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AAI report on second airport within 2 weeks: M B Patil

'The pros seem to be in favour of the Kanakapura side'

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Industries Minister M B Patil said that the state government was likely to receive a report from the Airport Authority of India (AAI) on the three locations short-listed for second airport, within next two weeks.

Confirming this to *DH*, Patil said that the AAI had conducted an on-site feasibility study of the three locations — two adjacent land parcels on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli, spanning 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, and a 5,200-acre area on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala — in April and was scheduled to release the report in

mid-July.

As per well-placed AAI sources, the report was submitted to the Ministry of Civil Aviation on June 23, but is yet to be received by the Government of Karnataka, despite the industries minister meeting the Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu to speed up the process.

The ministry is awaiting the environmental clearance to share the report, a senior AAI official told *DH*.

"After inspecting both the locations, Kanakapura and Nelamangala, it was found that both have a problem of waterlogging. This is not something alarming or new, as the entire city of Bengaluru is prone to waterlogging due to the abundance of waterbodies. Additionally, the proximity and elevation of the Bannerghatta Hill are also being taken into consideration," the official said.

After weighing the pros and cons of the three locations provided by the GoK,

the pros seem to be in favour of the Kanakapura side, he added.

"The two locations near Kanakapura are being considered as one land parcel, and the huge area, spanning across 9,000 acres, allows for more permutations and combinations to work with. This will add clarity to deal with environmental concerns. But it all depends on the decision of the Environment Ministry," he added.

Once the report is released, the Government of Karnataka will find necessary solutions for all environmental concerns, said Patil.

"We will set up a committee to deal with such concerns, and also rope in a private consultancy firm equipped to deal with a major airport of this nature. Once we receive the report, we will look at all the concerns and prepare our own feasibility and viability reports, and only then choose the location purely based on merit," he added.



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Senior AAI manager siphons off ₹232 cr to his personal account, arrested: CBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said it has arrested a senior manager of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for allegedly siphoning off ₹232 crore to his personal account.

CBI registered a FIR after receiving a complaint from AAI against the accused.

"We have arrested the accused identified as Rahul Vijay, who was earlier heading the finance and accounts branch at AAI's Dehradun airport from 2019 to 2023. Currently, he is posted at the Jaipur airport with the same portfolio. Searches were conducted last week at his official and residential premises in Jaipur, which led to the recovery of incriminating materials, including documents on immovable properties and valuable securities," a CBI spokesperson said.

During the investigation, CBI found that the accused had manipulated electronic records by creating duplicate and fictitious assets and inflating the values of certain assets, including by adding "zeros" to entries to evade routine detection. The incident came to light when Chandrakanth P, Senior Manager, Finance Department, was reviewing the asset records from 2019-20 to 2022-23 - of Dehradun Airport and noticed some abnormal capitalisation of assets.



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LUCKNOW

Passenger Bags Lost at Lucknow Airport

A passenger's two bags were lost on an IndiGo flight from Lucknow to Delhi, connecting to Nigeria. Despite complaints and assurances, the luggage remains missing days later. The family has taken to social media to seek help, citing immense mental stress.



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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‘एयरपोर्ट के ध्वनि प्रदूषण को देखे NGT’

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली : सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण (NGT) को निर्देश दिया कि दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा लिमिटेड (DIAL) को रनवे पर शोर स्तर की निगरानी करने के लिए उठाए जाने वाले कदमों से संबंधित उसके 2024 के निर्देशों के अनुपालन के मुद्दे पर दायर की जाने वाली किसी भी आवेदन पर जल्द से जल्द निर्णय लिया जाए।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एनजीटी को दिए निर्देश

जस्टिस बी.वी. नागरत्ना और जस्टिस आर. महादेवन की बेंच ने आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के रनवे संख्या 29/11 के इस्तेमाल से पैदा हो रहे ध्वनि प्रदूषण को लेकर दायर चुनौती पर सुनवाई कर रही थी। उल्लेखनीय है कि आगमन और प्रस्थान के लिए 50% से अधिक उड़ानें इसी रनवे का उपयोग करती हैं। NGT ने यह कहते हुए आदेश पारित किया था कि DIAL ने 21 मार्च 2024 के अपने पिछले निर्देशों का अनुपालन कर लिया है।



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AMAR UJALA

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इंडिगो के विमान से पक्षी टकराया, नागपुर में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

नागपुर। कोलकाता जा रही इंडिगो की एक उड़ान मंगलवार सुबह पक्षी से टकरा गई। इसके बाद नागपुर हवाईअड्डे पर विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। विमान में करीब 165 यात्री सवार थे। सभी सुरक्षित हैं।

इंडिगो ने बताया, नागपुर-कोलकाता

उड़ान संख्या 6ई 812 उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद एक पक्षी से टकरा गई। इसके बाद चालक दल ने एहतियातन विमान वापस मोड़ने का फैसला किया और उसे नागपुर में सुरक्षित उतार लिया। हादसे में विमान का आगे का हिस्सा क्षतिग्रस्त हुआ है। व्यं





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DAINIK BHASKAR

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पहली बार • भारत की एविएशन पॉलिसी में नया मोड़

एअर इंडिया-सिंगापुर के ग्रांड ऑपरेशंस को सेफ्टी क्लियरेंस

एम. रियाज हाशमी | नई दिल्ली

भारतीय एविएशन सेक्टर में सुरक्षा मानकों को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाते हुए डीजीसीए (नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय) ने पहली बार एअर इंडिया-सेट्स (एआई-एसटीएस) एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को ग्रांड हैडलिंग ऑपरेशंस की सेफ्टी क्लियरेंस प्रदान की। यह एक सिंगापुर-आधारित ग्रांड हैडलिंग और गेटवे सर्विसेज प्रोवाइडर कंपनी है, जो कई देशों में एयरपोर्ट सपोर्ट सेवाएं देती है और एअर इंडिया का यह इसी सेट्स (सिंगापुर एयरपोर्ट टर्मिनल सर्विसेज) लिमिटेड जॉइंट वेंचर है। विशेषज्ञ मानते हैं कि यह कदम भारत की एविएशन इकोसिस्टम को वैश्विक सेफ्टी मानकों के अनुरूप लाने और घरेलू स्तर पर एसएमएस आधारित संस्कृति को मजबूत करने की दिशा में मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।

डीजीसीए के मुताबिक यह क्लियरेंस सीएआर के तहत जारी की गई है। इसके साथ ही भारत एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में मलेशिया के बाद दूसरा देश बन गया है, जिसने आईसीएओ (इंटरनेशनल सिविल एविएशन ऑर्गेनाइजेशन) के दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुरूप इतना व्यापक सेफ्टी प्रेमवर्क लागू किया है। ग्रांड

'सेलेबी' मामले के बाद यह महत्वपूर्ण फैसला

तुर्किये की ग्रांड हैडलिंग कंपनी सेलेबी एविएशन प्रकरण के बाद यह कदम और भी जरूरी माना गया। ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के दौरान सुरक्षा चिंताओं के चलते डीजीसीए और गृह मंत्रालय ने सेलेबी की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द कर दी थी। तब यह सवाल खड़ा हुआ था कि भारत में ग्रांड हैडलिंग सेवाओं की रेगुलेटरी निगरानी और सुरक्षा प्रमाणन कितने मजबूत हैं। चूंकि ग्रांड हैडलिंग सीधे विमान सुरक्षा, बैगेज स्क्रीनिंग, कार्गो हैडलिंग और टर्मिनल एक्सेस से जुड़ा है, इसलिए बिना सख्त सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल और निगरानी के यह बड़ी कमजोरी मानी जा रही थी।

हैडलिंग को एविएशन सेफ्टी का अहम आधार माना जाता है। बढ़ती हवाई यात्री संख्या, बड़े विमानों की तैनाती, तेज टर्नअराउंड और मल्टीपल सर्विसेज प्रोवाइडर्स के चलते डीजीसीए ने सभी ऑपरेटर्स के लिए सेफ्टी क्लियरेंस अनिवार्य की है।

एआई-सेट्स को यह मंजूरी उसके एसएमएस (सेफ्टी मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम), रिस्क कंट्रोल, रिपोर्टिंग मैकेनिज्म, ट्रेनिंग और इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर की सख्त जांच के बाद दी गई है।



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SpiceJet told to pay flier Rs 55k for burger, fries during 14-hr delay

MUMBAI, PTI: A District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has directed SpiceJet to pay Rs 55,000 to a passenger after observing that a “single burger and fries” was an “inadequate arrangement” for 14-hour flight delay.

The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (Mumbai Suburban) passed the order last week, details of which were made available on Monday. The commission noted that the delay was “due to a technical glitch”, and the airlines “cannot escape from its duty to look after its travellers till the flight gets ready and operational for further journey”. Nor can the airlines excuse itself by merely mentioning that rescheduling, cancellations, delays, etc., are normal in the

travel sector, the commission added. “Adequate arrangements of meals, refreshments, water and providing necessary relaxing area are required in such a scenario. The travellers must be kept well informed. There is no denial of the fact that passengers were provided only one burger and fries for the entire delay of more than 14 hours,” it said.

As the airline failed to bring the facts related to the deficiency in service, there is sufficient reason to believe the arrangements made by it were inadequate, the commission concluded.

The complainant had booked a SpiceJet flight from Dubai to Mumbai for July 27, 2024, which was “inordinately delayed”.



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कोलकाता जा रहा विमान पक्षी से टकराने से नागपुर लौटा

नागपुर : नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान को मंगलवार सुबह उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही समय बाद पक्षी के टकराने के बाद नागपुर हवाईअड्डे पर लौटना पड़ा। हवाईअड्डा के अधिकारी के अनुसार 160 से 165 यात्रियों को ले जा रहे विमान को सुरक्षा के उपाय के तहत नागपुर हवाईअड्डे पर लौटना पड़ा। उड़ान को रद्द कर दिया गया है। एयरलाइन के प्रवक्ता ने बयान में कहा, दो सितंबर को नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान 6ई 812 उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद एक पक्षी से टकरा गई। सुरक्षा के उपाय के तहत पायलटों ने विमान को वापस नागपुर ले जाने का फैसला किया और विमान नागपुर हवाईअड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतर गया। (प्रेट)



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■ AISATS First to Get DGCA Safety Clearance



MUMBAI Air India SATS Airport Services (AISATS) has become the first ground handling company

in India to receive the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) newly mandated Safety Clearance. The certification, issued under Civil Aviation Requirements, aligns India's ground handling standards with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) norms, making India only the second country to formally regulate this segment. The DGCA's new rules require ground handlers to demonstrate Safety Management Systems, appoint accountable and safety managers conduct recurrent staff training, and ensure infrastructure readiness. AISATS was awarded Safety Clearance Certificate No. GHSP/001. —Our Bureau

Govt flags rising festival airfares

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, September 2

WITH AIRFARES RISING sharply ahead of the festival season, the civil aviation ministry is preparing to issue advisories to all airlines to check abnormal fare increases. The ministry plans to convene a meeting with carriers in the second week of September to discuss the issue.

A senior government official said the ministry is confident that airlines will heed its advisories. "We expect carriers to follow guidance on avoiding steep fare hikes. However, if we notice abnormal increases on any routes, we will not hesitate to introduce a mechanism to check prices," the official added.

Airfares on major routes have surged 50–80% for travel around Diwali and other festivals. For instance, the lowest Mumbai-Delhi ticket for October 19 is currently ₹9,500 one-way, about 65% higher than last year. Similarly, a Delhi-Kolkata ticket for September 27, ahead of Durga Puja, costs at least ₹13,000, around 70% more than in 2024.

Civil aviation minister K Ram Mohan Naidu recently told Parliament that the ministry has set up an online system to help passengers monitor fares and guard against exploitative pricing. He said

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that airfares are not regulated following the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in 1994.

Travel agents said demand is outstripping supply, with fewer available seats pushing prices higher.

IndiGo, the country's largest carrier, has cited lower capacity in the July-September quarter due to delayed aircraft deliveries. Air India is also facing delays in Boeing aircraft deliveries, while IndiGo's new Airbus A321 XLR planes are running 15–18 months behind schedule.



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SpiceJet flight returns safely

Ankit Shukla

PUNE

A major untoward incident was averted after a Pune to Delhi flight returned shortly after takeoff on Monday morning due to a technical glitch. The pilot, after noticing the glitch, sought permission from Air Traffic Control (ATC)

to land the aircraft at Pune airport. Once clearance was granted, the flight safely landed without incident.

Several passengers described the incident as an “emergency landing,” but airport authorities clarified that it was not an emergency situation. “No emergency landing was declared and no Mayday

call was received,” officials said. Confirming the matter, Pune Airport Director Santosh Dhoke stated, “This morning, a SpiceJet aircraft operating on the Pune-Delhi route took off as per schedule. After takeoff, the pilot experienced a technical issue and decided to bring the flight back to Pune.”



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तैयारी | सीआईएसएफ के 323 विवाहित जवानों के लिए टाइप-2 और 144 के लिए टाइप-4 आवास की व्यवस्था की गई, ग्रेनो प्राधिकरण ने प्रबंध किए

एयरपोर्ट पर इसी माह सीआईएसएफ की तैनाती होगी



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता।
नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा के लिए इसी महीने 1047 केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआईएसएफ) के जवानों की तैनाती होगी। उनके ठहरने के प्रबंध पूरे

कर लिए गए हैं।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के ओएसडी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि सीआईएसएफ के 323 विवाहित जवानों के लिए टाइप-2 और 144 जवानों के लिए टाइप-4 आवास की व्यवस्था की गई है। ग्रेनो प्राधिकरण ने ओमीक्रान सेक्टर में जवानों के लिए ठहरने का प्रबंध किया है। दस उच्च रैंक के अधिकारियों के लिए आवास उपलब्ध कराने की जिम्मेदारी यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण की होगी।

चार चरणों में विकसित हो रहा एशिया का सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट



- 4588 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जा रहे
- 1047 सीआईएसएफ जवान सुरक्षा में तैनात होंगे
- 131 पुलिसकर्मियों को भी प्रशिक्षण दिया गया
- 29 हजार 561 करोड़ पूरी परियोजना पर खर्च होंगे

सुरक्षा पुख्ता रहेगी

सीआईएसएफ के पास एयरपोर्ट के प्रथम घेरे की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी होगी। दूसरे घेरे में एयरपोर्ट की स्वयं की निजी सुरक्षा रहेगी। तीसरे घेरे में पुलिस की सुरक्षा होगी। गृह मंत्रालय के निर्देशानुसार 131 पुलिसकर्मियों को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है। इनमें 11 निरीक्षक, 47 उपनिरीक्षक, 71 आरक्षी समेत 131 पुलिसकर्मी शामिल हैं।



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स्पाइसजेट की आपात लैंडिंग

मुंबई, एजेंसी। स्पाइसजेट की पुणे-दिल्ली उड़ान को सोमवार को बीच हवा में तकनीकी खराबी के बाद वापस लौटना पड़ा। विमान को पुणे हवाई अड्डे पर आपात स्थिति में उतारा गया। विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने कहा कि उड़ान संख्या एसजी-937 सोमवार को पुणे से दिल्ली के लिए रवाना हुई। उड़ान भरने के बाद 'प्लैप ट्राजिट लाइट' जल उठी। पायलटों ने पुणे लौटने का फैसला किया।



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स्पाइस जेट को 55 हजार रुपये देने के निर्देश

मुंबई। मुंबई की एक जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग ने स्पाइस जेट को एक यात्री को 55,000 रुपये भुगतान करने का निर्देश दिया है। यह आदेश 14 घंटे की उड़ान में देरी के दौरान यात्री का समुचित खयाल नहीं रखने के कारण दिया गया है। आयोग ने कहा कि उड़ान में देरी तकनीकी गड़बड़ी के कारण थी और एयरलाइंस यात्रियों की देखभाल करने के अपने कर्तव्य से बच नहीं सकती है।



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Why has IndiGo damp leased from Turkish Airlines?

Why did the Directorate General of Civil Aviation direct IndiGo to end the partnership with Turkish Airlines?

Jagriti Chandra

The story so far:

IndiGo received a third extension from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to lease two Boeing 777-300ER aircraft and crew from Turkish Airlines, after previously facing a directive to end the partnership amid heightened anti-Turkey sentiment related to its support for Pakistan during border tensions with India. The move comes as a sizeable number of IndiGo's aircraft remain grounded even as the global industry faces a shortage of planes.

What does the latest DGCA order say?

The DGCA has given IndiGo a third extension to lease aircraft and crew (also known as damp leasing) from Turkish Airlines, reversing its earlier ultimatum to end the partnership. The original request was for a period of three months from December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

In May, the DGCA said it was granting a "one-time, final extension" for three months upto August 31, 2025 to avoid passenger inconvenience due to flight disruptions when IndiGo's damp lease permission was due for a review. The DGCA's rules allow airlines to wet or damp lease foreign registered aircraft for a period of 12 months that is extendable once by further six months.

IndiGo started using the B777 aircraft to provide connectivity from Delhi and Mumbai to Istanbul in February and May of 2023. "This extension comes at a crucial time and will help mitigate losses to Indian aviation due to geopolitical restrictions, and greatly benefit Indian travellers during the peak travel season by ensuring a seamless, direct connection to Istanbul and points beyond," IndiGo said in a statement.

Why are leases important for IndiGo?

The damp leasing of B777 from Turkish

Airlines is not the only tie up where IndiGo has loaned aircraft along with its crew from foreign entities. As on June 30, 2025, of the total 416 aircraft in its fleet, IndiGo has six Boeing 737s from Qatar Airways, two A320XLRs from Latvian entity Smartlynx and one B787 from Norwegian carrier Norse Atlantic. The DGCA has also approved SpiceJet's plan to wet lease five Boeing 737 aircraft from Turkish carrier, Corendon Airlines.

Wet and dry (aircraft sans crew) leases are increasingly being adopted by airlines in order to overcome the shortage of new aircraft globally that has grown acute since the pandemic because of supply chain challenges. Airlines worldwide, including IndiGo, are also being forced to retain and sometimes revamp old and less fuel-efficient aircraft to overcome the shortage. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), aircraft deliveries are currently running 30% below their previous peak levels, leading

to a record-high backlog of 17,000 aircraft. Based on IATA's analysis, if this backlog increase is attributed solely to delivery delays, airlines are effectively short by 5,400 aircraft, representing approximately 18% of the active global fleet. With annual production anticipated to remain around 2,000 aircraft per year, IATA projects that it could take between three and five years for the industry to resolve this shortfall.

In IndiGo's case, which is the country's largest airline by fleet as well as by market share of 65%, the shortage is made more severe by the grounding of 60-70 aircraft due to Pratt and Whitney related engine issues.

How has the industry responded?

"From a business standpoint, restricting cooperation with Turkish Airlines would be counterproductive. Indian airlines benefit from code-shares and partnerships that expand their global reach, and passengers gain from greater connectivity and competitive fares. Aviation should remain a driver of growth and opportunity, while political differences should be managed through diplomacy, not by limiting the commercial potential of our airlines and travellers. If India wants its carriers to compete globally, it must enable access, not restrict it," says Alok Anand, founder of aviation assets management company Acumen Aviation.

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{ DELHI-INDORE FLIGHT }

AI downgrades AI2913's Mayday call to Pan-Pan

NEW DELHI: The Delhi-Indore Air India flight that returned to Delhi shortly after take-off following a fire indication on Sunday had initially issued a MAYDAY call to the air traffic control, but later downgraded it to PAN-PAN to indicate urgency rather than an emergency, an Air India spokesperson said.

"Flight AI2913, operating from Delhi to Indore on 31 August, returned to Delhi shortly after take-off, as the cockpit crew received a fire indication for the right engine. Following standard procedure, the cockpit crew elected to shut down the engine and returned to Delhi where the flight landed safely," Air India spokesperson said in a statement.

"The crew had initially made a MAYDAY call to the air traffic control, but later downgraded it to PAN-PAN to indicate urgency rather than an emergency. We confirm that the flight did not

make an emergency landing at Delhi...," the spokesperson added.

The aircraft has been grounded for inspection, and the regulator has been informed, a spokesperson said.

In aviation, "PAN-PAN" is an international radio call signifying an urgent, non-life-threatening situation that requires immediate assistance but doesn't pose a grave and imminent danger.

IndiGo flight returns to Nagpur after bird strike

A Nagpur-Kolkata IndiGo flight returned to the Nagpur airport following a bird strike soon after take-off on Tuesday morning, a senior airport official said, adding that the flight was later cancelled.

"Flight 6E 812 operating from Nagpur to Kolkata on 2 September encountered a bird strike soon after take-off... the flight landed safely at the Nagpur airport," the spokesperson said. **AGENCIES**



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Centre presents green jet fuel report findings

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NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday, in a day-long meeting, presented the findings of a feasibility study on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), setting the stage for a policy and implementation roadmap to cut aviation emissions as the sector expands rapidly.

This comes ahead of the 42nd session of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Assembly set to be held at the UN aviation agency's headquarters in Montreal later this month, where the Member States will set aviation future direction with a focus on environmental sustainability.

"The study, carried out by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) with support from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Union under the ACT-SAF programme, identifies viable pathways for producing and

deploying SAF in India in line with global CORSIA sustainability standards," an official said.

"The workshop is expected to finalise policy and implementation steps, ensuring India meets its SAF blending targets while reducing crude oil imports by an estimated \$5-7 billion annually and boosting farmer incomes through the use of crop residue," an official said.

"India is well positioned to become a global leader in SAF, because of its large agricultural base, availability of surplus biomass and strong refining capacity. Estimates suggest India could produce 8-10 million tonnes of SAF annually by 2040, more than domestic demand, opening export opportunities and creating up to 1.4 million green jobs," another official said.

To be sure, the government has set phased blending targets-1% of total fuel for international flights by 2027, 2% by 2028, and 5% by 2030.



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Aviation turbine fuel prices cut by 1.4% after two consecutive hikes

NEW DELHI: Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were reduced by 1.4 per cent on Monday, reflecting a decline in global benchmark rates.

Jet fuel prices were lowered by Rs 1,308.41 per kilolitre to Rs 90,713.52 per kl in the national capital, which houses one of the country's busiest airports, according to state-owned fuel retailers.

The reduction comes after two consecutive monthly hikes since July 1, during which ATF rates had risen by a steep Rs 8,949.38 per kl amid volatility in international crude markets triggered by geopolitical tensions and trade disputes.

The latest cut is expected to ease pressure on commercial airlines, as fuel accounts for nearly 40 per cent of their operating costs. No immedi-



ate comments were available from airlines on the impact of the move.

In Mumbai, ATF rates were revised down to Rs 84,832.83 per kl from Rs 86,077.14. Prices in Chennai and Kolkata, however, increased to Rs 94,151.96 and Rs 93,886.18 per kl, respectively.

Rates vary across states, depending on local taxes such as VAT.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat

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Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) revise ATF and cooking gas prices on the first of every month, based on the average international benchmark fuel price and foreign exchange rates.

Domestic petrol and diesel prices, however, continue to remain frozen. Petrol is priced at Rs 94.72 per litre in Delhi, while diesel costs Rs 87.62.

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पक्षी टकराया, विमान वापस लौटा

■ भाषा, नागपुर: नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रहा इंडिगो का एक विमान मंगलवार की सुबह उड़ान भरने के बाद पक्षी के टकराने के बाद हवाई अड्डे पर लौट आया। 160 से 165 यात्रियों को ले जा रहे



विमान को नागपुर हवाई अड्डे पर एहतियात के तौर पर लौटना पड़ा। विमानन कंपनी के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा, 'इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6E 812 से उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद पक्षी टकरा गया। विमान चालकों ने विमान को वापस मोड़ने का फैसला किया और विमान को नागपुर में सुरक्षित उतारा गया।'



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भारत से चीन के लिए शुरू हो सकती है डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट

■ मनीष अग्रवाल, नई दिल्ली: 20 मार्च 2020 को भारत-चीन के बीच अंतिम डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट ऑपरेट होने के बाद से बंद पड़े इन दोनों देशों के बीच फिर से सीधी उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू होने जा रहा है। इसके लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो से तैयार रहने वाली बात कहने के बाद से ही भारतीय एयरलाइंस ने चीन के लिए भारत से सीधी उड़ानें शुरू करने के लिए काम करना शुरू कर दिया है। जिसमें एयरलाइंस रूट और पैसेंजर लोड पर भी स्टडी कर रही है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि अभी साफ नहीं कि भारत और चीन में कौन-कौन से शहरों और कब से यह डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट सेवा शुरू की जाएगी। लेकिन भारतीय एयरलाइंस पेइचिंग, शंघाई और गुआंगजो के लिए सीधी उड़ान पर काम कर रही है। इनके अलावा भी कोई शहर हो सकता है।

पेइचिंग और शंघाई के लिए उड़ान पर काम

उड़ान भरते ही एअर इंडिया के विमान से आई 'मेडे' कॉल, आईजीआई पर मचा हड़कंप

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : एअर इंडिया की दिल्ली से इंदौर जा रही एक फ्लाइट में रविवार को बड़ा हादसा टल गया, जब उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही मिनटों के भीतर पायलट ने 'मेडे' कॉल देकर आपात स्थिति की सूचना दी। यह कॉल विमान के दाहिने इंजन में आग लगने की चेतावनी मिलने के बाद दी गई थी। पायलट की सतर्कता और एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) की त्वरित प्रतिक्रिया के चलते विमान को उसी एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित आपात लैंडिंग कराई गई, जहां से यह उड़ान भरी थी।

जानकारी मुताबिक, एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआई-2913 जैसे ही दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे

दिल्ली से इंदौर जा रही थी फ्लाइट, विमान के इंजन में आग लगने के संकेत के बाद पायलट ने भेजा 'मेडे' कॉल

(आईजीआई) से उड़ान भरकर आगे बढ़ी, पायलट को इंजन नंबर-2 यानी दाहिने इंजन में संभावित आग लगने की चेतावनी मिली। स्थिति की गंभीरता को देखते हुए पायलट ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय इमरजेंसी सिग्नल 'मेडे' भेजा। इसके तुरंत बाद दिल्ली एटीसी ने एयरपोर्ट पर फुल इमरजेंसी घोषित कर दी और फायर टेंडर सहित सभी आपात राहत संसाधनों को अलर्ट पर रखा गया।



30 मिनट हवा में रहा विमान, फिर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग

विमान करीब आधे घंटे तक हवा में रहा, जिसके बाद उसे सावधानीपूर्वक दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड कराया गया। एअर इंडिया की ओर से पुष्टि की गई कि सभी यात्री और कू मेबर सुरक्षित हैं और उन्हें तुरंत विमान से उतारकर टर्मिनल तक पहुंचाया गया। यात्रियों को इंदौर भेजने के लिए वैकल्पिक विमान का भी प्रबंध कर दिया गया।

डीजीसीए और डीआरडीओ करेंगे विस्तृत जांच

विमान को फिलहाल तकनीकी जांच के लिए रनवे पर ही रोके रखा गया है। घटना की विस्तृत जांच डायरेक्टोरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) द्वारा की जाएगी, जबकि डीआरडीओ भी तकनीकी पहलुओं की समीक्षा में शामिल रहेगा। फिलहाल डीजीसीए ने इस 'मेडे' कॉल पर कोई आधिकारिक बयान नहीं जारी किया है। एअर इंडिया की ओर से जारी बयान में कहा गया कि 31 अगस्त को दिल्ली से इंदौर जा रही फ्लाइट एआई-2913 टेकऑफ के कुछ समय बाद तकनीकी चेतावनी के कारण वापस लौट आई। सभी यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की गई है और वैकल्पिक उड़ान की व्यवस्था की गई है।

12 जून की दुर्घटना के बाद दूसरी बड़ी घटना

यह घटना ऐसे समय में सामने आई है जब 12 जून को अहमदाबाद में एअर इंडिया के एक ड्रीमलाइनर विमान की क्रेश लैंडिंग में 241 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी। उस समय भी पायलट ने 'मेडे' कॉल दी थी, लेकिन विमान कुछ ही सेकंड बाद दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था। उस हादसे के बाद एअर इंडिया ने सुरक्षा मानकों को लेकर कई सख्त कदम उठाए थे।



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इंडिगो का विमान पक्षी से टकराया, नागपुर लौटा

नागपुर। नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रहा इंडिगो का एक विमान मंगलवार की सुबह उड़ान भरने के पश्चात पक्षी के टकराने के बाद हवाईअड्डे पर लौट आया। अधिकारी ने बताया, 160 से 165 यात्रियों को ले जा रहे विमान को नागपुर हवाईअड्डे पर एहतियात के तौर पर लौटना पड़ा। उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई है। विमानन कंपनी के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा, दो सितंबर को नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 812 से, उसके उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद एक पक्षी टकरा गया।



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SpiceJet glitch

■ **MUMBAI:** A Delhi-bound SpiceJet flight from Pune made a mid-air turnback on Monday due to a technical glitch and landed under full emergency conditions, the airline said. [PH](#)



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IndiGo cabin crew, flyer clash

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Kolkata: An intense fight broke out on Monday between the crew members and a passenger of a Delhi-Kolkata IndiGo flight with both sides lodging complaints against each other for chanting a religious slogan, consuming alcohol on board, and instigating flyers. The flight was stranded at the parking bay in Delhi during a three-hour delay due to operational reasons.

The crew accused the passenger, a lawyer, of creating disturbance while the lawyer alleged harassment and denial of basic services by the airline staff. Police said they were probing both accounts.

An air hostess complained the flyer seated in 31D boarded the aircraft in an inebr-

iated condition and began urging fellow passengers to chant 'Har Har Mahadev'. As per the complaint, after take-off, he tried to hide a bottle of soft drink and smelled of alcohol. Questioned by the crew, he quickly gulped it down. The crew handed him over to security staff at Kolkata.

The lawyer denied the charges and filed a counter-complaint. He said he greeted the crew with 'Har Har Mahadev' without knowing her religion. He insisted he didn't drink onboard and had a bottle of beer at IGIA before boarding, for which he had a purchase invoice.

An IndiGo official said the cabin crew informed them that the flyer was "unruly" and "drunk". On the flyer's complaint, the official said they were looking into it.



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Nagpur-Kol IndiGo flight cancelled after midair bird hit

Nagpur: A Nagpur-Kolkata IndiGo flight with 166 passengers, including former BJP MLA Sudhakar Kolhe and Congress functionary Nitin Kumbhalkar, on board was cancelled after it encountered a bird strike shortly after take-off Tuesday morning. The bird-hit left a big dent on the nose of the A320neo aircraft and also damaged the weather radar. It was subsequently grounded for repairs, reports **Shishir Arya**.

"IndiGo flight 6E812 operating from Nagpur to Kolkata encountered a bird strike soon after take-off on Tuesday. As a precautionary step, pilots decided to turn back, and the flight landed safely at Nagpur airport. Due to requirement of necessary inspection, the flight was cancelled for the day. To minimise inconvenience to customers, we offered them refreshments, made alternate arrangements, and/or a full refund on cancellation, if opted for," the airline said in a statement.

The aircraft took off at 7.01am from Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport and climbed to a height of 6,800ft when the captain contacted ATC and reported a suspected bird strike and vibrations in the airframe. At the time, the aircraft was about 75km away from Nagpur airport. The plane returned to the airport at 7.29am. After the aircraft touched down, engineers found a major dent on the nose.



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MUMBAI

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1 burger for 14hr flight delay costs airline ₹55,000

Mumbai: A single burger and fries were clearly inadequate for a 14-hour flight delay. Pointing this out, a district consumer commission has ordered SpiceJet Ltd to pay Rs 50,000 in compensation for "expenses incurred and mental agony" to a Mulund resident and an additional Rs 5,000 to cover legal costs.

"Adequate arrangements of meals, refreshments and water; and providing necessary relaxing area are... required in said scenario. Further, travellers must be kept well-informed of the delay," the commission said, holding that by failing to do so, SpiceJet was found to be negligent and deficient in its service. "In a nutshell, if airlines take the defence that they took all reasonable steps, then it is to be proved and supported with flight logs, notices and communication. But in the present case, it merely relied on the provisions of CAR (Civil Aviation Requirements) and the Carriage by Air Act (CAA). The airlines failed to bring on record anything that can support its claim that there is no defi-

ciency in service," the commission said.

The complaint was filed last year by Dinesh Hemrajani, who booked Dubai-Mumbai flight SG 60 on July 27, 2024. Scheduled to depart at 4pm, it took off at 6.10 am the next morning. Hemrajani's complaint was SpiceJet failed to provide essential services to the stranded passengers. He said that barring a single serving of a burger and fries, no other meals or hotel accommodation was provided, in "direct violation of civil aviation and DGCA guidelines".

The airline's defence was that all passengers are bound by the terms of carriage outlined in the e-ticket and the delay was due to "operational and technical reasons". SpiceJet cited clauses from CAR and CAA, which state that airlines are not liable for delays caused by circumstances beyond their control. The commission noted that the airline failed to provide evidence that it took all necessary measures to assist passengers during the waiting period.

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IGI Airport posts 244% rise in int'l transfers in 2 yrs

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Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has recorded a 244 per cent rise in international-to-international transfers in just two years, growing from 3.88 lakh passengers in FY2023 to 13.4 lakh in FY2025, according to data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

The dramatic surge highlights how Delhi Airport, managed by the GMR Aero-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), is emerging as a strategic

transit hub in line with India's aviation policy push to capture traffic that has traditionally been routed through Gulf and Southeast Asian hubs.

Overall transfer traffic at the airport also rose 30.6 per cent in the same period, from 15.6 million in FY2023 to 20.3 million in FY2025. But, it is the international layover segment that stands out, far outpacing domestic transfers, which grew by nearly 16 per cent.

DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria said the growth reflects the government's strategy. "Aligned with the

Government of India's vision to position Delhi as a leading international transit gateway, we have been continuously working to build a hub that connects continents and provides a world-class passenger experience."

Delhi Airport already offers the strongest direct links to North America and Europe from South and Southeast Asia, as per the IATA Airport IS data.

Meanwhile, the Central Asia-Thailand corridor has also provided an early glimpse of the potential: IndiGo's new links from

Almaty, Tashkent, Tbilisi and Baku to Bangkok and Phuket have triggered a five-fold increase in transfers through Delhi.

With Air India and IndiGo expanding their wide-body fleets and launching new long-haul services, analysts say Delhi could challenge established hubs such as Dubai and Doha in retaining passenger traffic and revenue within India.

This growth carries wider economic implications, from strengthening airline finances to boosting tourism, services and foreign exchange retention.