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आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर पहली बार चालक दल के लिए तेज आव्रजन सुविधा शुरू

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नई दिल्ली। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर पहली बार विमान चालक दल के सदस्यों के लिए पहली बार तेज आव्रजन जांच की सुविधा शुरू की गई है। यह देश का पहला ऐसा हवाई अड्डा बन गया है, जहां विमानन कंपनियों के चालक दल के सदस्य फास्ट ट्रैक इमिग्रेशन ट्रस्टेड ट्रेवलर प्रोग्राम (एफटीआई-टीटीपी) के ऑटोमेटेड ई-गेट्स से आव्रजन प्रक्रिया पूरी कर सकेंगे।

हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों की लगातार बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए

**टर्मिनल-3 में 20 नए
आव्रजन डेस्क और चार
ई-गेट भी शुरू**

टर्मिनल-3 में आव्रजन और सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की क्षमता भी बढ़ाई गई है।

यहां 20 नए प्रस्थान आव्रजन डेस्क शुरू किए गए हैं। इनमें चार एफटीआई-टीटीपी ई-गेट भी शामिल हैं। साथ ही प्रोसेसिंग क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए 3 एटीआरएस (ऑटोमैटिक ट्रेडिंक्स सिस्टम) लेन भी शुरू की गई है। 2 अतिरिक्त एटीआरएस यूनिट्स को स्विंग ऑपरेशन मोड में उपलब्ध रखा गया है। इस दौरान आव्रजन

**टर्मिनल-3 के सुरक्षा
क्षेत्र-5 भी शुरू**

एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-3 के सुरक्षा क्षेत्र-5 को भी शुरू किया गया है। इससे अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को ज्यादा फायदा होगा। इसके शुरू होने से अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए आव्रजन और सुरक्षा जांच की क्षमता बढ़ेगी। प्रबंधन के अनुसार, नई सुविधा से अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए प्रक्रिया आसान होगी और दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे को अंतरराष्ट्रीय आवागमन के प्रमुख केंद्र में विकसित करने में मदद मिलेगी।

विभाग, केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल आदि के अधिकारी मौजूद रहे।



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Mumbai international airport plans to discontinue 265 flights from Oct 26

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IndiGo and Air India may have to reduce around 100 international departures per week from Mumbai from October 26 as a part of the airport operator's plan to re-develop terminal 1 and push traffic to Navi Mumbai.

Overall 265 weekly flights (one-third of the total) could be affected as Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) plans to temporarily discontinue slots. The airport operator informed 46 airlines about the planned reduction in slots on Thursday, listing exactly the number of flights each airlines would lose.

Airlines have been asked to inform the airport by October 6 the specific departure slots they can surrender.

'FORCED RELOCATION'

Airlines, however, are resisting the plan, calling it forced relocation and have sought Civil Aviation Ministry's intervention.

As per the list circulated by the airport, there are 770 weekly international departures

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ture slots at Mumbai's terminal 2. IndiGo has highest number of slots (224), followed by Air India (100) and Akasa Air (32).

As per MIAL's proposal, 74 slots of IndiGo and 33 slots of Air India would be temporarily discontinued if the proposal goes through. Akasa Air stands to lose 11 weekly slots.

Similarly, among foreign carriers, Emirates and Etihad have highest number of departures each, followed by British Airways. While Emirates flies 35 times a week, Etihad and British Airways operate 28 and 21 flights, respectively. As per the MIAL proposal, 10 slots each of Emirates and Etihad would be temporarily discontinued while seven slots of British Airways would get reduced.

SHIFT TO NAVI MUMBAI
MIAL has said airlines can shift flights to Navi Mumbai until terminal 1 of Mumbai is rebuilt by FY 2030.

The International Air Transport Association has said airlines plan schedules months in advance and any significant changes must be communicated sufficiently early to avoid disruption. The airline body also called for consultation before any cut in schedules.

On its part, MIAL, in its October 1 letter, said airlines were called for a stakeholder meeting on September 16. "A number of airline partners chose not to participate in the meeting. MIAL, nevertheless, remains committed to continued stakeholder engagement and reiterates that the development programme and implementation timelines remain unchanged," it said.

The Mumbai airport will undertake phased redevelopment of its terminal 1 starting January 2027. As a consequence, one third of domestic flights from T1 are planned to be shifted to T2 from October 26.

‘महाराष्ट्र में 2.6 लाख करोड़ रुपये से ऊर्जा और इन्फ्रा में काम’

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अदाणी समूह ने महाराष्ट्र में ऊर्जा और बुनियादी ढांचा क्षेत्र में 2.6 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की परियोजनाओं को या तो पूरा कर लिया है या फिर उन पर काम चल रहा है। ये परियोजनाएं राज्य में कंपनी के 6 लाख करोड़ रुपये के बड़े निवेश का हिस्सा हैं। यह जानकारी शुक्रवार को अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज के निदेशक प्रणव अदाणी ने मुंबई में इन्वेस्ट महाराष्ट्र कार्यक्रम के शुभारंभ पर दी।

अदाणी ने कहा, ‘दावोस में विश्व आर्थिक मंच और राज्य की साझेदारी के माध्यम से अदाणी समूह ने ऊर्जा, विमानन और एरो-डिस्ट्रिक्ट्स, शहरी पुनर्विकास, डेटा सेंटर और कोयला गैसीकरण जैसे महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में 6 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के निवेश की प्रतिबद्धता जाहिर की है। इस निवेश योजना के तहत 2.6 लाख करोड़ रुपये की परियोजनाएं पहले ही पूरी हो चुकी हैं



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या उन पर काम चल रहा है।’

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि कंपनी छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के प्रबंधन और ग्रीनफील्ड नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण को लेकर उत्साहित है। यह हवाई अड्डा मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र के विकास को गति देने और सालाना 9 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों को संभालने के लिहाज से डिजाइन किया गया है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें नवी मुंबई से

मायल ने विमानन कंपनियों से कहा है कि वे उड़ानों को नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर स्थानांतरित कर लें

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आदाणी समूह के नियंत्रण वाली 'मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड' (मायल) ने विमानन कंपनियों से कहा है कि वे कुल 770 अंतरराष्ट्रीय साप्ताहिक उड़ानों में से 265 उड़ानों को 25 अक्टूबर तक नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर स्थानांतरित कर लें। इसकी वजह यह कि पुराने हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल 1 को जनवरी से तोड़ा जा रहा है ताकि उसका पुनर्निर्माण किया जा सके।

मायल ने सभी विमानन कंपनियों को भेजे संदेश में कहा कि उसने इस बदलाव को सुगम बनाने के लिए 16 सितंबर को एक बैठक बुलाई थी, लेकिन 'कई विमानन कंपनियों ने इसमें शामिल न होने का फैसला किया।' इसके अलावा परिचालक ने कहा कि उसने विमानन कंपनियों से बदलाव की अपनी योजना 25 सितंबर तक जमा करने को कहा था, लेकिन 'कई विमानन कंपनियों' ने यह जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं कराई।

मायल ने कहा कि जरूरी जानकारी के अभाव में उसने विमानन कंपनियों के 'परिचालन के उपलब्ध आंकड़ों' और मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर टर्मिनल 1 के



265 अंतरराष्ट्रीय साप्ताहिक उड़ानों पर असर

■ कुल 770 अंतरराष्ट्रीय साप्ताहिक उड़ानों में से 265 को 25 अक्टूबर तक नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर स्थानांतरित करने के लिए कहा गया

■ पुराने हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल 1 को पुनर्निर्माण के लिए जनवरी से गिराया जाना है, इसी वजह से उड़ानों को किया जा रहा है स्थानांतरित

पुनर्विकास से संबंधित 'योजना की अवधारणा' के आधार पर नई हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ानों को स्थानांतरित करने का फैसला किया है।

बिज़नेस स्टैंडर्ड ने भी मायल का संदेश देखा है। मायल के साथ-साथ नवी मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (एनमायल) का भी संचालन अदाणी

समूह करता है।

इंटरनैशनल एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट एसोसिएशन (आईएटीए) ने 9 सितंबर को नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय को लिखे पत्र में नए हवाई अड्डे पर जाने के इस कदम को 'जबरन स्थानांतरण' बताया था और मंत्रालय से इसमें दखल देने के लिए कहा था, क्योंकि स्थानांतरण की यह योजना

विमानन कंपनियों के साथ बिना बातचीत किए तैयार की गई।

मायल ने गुरुवार को कहा कि मुंबई हवाई अड्डे से हर हफ्ते जाने वाली 770 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में से 265 उड़ानों यानी 34.4 प्रतिशत को वह 25 अक्टूबर तक 'अस्थायी तौर पर' बंद करने की योजना बना रहा है। सबसे ज्यादा कटौती इंडिगो की उड़ानों में होगी। उसकी हर हफ्ते की 224 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में से 74 पर असर पड़ेगा। इसके बाद एअर इंडिया का स्थान है, जो अपनी 100 उड़ानों में से 33 को दूसरी जगह स्थानांतरित करेगी। अकासा एयर की 32 उड़ानों में से 11 को दूसरी जगह स्थानांतरित किया जाएगा, जबकि एतिहाद एयरवेज और अमीरात अपनी-अपनी 28 उड़ानों में से 10-10 को दूसरी जगह स्थानांतरित करेंगी।

मायल ने कहा कि विमानन कंपनियों को 6 अक्टूबर को शाम 4 बजे तक हवाई अड्डा परिचालक को लिखित रूप में उन खास स्लॉट (या उड़ानों) के बारे में बताना होगा जिन्हें वे मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर अस्थायी रूप से बंद करेंगी। स्लॉट ऐसा निर्धारित समय होता है जो किसी विमानन कंपनी को निर्धारित समय पर आने या जाने के लिए हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल का इस्तेमाल करने के लिए दिया जाता है।

चैलेंज ग्रुप ने अपनी कार्गो उड़ानों पर लगाई रोक

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माल्टा की अंतरराष्ट्रीय लॉजिस्टिक्स कंपनी चैलेंज ग्रुप ने मुंबई क्षेत्र आने जाने की अपनी सभी कार्गो उड़ानें अस्थायी रूप से निलंबित कर दी हैं। कंपनी का कहना है कि नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर वर्तमान 'परिचालन व्यवस्था' उन्हें उस 'विश्वसनीयता और निश्चितता के स्तर' के साथ अपनी कार्गो सेवाएं प्रदान करने की अनुमति नहीं दे रही है, जिसकी उन्हें आवश्यकता है।

अगस्त में मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (मायल) ने एयरलाइनों से कहा था कि 1 अक्टूबर (गुरुवार) से मुंबई हवाई अड्डे के अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री और कार्गो संचालन का लगभग एक तिहाई हिस्सा नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर स्थानांतरित करना अनिवार्य होगा। ऐसा इसलिए किया जा रहा है क्योंकि पुराने

हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल 1 को तोड़ने और पुनर्निर्माण का काम जनवरी में शुरू होना है। इसी कारण समर्पित फ्रीटर उड़ानों को भी नए हवाई अड्डे पर स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया है।

मायल और नवी मुंबई इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (एन-मायल) दोनों का नियंत्रण अदाणी ग्रुप के पास है। चैलेंज ग्रुप ने लिंकडइन पर एक बयान में कहा, 'हमने अगली सूचना तक अपने मुंबई संचालन को अस्थायी रूप से निलंबित करने का निर्णय लिया है।'

बयान में आगे कहा गया, 'मुंबई हवाई अड्डे से नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर चैलेंज ग्रुप के अनिवार्य स्थानांतरण और नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर मौजूदा परिचालन स्थितियों के मूल्यांकन के बाद हमने फैसला किया कि वर्तमान परिचालन व्यवस्था अभी तक हमें अपनी कार्गो सेवाएं उस स्तर की विश्वसनीयता और निश्चितता के साथ



नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर वर्तमान 'परिचालन व्यवस्था' उस 'भरोसे और निश्चितता के स्तर' के साथ कार्गो सेवाएं प्रदान करने की अनुमति नहीं दे रही है, जिसकी उन्हें आवश्यकता है

चैलेंज ग्रुप

प्रदान करने में सक्षम नहीं बनाती, जिसकी हमें आवश्यकता है।'

कंपनी ने कहा कि इस स्थिति की ओर ले जाने वाली परिस्थितियां उसके नियंत्रण से बाहर हैं, लेकिन सेवाएं निलंबित करने का निर्णय जानबूझकर लिया गया है।

कंपनी ने कहा, 'ग्राहकों, उनके कार्गो और उनकी आपूर्ति श्रृंखलाओं की विश्वसनीयता की रक्षा करना हमारी प्राथमिकता है। हमारी टीमों भारत और हमारे अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क के बीच मजबूत कनेक्टिविटी बनाए रखने के लिए वैकल्पिक समाधानों का सक्रिय रूप से मूल्यांकन कर रही हैं, और हम जल्द ही बाजार में एक नई सेवा का विवरण साझा करेंगे।' चैलेंज ग्रुप द्वारा अपने मुंबई परिचालन का विस्तार करने के कुछ ही महीने बाद ही निलंबन का यह फैसला आया है। कंपनी ने 2 जुलाई से अपने बोइंग 777-300 ईआरएसएफ फ्रीटर विमानों के साथ अपनी मुंबई लीग सेवा का विस्तार किया था और इसने पहले के बोइंग 767 की जगह ली थी।

कंपनी ने लिंकडइन पर कहा कि वह मुंबई के प्रति प्रतिबद्ध है और आवश्यक परिस्थितियां बनने पर वह संचालन फिर से शुरू होने की उम्मीद कर रही है।



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₹2.6 trn projects completed, being executed in Maha: Pranav Adani

SUDHEER PAL SINGH

New Delhi, 2 October

Energy and infra projects worth over ₹2.6 trillion are either completed or being executed in Maharashtra by the Adani group, Pranav Adani, director, Adani Enterprises, said on Friday.

Speaking at the launch of the "Invest Maharashtra" event in Mumbai, he said these projects are part of the larger ₹6 trillion investment plan by the company in the state.

"At the World Economic Forum in Davos and through state partnerships, the Adani group has committed to an investment blueprint exceeding ₹6 trillion across critical and upcoming sectors like energy, aviation and aero-districts, urban regeneration, data centres and coal gasification," Adani said.

"Projects worth ₹2.6 trillion are already completed or under execution," he added.

He also said in his speech that the company is excited about managing the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Mumbai and delivering the greenfield Navi



ADANI ENTERPRISES DIRECTOR PRANAV ADANI SAID ADANI ELECTRICITY LIMITED POWERS OVER 3 MILLION MUMBAI HOMES AND ESTABLISHMENTS

Mumbai International Airport, an infrastructure asset designed to anchor the Mumbai Metropolitan Region's growth and handle over 90 million passengers annually.

"Surrounding these twin aviation gateways, we are developing integrated airport

business and hospitality districts that will redefine urban mobility and commerce," Adani said.

He also said that through Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited, the company is powering more than 3 million homes and establishments across Mumbai, and the metropolis leads major global financial capitals in clean energy adoption, with over 60 per cent of the power supply sourced from renewable energy sources.

"And to insulate Mumbai's financial core from outages, our 1,000 Megawatt high-voltage direct current transmission link brings resilient, clean green power directly into the city. Complementing this are our pumped-storage hydro initiatives across the state to guarantee 24x7 green baseload power," Adani said.

He said that through the Dharavi Redevelopment Project, the company has undertaken an ambitious urban transformation initiative and with the launch of the "Invest Maharashtra" event, the state is establishing a mechanism to convert investor intent into on-ground execution.

PHASED DEMOLITION OF TERMINAL 1 AT MUMBAI AIRPORT TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

Shift 265 weekly int'l flights to Navi Mumbai by Oct 25: MIAL

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 2 October

Adani group-controlled Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) has asked airlines to shift 265 out of a total 770 international weekly flights to the Navi Mumbai airport by October 25, citing the revamp of Terminal 1, whose demolition will begin in January 2027.

MIAL in its communication to all airlines on Thursday said a meeting was convened on September 16 to facilitate the shift. However, "a number of airlines chose not to participate". It added that "several airlines" did not respond to its request to submit their "transition plans" by September 25.

In the "absence" of the requisite information, MIAL said it has decided to proceed with shifting flights to the new airport on the basis of the "available operational data" of

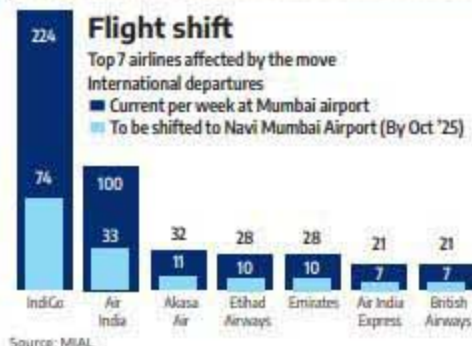
airlines and "planning assumptions" made regarding the redevelopment of Terminal 1 at Mumbai airport.

Business Standard has reviewed MIAL's communication. Both MIAL as well as Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL) are controlled by the Adani group.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), in its September 9 letter to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), had termed this shift to the new airport as "forced relocation". *Business Standard* had reported.

It had asked the ministry to intervene as the transition plan was not devised in consultation with air carriers. MIAL on Thursday said it plans to "temporarily discontinue" 265, or 34.4 per cent, of the 770 weekly international departures from Mumbai airport, from October 26. IndiGo will see the largest reduction in weekly international departures from Mumbai airport, with 74 of 224 departures set to be affected by the move, followed by Air India, which will relocate 33 out of 100 departures. Akasa Air will see 11 of its 32 departures moved, while Etihad Airways and Emirates will each relocate 10 of their 28 departures to NMIAL.

MIAL said airlines must inform it in writing by 4 pm on



October 6 about the specific slots (or flights) that they plan to "temporarily discontinue" at Mumbai airport. A slot is basically a time window that an airline is allocated to use an airport terminal for a scheduled arrival or departure.

"In the event that no response is received by the aforesaid deadline, MIAL shall determine the relevant slots (which will be discontinued) based on operational capacity and implementation considerations," it added.

MIAL plans to shift around 265 international flights a week from Mumbai's Terminal 2 to NMIA, and the space created at Terminal 2 will be used for domestic flights moving from Terminal 1. This will help to accommodate around 5 million domestic passengers a year from Terminal 1.

"With effect from 0001 hours on October 26, MIAL shall commence the allocation of vacated assets at Terminal 2 of the Mumbai airport — including but not limited to check-in counters, baggage belts, boarding gates and operational office space — to scheduled domestic operators in order to facilitate the transition of approximately 5 million passengers per annum of domestic traffic from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2," it noted.

According to MIAL, Air

India Express and British Airways will each move seven of their 21 weekly departures from Mumbai airport, while SpiceJet, Singapore Airlines, Kuwait Airways, Thai Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Oman Air, Ethiopian Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines, Air Arabia, Lufthansa and Gulf Air will each relocate five of their 14 weekly departures. Among other carriers, Kenya Airways, Cathay Pacific and Malaysia Airlines will each move four of their 10 weekly departures, while Saudia will relocate three of its eight departures to NMIA.

SWISS, Azerbaijan Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Jazeera Airways, Batik Air Malaysia, Air France, VietJet, Turkish Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, SalamAir, Air Tanzania and Qatar Airways will each move three of their seven weekly departures. KLM will relocate two of its six flights, while Thai Vietjet will also move two of its four departures to NMIA. The remaining smaller operators — Air Astana, Air Mauritius, Royal Jordanian, Nepal Airlines, Uzbekistan Airways, Uganda Airlines and Yemenia — will each move one of their two to three weekly departures, stated MIAL.

Suspending cargo flights as NMIAL lacks reliable setup: Challenge grp

Challenge group, a Malta-headquartered international logistics company, has temporarily suspended all cargo flight operations to and from the Mumbai region, saying the current "operational setup" at Navi Mumbai airport does not allow the firm to deliver its cargo services with the "level of reliability and certainty it requires".

In a statement on LinkedIn, Challenge group said: "We have made the decision to temporarily suspend our Mumbai operations until further notice."

"Following Challenge group's mandatory transition from the Mumbai airport to the Navi Mumbai airport, and an assessment of the current operating conditions at the Navi Mumbai airport, we have determined that the present operational setup does not yet enable us to deliver our cargo services with the level of reliability and certainty we require," it added. The circumstances leading to this situation, the firm said, are outside its control but the decision to suspend its services is a "deliberate one".

"Protecting our customers, their cargo and the reliability of their supply chains remains our priority. Our teams are actively evaluating alternative options to maintain strong connectivity between India and our international network, and we expect to communicate details of a new service to the market shortly," it noted.

The suspension comes only months after Challenge group expanded its Mumbai operation. The firm on LinkedIn said that committed to Mumbai and looks forward to resuming its operations once the necessary conditions are in place to support its cargo services "reliably and effectively".

DEEPAK PATEL



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आइजीआई के टी-3 पर अब 45 नहीं, 15 मिनट में होगा इमिग्रेशन

जस, नई दिल्ली : त्योहारों और सर्दियों में विदेश जाने वाली यात्रियों के लिए अच्छी खबर है। आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-3 पर नया सिक्वोरिटी ज़ोन-5 शुरू हो गया है। इससे इमिग्रेशन और सुरक्षा जांच में लगने वाला समय आधा हो जाएगा। पहले जहाँ 45 मिनट से एक घंटा लगता था, अब यात्रियों का काम 15 से 20 मिनट में हो जाएगा। आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट को वैश्विक एविएशन हब बनाने की दिशा में इसे एक बड़ा कदम माना जा रहा है। इस नए ज़ोन के चालू होने से सुरक्षा और इमिग्रेशन क्षमता में वृद्धि हुई है, जिससे यात्रियों को लंबी कतार में लगने से मुक्ति मिलेगी और उनका प्रोसेसिंग टाइम घटकर लगभग आधा रह जाएगा।

अभी आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट के टी-3 से विदेश जाने वाले यात्रियों को इमिग्रेशन और सीआईएसएफ की सुरक्षा जांच से गुजरने में औसतन 30 से 45 मिनट का समय लग जाता था। व्यस्त घंटों (पीक आवर्स) में यह समय बढ़कर एक घंटे से भी अधिक हो जाता था। नए सिक्वोरिटी ज़ोन-5 के शुरू होने से इमिग्रेशन और सिक्वोरिटी चेकिंग का यह समय घटकर मात्र 15 से 20 मिनट रह

20 नए इमिग्रेशन डेस्क और आटोमेटेड सिस्टम

त्वरित जांच को नई व्यवस्था में कई आधुनिक तकनीक शामिल है। प्रस्थान क्षेत्र में 20 अतिरिक्त प्रस्थान इमिग्रेशन डेस्क बनाए गए हैं, ताकि कतार कम हो सके। बायोमीट्रिक आधारित चार आधुनिक ई-गेट्स शुरू किए गए हैं, जहां यात्री बिना मानवीय हस्तक्षेप के कुछ ही सेकंड में इमिग्रेशन प्रक्रिया पूरी कर सकेंगे। हैड बैगेज की जांच को तेज बनाने के लिए तीन स्वचालित ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम लेन और रियंग ऑपरेशन मोड में दो अतिरिक्त इकाइयाँ उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं।

जाने की उम्मीद है। चूंकि, यह नया ज़ोन विशेष रूप से प्रस्थान क्षेत्र में तैयार किया गया है, इसलिए इसका सीधा लाभ विदेश के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले यात्रियों को मिलेगा। बता दें कि आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट से हर साल लगभग सात करोड़ से अधिक यात्री आवाजाही करते हैं, जिनमें से प्रतिदिन औसतन 50,000 से 60,000 केवल अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री होते हैं।



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अकासा की उड़ानें दूसरे ही दिन तीन घंटे तक लेट

जगरण संवाददाता, जेडर : नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से कोलकाता और बेंगलुरु के लिए सेवा शुरू करने के दूसरे ही दिन शुक्रवार को अकासा एयर की उड़ानों का शेड्यूल प्रभावित रहा। कोलकाता जाने वाली अकासा की फ्लाइट संख्या क्यूपी 1569 अपने निर्धारित समय सुबह 10:30 बजे से करीब सवा तीन घंटे देरी से दोपहर 1:50 बजे उड़ान भर सकी। बेंगलुरु जाने वाली फ्लाइट संख्या क्यूपी 1526 का निर्धारित समय शाम 4:30 बजे से लगभग सवा तीन घंटे की देरी से शाम 7:50 बजे उड़ान भर सकी। कोलकाता से नोएडा आने वाली अकासा एयर की फ्लाइट संख्या क्यूपी 1570 भी प्रभावित रही। यह फ्लाइट अपने शाम 3:50 बजे की जगह करीब तीन घंटे विलंब से शाम 7:05 बजे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पहुंची।



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मिनटों में होगी इमिग्रेशन और चेकिंग, यात्रियों का सफर होगा और आसान

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

त्योहारों और आगामी विंटर ट्रैवल सीजन के दौरान अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को बड़ी राहत देते हुए आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-3 पर नए सुरक्षा क्षेत्र सिक्वोरिटी ज़ोन 5 का संचालन शुरू कर दिया गया है। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट को वैश्विक एक्विशन हब बनाने की दिशा में इसे एक बड़ा कदम माना जा रहा है। इस नए ज़ोन के चालू होने से सुरक्षा और इमिग्रेशन क्षमता में वृद्धि हुई है, जिससे यात्रियों को कतार में लगने से मुक्ति मिलेगी और प्रोसेसिंग टाइम घटकर लगभग आधा रह जाएगा।

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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के टी 3 पर नया सिक्वोरिटी ज़ोन शुरू



आइजीआइ टर्मिनल 3

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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Airport trials for full-body scanners

New Delhi: Aviation security watchdog BCAS is collecting data from ongoing trials of full-body scanners at Bengaluru and Cochin airports and will refine the algorithms based on the results before deciding whether to introduce them at airports.

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) director-general Rajesh Nirwan on Thursday said full-body scanners had been mandated for eight airports. Trials of the scanners are being done at Bengaluru and Cochin airports, from where data and information such as how many alarms are generated are being collected. The gathered data will be assessed, he said at a briefing in Delhi.

Cochin is not among the eight airports where full-body scanners have been mandated. Details about the eight airports could not be ascertained. The idea of full-body scanners was introduced a few years ago, but due to various issues, including those related to passenger privacy, the technology is yet to be deployed at airports.

In response to a query about privacy concerns, Nirwan said one issue was the image that was coming out after scanning. The scanners are being made "image agnostic", as it will just be a model of a person, he said.

The technology will display on the screen if something suspicious is detected or where something is kept on the body and will show only that particular part. Amid concerns that wearing certain ornaments and even a mangalsutra could trigger alarms, BCAS is working on refining the algorithms used by these scanners in close coordination with the vendors and original equipment manufacturers.

"What we are getting today in India is based on algorithms that have been designed for foreign markets. There are certain typical things that are worn by Indian citizens or people living in India. So, those algorithms are also being continuously refined," the BCAS DG said. All such details will be available from data from the ongoing trials and accordingly, Nirwan said the algorithms would be refined. PTI

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THE ASIAN AGE

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■ Modi speaks to Flydubai pilot, hails him for saving 174 lives
■ India is proud of you: PM as Capt. recounts mid-air incident

'I was determined not to let others die': Capt Smit to PM

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Indian Flydubai pilot Capt. Smit Machchar, during a 10-minute video call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, told his "biggest idol" that he was determined to save the passengers on the flight despite battling for his life after being stabbed and seriously injured by his co-pilot mid-air on the flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday. Commending Capt. Machchar for saving numerous lives, Mr Modi said that his courage has enhanced the honour of 140-crore countrymen.

"Today the entire country can proudly say that we Indians are not people who take lives. We are people who save lives," the Prime Minister said during the conversation, as Capt. Machchar nodded in agreement and said he was filled with pride that Mr Modi had made a call to him.

"I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die," Capt. Machchar told the Prime Minister while recalling the horror after being stabbed by his Omani co-pilot. He said



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Captain Smit Machchar, who allegedly foiled an attempt by his co-pilot to crash an Israel-bound flydubai flight and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the UAE, during a video call in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

that whenever he faces difficulty, he recites the *Hanuman Chalisa*, a Hindu religious hymn devoted to Lord Hanuman.

"I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit) injured. With whatever energy that was left with me, I managed to act properly and saved the plane... It was such a crucial moment..." Capt. Machchar said.

Recalling the aftermath of the horrific attack by his co-pilot, Capt. Machchar told Mr Modi, "I told myself: This will be the last push... I was being assaulted at that time... I just opened the

door, and all the others (passengers) came. All of them too had an equal role... But honestly, I was acting out of survival, yet at the same time, I knew I couldn't let all of them die," he said.

The Prime Minister told Capt. Machchar that after this incident, India can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others. "At that time, you received so many injuries and were engaged in a life-and-death fight. But you ignored your safety and were concerned about the

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safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140-crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart," he said, adding that prayers were conducted in several temples across the country for his recovery.

On reciting the *Hanuman Chalisa*, Capt. Machchar told the Prime Minister, "Whenever I experience pain, I just recite the *Hanuman Chalisa*. Even at that moment, I was only reciting the *Hanuman Chalisa*, and I know that God saved me," he said.

"I feel extremely, extremely proud. Getting your call makes me feel so proud. Now I feel proud of myself; until now I wasn't, but now I do. I am sorry I am crying in front of you," Capt. Machchar said.

"Sir, every morning when I pray, my two-year-old son sits in my lap, and I recite the *Hanuman Chalisa* to him because that is what I was taught - even though we are far from our country today, we should not be far from our culture," he said.

In response, the Prime Minister "deeply appreciated the Capt. Machchar drawing spiritual strength from reciting the *Hanuman Chalisa* during his struggle for survival", an official

statement later said.

Capt. Machchar also said that he was not viewing his injury merely as a wound, as doing so will make his recovery harder. "I am viewing it as a journey that will happen slowly, step by step, and will take time. But I am very, very confident that I will recover and become completely healthy again," he said.

Most of the conversation was in Hindi, but some of it was in Gujarati as well.

"You are a brave man. India is waiting to welcome you," Mr Modi told the pilot.

The Prime Minister also spoke about Capt. Machchar's mother, Geetaben, noting that she raised him with the values and teachings of the (Hindu sacred text) *Bhagavad Gita*.

"Yesterday, I had the opportunity to talk to Bhupendra bhai (Capt. Machchar's father), Geetaben (his mother) and Sonalben (his wife). I could not talk to Jiwa and Bobby (his children), but I told Geetaben that she has moulded Smit's life with the principles of the *Bhagavad Gita*," Mr Modi said.

The Prime Minister also expressed his gratitude to the governments of Saudi Arabia and the UAE for taking good care of Capt. Machchar. He also told the pilot that he has elevated the

prestige of the Indian pilot community, whom the world will now view in a new light.

"Today is Gandhi Jayanti. You have shown the world what the true meaning of 'ahimsa' (non-violence) is," Mr Modi said. He indicated that he will discuss the sensitive details of the incident when he meets the recuperating pilot later and said those details should not be discussed on phone.

"Get well very soon so we can meet; God bless you and Jai Hind," he said. Later in a post on social media, he posted, "An unforgettable conversation with Capt. Smit, filled with pride and emotions."

Capt. Machchar is still in hospital in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi. He was operating the flydubai flight FZ1073 as pilot-in-command (PIC) from Dubai in the UAE to the Israeli city of Tel Aviv earlier on Wednesday when he was attacked by the Omani co-pilot.

The flight made a rapid descent of over 17,000 feet from 34,000 feet before diverting to Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Airport in Saudi Arabia's Tabuk city after passengers, including two pilots who were on board, stabilised the aircraft.

The flight was carrying 174 passengers, including 27 children.

अकासा का बोइंग बेड़ा सुरक्षित: दुबे

द वॉल स्ट्रीट जर्नल की खबर के बाद अकासा एयर ने सुरक्षा चिंताओं को किया खारिज

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अकासा एयर के संस्थापक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) विनय दुबे ने उतरने के दौरान बोइंग 737 मैक्स में सॉफ्टवेयर गड़बड़ी से जुड़ी सुरक्षा चिंताओं को खारिज कर दिया है। एयरलाइन के पास 43 बोइंग 737 मैक्स विमानों का बड़ा बेड़ा है, जो देश भर में और विदेशों में उड़ान भरते हैं।

बिज़नेस स्टैंडर्ड के साथ साक्षात्कार में दुबे ने कहा, 'हमारे मूल्यांकन और बोइंग के साथ चर्चा के बाद हम पुष्टि कर सकते हैं कि हमारी परिचालन निरंतरता, नए विमान वितरण कार्यक्रम और बेड़े में शामिल करने की समय-सीमा पर किसी भी तरह का कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा। हमारा बेड़ा पूरी तरह सुरक्षित है।'



ये चिंताएं कुछ दिन पहले ही सामने आई थीं जब द वॉल स्ट्रीट जर्नल ने यह खबर दी थी कि बोइंग ने अगस्त में खरीदारों को अपने 737 मैक्स जेट में एक सॉफ्टवेयर गड़बड़ी के बारे में जानकारी दी थी। हालांकि उसने यह भी कहा था कि इससे कोई सुरक्षा जोखिम नहीं है। यानी यदि कोई 737 मैक्स विमान लैंडिंग रद्द कर देता है, तो

स्वचालित नेविगेशन प्रणाली कट सकती है। हालांकि, पायलट विमान पर अपने हाथों से नियंत्रण बनाए रख सकते हैं।

मामले के बारे में विस्तार से बात करते हुए दुबे ने कहा, 'यह कोई व्यापक सॉफ्टवेयर समस्या नहीं है। ऐसा है कि बहुत विशिष्ट स्थितियों में स्वचालित उड़ान मार्गदर्शन प्रणाली का उपयोग नहीं किया जा

सकता है। ऐसी स्थिति में पायलट को विमान को मैन्युअल उड़ाना पड़ता है। पिछले साढ़े चार साल की हमारी उड़ान के दौरान इस तरह की विशिष्ट स्थिति का एक बार भी सामना नहीं किया गया है।

यह पूछे जाने पर कि क्या एयरलाइन ने नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के साथ सॉफ्टवेयर मुद्दे पर चर्चा की है, अकासा एयर के सीईओ ने कहा, 'हम डीजीसीए के साथ मिलकर काम करते हैं। बोइंग का भारत में एक बड़ा संगठन भी है और वे नियामक के साथ भी संपर्क में हैं। सभी को स्थिति की जानकारी है।'

दुबे ने स्पष्ट किया कि बोइंग 737 मैक्स के पंजीकरण में कोई समस्या नहीं है और एयरलाइन जल्द ही कुछ विमानों की डिलिवरी के लिए तैयार है। उन्होंने कहा कि बोइंग इस मुद्दे को हल करने के लिए एक सॉफ्टवेयर पर काम कर रहा है।



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Akasa CEO dismisses Boeing 737 MAX software glitch concerns, says fleet 'absolutely safe'

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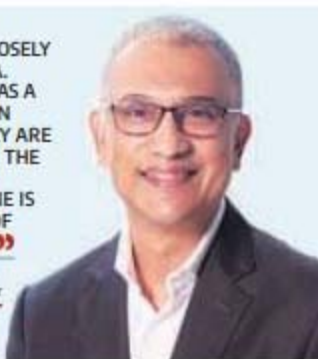
Akasa Air Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vinay Dube has allayed safety concerns regarding a Boeing 737 Max "software glitch" during landing. The airline has a fleet of 43 Boeing 737 MAX planes, which fly across the country and abroad.

In an interview with *Business Standard*, Dube said: "Following our assessment and discussions with Boeing, we can confirm there is no impact whatsoever on our operational continuity, new aircraft delivery schedules, and induction timelines. Our fleet remains absolutely safe."

The concerns came to light just a few days ago when *The Wall Street Journal* broke the story that Boeing had informed buyers in August about a software

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Founder & CEO, Akasa Air



glitch in its 737 MAX jets, while maintaining that it posed no safety risk. In simple terms, if a 737 MAX aircraft aborts a landing, the automated navigation system may cut off. However, the pilots can maintain manual control of the plane.

Explaining the matter, Dube said: "This is not a universal software issue. It is

just that in a very very specific manoeuvre, the automated flight-guiding system cannot be used. In such a case, the pilot has to fly the plane manually. If you ask me how often we have encountered this specific situation in our four and a half years of flying, the answer is zero."

Responding to whether

the airline has had discussions regarding the software issue with India's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the Akasa Air CEO said: "We work closely with the DGCA. Boeing also has a large outfit in India, and they are in touch with the regulator as well. Everyone is fully aware of the situation."

Dube also made it clear that there is no problem with registration of the Boeing 737 MAX and that the airline is readying to get deliveries of some planes very soon. He added that Boeing is working on a software fix to address the issue.

However, some global carriers have told Boeing that they would not like to take delivery of the new Boeing 737 MAX jets until the issue is resolved. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the US has

said that it will delay certification of the new Boeing MAX 10 jets — the longest version of the 737 — until it is satisfied that there is no safety issue at all.

However, FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford said that the 737 MAX is safe as it does not take away control of the aircraft from the pilots.

In India, Akasa Air holds the largest order for the Boeing 737 MAX. Out of a total order of 226 aircraft, the airline has already received 43 planes, with the remaining fleet scheduled for phased delivery by 2032. Akasa has already added five of these planes to its fleet during the current financial year.

The airline is also looking for another order in the next few years to ensure that it can continue to expand. However, the size and scope of this expansion have not been finalised.



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I was determined not to let others die, Captain Smit tells PM Modi

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"I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die," flydubai captain Smit Machchhar told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday while recounting the terrifying moments after being attacked by his co-pilot mid-air but still managing to save the aircraft.

Modi video called the pilot, who is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the UAE.

Machchhar, who was stabbed and seriously injured by his copilot in the cockpit of flydubai flight FZ1073 while travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday, gave a detailed account of the incident to the prime minister during the video call.

He, however, did not disclose what triggered the attack on him or the motive of the copilot.

Modi lauded the pilot's bravery, presence of mind and composure, and said Machchhar took a split-second decision



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks to Captain Smit Machchhar, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital in the UAE, on a video call

PHOTO: PTI

that saved the lives of so many people. Machchhar shared that whenever he faces difficulty, he recites the *Hanuman Chalisa*, a hymn devoted to Lord Hanuman. "I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit) injured. With whatever energy that was left with me, I managed to act properly and saved the plane," the pilot said.

"I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die. It was such a crucial moment. There was a moment when I realised that if I don't do

something—because I was lying on the ground (in cockpit), I could feel that the aircraft was going down," he said.

Machchhar said he was repeatedly beaten and sustained multiple injuries, but he told himself that he had to get up and act.

"At that time, I thought if I don't get up... I have been flying planes for 17 years, I have been a Captain for the last 11 years, and I know what is happening in an aircraft even with my eyes closed. When I was lying down

below, I knew for a fact that if I could make one last push—the door was right there. Even while I was still taking blows, I could just open the door," he said. The pilot said that after the cockpit door was opened, everyone else came in, and everyone played an equally important role.

"But honestly, I was acting out of survival, yet at the same time, I knew I couldn't let all of them die," he said.

Modi told Machchhar that after this incident, the country can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives, but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others.

"At that time, you received so many injuries and were engaged in a fight of life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart," he said.

The pilot said he considers Modi his greatest role model and that his call has boosted his morale.

FlyDubai: Israel says co-pilot radicalised, terror probe on

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Investigators on Thursday were trying to determine what led the co-pilot on a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv to stab the pilot, forcing the plane to make an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia after passengers and crew members bravely averted a midair catastrophe.

The UAE government said Thursday it would take the lead in the probe, with its chief prosecutor saying the investigation would also cover the possibility of "terrorist activity or intent".

Many questions remained about the incident, including whether the co-pilot had acted alone; what his motives were; and if his intention was to crash the plane or take control of it and land it in a third country.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested that the co-pilot, who has not been identified, may have been ideologically motivated. "We know that he underwent Islamist radical indoctrina-



Passengers of the diverted FlyDubai flight arrive at Tel Aviv airport. REUTERS

tion," Netanyahu said, adding that investigators had learned this from the man's "personal information".

A regional official said the suspect was under arrest and that Saudi authorities were working with countries, including Israel, to try to determine a motive.

"All possible scenarios, from terrorism to mental disorders, are being looked into," said the official.

Israeli officials were in Saudi Arabia to help investigate the copilot, according to another regional official. Israel has requested that the co-pilot be sent to Israel, though it is

PM hails Indian pilot

PM Narendra Modi praised Indian pilot Smit Machchhar, saying his "valour helped save hundreds of lives" and "prevented another 9/11-like attack from happening". In the face of the gravest danger and despite being seriously injured, he showed an unwavering resolve to protect the lives of others, Modi wrote on X. [Page 5](#)

unclear if this will be granted, the official said.

According to witness accounts, Israeli passengers helped to subdue the attacker, while a dentist on board performed first aid on the pilot, Captain Smit Machchhar, an Indian citizen.

India's Ministry of External Affairs said that after receiving initial treatment in Saudi Arabia, Captain Machchhar was shifted to Abu Dhabi.

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Israel to seek extradition of FlyDubai co-pilot

Accused transferred to UAE, says Saudi Arabia

JERUSALEM, PTI/AFP

Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said on Thursday he would seek the extradition of the Omani co-pilot accused of attempting to crash a FlyDubai aircraft bound for Tel Aviv, as Israelis praised passengers who helped prevent the disaster.

The suspect was transferred from Saudi Arabia to the United Arab Emirates on Thursday after the aircraft, carrying 174 people, including 27 children, made an emergency landing at Tabuk on Wednesday following an altercation in the cockpit.

Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry said the plane's captain and co-pilot had left the kingdom for Abu Dhabi on Thursday morning after their health improved and they were cleared by medical teams.

The co-pilot was accompanied by an Emirati security team, the ministry said, adding that an initial investigation showed he had attacked the captain.

Ben-Gvir said he would ask the justice ministry and diplomatic officials to use all available means to secure the suspect's extradition to Israel, where he wants him questioned and prosecuted.

"Anyone who planned to crash a plane and murder 180 Israelis must be extradited to Israel and pay the heaviest price here," Ben-Gvir said.

The flight incident has prompted a wave of pride in Israel, with passengers praised for intervening as the co-pilot appeared set to

Crew-related cockpit hijackings & attempts

When the threat comes from inside the cockpit



Oct 22, 2023 Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air

- Off-duty Alaska Airlines pilot tried to shut down the plane engines during flight from Everett to San Francisco
- He was seated in an extra cockpit seat
- Crew subdued him and the aircraft diverted safely to Portland

Mar 21, 2022 China Eastern

- Flight from Kunming to Guangzhou crashed, killing 132
- US investigators said the engines were deliberately shut off and there was a cockpit struggle
- China has not released its final probe report

Mar 24, 2015 Germanwings

- Co-pilot locked the captain out of the cockpit and deliberately crashed Barcelona-

Oct 1, 2026 FlyDubai



- Pilot allegedly stabbed co-pilot and attempted to crash Dubai-Tel Aviv flight
- Passengers and crew subdued him
- Boeing 737 made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia

Duesseldorf flight

- 150 people killed
- Aircraft crashed in the French Alps

Feb 17, 2014 Ethiopian Airlines

- Co-pilot hijacked Addis Ababa-Milan flight and diverted it to Geneva
- He surrendered to Swiss police and sought asylum

Nov 29, 2013 Mozambique Airlines

- Pilot crashed Mozambique-Angola flight in Namibia
- 33 people killed
- Pilot locked the cockpit

and set the aircraft on a crash course

Oct 31, 1999 EgyptAir

- Flight from Los Angeles to Cairo crashed into the Atlantic, 217 killed
- Investigators blamed co-pilot
- Egypt disputed the finding and cited mechanical failure

Dec 19, 1997 SilkAir

- Flight from Jakarta to Singapore crashed near Palembang, Indonesia
- 104 killed
- Investigators cited likely "unlawful interference"

Aug 21, 1994 Royal Air Maroc

- Pilot deliberately crashed Agadir-Casablanca flight into Atlas Mountains
- 44 killed

Apr 7, 1994 FedEx

- Off-duty flight engineer tried to hijack cargo aircraft from Memphis to San Jose
- He attacked the crew with a hammer and spear gun
- Crew members subdued him and landed safely

Feb 9, 1982 Japan Airlines

- Pilot put the engines into reverse thrust during approach to Tokyo
- Cockpit struggle followed and the aircraft crashed into Tokyo Bay
- 24 of the 174 passengers were killed

Source: AP/PTI

crash the plane. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Fox News: "I don't know if you'll be the next hijacked, but make sure an Israeli is sitting next to you." President Isaac Herzog said he would present the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism to five passengers who started the charge for the cockpit.

Among them was Yaniv Hayoun, a plumber who said he beat and pinned down the co-pilot. Netanyahu embraced Hayoun at Ben Gurion Airport and told him: "You are a hero. How did you do this?" Hayoun replied: "We are a people of lions."

Trump says Iran may be linked to FlyDubai co-pilot

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that Iran may be linked to the FlyDubai co-pilot who tried to crash an Israel-bound plane, AP/PTI reports from Jerusalem.

Trump was asked by reporters at the White House whether he had been briefed about any links between the pilot behind the attack and Tehran. He said, "We're working on it right

now." "I would say the answer, based on what I'm hearing, is yes, but we're working on it right now," Trump said. He did not offer details. Asked if the US would retaliate against Tehran if it was behind the attack, Trump said, "Oh they'll be hit, very hard, don't worry." "You just ask them," he added. "They know what happened. They'll be hit very hard."

विश्व को चिंतित करने वाली घटना

भारतीय पायलट कैप्टन स्मित की वहादुरी और सूझबूझ की प्रशंसा इस समय पूरी दुनिया में हो रही है। उन्होंने जिस साहस और कौशल का परिचय देते हुए फ्लाई दुबई की फ्लाइट को एक सह-पायलट के विमान को क्रेश करने के इरादे को नाकाम किया, वह अकल्पनीय है। दुबई से तेल अवीव जा रही फ्लाई दुबई की फ्लाइट में ओमान मूल के सह पायलट ने अचानक कैप्टन स्मित पर हमला कर दिया। माना जा रहा है कि हमलावर विमान का नियंत्रण अपने हाथ में लेकर उसे गिराना चाहता था। सोचिए उस समय विमान में बैठे लोगों की क्या स्थिति हुई होगी, जब काकपिट में हिंसक संघर्ष के दौरान विमान लगभग 17,400 फीट नीचे आ गया। गंभीर रूप से घायल होने के बावजूद कैप्टन स्मित ने अदम्य साहस से सह पायलट से संघर्ष किया और काकपिट का दरवाजा खोलने में सफल हुए। बाहर से काकपिट का दरवाजा नहीं खोला जा सकता। अगर स्मित दरवाजा नहीं खोलते तो कुछ भी हो सकता था। दरवाजा खुल जाने के कारण ही यात्री मदद के लिए अंदर आ सके और यात्री के रूप में बैठे दो पायलटों ने विमान को नियंत्रण में लिया। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने क्लिकुल सही कहा कि कैप्टन स्मित ने वहादुरी से मुकाबला कर 9/11 जैसी एक और घटना को होने से रोक दिया। इजरायली प्रधानमंत्री नेतन्याहू ने भी उन्हें 9/11 की पुनरावृत्ति रोकने वाला बताया। अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ट्रंप ने भी भारतीय पायलट की प्रशंसा की।

जिन्हें भी हवाई जहाज उड़ाने का अनुभव है, वे इस घटना को असाधारण वहादुरी मानते हैं। दुर्भाग्यवश भारत में कुछ ऐसे नेगेटिव निर्माता भी हैं, जो इसे इजरायल का फाल्स फ्लैग आपरेशन यानी स्वयं की ओर से की गई कार्रवाई बताकर शर्मनाक हरकत कर रहे हैं। इन कुंठित लोगों पर चर्चा की आवश्यकता नहीं, क्योंकि संपूर्ण विश्व के समाचार पत्रों ने इस पर टिप्पणियां छपी हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त जांच आरंभ हो गई है और सारी सच्चाई सामने आ जाएगी। इस घटना से 11 सितंबर, 2001 को अमेरिका में हुए आतंकी हमले की स्वाभाविक ही चर्चा आरंभ हो गई है, जो इस सदी की पहली सबसे बड़ी और पूरी



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फ्लाई दुबई फ्लाइट में घटी घटना के बाद अमेरिका जैसे देशों को आतंकवाद को लेकर अपने रवैए पर पुनर्विचार करना चाहिए



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दुनिया को हिला देने वाली आतंकी घटना थी। उस दिन आतंकीयों ने चार विमानों का अपहरण किया था। पहले विमान को वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर के उत्तरी टावर से टकराया गया। कुछ देर बाद दूसरा अपहृत विमान वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर के दक्षिणी टावर से टकराया गया। इससे वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर के दोनों टावर ताश के पत्तों की तरह ढह गए। तीसरे विमान को वाशिंगटन के रक्षा मुख्यालय पेंटागन से टकराया गया। चौथा विमान पेंसिल्वेनिया के पीट्सबर्ग में ध्वस्त हो गया था। उसका निशाना कैप डेविड था। अमेरिका उन हमलों को नहीं रोक पाया था। 9/11 हमले में शामिल आतंकी अच्छी डिग्री वाले उच्च परिवारों के थे। इनका उद्देश्य अमेरिका के अहम को ध्वस्त करना था।

ओमानी सह पायलट विमान को कहाँ टकराना चाहता था, अभी इसकी जानकारी नहीं, किंतु इसकी अनदेखी नहीं की जा सकती कि 2001 से इन 25 वर्षों में जिहादी आतंक की मानसिकता इतने विस्तृत रूप में फैल चुकी है कि आतंकीयों के तौर-तरीकों को समझना लगभग असंभव है।

इस घटना ने फिर से इसकी पुष्टि की कि 1990 के बाद से विश्व में नए सिरे से आरंभ जिहादी आतंकवाद वैचारिक रूप से खतरनाक स्तर तक फैल चुका है। ओमानी पायलट की हरकत संकेत कर रही है कि वह शायद आत्मघाती आतंकी में तब्दील हो चुका था। कुछ लोग इसे ईरान पर अमेरिकी-इजरायली हमले या फिर गाजा में इजरायल की कार्रवाई की प्रतिक्रिया बता रहे हैं, लेकिन आतंकी हमले केवल यहूदियों और इजरायल तक सीमित नहीं हैं? क्या इसके पहले दुनिया के अन्य देशों में अलग-अलग रूपों में आतंकी घटनाएं हमारे सामने नहीं आईं? इजरायल जिहादी आतंक के निशाने पर इसलिए रहता है, क्योंकि यहूदियों के विरुद्ध इस्लामी जगत में घृणाजनक दुश्मनी का भाव फैलाया गया है।

विश्व का दुर्भाग्य है कि सितंबर 2001 के हमले के बाद जिस अमेरिका ने अपने नेतृत्व में आतंकवाद के विरुद्ध सघन युद्ध आरंभ कर उसके समूल नाश का संकल्प व्यक्त किया, वही धीरे-धीरे भाग खड़ा हुआ और अब उसके सक्रिय सैन्य एजेंडे में आतंकवाद के विरुद्ध वैश्विक संघर्ष के प्रमाण नहीं दिखते। राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप द्वारा आतंकवाद के सबसे बड़े केंद्र पाकिस्तान को गले लगाना विश्व के लिए खतरनाक संकेत है। जिस अबू मोहम्मद अल-जुलानी को अमेरिका ने आतंकी घोषित किया था, उसे सीरिया का राष्ट्रपति बनने दिया गया और ट्रंप उससे हाथ मिलाने पहुंच गए। बार-बार आतंकी हमले झेलने के बावजूद आतंकवाद से संघर्ष के लिए खड़ा होने वाला पश्चिम व्यवहार में घुटने टेक चुका है। आज संघर्षरत विश्व में आतंकवाद के विरुद्ध एकजुट संघर्ष नामुमकिन है। कायदे से फ्लाई दुबई फ्लाइट में घटी घटना के बाद अमेरिका जैसे देशों को आतंकवाद को लेकर अपने रवैए पर पुनर्विचार करना चाहिए। एक भारतीय मूल के पायलट ने 9/11 की पुनरावृत्ति को भले रोक दिया, किंतु अगर जिहादी विचारधारा को समझ कर शक्तिशाली देश एकजुट नहीं हुए, तो इसके घातक परिणाम संपूर्ण मानव सभ्यता को भुगतने पड़ेंगे।

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इजरायल की पूर्व मंत्री ने की मांग, स्मित को मिले 'मेडल आफ आनर'

तेल अवीव, एएनआइ : फ्लाईडुवई के काकपिट में को-पायलट द्वारा किए गए हमले के दौरान कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर के अद्भुत साहस की प्रशंसा करते हुए इजरायल की पूर्व उप विदेश मंत्री शैरेन हैस्केल ने कहा कि भारतीय पायलट इजरायल के 'मेडल आफ आनर' के हकदार हैं।

हैस्केल ने कहा, "उनकी हिम्मत और पक्के इरादे ने बहुत सी जानें बचाईं। उन्हें इजरायल आने का न्योता मिलना चाहिए ताकि हमारे राष्ट्रपति और हमारी सरकार उन्हें मेडल आफ आनर दे सकें। उन्होंने अपनी जान जोखिम में डाली और खुद को जिंदा रखा ताकि काकपिट का दरवाजा खोल सकें।" प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के साथ मच्छर की फोन पर बातचीत का जिक्र करते हुए हैस्केल ने कहा कि मुश्किल समय में प्रार्थना पर उनका भरोसा इजरायली व भारतीय लोगों की साझा आध्यात्मिक सोच से गहराई से जुड़ा हुआ है। उधर, मुंबई में इजरायल के महावाणिज्य दूतावास ने शुक्रवार को शहर में एक विलबोर्ड लगाकर कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर की प्रशंसा की। इजरायल के महावाणिज्य दूत यानीव रेवाच ने 'एक्स' पर एक पोस्ट में कहा, "भारत को एक नया हीरो मिला है और इजरायल उनका नाम कभी नहीं भूलेंगा। कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर,



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मुंबई में इजरायल के महावाणिज्य दूतावास ने कैप्टन की प्रशंसा में लगाया बिलबोर्ड, मिलिंद देवड़ा ने अशोक चक्र देने की मांग की

धन्यवाद! जल्द ठीक हो जाइए। इजरायल आपका स्वागत करने का इंतजार कर रहा है।" उन्होंने विलबोर्ड की एक तस्वीर भी पोस्ट की जिस पर यही संदेश लिखा था। शिवसेना के राज्यसभा सदस्य मिलिंद देवड़ा ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी को पत्र लिखकर कैप्टन मच्छर को शान्तिकाल का सर्वोच्च वीरता पुरस्कार अशोक चक्र देने की मांग की। महाराष्ट्र के उपमुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे और शिवसेना ने देवड़ा का पत्र एक्स पर साझा किया। इसमें देवड़ा ने कैप्टन मच्छर की मुंबई के वेंटे के रूप में प्रशंसा की, जिसने उस समय असाधारण साहस दिखाया जब यह सबसे ज्यादा मायने रखता था।

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एएआइबी ने उड़ान प्रशिक्षण संगठनों के लिए मानक पाठ्यक्रम अपनाने का सुझाव दिया

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर : विमानन जांच एजेंसी एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सिडेंट इन्वेस्टीगेशन ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) ने सुझाव दिया है कि विमानन निवारक डीजीसीए को सभी उड़ान प्रशिक्षण संगठनों (एफटीओ) से लाइसेंस श्रेणी के आधार पर मानकीकृत प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम अपनाने के लिए कहना चाहिए। साथ ही यह भी सुनिश्चित करना चाहिए कि प्रशिक्षु पायलट अकेले उड़ान शुरू करने से पहले सभी जरूरी अभ्यास कर लें और आपातकालीन प्रक्रियाओं का भी अच्छा अभ्यास कर लें।

ये सुझाव जांच एजेंसी की उस 61-पेज की अंतिम रिपोर्ट का हिस्सा है, जो छह मार्च, 2024 को मध्य प्रदेश के गुना एयरफील्ड पर लैंडिंग के दौरान चारम्स एविएशन एकेडमी के चार-सीटर सेसना 172एस ट्रेनर एयरक्राफ्ट के क्रैश होने के

2024 में गुना एयरफील्ड पर दुर्घटना की अंतिम रिपोर्ट का हिस्सा है ये सुझाव

उड़ान शुरू होने से पहले प्रशिक्षु पायलटों के पूरे हों जरूरी अभ्यास



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मामले में तैयार की गई थी। विमान उड़ा रहे प्रशिक्षु पायलट को मामूली चोटें आईं। 29 सितंबर की रिपोर्ट में एएआइबी ने कहा कि यह हादसा तब

हुआ जब प्रशिक्षु पायलट एयरक्राफ्ट को रनवे के अंदर नहीं रोक पाया। इसके बाद जब 'गो-अराउंड' (लैंडिंग रद्द करके दोबारा उड़ान भरने) की कोशिश की गई, तो प्लेन रनवे से आगे निकल गया और ढलान पर एक पेड़ से टकरा गया, जिससे एयरक्राफ्ट को नुकसान पहुंचा। अनस्टेबल अप्रोच (लैंडिंग के लिए सही स्थिति न होना), गो-अराउंड शुरू करने का देर से लिया गया फैसला और बहुत देर तक 'फ्लेयर' (लैंडिंग से ठीक पहले प्लेन का अगला हिस्सा ऊपर उठाना) के बावजूद एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर से समय पर बातचीत न होना इस हादसे की वजहों में शामिल हैं। गुना एयरफील्ड एक 'अनकंट्रोल्ड एयरफील्ड' है, जबकि फ्लाइट कोऑर्डिनेशन के लिए शा शिव एविएशन एकेडमी ने एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोल टावर बनाया है।

flydubai pilot tells PM: Did not want to let others die

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"I WAS FIGHTING for my life, but I was determined not to let others die," flydubai Captain Smit Machchhar told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday while recounting the terrifying moments after being attacked by his co-pilot mid-air but still managing to save the aircraft. Modi spoke over the phone to the pilot, who is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the UAE.

Machchhar, who was stabbed and seriously injured by his co-pilot in the cockpit of flydubai flight FZ1073 while travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday, gave a detailed account of the incident to the prime minister during the video call. Modi lauded the pilot's bravery, presence of mind and composure, and said Machchhar took a split-second decision that saved the lives of so many people.

Machchhar shared that whenever he faces difficulty, he recites the Hanuman Chalisa, a hymn devoted to Lord Hanuman. "I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit) injured. With whatever energy that was left with me, I managed to act properly and saved the plane," the pilot said. "I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die. It was such a crucial moment. There was a moment when I realised that if I don't do



SMIT MACHCHHAR,
CAPTAIN, FLYDUBAI

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NARENDRA MODI,
PRIME MINISTER

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something—because I was lying on the ground (in cockpit), I could feel that the aircraft was going down," he said.

Machchhar said he was repeatedly beaten and sustained multiple injuries, but he told himself that he had to get up and act. "At that time, I thought if I don't get up... I have been flying planes for 17 years, I have been a Captain for the last 11 years, and I know what is happening in an aircraft even with my eyes closed. When I was lying down below, I knew for a fact that if I could make one last push—the

door was right there. Even while I was still taking blows, I could just open the door," he said.

Modi told Machchhar that the country can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives, but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others.

"At that time, you received so many injuries and were engaged in a fight of life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart," he said.

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Gujarat's Surendranagar pilot Smit Machchhar averts Flydubai flight crisis

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From a family with roots in Wadhwan in Gujarat's Surendranagar district to the cockpit of an international airline, Captain Smit Machchhar's journey has drawn attention after he reportedly helped avert a major crisis aboard a Flydubai flight.

Machchhar's Gujarat connection has emerged as his family spoke about the incident and his condition. His father-in-law, Jaysukhbhai Jogi, said the family was deeply worried following the incident, while his brother-in-law Hirenbbhai Jogi said the family was proud of Machchhar's courage.

"He is currently undergoing treatment. We are proud of him and the courage he showed," Hirenbbhai said.

Although Machchhar has roots in Wadhwan, his immediate family has been settled in Mumbai for years. He completed his schooling and higher education in Mumbai and initially appeared headed towards a career connected to his family's traditional textile business.

From Textile Engineering to Aviation

Machchhar's entry into aviation was not part of his original career plan. After completing his textile engineering stud-



Gujarat will honour Captain Smit Machchhar with the 'Vishishtha Gujarat Garima Award' for his bravery in protecting 174 passengers aboard a flight bound for Israel despite being injured in an alleged attack.

ies, he was considering pursuing management education to contribute to the family business.

Aviation changed that trajectory.

At around the age of 19, Machchhar attended an aviation

seminar. The experience sparked his interest in flying and eventually led him to pursue professional pilot training.

He travelled to New Zealand for his aviation training, reportedly his first overseas trip, and completed the technical training, flying hours and other requirements for a Commercial Pilot Licence.

From SpiceJet to Flydubai

After returning to India, Machchhar began his commercial aviation career and subsequently spent more than 11 years with SpiceJet, where he served as a Senior Commander and Line Training Captain.

In June 2022, he joined Flydubai as a direct-entry captain. He has reportedly accumulated more than 9,750 hours of flying experience on Boeing 737 and Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

Beyond flying, Machchhar has also been involved in training aspiring pilots through his FlyBy Aviation academy, offering ground classes and professional guidance.

His family's Gujarat roots have added a local dimension to the international aviation incident, with relatives in the state closely following his recovery.



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मुसाफिर के इमरजेंसी गेट छूने पर विमान से उतारा

हैदराबाद, एजेंसी। हैदराबाद में अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर 35 वर्षीय यात्री ने गलती से विमान के आपातकालीन निकास द्वार का हैंडल छू दिया, जिससे सेसर का अलार्म बज गया। इस घटना के बाद व्यक्ति को विमान से उतार दिया गया। पुलिस ने शुक्रवार को यह जानकारी दी।

पुलिस ने बताया कि यह घटना गुरुवार को उस समय हुई जब हैदराबाद से कडप्पा जाने वाला विमान राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे

■ हैदराबाद के अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर यात्री से गलती हुई

(आरजीआईए) से उड़ान भरने वाला था। आरजीआईए पुलिस चौकी के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि विमान जब खड़ा था, उस दौरान सीट ठीक करते समय यात्री ने गलती से निकास द्वार का हैंडल छू दिया जिससे सेसर का अलार्म बज गया। विमानन कंपनी के कर्मियों ने यात्री को विमान से उतार दिया।



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अशोक चक्र देने के लिए पीएम को पत्र

मुंबई, एजेसी। शिवसेना के राज्यसभा सांसद मिलिंद देवड़ा ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को पत्र लिखकर कैप्टन स्मित मच्छार को सर्वोच्च वीरता पुरस्कार अशोक चक्र देने की सिफारिश की। मुंबई के इस पायलट ने दुबई से तेल अरबीव जा रही उड़ान के दौरान हवा में आए सुरक्षा संकट में अद्भुत साहस का परिचय दिया था।

देवड़ा ने महाराष्ट्र के उपमुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे और शिवसेना की ओर से पत्र साझा करते हुए कहा कि गंभीर रूप से घायल होने के बावजूद कैप्टन ने अपनी जान से पहले दूसरों की सुरक्षा की चिंता की। देवड़ा ने कैप्टन मच्छार

पायलट को मिले बहादुरी पुरस्कार : पायलट संघ

भारतीय पायलट संघ (एफआईपी) ने शुक्रवार को सरकार से मांग की कि स्मित मच्छार को बहादुरी पुरस्कार दिया जाए। शुक्रवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को लिखे पत्र में संघ के अध्यक्ष कैप्टन सीएस रंधावा ने कहा, जिन हालात में स्मित ने ड्यूटी निभाई, वे खास सम्मान के हकदार हैं।

की तारीफ करते हुए उन्हें मुंबई का बेटा बताया।

30 सितंबर को घटी इस घटना में ओमान के सह-चालक ने आतंकी मंशा

इजरायल वाणिज्य दूत ने स्मित को नया हीरो कहा

मुंबई में इजरायल के वाणिज्य दूतावास ने शुक्रवार को शहर में एक होर्डिंग लगाई है, इसमें पायलट स्मित मच्छार की तारीफ की गई है। वही, इजरायल के वाणिज्य दूत यानीव रेवाच ने एक्स पर पोस्ट में कहा, भारत को नया हीरो मिला है। इजरायल उनका नाम कभी नहीं भूलेगा। कैप्टन स्मित मच्छार!

से विमान गिराने की कोशिश की और मुख्य चालक पर हमला कर दिया। गंभीर चोटों के बाद भी कैप्टन ने हमलावर का मुकाबला किया।

PM speaks to pilot, praises his courage

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NEW DELHI: Smit Machchhar, the Indian pilot stabbed by his co-pilot on a flydubai flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv, told Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a video call on Friday that he was determined not to let others die even though he was fighting for his own life.

Machchhar, seen with a tube in his nose and bandages on his head and hands, spoke to Modi from a hospital bed in Abu Dhabi during a nearly 10-minute clip released on the Prime Minister's social media channels.

Wiping away tears, Machchhar recounted Wednesday's events in detail to the PM but did not give a motive for the actions of his co-pilot, who has so far been identified only as an Omani national by Israeli authorities. Modi lauded the pilot's courage and said Machchhar had shown the world

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PM Narendra Modi on a call with Captain Smit Machchhar.



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SMIT MACHCHHAR,
pilot attacked on flydubai flight

MODI HAS 'VERY GOOD IDEAS' FOR ENDING UKRAINE WAR: PUTIN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "very good ideas" on a mutual settlement of the Ukraine conflict and raises the issue at "every meeting", Russian President Vladimir Putin has said, according to state-run TASS news agency. "...He [Modi] is one of those world leaders who, despite our very good, even friendly relations constantly raises the issue..." the Russian President said.

MODI SPEAKS TO PILOT

the true meaning of 'ahimsa', referring to Friday being Gandhi Jayanti.

Machchhar was stabbed by his co-pilot in an alleged attempt to crash the plane. The jet, with 174 people on board, plunged nearly 14,000 ft (4,267m) in less than 30 seconds in the incident. UAE Presidential adviser Anwar Gargash on Friday characterised the incident as a "terrorist attack," while praising the pilot as a "true hero" in a post on X.

"I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit) injured. With whatever energy that was left with me, I managed to act properly and saved the plane," said the pilot, who also hails from Modi's home state of Gujarat.

"I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die. It was such a crucial moment. There was a moment when I realised that if I don't do something - because I was lying on the ground (in cockpit), I could feel that the aircraft was going down," he said.

Though he had sustained multiple injuries, Machchhar said he told himself that he had to get up and act.

"I have been flying planes for 17 years - been a Captain for the last 11 years and I know what is happening in an aircraft even with my eyes closed. I knew for a fact that if I could make one last push - the door was right there. Even while I was still taking blows, I could just open the

door," he said.

The pilot said that after the cockpit door was opened, others rushed in.

Machchhar was covered with blood and on the floor when he managed to open the cockpit door, according to a statement from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office. That act allowed passengers and crew to overpower the co-pilot and let a second pair of flydubai pilots on board take control of the jet and land it in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

"But honestly, I was acting out of survival, yet at the same time, I knew I couldn't let all of them die," Machchhar said.

Machchhar shared that whenever he faces a challenge, he recites the Hanuman Chalisa.

Modi told Machchhar that after this incident, the country can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives, but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others.

"At that time, you received so many injuries and were engaged in a fight of life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart," Modi said.

The pilot said he considers Modi his greatest role model, and said he felt extremely proud the Prime Minister had called him. When Machchhar apologised for crying, Modi told the pilot that if he could not cry before him, with whom else would he cry.

The Prime Minister also told the pilot that temples across the country have conducted special prayers for his speedy recovery and that many Indians were reciting the Mahamrityunjaya Mantra. "You are a brave man, India is waiting to welcome you," he told the pilot.

Modi also spoke about Machchhar's mother, Geeta Ben, noting that she raised him with the values and teachings of the Bhagavad Gita.

The Prime Minister also thanked the governments of Saudi Arabia and the UAE for taking good care of Machchhar.

In a letter to PM Modi on Friday, the Federation of Indian Pilots said that the government should confer a bravery award on Machchhar, a view that was echoed by some politicians.

Used every bit of my energy to save lives, Captain Smit tells PM

Modi lauds flydubai pilot, saying that the country could proudly say that Indians were even willing to risk their safety for the welfare of others

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Primе Minister Narendra Modi spoke to flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar over a video call on Friday and lauded him for foiling an attempt to crash an Israel-bound flight. He called the pilot a hero who proved to the world that Indians “are willing to risk their lives to save others”.

“Today is Gandhi Jayanti, you have shown the world what the true meaning of ‘ahimsa’ (non-violence) is,” Mr. Modi told Captain Machchhar. The pilot called Mr. Modi his “biggest idol”.

Captain Machchhar is currently hospitalised in the UAE, recovering from wounds he received when his co-pilot attacked him in an alleged bid to seize control of the aircraft that was going to Tel Aviv. A wounded Captain Machchhar opened the cockpit door, after which passengers overpowered the co-pilot.

Speaking about his ordeal with Mr. Modi, Captain Machchhar said that



Captain Smit Machchhar

during the scuffle with his co-pilot, his 17 years of flying made him realise the grim fate awaiting the passengers if he failed to act. “I was lying on the floor (of the cockpit), injured. I was still getting hit, but realised that the plane was losing altitude. I told myself to give it one last try and open the door... because although I was thinking of saving myself, I could not bear to think of what would happen to others if I didn’t act. With whatever energy was left in me, I managed to act and open the door,” he said, adding that passengers thereafter saved the day.

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and were engaged in a fight for life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart,” Mr. Modi said.

Captain Machchhar said that he always recites the *Hanuman Chalisa* whenever he is in difficulty, as he did that day.

Lauding his bravery, presence of mind, and composure, the Prime Minister said Captain Machchhar took the decision in a fraction of a second and saved the lives of so many people.

“After this incident, the country can proudly say that Indians are not those who take lives, but those who are willing to risk their lives to save others,” Prime Minister Modi said. He said that had Captain Machchhar not acted, fingers would have been raised against Indians and Indian pilots and their safety records. “You have truly done a great thing,” he said.

FLYDUBAI'S INJURED INDIAN PILOT RECOVERING IN ABU DHABI HOSPITAL

'Told myself door right there, do it,' pilot tells PM; UAE calls attack an act of terror

Not just lives, you saved reputation of Indian pilots: Modi praises Machchhar

Jatin Anand
New Delhi, October 2

A DAY after he was airlifted to the UAE from Saudi Arabia, flydubai's Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, attacked by a co-pilot who allegedly attempted to crash the plane flying to Tel Aviv from Dubai, told Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday that as he lay injured in the cockpit, he told himself "this will be the last push, Smit" so "do it, the door is right there". That single act of opening the cockpit door allowed pas-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks to flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar on a video call, Friday. PTI

sengers and reserve pilots to come in and save the plane with 174 on board from going down. Speaking to Modi over a

video call from an Abu Dhabi hospital where he is being treated for serious injuries, Machchhar said, "In that mo-

ment, yes, I was fighting for my life, but there came a moment when I realised that if I did
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'Told myself door is there, do it,' pilot tells PM

nothing... because I had fallen down, I had been wounded so much that I was on the ground, at that time I told myself I have been flying aircraft for 17 years, have been a Captain for the last 11 years. Even if I close my eyes, I can sense what is happening aboard a plane. When I was on the ground, I felt that the aircraft was going down."

"I told myself: This will be the last push, Smit. Do it, the door is right there. I was being assaulted at that time. I just opened the door and all the others (passengers and reserve pilots) came; all of them too had an equal role. I was telling everyone that I was doing it to save my own life, but I also knew that I could not let the others die either," he said.

Modi praised Machchhar for bringing glory to India and its flying community. During the 10-minute videocall, he told the pilot that the entire nation was praying for him.

"Your courage, your patience and your prudence – you made so many decisions in a fraction of a second and saved so many lives. Today, the entire country can say with pride that we Indians are not those who just sacrifice their lives, but who save them," he said.

Referring to his conversation with Machchhar's parents and wife Thursday, Modi said, "Yesterday, I had the opportunity to talk to Bhupendrabhai (Machchhar's father), Geetaben (his mother) and Sonalben (his wife). I could not talk to Java and

Bobby (his children), but I told Geetaben that you have moulded Smit's life with the principles of the Gita."

Machchhar told the Prime Minister that he was his "biggest idol". He expressed gratitude to the authorities in Saudi Arabia and the UAE for the medical care he is receiving.

Machchhar said the 'Hanuman Chalisa' gave him strength in difficult situations. "Whenever I feel pain, I read the Hanuman Chalisa. At that time too, I was repeating the Hanuman Chalisa, and I know that it is God who has saved me. Now that you have called me, I feel proud," he said, tears rolling down his eyes.

Modi replied, "What you have said about the Hanuman Chalisa, I bow to Geetaben for

this, that she gave you such values... Yesterday when I spoke to Sonalben, I was surprised. She spoke with so much calmness and courage. I had not imagined that Sonalben, in such circumstances, could speak with such calmness."

He told the pilot that India was eager to welcome him. "I was seeing some emotions expressed on social media – people said if this (his actions) had not happened, who knows what India would have had to face, what Bharat's pilots would have experienced... how they would be viewed from now on. You have saved all of them... Today is Gandhi Jayanti. What ahimsa (non-violence) is, you have displayed by living it," Modi said.

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AAIB calls for standard training on emergency procedures for all pilots

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THE Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has recommended the aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, to ensure that trainee pilots of all Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) have sufficient practice in all critical exercises and emergency procedures before they are authorised for solo flights.

The directive figured in the list of safety recommendations it has proposed in its final investigation report into the accident involving a Cessna aircraft at Guna aerodrome in Madhya Pradesh in 2024.

On March 6, a 21-year-old student pilot was flying on his own from Dhana to Guna in a four-seater aircraft owned by Chimes Aviation Academy. The report details that at 9.12 am, the aircraft overran the runway edge and collided with a small tree 410 feet away from the runway edge, leaving the trainee with minor bruises. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

Releasing the report on its website, AAIB also asked the



DGCA to ensure all FTOS devise a comprehensive training syllabus according to the category of licence for standardisation of syllabus across FTOS. In its safety recommendations, it also said, "DGCA may suggest all the FTOS assess their runway characteristics, and in case hostile terrain or steep slopes beyond the runway end are present, they may be advised to take proactive actions to stop overrun."

Elaborating on the probable cause of the accident, the report stated, "The accident occurred when a student pilot could not stop the aircraft within the runway, and subsequently when a go-around was tried,

Comprehensive syllabus

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it overran and hit a tree at a steep slope, resulting in damage to the aircraft." There were multiple contributing factors for the accident, including the student's lack of prior experience of short-field take-off and landing, his late decision to initiate a go-around and no timely communication from the Air Traffic Control even after a very long flare, it said.

Among other safety recommendations, the report also asked Sha-Shib Training Academy, which takes care of radio telephony communication at the airstrip, to ensure that its trainees can go ahead with a go-around when they notice the aircraft is high in approach.

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प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने विडियो कॉल पर फ्लाईदुबई के घायल पायलट कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर से हालचाल लिया सोचा, अगर नहीं उठा तो 170 यात्री जान गंवा देंगे: स्मित

यूएई के दुबई से इस्त्राईल के तेल अवीव जा रही फ्लाईदुबई की उड़ान एफजेड1073 के कॉकपिट में सह-पायलट ने बुधवार को कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर पर चाकू से हमला कर दिया था, जिससे वह गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए थे। इस उड़ान में 27 बच्चों समेत 174 लोग सवार थे। कैप्टन स्मित संयुक्त अरब अमीरात (यूएई) के एक अस्पताल में भर्ती हैं। कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर से शुक्रवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने विडियो कॉल पर बात की। इस दौरान कैप्टन स्मित ने कहा कि उन्होंने ठान लिया था कि वह दूसरों की जान नहीं जाने देंगे। पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी और कैप्टन स्मित के बीच लगभग 9 मिनट 52 सेकंड बातचीत हुई।

■ **मोदी:** स्मित, नमस्ते।
■ **स्मित:** नमस्ते, सर।
■ **मोदी:** कैसे हो? अभी तबियत कैसी है?
■ **स्मित:** सर, सब ठीक है।
■ **मोदी:** देखिए, पूरा देश आपके लिए प्रार्थना कर रहा है। महामृत्युंजय का जाप सब जगह चल रहा है। आपकी हिम्मत ने, आपके धैर्य ने, आपकी सूझबूझ ने, और presence of mind में आपने जो निर्णय लिए, उससे इतने लोगों की जान बच सकी। पूरा देश गर्व से कह सकता है कि हम हिंदुस्तानी जान लेने वाले लोग नहीं हैं, जान बचाने वाले लोग हैं। आपके शरीर पर इतने घाव होने के बावजूद, आप स्वयं जीवन और मृत्यु की लड़ाई लड़ रहे थे। उस समय आपने अपनी जान की परवाह नहीं की, सभी यात्रियों की जान की परवाह की। सबसे बड़ी बात, 140 करोड़ देशवासियों का आपने मान बढ़ाया। इसलिए मुझे बहुत गर्व है। मुझे अभिमान है कि इस वीरपुत्र भाई से बात करने का मौका मिला। गीता बेन (स्मित मच्छर की माता) से बात की, सोनल बेन से बात की।
(‘स्मित भावुक। आवाज अस्पष्ट।’)
■ **स्मित (रुंधे स्वर में):** धन्यवाद, सर... मैं कभी सोच भी नहीं सकता था कि मुझे आपसे बात करने का मौका मिलेगा। आप मेरे सबसे बड़े आदर्श हैं। मैं आपके सामने



पीएम मोदी ने कैप्टन स्मित से कहा- देश आपके स्वागत का इंतजार कर रहा है।

रो रहा हूँ, इसके लिए माफी चाहता हूँ। उस वक्त मैं अपनी सांसों के लिए, अपनी जिंदगी के लिए लड़ रहा था। हमले के बाद मैं नीचे गिर पड़ा था। इतने घाव लगे थे। लेकिन मैंने सोचा, अगर मैं अभी नहीं उठा, अगर मैं हिम्मत नहीं दिखाऊंगा, तो 170 यात्री अपनी जान गंवा देंगे। वही आखिरी मौका था। मुझे उड़ान का लंबा अनुभव है, कई साल से कैप्टन हूँ। आख बंद करके भी पता चल जाता था कि प्लेन का रुख क्या है। मुझे लगा कि विमान गिर रहा है। मैंने

पास बने कॉकपिट का दरवाजा खोल दिया, ताकि दूसरे लोग अंदर आ सकें। जब भी मुश्किल आती है, मैं हनुमान चालीसा पढ़ता हूँ। उस वक्त भी लगातार हनुमान चालीसा का पाठ कर रहा था। भगवान हनुमान ने ही हिम्मत दी। भगवान ने ही हमें बचाया। नीचे गिरा हुआ था, तो बस यही सोच रहा था कि कैसे भी दरवाजे तक पहुँच जाऊँ। हम देश से दूर हैं, लेकिन संस्कृति से दूर नहीं हैं। मैं रोज पूजा करता हूँ।
■ **मोदी (हिंदी-गुजराती में):** आपको पता

नहीं होगा, सावरकुडला में भी, वड़वाण में भी, और पूरे हिंदुस्तान में, सोमनाथ हो या काशी विश्वनाथ, सभी मंदिरों में पूजा-अर्चना और आरती चल रही है। सभी तीर्थक्षेत्रों में आपके लिए प्रार्थना हो रही है। आपने हनुमान चालीसा का जिक्र किया। इसके लिए मैं गीता बेन को प्रणाम करता हूँ, जिन्होंने आपको ऐसे संस्कार दिए। भूपेंद्रभाई को भी मेरा प्रणाम। कल जब मैंने सोनल बेन (स्मित मच्छर की पत्नी) से बात की, तो वे इतनी शक्ति और हिम्मत से बात कर रही थी कि मैं हैरान रह गया। आपने पूरे देश का नाम रोशन किया है।
■ **स्मित:** सर, आपका फोन आना मेरे लिए बहुत गर्व की बात है। मैं भावुक हो रहा हूँ। जिस तरह आपने हौसला बढ़ाया, उससे बहुत गर्व हो रहा है।
■ **मोदी:** स्मित, आपको जब भी जरूरत लगे, मैं फोन करूंगा। देश आपके स्वागत का इंतजार कर रहा है। पूरी दुनिया आपसे बात करना चाहती है। आपने इतना बड़ा काम किया है। आप बहुत जल्दी स्वस्थ हो जाएंगे। आज गांधी जयंती है। आपने जीतकर दिखाया। अच्छे से रहिए। अब गुजराती में बात कर लेंगे।
(फिर गुजराती में आशीर्वाद दिया और कैप्टन स्मित से घर-परिवार की बात।)
दोनों: जय हिंद। जय हिंद।

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■ **NBT रिपोर्ट:** इस्त्राईल के प्रधानमंत्री बेजामिन नेतन्याहू ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि फ्लाईदुबई की उड़ान में सौदिध हमलावर का इस्लामी चरमपंथ की ओर झुकाव हो गया था और उसका इरादा विमान में सवार यात्रियों समेत विमान को दुर्घटनाग्रस्त करने का था। उन्होंने चेतावनी दी, ‘जिसने भी उसे भेजा है, उसे बहुत भारी कीमत चुकानी होगी।’ TOI के मुताबिक, यह बयान ऐसे समय आया है जब जांचकर्ता इस बात की पड़ताल कर रहे हैं कि भारतीय कैप्टन स्मित मच्छर पर किया गया हमला किसी बाहरी व्यक्ति या संगठन के निर्देश पर किया गया था या नहीं। वही, इस्त्राईल संयुक्त अरब अमीरात (यूएई) में फंसे यात्रियों को वापस लाने के लिए विमानों का परिचालन शुरू करेगा।

गुजरात में मच्छर सरनेम

फ्लाईदुबई के भारतीय पायलट स्मित मच्छर (Smit Machchhar) ने सूझबूझ और बहादुरी से एक विमान की उड़ान के दौरान यात्रियों की जान बचाई थी, जिसके बाद यह उपनाम चर्चा में आया। ‘मच्छर’ (Machhar) एक उपनाम (सरनेम) भी है, जो मुख्य रूप से गुजरात के नागर और ब्रह्मक्षत्रिय समाज में पाया जाता है। गुजरात के जूनागढ़ और वाडनगर क्षेत्रों में जीव-जंतुओं और पशुओं के आधार पर सरनेम रखने की परंपरा रही है, जिनमें हाथी, घोड़ा और मच्छर जैसे नाम शामिल हैं।

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AAIB seeks standard pilot training

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Probe agency AAIB has recommended that aviation regulator DGCA should ask all flying training organisations to adopt a standardised training syllabus depending on licence categories and ensure trainee pilots have adequately practised all critical exercises and emergency procedures before operating solo flights.

The recommendations are part of the probe agency's 61-page final report into the crash of a four-seater Cessna 172S trainer aircraft operated by Chimes Aviation Academy while landing at Guna airfield in Madhya Pradesh on March 6, 2024. The student pilot who was operating the plane suffered minor bruises. In a report dated September 29, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) said the accident occurred when the student pilot could



Flying Academy, Guna

not stop the aircraft within the runway, and subsequently, when a go-around was attempted, it overran and hit a tree on a steep slope, resulting in damage to the aircraft. Unstabilised approach, late decision to initiate go-around and no timely communication from the air traffic con-

troller, even after a very long flare, have been cited as among the contributory factors for the accident. Guna airfield is an 'uncontrolled airfield' while an air traffic control tower has been set up by Sha Shib Aviation Academy for flight coordination. Coming out with various safety recommendations, AAIB said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) may suggest all FTOs to assess their runway characteristics and, in case hostile terrain or steep slope beyond the runway end is present, they may be advised to take proactive actions to stop overrun.

Another recommendation is that DGCA should ask all FTOs to devise a comprehensive training syllabus as per the category of license for standardisation of syllabus across all such organisations.

"DGCA may issue instructions to all FTOs to ensure that

trainees have adequately practised all critical exercises and emergency procedures prior to being authorised for solo flights," the report said.

To Chimes Aviation Academy, the probe agency said it must issue instructions directing trainees to initiate a go-around without hesitation whenever the aircraft is not properly configured or aligned for a safe landing.

Among other suggestions, AAIB has said that Sha Shib Flying Academy may caution crew members of other organisations regarding a significant downward slope towards runway 14 at Guna airfield and that the FTO must ensure that no aircraft touches down beyond half of the runway, where the negative slope adversely affects braking. Guna airfield is owned by the Madhya Pradesh Government and leased to Sha Shib Flying Academy, which is an FTO.

PM shares 'unforgettable' conversation with hero pilot

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday described his interaction with Flydubai Captain Smit Machchhar as an "unforgettable conversation" filled with "pride and emotions", after speaking to the Indian pilot who was seriously injured while helping avert a major mid-air tragedy.

"An unforgettable conversation with Captain Smit, filled with pride and emotions," Mr Modi said in a post on social media platform X, sharing visuals of his conversation with Machchhar, who is recovering in a hospital in the UAE.

During the interaction, Capt. Machchhar recounted the terrifying moments aboard Flydubai flight FZ1073, which was travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on Wednesday when he was allegedly attacked by his co-pilot. Despite suffering



serious injuries, Capt. Machchhar managed to unlock the cockpit door, allowing other crew and passengers to enter and overpower his attacker, thereby preventing a potentially catastrophic incident.

Speaking to Mr Modi, Capt. Machchhar said his 17 years of flying experience, including 11 years as a captain, helped him understand that the aircraft was descending dangerously even as he lay injured on the cockpit floor. He said he realised that he had to make one final effort to reach the cockpit door

because he could not allow the passengers to lose their lives.

Capt. Machchhar also told the Prime Minister that he had kept reciting the Hanuman Chalisa during the ordeal, saying it gave him courage in the face of fear and danger. He became emotional during the conversation and told Mr Modi that speaking to him was a "very special moment" and that he had never imagined he would get the opportunity to speak to the Prime Minister.

Mr Modi praised the pilot's courage, composure and

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PRIME MINISTER**

presence of mind, saying that Capt. Machchhar had made crucial decisions in a matter of seconds while putting the safety of others ahead of his own. "Today, the entire nation can proudly say that we Indians are not people who take lives - we are people who save lives," Mr Modi told him.

The Prime Minister also assured Capt. Machchhar of his support, telling him, "Whenever you need me, I am just a phone call away," and said that India was waiting to welcome him back.



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Pilots' body seeks nat'l award for Smit

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The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) has sought a national bravery award for flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, who was seriously injured in a cockpit attack by his first officer but continued to perform his duties during the emergency and helped bring the aircraft safely to an alternate airport in Saudi Arabia.

In a letter to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi on Friday, FIP president Captain CS Randhawa said Machchhar's conduct during the September 30 incident warranted "special recognition" and urged the government to consider him for an appropriate national bravery award or civilian recognition.

Flydubai flight FZ1073 was operating from Dubai to Tel Aviv when the incident occurred. In its letter, the FIP

said the passengers and crew had no control over the extraordinary circumstances unfolding inside the cockpit and their safety depended on the flight crew retaining control of the aircraft and managing the emergency. "Despite his injuries and the threat inside the flight deck, Machchhar continued to discharge his responsibilities as pilot-in-command," he said. —TNS