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New deadline for Noida Int'l Airport set for June 30, 2025

GREATER NOIDA: After multiple missed deadlines, the concessionaire of Noida International Airport has now proposed a new completion date of June 30, 2025. The project was originally scheduled to be finished by September 29, 2024.

To accelerate progress, around 2,000 additional workers will be deployed from other sites, according to a senior Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) official.

Airport CEO Dr Arunvir Singh stated that the international terminal is nearly complete, with only fire-resistant roof cloth installation pending. The domestic and cargo terminals are ready, and most infrastructure—including escalators, lifts, baggage systems, and all 10 aerobridges—has been installed. The terminal's façade is 80 per cent complete.

The Airport Authority of India has finished the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower, and the runway and apron are ready. Work on the internal road to the Yamuna Expressway and treatment plants remains pending, though temporary solutions have been arranged. MPOST



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Cargo operations begin at Donyi Polo Airport

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ITANAGAR, May 1: In a significant step towards enhancing logistical infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, incoming cargo operations commenced at Donyi Polo Airport here today via the passenger terminal.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu hailed the development as a major milestone in the State's connectivity and economic growth journey.

The inbound cargo services, facilitated by IndiGo Airlines, have begun from May 1, with outbound operations set to start shortly from Holongi Airport, Khandu stated in a social media post.

Highlighting the transformative potential of this service, the Chief Minister outlined several key benefits for the public and business community including faster delivery of goods, parcels and business consignments directly to Itanagar, support for local traders and entrepreneurs through quicker and more cost-effective logistics, and improved access to medical supplies, enhancing emergency health care services.

The facility will be convenient for air passengers who can now coordinate travel and cargo delivery simultaneously. It will also boost local economy through efficient supply chain operations, ensuring reduced dependence on road transport, especially during monsoons, and enhanced multi-modal connectivity, positioning Donyi Polo Airport as a key logistics hub in the North East. This development is expected to significantly reduce turnaround times for goods transport and promote a more resilient economic ecosystem in the State, officials said.



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर रोबोटिक सिस्टम से होगी बमों की जांच

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों का परिचालन शुरू होने से पहले अत्याधुनिक तकनीक से लेस सुरक्षा व्यवस्था लागू की जा रही है। इसी कड़ी में शुक्रवार को मिनी रिमोटली ऑपरेटेड व्हीकल (एमआरओवी) का सफल परीक्षण किया गया, जो बम की पहचान करने और निष्क्रिय करने में सक्षम है। एमआरओवी से सुरक्षा बल बिना जान जोखिम में डाले संदिग्ध वस्तुओं की जांच और आपातकालीन परिस्थितियों में त्वरित प्रतिक्रिया देने में सक्षम होंगे यह स्वदेशी रूप से विकसित उन्नत रोबोटिक सिस्टम भारत की सिक्थोरिटी डिफेंस सिस्टम कंपनी ने तैयार की है। पहले चरण में एयरपोर्ट पर ऐसे छह एमआरओवी तैनात किए जाएंगे। इससे यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित होगी और देश की रक्षा तकनीक में आत्मनिर्भरता को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा। व्यरो

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- एयरपोर्ट से विमानों का परिचालन शुरू होने से पहले यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को लेकर पुख्ता इंतजाम

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 2 मई (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा से विमानों का परिचालन जुलाई तक शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। उससे पहले एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को लेकर पुख्ता इंतजाम किया जा रहा है। शुक्रवार को सुरक्षा इंतजामों में मिनी रिमोटली ऑपरेटेड व्हीकल को शामिल किया गया। एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा कर्मियों की मौजूदगी में मिनी रिमोटली ऑपरेटेड व्हीकल का ट्रायल किया गया। मिनी रिमोटली ऑपरेटेड व्हीकल (एमआरओवी) को सिक्सोरिटी डिफेंस सिस्टम द्वारा विकसित यह स्वदेशी अत्याधुनिक रोबोटिक सिस्टम उच्च जोखिम वाले बमों का पता लगाने और निष्क्रिय करने के लिए बनाया गया है, जो तेज, सटीक और जीवन रक्षक जानकारी प्रदान



करेगा, साथ ही हमारे सुरक्षा कर्मियों को सुरक्षित रखता है। एयरपोर्ट पर पहले चरण में सुरक्षा को लेकर छह एमआरओवी को शामिल किया गया है।

मिनी रिमोटली ऑपरेटेड व्हीकल एक उन्नत रोबोटिक सिस्टम है, जिसे सिक्सोरिटी डिफेंस सिस्टम द्वारा भारत में विकसित किया गया है। यह विशेष रूप से उच्च जोखिम वाले बम डिटेक्शन और डिस्पोजल के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। एमआरओवी का डिज़ाइन मॉड्यूलर है, जिससे इसे विभिन्न कार्यों के



लिए अनुकूलित किया जा सकता है। यह संकरे स्थानों जैसे ट्रेन, विमान या मेट्रो में आसानी से काम कर सकता है। इसमें चार-पहिया ड्राइव सिस्टम है, जो किसी भी प्रकार के इलाके में गतिशीलता सुनिश्चित करता है। यह सीढ़ियां चढ़ सकता है, ढलानों पर काम कर सकता है और सॉदग्न वस्तुओं को खींच सकता है। इसमें एक रोबोटिक आर्म है, जो 20 किग्रा तक की वस्तुओं को 2.5 मीटर की दूरी से और 9 किग्रा तक की वस्तुओं को 4 मीटर की दूरी से संभाल सकता है। यह बमों को स्कैन करने और निष्क्रिय करने के लिए वाटर जेट डिस्चार्जर से लैस है। एमआरओवी में उच्च-रिज़ॉल्यूशन कैमरे, नाइट विजन, और एनबीसी

(न्यूक्लियर, बायोलॉजिकल, केमिकल) रेकनाइसेंस सिस्टम हैं, जो वास्तविक समय में वीडियो और डेटा प्रदान करते हैं। यह सॉदग्न वस्तुओं को स्कैन करने के लिए पोर्टेबल एक्स-रे डिवाइस से भी सुसज्जित है। इसे 500 मीटर की दूरी से नियंत्रित किया जा सकता है, जो ऑपरेटर की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करता है। नियंत्रण जॉयस्टिक या मास्टर कंट्रोल स्टेशन के माध्यम से होता है। यह इलेक्ट्रिकली पावर्ड है और पूरी तरह चार्ज होने पर 3 घंटे तक काम कर सकता है। इसका कॉम्पैक्ट डिज़ाइन और कम वजन (100 किग्रा से कम) इसे पोर्टेबल बनाता है। इसके 90 फीसदी से अधिक घटक स्वदेशी हैं, जो इसे लागत-प्रभावी और रखरखाव में आसान बनाता है। बम निष्क्रिय करने के अलावा, यह निगरानी, टोही, और सॉदग्न वाहनों की जांच के लिए भी उपयोगी है। इसमें दरवाजे तोड़ने के लिए शॉटगन भी शामिल है। यह तकनीक सुरक्षा बलों को जोखिम भरे मिशनों में सुरक्षित और प्रभावी ढंग से काम करने में सक्षम बनाती है, जिससे मानव जीवन की रक्षा होती है और आपातकालीन प्रतिक्रिया क्षमता बढ़ती है।



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उड़ान में विलंब पर नाराज थरूर को डायल ने दिया जवाब

जासं, नई दिल्ली: कांग्रेस नेता शशि थरूर ने एक मई को अपने एक्स हैंडल से पोस्ट कर दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर तंज कसते हुए कहा था कि बेकार (डिसफंक्शनल) दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर देरी के बावजूद, मैं अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में पीएम मोदी के आगमन पर उनका स्वागत करने के लिए समय पर तिरुवनंतपुरम में उतरने में कामयाब रहा। इससे आगे उन्होंने लिखा कि प्रधानमंत्री के विज़िंजम बंदरगाह का आधिकारिक रूप से उद्घाटन किए जाने का इंतजार कर रहा हूँ, ये एक ऐसा प्रोजेक्ट है, जिससे शुरुआत से ही जुड़े रहने पर मुझे गर्व है।

बुधवार को इस पोस्ट के उत्तर में दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट संचालन एजेंसी डायल ने अपने आधिकारिक एक्स हैंडल से शशि थरूर को उत्तर दिया कि हम लोगों ने विलंब को लेकर आपकी नाराजगी से जुड़े पूरे प्रकरण का पता किया। आपको जिस एअर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआइ 2454 से दिल्ली से तिरुवनंतपुरम जाना था, उसके प्रस्थान का तय समय दिन में तीन बजकर 20 मिनट था। वह विलंबित इसलिए हुई, क्योंकि देहरादून से विलंब से यहां पहुंची। देहरादून से उसके आगमन का नई दिल्ली में समय 1:40 बजे था, लेकिन वह 3:09 बजे पर यहां पहुंची।

Mumbai airport T1 revamp to be delayed

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Mumbai, May 2

THE REVAMP OF Mumbai airport's ageing terminal 1 (T1) is likely to get delayed as the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport is expected to take longer-than-anticipated time to achieve operational stability.

The terminal 1 is dedicated to domestic flights and handled 14 million passengers a year. After the revamp, which entails replacing the current building with a modern structure, it will have the capacity to handle 20 million passengers a year.

In January this year, Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL) director Jeet Adani stated that the redevelopment of terminal 1 will start in November and that the Navi Mumbai airport will manage the capacity gap.

However, responding to an analyst's question, Jugeshinder Singh, group chief financial officer, Adani Enterprises,

TO MISS NOVEMBER DEADLINE

■ Revamp of Mumbai airport's terminal 1 was expected to begin in November

■ Post revamp, its capacity is proposed to increase from 14 mn passengers a year to 20 mn passengers

■ Now, renovation work is expected to start after operations at the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport stabilise



said, "We have not finalised the start date (of the demolition of T1), but yes we need to first stabilise the Navi Mumbai airport so that the airlines are comfortable operating there. Once we ourselves are confident of the operational stability of both airports, then

only we will decide." "It won't be a rush, it won't be near-term... Once we announce the proper transition to Navi Mumbai and the operational stabilisation of that airport, in consultation with airlines, we will determine what the best timing is (for the demo-

lition of T1)," Singh added.

The T1 redevelopment plan includes infrastructure upgrades such as district cooling, cutting-edge electrical sub-stations, and a better baggage handling system. Under the plan, passengers will be able to experience seamless connectivity — from direct metro access to underground bus stations. AAHL had announced the inauguration of the redveloped T1 to take place in 2028-29.

The Navi Mumbai airport is expected to start commercial operations in June, after missing two deadlines. It plans to start operations with domestic flights, followed by international flights a few months later.

AAHL expects to start the work on Navi Mumbai airport's phase 2 immediately after stabilisation of phase 1 which would take the capacity from 20 million to 60 million passengers a year.



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Leopard appears twice at Pune airport

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A leopard was sighted twice within the restricted airside area of Pune airport on Monday—first around 7am and again around 8pm—prompting authorities to intensify tracking and containment efforts.

The airside is a high-security zone where critical aircraft operations such as landings, take-offs and ground movements take place. In a video shared on X by a flyer on Monday, the leopard can be seen moving across the area with a plane nearby. Following the sighting, some social media users claimed the animal had been captured, though this was later refuted by officials.

Forest officials confirmed that they are tracking the big cat and stepped up operations after the second sighting. "We clarify that the leopard was not captured last night. However, the monitoring operation has been further intensified. Camera traps have been installed at nine different locations, and an additional trap cage has been set, bringing the total number of trap cages to three," said Mahadev Mohite, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pune Division.

"The leopard was sighted in two camera traps and was observed entering one of the cages, but it did not touch the



bait. Future plans or any necessary changes will be finalised this afternoon after reviewing the visuals and analysing the leopard's behavioural patterns. The Forest Department and RESQ NGO teams continue their joint round-the-clock monitoring and search operations to ensure the timely and safe capture of the animal. The situation remains under close observation, and necessary updates will be provided in the evening," Mohite added.

Coincidentally, the leopard sighting occurred on the same day the Pune Airport Advisory Committee convened a meeting to address the growing concern over wild animals entering the airport premises.

This is not the first incident involving leopards in the Pune region. Earlier this year, two leopards were spotted roaming freely in the Nigdi area of Pimpri-Chinchwad, alarming residents.



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ओडिशा में ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा बनाने की तैयारी

भुवनेश्वर। ओडिशा में विमानन बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूत करने के लिए ओडिशा सरकार ने ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा बनाने के साथ ही 14 जिलों में हेलीपोर्ट बनाने का फैसला किया है। ये निर्णय मुख्यमंत्री की अध्यक्षता में बैठक के दौरान लिए गए। इसमें पुरी में प्रस्तावित श्री जगन्नाथ अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (एसजेआईएर) और राउरकेला हवाई अड्डे के विकास में तेजी लाने पर चर्चा की गई।



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500+ flight delays in peak hrs throw ops out of gear at IGI

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NEW DELHI: Over 500 flights were delayed, some cancelled and a few diverted at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Friday with most of the disruptions taking place in the morning hours amid heavy rains and thunderstorms, throwing out of place plans of thousands of passengers, airport and airlines' officials said.

According to Flightradar24, a live flight tracking website, the airport saw a peak average delay of 50 minutes in departures and arrivals. It reduced to around 35 minutes few hours later.

Airport officials said that "flight departures had to be paused for a brief period due to heavy rains in the morning, leading for delays up to an hour in departures."

An airport official said, "The adverse weather conditions in city the led to delays in both arriving and departing flights. Moreover, three flights had to be diverted."

Towards peak evening hours, "the situation remained similar", an Airports Authority of India (AAI) official said, asking not to be named. However, IGI operator Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) said the situation was in control but added there

was still some impact on flight operations. "All stakeholders are working together to ensure a seamless and efficient passenger experience," DIAL said on X.

"The situation is expected to be better by midnight provided the weather does not change," the AAI official said.

Meanwhile, airlines, including IndiGo and Air India, issued advisory to passengers and asked them to check their flight status before leaving for the airport.

To be sure, the city airport has been seeing flight disruptions this week due to non-availability of runway 28/10 and easterly winds.

Mum airport slashes cargo slots, IATA smells foul play

IATA asks if move is aimed at shifting cargo traffic to Navi Mumbai airport; MIAL refutes allegation

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MUMBAI: The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has expressed "deep disappointment" with the Adani Group-operated Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) for cancelling slots dedicated to cargo flights starting next season "unilaterally". In a statement released this week, the airline association said the move would "cause long-lasting damage to the airport's reputation and credibility" and wondered if it was aimed at shifting cargo flights to the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), also operated by the Adani Group.

"We hope Adani Airports, as the operator of the two-airport system in Mumbai, is not using this situation to pressure airlines to move their operations to their upcoming Navi Mumbai Airport. We fear, however, that this is an example of airport 'capacity gaming' which will harm aviation throughout India and beyond," John Middleton, head of worldwide airport slots at IATA said in the statement, calling on the central and state gov-

Recommendations for mitigation

IATA claims it had recommended some measures to MIAL to mitigate the cancellation of cargo slots, which were overlooked

- Put off reduction in cargo capacity for the next season
- Form a coordination committee for managing cargo capacity reduction
- Implement protocols for transparent communication between the airport and airlines
- Develop clear guidelines for fair distribution of capacity reductions across affected airlines
- Reassure airlines about protection of historical rights

MIAL RESPONSE

"We reject in the strongest terms IATA's insinuation that MIAL or Adani Airports is using these operational adjustments to pressure airlines to shift to NMIA."



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

ernments to reverse the cancellations.

The NMIA, with an annual capacity for 20 million passengers 2.6 million metric tonne cargo, is in the final stages of completion. It is expected to be inaugurated around August 15, and efforts are underway to obtain various approvals and certifications and prepare the terminal building.

MIAL, on the other hand, handles the highest air cargo among Indian airports, at over 0.96 million metric tonne per annum. Historically, cargo slots at the airport have been allocated based on demands from airlines and availability, and many slots that have been held by certain airlines for several years.

In its statement, the IATA said it was "surprised and deeply dis-

appointed" with "the seemingly permanent withdrawal" of slots. October marks the start of a new season in the aviation industry and MIAL's cessation of slots for is slated to kick in then.

The IATA accused MIAL of flouting guidelines to deal with temporary capacity reductions at airports, formulated by the Worldwide Airport Slot Board (WASB). It also said it had earlier

shared some recommendations with MIAL regarding implementing a cut in cargo capacity, which were not heeded. MIAL has so far not shared any plans on how it will manage the capacity reduction and mitigate its impact, IATA said in the statement.

In response, MIAL too issued a statement refuting IATA's allegations and claiming that the "operational rebalancing" was aimed at the long-term growth of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region's aviation infrastructure.

"These operational changes are part of a broader infrastructure upgrade initiative governed by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA)...MIAL has actively engaged with stakeholders at every stage of the process," the statement said.

MIAL claimed it had outlined its five-year development plan at a Airport User Consultative Committee (AUCC) meeting on March 13, 2024, and the AERA had conducted a public hearing on March 25, 2025 which was attended by major stakeholders including cargo operators, industry associations and IATA.

"We reject in the strongest terms IATA's insinuation that MIAL or Adani Airports is using these operational adjustments to pressure airlines to shift to NMIA...Airlines have full autonomy over network planning, and there has been no attempt to steer traffic from CSMIA to NMIA," said the statement.



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Smuggled gold worth crores seized at Hyderabad airport

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 3.5 kilogram of smuggled gold worth ₹3.45 crore at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad on Wednesday. An Indian passenger from Dubai and two airport ground staff were arrested. Officers from the Hyderabad zonal unit intercepted the passenger while attempting to pass the contraband to a member of the airport's ground handling crew. All three have been remanded to judicial custody.



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सिरोही में एयरपोर्ट की संभावनाएं तलाशेगा उड्डयन विभाग

- भारत सरकार की उड़ान योजना के तहत क्षेत्रीय संपर्क को मजबूत किया जा रहा है

जयपुर, लोकसत्य

पाली व सुमेरपुर में हेलिपैड तथा सिरोही में एयरपोर्ट बनाने जाने को लेकर शासन सचिवालय में पशुपालन एवं डेयरी तथा देवस्थान विभाग के कैबिनेट मंत्री जोराराम कुमावत की नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग के राज्यमंत्री गौतम कुमार दक के साथ एक अहम बैठक हुई। दोनों मंत्रियों ने एयरपोर्ट व हेलीपैड के निर्माण को लेकर संभावनाएं तलाशने को लेकर चर्चा की। जोराराम कुमावत ने बताया कि सुमेरपुर एक बड़ा व्यापारिक कस्बा और उपखंड मुख्यालय है। जहां करीब 50 हजार की आबादी है। इसके आसपास के क्षेत्र में बड़े शैक्षणिक व चिकित्सा संस्थान तो हैं ही यहां की कृषि मंडी भी ए-श्रेणी की है। इसके अलावा सुमेरपुर रेल सेवा से भी जुड़ा हुआ है। यह शहर पर्यटन की दृष्टि से बेहद महत्वपूर्ण स्थल है। इसके पास पश्चिमी राजस्थान का सबसे बड़ा जवाई बांध



है। इस क्षेत्र में लेपर्ड सफारी क्षेत्र भी है, जहां देश-विदेश की नामी हस्तियां आती रहती हैं। यही नहीं सरकार द्वारा जवाई बांध के पास कोलीवाड़ा में फिल्मसिटी भी प्रस्तावित है, जिसके लिए 500 बीघा भूमि भी आरक्षित की जा चुकी है। इस कारण यहां देश-विदेश से पर्यटकों की संख्या में निरंतर इजाफा हो रहा है। खासकर विदेशी सैलानियों के मुख्य आकर्षण का केंद्र जवाई बांध तक पहुंचने के लिए सुमेरपुर में हेलीपैड बनाए जाने की नितांत आवश्यकता है। विश्व प्रसिद्ध टूरिस्ट पैलेस माउंट आबू में टूरिज्म को और अधिक मजबूत बनाने के लिए सिरोही की हवाई पट्टी को एयरपोर्ट के रूप में विकसित करने की मांग को लेकर कैबिनेट मंत्री जोराराम कुमावत ने नागरिक उड्डयन राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) गौतम कुमार दक से गहन मंथन किया।



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

3 MAY 2025



Over 250 flights delayed

Flight operations at Indra Gandhi International Airport were severely disrupted on Friday due to inclement weather conditions, resulting in widespread delays and diversions. The disruption affected both incoming and outgoing flights, leaving hundreds of passengers stranded and frustrated. Delhi International Airport Limited said, flight delays began shortly after 5 am due to thunderstorms and poor visibility.



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THE PIONEER

DELHI

3 MAY 2025

Around 300 flights delayed at IGI Airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Delhi woke up to heavy rainfall and thunderstorms, which led to disruptions in flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. Due to heavy rainfall and adverse weather, three flights were diverted, eight cancelled and nearly 250 delayed with an average delay of 20 minutes on Friday morning at the IGI airport. Many travellers reported severe delays and diversions as a result of the bad weather, which caused widespread inconvenience across the National Capital Region (NCR). More than 300 flights were delayed, according to data from flight tracking website Flightradar24.Com.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which operates the airport, in a post on X at 5.20 am, said some flights were affected owing to inclement weather conditions. "Due to inclement weather conditions and thunderstorms in Delhi, some flights have been impacted at Delhi Airport. Our on-ground teams are diligently working with all stakeholders to ensure a seamless and efficient passenger experience," the post from Delhi airport

on X said. DIAL, in a post on X at 7.25 am, said the thunderstorm has passed but there is some impact on flight operations due to adverse weather conditions. Another post from the airport at 8.30 am said: "Following the advisory issued by the India Meteorological Department this (Friday) morning, we would like to confirm that the airport is operating as normal, despite some impact on flight operations due to adverse weather conditions." As of 8.30 am, 154 departing flights were delayed with an average delay time of 61 minutes, and 8 flights were cancelled, according to the live flight tracking website Flightradar24.

Amid reports of structural damage at Terminal 3, DIAL also said the "airport is operating as normal". "with some impact on flight operations due to adverse weather conditions. All stakeholders are working together to ensure a seamless and efficient passenger experience. We request you to kindly refrain from sharing misleading or false information. Please rely on official sources for accurate updates," it said.

In a new advisory issued at 9:54 am, DIAL urged passengers to take alternate

routes to the airport, as the weather had caused fallen trees and road blockages in the surrounding areas.

Several airlines also issued advisories to their passengers. IndiGo said early morning thunderstorms and heavy rain over Delhi have impacted flight operations. IndiGo advised passengers to check flight status and allow extra travel time to the airport.

"Early morning thunderstorms and heavy rain over Delhi have impacted flight operations, we're monitoring the situation closely and are hopeful for a return to normalcy soon. We request you to check your flight status and explore flexible rebooking options through our website. we also advise allowing extra travel time to the airport, as waterlogging and heavy traffic in certain areas may cause delays en route," the post on X at 9 am said.

Thunderstorms and gusty winds have affected flight operations in parts of Northern India. Some of our flights to and from Delhi are being delayed, which is likely to impact our overall flight schedule. We are doing our best to minimise disruptions," a post by Air India at 6 am on X said.



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LUCKNOW

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CS takes stock of construction work at Noida airport

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NOIDA

Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh on Wednesday took stock of the construction work and preparations at the Noida International Airport, Jewar.

Singh told officials at a meeting held on Thursday that the dates to begin operations from the Noida airport are to be announced soon and urged them to ensure that the remaining work is completed as per schedule, according to sources.

Asserting that the Jewar airport was among the top priorities of the state government, the chief secretary asked officials to regularly review the project and ensure that quality was not compromised in any way.

After the meeting, he inspected the terminal building, the cargo site and other under-construction sites of the airport.

Chief Executive Officer of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) Arun Vir Singh and Gautam Buddha Nagar District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma and other officials attended the meeting.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

DELHI

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Thunderstorms hit ops at IGI, more than 500 flights delayed

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News Delhi: An intense thunderstorm, accompanied by a squall of 74 kmph, impacted flight operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Friday. Three Delhi-bound flights were diverted to other cities. Over 500 flights were delayed, and the average delay was 42 minutes, according to FlightRadar24, a live flight tracking website.

Of the three diversions, two were diverted to Jaipur and one to Ahmedabad. Though the impact of the thunderstorm was over within an hour, the inclement weather caused a cascading effect, with many flights being delayed throughout the day.

RK Jenamani, senior scientist, India Meteorological Department, explained how a thunderstorm impacts the aviation sector across the world. "When a thunderstorm hits an airport, wind direction changes frequently. A flight cannot take off or land if the wind direction is not uniform. Thunderstorms also cause turbulence," said Jenamani.

He added that a thunderstorm is usually accompanied by other weather systems, including lightning and gusty winds, which also affect the aviation sector.

Met officials said May and June were known for thunderstorms causing flight diversions. "Unlike dense fog, a thunderstorm impacts an aircraft at every stage, including flying, take-off, and landing. When there is a thunderstorm, a pilot diverts the flight in another direction and does not go in the direction of the thunderstorm," an official explained earlier.

Many passengers took to social media to complain about the inconvenience caused to them due to flight delays and diversions. A passenger, Rocky, wrote on X that his flight from the Delhi airport was on Friday morning. "After a delay of 2.5 hours, left Delhi...the aircraft kept shaking when I boarded because of the wind. Finally reached my destination."

Another passenger, Siddhart, complained about a "complete mess" at the airport. "They (airline) have displayed that boarding started for many flights, and when you come to the gate, we are told that the flight is delayed," he wrote.

Air India said thunderstorms and gusty winds affected flight operations in parts of Northern India. "Some of our flights to and from Delhi are being delayed, which is likely to impact our overall flight schedule. We are doing our best to minimise disruptions," it said in a statement.

Similarly, IndiGo said this morning's weather in Delhi, with heavy rain and thunderstorm, resulted in air traffic congestion. "Flights are impacted and are experiencing delays. We understand how inconvenient extended wait times both on the ground and onboard can be, and we sincerely appreciate your patience," it added.

Delhi Airport on X said no structural damage was reported at Terminal 3. "Due to inclement weather conditions and thunderstorms in Delhi, some flights have been impacted."

The airport has been witnessing flight delays following the closure of the fourth runway on April 8 and a change in wind direction.



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MUMBAI

2 MAY 2025

Mumbai airport refutes IATA's claims on slots

Mumbai: Mumbai airport on Thursday refuted the allegations of International Air Transport Association (IATA), saying that the decision to suspend cargo flights and reallocate slots from Mumbai to Navi Mumbai airport were done following a "transparent, consultative, and regulator-driven process."

"These operational changes are part of a broader infrastructure upgrade initiative governed by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) as part of the Fourth Control Period review. Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) actively engaged with stakeholders at every stage of the process," the MIAL said. "An Airport User Consultative Committee meeting was held on 13 March, where MIAL outlined its five-year development plan, including proposed airside improvements. AERA conducted a public hearing on 25 March, attended by major stakeholders, including airlines, cargo operators, industry associations, and IATA," it said, adding

that AERA's consultation paper on tariff and development plans was published on 10 March, with stakeholder comments accepted through 16 April and counter-comments through 26 April.

"This sequence of structured engagement clearly demonstrates that MIAL did not act unilaterally but in full compliance with national regulatory frameworks and through open consultation," the MIAL said. Airline sources said that the AERA discussions were not the same as slot consultations. "During these discussions MIAL didn't reveal that airlines will lose their historic slots. They also didn't reveal that freighters will be suspended from Aug 16," said an airline official.

Earlier, John Middleton, IATA's head for worldwide airport slots, said the Airlines trade body was surprised and deeply disappointed that MIAL had informed airlines of a seemingly permanent withdrawal of historic slots for passenger airlines beginning next season. TNN

पायलटों के ड्यूटी के घंटे व आराम अवधि बढ़ाने की अनुमति



नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया को लंबी दूरी के मार्गों पर पायलटों के अधिकतम ड्यूटी घंटे और आराम करने की अवधि को अस्थायी रूप से बढ़ाने की अनुमति मिल गई है। सूत्रों के अनुसार नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने यह अनुमति इसलिए दी है ताकि एयरलाइन को पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र प्रतिबंध से निपटने में मदद मिल सके।

फिलहाल यह व्यवस्था एयरबस तथा बोईंग के लंबी दूरी के जेट विमानों के पायलटों के लिए है, जिसकी अवधि 30 अप्रैल से शुरू होकर लगभग दो सप्ताह तक चलेगी। इसका उद्देश्य अमेरिका के गंतव्यों के लिए उड़ाने कवर करना है। सूत्र ने बताया कि यह अस्थायी तौर पर लागू किया गया है। कंपनी स्थायी समाधान पर काम कर रही है। ब्यूरो



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DAINIK BHASKAR

JAIPUR

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कोलकाता-जयपुर- कोलकाता फ्लाइट रही रद्द, दुबई की 1 घंटे लेट

जयपुर | एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को फ्लाइट एनवक्त पर रद्द कर दी गई। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। मामला कोलकाता से जयपुर आने वाली और जयपुर से कोलकाता जाने वाली एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की दो फ्लाइट (आईएक्स-1055/1223) का है। दोनों फ्लाइट्स को एयरलाइंस ने एनवक्त पर रद्द कर दिया। स्पाइसजेट एयरलाइंस की जयपुर से दुबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट एक घंटे लेट रही।



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

DELHI

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Air India Looks at Options for North America Flights

PTI

New Delhi: Air India is looking at various alternatives for its North America flights from the national capital, including operating the services with a technical stop in a city within India, to reduce operational costs that have shot up due to the Pakistan airspace closure, sources said on Friday.

Currently, Air India operates 71 flights a week to North American destinations and out of them, 54 services are from the capital. In his message to the staff on Friday, Air India MD and CEO Campbell Wilson said there have been a number of network-related developments and the airline has temporarily adjusted some of its Europe and US routes, as well as adding a few technical stops.



RAIN DISRUPTS DELHI AIRPORT OPS

Three flights were diverted and more than 500 flights were delayed at the Delhi airport on Friday as thunderstorms and gusty winds disrupted operations.

A storm with heavy early-morning rain hit the national capital. The IMD said this was the second-highest 24-hour spell of rain witnessed by the national capital in May since 1901.



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MUMBAI

2 MAY 2025

KOLHAPUR

Star flights to Blr, Hyd

Starting from May 15, Star Airways is starting additional flights to Bengaluru and Hyderabad from Kolhapur. These additional flights are made available on demands of commuters and follow up of MP Dhananjay Mahadik. Presently Indigo has flights to Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Star Airways flight service will be available on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday from Kolhapur Airport.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

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तीन विमान डायवर्ट, 200 उड़ानें प्रभावित एयरपोर्ट

बारिश का असर विमान सेवाओं पर भी देखने को मिला। तेज बारिश के बीच विमानों को एयरपोर्ट पर उतारने में काफी मशक्कत करनी पड़ी। इस कारण तीन विमानों को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। इनमें से दो विमानों को जयपुर, जबकि एक को अहमदाबाद भेजा गया।

200 से ज्यादा विमानों ने देरी से उड़ान भरी। अलग-अलग कारणों से 10 उड़ानों को रद्द भी किया गया। शुक्रवार सुबह बारिश के दौरान दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के आसपास तेज हवाएं चलने से विमानों को संचालन प्रभावित हुआ।



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

DELHI

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आंधी ने बिगाड़ा 200 फ्लाइट का शेड्यूल, 35 हुई कैंसल

■ नवीन निश्चल, IGI एयरपोर्ट

80 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से चली आंधी का असर आसमान में भी देखने को मिला। 35 से भी ज्यादा फ्लाइट कैंसल करना पड़ा और लगभग 200 डिले हुए। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के मुताबिक

कई फ्लाइट को एक फ्लाइट को अहमदाबाद जबकि दो को जयपुर डाइवर्ट करना पड़ा

कई फ्लाइट को नजदीक के दूसरे शहरों के लिए डाइवर्ट किया गया। लोगों पैनिक ना हो और अफरातफरी का माहौल ना बने,

इसके लिए दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड को शुकवार सुबह 5:20 से देर शाम तक 10 बार एडवाइजरी जारी करना पड़ा। यह एडवाइजरी सिर्फ हवाई उड़ानों के विलंब को लेकर नहीं बल्कि एयरपोर्ट पर आने वाले रास्ते पर गिरे पेड़ और

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रास्ता ब्लॉक को लेकर भी जारी किया गया था।

IGI पर जैसे ही कुछ दिनों से इस्टर्न वे के कारण उड़ानों में विलंब हो रहा है। पिछले 26 अप्रैल से 4 मई तक के लिए अलग से एडवाइजरी जारी की जा चुकी है। लेकिन शुकवार सुबह आई तेज आंधी और बारिश के कारण फ्लाइट का शेड्यूल और बिगड़ गया।



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Where Women Are Flying Through The Glass Ceiling

Civil aviation in India is a rare business where gender disparity has come down. To quote just one number: proportion of women pilots in India is more than double the global average

Aditya Ghosh & Pooja Goyal



There was a time when a woman's voice over the aircraft speaker was almost certainly delivering a safety demonstration or meal announcement. Today, it is just as likely to be your captain from the flight deck.

India's aviation sector has quietly achieved what many industries are still struggling to envision – a workforce where women are not only present but are increasingly thriving. With women making up 14% of India's pilots, more than double the global average of 6%, the sector has emerged as a global leader in gender inclusion.

Beyond pilots, women constitute 39% of India's aviation workforce, far surpassing representation in sectors like infra, energy, and logistics. This progress was not accidental – it was built on decades of proactive policies, industry-wide commitment, and a willingness to rethink traditional hiring and retention models.

But while India's aviation sector is far ahead of many others, challenges remain. Women still make up just 5% of roles in Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO), and leadership positions in airlines remain largely male-dominated. The sector has shown what's possible, but there is more work to be done in ensuring women's representation goes beyond pilots and cabin crew.

This journey, however, offers lessons that extend far beyond aviation. Unlike many industries still debating whether gender balance is achievable, aviation moved early to ensure it wasn't just possible – but inevitable. Airlines, regulators, and industry leaders laid the groundwork years ago by focusing on access, training, and sustained career pathways for women.

Consider this: In 2023, 18% of commercial pilot licences issued in India went to women, marking a 22% increase from the previous year. This was no accident. India has 35 commercial pilot training schools, supported by policies such as liberalised Flying Training Organisa-

tion regulations, removal of airport royalty fees, and introduction of flexible online pilot examinations.

Govt efforts like the Boeing Sukanya Programme that funds STEM education, scholarships, and technical training for young women have helped bridge the talent pipeline, creating access at a scale most industries have yet to replicate.

Meanwhile, airlines have built policies that actively support long-term career retention and growth for women. At one airline, women make up 44% of the workforce, up from 18% a decade ago. At another, women staff has reached 35%, with functions like finance – traditionally male-dominated – seeing near 40% female representation. A third airline has led the



way with the highest percentage of women pilots among global airlines, at 15%.

These numbers are evidence that gender diversity thrives when treated as a business priority, not an afterthought. Aviation's gender success was not accidental. It happened because the industry recognised three fundamentals that other sectors must embrace.

First, representation goals must be explicit and measurable. Aviation has succeeded because companies set clear targets – a private airline's commitment to 50% women in its workforce is a case in point. The

Directorate General of Civil Aviation has also urged airlines to ensure at least 25% female representation across aviation roles. In contrast, most industries still rely on vague commitments rather than setting hard targets.

Second, hiring more women isn't enough – industries must create structured career pathways. Aviation ensured women entering the workforce were growing within it. Airlines built cadet programmes that provide young women financial support, world-class training, and guaranteed job placements.

This model can be replicated across manufacturing, logistics, energy, or finance where clear pathways are created that allow women to move across roles and climb leadership ladders without starting over.

Finally, workplace flexibility and return-to-work programmes are critical levers for retention. Airlines understood early on that the biggest barrier to gender parity wasn't hiring women – it was keeping them.

They responded with maternity-friendly policies, home-base flexibility for pilots, fixed flight schedules for new mothers, and daycare facilities at major airline hubs.

This focus on retention is precisely where industries like infra, banking-financial-services-insurance, and logistics need to evolve. Gender parity cannot be achieved if career breaks result in career dead-ends.

India's aviation sector offers a powerful blueprint for other high-growth industries where women's representation hasn't kept pace with sectoral expansion. With rising investments in infra, renewable energy, and tech, India has an opportunity to embed gender inclusion into the next phase of its economic growth.

Aviation industry's experience has demonstrated that gender diversity isn't just about fairness but about economic and business growth. Companies that actively integrate women into their workforce gain a competitive edge, drive innovation, and expand the talent pool available to them. Aviation did not achieve gender parity by accident. It did so by making it a strategic priority.

Question is: who will follow?

Ghosh is co-founder of a private airline. Goyal is founding CEO of a women's advocacy group



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

CHENNAI

2 MAY 2025

5 flights bound for Bengaluru diverted to city

Chennai: Five flights bound for Bengaluru landed in Chennai in the early hours of Thursday due to congestion at the Bengaluru Kempegowda airport.

These included international flights from Hong Kong (Cathay Pacific) and Frankfurt (Lufthansa). The flights landed between 12.30am and 2am and returned to Bengaluru between 3am and 4am.

Airport officials said they received information that the flights were diverted to Chennai due to air and ground congestion. The other flights diverted included Indigo flights from Hyderabad, Nagpur, and Goa. In some flights, the passengers were asked to deboard and wait in the security hold area as waiting period for departure was longer. TNN