired for a public project — the Kolhapur Airport.

"We cannot overlook that in the present times, when the pressure on the court is mounting, litigants persist in asserting such frivolous pleas. This is a new trend which we have noticed in several matters," the HC said. It would "not countenance" or brush aside such untenable persistence, said the HC and directed the firm to pay the widow in two weeks and, until it pays her, not to part with its own properties without a court nod.

The firm petitioned the HC this year, seeking orders to the state and the Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd, not to dispossess it from the plot, in vil-

lage Mudshingi, as a tenant without giving it its share of the compensation under the Land Acquisition Act and also providing alternate land.

The HC said the leave license agreement of 2015 had expired in 2020, but the petitioners continued to occupy the land. After the Covid-19 pandemic, authorities sought to acquire the land for the airport. The compensation for the land would go to the widow and her two children. The firm began asserting its right as a tenant, said the HC, but noted that its counsel, Shrikrishna Ganbavle, could not demonstrate if it was under the Maharashtra Rent Control Act, which is not even applicable to the area. Nor could the firm be an agricultural tenant, obser-

ved the HC, adding the firm, however, solely to harass, "illegally gain" "or in some manner blackmail" the widow, filed a suit before a Kolhapur court last year. It got no interim relief there. It filed a petition before the HC for orders against the state. The widow's counsel, RM Haridas, said the firm has no legal right, yet dragged her into "unwarranted proceedings" and sought dismissal with costs.

The HC said a litigant must come with "clean hands" and the law doesn't permit the court's writ jurisdiction to be abused for personal gains when no rights are evident and relief sought is effectively against private persons. Additional collector assured the acquisition process would be completed soon.



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## **Jet fuel price hiked 1.45%, commercial LPG up ₹16.5**

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**New Delhi:** Jet fuel (ATF) price on Sunday was hiked 1.45 per cent and the rates of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants jumped ₹16.5 per 19 kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with international oil price trends. ATF price was increased ₹1,318.12 per kilolitre to ₹91,856.84 per kl in Delhi, according to State-owned fuel retailers. This is the second straight monthly increase in jet fuel prices. PTI

## ● BIGGER HOLD

# Boeing sees more demand for cargo aircraft in India



**FLYING PACKAGES.** E-commerce volumes are fuelling the demand for a bigger fleet of cargo aircraft BLOOMBERG

**Aneesh Phadnis**

India's freighter fleet has tripled to 18 in the past six years and Boeing expects Indian carriers to procure more cargo aircraft to support the growth of domestic e-commerce and exports.

In its world air cargo forecast released earlier this month, Boeing expects doubling of freight flows between South Asia and Europe, and quadrupling of flows between South Asia and East Asia over the next two decades.

The domestic air cargo market in India, which accounts for less than one per cent of global cargo traffic, is estimated to grow four times over two decades, led by e-commerce sales. "Although still relatively small in volume compared to established e-commerce markets like China, the US or the EU, Indian e-commerce volumes are growing faster than almost anywhere else, at more than 25 per cent per year," Boeing said in its forecast.

The plane maker said India's dedicated freighter fleet includes a mix of Airbus and Boeing planes flown by Blue Dart, IndiGo, Pradhaan Air, Quikjet and SpiceJet.

"We expect to see continued growth and activity to meet the Indian government's stated goal of transporting 10 million tonnes of air freight by 2030, including the eventual need for larger widebodies like the Boeing 777 and 777-8 freighters," a Boeing spokesperson said.

Last March, Boeing selected Hyderabad-based GMR Aero Technic to convert Boeing 737 passenger aircraft into freighters.

Boeing has similar conversion facilities in China, Costa Rica and the UK. MRO (maintenance, repair and operations) facilities in Israel and the US carry out similar works but Boeing has a far higher market share in the passenger-to-freighter conversion business.

"We are excited about setting up the first Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF) line in India and look forward to sharing more details as things evolve and we firm up our discussions with customers," the spokesperson said.

Boeing said it has received more than 280 orders for the 737-800 BCF from 20-plus customers and has delivered more than 180 units.

According to the forecast, the global air freighter fleet will rise to 3,900 by 2043 from 2,340 in 2023. The large widebody freighter fleet will nearly double in high-growth Asian markets.



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## Foreign pilots triple in 15 months to keep Indian airlines flying

**Aneesh Phadnis**  
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Indian carriers are relying on foreign pilots yet again to support their growth with their number tripling to over 236 in the past 15 months.

In March 2023, the number of foreign pilots employed in India was 67, including pilots hired by airlines, charter operators and helicopter companies, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) informed Lok Sabha in its written response.

Now, foreign pilot count has swelled three times to 236, as per the Ministry's



**FLYING HIGH.** From 67 in March 2023, the number of foreign pilots in India has now risen to over 236. NAGARA GOPAL

latest response to the Lok Sabha on November 28. The latest data does not include pilots employed by charter

and helicopter companies.

Air India Express, which has 144 foreign pilots, accounts for over 60 per cent of

total expat recruits. Air India and IndiGo employ 58 and 34 expatriate pilots respectively. Air India Express inducted 35 Boeing 737 Max aircraft and Air India leased 11 Boeing 777 aircraft over the last few months, resulting in higher demand for pilots. Incidentally, the two Tata group airlines did not have a single expatriate pilot on rolls last March.

Air India Express hired foreign pilots to bridge the current shortfall, an official explained. "The availability of Boeing 737 pilots and training infrastructure in India is limited. So hiring foreign pilots is a bridging

strategy until we train enough pilots," he said. The airline has hired around 800 pilots in the past year.

Air India and IndiGo too plan to phase out expatriate pilots gradually as they build their own pipeline through command upgrades and fresh hiring.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Expatriates have to clear a medical examination and an oral English test. They also need a security clearance from Union Home Ministry before they are issued a foreign air crew temporary authorisation certificate. This approval is granted for one

year, and smaller airlines and helicopter operators are pushing for a two-year validity to ensure better availability of pilots.

"Post selection, it takes four to five months before a foreign pilot can start flying in India," an official explained.

While the number of foreign pilots is now higher, it is below the June 2019 level when carriers had 404 on their rolls. Between 2014 and 2018, the number of foreign pilots employed by Indian airlines ranged between 270 and 325, the Ministry had told the Rajya Sabha in December 2018.



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## एयर इंडिया एक्स. की पोर्ट ब्लेयर के लिए रोज उड़ान

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने रविवार को नेटवर्क विस्तार के तहत कोलकाता से श्री विजयपुरम (पोर्ट ब्लेयर) के लिए दैनिक उड़ान शुरू की। एयरलाइन ने बयान में यह जानकारी दी। कोलकाता - श्री विजयपुरम की पहली उड़ान सुबह 5.40 बजे रवाना हुई। बयान में कहा गया है कि 15 दिसंबर से एयरलाइन इस मार्ग पर अतिरिक्त दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करेगी, जो कोलकाता और श्री विजयपुरम के बीच दिन में दो बार संपर्क प्रदान करेगी। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे के भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने एक्स पर पोस्ट किया, 'रोमांचक समाचार! एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस (आईएक्स) ने कोलकाता से पोर्ट ब्लेयर के लिए दैनिक उड़ानें शुरू की हैं। आज सुबह 05:40 बजे पहली उड़ान के साथ 175 यात्री यात्रा करेंगे।' भाषा



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## विमान ईंधन, वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी के दाम बढ़े

विमान ईंधन या एटीएफ 1.45 प्रतिशत महंगा हो गया है, जबकि होटल और रेस्तरां में इस्तेमाल होने वाले वाणिज्यिक एलपीजी की कीमत में 16.5 रुपये प्रति 19 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर की वृद्धि हुई। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की ईंधन विपणन कंपनियों ने रविवार को कच्चे तेल की अंतरराष्ट्रीय कीमतों के अनुसार अपने मासिक संशोधन के तहत उक्त मूल्य वृद्धि की। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में एटीएफ की कीमत 1,318.12 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर या 1.45 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 91,856.84 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर हो गई।

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## ATF price hiked by 1.45%, commercial LPG costlier too

Jet fuel, or aviation turbine fuel (ATF), price on Sunday was hiked by 1.45 per cent and rates of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants increased by ₹16.5 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with international oil price trends. The ATF price was increased by ₹1,318.12 per kilolitre, or 1.45 per cent, to ₹91,856.84 per kl in the national capital – home to one of the busiest airports, according to state-owned fuel retailers.



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## कोलकाता से बांग्लादेश की कम हो रही हैं उड़ानें

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण, कोलकाता : पड़ोसी देश बांग्लादेश में चल रहे संकट के बीच यात्रियों की संख्या में कमी के साथ पिछले कुछ महीनों में कोलकाता से बांग्लादेश के लिए उड़ानों की संख्या में कमी आई है। इससे व्यापारियों को नुकसान का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनएससीबीआई) के अधिकारियों ने कहा कि भारत की एक एयरलाइन ने भी कोलकाता और ढाका के बीच उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने की अपनी योजना को फिलहाल रद्द कर दिया है।

पड़ोसी देश की निजी एयरलाइन यूएस-बांग्ला एयरलाइंस द्वारा संचालित कोलकाता आने वाली

### तृणमूल सांसद ने पार्टी से बिना अनुमति लिए बांग्लादेश मुद्दे पर चर्चा के लिए लोकसभा सचिवालय को लिखा पत्र

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण, कोलकाता : तृणमूल कांग्रेस के वरिष्ठ सांसद सौगत राय ने पार्टी से अनुमति लिए बिना लोकसभा सचिवालय को पत्र लिखकर बांग्लादेश मुद्दे पर चर्चा की मांग की है। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, इसको लेकर तृणमूल का शीर्ष नेतृत्व उनसे नाराज है। पार्टी के कुछ नेताओं का कहना है कि राय ने बिना अनुमति

के ऐसा करके पार्टी के आदेशों की अवहेलना की है। दरअसल, बीते 25 नवंबर को मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी के कालीघाट स्थित आवास पर हुई तृणमूल कांग्रेस की राष्ट्रीय कार्यसमिति की बैठक में यह निर्णय लिया गया कि पार्टी की अनुमति के बिना कोई भी सांसद स्थगन प्रस्ताव पेश नहीं कर सकता।

उड़ानों की संख्या जुलाई में 84 थी और नवंबर में यह संख्या घटकर 24 रह गई। एयरलाइन ने जुलाई में 7,391 यात्रियों को कोलकाता पहुंचाया, जो नवंबर में 1,646

रह गया। इसी तरह बांग्लादेश की राष्ट्रीय एयरलाइन बिमान ने जुलाई में कोलकाता के लिए 59 उड़ानें संचालित की थीं और नवंबर में यह संख्या घटकर 28 रह गई।



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## Showing off Aviation History



Union aviation minister Rammohan Naidu, in his effort to enthuse his ministry, has developed an aviation park in Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan where his ministry is located. He has also set up three dummies of aeroplanes and several other aviation-related items showing a glimpse of history of the civil aviation sector and achievement in India.



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## **Ai Express starts daily flights from Kolkata to Sri Vijaya Puram**



AIR INDIA EXPRESS on Sunday launched daily flights from Kolkata to Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair), as a part of network expansion in the region, the airline said in a statement. The inaugural Kolkata-Sri Vijaya Puram flight took off at 5.40 am.

## समुद्र तट से टकराने के बाद कमजोर पड़ गया तूफान फेंगल से भारी बारिश, रनवे पर उतर रहा विमान हवा में लहराया



चेन्नई/पुडुचेरी, एजेंसी। फेंगल तूफान तमिलनाडु में समुद्र तट से टकराने के बाद अब कमजोर पड़ गया। ये धीरे-धीरे पश्चिम की ओर से बढ़ रहा है। भारी बारिश से तटीय जिलों में बाढ़ जैसे हालात बन गए हैं। घर और अस्पताल जलमग्न हो गए। रविवार सुबह 6 बजे से भारतीय सेना और राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रतिक्रिया बल ने राहत कार्य शुरू कर दिया है।

भारतीय मौसम विभाग के अनुसार चक्रवात रविवार को भी करीब छह घंटे पुडुचेरी पास स्थिर रहा। फेंगल शनिवार रात समुद्री तट से टकराया था, इस दौरान भारी बारिश से तीन लोगों की मौत भी हो गई थी। स्कूल-कॉलेजों को बंद करने के साथ हवाई सेवाएं ठप रहीं, जो आधी रात के बाद सुरुआत हुईं।

पुडुचेरी में अब तक की सबसे ज्यादा बारिश: पुडुचेरी में रिकॉर्ड तोड़ बारिश हुई। आईएमडी के क्षेत्रीय मौसम



चेन्नई हवाई अड्डे पर तेज हवाओं के कारण इंडिगो का विमान लैंडिंग के दौरान लहरा गया। पायलट ने सूझबूझ का परिचय देते हुए लैंडिंग रोक दी थी। ● वीडियो गैब

**16** घंटे तक बंद रहा चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट चक्रवात फेंगल के कारण  
**46** सेंटीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई पुडुचेरी में, जो अब तक की सर्वाधिक लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है अब तक भारी बारिश के चलते

### इंडिगो का विमान बचा

चक्रवात फेंगल के कारण चेन्नई हवाई अड्डे पर शनिवार शाम इंडिगो विमानन कंपनी के ए320 नियो विमान को खतरनाक स्थिति का सामना करना पड़ा। वीडियो में दिखा कि विमान रनवे पर उतरने की कोशिश कर रहा था, लेकिन जमीन से कुछ इंच की दूरी पर पहुंचने के बाद पायलट ने लैंडिंग को रोक दिया और विमान फिर उड़ गया।

केंद्र के अतिरिक्त महानिदेशक एस बालाचंद्रन ने बताया कि रविवार सुबह 7:30 बजे तक पुडुचेरी में 46 सेंटीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई। यह अब तक की सबसे अधिक बारिश है।

उड़ानें प्रभावित: चक्रवात के चलते चेन्नई हवाई अड्डे पर शनिवार दोपहर से 16 घंटे तक उड़ान संचालन बंद रहा। हालांकि, रनवे और टैक्सीवे पर जलभराव की स्थिति नहीं थी।

## FROM HOW FAR CAN A STORM AFFECT AIRCRAFT? NEW STUDY ANSWERS

RATTLED NERVES and spilled drinks are the most common outcomes of a choppy flight, but intense air turbulence can also cause bodily harm. And while one well-known cause of air turbulence is thunderstorms, it's poorly understood how far from a tempest shaky conditions are likely to persist.

To answer that question, researchers recently analysed millions of measurements of air turbulence collected by commercial aircraft.

The team found that a heightened risk of a jarring flight extended more than 55 miles away from a thunderstorm, which is roughly three times the storm-avoidance distance currently recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the US.

These findings, published in November in *The Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, could inform new guidelines for storm avoidance, the researchers suggest.

Pilots and dispatch crews on the ground have long kept an eye trained on the weather. "The links between meteorology and aviation go way, way back," said Stacey Hitchcock, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Thunderstorms are of particular concern to pilots. "You get really rapid changes in vertical and horizontal motion over short distances," Hitchcock said. Those chaotic motions — which can also be caused by jet stream winds and air moving around obstacles like mountains — can cause aircraft to go up and down, creating the tumultuous sensation that's all too familiar to many flyers.

In the past, daredevil pilots played a key role in revealing how aircraft experience turbulence near thunderstorms: A fleet of five P-61C Black Widow aircraft repeatedly flew through thunderstorms above Florida and Ohio in the 1940s.

Today, however, scientists have access to troves of air turbulence data. "Almost all commercial aircraft now are collecting some form of turbulence data," said Todd Lane, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Melbourne in Australia who was involved in the new research.

Hitchcock and her collaborators



Thunderstorms are of particular concern to pilots. *Wikimedia Commons*

analysed roughly 200 million such measurements made over United States airspace from 2009 to 2017.

Next, the team mined archival radar data to calculate the locations of thunderstorms. By comparing the positions of airplanes and thunderstorms in three-dimensional space, the researchers determined how the relative risk of experiencing light, moderate and severe turbulence changed based on the distance from a thunderstorm.

The sphere of influence of a thunderstorm extended to significant distances, the researchers showed. "You can even go as far as 50, 60, 70 kilometers from a storm and still have double the risk of turbulence," Lane said.

Current FAA guidelines for storm avoidance dictate that pilots maintain a horizontal distance of at least 20 miles from a thunderstorm.

But giving storms a wider berth would mean more rerouting of aircraft, which is no small feat in crowded airspace, said Mohamed Foudad, a turbulence researcher at the University of Reading in England who was not involved in the research. "It will be complicated to put more restrictions on these guidelines."

Another possibility is that captains could opt to turn on the seat belt sign earlier, when planes are farther from thunderstorms, Hitchcock said.

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## India readying plans on green aviation

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India, the world's third-largest aviation market, is readying its playbook on the apex intergovernmental body on civil aviation with its stringent global clean fuel regime.

This follows India's reservations about the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (Icao's) green aviation scheme Corsia, an acronym for Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation. India is now readying its playbook on Corsia, said two government officials.

This scheme aims to promote a globally harmonized system of sustainable aviation fuel usage for airlines, with some mandated thresholds. So far, 129 countries have joined Corsia. India has stayed away from the voluntary phase on account of reservations on these thresholds.

The reason New Delhi is now evaluating its engagement with Icao is a looming deadline with far stricter norms set by the European Union. The 27-nation grouping has threatened to fine countries if their airlines fail to comply with these



India is evaluating its engagement with Icao as the deadline for far stricter clean fuel norms set by the EU is nearing. REUTERS

norms. Aviation fuel is one of the major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

While India had earlier expressed its reservations against Corsia and decided not to participate in the voluntary phase (2021-26), Indian airlines will have to meet offsetting requirement under Corsia starting 2027.

The issue has assumed urgency against the backdrop of the EU's stringent regulations that mandates a minimum of 2% sustainable

aviation fuel (SAF) in fuel for flights originating from the EU starting in 2025, failing which airlines will be fined.

These EU mandates will progressively increase to 6% by 2030, 20% by 2035, and 70% by 2050.

SAF refers to non-conventional aviation fuel produced through alternative feedstocks, including grains, alcohol, and residual food waste. With Corsia applicable to all international flights starting 2027, as many as 129 countries have agreed to

participate from 1 January 2025.

"To address this challenge, discussions are on with key ministries including those of civil aviation, environment, forest and climate change, and petroleum and natural gas," said one of the two officials cited above requesting anonymity.

India has adopted a cautious approach given the European Union's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM), which will tax the 'embedded carbon' in imports of goods from emission-intensive sectors such as steel, aluminium, cement, hydrogen, electricity, and fertilizers, and may impact 0.05% of Indian GDP.

"A plan is under discussion to ensure that nothing gets agreed in Corsia that is not in India's interest. Once the EU's SAF norms kick in, our airlines will have to meet the standards or pay fines," said the second government official.

The development also assumes significance for India, which has the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, behind the US and China.

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**Aviation fuel is one of the major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change**

## SpiceJet: Are creditors using IBC for settlement leverage?

Lawyers say operational creditors using insolvency to recover dues is not what the IBC is for

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India's bankruptcy courts are indignant at being used by creditors as a tool to recover dues from companies that are not really bankrupt, and for wasting their time.

On 19 November, judicial member Mahendra Khandelwal of the Delhi bench of the NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) pulled up Engine Lease Finance BV, the engine lessor of budget airline SpiceJet, for keeping a settlement pending in the IBC forum to leverage settlements with the airline.

"Both the Ld. Counsels submitted that the parties are trying to settle the matter amicably therefore sought time. Pleadings are complete. The adjournment on similar ground was sought on the last date of hearing i.e. 08.10.2024. Last opportunity is given to the parties to either settle the matter, failing which the matter will be proceeded as per law," the NCLT order stated.

Engine Lease Finance BV is among several lessors that have filed insolvency claims against SpiceJet.

Mint's research reveals that as of November 2024, 16 insolvency claims have been filed against the airline, primarily by lessors and some service vendors. Of these, five claims have been withdrawn after settlements, two are in the process of being settled, seven remain pending with the insolvency tribunal, and two have been dismissed by the tribunal. None of the claims has advanced to full insolvency proceedings.

Emailed queries to SpiceJet didn't elicit any response till press time.

Lawyers said using insolvency proceedings in this manner for recovery is not the intended purpose of the IBC



Mint research shows 16 insolvency claims against the airline as of November—five were settled, two are ongoing, seven are pending and two were dismissed.

(Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code). Dinesh Jotwani, co-managing partner, Jotwani Associates, noted that while financial creditors may turn to the NCLT as a last resort, the trend of operational creditors using the forum for recovery raises concern.

Operational creditors include lessors, vendors and suppliers, and financial creditors are lenders including banks and other institutions. "SpiceJet's case highlights a growing trend where creditors use the IBC forum to pressure corporate debtors into settlement," said Alay Razvi, managing partner at law firm Accord Juris. "Creditors are aware that initiating IBC proceedings can force corporate debtors into settling their outstanding dues. The IBC is meant to resolve genuine insolvency cases, not to serve as a tool

for creditors to force settlements."

Kalpiti Khandelwal, partner at law firm Aekam Legal, said the airline business is unique because its liabilities often exceed its assets. "SpiceJet's case is unusual, as multiple IBC proceedings have been filed by both operational and financial creditors in a short period," he said.

Last week, Ireland's aircraft lessor Aircastle withdrew insolvency case against SpiceJet after reaching a \$5.6 million settlement, marking yet another instance of the airline resolving dispute after raising ₹3,000 crore through a qualified institutional placement (QIP).

Similarly, SpiceJet reached agreements with Cestial Aviation, Akerna Aircraft, and Raymach Technologies. Despite these settlements, SpiceJet still faces further insolvency claims. In the

last week of October, the NCLT issued notices regarding claims from lessors Sabarmati Aviation and JetAir 17, while Falgu Aviation Leasing filed an insolvency plea over an \$8.1 million default. All entities are operational creditors.

Since the pandemic, SpiceJet has struggled with legal and financial challenges. Its domestic market share has dropped from 7.3% in January 2023 to just 2.3% in August 2024, and it currently has 36 grounded planes. Despite raising funds, experts warn that the airline's situation remains fragile. "The funds SpiceJet is receiving are being used to settle disputes, rather than for expansion, acquiring more aircraft, or launching new routes," said Mark Martin, CEO of Martin Consulting.

While creditors have the right to withdraw insolvency claims under Section 12A, citing grounds such as settlement, the Supreme Court and NCLAT have repeatedly held that insolvency courts are not intended for debt recovery against solvent companies.

Last year, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal rejected an insolvency petition filed by Tricolite Electrical Industries against Wipro Ltd, clarifying bankruptcy law can't be used to recover debt from solvent firms. It emphasized IBC is not a recovery tool for creditors.

Though SpiceJet's case is unusual, experts said the wave of insolvency claims against large, solvent firms is not a new trend. "This practice is not entirely new," said Ayesha Rai, partner at law firm DMD Advocates.

Mint reported the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, is considering mandatory mediation between the defaulting firms and creditors before insolvency proceedings are initiated.

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**7.3%**  
 SpiceJet's domestic market share in January 2023

**2.3%**  
 The airline's share in August, with 36 grounded planes



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## एआई एक्सप्रेस की कोलकाता-पोर्ट ब्लेयर दैनिक उड़ान शुरू

कोलकाता (भाषा)।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने रविवार को नेटवर्क विस्तार के तहत कोलकाता से श्री विजयपुरम (पोर्ट ब्लेयर) के लिए दैनिक उड़ान शुरू की। एयरलाइन ने एक बयान में यह जानकारी दी।

कोलकाता - श्री विजयपुरम की पहली उड़ान सुबह 5.40 बजे रवाना हुई। बयान में कहा

गया है कि 15 दिसंबर से एयरलाइन इस मार्ग पर एक अतिरिक्त दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करेगी, जो कोलकाता और श्री

विजयपुरम के बीच दिन में दो बार संपर्क प्रदान करेगी।

कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे के भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने एक्स पर पोस्ट किया, 'रोमांचक समाचार... एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस (आईएक्स) ने कोलकाता से पोर्ट ब्लेयर के लिए

दैनिक उड़ानें शुरू की हैं।'

एयरलाइन ने एक बयान में कहा कि कोलकाता एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के लिए वेहद महत्व रखता है, और वह इस क्षेत्र में अपनी उपस्थिति लगातार मजबूत कर रही है।





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## IndiGo to fly to Phuket from city

■ **CALCUTTA:** Starting December 27, low-cost carrier IndiGo will begin operating direct flights between Calcutta and Phuket. This will be IndiGo's second direct flight to Phuket, following Delhi. The new route will expand IndiGo's global network and cater to the growing number of tourists from India to Thailand. [en](#)



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### 3 flights with India cancelled amid declining flyer count

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At least two daily flights between Kolkata and Dhaka and one between Kolkata and Chittagong have been cancelled by airlines operating between the two countries as passenger count continues to nose-dive following unrest in Bangladesh, attacks on minorities and curbs on travel due to Indian visa restrictions.

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Airlines has reduced the frequency to Dhaka from twice daily to once and has discontinued the flight to Chittagong. Indian carrier IndiGo continues to operate its twice-daily schedule. The number of flights from Kolkata to either Dhaka or Chittagong has dipped from 125 in Sept to 97 in Nov. Consequently, the count of departing passengers has

reduced from 15,479 to 12,747 over the same period.

The number of flight arrivals to Kolkata from Bangladesh has dipped from 114 in Sept to 96 in Nov. Bangladeshi carriers have been the worst-hit. Biman Bangladesh flights from Kolkata are down from 59 in July to 28 in Nov while US-Bangla Airlines has fared worse with flight departures down from 84 in July to 24 now. In contrast, IndiGo flight departures are down from 62 in July to 45 in Nov, while arrivals during this period are down from 64 in July to 44 now.