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शैक्षणिक योग्यता: ग्रेजुएट डिप्लोमा अप्रेंटिस के लिए संबंधित क्षेत्र में 4 वर्षीय फुल टाइम डिग्री या तीन वर्षीय इंजीनियरिंग में डिप्लोमा।

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Congress demands probe into privatisation of airports

Party says govt. has 'offered aviation sector on a platter to a few friends'; refers to privatisation of six AAI airports that were all bagged by the Adani Group in February 2019 after a bidding process

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Syed Naseer Hussain demanded a comprehensive probe into the privatisation of six airports of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) as part of its appeal for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigation into the bribery allegation against industrialist Gautam Adani.

This government has given the "aviation sector on a platter to a few friends", the MP said in the Rajya Sabha during a discussion on the Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill, 2024.

'Monopoly in sector'

The MP said that the AAI should be renamed "Adani Authority of India" in view of the monopoly in the airport sector of the Adani Group, which now has eight airports in its kitty. The Rajya Sabha member referred to the privatisation of six AAI airports that were all bagged by the Adani Group in February 2019 after a bidding process.



Debate on: Members of the Rajya Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

Referring to *The Hindu's* report on July 28, 2019, the Congress leader asked why were the suggestions of the Department of Economic Affairs and NITI Aayog for not awarding more than two airports to the same entity as well as prior experience on operations and management of an airport brushed aside by the Public Private Appraisal Committee.

Mr. Hussain also said that after the privatisation of airports, the landing and parking charges had increased exponentially, including at the Lucknow airport where he said there was a hike of 418% to 471%. "After stiff opposition in Kenya, the proposal for awarding an airport to the Adani Group was withdrawn. But in our country when we demand [the

same] inside Parliament, no one agrees to an investigation. Agreements are being cancelled in other countries, but in our country they are being awarded contracts over contracts," he said.

"In the U.S. too, the Adani Group has been indicted over bribery allegations," the MP said while demanding a "comprehensive" investigation into the privatisation of airports as well as bribery allegations.

BJP plea

BJP MP Laxmikant Bajpai urged the Speaker of the House for certain references to the Prime Minister to be omitted as rules required that a discussion over a Bill should be confined to arguments in support or against the Bill.

BJP president J.P. Nadda too condemned the attempts to malign the Prime Minister and using objectionable language and urged for maintaining the dignity of the House and requested for those comments to be removed from records.



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{ IN LIGHT OF CANOPY COLLAPSE } IIT DELHI STUDY

Audit flags wider safety issues at old Terminal 1

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NEW DELHI: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has sought an explanation from Delhi airport operator Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) after an IIT Delhi technical team flagged safety concerns with certain sections of the airport's Terminal 1 (T1), according to officials aware of the matter.

The detailed audit by IIT-D was conducted after one of the canopies in T1 collapsed, leading to the death of a cab driver. The accident took place on June 28, when the city received its highest rainfall this monsoon. The accident prompted civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu to initiate a detailed inspection to ensure the structural integrity of the terminal.

The officials cited above said that T1 will not be operationalised this winter as a result of IIT-D's findings.

"AAI has sought a detailed explanation regarding the structural weaknesses identified by the aviation regulator and the technical team by the IIT Delhi," one of the officials said, asking not to be named.

"There is no way that the old Terminal 1 can be made operational till the end of the winter season," said a second official. "These (safety) matters cannot be taken in haste. The portion of



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DIAL SPOKESPERSON

the structure that collapsed is connected to T1... The report of the detailed audit submitted to the government had highlighted the need to not only strengthen the canopy area but also in the non impacted area of the terminal," he added.

Old T1 is referred to the old Terminal 1 building which had separate areas for arrivals and departures. The new T1 is the upgraded and expanded Terminal 1, that was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi with both arrivals and departures combined in one building.

A DIAL spokesperson confirmed that the operator had received the audit report. "The report of the study conducted by IIT-D has been shared with us. AAI wanted some clarifications

on the points raised by them... Our team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to these queries and they will be submitted within the stipulated timeline," the spokesperson person.

While the airport seems to be prepared for the fog season (that typically is believed to commence from December 10), the capacity constraints at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) primarily lies on the terminal side, with T1 operating at approximately 20% capacity, reports claim.

The June 28 incident in Delhi was not an isolated case. On June 27, a portion of the roof of the new terminal building at Jabalpur airport collapsed, crushing a car but not leading to any injuries. On June 29, the canopy outside Rajkot airport terminal in Gujarat collapsed amid heavy rain.

Experts said these incidents raise the need for the airport operators to have their own timely structural audits.

"Airport buildings, due to monsoons, have been seen facing issues across the country. The issue is that there is no one to certify the building fit for use. There is no accountability. Indian airports, be it private or government, should conduct their own structural audits in a certain time period," aviation safety expert Mohan Ranganathan said.



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MINT

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Delhi Airport gets AAI's show-cause notice

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Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued a show cause notice to Delhi airport operator DIAL seeking an explanation on certain structural weaknesses detected during the study by an IIT Delhi team following the roof collapse incident at the old departure forecourt of Terminal 1 in June this year, according to a senior official.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) is the operator of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), the country's largest airport. It is operated

under a public private partnership.

When contacted, a DIAL spokesperson told PTI that its team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to the queries raised by AAI.

Following the roof collapse incident at T1 on June 28 that also killed one person, the civil aviation ministry had asked structural engineers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi to carry out an assessment.

The senior official in the

know told PTI the study by IIT Delhi found weaknesses in the part of the terminal that was not impacted by the collapse and certain strengthening of the structure is required. Till then, old T1 cannot be opened for operations, the official added.

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There was no comment from AAI.

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THE PIONEER

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Airport Authority lands show cause notice at Delhi International Airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has issued a show cause notice to Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) which operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), the country's largest airport, seeking an explanation on certain structural weaknesses detected during the study by an IIT Delhi team following the roof collapse incident at the old departure forecourt of Terminal 1 in June this year. IGI Airport is operated under a public private partnership. Following the roof collapse incident at T1 on June 28 that also killed one person, the civil aviation ministry had asked structural engineers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi to carry out an assessment.

When asked, a DIAL spokesperson said that its team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to the queries raised by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). "Report of the study conducted by IITD has been shared with us. AAI wanted some clarifications on the points raised by them. Our team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to these queries, and they will be submitted within the stipulated timeline," he said.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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DIAL receives Centre's notice over roof collapse at Terminal 1

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New Delhi: The central govt has issued a showcause notice to Delhi International Airport Ltd over the issue of roof collapse at Terminal 1 this June that had left a person dead. The Union aviation ministry had asked IIT Delhi to examine the 2009-built structure and find the reason for its collapse. The audit team is learnt to have found structural deficiencies, said sources, after which Airports Authority of India served the notice to DIAL.

Sources say the IIT Delhi study has mentioned multiple issues, including weakness in parts of T1 that did not collapse. The experts have said that strengthening is needed to rectify the defects.

A DIAL spokesperson said: "Report of the study conducted by IIT Delhi has been shared with us. AAI wanted some clarifications on the points raised by them. Our team of experts is currently preparing a comprehensive response to these queries and they will be submitted within the stipulated timeline."

T1 was closed following the June incident. A small unaffected part of T1 was allowed to be used from mid-Aug and the terminal is operating at a fraction of its capacity. The govt had recently asked DIAL to begin repair of T1. The airport operator has got a repair-strengthening plan prepared from Larsen & Toubro that has been run past IIT Delhi.

For airlines and passengers, this is the second winter of discontent at the country's busiest airport. Last winter, there was an issue with fog landings as only one runway had a CAT III instrument landing system. This time, there is a terminal-side capacity crunch since the collapse in June. T3 is massively overcrowded as it handles more flights along with the nearby T2 as the expanded T1 is yet to get fully operational.

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THE ASIAN AGE

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Indians stranded at Kuwait airport for 20 hours

Kuwait City, Dec. 2: Several Indian passengers of a Manchester-bound Gulf Air flight were stranded at the Kuwait airport for nearly 20 hours and flown out of the city to their destination on Monday morning.

The Gulf Air flight from Bahrain to Manchester was diverted to Kuwait due to a technical glitch. Gulf Air GF5 took off from Bahrain at 2.05 am

local time on December 1 but a snag forced the plane to land in Kuwait at 4:01 am, as per reports.

With several passengers complaining that they had been stranded at the airport for many hours, the Indian embassy in Kuwait took up the matter with Gulf Air, according to social media posts.

In a series of posts on X, the embassy said its team reached the airport to

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Food and water were made available for the stranded passengers at the lounges, as per the embassy. "Gulf Air flight to Manchester finally departed at 0434 hours today carrying stranded Indian passengers among others.

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"They said 'if you're entitled passport holders, and Indians and Pakistanis are not entitled passport holders', they literally told us if you're entitled for a transit visa, only then we can

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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

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CCI approves deal involving GMR Infra, Abu Dhabi trust

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday approved a proposed transaction involving GMR Infra Enterprises Pvt Ltd and a trust of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. The proposed combination involves subscription to unlisted and unrated optionally convertible debentures of GMR Infra Enterprises by Platinum Stone A 2014 Trust (acting through its trustee Platinum Rock B 2014 RSC Ltd), the release said. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority is the sole beneficiary of Platinum Stone. GMR Infra Enterprises Pvt Ltd will acquire a cumulative of approximately 9 per cent stake on a fully diluted basis of GMR Airports Ltd. **PTI**



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THE DAILY GUARDIAN

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Delhi Airport introduces special enclosures for smooth passenger movement

TGG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has introduced special enclosures at all three terminals of the Indira Gandhi International Airport to enhance passenger comfort during flight delays caused by fog, weather, or technical issues.

According to GMR Aero, the initiative aims to minimize disruptions and significantly reduce the time taken to process affected passengers, ensuring a smoother travel experience.

Under relaxed government protocols, passengers whose flights are delayed by over three hours or canceled due to adverse conditions can now disembark and return to the terminal.

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Hold Area (SHA).

The enclosures are situated at bus boarding gates and select acrobridges in Terminal 3, transfer areas in Terminal 2, and bus boarding gates in Terminal 1.

Ranging in size from 250 to 450 square meters, the enclosures can accommodate between 55 and 120 passengers at a time. These spaces

are equipped to function as security screening zones, facilitating seamless re-entry into the SHA.

To further enhance the passenger experience, DIAL is working to provide essential amenities such as toilets and vending machines within the enclosures wherever feasible. Airline staff will escort passengers into the enclosures,

while CISF personnel will oversee security screening and Private Security Agency (PSA) staff will verify passengers' documents.

The enclosures will significantly cut processing times. Traditionally, disembarked passengers would be routed to arrivals and processed through domestic or international transfer areas before re-entering the terminal's secure zones.

This new system allows direct re-entry to the SHA, reducing processing time from approximately 2.5 hours to just a few minutes.

Vidh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO-DIAL, said, "DIAL has been working to enhance passengers' experience at Delhi Airport.

By implementing this new initiative, DIAL aims to significantly reduce the time taken for the de-boarding and boarding process for passengers of flights affected by fog/weather or technical issues."



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MUMBAI

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SVPI Airport pioneers innovative measures to minimise bird strikes

FPJ News Service

AHMEDABAD

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd., the flagship incubator of the globally diversified Adani Portfolio, has undertaken several pioneering initiatives – many of which are first-of-their-kind in the country – resulting in significant reduction in bird strikes. This measure enhances the safety of both passengers and aircraft.

Understanding the Bird Strike Threat

Bird strikes pose a serious risk to aviation safety. When birds collide with aircraft, they can cause damage to engines, windshields and other critical components, potentially leading to serious accidents. To mitigate this risk, SVPI Airport has implemented a comprehensive bird management programme.

Several pioneering initiatives, seen for the first time in an airport in India, include:

● **Targeted Vegetation Management:** To reduce the attractiveness of the Airport to birds, a precise grass growth cycle management strategy has been implemented. By using appropriate plant growth regulators and bird deterrents, SVPI Airport



has been able to control the growth of vegetation and discourage birds from foraging. The Plant Growth Regulators played a major role in keeping the height of grasses under check and thus reducing insect infestation.

● **Insect Control:** To reduce the availability of insect prey for birds, the Airport has undertaken comprehensive soil treatment to eliminate insect infestation, particularly winged termites, which attract black kites. Additionally, advanced insect attraction technologies like Farrow's light traps and black light traps are used to capture insects in large quantities, further reducing bird food sources.

● **Physical Deterrence:** To prevent birds from roosting on Airport structures, customised anti-perching devices conforming to Hyper Urban Bird Management technology have been installed. This is a patented technology for limiting access of pigeons; more than 95% of the bird infestation in the Airport buildings

has reduced.

● **Wildlife Management:** Problematic wildlife species are safely relocated to designated areas to minimise their impact on airport operations. SVPIA operates one of the first-of-its-kind programmes in the country for the scientific relocation of wildlife, including five species of birds.

● **Acoustic Deterrence:** Customised bioacoustics systems have been installed on Airport vehicles and on the periphery of the runway to deter birds.

● **Community Engagement:** The Airport regularly engages with local communities to educate them about the importance of avoiding bird feeding and littering in the vicinity of the Airport.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad remains committed to implementing innovative and industry-leading solutions to further enhance safety standards and provide a secure and seamless travel experience for all passengers.



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MILLENNIUM POST

DELHI

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Show-cause notice to Delhi airport on roof collapse

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government has sent a show-cause notice to Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), following the collapse of a roof at one of its passenger buildings in June, after an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi audit report found structural deficiencies, a senior official of the Ministry of Civil Aviation said. The show-cause notice has been served by the Airports Authority of India.

"The IIT Delhi study has found that certain strengthening is required. The defects have to be corrected. Weaknesses were also found in the parts that did not cave in," the official added.

एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ने भेजा कारण बताओ नोटिस

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली

भारतीय हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने देश के सबसे बड़े हवाई अड्डे इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआईए) का संचालन करने वाली दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) को कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया है, जिसमें इस साल जून में टर्मिनल 1 के पुराने प्रस्थान प्रांगण में छत गिरने की घटना के बाद आईआईटी दिल्ली की टीम द्वारा किए गए अध्ययन के दौरान पाई गई कुछ संरचनात्मक कमजोरियों पर स्पष्टीकरण मांगा गया है। आईजीआई हवाई अड्डे का संचालन सार्वजनिक निजी भागीदारी के तहत किया जाता है। 28 जून को टर्मिनल 1 पर छत गिरने की घटना के बाद, जिसमें एक व्यक्ति की मौत भी हो गई थी, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी), दिल्ली के संरचनात्मक इंजीनियरों से आकलन करने के लिए कहा था। पूछे जाने पर, डायल के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि विशेषज्ञों को उनका टीम वर्तमान में भारतीय हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण (एएआई) द्वारा उठाए गए प्रश्नों का व्यापक उत्तर तैयार कर रही है। आईआईटीडी द्वारा किए गए अध्ययन की रिपोर्ट हमारे साथ साझा की गई है। एएआई उनके द्वारा उठाए गए बिंदुओं पर कुछ स्पष्टीकरण



चाहता था। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे विशेषज्ञों की टीम वर्तमान में इन प्रश्नों का व्यापक जवाब तैयार कर रही है और उन्हें निर्धारित समय-सीमा के भीतर प्रस्तुत किया जाएगा।

आईआईटी दिल्ली ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में टर्मिनल के उस हिस्से में कमजोरी पाई है जो छहने से प्रभावित नहीं हुआ था और संरचना को कुछ हद तक मजबूत करने की आवश्यकता है। अधिकारी ने कहा कि तब तक पुराने टी1 को परिचालन के लिए नहीं खोला जा सकता है। अधिकारी ने कहा, नए टी1, टी2 और टी3 के आसपास वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई है। अध्ययन में कुछ खामियां पाए जाने के बाद, अधिकारी ने कहा कि एएआई ने डायल को कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया है। कारण बताओ नोटिस के बारे में विशेष विवरण तुरंत पता नहीं लगाया जा सका। डायल के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, आईआईटीडी द्वारा किए गए अध्ययन की रिपोर्ट हमारे साथ साझा की गई है। (शेष पृष्ठ 9)

एयरपोर्ट...

एएआई उनके द्वारा उठाए गए बिंदुओं पर कुछ स्पष्टीकरण चाहता था। हमारे विशेषज्ञों की टीम वर्तमान में इन प्रश्नों का व्यापक जवाब तैयार कर रही है और उन्हें निर्धारित समय-सीमा के भीतर प्रस्तुत किया जाएगा। एएआई की ओर से कोई टिप्पणी नहीं की गई।

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● प्रशासन ने किसानों की 1200 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर लिया कब्जा

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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट जेवर के विस्तारीकरण स्टेज दो व फेज वन के लिए भूमि अर्जन पुनर्वासन के लिए छह गांवों झूहेरा, कुरैब, करौली चांगर, दयानतपुर, वीरमपुर एवं मुडरह की 1181.2793 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर जिला प्रशासन ने सोमवार को कब्जा प्राप्त कर संबंधित नोडल एजेंसी को हस्तगत करा दिया।

एडीएम भूमि एवं अध्यापित बच्चू सिंह ने बताया कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जेवर उचित प्रतिकर और पारदर्शिता का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2013 के तहत छह गांवों झूहेरा, कुरैब, करौली चांगर, दयानतपुर, वीरमपुर एवं मुडरह की कुल 1181.2793 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण कर कब्जा लिया गया है। एडीएम भूमि एवं अध्यापित बच्चू सिंह ने उन्होंने बताया कि आज गीतमबुद्धनगर जिला प्रशासन ने इन गांवों की जमीन पर कब्जा लेकर संबंधित नोडल एजेंसी यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अजय कुमार शर्मा डिप्टी कलेक्टर भूलेख, प्रभात कुमार तहसीलदार भूलेख, मनीष सिंह, नायब तहसीलदार एवं परियोजना विभाग को हस्तगत करा दिया है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर 30



नवंबर शुरू होगा विमानों का ट्रायल, डीजीसीए से मिल सकती है अनुमति इसमें गांव दयानतपुर की 3.1704 हेक्टेयर, वीरमपुर की 3.0155 हेक्टेयर तथा गांव मुडरह की 7.8310 हेक्टेयर भूमि शामिल है। इस तरह कुल 14.0169 हेक्टेयर भूमि पर प्रशासन ने कब्जा लिया है। तीन अन्य गांवों में कब्जा लिए जाने की कार्यवाही गतिमान है। शहर में नया एलिवेटेड रोड बनाने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। यह नया फ्लाईओवर चार से पांच किलोमीटर लंबा डीएनडी फ्लाईवे टोल से महामाया फ्लाईओवर तक बनाया जा सकता है।

इसके संकेत सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने उत्तर प्रदेश में लखनऊ विधायक राजेश्वर सिंह के पत्र के जवाब में दिया है, जिसमें उन्होंने डीएनडी टोल वे से महामाया फ्लाईओवर यातायात का भारी दबाव होने की बात लिखी थी, एक नया फ्लाईओवर बनाने का आग्रह किया था। बता दें कि दक्षिण दिल्ली के आश्रम और सराय काले

खां की ओर से दिल्ली इनर रिंग रोड का ट्रैफिक नोएडा ग्रेटर नोएडा एक्सप्रेस वे पर प्रतिदिन आता है, नया एलिवेटेड रोड बनने से पांच लाख वाहनों की राह आसान होगी, सफर जाम मुक्त बनाया जा सकेगा।

वर्तमान में यह ट्रैफिक डीएनडी लूप से उतरकर नोएडा ग्रेटर नोएडा एक्सप्रेस वे पर जाता है, जिससे सेक्टर-16 स्थित फिल्म सिटी से महामाया फ्लाईओवर तक और चापसी दलित प्रेरणा स्थल से डीएनडी लूप तक यातायात जाम लगता है।

हालांकि नोएडा प्राधिकरण डीएनडी लूप को चौड़ा करने और आगे सड़क का चौड़ाकरण का काम कर रहा है, लेकिन इस रूट के लिए फ्लाईओवर का निर्माण होता है तो यहां जाम से आगामी कई सालों के लिए निजात मिल सकेगा। विधायक राजेश्वर सिंह के पत्र पर केंद्रीय मंत्री को सहमति के बाद प्राधिकरण इस योजना पर अमल करेगा। साथ ही जल्द ही इस योजना के लिए फिजिबिलिटी तैयार करेगा।



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Indians stranded at Kuwait airport depart for Manchester

PTI ■ KUWAIT CITY

Several Indian passengers of a Manchester-bound Gulf Air flight were stranded at the Kuwait airport for nearly 20 hours and flown out of the city to their destination on Monday morning. The Gulf Air flight from Bahrain to Manchester was diverted to Kuwait due to a technical glitch. Gulf Air GF5 took off from Bahrain at 2.05 am local time on December 1 but a snag forced the plane to land in Kuwait at 4:01 am, as per reports.

With several passengers complaining that they had been stranded at the airport for many hours, the Indian embassy in Kuwait took up the matter with Gulf Air, according to social media posts.

In a series of posts on X, the embassy said its team reached the airport to assist the passengers and coordinate with the airline. Passengers were accommodated in two airport lounges. Food and water were made available for the stranded passengers at the lounges, as per the embassy.

"Gulf Air flight to Manchester finally departed at 0434 hours today carrying stranded Indian passengers among others. The embassy team was on the ground till the flight departed," the embassy said in a post. A stranded passenger, on Sunday, took to X, alleging that Indian passengers were left without help.



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Newborn's body found in a box at Lucknow airport

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■
LUCKNOW

A shocking incident unfolded at Lucknow's Amausi Airport on Tuesday morning when the body of a newborn was discovered in a courier box during routine cargo scanning. The package, booked for Indigo flight 6E 2238 to Mumbai, triggered a security alert, prompting immediate action by the airport's cargo staff and authorities. The discovery occurred when a scanning machine beeped unusually during the inspection of cargo items.

Upon opening the box, staff found the lifeless body of a month-old infant inside a plastic container. The matter was promptly reported to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which is responsible for airport security.

The courier agent who booked the parcel, identified as Shiv Baran Yadav, was detained and handed over to the CISF for questioning. However, Yadav reportedly failed to provide any explanation or documentation regarding the presence of the newborn's body in the courier package. According to airport sources,

the cargo team, led by staff member Ankit Kumar, was conducting routine scans of goods booked for air cargo. The scanning machine flagged the package, and upon manual inspection, the body of the newborn was found. Shocked by the discovery, the cargo team immediately informed the CISF and local police, who took charge of the situation. "We were shocked to find the infant's body inside," Kumar said. The airport police confirmed the recovery of the body from the cargo premises and are probing the circumstances surrounding the incident. "It

appears that the body was being sent to Mumbai, possibly for some examination," said the airport post in-charge. Authorities are investigating whether the courier company or the agent was aware of the box's contents. As of now, no official documents have been presented to justify the transportation of the body. The identity of the newborn and the circumstances of their death remain unknown, and police are working to uncover more details. The incident has raised serious concerns over the misuse of courier services and airport security measures.



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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर पाई गई संरचनात्मक कमजोरियां

● भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने आईआईटी दिल्ली की रिपोर्ट पर जारी किया नोटिस

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फाइल फोटो

कमजोरियां पाई गईं, जो छत गिरने से प्रभावित नहीं हुआ था। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, ढांचे को मजबूती प्रदान करने की आवश्यकता है। वहीं इस नोटिस पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया देते हुए डायल के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, आईआईटी दिल्ली द्वारा प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट में उठाए गए बिंदुओं पर विशेषज्ञों की हमारी टीम काम कर रही है। इन प्रश्नों के उत्तर तब समय

सीमा के भीतर एएआई को सौंपे जाएंगे। वहीं एएआई के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के अनुसार, जब तक संरचनात्मक खामियों को ठीक नहीं किया जाता, तब तक पुराने टी-1 को परिचालन के लिए नहीं खोला जाएगा। वर्तमान में, नई टर्मिनल व्यवस्थाओं के तहत टी-1, टी-2, और टी-3 पर वैकल्पिक प्रबंध किए गए हैं।

डायल का स्वामित्व और जिम्मेदारी

डायल, देश के सबसे बड़े हवाईअड्डे इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे (आईजीआईए) का संचालन करता है। यह सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी के तहत संचालित होता है। डायल में जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स लिमिटेड की 64 फीसदी, एएआई की 26 फीसदी, और फ्रांफर्ट एजी फ्रैंकफर्ट एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज वर्ल्डवाइड की 10 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी है। बता दें कि डायल ने 17 अगस्त से नए टी-1 का संचालन शुरू कर दिया है। हालांकि, पुराने टी-1 को 28 जून की घटना के बाद से बंद रखा गया है। हवाईअड्डे से प्रतिदिन करीब 1,400 उड़ानें संचालित होती हैं, और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करना प्राथमिकता है।



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AMAR UJALA

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चालू वित्त वर्ष में 17 करोड़ पहुंच सकती है हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष में 10 फीसदी बढ़कर 16-17 करोड़ पहुंच सकती है। रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा के मुताबिक, इस अवधि के दौरान विमानन उद्योग को 2,000-3,000 करोड़ रुपये का घाटा हो सकता है।

इक्रा ने मंगलवार को एक रिपोर्ट में कहा, 2024-25 की पहली छमाही में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना आधार पर 5.3 फीसदी बढ़कर 7.93 करोड़ हो गई। मूलरूप से भीषण गर्मी और अन्य मौसम संबंधी का इस पर असर दिखा था। अंतरराष्ट्रीय



यात्रियों की संख्या इस दौरान 16.2 फीसदी बढ़ी। एजेंसी के मुताबिक, चालू वित्त वर्ष के पहले आठ महीनों में विमानन ईंधन की औसत कीमतें 6.8 फीसदी कम होकर 96,192 रुपये/किलो लीटर हो गईं। हालांकि, यह कोरोना से पहले की अवधि के 65,261 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर की तुलना में अब भी अधिक है। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

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DESIGNS ON SKY



ART OF THE STATE. Air India Express' new Boeing VT-BXL aircraft sports livery inspired by the 'ikat' weaving tradition. 'ikat' symbolises Odisha's timeless artistry and vibrant cultural identity, serving as an inspiration to travellers and a tribute to the State's rich legacy. Air India Express on Tuesday launched four routes from Bhubaneswar as a part of the airline's expansion in the east »

IndiGo sues Mahindra Electric over use of '6E' in its new e-car

BRAND IDENTITY. Airline says '6E' mark is an integral part of its identity for past 18 years

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Airline major IndiGo on Tuesday filed a trademark infringement suit against Mahindra Electric Automobile over the use of the term '6E' in the name of its upcoming electric car. The case was filed at the Delhi High Court, and the case is slated to be heard on December 9.

Notably, IndiGo flights use the call sign '6E'; besides, the airline has several products branded with this call sign. IndiGo's lawyers said the automobile manufacturer had reached out to the airline to resolve the matter.

As per a media report that appeared on the Bar and Bench website, Mahindra Electric recently received approval from the trademark registrar to register 'BE 6E' under Class 12, which covers



COUNTER STATEMENT. Mahindra & Mahindra says its 6E is fundamentally different from IndiGo's "6E" REUTERS

a wide range of motor vehicles, excluding two-wheelers.

INDIGO'S CLAIM

IndiGo challenged this approval, the report said, citing that it could lead to consumer confusion and dilute its brand identity.

In a statement, IndiGo said the "6E" mark is an integral part of its identity for the past 18 years and is a registered trademark that

holds strong global recognition.

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"Any unauthorised use of the 6E mark constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation and goodwill," the airline said.

"IndiGo is committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity," it said.

On a technical level, a lengthy process follows after the initial approval to obtain final registration.

In a stock exchange filing, Mahindra & Mahindra has countered the trademark infringement suit and has stated that its 6E is fundamentally different from IndiGo's "6E," which represents an airline and that eliminates any risk of confusion.

"The company and Mahindra Electric Automobile Ltd (MEAL) have taken on board the concerns that InterGlobe Aviation Ltd ("Indigo") have to infringe of their goodwill, which was not our intention. The company and MEAL are engaged in discussions with them to find an amicable solution," Mahindra & Mahindra said in a statement to the stock exchanges.

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Domestic airlines are expected to post a net loss of ₹2,000-3,000 crore in FY25 and FY26 due to weak rupee and increased costs as a result of grounding of aircraft, rating agency ICRA said in its aviation sector outlook.

However, the loss will be lower compared to previous years on account of healthy traffic growth, anticipated improvement in yields and decline in interest costs, it added.

PRICING POWER

ICRA's Senior Vice-President and Co-group Head Kinjal Shah said improved pricing power will support airlines' financial performance. Domestic air traffic is expected to grow by 7-10 per cent to 164-170 million in FY25 while international traffic by Indian carriers will rise by 15-20 per cent due to high demand from leisure segments and favourable visa policies.

As such, airlines' revenue

is expected to grow by 10-15 per cent in fiscals FY25 and FY26.

ICRA has maintained a stable outlook for the Indian aviation sector on the back of better pricing discipline, improvements in aircraft infrastructure and increased connectivity to tier-II and tier-III cities.

While there has been some improvement over the last year, 16-18 per cent of India's airline fleet (144 aircraft) is grounded.

Last year, the share of grounded aircraft was 20-22 per cent.

This has resulted in higher expenses as airlines resort to higher cost wet leases and fly less fuel efficient planes.

"ICRA believes that capacity addition for the industry will only be gradual as the supply chain challenges faced by the aircraft and engine OEMs may result in intermittent delays in deliveries."

"Further, a sizeable part of the fleet addition by airlines will be meant for expanding international operations," Shah added.

क्रिसमस और नए साल के लिए हवाई किराये में तेजी नहीं

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इस साल क्रिसमस और नए साल के दौरान यात्रा के लिए हवाई किराये में खास बढ़ोतरी नहीं हुई है। विमान ईंधन की कीमतों में नरमी, विभिन्न उड़ानों के दमदार लोड फैक्टर और फिलहाल किराये नियंत्रण में दिख रहे हैं।

यात्रा वेबसाइट इग्जिगो के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 24 दिसंबर से 1 जनवरी के बीच यात्रा के लिए दिल्ली-गोवा मार्ग पर औसत हवाई किराया 9,301 रुपये रहा है, जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि के मुकाबले महज 2 फीसदी अधिक है। यह किराया 30 दिन पहले बुक किए गए टिकटों के हैं। क्रिसमस और नए साल के जश्न के लिए गोवा भारत का एक सबसे लोकप्रिय गंतव्य है।

दिल्ली-कोलकाता मार्ग भारत के सबसे व्यस्त मार्गों में शामिल है जहां हर सप्ताह 160 से अधिक उड़ानों का

संचालन होता है। इग्जिगो के अनुसार, 24 दिसंबर से 1 जनवरी के बीच इस मार्ग पर औसत हवाई किराये में एक साल पहले की समान अवधि के मुकाबले 29.7 फीसदी की कमी दर्ज की गई है। ये किराये प्रस्थान से 30 दिन पहले बुक किए गए टिकटों के हैं।

विमानन कंपनियों के अधिकारियों ने कहा कि हालिया सप्ताहों के दौरान लोड फैक्टर में लगातार मजबूती बनी हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि आगामी सप्ताहों में भी लोड फैक्टर में मजबूती बरकरार रहने के आसार हैं। एक अधिकारी ने कहा, 'विमानों के जमीन पर खड़े होने एवं अन्य कारणों से कुछ क्षमता प्रभावित हुई है, लेकिन हवाई किराये में काफी हद तक स्थिरता बनी हुई है। आने वाले दिनों में क्रिसमस सप्ताह के लिए मांग बढ़ने की उम्मीद है।'

विमानन विश्लेषण फर्म सिरियम के अनुसार, भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों द्वारा दिसंबर में हर सप्ताह 22,645 उड़ानों का संचालन करने वाली हैं जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि के मुकाबले करीब 8 फीसदी अधिक है। फिलहाल



देश में 730 वाणिज्यिक विमानों में से करीब 130 विमान आपूर्ति श्रृंखला में व्यवधान, वित्तीय चुनौतियों और इंजन संबंधी समस्या के कारण जमीन पर खड़े हैं।

इस साल दिसंबर में विमान ईंधन की कीमतों में पिछले साल की समान अव

धि के मुकाबले कमी आई है। दिल्ली में 1 दिसंबर को विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमत 91,856 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर थी जो दिसंबर 2023 के मुकाबले करीब 14 फीसदी कम है। विमानन कंपनी के कुल परिचालन खर्च में विमान ईंधन लागत की

हिस्सेदारी करीब 40 फीसदी है।

दिल्ली-कोलकाता मार्ग की ही तरह बेंगलूरु-हैदराबाद मार्ग को भी भारत का एक सबसे व्यस्त हवाई मार्ग माना जाता है। इग्जिगो के अनुसार, 24 दिसंबर से 1 जनवरी के बीच इस मार्ग पर औसत हवाई किराये में पिछले साल

के मुकाबले 6.9 फीसदी की कमी देखी गई है। इस मार्ग पर प्रस्थान से 30 दिन पहले बुक किए गए टिकटों का औसत किराया 3,526 रुपये है।

बहरहाल भारत में हवाई किराये को केंद्र सरकार नियंत्रित नहीं करती है। इसके लिए नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) की एक टैरिफ मॉनिटरिंग यूनिट (टीएमयू) है। टीएमयू 60 मार्गों पर चार श्रेणियों में हवाई किराये पर नजर रखती है। इन श्रेणियों में प्रस्थान से 31 दिन पहले खरीदे गए टिकट, 14 दिन पहले खरीदे गए टिकट और तत्काल खरीदे गए टिकट शामिल हैं।

तत्कालीन विमानन मंत्री ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया ने दिसंबर 2023 में कहा था, 'अगर हम किराये में कोई बड़ी बढ़ोतरी देखते हैं तो टीएमयू विमानन कंपनी को सूचित करता है। इस प्रकार विमानन कंपनी खुद उसे नियंत्रित करती है। फिलहाल मौसमी उतार-चढ़ाव के मद्देनजर हवाई किराये नियंत्रण में हैं।'

ग्राफिक्स: दीपक शर्मा

इंडिगो ने '6ई' के नाम पर महिंद्रा को अदालत में घसीटा

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विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने महिंद्रा इलेक्ट्रिक ऑटोमोबाइल को दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय में घसीटा है। विमानन कंपनी ने आरोप लगाया है कि महिंद्रा की अगले साल फरवरी में आने वाली इलेक्ट्रिक कार महिंद्रा बीई 6ई में उसके ट्रेडमार्क 6ई का उल्लंघन किया गया है।

देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी ने अदालत को यह भी बताया कि महिंद्रा इस मुद्दे पर चर्चा करने के लिए सोमवार की शाम उसके पास पहुंची थी। मामला मंगलवार को न्यायमूर्ति अमित बंसल के सामने आया मगर उन्होंने मामले की सुनवाई करने से खुद को अलग कर लिया। अब मामले की अगली सुनवाई 9 दिसंबर को होने की उम्मीद है।

विवाद ने तब तूल पकड़ा जब पिछले महीने 25 नवंबर को ट्रेडमार्क रजिस्ट्रार ने महिंद्रा की इलेक्ट्रिक एसयूवी 'बीई 6ई' के लिए ट्रेडमार्क पंजीकरण का आवेदन स्वीकार कर लिया।

उल्लेखनीय है कि ट्रेडमार्क कानूनों के तहत, ट्रेडमार्क के कुल 45 वर्ग हैं, जिनमें 1-34 वर्ग उत्पादों के हैं और 35-45 वर्ग सेवाओं के हैं। दरअसल इंडिगो एयरलाइन के डिजाइनर कोड में '6ई' का इस्तेमाल होता आ रहा है और उसके पास इसका ट्रेडमार्क मौजूद है। विमानन उद्योग में कॉल साइन अक्षरों और संख्याओं का एक समूह है जिसका उपयोग हवाई-भूमि संचार में एक विमान की पहचान करने के लिए किया जाता है। इस मामले वह 6ई है।

घरेलू वाहन कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा, 'हमने सद्भावना के उल्लंघन से जुड़ी इंटरग्लोब एविएशन लिमिटेड की चिंताओं को ध्यान में रखा है और हमारा ऐसा

ट्रेडमार्क का मामला

■ विमानन कंपनी ने कहा कि महिंद्रा की अगले साल फरवरी में आने वाली इलेक्ट्रिक कार महिंद्रा बीई 6ई में उसके ट्रेडमार्क 6ई का उल्लंघन किया गया है

■ मंगलवार को मामले की सुनवाई करने से न्यायमूर्ति अमित बंसल ने खुद को अलग कर लिया

■ अब इस मामले की अगली सुनवाई 9 दिसंबर को होने की उम्मीद है

कोई इरादा नहीं था। हम सौहार्दपूर्ण समाधान खोजने के लिए उनके साथ चर्चा कर रहे हैं।' हालांकि महिंद्रा ऐंड महिंद्रा ने कहा कि उसका ट्रेडमार्क 'बीई 6ई' इंडिगो के '6ई' से अलग है जिससे ग्राहकों के मन में किसी भी तरह के भ्रम की स्थिति नहीं रहती है। हालांकि महिंद्रा ने दावा किया कि उसने अपने इलेक्ट्रिक एसयूवी 'बीई 6ई' के लिए ट्रेडमार्क पंजीकरण का आवेदन किया है जो कि इंडिगो के 6ई से मौलिक रूप से अलग है जिससे भ्रम की कोई भी संभावना नहीं रहती है।

इस मामले में इंडिगो की तरफ से जारी बयान में कहा गया कि विमानन कंपनी अपने ट्रेडमार्क और ब्रांड पहचान को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए सभी जरूरी कदम उठाने को प्रतिबद्ध है। इंडिगो ने कहा, '6ई कोड पिछले 18 वर्षों से इंडिगो की पहचान का अभिन्न अंग है और यह एक पंजीकृत ट्रेडमार्क है, जिसकी वैश्विक स्तर पर मजबूत मान्यता है। इस कोड का किसी भी रूप में अनधिकृत इस्तेमाल इंडिगो के अधिकारों का उल्लंघन करता है।'

वित्त वर्ष में होंगे 17 करोड़ घरेलू हवाई यात्री!

घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष में सात से दस प्रतिशत बढ़कर 16.4 से 17 करोड़ तक रहने का अनुमान है। इसी अवधि में विमानन उद्योग का घाटा 2,000-3,000 करोड़ रुपये रहने के आसार है।

साख निर्धारण करने वाली एजेंसी इक्रा के अनुसार 2024-25 की पहली छमाही (अप्रैल-सितंबर) में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना आधार पर 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि के साथ 7.93 करोड़ रही थी। हालांकि यह भीषण गर्मी और अन्य मौसम संबंधी व्यवधानों से आंशिक रूप से प्रभावित हुई। भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की

संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही में 16.2 प्रतिशत बढ़ी। इक्रा ने भारतीय विमानन उद्योग पर परिदृश्य को 'स्थिर' बरकरार रखा है। इक्रा की वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष और सह-समूह प्रमुख किंजल शाह ने कहा कि उद्योग को वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 और 2025-26 में 20-30 अरब रुपये का शुद्ध घाटा होने का अनुमान है। यह विमानन कंपनियों की बेहतर मूल्य निर्धारण शक्ति के समर्थन से अतीत में हुए घाटे की तुलना में काफी कम है। विमानन कंपनियों की लागत संरचना आमतौर पर दो प्रमुख घटकों विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमतों व रुपया / डॉलर की दरों पर निर्भर करती है। भाषा

'6e' branding: IndiGo sues M&M arm

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New Delhi, 3 December

IndiGo has taken Mahindra Electric Automobile to Delhi High Court (HC) for infringement of its trademark '6e' in Mahindra's new electric car, the Mahindra BE 6e, which is expected to hit Indian roads in February 2025.

India's largest airline informed the court that Mahindra had reached out to it on Monday evening to discuss the issue.

The case came up before Justice Amit Bansal on Tuesday, but the judge recused himself from hearing the matter. It is now expected to be heard on December 9. The dispute arose when the registrar of trademarks on November 25 accepted Mahindra Electric's request to register the 'BE 6e' mark in Class 12. Under trademark laws, there are a total of 45 classes of trademarks, with Classes 1-34 pertaining to products and Classes 35-45 pertaining to services.

IndiGo operates under the call-sign '6e', which is also a key identifier of its branding. In aviation, a call-sign is a group of letters and

LEGAL TUSSLE

■ In 2015, IndiGo was embroiled in a trademark dispute with Tata Motors, which sells its flagship sedans under the same brand name. Tata Motors forayed into sedans with Indigo in 2002 and had issued notices to IndiGo in 2005, but the airline went ahead with the trademark at the time

■ In 2016, Go Holdings (proprietors of now bankrupt Go Air) sued Indigo before the Bombay High Court for Intellectual Property issues over their chosen Prefix Go, and had sought directions to rename the Airline "Indigo" to Indi. The suit however, was for intellectual property disputes between two airlines as opposed to entire trademark infringements



numbers used to identify an aircraft or aviator in air-ground communications (in this case, 6e).

The '6e' brand also offers a wide range of services to its passengers, such as seat selection, priority check-in, complimentary snacks, and the ability to flexibly reschedule and cancel. In addition, the 6e add-ons also offer options for extra baggage, pre-booked meals, and lounge access. IndiGo obtained registration for the word mark '6e Link' under Classes 9, 35, 39, and

16 in 2015, which gives it right to use '6e' for advertisement and services. Now that Mahindra's request has been accepted to use 'BE 6e', it can be used for motor vehicles and related components.

"The '6e' mark is an integral part of IndiGo's identity, having been used for the past 18 years, and is a registered trademark that holds strong global recognition. The '6e' mark, whether standalone or in its variants and formative forms, is extensively used by IndiGo for its

offerings and for goods and services provided in collaboration with trusted partners. Any unauthorised use of the '6e' mark, whether standalone or in any form, constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation, and goodwill. IndiGo is committed to taking necessary steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity," a IndiGo spokesperson said.

Mahindra said its electric-origin sport utility vehicle (SUV), the BE 6e and XEV 9e, on November 26, 2024. Mahindra has applied for trademark registration under Class 12 (vehicles) for 'BE 6e' as part of its electric-origin SUV portfolio.

"We don't see a conflict, as Mahindra's mark is 'BE 6e', not the standalone '6e'. It differs fundamentally from IndiGo's '6e', which represents an airline, eliminating any risk of confusion. The distinct styling further emphasises their uniqueness. We have taken on board the concerns that InterGlobe Aviation has about the infringement of their goodwill, and are engaged in discussions for an amicable solution," a spokesperson for Mahindra & Mahindra.

Year-end travel plans not hit yet as airfares remain stable

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New Delhi, 3 December

Airfares during the Christmas and New Year period have remained largely stable as fuel prices are low, load factors (occupancy rate) in flights are robust, and airlines are expecting the demand to pick up further, say industry players.

According to data from travel website Ixigo, which has been reviewed by Business Standard, the average airfare on the Delhi-Goa route for travel between December 24 and January 1 has stood at ₹9,301, just two per cent higher than during the same period last year.

The fares were considered for tickets booked 30 days in advance. Goa remains one of India's most popular destinations for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

The Delhi-Kolkata route stands as one of India's busiest, witnessing the operation of over 160 flights weekly.

According to ixigo, the average airfare on this route during the December 24-January 1 period has experienced a year-on-year decrease of 29.7 per cent for tickets booked 30 days prior to departure.

Airline officials stated that load factors have remained consistently high in recent weeks and

are expected to stay strong in the weeks ahead.

"Although there are certain capacity constraints due to aircraft groundings and other issues, airfares have largely remained stable. Demand for the Christmas period is expected to rise further in the coming days," one official said.

According to aviation analytics firm Cirium, Indian carriers are scheduled to operate 22,645 flights per week in December, an increase of approximately eight per cent compared to the same month last year.

Currently, around 130 of the 730 commercial aircraft in the country are grounded due to supply chain disruptions, financial challenges, and engine-related issues.

Fuel prices have also decreased in December this year compared to the same period last year.

On December 1, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were ₹91,856 per kilolitre in Delhi, about 14 per cent lower than in December 2023. ATF costs account for nearly 40 per cent of an airline's total operating expenses.

Just like Delhi-Kolkata route, the Bengaluru-Hyderabad route is recognised as one of India's busiest.

According to ixigo, the average airfare on this



Key routes	FROM		% change
	Dec 24, '23 to Jan 1, '24	Dec 24, '24 to Jan 1, '25	
Delhi-Udaipur	5,931	5,368	-9.5
Delhi-Kolkata	8,268	5,811	-29.7
Bengaluru-Hyderabad	3,789	3,526	-6.9
Kolkata-Bengaluru	8,417	6,004	-28.7
Mumbai-Ahmedabad	3,212	3,070	-4.4
Delhi-Goa	9,119	9,301	2.0
Mumbai-Goa	5,867	6,116	4.2
Delhi-Bengaluru	8,201	8,699	6.1
Mumbai-Bengaluru	4,991	5,346	7.1

STEADY COURSE
Avg one-way fare for departures (in ₹)

Note: Data for tickets purchased 30 days in advance Source: Ixigo

route for the December 24-January 1 timeframe has observed a year-on-year reduction of 6.9 per cent, amounting to ₹3,526 for tickets booked 30 days in advance of departure.

While the central government does not control airfares in India, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation does have a tariff monitoring unit that monitors fares on 60 routes in four categories: Tickets purchased 31 days before

departure, 14 days, seven days and immediate fares.

In December 2023, aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told reporters: "If we observe any major spike in fares, the Tariff Monitoring Unit informs the airline and it self-regulates and brings the fare under control. Currently, the fares are under control, keeping in mind the seasonal fluctuation."



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एयरलाइंस को होगा 2-3 हजार करोड़ का घाटा

नई दिल्ली | क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा के मुताबिक हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ने के बावजूद घरेलू एविएशन इंडस्ट्री को वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 और 2025-26 में 2-3 हजार करोड़ रुपए का घाटा होने का अंदेशा है। एयरलाइंस को ये घाटा ऊंची ऑपरेशनल कॉस्ट, हवाई किराये का जरूरत से कम होना और सप्लाय चैन की चुनौतियों के कारण होगा।



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वित्त वर्ष 2025 में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या में आरणा 7-10 प्रतिशत का उछाल

नई दिल्ली, 3 दिसम्बर (एजेंसियां)। वित्त वर्ष 2025 में भारत में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या में सालाना आधार पर 7-10 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि देखने को मिलेगी। मंगलवार को आई एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, घरेलू यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष में 164-170 मिलियन होगी। क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी आईसीआरए के अनुसार, इस वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 79.3 मिलियन रही, जो सालाना आधार पर 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाता है। भारतीय वाहकों के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की संख्या में भी वृद्धि हुई है, इसमें चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही (अप्रैल-सितम्बर) में 16.2 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई। यह गति वित्त वर्ष 2025 के शेष भाग के लिए भी जारी रहने की उम्मीद है, जो कि पूरे वर्ष के लिए 34-36 मिलियन के अनुमानित स्तर तक पहुंच जाएगी, जो सालाना आधार पर 15-20 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाती है। घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या में निरंतर वृद्धि के बीच, आईसीआरए ने भारतीय विमानन उद्योग पर अपना स्थिर दृष्टिकोण बनाए रखा है। रेवेन्यू पर अवेलेबल सीट किलोमीटर, कोस्ट पर अवेलेबल सीट किलोमीटर के बीच अंतर वित्त वर्ष 2024 की तुलना में चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही में कुछ कम हुआ, क्योंकि ईंधन की कीमतें अधिक थीं और विमानों के खड़े होने के बीच कुल लागत में वृद्धि हुई। हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या को देखते हुए चालू वित्त वर्ष की दूसरी छमाही में भी यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ने की उम्मीद है। रिपोर्ट में बताया गया है कि चालू वित्त वर्ष में उद्योग ऋण मीट्रिक स्थिर रहने की उम्मीद है।



■ घरेलू यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष में 164-170 मिलियन होगी



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DECCAN CHRONICLE

HYDERABAD

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Lufthansa extends suspension of Tel Aviv flights till Jan. 31

Frankfurt, Dec. 2: German airline group Lufthansa said on Monday it was extending the suspension of flights to Tel Aviv to the end of January, as a fragile ceasefire held between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

"All airlines of the Lu-

fthansa Group will extend the suspension of its flights to Tel Aviv up to and including 31 January 2025," the group said.

The Lufthansa group has repeatedly modified its schedule in recent months due to heightened tensions in the Middle

East, as have other airlines.

The group's services to Tel Aviv had previously been suspended until at least December 15.

For flagship carrier Lufthansa, the stop had applied until the end of the year. —AFP



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

JAIPUR

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पुणे की फ्लाइट 4 घंटे देरी से संचालित

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से इन दिनों विमान तय समय पर संचालित नहीं हो रहे। सोमवार को भी पुणे जाने वाली फ्लाइट करीब चार घंटे देरी से रवाना हुई। स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 5.35 बजे पुणे के लिए जाती है जो तकनीकी कारणों के चलते सोमवार सुबह 9.30 बजे रवाना हुई। इस दौरान यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर ही परेशान होते रहे।

ALLEGING TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT

IndiGo in HC Against Mahindra Over '6E'

M&M unit says branding poses no confusion as it represents an EV, not airline service

Our Bureau

New Delhi: InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, the operator of India's largest airline IndiGo, on Tuesday moved the Delhi High Court alleging trademark infringement of its International Air Transport Association (IATA) callsign '6E' by Mahindra Electric Automobile Ltd.

The airline accused the electric vehicle maker of using '6E' in its latest electric SUV, Mahindra BE 6e, which the airline claimed is similar to its '6E' trademark.

Mahindra's BE 6e, which has created buzz for its unique design and tech loaded features, is expected to hit the roads in February.

While Justice Amit Bansal recused himself from the hearing of the case, senior counsel Sandeep Sethi, representing IndiGo, informed the court that Mahindra had reached out to the airline on Monday and an effort is being made to discuss the matter.

The case is likely to come up for hearing on December 9.

The Registrar of Trademarks had on November 25 accepted Mahindra Electric's request to register its mark 'BE 6e' in Class 12 range of vehicles and parts. If registered, Mahindra will be allowed to use the '6e' trademark for a wide range of motor vehicles and related components, in-

cluding land vehicles, off-road and utility vehicles, electric and internal combustion engine-powered vehicles, buses, trucks, tractors, and parts. However, the mark cannot be used for two-wheelers and their components.

Mahindra Electric Automobile is a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) dedicated to developing and producing elec-



The case is likely to come up for hearing on December 9

tric vehicles. The company made its first full-fledged foray into India's nascent EV market with the introduction of two pure electric models—BE 6e and XEV 9e on November 26.

In response to IndiGo's petition, parent M&M said on Tuesday that the BE 6e mark differs fundamentally from IndiGo's standalone '6E' trademark. The automaker said its branding poses no risk of confusion since it represents an EV rather than an airline service.

M&M also acknowledged IndiGo's concerns regarding goodwill infringement and confirmed that both companies are in talks to reach an amicable solution. "We hence don't see a conflict as Mahindra's mark is "BE 6e," not the standalone "6E"... which represents an airline."



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

DELHI

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■ Rolls-Royce Valuation Hits \$63 b for First Time



NEW DELHI Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc's valuation reached £50 billion (\$63 billion) for the first time as

the stock extends a surge on the back of buoyant demand for long-haul jet engines. The London-based producer of engines like the Trent XWB, which powers some Airbus SE aircraft, closed up 3.2% on Tuesday, extending its year-to-date rally to 97%. The stock has risen more than sixfold since the end of 2022, beating every other stock on the benchmark Stoxx Europe 600 index. Rolls-Royce's sales have soared thanks to a post-pandemic surge in long-haul travel. The firm announced earlier this year that large-engine flying hours had finally surpassed levels seen before the Covid lockdowns.



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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Basil Kwauk to be New COO of Air India from January

Our Bureau

Mumbai: Air India on Tuesday announced Captain Basil Kwauk as its new Chief Operations Officer (COO), effective January 2025.

"Basil brings a wealth of experience from his 25-year career with Singapore Airlines and Vistara.



We look forward to his leadership as we enter the next phase of

transformation," Air India chief executive Campbell Wilson said in an internal email. ET had reviewed the email.

Kwauk, an accomplished pilot and mechanical engineer, has extensive experience in flying aircraft ranging from Airbus A319s to Boeing 787s. He will relocate to New Delhi in the coming weeks.

Captain Klaus Goersch, who has served as COO and played a key role in the airline's merger process, will step down at the end of December to assume a senior role in the United States closer to his family.

Wilson also expressed gratitude to Goersch, stating, "Klaus's contributions during a pivotal time for Air India have been invaluable."

Airfares set to rise in coming quarters

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, December 3

AIRFARES ARE EXPECTED to inch up in the coming quarters following a rise in fuel prices and lease rentals becoming more expensive due to the depreciating rupee, ratings agency Icra said on Tuesday.

“Even though we have seen a year-on-year decline in prices in the current year, ATF (aviation turbine fuel) prices remain at elevated levels compared to pre-Covid levels,” Kinjal Shah, senior vice president Icra said.

ATF was hiked by over 3% on November 1. ATF accounts for 30-40% of the total cost for the airlines. “They are unable to pass on the entire cost to the customers because of the need to maintain adequate PLF (passenger load factor). Such costs also come with a lag,” Shah added.

Domestic air traffic is projected to rise 7-10% to 164-170 million

in the current financial year. In the first half ending September, the domestic air passenger traffic stood at 79.3 million, marking a growth of 5%.

The agency further added that airlines are expected to report a net loss of ₹2,000-3,000 crore during FY25-26, markedly lower than the losses witnessed in the previous years, supported by continued passenger demand and better pricing power.

India had a total fleet of 853 aircraft as of end September 2024 end, of which 16-18% were grounded. From 154 aircraft grounded in September 2023, the number declined to 144 in September 2024 and is expected to reduce further.

“Airlines have to take short-term leases to meet the demand which is very strong currently. Since there is lower availability of aircraft, airlines will probably end up taking aircraft which are older and less fuel efficient,” Shah added.

COST TRANSFER

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■ Domestic air traffic is projected to rise **7-10%** to 164-170 million in the current financial year

■ India had a total fleet of **853** aircraft as of September 2024 end

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■ In the first half of this year, the domestic air passenger traffic stood at 79.3 million, a growth of **5%**





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SpiceJet secures rights to operate 100 Haj flights in 2025



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NEW DELHI

Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Monday said it has secured the rights to operate Haj flights in 2025 from four key cities in the country -- Kolkata, Guwahati, Srinagar, and Gaya.

As part of its mandate, SpiceJet will operate over 100 special flights for Haj 2025, using a mix of narrow-body and wide-body aircraft, and is expected to fly 18 per cent additional pilgrims (around 15,500) compared to this year, the airline said.

Haj has been a significant revenue generator for SpiceJet, and the airline expects to generate Rs 185 crore from these operations in 2025, it said.

During the previous Haj season, SpiceJet deployed two wide-body Airbus A340 aircraft, each with a seating capacity of 324 passengers, SpiceJet said.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

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घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 17 करोड़ होगी

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष में सात से दस प्रतिशत बढ़कर 16.4 से 17 करोड़ तक रहने का अनुमान है। इसी अवधि में विमानन उद्योग का घाटा 2,000-3,000 करोड़ रहने के आसार हैं। इका के अनुसार, 2024-25 की पहली छमाही (अप्रैल-सितंबर) में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना आधार पर 5.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि के साथ 7.93 करोड़ रही थी।



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THE HINDU

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IndiGo files law suit against Mahindra, seeks to prevent use of '6e' mark in e-SUV

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Low-cost airline Inter-Globe Aviation Ltd. (IndiGo) has filed a law suit against Mahindra Electric Mobility Ltd., a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) in the Delhi High Court, charging the electric SUV company with trademark infringement.

Last week, Mahindra unveiled two electric SUVs and one of them is named BE 6e. IndiGo, which has its call sign as 6E, believes that the use of 6e (e in lowercase) is a violation of its identity and trademark.

"The 6E mark is an inte-



gral part of IndiGo's identity for the past 18 years and is a registered trademark that holds strong global recognition. The 6E mark, whether standalone or in its variants and formative forms, is extensively used by IndiGo for its offerings and for goods and services

provided in collaboration with trusted partners," IndiGo said in a statement.

Infringement

"Any unauthorised use of the 6E mark, whether standalone or in any form, constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation, and goodwill. IndiGo is committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity," IndiGo, India's biggest airline by market share, said.

The Gurugram-headquartered company did not provide a copy of the law suit.



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IndiGo sues M&M over the use of '6E' for its EV

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NEW DELHI: InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, which runs India's largest airline IndiGo, has filed a trademark infringement case against Mahindra Electric Automobile Ltd in the Delhi High Court over the use of '6E' in the automaker's upcoming electric car model BE 6e, slated for deliveries in late February next year.

IndiGo claims that '6E', a key element of its branding and call sign, is protected under trademark laws and has sought an

injunction against Mahindra from using the designation.

Mahindra & Mahindra, the parent of Mahindra Electric Automobile, said that the styling of the two monikers—IndiGo's standalone '6E', and Mahindra's BE 6e—differs fundamentally, adding that it is in discussions with InterGlobe Aviation to resolve the dispute amicably.

The case was initially listed before Justice Amit Bansal, but the judge recused himself from the hearing on Tuesday. The matter is now scheduled to be heard on 9 December by a new bench.



IndiGo claims that '6E,' a key element of its branding and call sign, is protected under trademark laws.

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It may be noted here that Mahindra's SUV brand name sports a "6E" in small-case.

The airline's call sign "6E" is said to be central to its branding, representing a suite of passenger-focused services such as 6E Prime, which offers benefits like priority check-in and seat selection, and 6E Flex, allowing for flexible rescheduling and cancellations. Additionally, other 6E-branded add-ons are said to enhance the customer experience by offering customizable options, including lounge access and extra baggage allowances.

"Mahindra revealed its electric origin SUVs the BE 6e and XEV 9e on 26 November. Mahindra has applied for trade

mark registration under class 12 (vehicles) for 'BE 6e', a part of its electric origin SUV portfolio. We, hence, don't see a conflict as Mahindra's mark is 'BE 6e', not the standalone '6E'. It differs fundamentally from IndiGo's '6E', which represents an airline, eliminating any risk of confusion. The distinct styling further emphasizes their uniqueness," a Mahindra spokesperson said.

Mahindra's BE 6e is gaining in popularity as a futuristically-designed sports e-SUV. The brand name "BE" is pronounced "Be", and with "6e" is a play on "Be Sexy".



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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IN BRIEF



IndiGo to start direct flights to Penang from December 21

Chennai airport will soon have direct flights to Penang in Malaysia, with IndiGo set to commence non-stop flight operations to the Malaysian destination from December 21. While speaking at the launch, Agnel Pinto, assistant vice-president (sales), IndiGo, said the flight would depart at 2.15 a.m. from Chennai and arrive at Penang at 8.30 a.m. (MYT). The flight would leave from Penang at 9.30 a.m. (MYT) and land at Chennai airport at 10.30 a.m. (IST).



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IndiGo takes Mahindra Electric to court alleging '6e' trademark infringement

SUKALP SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 3

INDIA'S LARGEST airline IndiGo has filed a case in the Delhi High Court against automobile major Mahindra & Mahindra's (M&M) electric mobility arm—Mahindra Electric Automobile (MEAL)—for using the airline's identifier code 6E in the name of its recently unveiled electric vehicle BE 6e. IndiGo has the registration for the "6E" trademark and uses it extensively in its branding and advertising.

"The '6E' mark is an integral part of IndiGo's identity for the past 18 years and is a registered trademark that holds strong global recognition. The '6E' mark, whether standalone or in its variants and formative forms, is extensively used by IndiGo for its offerings and for goods and services provided in collaboration with trusted partners. Any unauthorised



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ised use of the "6E" mark, whether standalone or in any form, constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation, and goodwill. IndiGo is committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity," the airline said in a statement.

MEAL unveiled its electric origin SUVs—BE 6e and XEV 9e—on November 26, and has applied

for trade mark registration for "BE 6e". In a filing with the stock exchanges, M&M said that it does not see any conflict with IndiGo pertaining the trademarks, and that along with MEAL, it is in talks with the airline to arrive at an "amicable solution".

"...the Company (M&M) does not see a conflict as Mahindra's mark is 'BE 6e', not the standalone '6E'. It differs fundamen-

tally from IndiGo's '6E', which represents an airline, eliminating any risk of confusion. The distinct styling further emphasizes their uniqueness," M&M said, adding that the trade mark registration filed by the MEAL is specifically for the vehicle class.

"The Company and MEAL has taken on board the concerns that InterGlobe Aviation Limited ('IndiGo') have to infringement of their goodwill, which was not our intention. The Company and MEAL are engaged in discussions with them to find an amicable solution," the automobile company said.

The case came up for hearing before the Delhi High Court on Tuesday, and is now likely to come up for hearing next week.

The starting price for the BE 6e is Rs 18.90 lakh and it will be launched in phased manner from January end. MEAL expects to start deliveries towards the end of February or early March.



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2025 to be a mixed year for aviation: Icra

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The year 2025 is likely to be mixed for India's aviation sector, with jet fuel prices, grounding of aircraft, and moderation in yields seen as headwinds for the industry, according to rating agency Icra.

Improving passenger traffic, significant demand for leisure and business travel and increasing air passenger penetration are likely to be the tailwinds for the sector, Icra said.

Icra estimates that in FY25, domestic air passenger traffic is expected to grow in the range of 7-10%, and international passenger traffic for Indian carriers is seen rising 15-20%. The rating agency also expects the industry's net loss to be between ₹20 billion and ₹30 billion in FY25 and FY26.

"In terms of headwinds, ATF (aviation turbine fuel) prices are expected to be high. Even though we have seen a year-on-year decline in the prices in the

current year, they continue to be elevated compared to pre-covid levels," Kinjal Shah, senior VP at Icra said responding to Mint's queries. ATF accounts for nearly 30-40% of the total cost of airlines.

Shah said the aircraft-on-ground situation is the second biggest headwind. "Around 16-18% of the industry capacity is currently on ground. This not only impacts the supply in

Icra expects Indian aviation industry's net loss to be between ₹20 billion and ₹30 billion in FY25 and FY26.

terms of the availability of aircraft but also has an impact in terms of higher operating costs because airlines have to bear the cost of the aircraft on the ground and at the same time, you have to take short-term leases to meet the demand. So all these will incrementally have the impact of higher cost which we have already seen in H1 FY25," she said.

As far as major factors supporting the industry are concerned, Icra expects a pick-up in air passenger traffic aided by leisure and business travel which will result in a good demand for Indian carriers.



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Union aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu. PTI

Bill presented to replace Aircraft Act

The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday took up a bill which seeks to remove redundancies and replace the 90-year-old Aircraft Act to boost ease of doing business to attract investments in the [aviation](#) sector.

The Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024, was passed in the Lok Sabha in the last session of Parliament in August this year.

Moving the bill for consideration and passage, Union aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said that the bill was taken up after a suggestion by The International Civil Aviation Organization to amend the principal Act.

During the debate on the bill Congress members Syed Naseer Hussain and Pramod Tiwari sought to raise the Adani issue in the upper house and demanded an investigation into the bribery charges but were disallowed by the chair. PTI

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IndiGo sues M&M over the use of '6E' for its electric vehicle

Indigo says 6E is protected under trademark laws, seeks injunction against Mahindra

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NEW DELHI

InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, which runs India's largest airline IndiGo, has filed a trademark infringement case against Mahindra Electric Automobile Ltd in the Delhi High Court over the use of '6E' in the automaker's upcoming electric car model BE 6e, slated for deliveries in late February next year.

IndiGo claims that '6E,' a key element of its branding and call sign, is protected under trademark laws and has sought an injunction against Mahindra from using the designation.

Mahindra & Mahindra, the parent of Mahindra Electric Automobile, said that the styling of the two monikers—IndiGo's standalone '6E', and Mahindra's BE 6e—differs fundamentally, adding that it is in discussions with InterGlobe Aviation to resolve the dispute amicably.

The case was initially listed before Justice Amit

Bansal, but the judge recused himself from the hearing on Tuesday. The matter is now scheduled to be heard on 9 December by a new bench.

It may be noted here that Mahindra's SUV brand name sports a "6E" in small-case.

The airline's call sign "6E" is said to be central to its branding, representing a suite of passenger-focused services such as 6E Prime, which offers benefits like priority check-in and seat selection, and 6E Flex, allowing for flexible rescheduling and cancellations. Additionally, other 6E-branded add-ons are said to enhance the customer experience by offering customizable options, including lounge access and extra baggage allowances.

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represents an airline, eliminating any risk of confusion. The distinct styling further emphasizes their uniqueness," a Mahindra spokesperson said.

Mahindra's BE 6e is gaining in popularity as a futuristically-designed sports-e-SUV. The brand name "BE" is pronounced "Be", and with "6e" is a play on "Be Sexy".

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BHARATIYA VAYUYAN VIDHEYAK, 2024

Civil Aviation Minister Naidu moves Bill in Rajya Sabha to replace 90-yr old Aircraft Act

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday took up a Bill which seeks to remove redundancies and replace the 90-year-old Aircraft Act to boost ease of doing business to attract investments in the aviation sector.

The Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024, was passed in the Lok Sabha in the last session of Parliament in August this year.

Moving the Bill for consideration and passage, Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said that the Bill was taken up after a suggestion by The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to amend the principal act. Naidu mentioned that the aviation sector has the potential to drive the economy and should be expanded.

He informed the House that the number of airports has increased from 74 in 2014 to 157 in the country and the fleet size has also doubled from 400 (aircraft) in 2014 to 813.

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"We are giving strong legal backing to the rules under the Act," he stressed.

He also stated that today everybody wants to have an airport in their district.

"We want to cater to those dreams. We want to build those airports. We feel that if we cannot do it today, it will be a challenge tomorrow. The land is going to be scarce," he added.

"We have organised every-

thing in the Bill which provides different section for powers of bodies like DGCA. So there is clear demarcation and indication on which each body has to do as recommended by ICAO," he stated



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'Domestic air traffic to rise to 164-170 mn in current fiscal'

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"Some airlines also have foreign currency debt. While the domestic airlines also have a partial natural hedge to the extent of earnings from their international operations, overall, they have net payables in foreign currency," the rating agency said in a release. #



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PTI ■ MUMBAI

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मुंबई (भाषा)।

भारतीय पर्यटकों को लुभाने के लिए दक्षिण अफ्रीका सीधी उड़ान सेवाएं शुरू करने के लिए सरकार के साथ तीन विमानन कंपनियों के साथ भी बातचीत कर रहा है। दक्षिण अफ्रीका की पर्यटन मंत्री पेट्रीसिया डी लिली ने मंगलवार को एक बातचीत में यह जानकारी दी।

लिली ने फोन पर हुई बातचीत में कहा, 'हम दक्षिण अफ्रीका को भारतीय पर्यटकों के लिए एक पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में बढ़ावा देने और किसी भी मुद्दे को सुलझाने के लिए तत्पर हैं।' उन्होंने दक्षिण अफ्रीका और भारत के बीच सीधी उड़ानों के मुद्दे पर कहा कि वह तीन भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों- एयर इंडिया, इंडिगो और स्पाइसजेट से बात करेगी और उन्हें दोनों देशों के बीच सीधी उड़ानों के लाभों से अवगत कराएंगी। अभी भारत और



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वीजा के बारे में उन्होंने कहा कि दक्षिण अफ्रीकी सरकार ने भारतीय यात्रियों के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वीजा सुविधा के साथ लंबी प्रक्रिया के मुद्दे को भी हल कर दिया है। उन्होंने कहा, 'ई-वीजा के साथ अब भारतीय यात्रियों के लिए दक्षिण अफ्रीका आना बहुत आसान हो गया है।'

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नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

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भारतीय विमानन कम्पनियों के अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की संख्या चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही में 16.2 प्रतिशत बढ़ी। रेटिंग एजेंसी ने मंगलवार को कहा कि वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या वार्षिक आधार पर सात से दस प्रतिशत बढ़कर 16.4 से 17 करोड़ तक पहुंचने की संभावना है। घरेलू तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या में निरंतर वृद्धि के बीच

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इक्रा की वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष और सह-समूह प्रमुख किजल शाह ने कहा कि उद्योग को वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 और 2025-26 में 20-30 अरब रुपये का शुद्ध घाटा होने का अनुमान है। यह विमानन कंपनियों की बेहतर मूल्य निर्धारण क्षमता के समर्थन से अतीत में हुए घाटे की तुलना में काफी कम है। विमानन कंपनियों की लागत संरचना आमतौर पर दो प्रमुख घटकों विमान ईंधन या एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों और रुपया/डालर की दरों पर निर्भर करती है।

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विमानन कंपनी की लागत का करीब 30 से 40 प्रतिशत हिस्सा ईंधन लागत, जबकि करीब 35-50 प्रतिशत हिस्सा परिचालन व्यय का होता है।





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KOLKATA

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KL flights

Body: Direct flights between Kolkata and Kuala Lumpur by Malaysia Airlines resumed on Monday night after 18 years.

The flight is a reaffirmation of the potential of both trade and tourism between Malaysia and Bengal, said Sanjay Budhia, honorary consul of Malaysia.

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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Indigo went to the court within days. Titled Interglobe Aviation (IndiGo parent) vs Mahindra Electric Automobile, the case was on Tuesday listed to be heard in the court of Justice Amit Bansal.

However, the judge recused himself from hearing the matter. The next hearing is scheduled for Dec 9. Appearing for IndiGo, senior advocate Sandeep Sethi informed the court that Mahindra had initiated discussions with the

airline to address the issue.

In a statement, IndiGo said: "6E mark is an integral part of IndiGo's identity for the past 18 years and is a registered trademark that holds strong global recognition. The 6E mark, whether standalone or in its variants and formative forms, is extensively used by IndiGo for its offerings and for goods and services provided in collaboration with trusted partners."

The airline further said, "Any unauthorised use of the '6E' mark, whether standalone or in any form, constitutes an infringement of IndiGo's rights, reputation and goodwill. IndiGo is committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to safeguard its intellectual property and brand identity."

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This is the second time IndiGo is locked in a legal battle with some other company using a name associated with it. In 2015, the airline had a trademark dispute with Tata Motors which then used to sell its sedan under the name IndiGo.



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CHENNAI

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Direct daily flights to Penang

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Tourists and businessmen planning a visit to Penang can now bypass Kuala Lumpur as IndiGo Airlines is launching a direct daily flight to the Malaysian state from Chennai. The maiden flight will take off on Dec 26.

An Airbus 320 with a 186-passenger capacity will depart at 2.15am from Chennai and land in Penang at 8.30am (Penang local time). The return flight will depart at 9.30am (Penang local time) and land in Chennai at 10.35am. A sum of ₹10,000 has been fixed as a one-way promotional fare.

Ashwin Gunasekaran, CEO of Penang Convention and Exhibition Bureau (PCEB), said PCEB was particular about launching a flight service to Chennai, even as IndiGo offered different routes. He said flyers could get a visa on arrival. The visits are visa-free till Dec 31, which might be extended.

IndiGo senior manager Srinivasan said that the airline had linked the Penang flight with other flights operating from the Middle East, Delhi and Kolkata. "Flyers from other cities can book flights to Penang as a connecting flight from Chennai," Srinivasan added.

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AIRFARE TRENDS

Global **Pre-2020 decline & pandemic impact** | Airfares continuously declined until the pandemic when prices fell sharply. Post-pandemic recovery led to significant price increases

Nominal vs real terms (2015-2024) | Nominal airfares: 3% lower in Aug 2024 compared to Aug 2015. Real airfares: 37% lower due to high inflation offset. Real jet fuel prices: Rose by 2%, surpassing consumer inflation

Comparison with Inflation | Airfares increased at a slower rate than both consumer price index (CPI) and jet fuel prices

Note: Real airfare gains are Increase in nominal airfares (fares not adjusted for inflation or other factors) minus the rate of consumer price inflation



Source: IATA

India **Nominal airfare changes:**
2015 to 2024 **↓12%** 2019 to 2024 **↑13%**

Real airfare changes:
2015 to 2024 **↓43%** 2019 to 2024 **↓15%**

Projection through 2025:
● Domestic and international airfares expected to remain high
● Jet fuel prices projected to rise again

“While nominal (actual) airfares have increased since 2019, they have not risen as much as inflation or jet fuel prices, making airfares cheaper in ‘real terms’ (adjusted for inflation) —An airline expert