

India tops with 15% women pilots

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One in every seven pilots employed in six major Indian airlines is a woman, with IndiGo topping the list, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has informed Parliament.

While India has a total of 26,539 licensed pilots, these six domestic airlines together have employed 11,775 pilots, including 236 foreign nationals.

While 10,008 male pilots are Indians, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said that 1,767 are Indian women pilots. "Fifteen per cent of pilots in the country are women," he said. While reports suggested that the global average of women pilots is 5%.

According to statistics placed by Mohol in Lok Sabha, IndiGo had the highest number of 5,174 pilots – 4,383 Indian male pilots, 791 Indian women pilots and 34 foreign pilots.

While IndiGo has the highest number of women pilots, Alliance Air – whose 25 pilots out of 144 are women – has the highest proportion of women

Wings of change: Soaring high					
Airline	Indian Women Pilots	Indian Men Pilots	Foreign Pilots	Total Pilots	% of Indian Women Pilots
IndiGo	791	4,383	34	5,174	15.28
Air India	541	2,921	58	3,462	15.62
Alliance Air	25	119	20	144	17.36
SpiceJet	61	311	0	372	16.39
SNV Aviation	119	730	0	849	14.01
Air India Express	230	1,544	144	1,774	12.96
TOTAL	1,767	10,008	236	11,775	15

SOURCE: DGCA/MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION IN LOK SABHA



pilots at 17.36%. IndiGo's proportion is 15.28%.

He said the Ministry and Airports Authority of India (AAI) has brought out a liberalised Flying Training Organisation

(FTO) policy through which the concept of airport loyalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) has been abolished, and land rentals have been significantly rationalised.



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5 int'l flights to operate from PNQ soon

Staff Reporter

PUNE

Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol announced on X (formerly Twitter) that the total number of flights to international destinations from Pune Airport will increase to five from Dec 20.

"Pleased to share the commencement of one more Pune-Bangkok-Pune connection from December 20, 2024, onwards. This makes it the 5th international connection from Pune, with 2 connections to Dubai, 2 connections to Bangkok, and 1 connection to

Singapore (sic)," Mohol wrote.

Pune International Airport showed a slight improvement in the global Airport Service Quality (ASQ) rankings, moving up from 76th position in Q2 (April-June) to 74th in Q3 (July-September). The Pune Airport had slipped from 71st to 76th in the ASQ rankings in Q2.

Out of the 31 parameters assessed in the survey, Pune Airport showed improvement in most categories, including ease of access to the airport, ease of navigation inside the terminal, and walking distance within the facility. However, three parameters saw a decline compared to the

previous quarter. These included the value for money of the selected mode of transport (including parking facilities), waiting time at border/passport control and ease of connecting to other flights.

Meanwhile, the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) survey, conducted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the proposed extension of Pune International Airport at Lohegaon, has already received a positive response.

The survey helps identify and map obstacles around an airport to ensure safe aircraft operations.

Crosswinds force diversion of Chennai-bound flight

The pilot of the flight from Mumbai performed a 'go-around' as a safe landing was not possible, says IndiGo; about 20 other flights also had a 'missed approach' due to bad weather: AAI officials

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

An IndiGo aircraft preparing for landing at Chennai airport performed a "go-around" and was diverted to Hyderabad airport due to strong crosswinds, on Saturday.

As the city was bracing for the impact of Cyclone Fengal, Chennai airport witnessed strong winds.

Around 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, the IndiGo flight from Mumbai, due to heavy winds, made a "missed approach", did a go-around, and was later diverted to Hyderabad airport.

Video goes viral

A video of the aircraft's "missed approach" has gone viral on social media.

"When the pilot makes a final approach to land and is unable to do so, then he will execute a missed approach protocol, perform a go-around, and communicate the decision to the Air Traffic Control. This is



Ensuring safety: A missed approach is done only after following the standard operating procedures, says official. REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO

done to prevent unsafe landing. When he knows it may be difficult to land, he will either make another attempt and a second approach, or will execute a diversion to make a safe landing at an alternative aerodrome," an official of Airports Authority of India (AAI) said.

A missed approach is done only after following all the standard operating

procedures. It is a decision taken by the pilot, the official added.

Meanwhile, in a statement, IndiGo said, "Due to adverse weather conditions, including rain and winds (which later led to the closure of Chennai airport), the cockpit crew of flight 6E 683, operating between Mumbai and Chennai, executed a go-around on November 30,

2024, in accordance with established safety protocols. This is a standard and safe maneuver, and our pilots are extensively trained to handle such situations with the utmost professionalism. A go-around is performed when a safe landing cannot be achieved, as was the case with this flight."

This was not the only flight that had a missed approach. There were about 20 flights on Saturday morning, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., which had missed approaches and did a go-around, the AAI official said.

Flights cancelled

Though the Chennai airport resumed flight operations at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning, flight cancellations continued. As many as 78 domestic and international flights were cancelled on Sunday too.

"These were consequential cancellations because of the Saturday's flight cancellations," another official said.

Delhi airport sets up special enclosures for delayed flights

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New Delhi, 2 December

The Delhi airport is establishing special enclosures at its terminals to accommodate passengers stuck in aircraft for more than three hours. The delay could be due to fog, other weather conditions, or technical issues, its operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) stated on Monday.

A few months back, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) significantly eased the regulations regarding deboarding of such passengers at the terminals.

According to the older regulations, such passengers, if deboarded, were to be taken to the arrival area and undergo a lengthy security process before being brought to the boarding gate. Since the procedure took almost 2.5 hours, the airlines refrained from deboarding their passengers even if they were stuck in the plane for hours.

“To alleviate passenger discomfort, the government has relaxed security protocols, allowing passengers of flights delayed by over three hours or canceled due to weather or technical issues to disembark and return to the terminal,” the GMR Group-led DIAL mentioned.

“Bringing such passengers directly to the reverse entry point significantly reduces the time taken in the deboarding and boarding from approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes to just a few minutes,” it mentioned.

“These enclosures will be located at the bus boarding gates and certain aerobridges in Terminal 3, the transfer area in Terminal 2, and the bus boarding gates in Terminal 1. The facilities will serve both domestic and international passengers,” it noted.

Ranging from 250 to 450 square meters, these enclosures will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time. They are intended to facilitate security screening, allowing passengers to smoothly re-enter the terminal's security hold area (SHA). “DIAL is also working to provide essential amenities, like toilets and vending machines within the enclosures, wherever feasible. The enclosures would only be utilised as a security processing area after which the passengers would enter the SHA which would give the passengers access to all the facilities available there,” it mentioned.

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर फंसे यात्रियों के लिए विशेष व्यवस्था

प्रतिकूल मौसम परिस्थितियों के कारण विमानों में तीन घंटे से ज्यादा वक्त तक फंसे यात्रियों को लाने के लिए खास स्थान बनाए जा रहे हैं

दीपक पटेल

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा कोहरे व अन्य प्रतिकूल मौसम परिस्थितियों और तकनीकी खामियों के कारण विमानों में तीन घंटे से ज्यादा वक्त तक फंसे यात्रियों को लाने के लिए अपने टर्मिनल पर विशेष स्थान तैयार कर रहा है। यह जानकारी सोमवार को दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे की संचालक दिल्ली इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने दी है। उल्लेखनीय है कि कुछ महीने पहले ही नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएएस) ने टर्मिनल पर ऐसे यात्रियों के उतरने के संबंध में नियमों में काफी ढील दी है।

पहले के नियम में कहा गया था कि अगर ऐसे यात्री विमान से उतर जाते हैं तो फिर से आगमन क्षेत्र में लाना होगा और बोर्डिंग गेट पर लाने से पहले दोबारा सुरक्षा जांच की जाएगी। चूंकि इस पूरी प्रक्रिया में करीब ढाई घंटे का वक्त लग जाता था इसलिए विमानन कंपनियां अपने यात्रियों को विमान से नहीं उतारती थीं। इससे यात्रियों को घंटों तक विमान में ही फंसे रहना पड़ता था। जीएमआर समूह की डायल ने कहा, 'यात्रियों को होने वाली परेशानी को कम करते हुए सरकार ने सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में ढील दी है और अब कोहरे अथवा खराब मौसम एवं तकनीकी समस्याओं के कारण



तीन घंटे से ज्यादा वक्त से विमान में बैठे अथवा रद्द हुई विमानों के यात्रियों को विमान से उतरने और टर्मिनल लौटने की मंजूरी दी गई है।' डायल ने कहा कि वह दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल 3 पर ऐसे यात्रियों को उतारने के खास जगह बना रही है ताकि उन्हें आसानी से टर्मिनल के अंदर फिर से भेजा जा सके।

उसने कहा, 'ऐसे यात्रियों को सीधे रिवर्स एंटी पॉइंट पर भेजने से डीबोर्डिंग और बोर्डिंग में लगने वाला समय काफी कम हो जाएगा और यह ढाई घंटे से कम होकर कुछ मिनटों का ही रह जाएगा। ये सुविधा टर्मिनल 3 के बस बोर्डिंग गेट और कुछ एरोब्रिज के पास है। इसके अलावा टर्मिनल 2 के ट्रांसफर एरिया और टर्मिनल 1 के बस बोर्डिंग गेट के पास जगह तैयार की गई है। यह सुविधा सभी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए है।'

250 से 450 वर्ग मीटर में फैले इन स्थानों पर एक समय में 55 से 120 यात्रियों के रुकने की क्षमता है। इसका उद्देश्य सुरक्षा जांच की सुविधा देना है, जिससे यात्रियों को टर्मिनल के सिव्योरिटी होल्ड एरिया (सीएचए) में आसानी से जाने की अनुमति मिल सके। डायल ने कहा है, 'इन स्थानों के भीतर जहां संभव होगा डायल वहां यात्रियों के लिए शौचालय और वॉडिंग मशीन जैसी

जरूरी सुविधाएं देने के लिए भी काम कर रही है। इन स्थानों का उपयोग केवल सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया पूरी करने के तौर पर किया जाएगा जिसके बाद यात्री एसएचए में चले जाएंगे, जहां यात्रियों को वहां मौजूद सभी सुविधाएं मिलेंगी।' सुरक्षा कारणों से केवल फंसे हुए विमानों के यात्रियों और विमानन कंपनी के कर्मचारियों को ही उस स्थान में जाने की अनुमति दी जाएगी।

डायल ने कहा है, 'सुरक्षा बरकरार रखने के लिए एसएचए में जांच किए गए यात्रियों में शामिल होने की अनुमति देने से पहले देर वाले अथवा फंसे हुए उड़ानों से लौटने वाले यात्रियों की स्क्रीनिंग करने के लिए सीआई-एसएफ कर्मियों को खास स्थान पर तैनात किया जाएगा। इसके अतिरिक्त, निजी सुरक्षा एजेंसी (पीएसए) के कर्मी कोहरे अथवा अन्य मौसम परिस्थितियों और तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित यात्रियों के दस्तावेज जांचेंगे।'



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट फेस-दो के तीन गांव की 14.0169 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर मिला कब्जा

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 2 दिसम्बर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट फेस-दो के लिए तीन गांव की जमीन पर जिला प्रशासन ने नोडल एजेंसी यमुना प्राधिकरण को जमीन पर कब्जा दे दिया।

अपर जिलाधिकारी भू.अ. बच्चू सिंह ने बताया कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जेवर के विस्तारीकरण (स्टेज-2/फेज-1) के लिए 'भूमि अर्जन, पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिकर और पारदर्शिता का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2013' के अन्तर्गत 06 ग्रामों (रनहेरा, कुरैब, करौली बांगर, दयानतपुर,

- जिला प्रशासन ने ग्राम दयानतपुर, वीरमपुर व मुढरह के किसानों की भूमि का कब्जा प्राप्त कर नोडल एजेंसी को कराया हस्तगत
- अवशेष 3 ग्रामों में कब्जा प्राप्त किए जाने की कार्रवाई जारी

वीरमपुर एवं मुढरह) की कुल 1181.2793 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि सोमवार जिला प्रशासन द्वारा ग्राम दयानतपुर,

वीरमपुर एवं मुढरह के कृषकों से भूमि का कब्जा प्राप्त कर नोडल एजेंसी यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अजय कुमार शर्मा डिप्टी कलेक्टर भूलेख, प्रभात कुमार तहसीलदार भूलेख, मनीष सिंह, नायब तहसीलदार एवं परियोजना विभाग को हस्तगत कराया गया, जिसमें ग्राम दयानतपुर की 3.1704, वीरमपुर की 3.0155 तथा ग्राम मुढरह की 7.8310 हेक्टेयर भूमि कुल 14.0169 हेक्टेयर भूमि सम्मिलित है। अवशेष 3 ग्रामों में कब्जा प्राप्त किए जाने की कार्रवाई गतिमान है।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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एआइ से एयरपोर्ट एक्सप्रेस लाइन पर रखी जाएगी यात्रियों पर नजर

राजू, जाग्रण • नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली मेट्रो रेल निगम (डीएमआरसी) ने एयरपोर्ट एक्सप्रेस लाइन के स्टेशनों पर आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआइ) आधारित सीसीटीवी कैमरे लगाने की तैयारी की है। इसके तहत एआइ तकनीक से लैस सीसीटीवी कैमरा लगाने के लिए डीएमआरसी ने टेंडर प्रक्रिया भी शुरू कर दी है। टेंडर आवंटन के बाद छह माह में एयरपोर्ट एक्सप्रेस लाइन के सभी सातों स्टेशनों पर एआइ आधारित सीसीटीवी कैमरे लग जाएंगे। तब इस एआइ सीसीटीवी कैमरों से एयरपोर्ट एक्सप्रेस लाइन की मेट्रो में सफर करने वाले यात्रियों पर नजर रखी जाएगी।

यह कैमरे चेहरा पहचान प्रणाली से लैस होंगे। संदिग्ध गतिविधियों वाले यात्रियों और जिन लोगों के

इस मेट्रो लाइन के सातों स्टेशनों के प्रवेश व निकास गेट पर लगाए जाएंगे एआइ आधारित सीसीटीवी कैमरे

खिलाफ लुक आउट सर्कुलर जारी हुआ हो उन्हें पहचान कर अलर्ट सकेंगे। 24.91 किलोमीटर लंबी एयरपोर्ट एक्सप्रेस लाइन की मेट्रो में प्रतिदिन करीब 80 हजार यात्री सफर करते हैं। इस कारिदोर पर नई दिल्ली, शिवाजी स्टेडियम, धौला कुआं, एरोसिटी, एयरपोर्ट टर्मिनल तीन, द्वारका सेक्टर 21 व यशोभूमि मेट्रो स्टेशन हैं। इन स्टेशनों के 19 प्रवेश व निकास गेट पर ओटोमेटिक फेयर कलेक्शन (एफएफसी) गेट के पास ये सीसीटीवी कैमरे लगेंगे। इन सीसीटीवी कैमरों को लगाने में 5.54 करोड़ खर्च आएगा।



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जगदलपुर में
एयर स्ट्रिप
का होगा
काम

छत्तीसगढ़ के तीन एयरपोर्ट उन्नत और विकसित किए जाएंगे, 23 करोड़ जारी

हरिभूमि न्यूज रायपुर

छत्तीसगढ़ के बड़े शहरों के एयरपोर्ट डेवलप किए जाएंगे। इनमें एयर स्ट्रिप, प्लेन पार्किंग एरिया, एयरपोर्ट पर लाइटिंग सिस्टम को विकसित किया जाएगा। इन कामों के लिए छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने 23.64 करोड़ रुपए जारी किए हैं। एयरपोर्ट डेवलपमेंट के ये प्रोजेक्ट बिलासपुर, जगदलपुर, अंबिकापुर में शुरू होंगे। वित्त विभाग से मिली इस स्वीकृति पर मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि इससे एयरपोर्ट के इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर

और सुरक्षा से संबंधित कार्य किए जाएंगे। राज्य के एयरपोर्ट का अपग्रेड और डेवलप हो सकेगा। इससे विमानन सेवाएं बेहतर होंगी और पर्यटन गतिविधियों को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा। वित्त विभाग ने बिलासपुर एयरपोर्ट में एग्रन विस्तार और लाइटिंग कार्य के लिए 2 करोड़ 96 लाख रुपए से अधिक की राशि स्वीकृत की है। एग्रन विस्तार के तहत एयरपोर्ट के उड़ान पट्टी के आसपास के क्षेत्र को बढ़ाया जाएगा। जिससे विमानों की पार्किंग और संचालन में सहूलियत होगी।

एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों के लिए बढ़ाई जाएगी कई सुविधाएं

जगदलपुर एयरपोर्ट के लिए एयर स्ट्रिप सुधार के लिए 20.40 करोड़ की राशि मंजूर की गई है। इससे एयरपोर्ट की सिक्योरिटी और प्लेन ऑपरेशंस की कैपेसिटी बढ़ेगी। आइसोलेशन बे बनाया जा रहा है। इससे आपातकालीन स्थिति में प्लेन सुरक्षित खड़ा हो सकेगा। अंबिकापुर एयरपोर्ट के विकास कार्यों के लिए 27.92 लाख की राशि स्वीकृत की गई है।



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एयरपोर्ट के लिए अधिग्रहीत जमीन पर कब्जा लिया



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। जिला प्रशासन ने नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के लिए अधिग्रहीत 14 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर कब्जा ले लिया है। जमीन पर काफी समय से किसानों ने कब्जा किया हुआ था। जिला प्रशासन ने नोडल एजेंसी यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण के अफसरों को जमीन का कब्जा सौंप दिया।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के दूसरे चरण के लिए जेवर के छह गांवों रन्हैरा, करौली बांगर, दयानतपुर, खीरमपुर और मुढरह की कुल 1181 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण किसानों से किया

उड़ानों में देरी संभव

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर ट्रायल रन के साथ अब कॉमर्शियल विमानों की उड़ान शुरू होने में भी देरी की संभावना है। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) से ट्रायल रन के लिए अब तक अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र नहीं मिल पाया है। यदि 15 दिसंबर से पूर्व रनवे पर ट्रायल नहीं हो पाता है, इसका असर अप्रैल 2025 में होने वाली उड़ान पर पड़ने की पूरी संभावना जताई जा रही है।

गया था। सोमवार को अपर जिले अधिकारी भूमि आधिपत्य बच्चू सिंह उपजिलाधिकारी जेवर अभय कुमार सिंह ने किसानों से वार्ता करते हुए दयानतपुर, खीरमपुर और मुढरह के जमीन पर किसानों से कब्जा लिया।

{ IGI AIRPORT } NO LONGER HAVE TO WAIT IN PLANE

Quicker deboarding for those on delayed flights

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NEW DELHI: Special enclosures have been set up across all three terminals at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport to allow passengers on flights delayed by over three hours to disembark, undergo security screening, and re-enter the terminal's boarding area.

The airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said the initiative aims to alleviate passenger inconvenience, particularly during winter, when dense fog often disrupts flight schedules.

In April, the Centre's Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) introduced new guidelines permitting passengers to disembark via airport departure gates in cases of prolonged delays after boarding. Previously, passengers had to re-enter the terminal through the main entrance — thus undergoing the entire security screening checks again — often requiring over two hours.

The new system directs passengers to either take an aero-bridge or a bus leading to the special enclosures. Within these enclosures, passengers undergo a streamlined security check, reducing the re-boarding process to under an hour, before they can re-enter the terminals near boarding gates.

"Bringing such passengers directly to the reverse entry point significantly reduces the time taken in the deboarding and boarding from around 2.5 hours to just a few minutes," a

How the plan will work

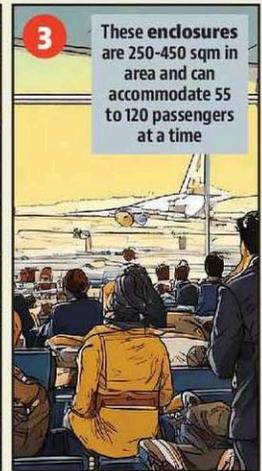
Special enclosures set up in all terminals for passengers on flights delayed by over 3 hrs



1 Passengers deboard flight, go to special enclosure via aerobridge/bus



2 Passengers undergo security check through screening machines



3 Passengers then re-enter the terminal near their boarding gate

These enclosures are 250-450 sqm in area and can accommodate 55 to 120 passengers at a time

How this helps pax

The initiative will alleviate passenger inconvenience by reducing reboarding time from hours to a few minutes — passengers earlier had to re-enter the terminal through the main entrance, thus undergoing security checks again

DIAL spokesperson said.

"Earlier, the passenger would be taken to the entrance of the airport, which is the arrivals hall. There, they would re-join the security check area, with passengers of other airlines, a process which would typically take much longer. In these special enclosures, we have set up screening machines, aimed to carry out a security check only for these passengers," the

spokesperson added.

Ranging from 250 to 450 square metres, the enclosures can accommodate 55 to 120 passengers at a time. DIAL is also working to equip the enclosures with amenities like toilets and vending machines where feasible.

After completing the security check, passengers re-enter the terminal's boarding area and gain access to standard

facilities available there, the spokesperson added. Only airline staff escorting passengers and CISF personnel providing security will be permitted inside these enclosures.

DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jai-puriar said the move should improve passenger experience by reducing the time they take to deboard and enter the terminal building again due to technical issues or fog.



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At Delhi airport, special enclosures for those with delayed or cancelled flights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

TO ENHANCE passenger convenience and streamline operations during delays caused by fog, weather, or technical issues, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has introduced special enclosures across its three terminals at the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Here are the details:

- It will expedite processing of passengers whose flights are delayed by over three hours or cancelled.

- Ranging from 250 to 450 sqm, these enclosures will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time.

- "These enclosures will be located at bus boarding gates and certain aerobridges in Terminal 3, transfer area in Terminal 2, and bus boarding gate in Terminal 1. They will serve both domestic and international passengers," said a DIAL



Enclosures will be located at bus boarding gates and certain aerobridges in T3, transfer area in T2, and the bus boarding gate in T1. *Express*

spokesperson.

- Recognising challenges posed by weather and operational disruptions, the government has relaxed security protocols, allowing passengers from affected flights to disembark and return to the terminal, said DIAL officials.

- The initiative also prioritises security, with CISF person-

nel stationed in the enclosures to screen passengers and ensure seamless reintegration into the security hold area.

- Airline staff escorting passengers from delayed flights are the only people permitted within the enclosures, and private security agencies are tasked with document verification.

एयरपोर्ट की साइट पर लगी आग

● कर्मचारियों ने भाग कर बचाई जान, कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद पाया गया काबू

हादसा

नोएडा, लोकसत्य

नोएडा के जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की निर्माणाधीन साइट के अंदर आग लग गई। इसकी सूचना मिलने के बाद चारों तरफ अफरा-तफरी का माहौल पैदा हो गया। बताया जा रहा है कि एक क्रेन में आग लगी है।



इसके बाद मौके पर हड़कंप मच गया। मामले की जानकारी पुलिस को दी गई है।

जानकारी के मुताबिक जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की निर्माणाधीन साइट पर सोमवार शाम काम चल रहा था। उसी दौरान भारी सामान उठाने के दौरान एक क्रेन में धुंआ निकालने लगा। जब तक ऑपरेटर कुछ समझ पाता उससे पहले उसमें भीषण आग लग चकी

थी। इस दौरान ऑपरेटर ने कूदकर अपनी जान बचाई। बाद में सूचना पुलिस को दी गई।

कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया गया है। पुलिस का कहना है कि अगर इस मामले में कोई शिकायत दी जाएगी तो कानूनी कार्रवाई की जाएगी। मौके पर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के कर्मचारी और अधिकारी मौजूद थे। उन्होंने किसी तरीके से आग पर काबू पा लिया है। इस घटना की जानकारी डायल 101 पर दी गई। इस बारे में जेवर कोतवाल प्रभारी संजय सिंह का कहना है कि क्रेन से वजन उठाते वक्त यह हादसा हुआ है। हालांकि इसमें कोई हताहत नहीं हुआ है।



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IGI airport introduces special enclosures for flyers impacted by delays in flights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOR the convenience of the passengers who have to go through the hassle of additional security check-in after deboarding from a plane due to bomb scares or harsh weather conditions, Delhi airport has set up temporary special enclosures for them.

The airport authorities said these special enclosures will allow passengers whose flights are delayed by more than three hours or cancelled to return to the terminal following a quicker and faster security check. This will cut down the time taken in deboarding and boarding again from about 2.5 hours to only a few minutes, they said. These enclosures were located at the bus board-



ing gates and certain aerobridges at Terminal 3, the transfer area in Terminal 2, and the bus boarding gate in Terminal 1, they added.

As per estimates, at least 500 to 800 flights were delayed in the last three months following repeated bomb scares. Several passengers have been stranded

over the past week due to foggy weather, leading to flight delays and cancellations.

In a statement, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) said these enclosures, ranging from 250 to 450 sqm, will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time. "They are intended to facilitate security screening, allowing passengers to smoothly re-enter the terminal's security hold area (SHA). DIAL is also working to provide essential amenities like toilets and vending machines within the enclosures, wherever feasible. The enclosures would only be utilised as a security processing area after which the passengers would enter the SHA, which will give the passengers access to all the facilities available there," it said.



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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट कोहरे से निपटने को तैयार

राजेश कुमार। नई दिल्ली

इस सर्दी में कोहरे को देखते हुए दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट ने पहली बार यात्रियों के लिए विशेष व्यवस्था की है। यात्रियों को फ्लाइट में देरी होने की स्थिति में उनके आराम के लिए विशेष लाउंज बनाए गए हैं। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल), जो तीन (टी1, टी2, टी3) टर्मिनलों के साथ इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट का संचालन और प्रबंधन करता है, ने तीन घंटे से अधिक देरी से आने वाली फ्लाइट से उतरने वाले यात्रियों के लिए विशेष लाउंज बनाए हैं, ताकि वे अपनी संबंधित फ्लाइट में जल्दी से अपनी वापस आ सकें। डायल के



अनुसार, ये बाड़े टर्मिनल 3 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट और कुछ एयरोब्रिज, टर्मिनल 2 में ट्रांसफर एरिया और टर्मिनल 1 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट पर लगाए जाएंगे। ये सुविधाएं घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय दोनों यात्रियों को मिलेंगी।

नई योजना यात्रियों को अलग लाउंज में रहने की अनुमति देगी, जिससे समय की बचत होगी और यात्रियों और एयरलाइन कर्मचारियों दोनों के लिए परेशानी कम होगी।

सरकार ने हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा

प्रोटोकॉल में ढील दी है, ताकि कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं के कारण तीन घंटे से अधिक देरी से चलने वाली या रद्द की गई उड़ानों के यात्रियों को विमान से उतरने और टर्मिनल पर वापस लौटने की अनुमति मिल सके। डायल ने एक बयान में कहा, 250 से 450 वर्ग मीटर तक के इन लाउंजों में एक बार में 55 से 120 यात्री रह सकेंगे। इनका उद्देश्य सुरक्षा जांच की सुविधा प्रदान करना है, जिससे यात्री टर्मिनल के सुरक्षा होल्ड एरिया (एसएचए) में आसानी से प्रवेश कर सकें। इन बाड़ों में जहाँ भी संभव हो, शौचालय और वेंडिंग मशीन जैसी आवश्यक सुविधाएँ होंगी। बाड़ों का उपयोग केवल सुरक्षा प्रसंस्करण लाउंज के रूप में किया

जाएगा, जिसके बाद यात्री एसएचए में प्रवेश करेंगे, जिससे यात्रियों को वहाँ उपलब्ध सभी सुविधाओं तक पहुँच प्राप्त होगी। सुरक्षा कारणों से केवल फंसे हुए विमानों से यात्रियों को ले जाने वाले एयरलाइन कर्मचारियों को ही लाउंजों में प्रवेश करने की अनुमति होगी। सुरक्षा और संरक्षा बनाए रखने के लिए, कर्मियों को लाउंजों में तैनात किया जाएगा, ताकि विलंबित या फंसे हुए विमानों से लौटने वाले यात्रियों की जांच की जा सके, इससे पहले कि उन्हें एसएचए में अन्य जांचे गए यात्रियों के साथ जाने की अनुमति दी जाए। इसके अतिरिक्त, निजी सुरक्षा एजेंसी के कर्मचारी कोहरे/के मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं (शेष पृष्ठ 9)

ने कहा, यह व्यवस्था यात्रियों को सामान्य प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से सुरक्षा जांच से गुजरने से बचाएगी, जिसमें ऐसे मामलों में उतरने के बाद, यात्रियों को आगमन पर ले जाया जाता है और सुरक्षा होल्ड क्षेत्र में वापस लाने से पहले घरेलू या अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्थानांतरण क्षेत्रों के माध्यम से प्रक्रिया की जाती है। ऐसे यात्रियों को सीधे रिवर्स एंटी पॉइंट पर लाने से उतरने और बोर्डिंग में लगने वाला समय काफी कम हो जाता है - लगभग 2.30 घंटे से कुछ ही मिनट रह जाते हैं। सुरक्षा-जांच नियमों में प्रस्तावित बदलावों का उद्देश्य उड़ान स्लॉट को अनुकूलित करना और यात्रियों की असुविधा को कम करना है। दिल्ली में हर साल सर्दियों में कोहरे की समस्या, खास तौर पर दिसंबर और जनवरी के दौरान, यात्रियों के लिए काफी असुविधा का कारण बनती है और उड़ान संचालन के महत्वपूर्ण घंटे बर्बाद होते हैं। पिछले साल दिसंबर में, भारत में खराब मौसम के कारण 35,000 से अधिक यात्रियों को प्रभावित करते हुए उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ीं, जबकि 3.64 लाख लोगों को देरी का सामना करना पड़ा। ये व्यवधान इस मौसम में

हवाई अड्डों के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों को रेखांकित करते हैं। दिल्ली का इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा दुनिया के शीर्ष 10 सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों में शुमार है। 2023 में, इसने लगभग 72.2 मिलियन यात्रियों की मेजबानी की और इसके तीन टर्मिनलों में वार्षिक यात्री हैंडलिंग क्षमता 100 मिलियन थी। इस पहल पर टिप्पणी करते हुए डायल के सीईओ विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा, डायल दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों के अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए काम कर रहा है। इस नई पहल को लागू करके, डायल का लक्ष्य कोहरे/मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित उड़ानों के यात्रियों के लिए उतरने और चढ़ने की प्रक्रिया में लगने वाले समय को काफी कम करना है।

दिल्ली एयर...

से प्रभावित यात्रियों के दस्तावेजों का सत्यापन करेंगे। डायल

Flight Delayed? Airport Opens Special Enclosures For Flyers

To Allow Passengers To Smoothly Re-Enter Terminal's Boarding Area

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IGI Airport has opened special enclosures at all three terminals to facilitate passengers on planes affected by weather or technical issues for three hours or more to disembark and return to the terminal. These enclosures will facilitate security screening, allowing both domestic and international passengers to smoothly re-enter the terminal's boarding area.

Previously, such passengers had to re-enter the airport, wait in queues and go through security checks again. "To alleviate passenger discomfort, govt has relaxed security protocols, allowing passengers of flights delayed by over three hours or cancelled due to fog/weather or technical issues to disembark and return to the terminal. Special enclosures have been set up at all three terminals for processing these passengers to allow them back inside the terminal," said an official of Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports Limited, which operates and manages the Delhi airport.

The arrangement would save passengers from having to undergo the usual security process. "Bringing such passengers directly to



SOFTENING THE BLOW

the reverse entry point significantly reduces the time taken in the de-boarding and boarding — from approximately 2.30 hours to just a few minutes," said DIAL.

The enclosures are located at the bus boarding gates and certain aerobridges in Terminal 3, the transfer area in Terminal 2, and the bus bo-

arding gates in Terminal 1. Ranging from 250 to 450 square metres, the enclosures will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time.

"DIAL is also working to provide essential amenities like toilets and vending machines within the enclosures, wherever feasible. The enclosures would only be utilised as a security processing area after which the passengers would enter the security hold area, which will give the passengers access to all the facilities available there," said a DIAL official.

DIAL said only airline staff escorting passengers from stranded flights would be permitted to enter the enclosures for security reasons. CISF personnel will be stationed in the enclosures to screen passengers returning from delayed or stranded flights before they are allowed to join other screened passengers in the security hold area. Besides, personnel from a private security agency will verify their documents.

DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria said, "DIAL has been working to enhance passengers' experience at Delhi Airport. By implementing this new initiative, DIAL aims to significantly reduce the time taken for the de-boarding and boarding process for passengers of flights affected by fog/weather or technical issues."



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BANGALORE

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Flight ops affected at Chennai airport

Chennai: The Chennai International Airport resumed operations at 1 am on Sunday, earlier than the initially announced suspension until 4 am, following the closure of airspace for 13 hours as a safety measure due to Cyclone Fengal. Despite the resumption, the effects of the cyclone persisted, with multiple domestic and international flight cancellations causing confusion among passengers.

A total of 45 domestic flights, including those by Indigo and Air India, to destinations like Delhi, Pune, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, and Bengaluru were cancelled due to weather conditions in Chennai. Additionally, 22 inbound flights were also called off. Similarly, 20 international arrivals and departures to destinations like Dubai, Doha, Sharjah, and Kuala Lumpur were cancelled on Sunday. TNN



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Airport authorities clarified that the cancellations were decided by the respective airlines, even though the airport was operational. Indigo posted on X, advising passengers to check their flight status. Flyers, however, expressed frustration online over the

lack of clarity and delays in receiving refunds or rescheduling options for cancelled flights.

Passengers reported chaos and uncertainty as airlines scrambled to adjust schedules to accommodate the cancellations. Many faced long delays and confusion over revised timings. Shahadh Hussain, whose sister's Air Arabia flight to Russia was cancelled, said there was no clarity on how refunds or rescheduling would be handled. "We're left in the dark about next steps."

The first flight to land in Chennai after the resumption was Kuwait Airways at 4:08am, with its departure at 5:18am. While airlines offered options for refunds or rescheduling, many passengers remained dissatisfied with the lack of communication and delayed processes.



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CHENNAI

2 DECEMBER 2024

Indians stranded at Kuwait airport after emergency landing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A technical snag forced Gulf Air's Bahrain-Manchester flight to divert to Kuwait, leaving several Indians stranded at the airport as India does not have a "visa on arrival" agreement with Kuwait, and airport hotels were fully booked due to the ongoing GCC meetings.

Indian embassy has managed to accommodate the stranded passengers in the airport lounge. "The embassy has been informed by Gulf Air that the flight for stranded passengers from Kuwait to Manchester is tentatively scheduled for 3.30am on Dec 2. Food and water are available for the stranded passengers in the lounges," Indian embassy in Kuwait said on X on Sunday night.

Gulf Air GF5 had taken off from Bahrain

at 2.05am on Sunday, with a planned landing in Manchester after 7.5 hours. However, a technical issue forced the Boeing 787 Dreamliner to land at Kuwait at 4.01am (all times local).

Shivansh, a software engineer among the stranded passengers, said on X, "Reading (foreign minister S Jaishankar's) 'Why Bharat Matters' while getting stuck in Kuwait without any help. All British passport holders got their hotels sorted with a visa on arrival, while Indian passport holders have been left stranded without any information, food, or any kind of help."

Sai Samrat Anandapu, another passenger, wrote, "We've been waiting for support for over six hours, but only British nationals and GCC residents have been accommodated, leaving us Indians without assistance."

उड़ान में देरी... अब हवाई अड्डे पर मिलेगी आराम करने की सुविधा

डायल ने किए विशेष इंतजाम, टर्मिनल पर आवाजाही भी होगी आसान

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। हवाई सफर करने वाले यात्रियों को कई बार खराब मौसम और तकनीकी कारणों से अपनी उड़ान के लिए घंटों इंतजार करना पड़ता है। इसके चलते उनकी यात्रा वेहद थकाऊ और उबाऊ हो जाती है, लेकिन अब यात्रियों के अनुभव को बेतहर बनाने के लिए दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर डायल ने एक पहल शुरू की है। इसके तहत, हवाई अड्डे पर विशेष जोन बनाए गए हैं, जहां उड़ान में तीन घंटे से अधिक का विलंब होने पर यात्री आराम कर सकेंगे और उड़ान में सवार होने के लिए तुरंत टर्मिनल पर भी लौट सकेंगे।

हवाई अड्डे का संचालन करने वाले दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) के अनुसार, ऐसे यात्रियों की अस्वविधा और प्रतीक्षा समय को कम करने के लिए उन्हें सुरक्षा जांच के लिए सामान्य प्रक्रिया से गुजरने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। उन्हें सुरक्षा होल्ड एरिया (एसएचए) में वापस जाने की अनुमति देने की अलग प्रक्रिया होगी। एसएचए वह जगह है, जहां सुरक्षा जांच के बाद यात्री उड़ान के लिए इंतजार करते हैं।



दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर खड़ा विमान। फाइल फोटो

रोज दो लाख यात्री करते हैं सफर

- दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 1000-1200 विमान प्रतिदिन संचालित होते हैं।
- टर्मिनल -1, 2 और 3 के एयरसाइड में होल्ड एरिया बनाया गया है।
- टर्मिनल-3 में यह होल्ड एरिया बोर्डिंग गेट और कुछ एयरब्रिज के पास बना है ताकि लोग आसानी से डि-बोर्ड कर सकें।
- टर्मिनल 2 में ट्रांसफर एरिया और टर्मिनल-1 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट के पास बनाए गए।
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- चार रनवे में ज्यादातर समय तीन रनवे रहता है ऑपरेशनल।

सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में ढील

सरकार ने हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में ढील दी है, ताकि कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं के कारण तीन घंटे से अधिक देरी या कैसिल की गई उड़ानों के यात्रियों को उतरने और टर्मिनल पर वापस जाने की अनुमति मिल सके। इसी का अनुपालन करते हुए डायल ने सभी तीन टर्मिनलों - टी 1, टी 2 और टी 3 पर विशेष इंतजाम किए हैं।

एक जोन में बैठेंगे 120 यात्री

डायल ने कहा, 250 से 450 वर्ग मीटर तक की इन सुविधाओं में एक बार में 55 से 120 यात्री बैठ सकेंगे। ये विशेष जोन बस बोर्डिंग गेट और टी 3 में कुछ एयरब्रिज, टी -2 में ट्रांसफर एरिया और टी 1 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट पर स्थित होंगे। घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय दोनों यात्री इनका इस्तेमाल कर सकेंगे। इनके भीतर सौचालय और वॉइंग मशीन जैसी जरूरी सुविधाएं भी उपलब्ध कराने पर काम चल रहा है।



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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इस साल विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की 999 धमकियां...सभी फर्जी

नई दिल्ली। इस साल नवंबर तक विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की कुल 999 धमकियां मिलीं, हालांकि सभी फर्जी निकलीं। इनमें से सिर्फ अक्टूबर में ही 666 धमकियां मिलीं। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने राज्य सभा को लिखित उत्तर में बताया कि फर्जी कॉल की वजह से कई बार विमानों का संचालन प्रभावित हुआ और एयरलाइन को मुश्किलें आईं। उन्होंने एक अन्य उत्तर में बताया कि जनवरी से नवंबर तक 256 एफआईआर और 12 गिरफ्तारियां हुईं। व्यूरो



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देश के कुल पायलटों में 15 फीसदी हैं महिलाएं : नायडू

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि देश के कुल पायलटों में 15 फीसदी महिलाएं हैं, जो वैश्विक औसत का पांच प्रतिशत है। नायडू, सोमवार को राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में महिला पायलटों के एक कार्यक्रम को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि हेलिकॉप्टर उद्योग में और अधिक महिला पायलटों को आना चाहिए क्योंकि हेलिकॉप्टर उन क्षेत्रों को जोड़ने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं, जहां हवाई अड्डा बनाना या विमान चलाना मुश्किल है। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

3 DECEMBER 2024

SpiceJet to operate Haj flights from 4 cities



New Delhi: Budget carrier SpiceJet said on Monday that it has secured the right to operate Haj flights in 2025. This will allow SpiceJet to operate flights from four key cities: Kolkata, Guwahati, Srinagar and Gaya. The airline said it will carry close to 15,500 pilgrims next year, an 18 per cent rise from 2024. OUR BUREAU



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BUSINESS LINE DELHI 3 DECEMBER 2024

IndiGo to launch services from India to Malaysia; targets business, leisure travel

Our Bureau
Chennai

IndiGo is expanding its service to Malaysia from southern India with three launches, two from Bengaluru and one from Chennai, this month.

On December 16, the airline will commence two services — a daily direct flight between Bengaluru and Langkawi, and from Bengaluru to Kuala Lumpur, said J Srinivasan, Senior Manager, Sales, Tamil Nadu, IndiGo Airlines.

On December 21, the airline will start a daily direct service to Penang, said Agnel Pinto, AVP, Sales, IndiGo Airlines.

The flight from Chennai will leave at 2.15 am (IST) and arrive at 8.30 am (Penang time). In the return dir-



(from left) Ashwin Gunasekeran, CEO, Penang Convention and Exhibition Bureau; Agnel Pinto, AVP-Sales, IndiGo Airlines; and J Srinivasan, Senior Manager, Sales, TN, IndiGo Airlines. BUDY GHOSH

ection, the flight will leave the same day at 9.30 am (Penang time) and arrive in Chennai at 10.35 am (IST), he told newsmen.

CONVENIENT TRANSIT

According to Srinivasan, the one-way fare from Chennai to Penang will be ₹10,000. The airline is targeting business and leisure travellers, he said. In addition, the airline will use Chennai as transit for passengers travel-

ling from various other Indian cities, including Mumbai and Madurai, and for international travellers from West Asia, he added.

Ashwin Gunasekeran, CEO, Penang Convention and Exhibition Bureau, said, at present, passengers from India travel to Kuala Lumpur and take road trips to reach Penang. However, the direct service from Chennai will help passengers fly directly to Penang.



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DECCAN CHRONICLE

HYDERABAD

2 DECEMBER 2024

FLIGHTS CANCELLED DUE TO CYCLONE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 1

The inclement weather conditions in Chennai and Tirupati caused by Cyclone Fengal led to the cancellation and diversion of flights to and from Hyderabad for a second day on Saturday.

The Chennai airport in a post on 'X' stated that it had resumed operations from 1 am on December 1. One flight from Hyderabad to Chennai and another from Hyderabad to Tirupati were cancelled.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

2 DECEMBER 2024

Daily direct flight from Bengaluru to Port Blair

BENGALURU, DHNS: Air India Express on Sunday launched a daily direct flight between Bengaluru and Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair).

The inaugural flight took off from the city's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) at 10.50 am.

The flight will depart from Bengaluru at 10.50 am and land at Sri Vijaya Puram at 1.15 pm. In the return direction, it takes off at 1.50 pm to reach Bengaluru at 4.20 pm, the airline said.

Bengaluru remains a key hub for Air India Express, which operates 374 weekly flights from the city, connecting 25 domestic and two West Asian destinations, Abu Dhabi, and Dammam.

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DAINIK JAGRAN

DELHI

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कोहरे से उड़ान रद्द हुई तो यात्री ठहराए जाएंगे स्पेशल जोन में

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: खराब मौसम, कोहरे या तकनीकी समस्या पर अगर उड़ान में तीन घंटे से ज्यादा की देरी होती है या रद्द कर दी जाती है, तो यात्री टर्मिनल तक अब वापस जा सकते हैं। दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को यह सुविधा देगा। एयरपोर्ट पर अलग जोन बनाया जाएगा, जहां खाने-पीने और शौचालय की व्यवस्था होगी।

डायल के अधिकारी के अनुसार इस नई पहल का उद्देश्य कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित उड़ानों के यात्रियों के इतरने और ब्रोडिंग प्रक्रिया में लगने वाले समय को कम करना है। हर टर्मिनल पर स्पेशल जोन विकसित किया जा रहा है, ताकि कोहरे के दौरान उड़ान रद्द होने पर यात्रियों को टर्मिनल के अंदर वापस जाने की अनुमति मिल

- आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के सभी टर्मिनल में यात्रियों के लिए बनाया जाएगा अलग से जोन
- हर जोन में खाने-पीने के साथ ही यात्रियों के लिए शौचालय की भी व्यवस्था की जाएगी

सके। टर्मिनल तीन में वे जोन बस ब्रोडिंग गेट, टर्मिनल दो में ट्रांसफर एरिया और टर्मिनल एक में बस ब्रोडिंग गेट पर विकसित करने का काम किया जा रहा है। इसका लाभ घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय दोनों तरह के यात्री उठा पाएंगे। 250 से 450 वर्ग मीटर तक के इस जोन में एक बार में 55 से 120 यात्री रह सकेंगे।

डायल का इन सुविधाओं को विकसित करने के पीछे उद्देश्य सुरक्षा जांच की प्रक्रिया को आसान बनाना है। ताकि यात्रियों को टर्मिनल के सुरक्षा होल्ड एरिया में आसानी

से प्रवेश मिल सके। उड़ानों में देरी के दौरान इस जोन में यात्रियों को शौचालय और ब्रोडिंग मशीन जैसी आवश्यक सुविधाओं की सुविधा भी मिलेगी। हालांकि इसका लाभ खरी यात्री या एयरलाइंस कर्मी उठा सकते हैं जिनकी उड़ान कोहरे या अन्य तकनीकी समस्या के कारण रद्द या उड़ान में देरी हुई है। इस जोन में यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सीआइएसएफ कर्मी भी नियुक्त होंगे। ताकि फंसे हुए विमानों से लौटने वाले यात्रियों की जांच की जा सके। अतिरिक्त निजी सुरक्षा एजेंसी (पीएसए) के कर्मचारी कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित यात्रियों के दस्तावेजों का सत्यापन करेंगे। इस पहल से यात्रियों को उड़ान से इतरने के बाद उन्हें रिवर्स एंटी प्वाइंट पर ले जाने और ब्रोडिंग में लगने वाले समय में काफी कमी आएगी।

टर्मिनल-एक पर निर्माण कार्य ग्रेप-चार लागू होने से टला

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: भारी वर्षा की वजह से जून में इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-एक के प्रस्थान के फोरकोर्ट की छत का हिस्सा टूटकर गिर गया था। ग्रेप चार लागू होने से इसका निर्माण कार्य अप्रैल तक के लिए टल गया है। ऐसे में यात्रियों के लिए इसे खोलने में कुछ महीनों का और समय लगेगा।

जून में जब फोरकोर्ट की छत का हिस्सा टूटकर गिरा तो इसके मलबे को तो वहां से हटा लिया गया था, लेकिन निर्माण कार्य जांच की वजह से काफी समय तक शुरु नहीं हो पाया था। यात्रियों को क्षतिग्रस्त हिस्सा नजर न आए,



वर्षा में टूटा आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट का टर्मिनल-एक का हिस्सा ● आकषेप

इसके लिए वहां फोरकोर्ट एरिया में एक अस्थायी दीवार खड़ी कर दी गई थी। क्षतिग्रस्त हिस्से का पुनर्निर्माण न होने की वजह से यात्रियों को प्रस्थान के लिए एक तल के बजाय दो अलग तलों से टर्मिनल में प्रवेश करना पड़ रहा है। इस स्थिति में कई बार यात्रियों के बीच भ्रम की स्थिति बन जाती है।

Air Traffic Soars, but Fares Fail to Rise Much in 10 Years

Fares haven't kept pace with high fuel prices, inflation in aviation industry, says IATA

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New Delhi: Indian airlines are struggling to raise fares sufficiently to cover costs and make profits despite a sharp post-Covid recovery in passenger traffic and general perception, said Willie Walsh, director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Domestic airfares have consistently stayed close to or below their 2015 levels and have failed to keep pace with escalating jet fuel prices and inflation, IATA data showed. This, despite the number of flyers surging over 62% since 2015.

While airfares rose sharply in 2023, backed by a recovery in travel in 2022 after two years of Covid-induced disruptions, airlines say that normalcy has returned.

"I think there has been some correction in airfares. But I don't think it's been anywhere close to what the perception might be. If prices haven't kept up with inflation, then airlines are not even covering their operating cost as ge-



neral inflation doesn't factor in the high inflation that airlines have faced because of fuel," Walsh said in an interview.

Experts said airlines' inability to raise ticket prices is primarily due to constant competition. If prices get high, another airline swoops in, sensing opportunity, they said. Consolidation in the Indian aviation market, which has seen the closure of three airlines in the last decade and multiple mergers have not accrued any benefit to the in-

dustry, the experts noted.

For instance, the capacity lost due to the shutdown of Jet Airways was recouped in nine months. And when budget airline Go First with 54 planes went bankrupt in 2023, IndiGo, Air India and Akasa rushed to add more than 90 planes since then.

Airline executives said the recent consolidation which has reduced the market to an effective duopoly with IndiGo and Air India carrying 9 out of 10 domestic flyers will not change the competitive scenario.

With the induction of several new aircraft, airlines must find new routes where they often find that even a difference of ₹200 makes the passenger opt for a train rather than a flight. "Globally, wherever we have seen consolidation and creation of large airlines, it has been very positive for the consumer as more cheaper fares become available because typically airlines are then able to spread their fixed overheads over a much bigger operation," Walsh said.

An executive at InterGlobe Aviation's IndiGo said on newer routes, price stimulation becomes necessary to convert a rail passenger into an airline customer.

"Due to the competitive dynamics of the aviation business, the ticket price will remain comfortable for the customer as we all have to fill up our planes," said Air India CEO Campbell Wilson.



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Windfall tax on oil scrapped

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THE GOVERNMENT ON Monday scrapped the windfall tax on domestic production of crude oil and exports of petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF), effective immediately.

The move marks the end of a

levy introduced in July 2022 and comes as a big relief to oil producers and refiners.

The petroleum ministry had sought removal of the tax, noting that there is no relevance of the tax anymore as crude prices have stabilised from their earlier highs.

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NO RELEVANCE



■ Petroleum ministry had sought removal of the tax, citing its irrelevance

■ The levy was introduced in July 2022 after Russia-Ukraine conflict outbreak

Windfall tax on oil scrapped

SHARES OF MAJOR oil producers Reliance Industries and state-owned ONGC recovered about 2% from their day's low. Shares of RIL rose by 1.28% to ₹1,311.05 against the previous close of ₹1,292.45, while that of ONGC were up by 0.52% to ₹258.10 from the previous close of ₹256.75 on the BSE.

Windfall tax was implemented post the outbreak of conflict between Russia and Ukraine when oil prices spiked and remained above \$100 per barrel for several weeks. The tax was aimed at curbing unprecedented profits earned by oil companies and generating additional revenue for the government. The cess imposed on crude oil lowered the realisations of upstream industry to ~\$70-75/barrel. Likewise for HSD (diesel), MS (petrol) and ATF, it reduced the ex-refinery realisations, according to Prashant Vasisht, senior vice-president & co-group head—corporate Ratings, Icra.

Crude oil prices are now hov-

ering around \$70-75 per barrel on account of weak demand from China, the world's largest consumer of oil, uncertain geopolitical situation, and projected glut of oil in the market.

Post the implementation of the tax, the government collected a revenue of ₹25,000 crore in FY23, which dropped to ₹13,000 crore in FY24. In the current fiscal so far, the government has collected ₹6,000 crore as revenue from windfall tax. "The scrapping of windfall tax is expected to have limited impact on oil companies as the same had been reduced to nil on crude oil since September 18, 2024, and on petroleum products since February 29, 2024," Vasisht said.

Since its imposition, there have been over 20 revisions in the cess, basis the movement in crude prices and crack spreads of HSD, MS and ATF. The government had raised the windfall tax on petroleum crude to ₹7,000 per tonne from ₹6,000 per tonne, effective July 16.

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Airbus deliveries topped 80 jets in November



AIRBUS DELIVERIES ACCELERATED sharply to more than 80 aircraft in November as the planemaker recovers from a summer lull and sets its sights on end-year targets that had previously seemed out of reach, industry sources said. Airbus is officially targeting "around 770" 2024 deliveries. — **AGENCIES**



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Indigo flight aborts landing amid chaos

Chennai: A video circulating on social media shows an Indigo flight attempting to land at Chennai airport on Saturday during severe weather conditions ahead of Cyclone Fengal. The plane was seen struggling with heavy turbulence and gusty

winds.

As the weather worsened the pilot aborted the landing and executed a go-around. Indigo Airlines confirmed the incident, stating that the Mumbai-Chennai flight had to divert due to adverse weather.



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विलंबित उड़ानों के यात्रियों की सघन जांच नहीं होगी

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नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर तीन घंटे से अधिक विलंबित उड़ानों से उतरने वाले यात्रियों को समायोजित करने के लिए हवाईअड्डे पर विशेष इनक्लोजर (बाड़े) बनाए गए हैं, ताकि वो अपनी अगली उड़ान के लिए टर्मिनल पर कम समय में पहुंच सकें।

डायल के अनुसार, विलंबित उड़ानों से आने वाले यात्रियों को अपनी अगली

संबंधित उड़ानों में फिर से चढ़ने के लिए सुरक्षा जांच के लिए सामान्य प्रक्रिया से गुजरने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। उन्हें सुरक्षा होल्ड एरिया में लौटने की अनुमति देने के लिए प्रक्रिया अलग से की जाएगी।

डायल का कहना है कि डी बोर्डिंग से बोर्डिंग में कई बार 2.30 घंटे तक का समय लग जाता है, जो नई व्यवस्था में कुछ मिनट में हो जाएगा। जो जगह चिन्हित की जाएगी, वह 250 से 450 वर्गमीटर की जगह होगी, जहां एक समय में 55 से 120 यात्री रह सकेंगे।



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स्पाइसजेट हज के लिए 100 उड़ानें संचालित करेगी

मुंबई। घरेलू विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने 2025 में देश के चार प्रमुख शहरों कोलकाता, गुवाहाटी, श्रीनगर और गया से हज के लिए उड़ानें संचालित करने का अधिकार हासिल कर लिया है।

विमानन कंपनी ने कहा कि स्पाइसजेट हज 2025 के लिए 100 से अधिक विशेष उड़ानें संचालित करेगी। अगले साल 2024 की तुलना में 18 प्रतिशत अतिरिक्त तीर्थयात्रियों (करीब 15,500) के हज जाने की उम्मीद है। स्पाइसजेट के लिए हज एक महत्वपूर्ण राजस्व स्रोत रहा है। विमानन कंपनी को इन परिचालनों से 185 करोड़ रुपये अर्जित करने की उम्मीद है।

Windfall gains tax on domestic crude production, export of petrol, diesel, ATF scrapped

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ALMOST TWO-AND-HALF years after it was introduced, the government has finally withdrawn windfall gains tax on domestic production of crude oil and export of diesel, petrol, and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). The Finance Ministry notifications for removal of the windfall tax—special additional excise duty (SAED) on production of crude and export of ATF, and road and infrastructure cess (RIC) on export of petrol and diesel—with immediate effect were laid in Parliament on Monday.

Lately, not much revenue was getting generated by the windfall gains tax. In fact, the levies are currently nil. This is mainly due to significant softening in prices of crude oil and the three major fuels in the international market.

The enabling provisions to impose the levy, however, continued to be in place. With Monday's move, the government has effectively withdrawn those provisions as well, sources indicated. The industry had also raised concerns about the continuation of the levy, sources said.

These levies were first imposed on July 1, 2022 due to the surge in global oil and fuel prices in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As the price of crude oil produced in India is

FINANCE MINISTRY NOTIFICATIONS



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THE FINANCE Ministry notifications for removal of the windfall tax—special additional excise duty (SAED) on production of crude and export of ATF, and road and infrastructure cess (RIC) on export of petrol and diesel—with immediate effect were laid in Parliament on Monday

benchmarked to international prices, domestic oil prices also went through the roof. At the same time, margins on fuels were a lot more lucrative in other markets, incentivising refiners, particularly private sector players, to export fuels. This had resulted in fuel supply disruptions in some parts of the country.

Apart from taking a share of windfall profits of oil producers and fuel exporters to partly soften the blow of duty cuts on domestic petrol and diesel sales, the government also wanted to ensure enough fuel supply to meet domestic demand through these taxes.

The levies were reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Finance Ministry based on crude oil and fuel prices in the international market.

With the international crude oil and fuel market nowhere as volatile as it was in the initial

months of the Ukraine war, and the domestic fuel supplies stable and robust, the windfall gains tax collection has seen a steady decline over the past two-and-a-half years. The windfall gains tax mop-up was around Rs 25,000 crore in 2022-23 (FY23), around Rs 13,000 crore in FY24, and around Rs 6,000 crore so far in FY25.

While the levy on petrol exports has been zero since July 20, 2022, on diesel exports, it has been nil since March 1, 2024. On ATF exports, windfall gains tax was reduced to nil from January 2, 2024, while on domestic oil production, the levy was brought down to zero from September 18, 2024. When the windfall gains tax was first imposed, it translated to a levy of about \$40 per barrel on domestic crude oil production, as crude oil prices were well over \$100 per barrel at the time.

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Govt scraps windfall tax on local crude sales, ATF export

Windfall tax has been dropped as the outlook for the global oil market is now largely weak

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The Union government on Monday scrapped the windfall tax on the sale of domestic crude oil and the export of aviation turbine fuel (ATF). It also withdrew the road and infrastructure cess levied on petrol and diesel exports.

Union minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Monday tabled notifications in the Rajya Sabha scrapping the levy on sale of domestic crude oil and exports of petrol, diesel and ATF. On 18 November, *Mint* first reported that the Centre has decided to scrap the windfall tax and that the finance ministry would shortly issue an order.

The windfall tax was imposed in 2022 as oil prices surged to multi-year highs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, allowing oil and gas producing companies to make massive profits.

The tax is levied in the form of a special additional excise duty, and as additional excise duty or road and infrastructure cess on the export of fuel. It is reviewed each fortnight, based on average prices in the preceding two weeks.

The decision to withdraw windfall tax was guided by the government's view that this levy has outlived its utility, given the fact that the government's share of the tax on domestic crude has



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been zero since September, when it rolled it back.

In October, Tarun Kapoor, adviser to the prime minister told reporters that weakening crude prices had made the windfall tax irrelevant and that the finance ministry would take a call on its withdrawal. The tax on crude oil produced in the country was cut to zero on 18 September from ₹1,850 a tonne in the first fortnight of the month.

In line with softening global oil prices, the government had gradually rolled back elements of the windfall tax.

The road and infrastructure cess on exported diesel has also been kept at

zero from 1 March 2023, and the special additional excise duty on the exports has been lowered to zero from 1 March 2024.

The special additional excise duty on exported jet fuel has been set at zero from 2 January 2024 from ₹1 per litre earlier. The road and infrastructure cess and the special additional excise duty on export of petrol was brought down to zero from 19 July 2022.

The government had also exempted petrol, diesel and jet fuel exported from special economic zones from windfall tax from 20 July 2022.

The withdrawal of the windfall tax

comes at a time when the outlook for the global oil market is largely weak, with prices unlikely to reach the all-time high levels of 2022 anytime soon.

Rating agency Icria on last month projected that global crude oil demand growth would decelerate significantly from pre-covid levels, primarily due to the muted demand from China, the world's second-largest oil consumer. It anticipates that this downtrend signals that crude markets may be entering a tipping zone, characterized by weakening growth dynamics owing to accelerating electrification.

Prashant Vasishth, senior vice president and co-group head, corporate ratings, Icria said: "The scrapping of windfall tax is expected to have limited impact on oil companies as the same had been reduced to nil on crude oil since 18 September 2024 and on petroleum products since 20 February 2024.

"Oil prices have been muted in the range of \$70-75 per barrel over the past few months on account of the weaker-than-anticipated demand from China and tepid growth of rest of the world.

"Likewise the crack spreads of diesel, petrol and aviation turbine fuel have been muted owing to weak demand growth amid supply overhang due to which the windfall tax has been low or nil for much of CY 2024. Accordingly scrapping the tax is expected to have limited impact of oil companies."

18 Sep

The tax on crude oil produced in India was cut to 0

₹1,850/t

Windfall tax that was being imposed till 18 Sep



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IGI sets up spl enclosures for passengers of delayed flights

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Special enclosures have been set up at the Delhi airport to accommodate passengers who have disembarked from flights that have been delayed for over three hours to allow their faster return to the terminal to board their respective flights.

To reduce the discomfort and waiting time for such passengers to board their respective flights again, they will not be required to go through the normal process for security check ins and the process will be done separately to allow them to return to the Security



Hold Area (SHA), according to airport operator DIAL.

The government has relaxed the security protocols at airports to allow passengers of flights delayed by over three hours or canceled due to fog,

weather or technical issues to disembark and return to the terminal.

Following the eased norms, DIAL on Monday said it has set up the special enclosures at all the three terminals -- T1, T2 and T3 -- for such passengers that will allow them back inside the terminal concerned.

"Ranging from 250 to 450 square meters, these enclosures will be able to hold between 55 and 120 passengers at a time. They are intended to facilitate security screening, allowing passengers to smoothly re-enter the terminal's Security Hold Area (SHA)," Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL)

said in a release.

Broadly, SHA is the area after the security checks and before a passenger reaches the boarding gate.

The enclosures will be located at the bus boarding gates and certain aerobridges in T3, the transfer area in T2 and the bus boarding gate in T1. It will be available for both domestic and international passengers.

According to DIAL, the new arrangement will eliminate the need for passengers to undergo standard security checks, where they are taken to arrivals and processed through domestic or international

transfer areas before returning to the SHA. Instead, passengers will be brought directly to the reverse entry point, cutting the process from 2.5 hours to just minutes. The enclosures, used solely for security processing, will provide access to SHA facilities.

Only airline staff escorting stranded passengers may enter for security reasons. CISF personnel will screen passengers, while PSA staff will verify documents. DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria stated the initiative aims to reduce delays for passengers affected by fog or technical issues. IGIA handles 1,400 flights daily.



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WILD TUSKERS SPOTTED IN SILIGURI

SILIGURI: Two wild elephants were spotted in two different areas of Siliguri. One was spotted at Fayra-nijyot in Gosaipur area on Sunday and another was captured on CCTV cameras in Kamrangaguri area of Fulbari late on Saturday night. Both elephants didn't cause any damage.

Air India Express launches Kolkata-Port Blair daily flights

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: Air India Express on Sunday launched daily flights from Kolkata to Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) as a part of its network expansion in the region.

“Exciting news! Air India Express (IX) has launched daily flights from Kolkata to Port Blair, with the inaugural flight taking off today at 05:40 hrs, carrying 175 passengers. #AirIndiaExpress #KolkataToPortBlair #NewRoute,” the Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials of Kolkata airport posted on X.

The inaugural Kolkata-Sri Vijaya Puram flight took off at 5.40 am, offering travellers a well-timed direct flight to the scenic Andaman Islands, the airline said in a statement.

Starting December 15, the airline will introduce an additional daily flight on this route, offering twice-daily connectivity between the city of joy and the tropical paradise, it said.

The inaugural flight celebrations at Kolkata airport included decorated check-in counters, sweet distributions and the ceremonial presenta-



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‘Starting December 15, the airline will introduce an additional daily flight on this route, offering twice-daily connectivity between the city of joy and the tropical paradise’

tion of boarding passes to the guests. Meanwhile, starting December 27, low-cost carrier IndiGo will begin operating direct flights between Kolkata and Phuket, the airline said.

This will be IndiGo’s second direct flight to Phuket, following Delhi.

The new route will expand IndiGo’s global network and cater to the growing number of tourists from India to Thailand,

the airline said in a statement.

“We are pleased to further expand our network into Thailand, from Kolkata, now adding a daily flight to Phuket in addition to the existing 11 weekly flights to Bangkok. With this new route, IndiGo will now operate 93 weekly flights between India and Thailand,” the statement quoted Vinay Malhotra, head of global sales at IndiGo, as saying.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

3 DECEMBER 2024

Govt scraps windfall tax on ATF, crude oil products, petrol, diesel

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE ministry on Monday announced the scrapping of the windfall tax or special additional excise duty (SAED) on aviation turbine fuel (ATF), crude oil products, petrol and diesel.

The windfall tax, which targeted unexpected profits from domestic crude oil production, was first imposed in July 2022. As per the notification, the tax on the production of petroleum crude and the export of ATF, petrol, and diesel will no longer be levied. This move is expected to benefit oil producers and refiners such as Reliance Industries and ONGC, potentially improving their refining margins. Shares of Reliance Industries rose following the announcement. ONGC shares closed at ₹257.65, up by 0.37%, while Reliance Industries shares closed at ₹1,310.60, up by 1.42%.

The decision to roll back windfall tax followed a review by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Revenue Depart-



Production continues to increase in November

With demand conditions remaining favourable, Indian manufacturers continued to scale up production. Although price pressures curbed domestic sales to a certain extent, the growth of new export orders gained momentum.

ment, and the petroleum ministry. It was also accompanied by the withdrawal of the Road and Infrastructure Cess (RIC) on the export of petrol and diesel.

The windfall tax was introduced in July 2022 in response to surging crude oil prices caused by the Russia-Ukraine

war and Western sanctions on Russia. The tax rates were revised every fortnight based on international crude oil prices. However, with global crude oil prices stabilising around \$70-\$75 per barrel, the government decided to eliminate the levy. The rollback is believed to be a response to declining government revenues from tax, which fell from ₹25,000 crore in FY23 to about ₹6,000 crore in FY25.

The windfall tax was last revised on August 31, when it was set at ₹1,850 per tonne for crude petroleum. Export duties on diesel, petrol, and jet fuel had already been reduced to zero as of September 18, signalling the government's intent to phase out the levy. Since its levy, the windfall tax has been a subject of controversy. While it initially sought to balance government revenue amid fluctuating oil prices, industry players argued it negatively impacted profitability and disincentivised production. For private and foreign players, it brought in an element of uncertainty.

कोहरे से फ्लाइट डिले, तो स्पेशल एनक्लोजर में रुकेंगे यात्री



ये सुविधाएं डोमेस्टिक और इंटरनेशनल दोनों उड़ानों के यात्रियों को मिलेंगी

एक बार में 55 से 120 यात्रियों के बैठने की है व्यवस्था

■ एनबीटी न्यूज, नई दिल्ली

IGI एयरपोर्ट पर कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित होने वाली उड़ानों के यात्रियों के लिए विशेष 'एनक्लोजर' बनाए गए हैं। यात्रियों को देरी के चलते होने वाली परेशानियों को कम करने के लिए सरकार ने सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में छील दी है। इससे तीन घंटे से अधिक देरी से चलने वाली या रद्द की गई उड़ानों के यात्रियों को उतरने और टर्मिनल पर वापस जाने की अनुमति मिल गई है।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट का संचालन और प्रबंधन करने वाली जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स

Enclosure

लिमिटेड की सहायक कंपनी दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने यात्रियों के लिए तीन टर्मिनलों पर विशेष एनक्लोजर बनाए हैं। टर्मिनल-3 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट और एयरोब्रिज, टर्मिनल 2 में ट्रांसफर एरिया और टर्मिनल-1 में बस बोर्डिंग गेट पर एनक्लोजर बनाए गए हैं। ये सुविधाएं डोमेस्टिक और इंटरनेशनल दोनों उड़ानों के यात्रियों को मिलेंगी। 250 से 450 वर्ग मीटर तक के इन एनक्लोजर में एक बार में 55 से 120 यात्री बैठ सकेंगे। इनका उद्देश्य सुरक्षा जांच को आसान बनाना है, ताकि यात्री टर्मिनल की सुरक्षा होल्ड एरिया (एसएचए) में आसानी से प्रवेश कर सकें। डायल एनक्लोजर के भीतर शौचालय और वेंडिंग मशीन जैसी आवश्यक सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए भी

काम कर रहा है। इसके अलावा यात्रियों के बैठने की व्यवस्था के साथ ही फूड कॉर्नर भी होंगे।

डायल के सीईओ विदेह कुमार जयपुरिया ने कहा कि डायल दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों के अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए काम कर रहा है। इस नई पहल को लागू करके डायल का लक्ष्य कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी समस्याओं से प्रभावित उड़ानों के यात्रियों के उतरने और चढ़ने की प्रक्रिया में लगने वाले समय को काफी कम करना है। वहीं, सुरक्षा कारणों से केवल फंसे हुए विमानों से यात्रियों को ले जाने वाली एयरलाइन के कर्मचारियों को ही एनक्लोजर में प्रवेश करने की अनुमति होगी। सुरक्षा के लिए सीआईएसएफ कर्मियों को एनक्लोजर में तैनात किया जाएगा।

हवाई यात्रा के सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन घटा: सर्वे

AI Image

LocalCircles सर्वे



■ एनबीटी न्यूजडेस्क



LocalCircles के एक सर्वे में यात्रियों से ये सवाल पूछा गया था कि पिछले 3 साल में घरेलू एयरलाइन्स में आपने या आपके परिवार ने उड़ान भरी, तो एयरलाइंस द्वारा सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन कैसा लगा? इसके जवाब में 10 में से 3 यात्रियों का कहना है कि उन्होंने अक्सर एयरलाइंस को सुरक्षा

नियमों के पालन में कमी करते हुए पाया है। ये इसलिए भी गंभीर है क्योंकि यात्रियों को उन नियमों के उल्लंघनों का पता नहीं चलता, जो ग्राहकों के सामने नहीं आते। अगर उनको भी जोड़ा जाए तो आंकड़े और भी खराब दिखेंगे।

देर से आने वाली उड़ानों के यात्रियों के लिए खास इंतजाम

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर तीन घंटे से अधिक विलंब से पहुंचने वाली उड़ानों के यात्रियों के लिए खास इंतजाम किए गए हैं ताकि वे शीघ्र टर्मिनल पर वापस आकर फिर आगे की अपनी संबंधित उड़ानों में सवार हो सकें।

हवाई अड्डा संचालक दिल्ली- 'इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल)' के अनुसार, ऐसे यात्रियों को अपनी-अपनी उड़ानों में दोबारा सवार होने में होने वाली असुविधा और प्रतीक्षा समय को घटाने के लिए, उन्हें सुरक्षा जांच की सामान्य प्रक्रिया से गुजरने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी तथा यह प्रक्रिया अलग से की जाएगी, ताकि वे सुरक्षा क्षेत्र (एसएचए) में वापस लौट सकें। सरकार

■ सरकार ने हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में ढील दी



ने हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल में ढील दी है, ताकि कोहरे, मौसम या तकनीकी कारणों से तीन घंटे से अधिक विलंबित या रद्द हुई उड़ानों के यात्रियों को विमान से उतरने और टर्मिनल पर वापस लौटने की सुविधा मिल सके। नियमों में ढील के बाद, डायल ने सोमवार को कहा कि उसने ऐसे यात्रियों के लिए सभी तीन टर्मिनल टी 1, टी 2 और टी 3 पर विशेष घेरे बनाए हैं, जो उन्हें संबंधित टर्मिनल के अंदर वापस जाने की अनुमति देंगे।

स्पाइसजेट की हज उड़ानें चार शहरों से

मुंबई (भाषा)।

घरेलू विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने 2025 में देश के चार प्रमुख शहरों को जोड़ने के लिए 100 से अधिक विशेष उड़ानें संचालित करने का अधिकार हासिल कर लिया है।

विमानन कंपनी ने कहा, स्पाइसजेट हज 2025 के लिए 100 से अधिक विशेष उड़ानें संचालित करेगी। अगले साल 2024 की तुलना में



18 प्रतिशत अतिरिक्त तीर्थयात्रियों (करीब 15,500) के हज जाने की उम्मीद है। इसमें कहा गया, स्पाइसजेट के लिए हज एक महत्वपूर्ण राजस्व स्रोत रहा है और विमानन कंपनी को 2025 में इन परिचालनों से 185 करोड़ रुपये अर्जित करने की उम्मीद है।

स्पाइसजेट ने कहा, स्पाइसजेट ने पिछले हज के दौरान दो 'वाइड-बॉडी' एयरबस ए340 विमान तैनात किए थे, जिनमें से प्रत्येक में 324 यात्रियों के बैठने की क्षमता थी।



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Indian passengers attacked on bus in Bangladesh, flights between the two countries decline

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A group of Indian passengers travelling from Tripura to Kolkata on a Shyamoli Paribahan bus were subjected to a terrifying ordeal when their bus was attacked in Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh. The bus was intentionally rammed by a truck and then by an auto-rickshaw, after which the passengers were threatened with death and subjected to anti-India slogans.

Tripura's Transport and Tourism Minister strongly condemned the incident and urged Bangladeshi authorities to ensure the safety of Indian passengers. The state government and administration are in constant communication with Bangladeshi authorities to address the situation.

As a result of the ongoing unrest in Bangladesh, including attacks on minorities and stricter Indian visa policies, there has been a sig-



Tripura's Transport and Tourism Minister strongly condemned the incident and urged Bangladeshi authorities to ensure the safety of Indian passengers.

nificant decline in flight services between Kolkata and Bangladesh.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines and US-Bangla Airlines have reduced their flight frequencies, while IndiGo continues to operate its twice-daily schedule but is closely monitoring the situation.

The decline in passenger demand is evident in the reduced number of flights and passengers between the two countries. This has raised concerns among stakeholders, who are urging for a resolution to the unrest to restore confidence in travel between India and Bangladesh.



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THE TELEGRAPH

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Jet fuel price hike

■ **NEW DELHI:** Jet fuel, or ATF, price on Sunday was hiked by 1.45 per cent and rates of commercial LPG used in hotels and restaurants increased by ₹16.5 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with international oil price trends. Commercial LPG now costs ₹1,927 in Calcutta. The rate of cooking gas used in domestic households is unchanged. [PH](#)

Bangla turmoil: Sharp drop in passengers, trucks stranded at border

Unrest toll on flights and trade

**SANJAY MANDAL,
KINSUK BASU AND
DEBRAJ MITRA**

Calcutta: The movement of flights and trucks between Bengal and Bangladesh has been severely impacted by the unrest in the neighbouring country.

The number of flights between Calcutta and Dhaka in November was less than half of the number in July, said Calcutta airport officials. The number of passengers has also gone down drastically, they said (see chart).

Similarly, the number of trucks carrying various items to Bangladesh through the land borders has reduced significantly, operators said.

Figures shared by airport officials show that 205 flights from Bangladesh landed in Calcutta in July. The count of flights from Calcutta to Bangladesh also stood at 205. The number of passengers who came to Calcutta was 21,234 and the number of fliers from Calcutta to Bangladesh was 21,001.

In November, only 96 flights ferrying 10,121 passengers arrived in Calcutta from Bangladesh. In total, 97 flights reached Dhaka from Calcutta, carrying 12,736 people.

Multiple airlines have reduced their flights between Calcutta and Dhaka.

"IndiGo used to run a couple of daily flights in each direction between Calcutta and Dhaka. Since October 10, it has been running two flights one day and one flight the next day. Since August 10, Biman

Bangladesh has been running one flight daily instead of two. US-Bangla Airlines has been running one daily flight, down from three, since August 17," said an airport official.

US-Bangla Airlines has not only reduced the number of flights but also shifted to a smaller ATR aircraft.

"The number of passengers started dipping in August when the first round of unrest broke out in Bangladesh. In the middle of October, there was a marginal rise in the numbers. But the fresh round of violence dragged the numbers down again. If the number of passengers does not rise, the route will no longer be viable," said an official of an airline.

Many Bangladeshis who are in Calcutta for treatment have told Metro that their friends and relatives back home are not able to come because of the curbs India has imposed on medical and tourist visas.

The sharp plunge in the number of Bangladeshi visitors has dented businesses on Marquis Street, Free School Street, Kyd Street, Sudder Street and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road and in the New Market area.

Earlier, currency exchangers, eateries, garment retailers, travel operators and mobile recharge stores would be crowded. The same lanes are now almost deserted.

The unrest across the border and the rising price of the US dollar have spawned a sense of insecurity among importers.

A section of clearing



agents, truck owners and exporters said the number of trucks moving across the border has nearly halved over the last few days, amid protests by minorities in Bangladesh over the arrest of Hindu preacher Chinnoy Krishna Das.

"Around 150-200 trucks have entered Bangladesh daily through the Ghojadanga land port in Basirhat over the last few days. The normal count is around 350-400 a day," said Sanjeev Mondal, a

clearing agent.

At Petrapole in Bongaon, the largest land port in south Asia, rows of trucks have been waiting to enter Bangladesh since November 26, when a lawyer was killed following clashes between security personnel and some members of a minority community in Bangladesh.

"Earlier, around 400 trucks would enter Bangladesh through Petrapole. On Saturday, the number was 280," said Kartik Chakraborty, the secre-

tary of the Clearing and Forwarding Agents Staff Welfare Association in Bongaon.

"Those arriving from the neighbouring country are narrating the harrowing experience they faced there. Exporters are feeling scared," he said.

Different kinds of goods including fruits, vegetables, edible oil, machine parts, poultry feed and boulders enter Bangladesh from Bengal.

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Unrest toll on flights and trade

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"The reports reaching us from other border outposts, including Hilli in South Dinajpur, Changrabandha in Cooch Behar and Mahadipur in Malda are also discouraging. Trucks are lying stranded, exporters are not willing to take chances by requisitioning vehicles from truck owners. Some truck drivers are not taking assignments for Bangladesh fearing attacks," said Sajal Ghosh, the secretary of the Federation of West Bengal Truck Operators Association.

"At Hilli, just about 60 trucks left for Bangladesh on Saturday, compared with the normal daily count of 150. At

Mahadipur, around 170 trucks entered Bangladesh on Saturday against the usual daily count of 300-350," he said.

Exporters said trade has been hit since the change of the guard in Bangladesh with the interim government struggling to contain inflation and the dollar price rising. On Sunday, one US dollar was equal to around 120 Bangladeshi taka.

"Bangladeshi importers aren't sure whether distributors would receive goods. There's uncertainty about what an exporter can do if a letter of credit is dishonoured," said Paritosh Biswas, a poultry feed exporter to Bangladesh. "No one is ready to trust anyone."

DAILY PLANET



'PANDA ECONOMY': As many as 2,500 panda sculptures are displayed at Hong Kong airport for the exhibition 'Panda Go!' Enthusiasm for the bears has grown since two cubs were born in a theme park. Ying Ying & the twin cubs' father, Le Le, are the second pair of pandas gifted by Beijing to Hong Kong since the former British colony returned to China's rule in 1997. The displays reflect Hong Kong's use of pandas to boost economy as it works to regain its position as one of Asia's top tourism destinations

Stowaway on flight to Paris disrupts a return flight to NY

The same passenger who was discovered stowing away on a Delta Air Lines flight from New York to Paris earlier in the week became unruly aboard a returning flight Saturday, delaying the plane's departure, an aviation official said. Flight 265 to John F Kennedy International Airport took off from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris more than two hours after it left the gate Saturday afternoon. A representative for Delta said the delay was caused by "an unruly customer". The passenger was removed from the flight by French authorities, he said. The same passenger boarded Flight 264 to Paris from JFK airport as a stowaway Tuesday, the aviation official said. One of the passengers told NYT that he overheard a flight attendant telling another crew member that a woman had been hopping from one lavatory to another throughout the flight without ever going to a seat.

Bear 'honey-trapped' out of Japan supermarket

A bear that rampaged through a Japanese supermarket for two days was lured out with food coated in honey, local officials said Monday. Police got an emergency call Saturday that a bear had wounded a man in the supermarket. The mart was evacuated with the animal left inside, where it laid waste to the meat department. Japan has a growing problem with bears, with a record six human fatalities from attacks in the previous fiscal year.

AROUND THE WORLD

Cliff Richards, who as of 2012 was the third top-selling artist in the UK after 'the Beatles' and Elvis Presley, was born at King George's Medical University in Lucknow. His dad was a manager for a catering contractor for Indian railway. The family decided to relocate to UK after the violence on 'Direct Action Day'. In 1948 they boarded SS Ranchi to England



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DELHI

3 DECEMBER 2024

Govt scraps windfall tax on crude, ATF

New Delhi: Govt on Monday scrapped 30-month old windfall profit tax on domestically-produced crude oil and on export of jet fuel (ATF), diesel and petrol following a decline in international oil prices.

Minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary tabled a notification in Rajya Sabha scrapping the levy on crude oil produced by firms like state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and exports of fuels done by companies like Reliance Industries.

The notification rescinded the June 30, 2022 order and withdrew the levy of special additional excise duty on production of crude oil — which is refined into fuels like petrol and diesel — and on export of aviation turbine fuel, diesel and petrol, he said. Alongside, the road and infrastructure cess (RIC) levied on export of petrol and diesel has also been withdrawn.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, 2022 joining nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies. At that time, export duties of Rs 6 per litre (\$12/barrel) each were levied on petrol and ATF and Rs 13-a-litre (\$26/barrel) on diesel. AGENCIES