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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अब अजमेर के लिए भी शुरू हुई हवाई सेवा



यमुना सिटी। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अन्य शहरों की कनेक्टिविटी लगातार बढ़ती जा रही है। बृहस्पतिवार को एयरपोर्ट से अजमेर के लिए भी उड़ान शुरू हो गई। अजमेर की फ्लाइट ने पहले दिन एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर लैंडिंग और टेकऑफ किया। अजमेर की उड़ान शुरू होने के बाद अब एयरपोर्ट से 15 शहर जुड़ चुके हैं जिनके लिए यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें मिल रही हैं।

एयरपोर्ट से 2 जुलाई को किशनगढ़ और जयपुर की उड़ान शुरू होनी थी लेकिन जयपुर की उड़ान एक दिन पहले बुधवार से ही शुरू हो गई। किशनगढ़ की उड़ान अभी नहीं शुरू हो सकी है। किशनगढ़ की जगह बृहस्पतिवार को अजमेर के लिए झंडगो ने अपनी उड़ान शुरू कर दी है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अजमेर जाने वाली पहली फ्लाइट ने सुबह 10:30 बजे उड़ान भरी। इसके बाद दोपहर 1:14 मिनट पर अजमेर से यात्रियों को लेकर नोएडा आने वाली फ्लाइट ने रनवे पर लैंड किया। एयरपोर्ट पर इस महीने और कई शहरों के लिए उड़ान शुरू हो जाएगी। ध्रुते

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लोकसभा हाउसिंग कमेटी ने किया नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 2 जुलाई (देशबन्धु)। लोकसभा हाउसिंग कमेटी ने गुरुवार को जेवर स्थित नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का स्थानीय अध्ययन एवं भ्रमण किया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता सांसद एवं पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. महेश शर्मा ने की। इस दौरान एयरपोर्ट की प्रगति, यात्री सुविधाओं, सुरक्षा व्यवस्था और भविष्य की योजनाओं की विस्तार से समीक्षा की गई।

एयरपोर्ट से जुड़े अधिकारियों ने कमेटी को परियोजना की वर्तमान स्थिति की जानकारी दी। उन्होंने सांसदों को वीआईपी और वीवीआईपी लाउंज, प्रस्थान एवं आगमन क्षेत्र, दिव्यांगजनों और वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए विशेष सुविधाएं, टर्मिनल भवन, अग्निशमन एवं आपातकालीन सेवाएं तथा पर्यावरण संरक्षण से जुड़े कार्यों का अवलोकन कराया।



बैठक में एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एआई), नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (एनआईएएल), यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यौडा), बीसीएस, सीआईएसएफ, ब्यूरो ऑफ इमिग्रेशन, सीबीआईसी और राजस्व विभाग सहित विभिन्न एजेंसियों के बीच समन्वय तथा भविष्य में

- परियोजना की प्रगति, यात्री सुविधाओं और विभिन्न एजेंसियों के समन्वय की समीक्षा
- सांसद डॉ. महेश शर्मा ने अधिकारियों की सराहना की

आवश्यक चिकित्सा सुविधाओं और अन्य सुधारों पर भी चर्चा हुई।

कार्यक्रम में सांसद अपराजिता

सारंगी, कोडिकुन्निन सुरेश, अक्षय यादव, भोला सिंह, सतीश कुमार गौतम, विधायक लक्ष्मीराज सिंह, मीनाक्षी सिंह और तेजपाल नागर, विधान परिषद सदस्य नरेंद्र भाटी और श्रीचंद शर्मा, जिला पंचायत अध्यक्ष अमित चौधरी, भाजपा जिलाध्यक्ष अभिषेक शर्मा सहित कई जनप्रतिनिधि और अधिकारी मौजूद रहे। कार्यक्रम के समापन पर डॉ.

महेश शर्मा ने नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के वाइस चेयरमैन क्रिस्टोफ श्नेलमैन, यौडा के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी राकेश कुमार सिंह, एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया, नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड, जिला प्रशासन और सभी संबंधित एजेंसियों के अधिकारियों का सफल आयोजन और बेहतर समन्वय के लिए आभार जताया।

उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में देश में विश्वस्तरीय नागरिक उड्डयन अवसंरचना का तेजी से विकास हो रहा है। साथ ही मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के प्रयासों से नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट जैसी महत्वाकांक्षी परियोजना को नई गति मिली है। उन्होंने विश्वास जताया कि यह एयरपोर्ट भविष्य में आर्थिक विकास, रोजगार सृजन और वैश्विक संपर्क का प्रमुख केंद्र बनेगा।



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अजमेर से भी सीधे जुड़ा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट



ग्रेटर नोएडा, 2 जुलाई (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का हवाई नेटवर्क लगातार विस्तार की ओर बढ़ रहा है। गुरुवार को अजमेर के लिए पहली सीधी उड़ान के टेकऑफ और वहां से पहली फ्लाइट की सफल लैंडिंग के साथ एयरपोर्ट ने एक और उपलब्धि हासिल की। अब एयरपोर्ट से सीधे जुड़े शहरों की संख्या बढ़कर 15 हो गई है। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के अनुसार, चरणबद्ध तरीके से नए शहरों को नेटवर्क से जोड़ा जा रहा है। पहली जुलाई तक 14 शहरों के लिए नियमित उड़ानें शुरू हो चुकी थीं, जबकि गुरुवार से अजमेर भी इस सूची में शामिल हो गया। इससे राजस्थान आने-जाने वाले यात्रियों को सीधी हवाई सेवा का लाभ मिलेगा और यात्रा पहले की तुलना में अधिक आसान होगी।

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि अब श्रीनगर के लिए भी नियमित उड़ानें शुरू करने की तैयारी अंतिम चरण में है। आवश्यक औपचारिकताएं पूरी की जा रही हैं और इसी महीने इस रूट पर भी उड़ान सेवा शुरू होने की संभावना है। यात्रियों की बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए एयरपोर्ट तक सार्वजनिक परिवहन व्यवस्था भी मजबूत की जा रही है। नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा और यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यीडा) क्षेत्र से संचालित इलेक्ट्रिक बसों (ईवी बस) के फेरों में बढ़ोतरी की गई है, जिससे यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट तक सुविधाजनक और पर्यावरण अनुकूल परिवहन उपलब्ध हो सकेगा।

- 15 शहरों तक पहुंचा एयरपोर्ट का नेटवर्क
- श्रीनगर के लिए भी इसी महीने उड़ान शुरू होने की उम्मीद

Low visibility on Parandur airport project status puts TVK to test

**FROM
THE GROUND**

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Parandur in Kanchipuram district — the site chosen for a greenfield airport — was C. Joseph Vijay's first protest arena as the TVK leader. The ambitious project is now turning out to be Chief Minister Vijay's biggest challenge.

He is caught between his promise to Ekanapuram villagers not to acquire their farmland and houses, and the Tamil Nadu capital's yearning for a swanky airport that would give the state a vantage point among investors.

According to environmentalists, the project will submerge at least 12 lakes, 20 ponds and tanks, and several irrigation tanks.

Though Electricity Minister C T R Nirmal Kumar recently said there was no compromise on TVK's stand vis-à-vis the project, there is no government statement on this.

This has led to confusion among residents of the villages whose land has already been acquired by the state-owned Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation.

Reports that an industrial estate is being considered on the already acquired land if the airport project is formally withdrawn have caused unease among many farmers.

While some villagers plan to protest, seeking greater



Airport factcheck

Total estimated cost

₹ 27,400 cr

Total land requirement

5,746 acres

1,005 houses

houses to be demolished of which 605 are from Ekanapuram village

Why Parandur?

- Easy accessibility to the new Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway
- Easy accessibility to Thirumalpur railway station
- DMK had planned to extend Metro network from Ponnammalle to Parandur

Airport to handle 10 crore passengers annually

There will be two runways, a cargo village and an aerocity

compensation for their land if an industrial estate comes up, others oppose such a move.

"I will file a case seeking higher compensation as it will be used for industries to make huge money," said Subramani from Parandur village who received Rs 2.5 crore for 4.5 acres of his land.

Ekanapuram has been the epicentre of protests since 2022 as the village faces a complete wipeout. Protests in other villages fizzled out over time.

"The whole of Ekanapuram will disappear from the Tamil Nadu map. We don't want to be refugees in our own district and state," 65-year-old Madhavan, who owns a house and nine acres of land, told DH.

G Subramanian, one of the forces behind the protests, alleged that the project was being "pushed" to monetise land parcels that several politicians and top bureaucrats purchased in the region in anticipation of the project.

The village is pinning its hope on TVK and the new chief minister to save the precious land. On the other hand, those who have already parted with their land want a clear picture on the status of the project. Adding to this is the risk of antagonising the industry bodies if the project is scrapped.

Now, the TVK government is on a sticky wicket and it is only to be seen how it manages to end this predicament.

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Fourth wildlife smuggling case at KIA

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Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) recorded its fourth wildlife smuggling case since April, when customs officials caught two passengers on June 29.

The accused, aged 24 and 26 years, both from Kerala's Kozhikode, allegedly smuggled four cotton-top tamarins, one white-headed marmoset, and a juvenile cuckoo/coucal.

Both have been arrested, and cases have been registered by the airport's Customs Department and the Karnataka Forest Department.

"The passengers were travelling on Air India Express. This was unusual because a majority of the smuggling cases we have caught have been passengers on Thai Airways," a customs official told *DH*.

Drug export case

The airport also witnessed a rare case of drug export last week.

A passenger from Tamil Nadu, bound for Kuala Lumpur, was intercepted on June 26 with 6.98 kg of mescaline concealed inside a water puri-



White-headed marmosets are endemic to eastern Brazil. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT



Cotton-top tamarins smuggled on June 29. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

fier. The psychedelic drug was worth Rs 5.58 crore.

"Such cases are rare at the airport. We get, maybe, one such export case involving drugs like mescaline or amphetamine in a year, typically headed towards Southeast Asian destinations like Malaysia," the official said.

Customs officials also intercepted three cases of hydroponic ganja being smuggled into the city from Thailand in the past week.

Case of Thai national

"Another uncommon case we intercepted this past week involved a Thai national. A common pattern we have noticed concerning these

smuggling cases at the airport has involved residents of Karnataka and surrounding states. But, on June 29, a Thai national, a male aged 22 years, was caught with 8 kg of ganja. We have arrested and booked him. He will soon go to trial," the official added.

On June 26, a 24-year-old Kozhikode resident travelling from Bangkok to Bengaluru via Abu Dhabi was intercepted with 5.96 kg of weed valued at Rs 2.086 crore.

In another case, customs officials intercepted a 35-year-old travelling from Bangkok with 15.52 kg of weed valued at Rs 5.43 crore on June 27. All accused have been arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.



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HINDUSTAN

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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अजमेर के लिए पहली उड़ान शुरू

ग्रेटर नोएडा, प्रमुख संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अजमेर के लिए भी गुरुवार को उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू हो गया। शहर के लिए सप्ताह में सिर्फ तीन दिन ही उड़ानें रहेंगी। शुक्रवार को नवी मुंबई के लिए उड़ान रवाना होगी, जिसके बाद एयरपोर्ट कुल 16 शहरों से जुड़ जाएगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के अनुसार गुरुवार को नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से पहली फ्लाइट ने सुबह 5.50 बजे लखनऊ के लिए प्रस्थान किया। वहीं, अजमेर के लिए पहली फ्लाइट 10.30

बजे रवाना हुई। वहीं, करीब 1.05 बजे अजमेर से एक फ्लाइट का एयरपोर्ट पर आगमन हुआ। शुक्रवार को अकासा एयर नवी मुंबई के लिए भी उड़ानें शुरू करने जा रहा है। इसके बाद एयरपोर्ट से 16 शहरों के लिए विमान सेवा का संचालन हो जाएगा।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर विगत 15 जून से वाणिज्यिक विमानों का संचालन जारी है। अब धीरे-धीरे एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानों का दायरा बढ़ाया जा रहा है। विगत दिवस ही नौ नए समेत 14 शहरों के लिए उड़ानों का संचालन हुआ था।



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THE PIONEER

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Assam pushes aviation expansion as CM seeks faster approval for Silchar Greenfield Airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

Assam has stepped up efforts to expand its aviation infrastructure, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma urging the Centre to expedite approval for the proposed greenfield airport at Silchar during a meeting with Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu on Thursday.

The meeting, held at the Union Minister's office in Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, focused on accelerating key aviation projects aimed at strengthening air connectivity and positioning Assam as a major aviation and logistics hub in the Northeast.

According to the Chief Minister, discussions covered the status of six proposed greenfield airports in the state at Silchar, Manas, Umrangso, Majuli, Diphu, and Charaideo, along with a proposed heliport at Haflong.



Sarma said the state Government has completed most of the preparatory work for the Silchar airport project and requested the Ministry of Civil Aviation to fast-track the approval process so that construction can move forward without delay.

For the remaining proposed airports, both sides agreed to expedite pre-feasibility studies to enable the projects to progress to the next stage at the earliest. The meeting also reviewed the ongoing expansion of Rupsi Airport, which has become an important regional aviation facility serving western Assam.

Speaking after the meeting, Sarma said the state Government views aviation infrastructure as a key driver of economic growth, adding that improved air connectivity would not only enhance passenger movement but also strengthen logistics, boost tourism, improve access to remote regions and create new investment opportunities.

The proposed greenfield airports are expected to significantly improve regional connectivity and support Assam's broader strategy of emerging as a transportation and logistics gateway for Northeast India.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की प. एशियाई उड़ानें बहाल

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने पश्चिम एशिया नेटवर्क के सभी गंतव्यों के लिए अपनी सेवाएं बहाल कर दी हैं, जिसमें ओमान और कुवैत के लिए उड़ानें भी शुरू हो रही हैं। कंपनी ने गुरुवार को यह जानकारी दी। टाटा समूह की इस एयरलाइन ने बताया कि क्षेत्र में संघर्ष के चलते उसने पश्चिम एशिया के कुछ गंतव्यों के लिए सेवाएं अस्थायी रूप से निलंबित कर दी थीं। वर्तमान में एयरलाइन भारत और पश्चिम एशिया के बीच लगभग 780 साप्ताहिक उड़ानें संचालित करती है, जो क्षेत्र के साथ भारत के 18 शहरों को सीधे जोड़ती हैं। एयरलाइन के अनुसार, सलाला (ओमान) और कुवैत के लिए सेवाएं फिर से शुरू होने के साथ ही पूरे पश्चिम एशिया नेटवर्क में हवाई संपर्क बहाल हो गया है। कंपनी ने कहा, 'कोझिकोड-सलाला मार्ग पर उड़ानें 2 जुलाई से फिर शुरू हो रही हैं। कोझिकोड और कुवैत के बीच सेवाएं 3 जुलाई से बहाल होंगी, जबकि बेंगलूर और कुवैत के बीच उड़ानें चार जुलाई से शुरू होंगी।' भाषा



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A-I cuts fuel surcharges for North America, Europe flights

Air India has cut fuel surcharges for flights to North America, Australia, Europe, and the UK as oil prices eased in recent weeks, according to sources. The airline announced fuel surcharges on April 7 amid a surge in oil and jet fuel prices due to the West Asia conflict. The higher costs and airspace curbs had pushed up operational expenses for the airline. Fuel surcharge for North America and Australia flights have been cut to \$200 from \$280 per ticket and that for Europe and the UK services have been reduced to \$125 from \$205, the sources said on Thursday. The revised fuel surcharges are effective from July 1, the sources said.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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फ्यूल सरचार्ज 80 डॉलर घटाया एअर इंडिया से विदेश अब यात्रा सस्ती पड़ेगी

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विमान ईंधन के दाम घटने के बाद एअर इंडिया ने उत्तरी अमेरिका, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, यूरोप और यूके की उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज 80 डॉलर घटा दिया है। इस फैसले से अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई यात्रियों को सस्ते टिकट का फायदा मिलेगा। उत्तरी अमेरिका और ऑस्ट्रेलिया की उड़ानों के लिए प्रति टिकट फ्यूल सरचार्ज 280 डॉलर (करीब 26,698) से घटाकर 200 डॉलर (करीब 19,070) कर दिया गया है। वहीं यूरोप और यूके की सेवाओं के लिए इसे 205 डॉलर (करीब 19,547) से कम कर 125 डॉलर (करीब 11,919) कर दिया गया है। यह संशोधित दरें 1 जुलाई से प्रभावी गई हैं। इससे पहले पश्चिम एशिया संकट के कारण कच्चे तेल और जेट ईंधन के दामों में भारी उछाल आया था। लागत और हवाई क्षेत्र के प्रतिबंध बढ़ने के कारण एयरलाइन ने 10 अप्रैल से यह अतिरिक्त सरचार्ज लागू किया था।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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एअर इंडिया ने अमेरिका व यूरोप की उड़ानों के लिए इंधन शुल्क घटाया

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : हाल के हफ्तों में तेल की कीमतों कम होने के बाद एअर इंडिया ने उत्तरी अमेरिका, आस्ट्रेलिया, यूरोप और ब्रिटेन जाने वाले उड़ानों के लिए इंधन शुल्क (फ्यूल सरचार्ज) कम कर दिया है। एयरलाइन ने सात अप्रैल को पश्चिम एशिया में चल रहे टकराव की वजह से तेल और जेट फ्यूल की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी के बीच फ्यूल सरचार्ज की घोषणा की थी। अधिक लागत और एयरस्पेस पर

लगी पाबंदियों के कारण एयरलाइन का आपरेशनल खर्च बढ़ गया था।

सूत्रों ने गुरुवार को बताया कि उत्तरी अमेरिका और आस्ट्रेलिया की उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज को प्रति टिकट 280 से घटाकर 200 डालर कर दिया गया है और यूरोप और ब्रिटेन की सेवाओं के लिए इसे 205 से घटाकर 125 डालर कर दिया गया है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि बदले हुए फ्यूल सरचार्ज एक जुलाई से लागू हैं।



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एअर इंडिया ने उत्तरी अमेरिका, यूरोप की उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज घटाया

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▶ हाल के हफ्तों में वैश्विक बाजार में तेल कीमतें कम होने से उठाया गया कदम

लागू हैं। एअर इंडिया की ओर से कोई टिप्पणी नहीं आई है। अन्य अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों और घरेलू सेवाओं के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया गया है। उत्तरी अमेरिका, आस्ट्रेलिया, यूरोप और ब्रिटेन की उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज 10 अप्रैल से लागू हुए थे।

सात अप्रैल को एअर इंडिया समूह ने कुछ खास रूट को छोड़कर अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 24 से 280 अमेरिकी डालर और घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए 299 से 899 रुपये के फ्यूल सरचार्ज का एलान किया था। घरेलू एविषन टर्बोइन फ्यूल की कीमतों में वृद्धि 25% तक सीमित करने के सरकार के फैसले के बाद समूह ने यह तरीका अपनाया था।



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Airlines Shun ₹10kcr ATF Sop Scheme as Fuel Prices Dip

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The ₹10,000-crore jet fuel price stabilisation programme has failed to take off, with no airline signing up for the scheme as a decline in international oil prices eroded its appeal, sources said.

The Union Cabinet last month approved a one-time ₹10,000-crore scheme to compensate state-owned fuel retailers for selling aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to airlines at capped prices for up to three years, aiming to shield carriers from surging fuel costs triggered by the West Asia crisis. The scheme was voluntary, and airlines were to sign agreements with oil marketing companies to

avail of the capped price of about ₹115 per litre. However, no airline has signed up for the scheme so far, sources said. This could possibly be because international oil prices started to fall around mid-June, making the capped price unattractive.

On July 1, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices in fact dropped to ₹110 per litre from ₹115 rate that was announced on June 9.

Under the voluntary scheme, participating airlines were to pay a fixed free on board (FOB) benchmark price of ₹86.32 per litre, plus airport charges, oil company margins and applicable taxes, resulting in an effective selling price of ₹115 per litre in Delhi, ₹114.5 in Mumbai and ₹139 in Chennai. Airlines that do not opt for

the scheme are to pay market-linked prices. Sources said market-linked ATF prices were around ₹142 per litre when the scheme was announced on June 3. However, prices have since softened following an interim peace deal between the US and Iran, easing concerns over potential supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil shipping route. The scheme was announced to give airlines clarity on fuel prices. Those opting into the price stabilisation scheme were to continue to receive ATF at ₹115 per litre for up to three years, insulated from global benchmark fluctuations. While non-participating carriers will benefit from price declines,



they also face higher costs when international rates rise. Sources said the scheme was completely voluntary, and airlines had to make a call if they wanted to participate in it. With no airlines signing up, the scheme has not technically been put in motion, they said.

When the government announced the capped ATF price of ₹115 per litre, the prevailing retail price in Delhi was about ₹105 per litre, a level that had remained unchanged since April after only a partial pass-through of higher global fuel costs triggered by the outbreak of the West Asia conflict in late February. The price freeze resulted in losses for state-owned oil marketing companies on ATF, adding to under-re-

coveries on petrol, diesel and LPG, sources said.

To address these losses, the Union Cabinet had approved a ₹10,000-crore price stabilisation scheme aimed at capping ATF prices and shielding airlines from volatility linked to geopolitical tensions, while also supporting the financial health of state-owned oil companies.

Under the scheme, whenever global benchmark prices rose above the base rate of ₹86.32, the government was to provide an interest-free advance to oil marketing companies to cover the difference. When prices fell, the differential was to be recovered from the companies and returned to the Consolidated Fund of India.



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Biz Jet Cos Seek Relaxations in Flight Duty Norms for Pilots

Mumbai: Private jet operators' association BAOA has sought certain relaxations in flight duty norms for pilots operating chartered flights with aviation watchdog DGCA likely to set up a committee to look into the demands as well as suggest changes, according to industry sources.

Representatives of the Business Aircraft Operators' Association

(BAOA) discussed the FDTL (flight duty time limitations), extended diversion time operations (EDTO) and other issues during their meeting with DGCA officials recently.

BAOA represents more than 100 entities engaged in business and general aviation, as per its website.

Sources said with collaborative efforts, changes can be made to the existing FDTL norms for business jet

operators in order to bring them on par with global best practices.

One of the demands from the association is to align norms for long-range business jets with the global standards.

With advanced aircraft coming in, there are more long-range flying options, and against this backdrop, the limit should be increased, the sources said. —PTI

AI Express Fully Restores Flights to West Asia

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Air India Express has fully restored flights on its network to West Asia, its largest and busiest international market, with the resumption of services to Oman and Kuwait. The Tata Group-owned airline had halted flights to certain West Asia destinations after the Iran war broke out on February 28.

Air India Express currently operates around 780 weekly flights between India and West Asia, connecting 18 Indian cities directly with the region. With resumption of services to



Salalah in Oman and Kuwait, connectivity to all destinations

across the West Asia network has been resto-

red, the budget airline said in a statement Thursday.

"Flights on the Kozhikode-Salalah route will resume from 2 July. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait will resume from 3 July, while flights between Bengaluru and Kuwait will begin from 4 July, with frequencies increasing in phases over the coming days," it said.

With a fleet of over 100 planes, Air India Express operates more than 500 flights daily connecting 43 domestic and 16 international destinations.

Meanwhile, Air India has cut fuel surcharges for flights to North America, Australia, Europe, and the UK as oil prices have eased, according to sources.

TOUR & TRAVEL OPERATORS REPORT IMPROVED BOOKING TRENDS

West Asia travel rebounds, airlines restoring capacity

SUGANDHA MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, July 2

AFTER NEARLY FOUR-MONTH disruption, Indian travellers appeared to have regained their appetite to fly to and through West Asia, with online travel platforms and tour operators reporting improved booking trends and renewed consumer confidence. Airlines, however, are still rebuilding capacity.

According to tour and travel operators, the booking momentum has strengthened following a deal between the US and Iran. "While it is still early to call it a full recovery, traveller confidence seems to be improving as operational disruptions ease and airlines resume normal schedules. Search intent has reported a high single-digit growth over the past few weeks, the booking momentum is also improving, particularly for Dubai and Abu Dhabi, that continue to remain key transit and leisure hubs for Indian travellers," said Rikant Pittie, CEO and co-founder, EaseMyTrip.

Industry executives say the conflict caused travellers to postpone, rather than abandon travel plans. "India's outbound travel market continues to demonstrate strong resilience and sustained demand. While geopolitical developments can influence booking patterns in the short term, the broader appetite for international travel remains robust," said Bharatt Malik, senior vice-president, air and hotel business, Yatra Online.

According to Malik, the easing of airspace restrictions is translating into higher bookings. "Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Doha are currently witnessing the strongest rebound in demand. These destinations continue to benefit from strong air connectivity, established tourism infrastructure, and their position as key transit hubs for international travel."

Nina Prasad, a senior

JOURNEY TO WAR-PRONE REGION

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teacher at the Indian School Al Ghubra in Muscat, Oman, had planned to visit her daughter in New Delhi in May, but postponed the trip to late June. "The situation appears to be normal again, so we came to India. We will be returning in another week," she said.

Erick Massey, who lives in London and plans to visit India in August, was initially hesitant about booking an Emirates flight to Delhi with a stopover in Dubai. "Now, hopefully, there won't be any problem. Also, flights with a layover are usually cheaper than direct flights from the UK," he said.

A Cleartrip spokesperson confirms a single-digit growth in demand. "Among destinations, Jordan and Kuwait have witnessed maximum bookings."

Tour operators say West Asia depicts resilience when it comes to traveller interest. "Destination favourites such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Oman are seeing renewed interest, supported by attractive value propositions and strong consumer confidence," said Abraham Alapatt, president and

group head-marketing, service quality, value added services & innovation, Thomas Cook (India) and SOTC Travel.

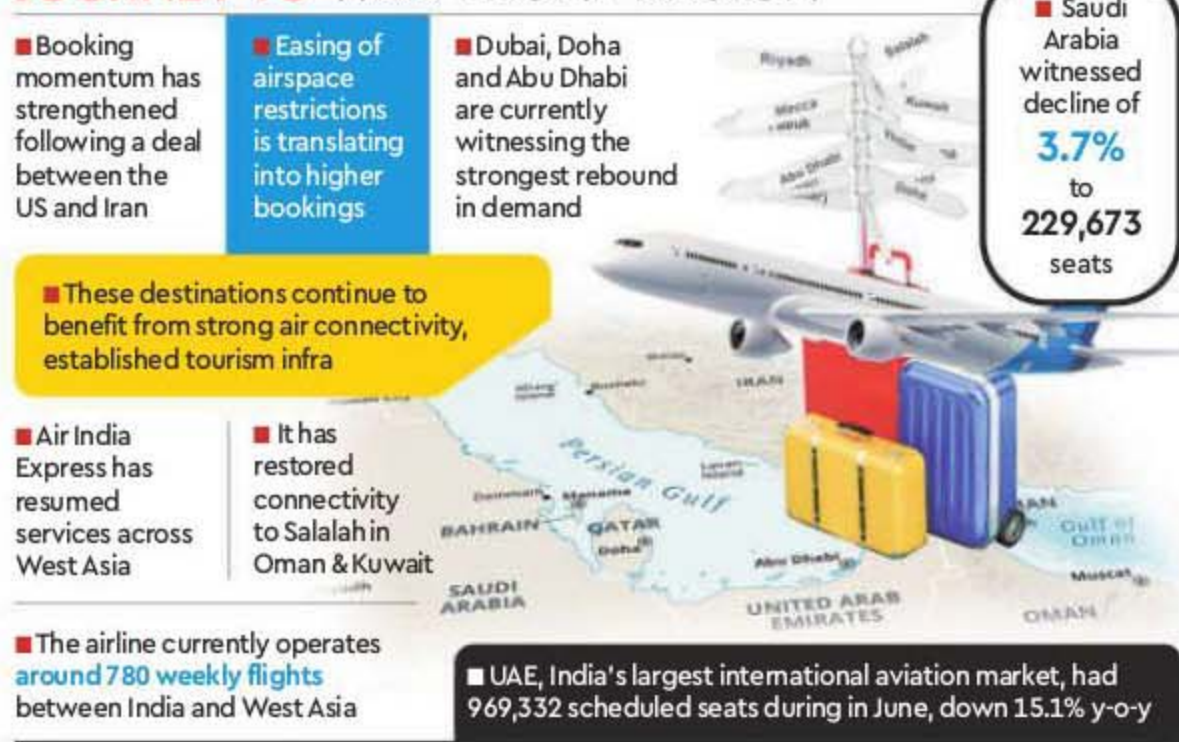
Airlines say capacity is now being restored as operations normalise. "IndiGo has been progressively restoring its India-Middle East capacity. Full reinstatement may take a little longer as some airports in the region continue to have restrictions or infrastructural constraints. However, elevated fuel costs remain a significant challenge, necessitating fuel surcharges and higher fares, which are moderating the demand. Given these circumstances, we are observing a reasonably healthy demand for services between India and the Middle East for the peak summer season..." an IndiGo spokesperson said.

Air India Express has also resumed services across its West Asia network, restoring connectivity to Salalah in Oman and Kuwait. The airline currently operates around 780 weekly flights between India and West Asia, connecting 18 Indian cities directly with the region. Frequencies on some

Kuwait routes will be increased in phases over the coming days, the airline said.

Data from aviation analytics firm OAG shows that the scheduled airline capacity between India and key West Asian destinations in June remained below last year's levels. The United Arab Emirates, India's largest international aviation market, had 969,332 scheduled seats during the month, down 15.1% year-on-year. Capacity to Oman declined 15.8% to 133,095 seats, while Qatar was down 7.6% to 193,261 seats. Saudi Arabia witnessed a relatively smaller decline of 3.7% to 229,673 seats.

The disruption, caused by geopolitical tensions, was also reflected in global aviation trends. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), air passenger demand globally was down 2.2% year-on-year in May. "The decline was centered on carriers in West Asia with a 28.4% year-on-year fall. That's a significant improvement compared with a 46.6% decline in April," said Willie Walsh, director general of IATA, in a report.





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एयर इंडिया ने अधिभार 80 डॉलर घटाया

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी।
पेट्रोलियम कीमतों में हाल में
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ऑस्ट्रेलिया, यूरोप और
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दिया है।

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IndiGo unveils cabin baggage-only fares

NEW DELHI: IndiGo on Wednesday announced a new fare option - 'IndiGo Lite', for its economy class passengers, an entry level fare that would allow flyers with only cabin-baggage to pay just for the utilised services.

The airline said this new fare will be available for booking exclusively on IndiGo's direct channels including the website, mobile application and contact centre, starting Wednesday for travel effective July 15, 2026. It

also said that the new fare will be applicable across its domestic and international, non-stop routes for one-way, roundtrip, and multicity journeys, for both adult and child passengers.

"Customers will enjoy a lower base price with an auto-assigned seat at no additional cost, and a cabin bag allowance of up to 7 kg," the airline, which is operated by InterGlobe Aviation, said in a statement on Wednesday. **HTC**



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Air India cuts fuel surcharges for some international flights

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NEW DELHI: Air India has reduced fuel surcharges for flights to North America, Australia, Europe and the UK, reversing part of the hike it had announced in April following the West Asia conflict, as oil prices have eased in recent weeks, according to airline officials.

The revised fuel surcharges came into effect on July 1.

As per them, the fuel surcharges for flights to North America and Australia have been reduced to \$200 per ticket from \$280, while those for services to Europe and the UK have been cut to \$125 from \$205, an official said on Thursday.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) accounts for around 40% of an airline's total operating costs.

On April 7, the Air India Group had announced fuel surcharges ranging from \$24 to \$280 for international flights, except on certain routes, and from ₹299 to ₹899 for domestic flights.

The airline had introduced the surcharge following a spike in jet fuel prices triggered by the West Asia conflict. Higher fuel costs and airspace restrictions had increased its operating expenses.

Speaking on the impact, Ajay Prakash, former president of Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI), said, "After the West Asia crisis, people have been travelling

when they needed to, so I don't think it made a huge difference to traffic. However, people weren't really looking to travel unless they absolutely had to or had booked in advance." "...whatever the reason, as far as we are concerned, it's a welcome move because airlines are very quick to increase fuel surcharges but very slow to reduce..."

An industry insider, requesting anonymity, said, "I would have expected that if you are reducing or decreasing the fuel surcharge, it should have happened across the routes... What about the Far East? What about the Middle East? You are using fuel to fly there as well. So I cannot understand the logic..."

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7 किग्रा. तक का हैंड बैगेज लेकर चलने पर सस्ती हुई इंडिगो फ्लाइट की टिकट

नई दिल्ली, 2 जुलाई (नवोदय टाइम्स): अगर आप फ्लाइट में एक छोटा हैंड बैगेज लेकर सफर करते हैं और चेक इन बैगेज की जरूरत नहीं है तो इंडिगो का नया किराया प्लान आपके जेब के कुछ रुपये बचा सकता है। इंडिगो ने इकोनमी क्लास के यात्रियों के लिए इंडिगो लाइट नाम से एक नया विकल्प लॉन्च किया है। यह प्लान उन यात्रियों को ध्यान में रखकर बनाया गया है जो सिर्फ जरूरी सुविधाओं के लिए ही भुगतान करना चाहते हैं। कंपनी का कहना है इस नए प्लान में बेस फेयर कम रखा जाएगा और बाकी सुविधाएं जरूरत के हिसाब से खरीदी जा सकती हैं। जानकारी की मानें तो प्लान से घरेलू यात्रियों को प्रति टिकट 300 से 400 रुपए का फायदा होगा।

इंडिगो के चीफ स्ट्रैटेजी ऑफिसर आलोक सिंह ने बताया नए किराया विकल्प की बुकिंग 1 जुलाई 2026 से शुरू हो गई है। वहीं, इस फेयर पर 15 जुलाई 2026 से यात्रा की जा सकेगी। यह सुविधा उन लोगों के लिए खास है जिन्हें चेक-इन बैगेज की जरूरत नहीं होती।

- एयर इंडिया पहले ही दे चुका है खाना न चुनने का विकल्प
- 15 जुलाई से प्रभावी होगी 'इंडिगो लाइट' किराया स्कीम



1 घंटे पहले तक अलग से खरीद सकते हैं सुविधाएं

अगर किसी यात्री को चेक-इन बैगेज, अपनी पसंद की सीट, फ्लाइट में खाना या फास्ट फॉरवर्ड जैसी प्रायोरिटी सर्विस चाहिए, तो वह उन्हें अलग से खरीद सकता है। ये सुविधाएं इंडिगो की

वेबसाइट, मोबाइल ऐप, कॉन्टैक्ट सेंटर या एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान से एक घंटे पहले तक जोड़ी जा सकती हैं। यह नियम घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय नॉन-स्टॉप दोनों तरह की उड़ानों पर लागू होगा।

ब्लूचिप पॉइंट्स का भी मिलेगा फायदा

इंडिगो लाइट चुनने वाले यात्रियों को भी ब्लूचिप लॉयल्टी प्रोग्राम का लाभ मिलता रहेगा। इंडिगो लाइट किराया इंडिगो के डायरेक्ट चैनलों-वेबसाइट और ऐप पर 15 जुलाई से शुरू होने वाली यात्रा के लिए बुकिंग के लिए उपलब्ध होगा।

एयर इंडिया भी शुरू कर

चुका है बेसिक किराया श्रेणी

दो हफ्ते पहले एयर इंडिया भी घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए एक नई बेसिक किराया कैटेगरी शुरू कर चुका है। इस प्लान के तहत जो यात्री फ्लाइट में खाने का विकल्प नहीं चुनते हैं वे अपनी टिकट पर 300 से 700 रुपए तक बचा सकते हैं। एयर इंडिया के इस नए एंटी-लेवल किराए में 15 किलो चेक-इन बैगेज, 7 किलो केबिन बैगेज और मुफ्त ड्रिंक (चाय/कॉफी) की सुविधा मिलती रहेगी।

Airlines shun ₹10K cr aviation fuel subsidy as fuel prices fall

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NEW DELHI: The Rs 10,000-crore jet fuel price stabilisation programme has failed to take off, with no airline signing up for the scheme as a decline in international oil prices eroded its appeal, sources said.

The Union Cabinet last month approved a one-time Rs 10,000-crore scheme to compensate state-owned fuel retailers for selling aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to airlines at capped prices for up to three years, aiming to shield carriers from surging fuel costs triggered by the West Asia crisis.

The scheme was voluntary, and airlines were to sign agreements with oil marketing companies to avail of the capped price of about Rs 115 per litre. However, no airline has signed up for the scheme so far, sources said.

This could possibly be because international oil prices started to fall around mid-June, making the capped price unattractive.

On July 1, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices in fact dropped to Rs 110 per litre from Rs 115 rate that was announced on June 9.

Under the voluntary scheme, participating airlines were to pay a fixed free-on-board (FOB) benchmark price of Rs 86.32 per litre, plus airport charges, oil company margins and applicable taxes, resulting in an effective sell-



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ing price of Rs 115 per litre in Delhi, Rs 114.5 in Mumbai and Rs 139 in Chennai. Airlines that do not opt for the scheme are to pay market-linked prices.

Sources said market-linked ATF prices were around Rs 142 per litre when the scheme was announced on June 3. However, prices have since softened following an interim peace deal between the US and Iran, easing concerns over potential supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil shipping route.

The scheme was announced to give airlines clarity on fuel prices. Those opting into the price stabilisation scheme were

to continue to receive ATF at Rs 115 per litre for up to three years, insulated from global benchmark fluctuations. While non-participating carriers will benefit from price declines, they also face higher costs when international rates rise.

Sources said the scheme was completely voluntary, and airlines had to make a call if they wanted to participate in it.

With no airlines signing up, the scheme has not technically been put in motion, they said.

When the government announced the capped ATF price of Rs 115 per litre, the prevailing retail price in Delhi was about Rs 105 per litre, a level

Highlights

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that had remained unchanged since April after only a partial pass-through of higher global fuel costs triggered by the outbreak of the West Asia conflict in late February. The price freeze resulted in losses for state-owned oil marketing companies on aviation turbine fuel, adding to under-recoveries on petrol, diesel and LPG, sources said.

To address these losses, the Union Cabinet had approved a Rs 10,000-crore price stabilisation scheme aimed at capping ATF prices and shielding airlines from volatility linked to geopolitical tensions, while also supporting the financial health

of state-owned oil companies.

Under the scheme, whenever global benchmark prices rose above the base rate of Rs 86.32, the government was to provide an interest-free advance to oil marketing companies to cover the difference. When prices fell, the differential was to be recovered from the companies and returned to the Consolidated Fund of India.

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Sources said international jet fuel prices had climbed to as high as Rs 142 per litre in May from pre-war rates of Rs 60.50 per litre, raising concerns over airline operating costs and potential fare increases.

The new arrangement, they said, was not a subsidy but a temporary stabilisation framework intended to smooth volatility in fuel prices while ensuring accountability, monitoring and full recovery of funds.

For passengers, the most important benefit of this decision is that it will help to moderate sudden increases in airfares that often result from sharp spikes in fuel prices. By reducing the exposure of airlines to extreme fuel price fluctuations, the government aims to minimise the pass-through of such costs to travellers and provide greater fare stability.



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AI Express resumes all flights to West Asia

NEW DELHI: Air India Express on Thursday said it has restored services to all destinations in the West Asia network, with flights set to commence to Oman and Kuwait.

The Tata Group-owned airline had suspended services to certain West Asia destinations in the wake of the conflict in the region.

Currently, the carrier operates around 780 weekly flights between India and West Asia connecting 18 Indian cities directly with the region.

With resumption of services to Salalah in Oman and Kuwait, connectivity to all destinations across the West Asia network has been restored, the airline said in a release.



"Flights on the Kozhikode-Salalah route will resume from 2 July. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait will resume from 3 July, while flights between Bengaluru and Kuwait will begin from 4 July, with frequencies increasing in phases over the coming days," it said.

With a fleet of over 100 planes, Air India Express operates more than 500 flights daily connecting 43 domestic and 16 international destinations.

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Int'l air ticket prices likely to go down

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

FLYERS are set to get some relief from the exorbitant air fares levied on most international routes in the last four months ever since the West Asia crisis broke. The fuel surcharge cess, a crucial component of the air fare, has been reduced by the Air India from July 1. The other airlines may follow suit soon as government directives mandate passing on the relief to the customers.

Crude oil prices dipped to less than \$70 (₹6,666) per barrel on June 30, the lowest since the West Asia conflict began on February 28. It is reliably learnt that the Air India on Wednesday announced a reduction in its international fuel surcharge cess by 38% for its Europe and UK routes while it is down by 28.5% on the Australia and the North America routes. "The reduction will definitely be passed on to the customers. Even if it goes down by a small figure, it would be substantial savings for the public as even 10 per cent on a ticket fare of ₹1 lakh will work out to ₹10,000 for a flyer," a source said.

The Air India had officially announced the revision of its



AI fuel surcharge revision

Air India had announced the revision of its fuel surcharge to Europe to ₹19,520 per passenger from the midnight of April 10. It has been reduced to ₹11,900 now. The airline had said that there would be ₹26,000 surcharge for North America and Australia.

fuel surcharge to Europe (including the UK) to \$205 (₹19,520) per passenger from the midnight of April 10. It has been reduced to \$125 (₹11,900) now. The airline had also announced then that there would be \$280 (₹26,664) surcharge for North America and Australia which will now be reduced to \$200 (₹10,045) "These are substantial reductions," another

West Asia connectivity

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source added.

IndiGo did not respond officially on the issue. It is reliably learnt that IndiGo, which is among the three major international airlines from India, also must reduce its international fare as it is a government mandate that "passing through" of the benefit happens to the public, a source said. The Air India Express said that it would get

back on the issue of fare reduction.

Spicejet, which operates to Dubai internationally, said that it had not effected any increase in the international surcharge cess earlier. "We did not increase the prices during the peak of the crisis. So, this does not apply to us." The domestic aviation turbine fuel too came down on July 1 from ₹1.10 lakh per kilo litre from ₹1.25 per kilo litre. However, it is unlikely that this reduction will be passed on to consumers, said an airline source.

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The Kozhikode-Salalah service will operate twice every week. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait will operate once a week from July 3.

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AI Express restores all West Asia flights

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA Express has restored connectivity to all destinations across its West Asia network with the resumption of services to Salalah in Oman and Kuwait. The budget carrier of the Air India group had temporarily suspended flights across West Asia in the wake of the war between the US-Israel coalition and Iran, during which the region witnessed heavy bombardment and frequent airspace closure.

The West Asia crisis, which began on February 28 and triggered a sharp rise in energy prices, including jet fuel, is now in the final stage, with the related parties continuing to hold peace talks. Energy prices, including jet fuel prices, which account for 30-40% of an airline's operating cost, have seen a sharp fall in recent weeks.

Earlier on Friday, Air India Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson had told employees that

the airline may restore some of the flights it had cut in recent times because of the West Asia conflict. He stated that the call will be taken if easing tensions in West Asia continues to keep fuel prices lower and more airspace accessible.

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ice will operate twice every week. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait will initially operate once a week from 3 July, increasing to three weekly flights from 5 July. With this resumption, Air India Express now operates from two airports in the Sultanate of Oman: Muscat International Airport and Salalah International Airport.

Air India Express has also reinstated flights between Muscat and Mangaluru starting 3 July. The airline operates about 40 weekly flights from Muscat to 7 destinations in India.

Bengaluru-Kuwait services

will operate once a week from 4 July, increasing to three weekly flights from 7 July. All Air India Express flights to and from Kuwait will operate from Terminal 4 at Kuwait International Airport. With flights to 13 destinations across Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, Air India Express is one of the leading carriers connecting India with the region.

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एयर इंडिया ने दी राहत, फ्यूल सरचार्ज 39% तक कम किया इंडिगो भी जल्द इसमें कमी करेगी

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■ नई दिल्ली : एयर इंडिया की इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइटों से सफर करने वाले लोगों के लिए खुशखबरी है। एयर इंडिया ने महंगे एटीएफ की वजह से 10 अप्रैल से जो फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाए थे। उसमें 39% के रूप में 80 डॉलर तक की कमी कर दी है। उम्मीद है इंडिगो भी जल्द इसमें कमी करेगी। आने वाले समय में इसका फायदा यात्रियों को भी मिलना शुरू होगा। हालांकि, एयर इंडिया ने 130 डॉलर के दायरे में आने वाले देश सिंगापुर, अफ्रीका, मिडिल-ईस्ट और चीन समेत अन्य देशों के



लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज में कोई कटौती नहीं की है। फ्यूल सरचार्ज के इस ग्राफ में एयर इंडिया ने एक जुलाई से अब 280 डॉलर की जगह 200 और 205 डॉलर की जगह 125 डॉलर सरचार्ज कर दिया है। हालांकि, इसमें दो हजार किलोमीटर तक की घरेलू उड़ानों पर 8 अप्रैल से लगाया गया 299 से 899 रुपये तक के फ्यूल सरचार्ज को अभी कम नहीं किया गया है।

AI एक्सप्रेस बंद फ्लाइट शुरू कर रहा

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने घोषणा की है कि वह वेस्ट एशिया की बंद की गई अपनी सभी फ्लाइटों को चरणबद्ध तरीके से फिर से शुरू कर रहा है। जिसमें कोइकोड-सलालाह सेवा 2 जुलाई से और कोइकोड से कुवैत की उड़ाने 3 जुलाई से, बंगलुरु-कुवैत के लिए उड़ाने 4 जुलाई से शुरू हो जाएगी। इसी तरह से एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो भी अपनी अस्थायी रूप से बंद की गई कुछ इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइटों को जल्द शुरू करने की योजना बना रहा है।



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FAIR GAME

Lower IndiGo fares for those travelling light

New Delhi: IndiGo said on Wednesday it has introduced lower fares for passengers travelling with only cabin baggage, as carriers seek to unbundle services to lower ticket prices.

Last month, rival Air India also introduced a basic economy fare without complimentary meals for "price-conscious travellers".

Indian airlines have been grappling with higher costs after the Iran war drove up jet fuel prices, their biggest expense, while also contending with airspace closures and intensifying competition.

IndiGo's entry-level fare, called 'IndiGo Lite', is a cabin bag-only fare for the airline's economy class customers.

The fare will be applicable across IndiGo's domestic and international flights.

The new fare will be available for booking exclusively on IndiGo's direct channels starting July 1 and will be eligible for travel effective July 15.

IndiGo's Lite fare will provide passengers with a lower base price with an auto-assigned seat at no additional cost, and a cabin bag allowance of up to 7 kilograms.

Air India Express offers cabin baggage-only fares. IndiGo operates over 2,100 flights daily.

Reuters and PTI



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THE TRIBUNE

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Air India slashes fuel surcharge for Europe, N America flights

NEW DELHI, JULY 2

Air India has cut fuel surcharges for flights to North America, Australia, Europe, and the UK as oil prices eased in recent weeks, according to sources.

Fuel surcharge for North America and Australia flights have been cut to \$200 from \$280 per ticket and that for Europe and the UK services have been reduced to USD 125 from USD 205, the sources said on Thursday. The revised fuel surcharges were effective from July 1, the sources said — PTI