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# High Court blow to AAI on disputed property in Hyd

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar, rejected a batch of writ appeals filed by the estate officer and APD, Airports Authority of India (AAI). The appellant was before the bench, aggrieved by an order of a single judge who had quashed orders issued by the authority under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupations) Act, 1971. The appellant was ordered to remove flats in Archana Apartments. The aggrieved persons moved the High Court claiming title over the property, on which they



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had constructed the flats after obtaining loans from banks. It was the case of the AAI that that the building was constructed by encroaching upon its land to an extent of 570 square yards. As such, it had directed the petitioner/respondent to remove the flats. There were civil suits between the original owner and the AAI; when the latter lost its case, it could not have issued the impugned notice under the Act. A single judge on a detailed considera-

tion of the facts of the case allowed the writ petitions, aggrieved by which the AAI embarked unsuccessfully in the present batch of appeals. Senior counsel E. Madan Mohan Rao argued that the single judge had come to the wrong conclusion that there was a bona fide dispute of title and the issue was to be adjudicated in civil courts, whereas it was a dispute of survey/boundary/identification of the property in respect of the land bearing Survey No. 15 held by AAI, which could be resolved by the authority concerned under Act 40 of 1971. Rejecting the plea of the appellant, the panel, speaking through Justice Shravan Kumar, said that the airport authorities ought to have taken steps when

the construction was in progress on the disputed site. However, they issued the impugned proceedings in the writ petition belatedly and that too after the construction was completed. Rejecting the appeals, the panel would not place reliance on the AAI survey conducted without issuing notice to the affected parties. "The core issue involved in these appeals, which falls for consideration, is the very identification of the disputed property and clear demarcation of boundary, which is only possible by way of proper survey and thereby rights of the parties would be determined. In view of the same, the parties are left open to pursue their remedies as available under law," the panel concluded.

INBRIEF



Three locations in the city receive hoax bomb threat

An anonymous email with a message that bombs would be detonated at three places, including the airport, was received at Tamil Nadu's police control room. This is the second such threat in just a week. The airport received a bomb threat via email on May 26, following which security was intensified, before investigators found that the threat was a hoax. This time, the sender claimed that the bomb would explode at the airport, the YMCA building on N.S.C. Bose Road and YMCA campus in Nandanam, the police said. Immediately, top-level police officers in the city were alerted. A bomb detection and disposal squad went to all three spots and checked them thoroughly. The police then declared that the threat was a hoax. Efforts are on to trace the sender of the email.

**Chennai**

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Two boys attacked by pet dogs in separate incidents

In one of the cases, the dogs, a Rottweiler and a Boxer, had not been licensed or registered with the Greater Chennai Corporation. The owner of the dogs has been booked by the Puzhal police

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CHENNAI

Two incidents of children being attacked by pet dogs were reported on Saturday in two different places of the city.

In one incident, J. Gerald, 12, was attacked by two pet dogs in Kolathur Teachers' Colony while walking on the road on Saturday evening. John Fedrix, the dogs' owner, was taking his pets for a walk. The dogs, a Rottweiler and a Boxer, were not licensed or registered with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC). The parents admitted Gerald to a private hospital in the area and lodged a complaint with the police. The Puzhal police registered a case against John Fedrix under the Sections 289 (Negligent conduct with the animals) and 336 (Act endangering life or personal safety of



The two dogs in the Kolathur incident will be under observation at the Blue Cross shelter for 10 days. GETTY IMAGES, PHOTO USED FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE

others) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the police said. GCC Veterinary Officer J. Kamal Hussain said the dogs were rescued and were under observation at the Blue Cross shelter. "The boy's condition is stable. The dogs' regular veterinarian confirmed via phone call that both had been vaccinated. However, physical documents were not presented. The dogs will be under observation

for 10 days to confirm their vaccination status," he said. "There are no provisions in the GCC rules for withholding the dogs permanently. If the owners obtain a license and registration before these 10 days, the dogs will be returned to the owner. Otherwise, action will be taken," Mr. Hussain said. In the other case, a 16-year-old boy was bitten by a pet dog at K.K. Nagar on

Saturday night. The police identified the victim as D. Anbarasu.

Chased and bitten

On Saturday night, when he was walking on the street with his friend, his neighbour's pet dog chased and bit him in the leg. He was taken to a nearby hospital and treated.

On the K.K. Nagar incident, Mr. Hussain said they received the information on Sunday, and that the inspection of the dog will be done on Monday. "The vaccination status of the dog, and its license details will be verified," he said.

In May, a child playing at a GCC park was mauled by two Rottweilers. The pet dogs attacked the mother as well. The police arrested the owners and the civic body made it mandatory for all pet owners to obtain licence and get their pets vaccinated before taking them out in public places.

AAI plans to install additional lifts and escalators at airport

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been planning to install additional lifts and escalators outside the domestic and international terminals.

AAI officials said the airport had been seeing about 50,000 passengers every day, and when the number of passengers goes up, there would be a need to ramp up infrastructure in the terminals, such as lifts and escalators.

"Passengers coming from or going to the multi-level car parking or the Chennai Metro Rail station usually use the lifts and escalators to go to the departure or arrival hall," an AAI official said.

At present, there is one set of escalators and an elevator each outside the domestic terminals, T1 and T4, and international terminal, T2.

But a study done recently indicated that more ele-

vators and escalators outside the domestic and international terminals will make things convenient for passengers.

"A consultant did a study about ways to improve traffic outside the terminals, passenger facilities, and signage. One of the recommendations is to increase the number of escalators and lifts. As the passenger traffic grows, more people will shuttle between the terminals, parking area, and Metro station. It is important to create infrastructure for future growth," the official said.

The city airport has been bustling with construction activities for the last few years due to the Phase II Modernisation Project, which has been undertaken at an estimated cost of ₹2,500 crore. Currently, the AAI has begun construction of the second part of the new integrated terminal building (T3).

191 landless SC/ST labourers benefited through T.N. Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corpn.'s land purchase scheme in 2023

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CHENNAI

A total of 191 landless agricultural labourers from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities benefited from the land purchase scheme of Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) in 2023.

To improve the socio-economic conditions of landless labourers from SC and ST communities in Ta-

mil Nadu, the State government introduced the land purchase scheme in 2004. The scheme focuses on women whose annual family income is not more than ₹3 lakh. The applicant should fall under the age category between 18 and 65.

The applicant can choose the parcel of land she intends to purchase from the seller, who should not be a person belonging to a SC/ST community. The scheme provides subsidy

of maximum 50% of the market value of the land or ₹5 lakh, whichever is lesser, to each family and for purchasing up to either 2.5 acres of nanjai or five acres of punjai land. The land registration fees and stamp duty are exempted under the scheme.

In 2022, the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare allotted ₹10 crore to implement the scheme.

According to the data available with the TAHDCO,

a total of 191 persons benefited under the Land Purchase Scheme in 2023. A total of ₹ 8.96 crore of subsidy has been distributed to the beneficiaries for purchasing land. Since 2019, the scheme has benefited a total of 215 persons.

M. Kalpana, a beneficiary from Periyammappalayam village near Veppanthalai in Perambalur district, told *The Hindu*: "The scheme was very useful to me and my family. Earlier, we did not own

land and used to work as farm labourers. A few months ago, I approached the TAHDCO office in Perambalur to avail myself of benefits under the scheme. I received a sum of money as subsidy and used it to purchase a little over half an acre of land. Along with my family, I am involved in sericulture now."

Official sources said TAHDCO also provides assistance for land development activities to beneficiaries from SC and ST

communities. A total of 146 persons benefited from the land development scheme in the last five years.

K.S. Kandasamy, Managing Director, TAHDCO said the subsidy will be directly given to the seller.

Earlier, the subsidy was given as a percentage of the guideline value, which was relatively a very small amount.

The scheme was remodelled to provide the subsidy as a percentage of the market value.

P.S. Educational Society launches coaching centre for UPSC exam

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The P.S. Educational Society has launched a coaching centre for aspirants who wish to ace the civil services exam.

The Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Academy for Civil Services, a unit of the society, will admit 30 students in its first batch and prepare them for the preliminary examination in 2025, said society president K.V.S. Gopalakrishnan, a former Indian Police Service officer.

As part of this effort, former Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Chairman D.P. Agarwal addressed students and parents at the P.S. Senior Secondary School on R.K.

**The Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Academy for civil services will offer classes at P.S. Senior Secondary School on R.K. Mutt Road**

Mutt Road on Sunday. Mr. Agarwal, who had been the UPSC's Chairman from 2008 to 2014, gave the audience a glimpse of what civil services was about.

Annually, around 12 lakh candidates apply for around 15,000 vacancies, which the government announces. "My experience in the 11 years I was in the commission is that UPSC only selects based on merit," he said.

The selection commit-

tee does not differentiate based on the number of attempts or on the categories to which the candidates belong, he said. Mr. Agarwal urged the academy to provide students books that gave them the correct information. Candidates should also be taught the importance of comprehending number manipulation and English comprehension, he added.

Mr. Gopalakrishnan said seven candidates had already enrolled in the programme. The candidates would be chosen based on their performance in an aptitude test. The aim is to admit around 25 to 30 candidates. The classes will be held at the school after school hours and on holidays.

General observers appointed for city ahead of vote counting

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Following the Election Commission's (EC) order, general observers were appointed on Sunday for the counting of votes for the Lok Sabha election, scheduled to be held on June 4.

In Chennai North, Kartikay Dhanji Budhdhabhatti (9445910953) has been appointed to oversee Tiruvottiyur and Dr. Radhakrishnan Nagar, while Rajesh Kumar (9445910932) will be the observer for Perambur, Kolathur, and Thiru. Vi. Ka. Nagar.

In Chennai Central, Jitendra Kakuste (9445910940) will oversee Villivakkam, Egmore, and

**The observers visited the city on Sunday to make preparations**

Harbour, while D. Suresh (9445910956) will handle Chepauk-Triplicane, Thousand Lights, and Anna Nagar.

For Chennai South, Muddada Ravichandra (9445910957) will monitor counting for Virugambakam, Saidapet, and T. Nagar Parliamentary constituencies, and Mohammed Shafiq Chak (94459 10945) will oversee Mylapore, Velachery, and Sholinganallur. The observers visited the city on Sunday to make preparations.

Man kills father-in-law in domestic dispute, held

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The Koyambedu police on Sunday arrested a 36-year-old man for allegedly murdering his father-in-law following a domestic dispute.

The police identified the victim as K. Kannan, 65, of Maduravoyal.

On May 23, he scolded his son-in-law Mahesh for quarrelling with his daughter.

Irritated by this, Mahesh hit Kannan on the head

with a rock when the latter was sleeping near Varasakthi Vinayagar temple in the locality.

Admitted to hospital

The injured Kannan was admitted to a government hospital, and his son Sivakumar lodged a police complaint.

On Saturday, Kannan died at the hospital without responding to treatment.

The police arrested Mahesh on charges of murder.

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**DEATH**

**JAYA KRISHNASWAMY**

**11-12-1933 02-06-2024**

Smt. Jaya Krishnaswamy passed away peacefully in the early hours of 2nd June 2024 after a brief hospitalisation. She is an alumna of Church Park school and Queen Mary's college in Chennai. She was a teacher and later headmistress at Mount St. Mary's in Delhi Cantonment, and at St. Mira's in Pune. Her students and colleagues fondly remember her, as she did them. In her retired life, together with her late husband, Air Vice Marshal V. Krishnaswamy, she founded the Madhuran Narayan Centre for exceptional children, with the support of the Sanmar family. She was a deeply committed educator, mentor, and friend to all who met her. She contributed much of her life to social causes, scholarships for deserving students, and to the renovation of village ponds and temples, including the family's ancestral village temple at Perumbakkam. Her instant smile and attention brought companionship and confidence to all.

Her circle of family and friends, across India and over the world, was ever-growing, but she never compromised on personal closeness. Active and energetic till the end, she inspired all by the ease with which she made friends of all ages, and by her socially dedicated life.

She is much missed and will be forever remembered.

Vijay Raghavan, Usha, Venkatesh Prasad, Malini, Srinivasa Madhavan, Julie, Varun, Ananya, Erin Jaya and Edward Krishna.

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# पांच गांवों के 9 हजार किसानों के विस्थापन के लिए 1296 करोड़ मंजूर

नोएडा हवाईअड्डे के दूसरे चरण से प्रभावित किसानों के विस्थापन के लिए सरकार ने जारी की अपने हिस्से की 35 फीसदी राशि

मनोज कुमार शर्मा

जेवर। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के दूसरे चरण से प्रभावित होने वाले नौ हजार किसानों के विस्थापन के लिए राज्य सरकार ने 1296 करोड़ रुपये मंजूर कर दिए हैं। राज्य सरकार अपने हिस्से की 37.5 फीसदी राशि करीब 486 करोड़ रुपये जारी कर दी है। इन राशि से एयरपोर्ट से प्रभावित पांच गांवों के लगभग 9000 किसानों के विस्थापन प्रक्रिया शुरू होगी। प्रभावित किसान फलैदा कट और मांडवलपुर पर बनाए जाने वाले टाउनशिप में विस्थापित किए जाएंगे।



दरअसल हवाई अड्डे के दूसरे चरण के फेज-1 के लिए जेवर के रन्हेरा, कुरैब, नगला जहानू, नगला हुकमसिंह और नगला भामला गांव की 1181 हेक्टेयर भूमि अधिग्रहीत की गई है। शासन से 1296 करोड़ की धनराशि की वित्तीय स्वीकृति के बाद हवाई अड्डे के विस्तारीकरण से प्रभावित परिवारों के लिए विस्थापन, टाउनशिप विकसित करने और



एयरपोर्ट के दूसरे चरण के फेज-1 के लिए शासन से 486 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि जारी कर दी गई है। शासन के दिशानिर्देश पर प्रभावित परिवारों के पुनर्वास और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन की प्रक्रिया पूरी कराई जाएगी।

- मनोज वर्मा, जिलाधिकारी, गौतमबुद्धनगर

प्रभावित परिवारों को उनकी संपत्ति का प्रतिकर देने में तेजी आएगी। प्रभावित परिवारों के किसानों ने पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के तहत दो जगह टाउनशिप विकसित करने की मांग रखी थी। जिसके बाद फलैदा कट और जेवर के मांडवलपुर गांव पर भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया शुरू की जा चुकी है।

हवाई अड्डे के विस्तारीकरण के

लिए अधिग्रहीत 1181 हेक्टेयर जमीन का प्रतिकर (मुआवजा) प्रशासन सीधे किसानों के बैंक खातों में जमा कराया जा चुका है। अधिग्रहण के बाद प्रभावित होने वाले रन्हेरा, कुरैब, कुरैब के मांजरा नगला जहानू, करौली के मांजरा नगला हुकमसिंह व रन्हेरा के मांजरा नगला भामला को विस्थापित करने का फैसला किया गया था। जिसके लिए जिला प्रशासन की

तरफ से 7 फरवरी, 14 व 21 मई 2024 को प्रभावित किसानों के पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के लिए वित्तीय स्वीकृति की मांग की गई थी। जिले के तीनों प्राधिकरण जल्द उपलब्ध कराएंगे धनराशि : नियाल में नोएडा प्राधिकरण की भी 37.5 प्रतिशत, ग्रेटर नोएडा की 12.5 फीसदी और यमुना प्राधिकरण की 12.5 प्रतिशत की हिस्सेदारी है। इस हिसाब से नोएडा प्राधिकरण को अपने हिस्से के 486.30 करोड़ और ग्रेटर नोएडा व यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण को 162-162 करोड़ रुपये जल्द जिला प्रशासन को उपलब्ध कराना होगा।

योडा : 15 दिन में पास होंगे नक्शों के ऑनलाइन आवेदन ग्रेटर नोएडा। यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण (योडा) ने बिल्डिंग प्लान सिस्टम के तहत आवंटियों ने ऑनलाइन नक्शा पास करने की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। पहले चरण में 38 आवंटियों ने आवेदन किया है, इनका नक्शा 15 दिन में पास करने का दावा किया गया है। सीईओ डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि 9 मई से ऑफलाइन व्यवस्था को बंद कर ऑनलाइन बिल्डिंग मैनेजमेंट प्लान लागू किया गया है। जिसके बाद योडा की वेबसाइट पर आवासीय श्रेणी में नक्शा पास कराने के लिए 201 आवंटियों ने पंजीकरण कराया है। इसके अलावा 59 आर्किटेक्ट ने ऑनलाइन सत्यापन कर नक्शा तैयार करने के लिए खुद को पैनल में शामिल कर लिया है। व्यूरो



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## एयरपोर्ट के पास जल्द प्लॉट ले सकेंगे



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मौका मिलने वाला है। यमुना  
प्राधिकरण (यौडा) 10 से 15 जून  
तक विभिन्न श्रेणियों में तीन स्कीम  
लॉन्च करने जा रहा है। यहां न्यूनतम

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तक बनाने का विकल्प मिलेगा।

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18 और 20 में न्यूनतम आय वर्ग के  
लोगों के लिए 30 मीटर के छह हजार  
से अधिक प्लॉटों की स्कीम 15 जून  
से शुरू होगी। 30 मीटर प्लॉट पर ढाई  
मंजिल तक मकान बनाया जा सकेगा।

यह सेक्टर एयरपोर्ट के काफी नजदीक  
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मीटर के 6500 प्लॉट पर स्कीम  
निकालेगा। भूखंड की कीमत साढ़े  
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किस्तों में किया जा सकेगा। 12 जून  
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प्लॉट एक हजार मीटर के होंगे।



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HINDUSTAN TIME MUMBAI 3 JUN 2024

# Bomb threat note on Vistara flight triggers full emergency at airport

The aircraft was taken to an isolation bay and searched, but no bomb was found

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**MUMBAI:** A Vistara flight operating on the Paris-Mumbai route received a bomb threat after which a full emergency was declared at the city airport prior to its arrival at 10.19am on Sunday. The aircraft was taken to an isolation bay and searched after it landed, but no bomb or suspicious object was found. Passengers on board were evacuated using a step ladder.

The Vistara UK 024 flight had 294 passengers and 12 crew members on board when a hand-written note was found on an airsickness bag in the flight, claiming the presence of a bomb, said sources. "We confirm that a security concern was noted by our staff while



The bomb threat note was found on board a Vistara Paris-Mumbai flight.

REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

onboard Vistara flight UK 024 operating from Paris to Mumbai on June 2. Following the protocol, we immediately informed relevant authorities. The flight landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai and we are fully cooperating with the security agencies for all the mandatory checks," said a Vistara spokesperson.

This was the third incident of

bomb scare involving airlines in the past week.

On Saturday, an IndiGo flight from Chennai to Mumbai made an emergency landing in Mumbai due to a bomb threat. "Upon landing in Mumbai, the crew followed protocol and the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay as per security agency guidelines," the airline said in a statement. All passengers were safely evacuated, the



We are fully cooperating with the security agencies

**SPOKESPERSON,** Vistara

statement noted.

On May 28, an IndiGo flight from Varanasi to New Delhi received a similar threat, which the police, after thorough checking, determined was a hoax. According to a Delhi Police officer, a female caller informed the airport security that her husband, travelling on the IndiGo flight, was carrying a bomb in his handbag. When the passenger was interrogated, he told the police that his wife was "mentally unfit", and she had made the call after watching news about a bomb threat on an aircraft a few days earlier.

## Flier tries to open door, arrested

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**MUMBAI:** The Sahar police on Saturday arrested a 25-year-old man after he allegedly tried to open the rear door of an Air India Express flight and created a ruckus onboard after being intercepted by other passengers and crew members.

The flight, IX 473, was enroute to Bahrain from Kozhikode when the incident occurred, said police. It took off from Kozhikode at around 10.10am, with the passenger, identified as Abdul Nadukodil, allocated seat number 15, the crew told police. Around two hours later, Nadukondil allegedly got up from his seat and went to the rear end of the aircraft, where he pushed a cabin crew mem-

ber and tried to open the aircraft door. The cabin crew explained to him that his act could jeopardise all occupants' lives and made him return to his seat.

Soon, however, Nadukondil began verbally abusing other passengers and threatening to open the aircraft door again. The cabin crew moved him to another seat but also thought it was best to deplane him considering his overall behaviour.

The complainant, a Mumbai-based security officer, said that at 12.52pm on Saturday, an alert was received that the flight would have to be diverted to Mumbai due to an unruly passenger.

The flight landed at 1.30pm, following which the crew offloaded Nadukondil and handed him over to security personnel.



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LOKSATTA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के आसपास धारा 144 लागू

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्त। देश में नई सरकार के गठन की तैयारी शुरू गई। वहीं दिल्ली पुलिस ने इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के आसपास धारा 144 लागू कर दी गई है। इस दौरान पुलिस ने विमानों के उड़ान के रास्ते में ड्रोन उड़ाने और लेजर बीम के इस्तेमाल पर भी बैन लगा दिया है। यहां आम लोगों द्वारा ड्रोन, पैरा-ग्लाइडर, एयरो-मॉडल आदि सहित मानव रहित विमान प्रणाली (यूएस) का उपयोग प्रतिबंधित है। दिल्ली पुलिस का कहना है कि 4 जून को मतगणना के बाद प्रधानमंत्री का शपथ ग्रहण समारोह होना है। इस कारण एयरपोर्ट पर वीवीआईपी विमानों की आवाजाही रहेगी। यह आदेश एक जून से लागू हो गया और 30 जुलाई तक लागू रहेगा।



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### जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास खरीद सकेंगे घर

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

ग्रेटर नोएडा शहर की बगल में स्थापित हो रहे जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास अपना खुद का घर खरीदना चाहते हैं, तो बस थोड़ा सा इंतजार करें। जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास यमुना औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण यीडा जल्दी ही आपके घर का सपना पूरा करने वाला है। इसी महीने यानि जून 2024 में ही यीडा एयरपोर्ट के पास फ्लैट तथा प्लॉट खरीदने का मौका देने वाला है।

जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास यीडा की योजना जल्दी ही घोषित होने वाली है। आपको बता दें कि यमुना प्राधिकरण यीडा के क्षेत्र में जेवर एयरपोर्ट स्थापित हो रहा है। इसी

#### ● जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास यीडा के योजना की जल्द होने वाली है घोषणा

साल अक्टूबर में जेवर एयरपोर्ट से फ्लाइट उड़नी शुरू हो जाएंगी। इसी बीच यीडा ने जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास फ्लैटों तथा प्लॉटों की बड़ी योजना घोषित करने की तैयारी कर ली है।

यीडा के सीईओ डॉ अरुणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि यीडा जल्दी ही फ्लैटों तथा प्लॉटों की योजना घोषित करेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि इस बार फ्लैट बुक करना हवाई जहाज के टिकट बुक करने जैसा आसान काम होगा। खरीदार ऑनलाइन बुकिंग के

दौरान ही लोकेशन, क्षेत्रफल, मंजिल संख्या और फ्लैट संख्या चुन सकेंगे। उन्हें शुरुआत में सिर्फ बुकिंग राशि देनी होगी। बाकी राशि किस्तों में देनी होगी।

यीडा के डा अरुणवीर सिंह ने आगे कहा कि हम लोगों को उनकी पसंद का फ्लैट खरीदने का मौका देना चाहते हैं। पूरी राशि चुकाने के बाद ही खरीदार को फ्लैट पर कब्जा मिलेगा। इससे निर्माण प्रक्रिया और आवंटन में पूरी पारदर्शिता रहेगी। इन परियोजनाओं के जरिए शहर में अवैध कॉलोनियों के निर्माण पर रोक भी लग सकेगी। तो बस थोड़ा सा इंतजार करें और जून महीने में ही जेवर एयरपोर्ट के पास अपना घर बनाने का सपना आसानी से साकार कर लें।



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RAJSTHAN PARTIKA JAIPUR 2 JUN 2024

जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर दिखा गर्मी का असर

# पारे में उछाल से विमानों के पहिये थमे...लगाना पड़ रहा दो घंटे नोटम

छह से आठ प्लाइट्स की लैंडिंग और टेक ऑफ में हो रही देरी

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जयपुर. गर्मी का असर जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर भी दिखाई दे रहा है। पारे में उछाल के कारण छह से आठ प्लाइट्स रोजाना 30 से 45 मिनट की देरी से पहुंच रही हैं। गर्मी के कारण देरी से ही उड़ान भर रही हैं। इस कारण यात्रियों को परेशानी हो रही है। हालांकि एयरलाइन कंपनियां इसकी वजह ऑपरेशनल या तकनीकी खामी बता रही हैं। दरअसल, जयपुर में पारा 45 या उससे अधिक बना हुआ है। इस कारण प्रतिदिन 6-8 प्लाइट्स के संचालन में देरी हो रही है। तापमान ज्यादा होने पर पायलट को कई बार दोपहर में टेक ऑफ के लिए इंतजार भी करना पड़ रहा है। हालांकि एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने मौसम देखते हुए एयरपोर्ट पर रोजाना 2 घंटे का नोटम (नोटिस टू एयर मिशन) लागू कर दिया है। रोजाना दोपहर में 2 से



### लंबा रनवे होने से बड़ी राहत

एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन का कहना है कि तापमान में वृद्धि के कारण छोटे एयरपोर्ट पर दिक्कत होती है लेकिन जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर ज्यादा समस्या नहीं होती। क्योंकि यहां रनवे की लंबाई

शाम 4 बजे तक नोटम लगाया जा रहा है। इस दौरान केवल इमरजेंसी या वीवीआइपी प्लाइट को ही लैंड या टेकऑफ की अनुमति दी जा रही है। इस बीच रनवे की मेंटेनेंस की जा रही है। क्योंकि तेज धूप और गर्मी के कारण विमान के टायर का रबर रनवे पर चिपक जाता है। उसे हटाया जाता है।

3.5 किलोमीटर है। इस वजह से टेक ऑफ और लैंडिंग में ज्यादा दिक्कत नहीं होती। फिर भी एहतियात के तौर पर सावधानी बरती जा रही है।

**ये हैं नोटम :** नोटम यानी नोटिस टू एयर मिशन सिस्टम विशेष संचार सिस्टम है जिसमें कंट्रोल टावर से पायलट और क्रू को जरूरी सूचनाएं भेजी जाती हैं जिससे उड़ानों में कोई समस्या नहीं आ सके। इन सूचनाओं में मौसम की जानकारी, रास्ते में अचानक आने वाली बाधा आदि शामिल होती हैं।

### गर्म हवा से दिक्कत

जानकारी के अनुसार विमान के टेक ऑफ के समय पायलट को मौसम का ध्यान रखना पड़ता है, क्योंकि उसके सामने कई चुनौतियां होती हैं। गुरुत्वाकर्षण बल को तोड़ते हुए विमान को हवा में लेकर जाना होता है। उसे ऊपर की ओर धकेलने के लिए हवा की मदद ली जाती है लेकिन गर्म हवा से यह मदद नहीं मिल पाती है। क्योंकि हवा जितनी ज्यादा गर्म होती है, वह उतनी ही ज्यादा फैलती है। ऐसे में या तो पायलट को तापमान कम होने का इंतजार करना पड़ता है या फिर टेक ऑफ के लिए लंबे रनवे की जरूरत होती है ताकि इंजन के थर्स्ट के बाद भी उड़ान भरी जा सके।



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THE TIME OF INDIA HYDERABAD 3 JUN 2024

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### **Cancellations of flight irk flyers at Tirupati airport**

**Tirupati:** A series of flight cancellations at Tirupati airport that too at the last minute within a week has come as a major concern for the devotees as well as other passengers.

According to officials, three flights had to be cancelled at the last minute in the last week due to various reasons. And, on Saturday, passengers who received their boarding passes were in for a rude shock when they were informed that the Hyderabad bound SpiceJet flight was cancelled due to technical reasons. Though the passengers protested for a while at the airport, they called off their protests after the airline promised to refund their ticket fares. TNN



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### 25-yr-old arrested for assaulting cabin crew

*Tried to open AI Express flight door*

**Mumbai, June 3:** The Mumbai police has arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly assaulting the cabin crew onboard an Air India Express flight from Kozhikode to Bahrain and trying to open the door of the aircraft, an official said on Monday.

The accused, Abdul Musavir Nadukandee, was arrested after the flight made an emergency landing at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) on Saturday, an official from the Sahar police said.

Mr Nadukandee, who hails from Kerala, woke up when the flight took off from Kozhikode and immediately went to the back of the aircraft, where he allegedly

assaulted the cabin crew and tried to open the door of the aircraft, he said.

When the crew members managed to bring the man back to his seat, he started verbally abusing and assaulting other passengers and threatened to open the emergency door, the official said.

Fearing a security threat, the pilot made an emergency landing at CSMIA and alerted the security officials, he said. A case has been registered against the accused under Sections 336 (act endangering life), 504 (provocation to breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Aircraft Act, the official said. — PTI

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### Rising air traffic to up revenues

**Dubai, June 3:** Global airlines on Monday raised their profit forecast for 2024 and projected industry-wide revenues just shy of \$1 trillion as a record number of travellers board flights.

The international air transport association (IATA) said it expected the worldwide industry to generate \$30.5 billion of profit this year, higher than an upwardly revised \$27.4 billion in 2023 as carriers keep a lid on underlying labour costs despite recent strikes.

That comes just four years after the industry collapsed to a \$140 billion loss in 2020 as a result of the pandemic.

"The environment is better than we had expected, particularly in Asia," director general Willie Walsh said on the sidelines of an annual meeting of IATA's more than 300 members, which acco-



unt for more than 80 per cent of global air traffic.

However, the airline industry warned its ability to serve a strong rebound in travel demand is being hampered by disruption to global supply chains, including deliveries of its own fleets.

Passenger yields - or the average amount paid by a passenger to fly one mile - are expected to strengthen by 3.2 per cent compared with 2023, IATA said in a twice-yearly economic outlook. In part, that is because capacity growth

is constrained, driving up average fares.

By contrast, the corresponding figure for cargo is expected to fall 17.5 per cent in 2024 as freight markets return towards normal patterns after booming during pandemic.

Airline activity is widely seen as a litmus test for business or consumer confidence, as well as trade.

The industry has high fixed costs and regulations that discourage most cross-border mergers, meaning it remains fragmented.

"The margin remains wafer thin; we're still looking at a margin of just over 3 per cent," Walsh said. "(That) performance is still well below where the industry needs to be."

In Asia, IATA more than trebled its industry profit forecast for 2024 to \$2.2 billion despite a sluggish recovery in international travel in China. — Reuters



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## JAPAN AIRLINES IN CODESHARING DEAL WITH INDIGO

**Mumbai, June 3:** Japan Airlines on Monday said it has entered into a code-share arrangement with IndiGo, which would help the Japanese carrier expand services to 14 destinations of the domestic carrier's network.

At present, Japan Airlines operates its services to Delhi and Bengaluru from Tokyo. It offers daily flight services to the national capital from Haneda Airport.

"The partnership expands the choices available to Japan Airlines customers for journeys to/from Japan, using IndiGo's extensive network in India," said Abhijit DasGupta, senior vice president for network planning and revenue management at IndiGo. —PTI



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AMAR UJALA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### रामनगरी में हवाई यात्रा के किराये में 1500 तक की कमी

अयोध्या। गर्मी की छुट्टियों के आखिर में एक बार फिर विमान कंपनियों की ओर से बुकिंग पर विशेष ऑफर दिया जा रहा है। विमानों में यात्रियों की संख्या

बढ़ाने के लिए सभी कंपनियों की ओर से बुकिंग में 1000-1500 रुपये तक कम करने की घोषणा की गई है। दिल्ली, मुंबई, कोलकाता, अहमदाबाद और हैदराबाद से अयोध्या धाम आने वालों को भी फ्लाइट बुकिंग के विशेष ऑफर का लाभ मिल रहा है। अयोध्या से दिल्ली की सीधी फ्लाइट का किराया

दिल्ली के लिए 29,00 और मुंबई के लिए 56,00 रुपये में बुक हो रही सीट



3400 रुपये है। मुंबई व कोलकाता का करीब 7000, हैदराबाद का 9000 और अहमदाबाद का 8000 है। यदि कोई अभी से 15 जून के बाद की बुकिंग कराता है तो दिल्ली की फ्लाइट 2921

रुपये में, मुंबई की 5600 रुपये, कोलकाता की 5520, हैदराबाद की करीब 6000 व अहमदाबाद की 6436 रुपये में आसानी से मिल जाएगी। जानकारों का मानना है कि इस बार भीषण गर्मी का असर विमान कंपनियों पर काफी पड़ा है। सभी स्थानों की फ्लाइट के पैसेंजर आधे हो गए। संवाद



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AMAR UJALA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

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### विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश करने वाला गिरफ्तार

मुंबई। मुंबई पुलिस ने कोझिकोड से बहरीन जा रहे एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश करने के आरोप में 25 वर्षीय युवक को गिरफ्तार किया है। पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि आरोपी अब्दुल मुसाविर नादुकांडी को छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमान की आपातकालीन लैंडिंग के बाद गिरफ्तार किया गया। कोझिकोड से उड़ान भरने के बाद यात्री ने केबिन कू पर हमला किया और विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश की। एजेंसी

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## IATA raises profit outlook on spike in passengers, revenue

**HEADWINDS.** 'Industry faces supply-chain challenges, onerous regulations and taxes'

**Aneesh Phadnis**  
Dubai

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has strengthened its profit outlook for global airlines in 2024 on the back of a record increase in passengers and revenue.

IATA, which represents 330 airlines globally, expects airlines to post a \$30.5 billion net profit with nearly \$1 trillion in revenue in 2024.

Previously, IATA had forecast a \$25.7 billion net profit for global airlines in 2024, and its latest revision indicates a strong recovery in air travel from the pandemic years.

Revenue and profit estimates have been pegged higher even as airlines continue to face aircraft delivery delays and supply chain challenges.

"In a world of growing uncertainties, airlines continue to shore up their profitability. The expected aggregate net profit of \$30.5 billion in 2024 is a great



Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA REUTERS

achievement, considering the recent deep pandemic losses. With a record five billion air travellers expected in 2024, the human need to fly has never been stronger," IATA's director general, Willie Walsh, said at the airline body's 80th annual general meeting in Dubai.

He added that profitability is expected to strengthen in 2024 as revenues grow slightly faster than expenses (9.7 per cent vs. 9.4 per cent respectively). While North American carriers will be significant contributors

to industry profitability, the Asia-Pacific region will contribute to passenger growth, with demand recoveries in China, Japan, and other countries. Walsh cautioned that supply chain challenges persist, and the industry face challenges like onerous regulations and taxes.

"The best thing that I can say about the supply chain exasperations of the last few years is that they appear to have not gotten worse. On top of that, there is onerous regulation. So,

there is plenty standing in the way of sustainable industry-level profits. But we can do it," Walsh remarked. Indian government needs to open up for foreign carriers

### REGULATORY SUPPORT

Later, responding to a query, Walsh said the potential of Indian aviation can be further unlocked with the right government policies.

Walsh said, "If India has to fulfil the ambitions of its airline industry and enable them to become global carriers, it needs to open access.

Walsh said he is optimistic about India. "I look at India, and I am amazed by its potential. Back in 2000, the Indian domestic market represented 0.4 per cent of global aviation and last year, it became 1.8 per cent. The potential exists and can be unlocked with the right government policies," he added.

The writer is in Dubai at the invitation of IATA



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## San Francisco flight delay could have been handled better, says Air India

**Aneesh Phadnis**  
Dubai

Air India could have handled the Delhi-San Francisco flight disruption in a better way, a senior official of the airline said.

Last Thursday, the airline's auxiliary power unit flight was delayed by over 24 hours, inviting passenger ire and a show-cause notice from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. "We have given compensation to passengers for inconvenience and disruption. We offered accommodation and food. But, the way it was handled could have been better," he said.

Narrating the sequence of events that led to the delay, the official said that the auxiliary power unit (APU) in San Francisco-bound aircraft was not functional, and hence air conditioning could not be switched on.

"The aircraft was towed across from a remote bay without a functioning APU. It was then connected to ground power, but that



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wasn't powerful enough to lower the temperature of the aircraft. Our staff made a call to board people on the aircraft. Maybe it was a wrong call, as the aircraft was uncomfortably hot," he said.

Other challenges cropped up, compounding the problem. A runway change limited the aircraft payload and required fuelling. Some passengers also decided against travelling, and their bags had to be offloaded and payload again. Eventually, the aircraft took off after a delay of over 24 hours.

"The way it was handled could have been better," he said.



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## IndiGo to add 10 destinations in FY25

**Aneesh Phadnis**

Dubai

IndiGo will add 10 new destinations in FY25 as it continues to spread its wings within India and overseas.

The destinations will include a mix of domestic and international points. This includes Mauritius and its third destination in Thailand, the airline's CEO, Pieter Elbers, said on the sidelines of the IATA AGM in Dubai on Monday. Elbers said the international air market from India is growing at a faster pace as Indian travellers have become more aspirational.

### **CAPACITY EXPANSION**

The capacity expansion and



network addition come on the back of a record fourth-quarter profit in FY24. While the airline continues to struggle with supply chain issues, it has guided capacity growth in the early double digits in FY25.

In the last two years, IndiGo has added 22 destinations and is also expanding partnerships with other carriers for passenger feed. At present, it flies to over 120

destinations, including 33 overseas destinations.

On Monday, IndiGo and Japan Airlines announced a code-sharing partnership that will allow the Japanese carrier to improve its connectivity to India.

"Japan has been increasing in popularity amongst Indian travellers, as both countries are working to strengthen bilateral relationships and ease the visa norms. This phase of the partnership expands the choices available to Japan Airlines customers for journeys to and from Japan using IndiGo's extensive network in India," said Abhijit Dasgupta, Senior Vice President of Network Planning and Revenue Management, IndiGo.

# भारत में होगी आईएटीए की बैठक

दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 3 जून

भारत अगले साल इंटरनैशनल एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट एसोसिएशन (आईएटीए) की सालाना आम बैठक की मेजबानी करेगा। यह विमानन क्षेत्र में दुनिया का एक प्रमुख कार्यक्रम है और भारत में इसका आयोजन 42 साल बाद हो रहा है।

दुनिया की लगभग सभी विमानन कंपनियों, विमान विनिर्माताओं और इस उद्योग से जुड़ी दूसरी संस्थाओं के प्रमुख और शीर्ष अधिकारी वैश्विक विमानन क्षेत्र पर चर्चा करने के लिए आईएटीए की सालाना आम बैठक में जुटते हैं। यह विमानन उद्योग के सबसे महत्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रमों में गिना जाता है।

आईएटीए ने आज एक घोषणा में कहा कि बाजार हिस्सेदारी के लिहाज से भारत की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो 8 से 10 जून, 2025 तक दिल्ली में आयोजित होने वाली इस बैठक और वर्ल्ड एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट समिट की मेजबान होगी। वैश्विक हवाई यातायात में 80 फीसदी से अधिक हिस्सेदारी वाली करीब 330 विमानन कंपनियां आईएटीए की सदस्य हैं।

आईएटीए के महानिदेशक विली वाल्श ने कहा, 'हम 2025 में आईएटीए की 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक के लिए समूचे उद्योग को दिल्ली में जुटाने के लिए तैयार हैं। दिल्ली में आईएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक हुए चार दशक से ज्यादा बीत चुके हैं।'

उन्होंने कहा, 'विमानों के रिकॉर्ड ऑर्डर, प्रभावशाली वृद्धि और विश्वस्तरीय बुनियादी ढांचे के साथ भारत इस दशक में दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा विमानन बाजार बनने जा रहा है। ऐसी उज्ज्वल संभावनाओं के बीच



## सालाना आम बैठक

■ भारत को 42 साल बाद मिली सालाना वैश्विक एयरलाइन शिखर बैठक की मेजबानी

■ दिल्ली में अगले साल 8 से 10 जून तक होगी बैठक एवं वर्ल्ड एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट समिट

■ भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो करेगी इसकी मेजबानी

■ तीसरी बार दिल्ली में होगी आईएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक

आईएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक के लिए भारत आने और यहां के विकास को देखने के लिए यह बिल्कुल सही समय है।

इंडिगो के सीईओ पीटर एल्बर्स ने कहा, 'हमें आईएटीए की 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक का मेजबान बनने पर गर्व है। हम 2025 में दिल्ली में वैश्विक विमानन बिरादरी का स्वागत करने के लिए उत्सुक हैं।' उन्होंने कहा कि भारत अगले कुछ वर्षों में तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनने जा रहा है। आर्टिफिशल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई) का

उपयोग करते हुए यह देश चौथी औद्योगिक क्रांति का नेतृत्व कर रहा है। पिछले कुछ साल में वैश्विक विमानन क्षेत्र में भारत का उदय उल्लेखनीय रहा है।'

आईएटीए की 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक भारत में कराने का फैसला दुबई में चल रही 80वीं बैठक में लिया गया। दिल्ली में यह बैठक तीसरी बार आयोजित की जाएगी। इससे पहले 1958 और 1983 में यह कार्यक्रम भारत में हुआ था।

केंद्रीय विमानन मंत्री ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया ने कहा कि भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र के लिए यह गर्व का क्षण है क्योंकि वह 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक की मेजबानी करने जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में इस क्षेत्र ने रिकॉर्ड यात्री संख्या, विश्वस्तरीय बुनियादी ढांचे का विकास, क्षेत्रीय संपर्क में वृद्धि और ऐतिहासिक विमान ऑर्डर के साथ शानदार विकास किया है।

भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों ने देश के हवाई यात्रा बाजार की बढ़ती मांग पूरी करने के लिए पिछले साल से अब तक विमानों के चार बड़े ऑर्डर दिए हैं। टाटा द्वारा संचालित एयर इंडिया समूह ने फरवरी 2023 में 470 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया था, जिसमें 250 विमान एयरबस और 220 विमान बोइंग से आने हैं। इंडिगो ने जून 2023 में एयरबस के साथ 500 ए320नियो विमानों का सौदा किया, जो दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा विमान ऑर्डर है।

नई विमानन कंपनी आकासा एयर ने बोइंग को 150 बी737 मैक्स विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया। पिछले महीने इंडिगो ने एयरबस को चौड़ी बॉडी वाले 30 ए350-900 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया, जो करीब 4 से 5 अरब डॉलर का है।

# World's biggest aviation summit flies back to India after 42 yrs

**OVER 1,000  
AIRCRAFT ORDERS  
SINCE FEB 2023**

■ **2023February:** Air India placed orders for 470 aircraft, including 190 B737MAX

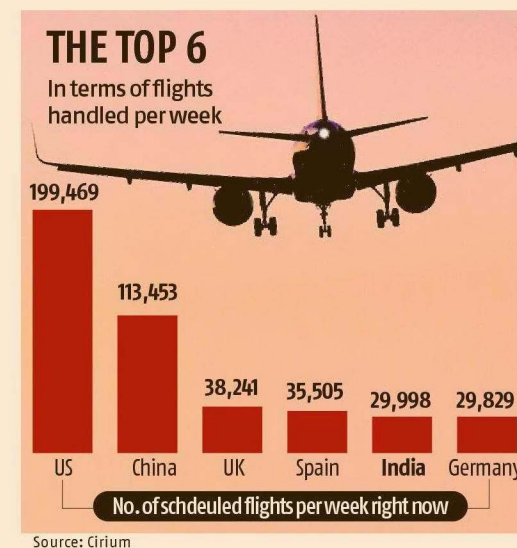
**June:** Orders for 500 aircraft, including 375 A321neo, placed by IndiGo

**January:** Akasa placed orders for 150 aircraft

■ **2024 April:** IndiGo placed orders for 30 aircraft

**June:** IndiGo reportedly in talks with ATR to place an order for 100 turboprop aircraft

Source: Airline announcements



## IndiGo to host 81st IATA annual general meeting in Delhi next year

**DEEPAK PATEL**  
New Delhi, 3 June

India will host the world's most premier aviation event, the annual general meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), next year, after a gap of 42 years.

This will be the third time the IATA AGM — considered one of the most significant events in the aviation industry's calendar — has convened in Delhi, after 1958 and 1983.

The chiefs and various other top executives of almost all global airlines, aircraft manufacturers, and other aviation sector stakeholders

gather once a year at the IATA's AGM to discuss issues pertaining to the global aviation sector.

IndiGo, India's largest airline by market share, will be the host airline of the AGM and the World Air Transport Summit, which will take place in Delhi between June 8 and 10, 2025, IATA announced on Monday.

About 330 airlines, comprising more than 80 per cent of global air traffic, are members of IATA.

"We look forward to gathering the aviation industry in Delhi, India's gateway city, for the 81st IATA AGM in 2025. It's been over four decades since the industry came together for an IATA AGM in Delhi," said IATA's Director General Willie Walsh.

"With record aircraft orders, impressive growth, and world-class infrastructure developments, India is firmly on the trajectory to become the world's third-largest aviation market within this decade. With such bright prospects, it's the perfect time for the IATA AGM to return to India and witness these exciting developments first-hand," said IATA's Director General Willie Walsh.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said India's rise in the global aviation landscape over the past years had been nothing short of remarkable. "India, becoming the third-largest economy within the next few years and leading the fourth industrial revolution with the use of AI

(artificial intelligence), is a nation on the move," Elbers said.

The decision to host the 81st IATA AGM in India was made at the 80th IATA AGM, which is currently going on in Dubai. Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said it was a proud moment for Indian aviation.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the sector has grown tremendously with a record passenger count, development of world-class infrastructure, enhanced regional connectivity, and historic aircraft orders, he said. "I am certain that this will provide national and international stakeholders with a platform to further explore the Indian aviation market and open new avenues for collaboration and sustainability," he said.

To meet the growing demand in the country's air travel market, Indian carriers have made four huge aircraft orders since 2023. **Turn to Page 6**

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month placed an order with European planemaker Airbus for 30 A350-900 widebody aircraft, with a deal size estimated to be between \$4-5 billion. IndiGo is reportedly also in discussions with ATR to place an order for 100 turboprop aircraft.

India is expected to become the centre of world aviation in the next 15 years as the demand, capacity, and professionally-run airlines are present in the country's aviation market, Edward Delahaye, head of customer accounts for India and South Asia at Airbus,

had said in February.

India has about 800 commercial aircraft operating in its skies, and the majority of them are from European plane-maker Airbus.

"If you add domestic traffic growth, gross domestic product growth in the country, recapturing a lot of international traffic from other international airports, and establishing India as a connecting place in the world, I think the prospects of Indian aviation are very bright, well beyond what we are seeing today," he had said.

# World's biggest aviation summit flies back to India after 42 yrs

In February 2023, the Tata-run Air India Group placed an order for 470 planes—250 with Airbus and 220 with American planemaker Boeing.

In June 2023, IndiGo made the world's largest aircraft order by signing a deal for 500 A320neo family planes from Airbus.

In January 2024, the new airline Akasa Air placed an order for 150 B737 Max aircraft with Boeing. IndiGo had last



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### **SpiceJet suspends all 60 flights to, from Chennai till June 10**

SpiceJet airline on Monday stated that it has suspended operations at Chennai airport until June 10 "due to operational reasons". The airline was scheduled to operate 43 flights per week to three cities — Delhi, Ayodhya and Shirdi — in June to and from the Chennai airport, according to firm Cirium. Sources said that the airline has cancelled about 60 flights until June 10 to and from the Chennai airport due to the aforementioned suspension.

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## Why is Kalanithi Maran seeking upwards of Rs 1,300 cr from Spicejet

*Last week, Spicejet was in the news after former owners KAL Airways and Kalanithi Maran sought more than Rs 1,323 crore in 'damages' from the airline following a judgement by a division bench of the Delhi High Court. Spicejet dismissed KAL's claims as baseless and legally untenable. In this edition of DH Deciphers, Abhilash Reddy, examines this latest flashpoint, as well as other issues facing the beleaguered airline.*

### What did the Delhi High Court say?

Setting aside the single judge bench order that had upheld an arbitral award asking SpiceJet and its promoter Ajay Singh to refund 579 crore plus interest to Mr. Maran, the division bench allowed the appeals and remanded the matter back to the court concerned to consider the petitions challenging the arbitral award afresh.

"This claim was thoroughly examined and subsequently rejected by a panel of three retired Supreme Court judges. Following this, KAL Airways and Kalanithi Maran appealed to the single-judge bench of the Delhi High Court, seeking the same amount in damages, which was again rejected by the court," SpiceJet said.

### When did the ongoing dispute actually began?

The case dates back to early 2015, when Ajay Singh, who owned the airline earlier, bought it back from Mr. Maran after it was grounded for months due to financial difficulties. As part of the agreement, Maran and his KAL Airways reportedly paid 679 crore to SpiceJet in lieu of warrants and preference shares. However, Maran approached the Delhi High Court in 2017, alleging that SpiceJet never issued the promised securities and requested the return of his money.

### When did Kalanithi Maran buy SpiceJet and why did he sell it?

In 2010, the airline was taken over by Kalanithi Maran-owned KAL Airways (a subsidiary of the Sun Group) for Rs 750 crore through acquisition of a 38% stake from American private equity investor Wilbur Ross and the UK-based Kansagra family. And before Ajay Singh reacquired the airline, Maran invested another Rs 800 crore, increasing his share in the company to 53%. The airline began making profits in 2010 and 2011 after reporting losses for 10 years.

But the trend soon reversed when the airline incurred huge maintenance, repair and overhaul costs, which were 30-40% more than the normal. The other reason was the low utilisation of new planes, as well as issues with engine suppliers. The airline began making losses from mid-2013 onwards despite high demand in the market. All the efforts by KAL Airways to bring about a turnaround culminated in SpiceJet's reacquisition in 2015 by Ajay Singh for a token amount of Rs 2 along with the debt of over 1,400 crore and other liabilities of over Rs 2,000 crore.

### What were the issues plaguing the SpiceJet ever since its reacquisition?

SpiceJet was already reeling in losses when Ajay Singh bought it back. Dues were not paid to leasing companies and vendors selling spare parts. Some of its new planes were grounded due to lack of spares. Apart from the financial difficulties, the airline found itself embattled in legal disputes starting with Maran who approached the Delhi High Court in 2017. The Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 worsened the airline's financial woes. Since last year, SpiceJet has seen multiple lessors approaching the National Company Law Tribunal seeking insolvency resolution proceedings against it, in a bid to clear pending settlements. It also had its flights reporting serious incidents (at least eight mid-air incidents and an accident forcing the airline to either cut short its journey and turn back its aircraft and land at the airport of origin, or continue to its destination with "degraded safety margins") which led to the Director General of Civil Aviation issuing notices to it and investments over Rs 1,000 crore to bring about a turnaround and make the airline healthy financially.



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### **Vistara flight gets threat; lands in Mumbai amid emergency alert**

**MUMBAI, PTI:** A Mumbai-bound Vistara flight with 306 persons onboard from Paris received a bomb threat after which a full emergency was declared at the city airport prior to its arrival here, a source said.

The flight landed at 10:19 am on Sunday, the source said.

Vistara on Sunday reported that its flight UK 024 from Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport to Mumbai received a handwritten note on an airsickness bag threatening a bomb," said the source.

Following this, full emergency was declared at 10.08 am, as per the source, who added that the flight landed at 10.19 am.



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### आकासा एयर और इंडिगो के विमान में बम की अफवाह



चेन्नई में सोमवार को कोलकाता जाने वाले इंडिगो के विमान में बम की अफवाह के बाद निगरानी करते सुरक्षाकर्मी • प्रेटर

मुंबई, प्रेटर: आकासा एयर की दिल्ली-मुंबई उड़ान और इंडिगो की चेन्नई-कोलकाता उड़ान में सोमवार को बम की सूचना मिली। आकासा एयर के विमान को अहमदाबाद डायवर्ट किया

गया है। इसमें एक बच्चा और छह क्रू मेंबर सहित 186 यात्री सवार थे। एयरलाइन के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि दिल्ली से मुंबई के लिए उड़ान भरने के बाद विमान में सुरक्षा अलर्ट मिला था। इसके बाद सुबह 10:13 बजे अहमदाबाद के सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल अंतराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर विमान की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई।

दूसरी तरफ, चेन्नई से कोलकाता जाने वाला इंडिगो का विमान बम की अफवाह के कारण दो घंटे लेट

दिल्ली-मुंबई विमान अहमदाबाद डायवर्ट, चेन्नई-कोलकाता विमान दो घंटे लेट, एक बच्चा और छह क्रू मेंबर सहित 186 यात्री सवार

हो गया। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि थ्रूपक्कम स्थित इंडिगो काल सेंटर में आई काल में कहा गया कि चेन्नई-कोलकाता विमान में बम धमाका होगा। तब तक यात्री विमान में बैठ चुके थे। सभी को नीचे उतारा गया। इसके बाद विमान की जांच की गई। हालांकि, जांच में कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। सभी सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के बाद विमान सुबह 10:30 बजे कोलकाता के लिए रवाना हुआ।

# Ageing Planes, Limited Maintenance Capability Mar Maharajah's Empire

Air India leasing aircraft to avoid flight delay, other issues till planned \$400m upgrade next yr

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**New Delhi:** As Tata group-owned Air India faces intense criticism and scrutiny from passengers and regulators over inordinate flight delays, company insiders are pointing fingers at the state of the planes, as well as constraints over their upkeep.

"Air India's planes are old, and completely dependent on Air India Engineering Services (AIESL) for maintenance work," a senior airline official told ET.

Last week, one of the carrier's flights from Delhi to San Francisco was delayed by 30 hours, while another to Vancouver over the we-

ekend was more than 17 hours late — both due to technical issues.

Multiple airline officials blame old, worn-out planes and a lack of inhouse engineering capacity for such delays on international routes, causing major inconveniences to flyers, even as Tata group struggles to overhaul its fleet of aircraft, some of which are 15 years old. "While we get the new planes and refurbish the old ones, it is a painstaking process to deal with this," said the official cited.

Air India and AIESL didn't immediately respond to ET's emailed queries.

Air India had planned to invest \$400 million for upgrading 40 Boeing 777 and 787 planes starting mid-2024, but the project has been deferred to 2025 due to a global supply chain crisis, with vendors struggling to supply parts, the people said.

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## Inside DisrepAir India

**Air India's** Boeing 777s are over 15 years old

**It has leased** planes to improve services on North American routes

**Several recent** incidents have left passengers upset

**MAY 24**

**Mumbai-San Francisco** flight delayed by six hours

**Passengers** complain of poor air-conditioning

**MAY 30**

**Delhi-San Francisco** flight delayed by over 30 hours

**This was a result of** repeated technical failures

**JUNE 1**

**Flight from Delhi to Vancouver** delayed by over 22 hours



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The airline has leased 11 aircraft from Delta Air Lines and Etihad Airways to tide over issues till its new planes start arriving from mid-2025.

"The airline tries to position aircraft on routes to Europe and North America, but when technical issues crop up at the last moment, it becomes difficult to manage, as the airline has significantly expanded its long-haul network," a person aware of the development said.

Air India now operates 51 weekly flights to North America, compared to 33 before privatisation. These routes are its biggest revenue generators, as closure of the Russian airspace for European and US airlines has

made the carrier the only option for passengers who want to fly direct.

### BUILDING ITS OWN

The airline has an agreement with the government to do business with AIESL till 2025.

Air India has started developing inhouse engineering capabilities, a second airline official said. It has partnered with Singapore Airlines Engineering Company for developing a major engineering works facility in Bengaluru. The airline has also leased more than 100 acres at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport to build a hangar for wide-bodied aircraft, said the official.



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## New Delhi to Host AGM of IATA in 2025

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**Dubai:** In a show of confidence in India's growing stature in world aviation, New Delhi will next year host the 81st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the largest industry group of airlines in the world. Delhi hosted the event back in 1956 and 1983.

IATA on Monday said that Pieter Elbers, CEO of IndiGo, as the chair of the body's board of governors, will be the host of next year's Annual General Meeting.

"It is indeed an honor to assume this role at a time when India is emerging as one of the world's largest and fastest growing civil aviation markets and evolving into a formidable force in the airline industry. Adhering to

IATA's legacy of aviation as a force for good, we will continue in our focus of highlighting the benefits of aviation in building connections, augmenting trade, tourism, mobility—benefits also visible in India," Elbers said.

IATA director general Willie Walsh said he is very optimistic about the opportunities in the Indian aviation sector and right policies of the government can unlock the country's potential. Walsh said India's share in the global aviation market is 1.8% as compared to 2000, when it was only 0.4%. "When you look at the Chinese market which is 12% of global aviation, it signifies the potential that can be unlocked in India and it can only be done if the right policies of the government are in place."

Civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the sector has grown tremendously with a record passenger count, development of world-class infrastructure, enhanced regional connectivity and historic aircraft orders.

(The reporter is in Dubai at the invitation of IATA)

## IndiGo to Add 10 New Destinations in FY25

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**Dubai:** India's largest airline IndiGo will start 10 new destinations in FY25, as it speeds up expansion on the international front.

The destinations include a mix of domestic and international. "We will be flying to Mauritius and add another destination in Thailand," the airline's CEO Pieter Elbers said on the sideline of the AGM of International Air Transport Association at Dubai.

At present the airline flies to 122 destinations which include 88 domestic and 33 international points. The capacity expansion comes on the back of record profit in FY 24. Despite facing grounding of more than 70 planes due issues with Pratt & Whitney engines, Elbers said the airline has been able to maintain its capacity guidance. Much like its domestic strategy, IndiGo has focused on a fast expansion strategy on international routes too.

The airline recently announced a major change in strategy to foray into the long haul market and have business class in their aircraft. "We now have a whole generation coming up that has never flown business class. Similarly, years ago there was a whole generation in India, that'd never taken a plane, who then became our first-time fliers," Elbers said.

The carrier, he said, sees a significant opportunity in international travel out of India. "The accumulative share of Indian carriers is significantly lower than the share of foreign carriers and clearly given the fact that the market is in India itself, that's a bit odd. We are starting to build on getting our share in those markets and a lot of the recent initiatives are helping us regain that," he said.



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## INDIGO TO HOST IATA'S 81ST AGM IN JUNE NEXT YEAR



INDIGO WILL HOST the next annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in New Delhi in June 2025. This will be taking place in India after 42 years, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said.

## JAPAN AIRLINES INKS CODESHARE PACT WITH INDIGO

JAPAN AIRLINES HAS entered into a codeshare pact with IndiGo, which would help the Japanese carrier expand services to 14 destinations of the domestic carrier's network.

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# Mid-air ruckus by flier

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An Air India flight (IX-473) from Kozhikode to Bahrain had to be diverted to Mumbai because of a passenger attempting to open the aircraft door, physically assaulting, and abusing other passengers and creating a commotion. The accused, identified as Abdul Nadukkandiyil, 25, from Kerala, was handed over to the security department by the crew after the pilot landed the aircraft at Mumbai Airport. The flight then continued to Bahrain. The incident took place on June 1, and a case was registered at the Sahar police station the same day.

According to the police report, Air India flight IX-473 departed from Kozhikode at 10.10am for Bahrain. The accused, Abdul, was travelling on the flight, seated at 15T. Around noon, he went to the back of the plane and, without reason,



**The AI flight forced to land at Mumbai**

physically assaulted the crew members and attempted to open the door of the aircraft. The crew tried to convince him that it was dangerous for everyone on the flight and brought him back to his seat. He then started to abuse other passengers, physically assault them and threatened to open the door of the aircraft

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## Mid-air ruckus by flier

Since Abdul's seat was near the emergency door, after the episode, the crew changed his seat, but he continued to be disruptive and attempted to endanger the lives of other fliers. The crew informed the pilot, who

decided to divert the flight to Mumbai. The flight made an emergency landing at Mumbai Airport Bay V-10 at 1.30pm. The crew handed over the accused, along with all his documents, to the Air India security department. Subsequently, Air India security officers brought him to the Sahar police station and handed him over to the cops, filing a case against him under the Indian Penal Code sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 336 (act endangering life), 504 (provocation to breach of the peace), and 506 (criminal intimidation), along with the Aircraft Act section 22 (assault, intimidation, or threatening, whether physically or verbally).



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### फ्लाइट में मिली बम की धमकी रूट डायवर्ट कर अहमदाबाद में कराई गई इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली से मुंबई जा रही अकासा एयर के प्लेन को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली है। बम की खबर मिलने के बाद प्लेन को अहमदाबाद की ओर रूट डायवर्ट किया गया। प्लेन में 186 यात्री सवार हैं। अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर प्लेन को लैंड कराने के बाद उसमें सवार सभी यात्रियों को उतार दिया गया। मौके पर डॉग स्क्वार्ड की टीम को बुलाकर यात्रियों का सामान चेक किया जा है।

#### 8 दिन में चौथी धमकी

प्लेन में बम होने की धमकी का यह पहला मामला नहीं है। इससे पहले अलग-अलग कंपनी की फ्लाइटों को 3 और धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। 28 मई को वाराणसी से नई दिल्ली आने वाले इंडिगो की भी बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई थी। पुलिस के मुताबिक, एक महिला ने फोन कर बताया था कि उसके पिता के पास बम है और वह प्लेन में सफर कर रहे हैं। 1 जून को चेन्नई से मुंबई जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई 5314 में बम होने की धमकी मिली थी। विमान में 172 यात्री सवार थे, जिनको सुरक्षित विमान से उतार लिया गया था। 2 जून को पेरिस से मुंबई आने वाले विस्तारा एयर लाइन के विमान को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई थी। विमान के एयर सिकनेस बैग में बम धमाके की धमकी वाला एक नोट मिला था।





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## हवाई यात्रा की वास्तविक लागत में कमी

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी।  
आईएटीए के महानिदेशक  
विली वॉल्श ने सोमवार को  
कहा कि पिछले दशक में  
हवाई यात्रा की वास्तविक  
लागत में 34 प्रतिशत की  
गिरावट आई है। प्रति यात्री  
एयरलाइन को मिलने वाला  
लाभ करीब 6.14 अमेरिकी  
डॉलर है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई  
परिवहन संघ 330 से  
अधिक एयरलाइन का एक  
वैश्विक समूह है।



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### दो विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। बम की सूचना के कारण सोमवार को दो विमानों का संचालन प्रभावित हुआ। इसके चलते दिल्ली के आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से मुंबई जा रहे अकासा एयरलाइंस के विमान को अहमदाबाद में उतारना पड़ा। जबकि, चेन्नई से कोलकाता जाने वाले इंडिगो के विमान की एयरपोर्ट पर ही सघन तलाशी ली गई।

अकासा एयरलाइंस के अनुसार सुबह 8.40 बजे उसके एक विमान ने मुंबई के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। रास्ते में पायलट को बताया गया कि विमान में बम की धमकी मिली है। इसके चलते विमान को तुरंत अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने के निर्देश दिए गए। सुबह लगभग 10.15 बजे विमान

#### उड़ान के दौरान दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश

मुंबई। उड़ते विमान में चालक दल के सदस्य पर हमला करने और विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश करने के आरोपी युवक को मुंबई पुलिस ने गिरफ्तार कर लिया है। पुलिस ने सोमवार को बताया कि यह घटना कोझिकोड से बहरीन जाने वाली एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान में हुई थी। पुलिस ने बताया कि शनिवार को मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमान को आपात स्थिति में उतारा गया और आरोपी अब्दुल मुसविर नादुकांडी को गिरफ्तार किया गया। नादुकांडी केरल का रहने वाला है और उसने कोझिकोड से उड़ान भरने के बाद विमान के पिछले हिस्से में जाकर चालक दल के सदस्य के साथ मारपीट की और विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश की।

अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर उतारा गया। वहां सभी 186 यात्रियों को सफुल्ल उतार लिया गया। पूरे विमान की गहन जांच की गई, लेकिन कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। रात को इस विमान ने मुंबई के लिए उड़ान भरी।

इसके अलावा चेन्नई से कोलकाता

जाने वाले इंडिगो के एक विमान में सुबह बम रखे होने की सूचना मिली। यह सूचना धुराईपक्कम स्थित इंडिगो के कॉल सेंटर को दी गई थी। इसके तुरंत बाद विमान को एयरपोर्ट पर ही किनारे ले जाया गया। उसकी गहन जांच हुई पर कुछ संदिग्ध नहीं मिला।



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# THE HINDU DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### Global airlines to see revenue soar to a record \$1-trillion in 2024: IATA

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DUBAI

The global airline industry is likely to post \$30.5 billion in net profit with almost \$1 trillion in revenue in CY2024, according to the International Association of Air Transport Association (IATA) which revised its estimates upward.

"Aviation has recovered from the pandemic and is growing profitably," the Director General of IATA, Willie Walsh, said at its 80th Annual General Meeting being held in Dubai.

Though the industry will witness a record revenues of almost \$1 trillion



**Looking up:** IATA Director General Willie Walsh said the aviation sector has recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic. REUTERS

for 2024, expenses will also be at a record high of \$936 billion. Net profit though will be \$30.5 billion which represents a net

margin of just more than 3%, which will be an improvement on estimated 2023 net profit of \$27.4 billion. It is also an improve-

ment over the \$25.7 billion IATA's December 2023 forecast for 2024 profit.

#### **Meagre profit**

He underlined airlines only retain \$6.14 of profit per passenger which can buy one espresso coffee.

However, a fiercely-competitive environment among airlines and the oligopolistic upstream supply chain's lack of competition will continue to squeeze the airline industry which is expected to earn a 5.7% return on invested capital which is well below the average 9% cost of capital.

*(The reporter is in Dubai at the invitation of IATA)*



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# Mumbai-bound plane diverted to Ahmedabad after bomb threat, third instance in three days

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**MUMBAI:** A Mumbai-bound Akasa Air flight was diverted to Ahmedabad on Monday after it received a bomb threat, making it the third such instance in three days.

The captain of the Delhi-Mumbai plane followed all required emergency procedures and landed safely at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport at 10:13am, Akasa Air said in a statement. The aircraft was carrying 186 passengers along with one infant and six crew members.

"Akasa Air flight QP1719, flying from Delhi to Mumbai on June 3, received a security alert on board. As per prescribed safety and security procedures, the plane was diverted to

### SOP DURING SECURITY ALERT

**Meeting held:** The Airport Operation Control Centre (AOCC) holds a meeting as soon as the airport is alerted of a threat call. The AOCC is chaired by representatives of the airport operator, police, CISF, Customs, BCAS and intelligence bureau at airports.

**Check list made:** The teams make check list of details to certify if the threat is specific or non-specific. The check list contains questions such as location of bomb, flight number, etc.

**Threat-specific drill:** If the threat is specific, the drill is to evacuate and then conduct a search operation. If it is a non-specific threat, search precedes the evacuation drill..

Ahmedabad and all passengers were deplaned. Akasa Air is following and supporting all safety and security protocols on ground," the airline said in a statement.

Earlier, on Sunday, a Vistara UK 024 flight operating on the

Paris-Mumbai route received a bomb threat on board after which a full emergency was declared at the Mumbai airport prior to its arrival at 10.19am. The aircraft was taken to an isolation bay and searched after it landed, but no bomb or suspi-

cious object was found. All 294 passengers on board were evacuated safely using a step ladder.

On May 31, a Vistara flight bound for Srinagar, carrying 177 passengers and one infant received a bomb threat, prompting swift action by the airline and security forces.

Flight no-UK-611, which departed from Delhi, landed safely at Srinagar Airport at approximately 12:10am.

Despite the disruption, all passengers were reported to be safe, and the situation was handled with the utmost priority to ensure their security.

In another similar incident on Saturday, an IndiGo flight from Chennai to Mumbai with 172 passengers on board received a bomb threat following which the aircraft made an emergency landing in Mumbai.

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# End of Vistara looms as Tatas plan to seal merger by yr-end

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**DUBAI:** The Tata group will bid goodbye to the Vistara brand by the end of the year, as it aims to bring its four airlines under one umbrella. According to three executives aware of the timelines, the Tata group will complete the integration process late this year and start 2025 with just two brands: Air India, a full-service carrier, and Air India Express, a low-fare airline.

"The integration of Air India Express with AIX Connect (formerly called AirAsia India) is currently awaiting nod from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). We expect this process to complete within another two months or so," said one of the three executives, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The executives spoke to *Mint* on the sidelines of the annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), a global airline body.

Once the NCLT gives its permission, the Tata group hopes to take another 4-5 months to merge the air operator certificates of AIX Connect and Air



**Post-merger, Singapore Airlines' stake in the merged entity will reduce to 25.1%. PTI**

India Express.

The Tata group acquired both Air India and its subsidiary Air India Express in January 2022. In November 2022, it announced the merger of Air India with Vistara and AIX Connect with Air India Express. As part of the transaction, AirAsia Bhd sold its 16.67% stake in the airline to Tatas for ₹155.65 crore.

While Air India Express and AIX Connect already have common branding in boarding passes and airport check-in, they will be able to fly under a single air operator certificate and the common IATA code of IX once the air operator certificate is merged. Currently, AIX

Connect operates with the I5 code. "In context of parent company Air India, the route rationalization has already been done massively," a second executive aware of the development said.

"Air India has stepped up its presence on routes with more of corporate traffic such as Mumbai-Dubai, Delhi-Dubai while those routes with more of visiting friends and relatives, leisure, small and medium enterprises such as international and domestic connections from tier-II and tier-III cities are now increasingly being served by Air India Express."

Vistara is currently a 51:49 joint venture of Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. After the merger, Singapore Airlines will hold a 25.1% stake in the merged entity.

"The written order on the merger of Vistara with Air India is likely within a month. Once that is received, we will start the transfer of people and aircraft gradually. We will also start informing customers that the brand Vistara will cease to exist by the end of this year and be merged with Air India," a third executive said.

(Anu Sharma is in Dubai on the IATA's invitation.)

## Turbulence fears? Stay calm in bumpy skies with these tips



Ismat Tahseen

Flying on a wing and a prayer gets a literal meaning in these times, with recent cases of turbulence causing fatality and injuries to many airplane passengers. Recent incidents with international airlines have shown how turbulence can be alarming, especially for first-time flyers.

### 'I'M TAKING MY FIRST FLIGHT AND I'M SCARED'

Insia Khan, a marketing executive from Mumbai will be taking her first flight soon and is worried. She says, "I have always disliked the idea of flying and avoided it so far, but for work, I'll be taking my first flight to Singapore soon. After reading about the recent turbulence cases, I'm just so anxious all the time about the upcoming trip."

Vaishali Arora, Clinical Psychologist at Lissun, a mental health start-up, says it can be very scary for first-timers. "Experiencing turbulence can indeed be unsettling, particularly for those who are new to flying, where the unfamiliar sensations and movements can trigger anxiety."

**TECHNIQUES THAT HELP** Arora lists several strategies and tips that can help you manage anxiety and stay calm during a flight.

• **Breathing:** One effective technique is practising deep breathing exercises, which can activate the body's relaxation response. This involves taking slow, deep breaths and doing a count.

• **Progressive muscle relaxation:** This is another useful method that involves tensing and then relaxing different muscle groups, starting from the toes and working up to the head.

• **Positive visualization:** A beneficial method is to imagine a peaceful scene or a place where you feel safe and calm, enabling you to take your mind away from the turbulence.

• **Mindfulness:** Additionally, mindfulness and grounding techniques can help keep your mind focused on the present moment and your immediate surroundings, such as the texture of your seat or the sounds you hear, preventing your mind from spiralling into anxiety.

• **Cognitive reframing:** This is where you remind yourself that turbulence is a normal and not dangerous part of flying. It can also help change the way you interpret the situation, reducing your anxiety.

A few smart hacks can shift your focus from anxiety-provoking thoughts to neutral ones

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# Bomb threat on Vistara flight triggers emergency

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**MUMBAI:** A Vistara flight operating on the Paris-Mumbai route received a bomb threat after which a full emergency was declared at the Mumbai airport prior to its arrival at 10.19 am on Sunday. The aircraft was taken to an isolation bay and searched after it landed, but no bomb or suspicious object was found. Passengers on board were evacuated using a step ladder.

The Vistara UK 024 flight had 294 passengers and 12 crew members on board when a hand-written note was found

on an airsickness bag in the flight, claiming the presence of a bomb, said sources. "We confirm that a security concern was noted by our staff while onboard Vistara flight UK 024 operating from Paris to Mumbai on June 2. Following the protocol, we immediately informed relevant authorities. The flight landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai and we are fully cooperating with the security agencies for all the mandatory checks," said a Vistara spokesperson.

This was the third incident of a bomb scare involving airlines in the past week. →P3

## AI Express passenger arrested for trying to open rear door

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**MUMBAI:** The Sahar police on Saturday arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly trying to open the rear door of an Air India Express flight and creating a ruckus onboard after being intercepted by other passengers and crew mem-

bers. The incident occurred when the flight, IX 473, was enroute to Bahrain from Kozhikode in Kerala, according to the police.

At 1.30pm, the flight landed at Mumbai airport, following which the crew offloaded the passenger and handed him over to security personnel. →P3



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## IndiGo to host IATA annual meeting next year

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INDIGO WILL host the annual general meeting (AGM) of the trade association of airlines — International Air Transport Association (IATA) — on June 8-10, 2025 in Delhi. India had last hosted the IATA AGM, a marquee global annual aviation event, over four decades ago in 1983. Prior to that, India had hosted the meeting in 1958.

"With record aircraft orders, impressive growth, and world-class infrastructure developments, India is firmly on the tra-

jectory to become the world's third largest aviation market within this decade. With such bright prospects, it's the perfect time for the IATA AGM to return to India and witness these exciting developments first hand," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

At the 80th AGM of the 330-airline strong association in Dubai, which concluded on Monday, IndiGo's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pieter Elbers took charge as the chair of IATA's board of governors, succeeding RwandAir CEO Yvonne Manzi Makolo. Elbers's one-year term is expected to

conclude with the 81st IATA AGM in Delhi next year.

"IndiGo is proud to be host airline for the 81st IATA AGM and looks forward to welcoming the global aviation community to Delhi in 2025. India, becoming the third largest economy within the next few years and leading the fourth industrial revolution with the use of AI, is a nation on the move. India's rise in the global aviation landscape over the last years has been nothing short of remarkable," the IndiGo CEO said.

Civil Aviation Minister Jitendra Singh termed IATA's decision to hold its next

AGM in Delhi as a "proud moment for Indian aviation".

"Under PM @narendramodiji's leadership, the sector has grown tremendously with a record passenger count, development of world-class infrastructure, enhanced regional connectivity and historic aircraft orders. Certain that this will provide national and international stakeholders a platform to further explore the Indian aviation market and open new avenues for collaboration and sustainability," Scindia said in a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter).



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## Japan Airlines inks codeshare pact with IndiGo

*Mumbai:* Japan Airlines on Monday said it has entered into a codeshare arrangement with IndiGo, which would help the Japanese carrier expand services to 14 destinations of the domestic carrier's network.

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### हवाई यात्रा की वास्तविक लागत में 34 फीसद की आई कमी : आइएटीए प्रमुख

दुबई, 3 जून (भाषा)।

आइएटीए के महानिदेशक विली वाल्श ने सोमवार को कहा कि पिछले दशक में हवाई यात्रा की वास्तविक लागत में 34 फीसद की गिरावट आई है। प्रति यात्री एअरलाइन को मिलने वाला लाभ करीब 6.14 अमेरिकी डालर है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आइएटीए) 330 से अधिक एअरलाइन का एक वैश्विक समूह है।

आइएटीए की 80वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक (एजीएम) को संबोधित करते हुए वाल्श ने कहा कि उड़ान अब भी पैसे के हिस्से से अच्छी स्थिति में है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमने हाल ही में 15 बाजार में 6,500 यात्रियों के बीच सर्वेक्षण कराया, जिनमें से 77 फीसद ने यही बात कही।

*आइएटीए की अगली आम बैठक अगले साल दिल्ली में, इंडिगो करेगी मेजबानी*

एअरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो जून, 2025 में नई दिल्ली में अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आइएटीए) की 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक की मेजबानी करेगी। भारत में 42 साल बाद आइएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक होगी। भारत में 81वीं आइएटीए वार्षिक आम बैठक (एजीएम) की मेजबानी करने का निर्णय यहां जारी आइएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक में किया गया। भारत ने इससे पहले दो बार 1958 और 1983 में दिल्ली में वार्षिक आम बैठक की मेजबानी की है।

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### जापान एयरलाइंस ने इंडिगो के साथ किया 'कोडशेयर' समझौता

मुंबई, लोकसत्ता। जापान एयरलाइंस ने इंडिगो के साथ 'कोडशेयर' समझौता किया है। इससे जापान की विमानन कंपनी को घरेलू एयरलाइन नेटवर्क के 14 गंतव्यों तक सेवाएं विस्तारित करने में मदद मिलेगी। जापान एयरलाइंस वर्तमान में तोक्यो से दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु के लिए अपनी सेवाएं संचालित करती है। वह हनेदा हवाई अड्डे से राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के लिए दैनिक उड़ान सेवाएं, जबकि नारिता हवाई अड्डे से बेंगलुरु के लिए सप्ताह में तीन उड़ानें संचालित करती हैं। बयान में कहा गया, "जापान एयरलाइंस (जेएएल) और इंडिगो ने कोडशेयर साझेदारी पर सहमति व्यक्त की है।

इससे जापान और भारत के बीच अधिक यात्रा विकल्प उपलब्ध होने से लोगों को फायदा होगा।" विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो के नेटवर्क योजना तथा राजस्व प्रबंधन के वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष अभिजीत दासगुप्ता ने कहा, "जापान एयरलाइंस के साथ इंडिगो इस समझौते से कोडशेयर भागीदारी के अपने खंड का विस्तार कर रहा है। साझेदारी का यह चरण



भारत में इंडिगो के व्यापक नेटवर्क का इस्तेमाल करके जापान से/जापान की यात्रा के लिए जापान एयरलाइंस के ग्राहकों के लिए उपलब्ध विकल्पों का विस्तार करता है।"

उन्होंने कहा कि यह साझेदारी दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार, वाणिज्य और पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए निर्बाध संपर्क प्रदान करेगी। जापान एयरलाइंस में प्रबंध कार्यकारी अधिकारी एवं वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष (मार्ग विपणन) रॉस लेगेट ने कहा, "व्यापक नेटवर्क के दम पर भारत और जापान आने-जाने वाले यात्री

जापान एयरलाइंस वर्तमान में तोक्यो से दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु के लिए अपनी सेवाएं संचालित करती है। वह हनेदा हवाई अड्डे से राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के लिए दैनिक उड़ान सेवाएं, जबकि नारिता हवाई अड्डे से बेंगलुरु के लिए सप्ताह में तीन उड़ानें संचालित करती हैं।

एक ही टिकट पर अपनी उड़ान बुक कर सकेंगे। हाल के वर्षों में भारत ने उल्लेखनीय आर्थिक वृद्धि हासिल की है। जापान और भारत के बीच हवाई यात्रा की मांग पहले से कहीं अधिक बढ़ रही है।



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उद्योग

इस साल 30.5 अरब डॉलर का शुद्ध लाभ होने की उम्मीद

# वैश्विक विमानन उद्योग को होगा मुनाफा

दुनियाभर की 330 से अधिक एयरलाइन कंपनियों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले आईएटीए के मुताबिक, विमानन उद्योग का राजस्व इस साल 996 अरब डॉलर के रिकॉर्ड उच्चस्तर पर पहुंचने की उम्मीद है जबकि यात्री राजस्व 15.2 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 744 अरब डॉलर होने का अनुमान है।

**दुबई, लोकसत्ता।** महामारी से उबरने के बाद तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहे वैश्विक विमानन उद्योग को 30.5 अरब डॉलर का शुद्ध लाभ होने और लगभग एक लाख करोड़ डॉलर का रिकॉर्ड राजस्व दर्ज करने का अनुमान है। आईएटीए ने सोमवार को यह संभावना जताई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईएटीए) ने इस साल हवाई यात्रियों



की संख्या पांच अरब तक पहुंचने की उम्मीद जताते हुए कहा कि निवेशित पूंजी पर प्रतिफल 5.7 प्रतिशत रहने की उम्मीद है जो 2024 में पूंजी की औसत लागत से 3.4 प्रतिशत कम है।

दुनियाभर की 330 से अधिक एयरलाइन कंपनियों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले आईएटीए के मुताबिक, विमानन उद्योग का राजस्व इस साल 996 अरब

डॉलर के रिकॉर्ड उच्चस्तर पर पहुंचने की उम्मीद है जबकि यात्री राजस्व 15.2 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 744 अरब डॉलर होने का अनुमान है।

आईएटीए ने एक बयान में कहा, "वर्ष 2024 में लाभप्रदता मजबूत होने की उम्मीद है क्योंकि व्यय की तुलना में राजस्व थोड़ा तेजी से बढ़ा है। हालांकि, शुद्ध लाभ 2023 के लिए अनुमानित

## यात्रियों की संख्या में होगी बढ़ोतरी

अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईएटीए) ने संभावना जताई है कि महामारी से उबरने के बाद तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहे वैश्विक विमानन उद्योग को 30.5 अरब डॉलर का शुद्ध लाभ होने और लगभग एक लाख करोड़ डॉलर का रिकॉर्ड राजस्व दर्ज करने का अनुमान है। इस साल हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या पांच अरब तक पहुंचने की उम्मीद है।

27.4 अरब डॉलर से 11.3 प्रतिशत अधिक 30.5 अरब डॉलर होने की उम्मीद है।" इस साल उद्योग का खर्च बढ़कर 936 अरब डॉलर पर पहुंचने की उम्मीद है, जो वर्ष 2023 की तुलना में 9.4 प्रतिशत अधिक होगा। आईएटीए की वार्षिक आम बैठक में जारी विमानन परिदृश्य रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, 2024 में विमानन ईंधन एटीएफ की औसत कीमत 113.8 अमेरिकी डॉलर प्रति बैरल रहने

की उम्मीद है, जिससे कुल ईंधन बिल 291 अरब डॉलर हो जाएगा, जो सभी परिचालन लागत का 31 प्रतिशत है।

आईएटीए के महानिदेशक विली वॉल्श ने कहा कि 2024 में 30.5 अरब डॉलर का अपेक्षित कुल शुद्ध लाभ हाल ही में महामारी से हुए भारी नुकसान को देखते हुए एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस साल रिकॉर्ड पांच अरब हवाई यात्रियों के आने की उम्मीद है।

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## End in sight for Vistara as Tatas aim to seal merger by year-end

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**T**he Tata group will bid goodbye to the Vistara brand by the end of the year, as it aims to bring its four airlines under one umbrella. According to three executives aware of the timelines, the Tata group will complete the integration process late this year and start 2025 with just two brands: Air India, a full-service carrier, and Air India Express, a low-fare airline.

"The integration of Air India Express with AIX Connect (formerly called AirAsia India) is currently awaiting nod from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). We expect this process to complete within another two months or so," said one of the three executives, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The executives spoke to *Mint* on the sidelines of the annual general meeting of the Interna-



The Tata group will complete the integration late this year. MINT

tional Air Transport Association (IATA), a global airline body.

Once the NCLT gives its permission, the Tata group hopes to take another 4-5 months to merge the air operator certificates of AIX Connect and Air India Express.

The Tata group acquired both Air India and its subsidiary Air India Express in January 2022. In November 2022, it announced the merger of Air India with Vistara and AIX Connect with Air India

Express. As part of the transaction, AirAsia Bhd sold its 16.67% stake in the airline to Tatas for ₹155.65 crore.

While Air India Express and AIX Connect already have common branding in boarding passes and airport check-in, they will be able to fly under a single air operator certificate and the common IATA code of IX once the air operator certificate is merged. Currently, AIX Connect operates with the I5 code. "In context of parent company Air India, the route rationalization has already been done massively," a second executive aware of the development said.

"Air India has stepped up its presence on routes with more of corporate traffic such as Mumbai-Dubai, Delhi-Dubai while those routes with more of visiting friends and relatives, leisure, small and medium enterprises such as international and domestic connec-

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## Air India to bid goodbye to Vistara by end of 2024

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tions from tier-II and tier-III cities are now increasingly being served by Air India Express."

Vistara is currently a 51:49 joint venture of Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. After the merger, Singapore Airlines will hold a 25.1% stake in the merged entity. "The written order on the merger of Vistara with Air India is likely within a month. Once that is received, we will start the transfer of people and aircraft gradually. We will also start informing customers that the brand Vistara will cease to exist by the end of this year and be merged with Air India," a third executive said.

While the merger of Vistara with Air India has been a concern for the employees of Vistara, the airline has been addressing these issues. Currently, Vistara is operating at 95% of its capacity after the airline faced flight cancellations due to a combination of poor rostering and unhappy pilots.

"Once the written NCLT order is received, approval from department for promotion of industry and internal trade will be awaited. Meanwhile, transfer of human resources will be initiated. Network-wise, the airline should be able to reach 100% of its network by July-August," the third executive added.

(Anu Sharma is in Dubai on the IATA's invitation.)



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## IndiGo adds Mauritius to its global network

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India's largest airline IndiGo will add Mauritius to its portfolio of foreign destinations and increase connectivity to Thailand, as it aims to sign up 10 destinations in the current financial year to build on its current service network of more than 120 cities, CEO Pieter Elbers said.

The airline is also awaiting the delivery of Airbus A321XLR (extra long range) aircraft in 2025, which will provide a broader range to connect cities.

"The 10 destinations will be a mix of domestic and international. Mauritius is part of our further international expansion and we are adding an additional station in Thailand," Elbers told journalists at a roundtable discussion at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) 80th annual general meeting in Dubai. In Thailand, IndiGo already operates flights to Bangkok and Phuket.

In May, the airline with a small narrow-body fleet took its first step towards long-haul flights by ordering 30 wide-body Airbus A350 aircraft. In addition, it has also secured purchase rights for an additional 70 Airbus A350 family aircraft. Moreover, it has plans to tweak its no-frills image and will introduce a tailor-made business product on busiest routes by the end of 2024.

IndiGo also reiterated that it is open to further strengthening its codeshare network. On Monday, it entered a codeshare deal with Japan Airlines that will enable the latter to access 14 IndiGo destinations in India.

The reporter is in Dubai at the invitation of IATA.



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MILLENNIUM POST DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## Hugely optimistic about opportunities in India: IATA

*'Way back in 2000, the Indian domestic market represented 0.4% of global aviation & last year, it was 1.8%'*

**DUBAI:** Hugely optimistic about the opportunities in the Indian aviation sector, IATA Director General Willie Walsh on Monday said the right government policies can unlock the country's potential.

In response to a query about bilateral rights between India and Dubai, Walsh also said that if India is to fulfil the ambition of its industry and to play its part for global carriers, then it's going to need access to markets around the world.

"If you want to get access, you're going to have to give access... that is how it works," he said at a briefing on the sidelines of the annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) here.

Walsh said he is amazed and hugely optimistic about the potential of the Indian market. Way back in 2000, the Indian domestic market represented 0.4 per cent of global aviation and last year, it was 1.8 per cent, he said and added that India is growing at quite a fast pace.

"When you consider that the Chinese domestic market is 12 per cent of global aviation, you look at the potential that exists in India... India's potential will only be unlocked if the right government policies are in place," Walsh said. India is one of the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world and during the January-April 2024



**'If India is to fulfil the ambition of its industry and to play its part for global carriers, then it's going to need access to markets around the world'**

period, domestic airlines in the country carried 523.46 lakh passengers. To a query at the briefing about increasing bilateral flying rights between India and Dubai, Emirates Airline President Tim Clark said these are intergovernmental issues.

Currently, Emirates along with flydubai can offer 65,000 seats on its flight between Dubai and India in each direction every week. Emirates has been seeking increased bilateral flying rights as there is high traffic between Dubai and India. The last revision of the rights

was in 2015. Responding to a query on India's aviation growth trajectory, Clark said there are 65,000 seats that can be operated between Dubai and India in each direction since 2015 and that was nine years ago.

"If you tell me that the Indian market has not grown internally, internationally, particularly between Dubai and India, well really? I can't get that numbers. The Indian community here is huge... the business case (of increasing the bilateral rights) is staring at the Indian government in the face but as I said it is a governmental decision," he said.

In an IATA release about IndiGo hosting next year's annual general meeting in Delhi, Walsh said that with record aircraft orders, impressive growth, and world-class infrastructure developments, India is firmly on the trajectory to become the world's third largest aviation market within this decade.



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MILLENNIUM POST DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## Global airline industry to post \$30.5 billion net profit, \$996 billion revenue in 2024

**DUBAI:** The global airline industry is projected to report a higher net profit of \$30.5 billion and record revenue of nearly \$1 trillion, IATA said on Monday as the sector is growing profitably after recovering from the coronavirus pandemic impact.

The number of air travellers is expected to touch five billion this year.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents more than 330 airlines, however, said the return on invested capital is expected to be 5.7 per cent, which is 3.4 per cent lower than the average cost of capital in 2024.



Industry revenue is expected to reach an historic high of \$996 billion while passenger revenue is projected to be 15.2 per cent higher at \$744 billion this year.

"Profitability is expected to strengthen in 2024 as revenues grow slightly faster than expenses (+9.7 per cent vs +9.4 per cent, respectively)...net prof-

its, however, are expected to grow slightly more slowly at +11.3 per cent from \$27.4 billion estimated for 2023 to \$30.5 billion estimated for 2024," IATA said in a release.

The industry's expenses are expected to rise to \$936 billion this year, which will be 9.4 per cent higher than 2023.

Fuel is expected to average \$113.8/barrel in 2024 translating into a total fuel bill of \$291 billion, accounting for 31 per cent of all operating costs, according to the outlook released at the IATA annual general meeting here.

IATA's Director General

Willie Walsh said the expected aggregate net profit of \$30.5 billion in 2024 is a great achievement considering the recent deep pandemic losses.

He noted that a record five billion air travellers are expected in 2024.

"A 5.7 per cent return on invested capital is well below the cost of capital, which is over 9 per cent. And earning just \$6.14 per passenger is an indication of just how thin our profits are, barely enough for a coffee in many parts of the world," Walsh said. The grouping has flagged wars and supply chain issues as among the risks.

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MILLENNIUM POST DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## Flight delays: things could've been handled better, says AI official

**DUBAI:** With some of its ultra long haul flights facing inordinate delays recently, a senior Air India official has said handling of things on the customer front could have been better and that efforts are on to strengthen the ground staff.

The official, who did not want to be quoted, said there were many compounding factors, including technical issues with the aircraft as well as extreme heat, that resulted in flights getting delayed or cancelled.

At least four ultra long haul flights of Air India — AI 179 from Mumbai to San Francisco on May 24, AI 183 from Delhi to San Francisco on May 30, AI 185 from Delhi to Vancouver



on June 1 and 2 — faced inordinate delays. The handling of the things on the customer front could have been better. "Hotels, meals and compensation were provided but we will look at how we can do that faster and better," the official said.

Speaking on the sidelines of the AGM of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the official also said strict SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) have been issued to the airport management team.

"We need to look at whether the SOPs are being followed diligently and whether people on the ground are exercising their right judgement". According to the official, the ground staff have specific accountability and that the airline has recruited people to be dedicatedly focused on ground operations.

On May 31, aviation regulator DGCA issued a show cause notice to Air India for some flight delays and failure to take due care of the passengers.

The inordinate delay of two international flights — AI 183 from Delhi to San Francisco on May 30 and AI 179 from Mumbai to San Francisco on May 24 — were mentioned in the show cause notice.



# Corporate Communications Directorate

THE PIONEER DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## Akasa Air flight bound to Mumbai diverted after bomb threat

STAFF REPORTER ■  
NEW DELHI

Days after Vistara bound flight for Srinagar and Indigo flight bound for Varanasi received a bomb threat, an airplane bound to Mumbai for Delhi on Monday was diverted to Ahmedabad after it received a security alert on board.

An Akasa Air flight from the Indira Gandhi International airport in the national capital, which was carrying 186 passengers, including one infant and six crew members, was diverted to Ahmedabad after it received a security alert on board. The aircraft landed at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport at 10:13 am, and all passengers were safely deplaned.

"As per prescribed safety and security procedures, the plane was diverted to Ahmedabad. The Captain followed all required emergency procedures and landed safely at



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport at 10:13 hrs. All passengers have been deplaned. Akasa Air is following and supporting all safety and security protocols on the ground," Akasa said in an official statement.

This incident follows a trend with the recent security threats to airlines in the past few days. A Vistara flight bound for Srinagar on Friday with 177 passengers and one infant also received a bomb threat. Flight UK-611, which departed from Delhi, landed

safely at Srinagar Airport at approximately 12:10 am. "All passengers were safely de-boarded at the isolation bay. Currently, the aircraft is undergoing a thorough security check by the relevant authorities to ensure the safety of all concerned," an airport official said. Meanwhile, IndiGo's Delhi-Varanasi flight received a bomb scare last Tuesday, which turned out to be a hoax threat.

A tissue paper, with the word "bomb@5.30" written on it, was found in the lavatory.



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THE PIONEER DELHI 4 JUN 2024

## Japan Airlines enters into codeshare pact with IndiGo

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Japan Airlines on Monday said it has entered into a codeshare arrangement with IndiGo, which would help the Japanese carrier expand services to 14 destinations of the domestic carrier's network.

At present, Japan Airlines operates its services to Delhi and Bengaluru from Tokyo. It offers daily flight services to the national capital from Haneda Airport, while its thrice-a-week services to Bengaluru are operated from Narita Airport.

"Japan Airlines (JAL) and IndiGo have agreed on codeshare partnership which will benefit the customers by providing more travel options between Japan and India," a statement said.

The codeshare partnership will allow Japan Airlines to strengthen its connectivity into India initially, while enabling more travel options for IndiGo customers on JAL's extensive domestic and



international network in later phases, the statement said. The partnership will enable codeshare on India routes that connect to JAL-operated flights from/to Delhi and Bengaluru, as per the statement.

Through this partnership, Japan Airlines said it will be able to establish an extensive network pan-India, including major cities such as Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Kochi, Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram,

Tiruchirappalli, Pune, Lucknow, Varanasi, and Goa, which connects to JAL-operated flights.

Later, the two carriers will seek to further expand the cooperation with IndiGo codesharing on JAL-operated flights, it added.

"IndiGo is expanding its portfolio of codeshare partnerships with this agreement with Japan Airlines. This phase of the partnership expands the choices available to Japan Airlines customers for

journeys to/from Japan, using IndiGo's extensive network in India," said Abhijit DasGupta, Senior Vice President for network planning and revenue management at IndiGo.

The partnership will provide seamless connectivity to support trade, commerce, and tourism between the two countries, he said.

"Over time, we intend to expand the scope of geographic and reciprocal coverage of this relationship to further grow travel opportunities for customers of both airlines," DasGupta added.

"With the extensive network, travellers to and from India and Japan will be able to book their flight on one ticket. In recent years, India has achieved remarkable economic growth, and the air travel demand between Japan and India is increasing more than ever before," said Ross Leggett, Managing Executive Officer, Senior Vice President Route Marketing at Japan Airlines.



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## RASHRIYA SAHARA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### मुंबई : विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश करने का आरोपी गिरफ्तार

मुंबई (भाषा)। मुंबई पुलिस ने 25 वर्षीय एक व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार किया है जिसने कोझिकोड से बहरीन जाने वाली एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान में चालक दल के सदस्य पर कथित तौर पर हमला किया और विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश की थी। एक अधिकारी ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी। सहर पुलिस के एक अधिकारी ने बताया, शनिवार को मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमान को आपात स्थिति में उतारा गया और आरोपी अब्दुल मुसविर नादुकांडी को गिरफ्तार किया गया। नादुकांडी केरल का रहने वाला है और उसने कोझिकोड से उड़ान भरने के बाद विमान के पिछले हिस्से में जाकर चालक दल के सदस्य के साथ कथित तौर पर मारपीट की और विमान का दरवाजा खोलने की कोशिश की। अधिकारी ने बताया, जब चालक दल के सदस्य उसे वापस उसकी सीट पर लाए तो उसने अन्य यात्रियों को अपशब्द कहे और उनपर हमला किया।

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RASHRIYA SAHARA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### हवाई यात्रा की लागत में दर्ज हुई 34% की कमी

दुबई (भाषा)।

आईएटीए के महानिदेशक विली वॉल्श ने सोमवार को कहा कि पिछले दशक में हवाई यात्रा की वास्तविक लागत में 34 प्रतिशत की गिरावट आई है। प्रति यात्री एयरलाइन को मिलने वाला लाभ करीब 6.14 अमेरिकी डॉलर है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईएटीए) 330 से अधिक एयरलाइन का एक वैश्विक समूह है।

आईएटीए की यहां 80वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक (एजीएम) को संबोधित करते हुए वॉल्श ने कहा कि उड़ान अब भी पैसे के हिसाब से अच्छी स्थिति में है। उन्होंने कहा, 'हमने हाल ही में 15 बाजार में 6,500 यात्रियों के बीच सर्वेक्षण कराया जिनमें से 77 प्रतिशत ने यही बात कही। यह आश्चर्य की बात नहीं है, क्योंकि पिछले दशक में हवाई

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वैश्विक स्तर पर 2024 तक एयरलाइन कंपनियों द्वारा करीब 1,000 अरब अमेरिकी

डॉलर का राजस्व दर्ज करने की उम्मीद है। टिकाऊ विमानन ईंधन (एसएएफ) के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने की जरूरत पर बल देते हुए वॉल्श ने कहा कि 2050 तक शुद्ध शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन प्राप्त करना मुमकिन है। वैकल्पिक नहीं। इस वर्ष एसएएफ उत्पादन विमानन क्षेत्र की कुल ईंधन आवश्यकताओं के 0.5 प्रतिशत से थोड़ा अधिक तक पहुंचने का अनुमान है। उन्होंने कहा, 'स्पष्ट रूप से कहें तो सरकारों को एसएएफ की तेजी से वृद्धि के लिए ठोस उपाय करने चाहिए, जिसकी वे मांग कर रहे हैं।





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RASHRIYA SAHARA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### विमानन उद्योग को 30 अरब डालर के लाभ की उम्मीद

दुबई (भाषा)। तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहे वैश्विक विमानन उद्योग को 30.5 अरब डालर का शुद्ध लाभ होने और लगभग एक लाख करोड़ डालर का रिकार्ड राजस्व दर्ज करने का अनुमान है। आईएटीए ने सोमवार को यह संभावना जताई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईएटीए) ने इस साल हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या पांच अरब तक पहुंचने की उम्मीद जताते हुए कहा कि निवेशित पूंजी पर प्रतिफल 5.7 प्रतिशत रहने की उम्मीद है जो 2024 में पूंजी की औसत लागत से 3.4 प्रतिशत कम है। दुनियाभर की 330 से अधिक एयरलाइन कंपनियों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले आईएटीए के मुताबिक, विमानन उद्योग का राजस्व इस साल 996 अरब डालर के रिकार्ड उच्चस्तर पर पहुंचने की उम्मीद है जबकि यात्री राजस्व 15.2 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 744 अरब डालर होने का अनुमान है।



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RASHRIYA SAHARA DELHI 4 JUN 2024

### जापान एयरलाइंस का इंडिगो से 'कोडशेयर' करार

मुंबई (भाषा)।

जापान एयरलाइंस ने इंडिगो के साथ 'कोडशेयर' समझौता किया है। इससे जापान की विमानन कंपनी को घरेलू एयरलाइन नेटवर्क के 14 गंतव्यों तक सेवाएं विस्तारित करने में मदद मिलेगी।

जापान एयरलाइंस वर्तमान में तोक्यो से दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु के लिए अपनी सेवाएं संचालित करती है। वह हनेदा हवाई अड्डे से राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के लिए दैनिक उड़ान सेवाएं, जबकि नारिता हवाई अड्डे से बेंगलुरु के लिए सप्ताह में तीन उड़ानें संचालित करती हैं। बयान में कहा गया, 'जापान एयरलाइंस (जेएएल) और इंडिगो ने कोडशेयर साझेदारी पर सहमति व्यक्त की है। इससे जापान और भारत के बीच अधिक यात्रा विकल्प उपलब्ध होने से लोगों को फायदा होगा।'



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SWANTANTRA BHARAT LUCKNOW 3 JUN 2024

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### पेरिस-मुंबई विस्तारा फ्लाइट में बम की धमकी

मुंबई। फ्रांस की राजधानी पेरिस से 306 लोगों को लेकर मुंबई जा रहे विस्तारा के विमान में बम होने की धमकी मिली। इस धमकी के तुरंत बाद ही विमान के पहुंचने से

पहले मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर आपातकाल की घोषणा कर दी गई। विमान रविवार को 10:19 बजे मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड हुई। विस्तारा ने रविवार को बताया,

पेरिस के चार्ल्स डी गॉल एयरपोर्ट से मुंबई जा रही फ्लाइट यूके 024 को एयर सिकनेस बैग पर एक नोट मिला जिसमें बम होने की धमकी दी गई थी।



# Corporate Communications Directorate

THE TIMES OF INDIA AHMEDABAD 3 JUN 2024

## Emergency landing in Mum after threat note on Vistara flight

**Mumbai:** A Vistara flight from Paris with 306 people on board received a bomb scare that had the pilots carry out an emergency landing at Mumbai airport on Sunday. This was the third bomb scare in the country in less than a week and the second such incident in Mumbai in two days.

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"We confirm that a security concern has been noted by our staff while onboard Vistara flight UK024 operating from Paris to Mumbai," said a Vistara spokesperson. "Following protocol, we immediately informed relevant authorities. The flight landed at Mumbai airport and we are fully cooperating with security agencies for all mandatory checks."

On Saturday, an IndiGo flight from Chennai to Mumbai received a bomb threat, which led to an emergency landing in Mumbai.

The flight left Chennai around 6.50am and was en route when the bomb alert was received. TNN



## Corporate Communications Directorate

THE TIMES OF INDIA CHENNAI 3 JUN 2024

### Vistara flight from Paris to Mumbai gets bomb threat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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#### AI flyers' bags missing at San Francisco after 30-hour flight delay

**New Delhi:** A 30-hour takeoff delay wasn't the end of the ordeal for passengers on an Air India Delhi-San Francisco flight that departed Sunday as many of them also found their checked-in baggage missing upon arrival. Indian Oil Corp former chairman R K Malhotra's wife, Sudha Malhotra, flew AI-183 along with 198 others, said, "When the flight reached SFO at midnight, both her bags were missing. Some other passengers faced the same experience. AI staff there assisted to fill up a form, but they messed up by attaching her bag tags on a partially filled up form of another passenger with the same surname. As she was exhausted, she just took a photo of the form without verifying details," he said. The airline has given a \$350 voucher to 199 people who still opted to board the flight. TNN

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## Corporate Communications Directorate

THE TIMES OF INDIA MUMBAI 3 JUN 2024

# Paris flight makes emergency landing after bomb scare, India's 3rd such in wk

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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### AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY SOP

> The pilot informs Mumbai airport traffic control about the bomb threat on board, giving details of the threat

> Air traffic control informs the airport operator and BTAC (bomb threat assessment committee)

> Based on the information available, BTAC classifies it as specific or non-specific threat. A specific threat is more serious than a non-specific threat. The procedures to be followed to handle a bomb scare depend on the nature of threat assessment

bai received a bomb threat, which led to an emergency landing in Mumbai. The flight left Chennai around 6.50 am and was enroute when the bomb alert was received. "An unclaimed remote was found on board," said a source. The pilots informed Mumbai air traffic control and sought an emergency landing.

On May 28, an IndiGo flight from Delhi to Varanasi with 176 passengers received a



### EMERGENCY LANDING

> If pilot seeks emergency landing, airport has fire tenders, ambulances on standby

> After the aircraft lands, it is taken to an isolation bay. Passengers disembark using step ladders. The aircraft, bags, cargo, etc, are checked for suspicious items

> If the bomb threat is serious, CISF and NSG commandoes cordon off the aircraft

bomb threat, following which the pilots ordered an emergency evacuation. Video clips of the evacuation showed passengers and flight crew on slides carrying their cabin bags. Under safety norms, evacuation should be complete within 90 seconds; cabin bags are supposed to be left behind on aircraft. Following the Delhi incident, IndiGo de-registered two pilots and crew for not following evacuation SOP.

### Flyer booked for bid to open aircraft door

**Mumbai:** A 25-year-old was booked after he tried to open a door on an Air India Express plane. A police complaint was filed by an airline officer, in which he said that at 12.52 pm on Saturday, an alert was received that flight IX 473, Kozhikode-Bahrain, was being diverted to Mumbai due to an unruly passenger. Around 1.30 pm, the flight landed. Crew of flooded flyer AM Nadukondil and gave him to security.

The flight took off from Kozhikode around 10.10 am that day. Around noon, Nadukondil got up from his seat and went to the rear where he allegedly pushed away a crew member and tried to open the door. The crew told him the act could put flyers in danger. He was brought back to his seat. Then he got abusive with other flyers, threatening to try open the door again. Crew moved him to another seat but thought it best to deplane him. The flight was diverted to Mumbai. Sahar police registered a case against him under IPC and Aircraft Rules. **TNN**