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हवाईअड्डे पर थेरेपी डॉग प्रोग्राम शुरू, शुक्रवार से सोमवार तक मौजूद रहेंगे

एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की घबराहट व तनाव दूर करेंगे कुत्ते

हैदराबाद। हैदराबाद स्थित राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे (आरजीएआई) ने यात्रियों के अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए अनूठी पहल की है। अब यात्रियों की घबराहट, तनाव या कोई भी चिंता मिनटों में दूर होगी। यहां मौजूद कुत्ते यात्रियों का स्वागत करने के साथ-साथ उनकी चेहरे पर मुस्कान बिखेरेंगे।

इसके लिए हवाईअड्डे का प्रबंधन करने वाले जीएमआर समूह ने थेरेपी डॉग प्रोग्राम शुरू किया है। इसके तहत यहां मौजूद मित्रवत कुत्ते आपको शांति, आलिंगन और जुड़ाव प्रदान करेंगे। कुत्तों की उपस्थिति यात्रा से संबंधित चिंता को कम कर सकती है। आपकी मनोदशा को बेहतर बना सकती है। हवाईअड्डे

दोपहर 12 बजे से शाम 6 बजे तक तैनात रहेंगे, यात्रियों ने सराहा



हैदराबाद हवाईअड्डे पर मौजूद डॉग

अहम बात है कि कुत्तों को उन्हीं यात्रियों के पास जाने की अनुमति है, जो स्वेच्छा से उनके पास आते हैं, जिससे तनाव कम होता है। वे शुक्रवार से सोमवार तक दोपहर 12 बजे से शाम 6 बजे तक घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रस्थान क्षेत्रों के प्रमुख संपर्क बिंदुओं पर तैनात रहते हैं। पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष में हवाई अड्डे पर 2.95 करोड़ यात्रियों का आवागमन हुआ।

■ एक यात्री ने कहा, वाकई बेहतरीन पहल है। कृपया इसे जारी रखें। यात्री ने कहा, पालतू कुत्ता होना बहुत खुशी देता है। यह पहल एक विचारशील और दिल को छू लेने वाली पहल है, जो सच्ची सराहना की हकदार है।

पर अधिक स्वागतयोग्य व शांतिपूर्ण वातावरण बना सकती है। उन्होंने बताया कि इस कार्यक्रम में चार प्रशिक्षित टॉय पूडल्स शामिल हैं। उनके पेशेवर संचालक भी हैं।

भविष्य में विस्तार किया जा सकता है। जीएमआर समूह का कहना है कि यात्रियों ने कुत्तों की शांत उपस्थिति की सराहना की है। ये कुत्ते प्रमाणित थेरेपी पशु हैं। शांत व्यवहार के लिए

प्रशिक्षित हैं। फिर भी पेशेवर हैंडलरों की निगरानी में रहते हैं। ये हैंडलर अप्रत्याशित व्यवहार को संभालने और कुत्तों व यात्रियों की सुरक्षा और आराम सुनिश्चित करने को तैयार हैं। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Adani Group to start Phase 1 of city side development at 8 airports

Avinash Nair
Ahmedabad

The airport arm of Adani Group has kick-started a three-phase, 655-acre city side development around eight airports.

"Our Phase-1 development will be across 114 acres of which roughly 40 per cent or 50 acres will be in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai and the rest 60-65 acres will be in the other six airports," Jageshinder Singh, Group CFO of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), had said during an investors' call earlier this week.

CITY SIDE PROJECTS

Singh said that Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) has already commenced Phase-1 of city side development at its airports.

"Currently, the major assets in airports (business) that are operational is the Mumbai airport. All the other airports are in various stages of brownfield expansion — be it in Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Guwahati, Lucknow and Navi Mumbai. We expect that Navi Mumbai will have opera-

tional clearances around October. It will ramp up to its capacity within six months," he added.

Without sharing any details of the capital expenditure that will be incurred in the city side development projects, Singh said, "In Phase-1 the primary objectives will be hotels, retail, entertainment and food courts primarily serving the city side population. Phase-2 will have a slightly different rental-retail mix and Phase-3 will have different kinds of retail mix."

Among the incubating businesses, the airports division of AEL reported a 25 per cent growth in income that stood at ₹10,224 crore in Q1FY26. During this period the AAHL served 23.4 million passengers (a growth of three per cent) and 2.8 lakh tonnes of cargo (a growth of four per cent) at its airports.

As of June 2025, AEL has a total consolidated external debt of ₹61,500 crore, of which ₹30,900 crore is in the airport business and ₹14,600 crore in roads and ₹8,700 crore in the company's Australia project.

BIAL raises Rs 9,000 cr in sector's largest unlisted NCD deal



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It is aimed at refinancing existing debt and funding future expansion, the BIAL said. KIA is South India's busiest airport and it handled over 41.88 million passengers and 502,480 metric tonnes of cargo in the last fiscal.

Record airport NCD deal: BIAL raises Rs 9,000 crore

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The funds will be used to refinance existing debt and support future infrastructure expansion, BIAL said in a press note.

The fundraising is split into two tranches: Rs 4,362 crore completed on July 25 and Rs 4,638 crore scheduled for early October.

SBI Capital Markets (SB-ICAPs) acted as the sole arranger.

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BIAL to optimise its capital structure, shift to fixed interest rates, and lower borrowing costs.

"This landmark issuance is a significant milestone for BIAL as it not only reflects strong investor confidence in our long-term vision, but also strategically strengthens our financial position ahead of the next phase of expansion," said Bhaskar Rao, Chief Financial Officer, BIAL.

The deal attracted a broad mix of investors, including banks, insurance firms, Infrastructure Debt Funds (IDFs), and Public Financial Institutions (PFIs).

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), South India's busiest, handled over 41.88 million passengers and 5,02,480 metric tonnes of cargo in the last financial year, the press note said.

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DELHI

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एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों के लिए इंतजार के पलों को अब पिल्ले के साथ बनाएं आरामदायक

हेदराबाद, प्रेट : एयरपोर्ट पर भी कभी-कभी यात्रियों को कुछ ऐसी ही अनजानी परिस्थितियों से दो-चार होना पड़ता है जब उन्हें किसी कारणवश विमान के लिए लंबा इंतजार करना पड़ता है। मगर, इंतजार के उन पलों को अब बोझिल बनने से रोकने एवं उन्हें रोचक तथा आनंददायक बनाने और उनकी यात्रा को यादगार बनाने के लिए हैदराबाद स्थित राजीव गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का प्रबंधन करने वाले जीएमआर ग्रुप ने एक अनूठी पहल शुरू की है। इसके तहत उनके अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के उद्देश्य से थैरेपी डाग प्रोग्राम शुरू किया गया है। इस एयरपोर्ट में प्रवेश करने पर यदि आपका स्वागत एक मिलनसार पिल्ले द्वारा किया जाए या आपको उसे सहलाने का मौका मिले तो आपको आश्चर्यचकित होने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं।

एयरपोर्ट के सूत्रों के अनुसार, यह पहल मन को सुकून प्रदान करती है, और अधिकारियों का ऐसा मानना है कि कुत्तों की उपस्थिति (इस मामले में टाय पूडल्स - एक प्रकार का सुंदर पिल्ला)

हेदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों के लिए "थैरेपी डाग प्रोग्राम" शुरू

टाय पूडल्स की मौजूदगी चिंता कम कर सकता है, मनोदशा हो सकेगी बेहतर



हेदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर थैरेपी डाग प्रोग्राम शुरू ।

फाइल

यात्रा संबंधी चिंता को कम कर सकती है, मनोदशा को बेहतर बना सकती है और एयरपोर्ट के वातावरण को अधिक स्वागतयोग्य और शांतिपूर्ण बना सकती है। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्तमान में इस प्रोग्राम में चार अच्छी तरह से प्रशिक्षित टाय पूडल्स और पेशेवर हैंडलर शामिल हैं। यह प्रोग्राम अपने प्रारंभिक चरण में है और यात्रियों की प्रतिक्रिया और परिचालन व्यवहार्यता के आधार पर भविष्य में इसके विस्तार पर विचार किया जा सकता है। सूत्रों ने बताया, "प्रतिक्रिया बेहद सकारात्मक रही है। यात्रियों ने उनकी

शांत उपस्थिति की सराहना की है। इस पहल को एयरपोर्ट के अनुभव में एक विचारशील और आरामदायक अनुभव के रूप में सराहा गया है।" हालांकि ये टाय पूडल्स प्रमाणित 'थैरेपी पशु' हैं और शांत व्यवहार के लिए प्रशिक्षित हैं, फिर भी ये पेशेवर हैंडलरों की निगरानी में रहते हैं। ये हैंडलर किसी भी अप्रत्याशित व्यवहार को संभालने और पिल्लों एवं यात्रियों दोनों की सुरक्षा और आराम सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित होते हैं। इन्हें उन्हीं यात्रियों के साथ बातचीत करने की अनुमति है जो स्वेच्छा से उनके पास आते हैं।



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BIAL completes India's largest unlisted bond issuance, raising Rs 9,000 crore

NT Correspondent

BENGALURU

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credit rating, a shift from MCLR-linked (Marginal Cost of funds-based Lending Rate) to fixed interest rate, and the extended maturity profile.

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BIAL raises ₹9,000 crore in landmark airport sector deal

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Importantly, the long-tenor structure and improved credit

rating will translate into greater value for our stakeholders, including passengers and airline partners, through enhanced affordability and infrastructure development," Bhaskar Rao, chief financial officer, BIAL, added.

BLR Airport is India's first greenfield airport developed under the PPP (Public Private Partnership) model. It is the busiest airport in South India and the third largest in the country, the statement added.



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HINDU

CHENNAI

2 AUGUST 2025

BIAL completes private placement of ₹9,000 cr. NCDs

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the JV firm operating Bengaluru Airport, on Friday said it has completed the issuance of unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs) worth ₹9,000 crore. The transaction is being undertaken in two tranches – ₹4,362 crore completed on July 25 and ₹4,638 crore scheduled for early October this year – BIAL said. With a 15-year tenure, the refinancing allows the company to conserve capital, it said. PTI

हाइड्रोकार्बन प्रोजेक्ट लगा रही ओएनजीसी बलिया में एयरपोर्ट को लेकर मांगी फिजिबिलिटी रिपोर्ट

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लखनऊ, उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने बलिया में एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण को लेकर स्थानीय प्रशासन से प्री फिजिबिलिटी रिपोर्ट मांगी है। बलिया की रसड़ा विधानसभा सीट से बीएसपी के विधायक उमाशंकर सिंह के प्रस्ताव पर सरकार ने यह निर्देश जारी किया है।

बसपा विधायक ने बलिया की जरूरत को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार से एयरपोर्ट बनाने का आग्रह किया है। दरअसल बलिया में घाघरा, तमसा और गंगा नदी बहती है। बारिश की वजह से अक्सर जिले की नदियां उफान पर आ जाती हैं जिससे बाढ़ जैसे हालात पैदा हो जाते हैं। वाराणसी, आजमगढ़, गाजीपुर और गोरखपुर में हवाई अड्डे की सुविधा होने के बावजूद इस जिले के लोगों के लिए डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट की सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है।

विधायक उमाशंकर सिंह ने प्रस्ताव में बलिया-लखनऊ मार्ग पर हवाई अड्डा निर्माण करने की मांग की है। यहां जमीन की उपलब्धता भी सुनिश्चित करेंगे। यह प्रस्ताव ऐसे समय में आया है जब ओएनजीसी गंगा

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इकॉनमी में सुधार होगा



एयरपोर्ट निर्माण के प्रस्ताव को लेकर विधायक उमाशंकर सिंह का कहना है कि, "बलिया की जनसंख्या में तेजी से वृद्धि हो रही है। यहां पिछले कुछ सालों में तेजी से विकास हुआ है। एयरपोर्ट बनने से यहां की इकोनॉमी में सुधार होगा और रोजगार भी पैदा होंगे। लोगों के बाहर जाने के लिए बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी भी मिलेगी।" उमाशंकर सिंह के इस आग्रह के बाद उत्तर प्रदेश की योगी सरकार ने सिविल एवियेशन विभाग को निर्देश दिया है कि वो नेशनल एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी आफ इंडिया के अधिकारियों के साथ मिलकर इस प्रस्ताव पर प्री फिजिबिलिटी रिपोर्ट तैयार कर सरकार को प्रस्तुत करे।

के किनारे हाइड्रोकार्बन प्रोजेक्ट लगाने की तैयारी में जुटी है।

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TRIBUNE

DELHI

3 AUGUST 2025

Hisar airport tops defaulters' list with over ₹94L power dues

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, AUGUST 2

Maharaja Agrasen Hisar Airport has emerged as the top defaulter of electricity bill of the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN), with dues amounting to Rs 94.43 lakh.

According to sources in the DHBVN, the power utility has issued a notice to the airport authorities, warning of disconnection if the payment is not made promptly. The issue gained traction on social media, following which

airport officials reportedly responded to the notice and assured the payment would be cleared within a day or two.

Officials said the airport has not paid its electricity bills for the past eight months, leading to the accumulation of such a large sum. Despite repeated reminders from DHBVN, the dues remained unpaid.

"Despite repeated reminders and requests from the Nigam, the bill remained unpaid," DHBVN sources said. They added that airport authorities had cited a lack of

administrative approval as the reason for the delay.

Sub-Divisional Engineer Mukesh Rohilla of DHBVN said, "The airport has a sanctioned load of approximately 2,000 kilowatts, and a dedicated 33 kV substation has been set up for its operations. After receiving the notice, airport officials contacted us and assured that the dues will be cleared by Wednesday."

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) is the second major defaulter, with unpaid bills amounting to Rs 64 lakh, sources added.

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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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एअर इंडिया हादसा : ब्रिटेन को डीएनए मिलान पुष्टि की प्रतीक्षा हादसे में मारे गए यात्रियों में से 52 थे ब्रिटिश नागरिक

लंदन। अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे से लंदन जाने वाले दुर्घटनाग्रस्त एअर इंडिया 171 विमान में सवार रिश्तेदारों के अवशेषों का इंतजार कर रहे ब्रिटिश परिवारों को भारत-ब्रिटेन सरकार की उच्च-स्तरीय वार्ता के बाद डीएनए मिलान की पुष्टि की प्रतीक्षा है। उनका कानूनी टीम ने यह जानकारी देते हुए 12 जून के प्लेन हादसे के बाद इस सप्ताह इस प्रक्रिया में तत्परता बरतने का आह्वान किया।

अहमदाबाद हादसे में प्रियजनों को खोजने वाले कई परिवारों की मदद के लिए विमानन विशेषज्ञों के साथ काम कर रहे कीस्टोन लॉ के एक्विशन पार्टनर जेम्स हीली-प्रीट ने कहा, इस समस्या के अंतरराष्ट्रीय मीडिया कवरेज के चलते दोनों



देशों की सरकारों ने उच्च-स्तरीय वार्ता की है। माना जाता है कि कुछ मिलान वाले डीएनए अवशेष अब भारत में पाए गए हैं। इस हादसे में मारे गए 241 यात्रियों व चालक दल में 52 ब्रिटिश नागरिक शामिल थे। लॉ ने कहा, गलत लेबलिंग, गलत हैंडलिंग व गलत पहचान की त्रुटि दर 15% है। यदि यही अनुपात सभी पर लागू हो तो 40 अवशेषों के गलत पहचान की आशंका बनती है, जबकि कई परिवार अंतिम संस्कार कर चुके हैं। एजीसी



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परिजन डीएनए की पुष्टि का इंतजार कर रहे एअर इंडिया हादसा: ब्रिटिश परिवारों को 40 शवों की पहचान पर संदेह

भास्कर न्यूज़ | लंदन

अहमदाबाद से लंदन जा रही एअर इंडिया फ्लाइट 171 के जून 12 को क़ैश में मारे गए 52 ब्रिटिश नागरिकों के परिजन अब शवों की पहचान को लेकर गंभीर चिंता जता रहे हैं। ब्रिटेन की लीगल फर्म की स्टोन लॉ के मुताबिक, भारत से भेजे गए 12 शवों में से दो की पहचान गलत पाई गई, जिससे 15% की गलती की दर मानी जा रही है। इस हिसाब से 40 शवों की पहचान पर संदेह जताया जा रहा है, जबकि कई शवों का अंतिम संस्कार भी हो चुका है। वहीं, टाटा समूह

द्वारा 500 करोड़ के मुआवजे की योजना पर भी परिजन स्पष्टता की मांग कर रहे हैं। परिजनों ने जांच में पारदर्शिता की भी मांग की है। ब्रिटिश वकील जेम्स हीली-प्रेट ने भारत की जांच एजेंसी एएआईबी से अपील की है कि वे कॉकपिट रिकॉर्डिंग और फ्यूल-कटऑफ जैसे अहम सबूत परिवारों को दें।

ब्रिटिश प्रधानमंत्री कीर स्टारमर और भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के बीच इस मुद्दे पर हाल में हुई चर्चा के बाद डिएनए मिलान की प्रक्रिया में तेजी आई है। कुछ शवों के डीएनए से मेल खाने की पुष्टि जल्द होने की उम्मीद जताई जा रही है।



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Govt should reclaim Air India from Tata: Manish Tewari

TGG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Manish Tewari on Friday urged the government to take back Air India from the Tata Group, alleging that they have run the airline into the ground and that privatisation of the once national carrier has been a disaster.

In a post on X, the Chandigarh MP alleged that people "who grow tea" and "make cars" are now running Air India and hardly any aviation experts are running the airline.

"Government of India should take @airindia back from the Tata Companies. They have run the airline into the ground," Tewari said in his post.

There was no immediate comment available from the

Tata group or Air India.

"Flights cancelled at the drop of a hat, flights delayed without any explanation whatsoever. The pilots and the crew tell me that people who grow tea in Tata Tea, make steel in Tata Steel, make cars in Tata Motors are running Air India.

"People I have known personally over the past 40 years and are sound professionals. The airline is a complete management mess.

There are hardly any competent aviation professionals running Air India," the Congress leader alleged. "The privatisation has been a disaster," he also said.

The government had privatised Air India in January 2022 to the Tata Group after an open bidding process.

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IndiGo passenger slaps fellow traveller



TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

An IndiGo passenger slapped a fellow passenger, who was on the aircraft aisle, onboard a flight from Mumbai to Kolkata on Friday, according to a source.

The incident occurred in the flight 6E138 and after landing, the perpetrator was handed over to the security authorities at the Kolkata airport, the source said.

The perpetrator was also declared as unruly by the airline, the source added.

Without disclosing specific details, IndiGo said

it is aware of an incident involving a physical altercation on board one of its flights.

"Our crew acted in accordance with established standard operating procedures. The individual involved was identified as unruly and handed over to the security authorities upon arrival. All appropriate regulatory agencies have been duly informed, in line with protocol," the airline said in a post on X.

The reason for the passenger slapping the fellow passenger was not immediately known.

IndiGo also said such unruly behaviour is com-

pletely unacceptable and strongly condemned any actions that compromise the safety and dignity of passengers and crew.

A video clip of the incident shared on social media showed a passenger sitting in his seat suddenly slapping another passenger on the aisle who started crying and was moved away from the spot.

Also, a cabin crew member is heard telling the passenger on the seat "don't do" while another passenger is heard asking why did he slap and that he does not have any right to hit anybody.

One of the passengers is also heard saying that the person who was hit was having a panic attack.

It could not be immediately ascertained whether the incident happened when the aircraft was preparing for takeoff or when it was mid-air.

Details about the number of people onboard the aircraft was also not immediately available.



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लखनऊ से हैदराबाद जा रही एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट निरस्त

जागरण संवाददाता, लखनऊ : चौधरी चरण सिंह अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर हैदराबाद जा रही एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट अचानक शुक्रवार को निरस्त कर दी गई। उस समय विमान में 100 यात्री सवार हो चुके थे। पायलट को रनवे पर ही विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। जांच में खराबी की पुष्टि होने पर उड़ान को रद्द कर दिया गया।

अमौसी एयरपोर्ट पर एअर इंडिया की विमान संख्या आइएक्स 2816 को सुबह 8:40 बजे उड़ान भरना था। बोर्डिंग पूरी होने के बाद विमान टैक्सी-वे से रनवे की ओर बढ़ रहा था। टेकआफ से पहले पायलट को तकनीकी गड़बड़ी का पता चला, उसने एयरलाइंस अधिकारियों व एटीसी को सूचित किया। इंजीनियरों की टीम ने खराबी को ठीक करने का प्रयास किया। शाम पांच बजे तक गड़बड़ी दूर नहीं हो सकी तो उड़ान को रद्द करने का निर्णय लिया गया।

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An app can help beat jet lag

Apps that swiftly ease a long-haul journey have proliferated

CHRISTINE CHUNG

NOTHING UNDERMINES THE joy of travel quite like a bad case of jet lag. That's why an entire industry has popped up to help deal with it, hawking solutions like light therapy glasses, targeted supplements, apps and coaching. But do any of them actually work? I put two popular methods to the test on a two-week journey to Asia in May. I flew from New York City, where I live, to Seoul and Taipei, Taiwan — both on the other side of the globe, a difference that is literally night and day — and then back home.

The two apps to which I ceded control of my daily rhythms, Flykitt and Timeshifter, are personalised programmes based on scientific approaches to jet lag.



The science of jet lag

Both apps rely on circadian science, the study of the body's internal clocks. The central clock is in the brain and follows a roughly 24-hour cycle. Many mental, physical and behavioural changes such as hormone release, sleeping and waking are influenced by their circadian clock. Research

shows that exposure to light plays a key role in synchronising these rhythms to the outside world. Jet lag happens when the body clock falls out of sync with the local time, resulting in discomforts like poor digestion, foggy memory and focus, and interrupted sleep. Our natural tendencies to sleep earlier or later, called chronotypes,

may also play a role. Night owls have an easier time going west, which requires staying up later than usual, and early birds tend to find flying east easier, said Kelly Glazer Baron, a professor of family medicine and the director of the University of Utah's behavioural sleep medicine program. Long-haul journeys across multiple time zones present a timing challenge: Seoul was 13 hours ahead of New York when I went and Taipei was 12 hours ahead. For most people, it's harder to move your sleep time earlier than it is to delay sleep. The apps proved useful by helping me wrap my head around time zone calculations, such as the ideal time to sleep on a flight and when to blast my eyes with light to better adjust to my destination.

Test no 1: Flykitt

First up, for the New York-to-Seoul trip, was Flykitt. Its starter pack, \$99 for a round trip, includes glasses that filter blue light to minimise light exposure and packs of supplements meant to target inflammation. The programme, which promised to curb

jet lag in just three days, began on departure day. I put my flight details into the app and answered a few questions about my caffeine intake and sleep patterns, and the app promptly chimed out a detailed schedule. On the 15-hour nonstop flight to Seoul, the programme recommended only a three-hour nap, so I barely slept.

JET LAG HAPPENS WHEN BODY CLOCK FALLS OUT OF SYNC WITH LOCAL TIME, RESULTING IN DISCOMFORTS LIKE POOR DIGESTION, FOGGY MEMORY

Instead, I diligently studied my schedule, donned my special glasses, ate meals and took vitamins every few hours. The patented supplement protocol included vitamins B6, B12 and C; magnesium glycinate; melatonin; and omega-3 fatty acids.

Andrew Herr, who founded Flykitt in 2022 and previously worked as a military contractor researching human performance, said he believed data shows that inflammation is a "key piece" of jet lag and that it's "exacerbated by the lower sleep or the disruptive sleep you get during travel."

At first, popping handfuls of pills was novel and funny, until it wasn't. The regimen had me taking about three dozen vitamins over three days, starting on the day of the flight.

Test no 2: Timeshifter

After about a week in Taipei, I returned to New York using Timeshifter's guidance. This app was cheaper than Flykitt, \$25 for a year's subscription. No blue-light glasses, which I enjoyed wearing. The only recommended supplement was melatonin, which I was to take for my first four nights back home to help with the adjustment.

While Flykitt instructed me when to avoid light, Timeshifter alerted me about times to seek it out. When I couldn't be outside, I turned on as many lights as I could.

The weeklong programme featured a preflight shift two days before my return. This meant seeing light several hours before sleeping, as well as gradually pushing my sleep and wake times later, which wasn't practical in my final days in Taipei. I didn't want to sleep until 10 am on my last day in the city when I could be crushing soup dumplings in a stand.

Mickey Beyer-Clausen, a co-founder and the chief executive of Timeshifter, agreed that it wasn't always easy to follow the optimal advice.

The bottom line: Neither programme markedly shaved time off my jet lag, but I did feel more clear-headed during and after my trip and I didn't get sick. —NYT



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BIAL completes private placement of ₹9,000 cr. NCDs

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the JV firm operating Bengaluru Airport, on Friday said it has completed the issuance of unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs) worth ₹9,000 crore. The transaction is being undertaken in two tranches – ₹4,362 crore completed on July 25 and ₹4,638 crore scheduled for early October this year – BIAL said. With a 15-year tenure, the refinancing allows the company to conserve capital, it said. PTI



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Air India privatisation a disaster, says Manish Tewari

Congress leader Manish Tewari has called the government's decision to privatise Air India and transfer its ownership to the Tata Group a "disaster" over complaints about cancellations and delays. In a post on X on Friday, Mr. Tewari described the airline as a "management mess". "Government of India should take Air India back from the Tata Group. They have run the airline into the ground," he wrote. He claimed that the cancellations and delays by Air India were happening without any explanations. Tata Group took over Air India in January 2022 after it won the bid invited by the government for selling its 100% stake in the erstwhile national carrier.



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Air India crash: U.K. families await DNA confirmation

British families, waiting for the remains of relatives aboard the London-bound Air India 171 plane that crashed soon after take-off from the Ahmedabad airport, are expecting confirmation on DNA matches after high-level India-U.K. government talks, their legal team has said. Keystone Law, which has been working with aviation experts to assist many of the families who lost loved ones in the June 12 crash, called for urgency in the process this week. "The U.K. and Indian governments have held high-level talks, as a result of the international media coverage of this problem," said James Healy-Pratt, Aviation Partner at Keystone Law. PH



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IndiGo bans passenger for slapping co-traveller

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NEW DELHI: IndiGo has imposed a flying ban on the passenger who slapped a co-traveller onboard the Mumbai-Kolkata flight on Friday.

The incident occurred on flight 6EI38, and after landing, the perpetrator was handed over to the security authorities at the Kolkata airport, an official said on Friday. The perpetrator was also declared as unruly.

In a post on X, the airline on Saturday said that following due diligence, the incident involving an unruly customer has been formally reported to the relevant authorities for necessary action.

"In line with our commitment to discourage such unruly behaviour onboard flights, the individual has been suspended from flying on any IndiGo flights, in accordance with regulatory provisions," the carrier said.

The duration of the flying ban could not be immediately ascertained. On Friday, a video clip of the incident shared on social media showed a passenger sitting in his seat suddenly slapping another passenger on the

A PASSENGER ON AN INDIGO FLIGHT WAS DETAINED ON FRIDAY AFTER HE WAS SEEN PURPORTEDLY SLAPPING A CO-PASSENGER IN A VIDEO

aisle who started crying and was moved away from the spot.

Also, a cabin crew member was heard telling the passenger on the seat "don't do" while another passenger was heard asking why did he slap and that he does not have any right to hit anybody.

The man, a native of Cachar district in Assam, found in an ailing condition at a railway station in Assam, his family members said.

"Our relatives found him at the railway station around 3:30 PM on Saturday in a visibly unwell state. They took him to a hotel briefly for rest, after which a car was arranged to bring him home by road," a family member said.

सरकारी खर्चे पर भ्रमण करने वाले अधिकारियों के लिए फैसला

हवाई टिकट के लिए अब चार एजेंसियां अधिकृत

भूपेन्द्र पांचाल
नई दिल्ली, 2 अगस्त।

दिल्ली सरकार ने सरकारी खर्चे पर देश-विदेश के भ्रमण पर जाने वाले अधिकारियों-कर्मचारियों को हवाई टिकट बुकिंग कराने के मामले पर बड़ा निर्णय लिया है।

सरकार ने तीन वर्ष पहले निकाले एक आदेश को खत्म कर दिया है जिसमें देश-विदेश दौरे की हवाई टिकट बुकिंग केवल एक चयनित विभाग के जरिए कराने की बाध्यता रखी गई थी। अब अधिकारी और कर्मचारी के पास हवाई टिकट बुक कराने के लिए चार विकल्प उपलब्ध रहेंगे। आधिकारिक सूत्रों के अनुसार, सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 2022 में जारी किए गए आदेश के तहत अब तक केवल दिल्ली पर्यटन एवं परिवहन विकास निगम (डीटीटीडीसी) को ही हवाई टिकट बुकिंग के लिए अधिकृत किया गया था। इस आदेश के चलते सभी अधिकारियों



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को टिकट बुकिंग के लिए केवल इसी निगम पर निर्भर रहना पड़ता था। लेकिन अब दिल्ली सरकार ने उस पुराने आदेश को वापस लेते हुए डीटीटीडीसी के साथ-साथ तीन अन्य एजेंसियों को भी अधिकृत कर

दिया है, जिससे बुकिंग प्रक्रिया ज्यादा सरल और लचीली हो गई है। दिल्ली सरकार के वित्त विभाग के विशेष सचिव आइएएस एसएस परिहार के आदेश के अनुसार, अब दिल्ली सरकार के अंतर्गत कार्यरत अधिकारी और कर्मचारी डीटीटीडीसी के अलावा बामर लारी एंड कंपनी लिमिटेड, अशोक ट्रेवलर्स एंड टूरर्स तथा इंडियन रेलवे कैटरिंग एंड टूरिज्म कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड (आइआरसीटीसी) के माध्यम से भी हवाई टिकट बुक करवा सकेंगे।

इससे पहले केंद्र सरकार के वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा भी इन तीनों एजेंसियों को अधिकृत किया गया था और अब दिल्ली सरकार ने भी इन्हें मान्यता प्रदान कर दी है। इस बीच देखा जाए तो लीव ट्रेवल कंसेशन (एलटीसी) यानी सरकारी कर्मचारी को मिलने वाले लाभ के लिए डीटीटीडीसी के अलावा तीन अन्य चयनित बुकिंग एजेंटों को भी हवाई टिकट बुकिंग को अधिकृत किया गया था।



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ब्रिटिश परिवारों को नई डीएनए रपट का इंतजार

लंदन, 2 अगस्त (भाषा) ।

अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए लंदन जाने वाले एअर इंडिया 171 विमान में सवार रिश्तेदारों के अवशेषों का इंतजार कर रहे ब्रिटिश परिवारों को भारत-ब्रिटेन सरकार की उच्च स्तरीय वार्ता के बाद डीएनए मिलान की पुष्टि की उम्मीद है। उनकी कानूनी टीम ने यह जानकारी दी।

कानूनी परामर्श प्रदाता कीस्टोन ला, जो 12 जून की दुर्घटना में अपने प्रियजनों को खोने वाले अनेक परिवारों की सहायता के लिए विमानन विशेषज्ञों के साथ काम कर रहा है, ने इस सप्ताह इस प्रक्रिया में तेजी लाने का आह्वान किया। पिछले सप्ताह प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की ब्रिटेन यात्रा के दौरान 'डाउनिंग स्ट्रीट' ने पुष्टि की थी कि प्रधानमंत्री के अर स्टार्मर ने द्विपक्षीय वार्ता के



दौरान एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना पर चर्चा की थी। यह चर्चा ब्रिटेन की मीडिया में आई उस खबर की पृष्ठभूमि में हुई थी जिसमें कहा गया था कि ब्रिटेन भेजे गए कुछ शवों पर गलत लेबल लगे थे।

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उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसा माना जा रहा है कि कुछ मेल खाते डीएनए अवशेष अब भारत में पाए गए हैं। पुष्टि की प्रतीक्षा है। इस दुर्घटना में मारे गए 241 यात्रियों और चालक दल में 52

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यह एक ज्ञात-अज्ञात तथ्य है, और इनमें से कई परिवारों के प्रियजनों का पहले ही अंतिम संस्कार किया जा चुका है।

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इंडिगो ने उपद्रवी यात्री पर उड़ान प्रतिबंध लगाया

नई दिल्ली, 2 अगस्त (ब्यूरो)।

इंडिगो ने शुक्रवार को मुंबई-कोलकाता उड़ान में एक सह-यात्री को थप्पड़ मारने वाले यात्री पर उड़ान प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है। यह घटना उड़ान संख्या 6ई138 में हुई और विमान उतरने के बाद आरोपी को कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षा अधिकारियों को सौंप दिया गया। एयरलाइन ने शनिवार को एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि उचित जांच के बाद, उपद्रवी ग्राहक से जुड़ी घटना के बारे में औपचारिक रूप से संबंधित अधिकारियों को आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए सूचित कर दिया गया है। एयरलाइन ने कहा, उड़ानों में इस तरह के उपद्रवी व्यवहार को हतोत्साहित करने की हमारी प्रतिबद्धता के अनुरूप है, उस व्यक्ति को इंडिगो की किसी भी उड़ान से सफर करने से रोक दिया गया है।

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In'tl travels script India's aviation growth story

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE desire for international travel among Indians is triggering aviation boom, says the Airports Authority of India. And smaller airports, compared to those in capital cities, have picked up patronage.

The AAI 'Air Traffic Data' for the first three quarters of this financial year shows nearly two crore flyers went abroad this year, marking a 7% rise in international travel.

The overall passenger growth stands at 5.6% with 105.15 million flyers taking to the skies in April-June 2025 over the 99.54 million of April-June 2024. The domestic growth figure is 5.3% with 85.32 million travelling this quarter as compared to 81 million in the corresponding period last year.

As expected, following the Pahalgam attack and air space closure, Srinagar airport has taken a massive hit. Bhopal's Raja Bhoj airport, whose international destinations cover West Asia and South East Asia, has recorded an 80% growth figure over the past year, the maximum among all airports in the country. It is followed by

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Airport	Apr-Jun 2026	Apr-Jun 2025	% change
Bhopal	576	320	80%
Pune	89,999	50,937	76.7%
Bagdogra	7,314	4,243	72.4%
Coimbatore	80,976	54,403	48.8%
Surat	50,666	35,786	41.5%
Mangaluru	1,77,337	1,28,163	38.4%
Guwahati	17,323	13,022	33%



Pune airport, which has recorded a 76.7% growth, and Bagdogra with 72.4% growth. Coimbatore, Surat, Mangaluru, and Guwahati have all recorded growth figures of over 33%.

The hubs of international travel, IGIA and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport are inching along with a 3% (52,40,482 passen-

gers) and 4.5% (38,96,278) increase, respectively, in international patronage.

Post the opening of the second terminal, the growth of Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport appears unstoppable with 17,33,432 international travellers. It has recorded the maximum surge among the big airports.

Flyers enter into dogfight inside IndiGo aircraft

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

IN a bizarre incident in an IndiGo flight on Mumbai-Kolkata route, a passenger slapped one of his co-travellers, on Friday. The incident took place before the flight took off from Mumbai. The two persons were handed over to the police after the flight landed at Kolkata at 5.35 am in the morning.

The defaulters were detained at the NSCBI airport police station and were let off with a warning. The police suspect that the victim might have a mental health issue. The names and identities of the passengers were not disclosed. Indigo responded to the incident in a statement on X saying, "We are aware of an incident involving a physical altercation on board one of our flights," adding that such actions are unacceptable and that the crew acted according to their standard operating procedures.

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Navi Mum airport, airlines negotiate parking charges

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DISCUSSIONS regarding high parking fees are underway between Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) and airlines, including business jet operators. Both parties aim to reach a final agreement soon, as commercial flights are set to begin operations in October.

"Airlines and business aircraft operators had earlier written a letter to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) and the Ministry of Civil Aviation about proposed high parking charges at the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA)," said a source familiar with the development. "Our negotiation with the airport operator is at the final stage. We expect to come to an



agreement soon," he added.

The source stated that NMIA has proposed to charge ₹25 per hour per metric tonne for the first two hours of parking. This is more than 3 times compared to the existing ₹7.88 per hour per tonne at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport's. Airline executives believe that this cost structure would lead to a rise in operational expenses.

The NMIA is being devel-

oped by Navi Mumbai International Airport Limited, a special purpose vehicle. It is a joint venture between Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) (74% stake) and City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) (26% stake). AAHL is also the promoter of CSMIA.

Besides parking fees, the user development fee (UDF) at the NMIA has been kept higher than at the Mumbai Airport. Regulator AERA has allowed levying of UDF of up to ₹1,225 at the NMIA on an ad-hoc basis.

Passengers flying out from the airport will have to shell out ₹620 for domestic flights and ₹1,225 for international flights as the UDF. Those flying in will pay a UDF of ₹270 for domestic and ₹525 for international flights, excluding taxes.



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जुलाई में हवाई जहाज से नेपाल आने वाले पर्यटकों में सबसे ज्यादा भारतीय

भाषा। काठमांडू

नेपाल में जुलाई 2025 में हवाई जहाज से 70,000 से ज्यादा पर्यटक आए, जिनमें सबसे अधिक संख्या भारतीय पर्यटकों की थी। पर्यटन अधिकारियों ने यहां यह जानकारी दी। नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्ड ने बताया कि इस साल के पहले सात महीनों में देश में हवाई मार्ग से कुल 6,47,882 पर्यटक आए, जो कोविड-19 के बाद की अवधि में सबसे ज्यादा है। शुक्रवार को जारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, पिछले साल जुलाई में नेपाल में हवाई मार्ग से 70,193 यात्री आए, जो 2024 की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 8.7 प्रतिशत अधिक है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटकों में, जुलाई में

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The engines tried to restart, but it proved too late to prevent the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft from crashing into Ahmedabad's BJ Medical College, claiming 19 lives on the ground.

Keystone Law called for further clarity about the transitioning of the fuel cutoff switches and which voice was saying what on the excerpts of the Cockpit Voice Recorder.



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थप्पड़ कांड: आरोपी यात्री इंडिगो की सभी फ्लाइट्स से प्रतिबंधित
नई दिल्ली @ पत्रिका. मुंबई से कोलकाता जा रही इंडिगो फ्लाइट 6ई138 में एक यात्री के सहयात्री को थप्पड़ मारने का वीडियो सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल होने और लोगों की कड़ी प्रतिक्रिया के बाद एयरलाइन ने आरोपी यात्री को 'अनुशासनहीन' घोषित कर सभी फ्लाइट्स से प्रतिबंधित कर दिया है। आरोपी को कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट पर सीआइएसएफ ने हिरासत में लिया। इंडिगो ने कहा कि ऐसा व्यवहार अस्वीकार्य है और सभी नियामक एजेंसियों को सूचित किया गया है। डीजीसीए द्वारा आगे की कार्रवाई का इंतजार है। घटना ने विमान यात्राओं में मानसिक स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा पर सवाल खड़े किए हैं।

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Serial lapses

An audit by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), uncovered 51 safety violations at Air India, including seven Level I lapses - those considered serious enough to "seriously endanger safety". These revelations arrive in the shadow of the Air India Flight 171 crash of 12 June, a tragedy that claimed 241 lives on board and 19 on the ground, with dozens more injured in Ahmedabad's B.J. Medical College area. AI 171 - a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner bound for London - lost engine power seconds after takeoff. Both fuel control switches inexplicably shifted to "CUTOFF," resulting in a complete loss of thrust. After a last-minute Mayday call, the aircraft crashed into a densely populated neighbourhood. It was the deadliest aviation disaster in India in nearly thirty years, and the first fatal hull loss of a Boeing 787. While DGCA has stated that larger carriers tend to generate a higher number of audit findings due to their complexity, this explanation offers little comfort. Serious failures such as inadequate pilot training, use of unapproved simulators, and poor rostering are not inevitable by-products of scale - they are symptoms of operational complacency and oversight failure. India's aviation boom has outpaced its regulatory preparedness. With increased routes, newer fleets, and ambitious international tie-ups, operational complexity is rising faster than oversight capacity. This imbalance must be corrected. A robust civil aviation sector needs not only investment and expansion, but deep-rooted institutional vigilance. Without strengthening DGCA's resources, staffing, and independence, expecting sustained safety in a liberalised market is not only unrealistic - it is dangerous. The fact that some violations were self-reported is a welcome development, suggesting a shift towards a more transparent safety culture. But transparency must not be mistaken for accountability. If DGCA fails to act firmly on these findings, it risks creating a precedent where disclosure becomes a substitute for action. Level I violations demand not only internal fixes but also public timelines, independent verification, and regulatory enforcement. This is not just about Air India. It is about a regulatory and operational ecosystem that must adapt to the evolving demands of air safety. Scheduled audits and post-event reviews can no longer serve as the backbone of aviation oversight. What is needed is a real-time, technology-enabled system of monitoring, supported by surprise inspections and ongoing crew performance audits. Public confidence in India's skies is fragile, especially in the aftermath of the Ahmedabad crash. Flyers have expressed heightened anxiety, and the psychological toll of repeated aviation tragedies cannot be dismissed. Rebuilding trust will require more than press releases and procedural assurances - it will need visible, sustained, and systemic reform. Safety is not a formality - it is a culture. It must be reinforced from the cockpit to the boardroom, with the DGCA leading by example. If India is to prevent another tragedy, it must move beyond audits-as-routine and toward enforcement-as-commitment. The skies - and passengers - demand nothing less.





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IndiGo bars man who slapped co-passenger from all its flights

'Missing' Victim Believed To Be On Train To Assam

Saurabh Sinha
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New Delhi/Silchar: IndiGo Saturday barred from all its flights a passenger who had assaulted a co-passenger on a Mumbai-Kolkata flight. The 39-year-old man from Cachar, who was initially believed missing after being slapped on board the IndiGo flight on Friday, is now believed to be travelling back home to Cachar by train, officials said.

"Following due diligence, the incident involving an unruly customer has been formally reported to authorities for necessary action. In line with our commitment to discourage such unruly behaviour on board flights, the individual has been suspended from flying on any IndiGo flights, in accordance with regulatory provisions," IndiGo said Saturday. The IndiGo bar is for 30 days pending an inquiry after which a further decision under the provisions of the no-fly list for unruly flyers will be taken.

It is up to other Indian airlines to decide whether they

too, want to put the man accused of assault on their no-fly lists till the legal process of putting him on the national no-fly list is completed.

SP (Cachar) Numal Mahatta told reporters the victim may have boarded a train to Silchar, and efforts are underway to establish direct contact with him. Senior police officers from Cachar said Assam police are working in close coordination with their Kolkata counterparts to track him down. The victim's family members confirmed contact with him at Barpeta station (in Assam), noting he

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was on his way back from Kolkata. The victim had been working in a Mumbai gym and was headed home when he was allegedly assaulted on board the aircraft.

The case gained attention after a video showing the man being slapped by a co-passenger was widely circulated. The victim had suffered a panic attack when the aircraft was taxiing in Mumbai. He had started sobbing and walking in the aisle, requesting to be allowed to alight from the plane. At this time a passenger is seen on video slapping this person as he was passing by his seat.

AI crash: UK families still await update on DNA-matched remains

London: British families, waiting for the remains of relatives aboard the London-bound Air India 171 plane that crashed soon after takeoff from Ahmedabad airport, are expecting confirmation on DNA matches after high-level India-UK government talks, their legal team has said.

Keystone Law, which has been working with aviation experts to assist many families who lost loved ones in the June 12 crash, called for urgency in the process this week. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's UK visit last week, Downing Street had confirmed that Prime Minister Keir Starmer had discussed the Air India plane crash during their bilateral talks against the backdrop of UK media reports of mislabelling of some remains repatriated to Britain.

"The UK and Indian governments have held high-level talks, as a result of the international media coverage of this problem," said James Healy-Pratt, Aviation Partner at Keystone Law. "It is believed that some matched DNA remains may now have been located in India. Confirmation is awaited," he said.

The 241 passengers and crew who died in the disas-



Two out of 12 caskets of the AI crash victims repatriated to the UK for last rites found to be incorrectly identified

ter included 52 British nationals, with two out of 12 caskets repatriated to the UK for last rites found to be incorrectly identified.

The ministry of external affairs had responded to the UK reports to stress that "all mortal remains were handled with utmost professionalism and with due regard for the dignity of the deceased".

"We are continuing to work with the UK authorities on addressing any concerns related to this issue," the MEA's official spokesperson said in a statement last month. Asked to estimate the scale of the issue, Keystone Law said of a sample of 12 caskets repatriated from India to the UK, two were "mislabelled, mishandled and misidentified". en



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Rajnath 'okays' Ambala Cantt Airport's opening

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Cabinet Minister Anil Vij today said that Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has given his consent for the inauguration of the Ambala Cantonment Airport. The inauguration will take place as soon as a date is finalised. Flights will initially operate from Ambala to Ayodhya, Lucknow, Jammu and Srinagar.

Responding to media queries, Anil Vij said, "Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh played an important role in the construction of the airport as the land required for the airport belonged to the Army. He helped in providing that land. Therefore, I had requested him to inaugurate the airport. The inauguration is being planned around August 15." — TNS



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More experts join Air India crash probe, govt tells Parl

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A panel of human factor specialists, aviation doctors, flight recorder experts and Boeing 787-rated engineers has been brought on board to assist the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) in probing the crash of Air India Flight AI-171 in Ahmedabad, the government informed Parliament.

MoS for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol, responding to a detailed query in the Lok Sabha, said the investigation team comprises Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) drawn from various technical and human-centric domains to ensure a thorough and impartial probe. The panel includes experienced Boeing 787 pilots, type-rated engineers, aviation medicine specialists, human factors

analysts and flight recorder specialists.

Flight AI-171, operating from London to Ahmedabad, crashed on June 12, raising serious concerns over safety protocols, aircraft maintenance and crew performance. A preliminary report, released on July 12, presented only the factual information available at the time and refrained from assigning blame.

Responding to concerns raised by Congress MP KS Sudhakaran about the transparency of the probe and potential premature attribution of pilot error, the minister assured that the probe is being conducted under Rule 11 of the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017, and in accordance with global norms. He said that the final report was expected by June 12, 2026.



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Govt should take back Air India from Tatas: Tewari

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Congress MP Manish Tewari, in a scathing critique of Air India's privatisation, on Friday called upon the Centre to reclaim control of the airline from the Tata Group, alleging that the iconic carrier has been mismanaged since its handover in January 2022.

Talking to X, the Chandigarh MP accused the Tata Group of running the airline "into the ground", stating that professionals from other Tata businesses, not aviation, are steering operations at Air India. "The Government of India

should take @airindia back from the @TataCompanies. They have run the airline into the ground," Tewari posted.

Referring to the diverse range of Tata enterprises, Tewari remarked, "Flights are cancelled at the drop of a hat, delayed without any explanation. The pilots and the crew tell me that people who grow tea in Tata Tea, make steel in Tata Steel and cars in Tata Motors are running @airindia. There are hardly any competent aviation professionals in charge. The privatisation has been a disaster."

The Tata Group officially took control of Air India in January 2022.