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AAI team to begin survey for Rajgir greenfield airport

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PATNA: Barely hours after the announcement of the Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, granting in principle approval to three greenfield airport projects at Bihar's Rajgir in Nalanda district, Bhagalpur and Sonepur in Saran district in the Union Budget on February 1, a team from the Airports Authority of India (AAI), New Delhi, is headed for Rajgir on February 6 for obstacle limitation surface (OLS) survey that involves mapping the airspace around an aerodrome or a prospective aerodrome to assess possible infringements and recommend actions to remove or reduce obstacles, said airport officials on Monday.

"We got information a couple of days back that a team from the AAI will visit Rajgir between February 6 and 12 to undertake the OLS survey. We had earlier done a pre-feasibility survey for having a greenfield airport at Rajgir last November," said Uma Shankar, director, Patna airport.

The Bihar government has identified around 1,200 acres land near Silao in Nalanda district, some 90 kms from Patna, for a greenfield airport. It was, however, yet to acquire the land. "The process for land acquisition will begin after the AAI gives nod to the site, based on the findings of the OLS survey," said an official requesting anonymity. "Once the OLS survey for Rajgir is completed, we expect a similar survey for Sonepur and Bhagalpur," the official added.

Though work on the greenfield airport at Rajgir has been fast-tracked in the last quarter, the AAI Patna was not aware about the availability of land at Bhagalpur.

The land identified in Sonepur is approximately 4 kms beyond the Hajipur-Chapra four-lane highway, around 20-25kms from Patna, where the existing airport is being expanded with the development of new terminal building, multi-level car parking facility and parking bays, at an estimated cost of Rs 1216.90 crore. This expansion will also boost Patna airport's capacity

A TEAM FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF INDIA, NEW DELHI, IS HEADED FOR RAJGIR ON FEB. 6 FOR OBSTACLE LIMITATION SURFACE SURVEY

from 3 million to 10 million passengers annually.

In addition to Patna airport, the Bihta aerodrome is also being developed as a brownfield project.

BJP MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy had played an instrumental role in identifying around 1,200 acres land for a greenfield airport at Sonepur in Saran district, his Lok Sabha constituency. "The Centre has principally agreed to the Bihar government's proposal to have greenfield airports at Rajgir, Bhagalpur and Sonepur. The state government must drive it forward from here and submit its proposal on airports to the Centre," said Rudy over phone.

"The model for the three airports must be decided. It could be one where the state government acquires land and gives it free of cost to the Centre and the latter develops the airport infrastructure. The second could be a public-private partnership initiative, where the government plays the role of a facilitator," said Rudy.

The AAI requires a minimum of 1,000-1,200 acres of encumbrance-free land for a greenfield airport having a runway length of 12,000 feet for wide-bodied international aircraft to land.

The state cabinet had in April last year gave its in principle nod to developing greenfield airports at Rajgir and Bhagalpur.

Bihar currently has three operational civil aerodromes, each in Patna, Gaya and Darbhanga. Purnia, which is a defence airbase, is also being developed for civilian flights. The AAI has already floated the tender for construction of a civil enclave at Purnia and is expected to give the work order this month.



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KOLKATA AIRPORT

About 22 flights delayed due to dense fog

KOLKATA: Owing to heavy fog causing low visibility, about 22 flights got delayed on Monday morning at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport, Kolkata.

According to information shared by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Eastern Region, due to fog low visibility procedure (LVP) had to be initiated from 1:21 am. It remained in place upto 8:45 am on Mon-

day. The airport authorities handled about 33 arrivals and 44 departures.

A total of six arrival flights were delayed while 16 flights slated for departure were delayed. It was shared that no aircraft had to return to the parking bay from the ramp while there were no diversions to Kolkata airport during the period concerned. However, four flights scheduled for Dhaka were diverted to

another airport for poor visibility. On Monday, more delays in flight operations were averted as 33 arriving flights and 44 departing aircraft operated with the help of Instrument Landing System (ILS) during the LVP, as and when the visibility conditions changed, it was learnt. A total of 33 flights used either Category-II (CAT-II) ILS or CAT-III ILS for landing, while 44 aircraft opted for low visi-

bility take-off (LVTO) during the LVP.

Meanwhile, in a bid to prevent aircraft bird strikes the airport is looking forward to using sonic and ultrasonic sound waves to scare them off.

The airport will procure devices that can emit various naturally recorded bird distress signals and predator calls to frighten, confuse, and disorient pest birds and pigeons. **MPOST**



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GMR Airports signs up with UNGC on SDGs

GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) announced its membership in United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), a corporate sustainability initiative. GMR Airports has pledged to align its strategies and operations with the ten principles of the UNGC. "This commitment reinforces our responsibility to create resilient airports that connect communities and also protect our planet," said Kiran Kumar Grandhi, CEO and MD, GAL.

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से टिकट बुकिंग मार्च में होगी शुरू

एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद ही यात्रियों के लिए खुलेगी टिकट बुकिंग

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 4 फरवरी (देशबन्धु)। देश का सबसे बड़ा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अप्रैल में व्यवसायिक उड़ानें शुरू हो जाएगी। टिकट की बुकिंग अब मार्च से शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद ही डीजीसीए ने टिकट बुकिंग शुरू करने का निर्देश जारी किया है। यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन में आवेदन कर दिया है। उम्मीद है कि मार्च में एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस का लाइसेंस मिल जाएगा। इसके बाद व्यवसायिक विमानों के लिए टिकट शुरू हो जाएगी। एयरपोर्ट से पहले दिन से ही 30 फ्लाइट शुरू होने की उम्मीद है जिसमें 3 अंतरराष्ट्रीय और 25 घरेलू सेवाएं शामिल हैं। यापल ने फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के लिए वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन का ड्राफ्ट डीजीसीए को दिसंबर में भेज दिया है।



- **केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री ने लोकसभा में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट अप्रैल से शुरू होने की टी जानकारी**
- **प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्य नाथ ने एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री को पत्र भेजकर मांगा समर्थ**

केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने सोमवार को लोकसभा में यह जानकारी दी कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अप्रैल में व्यवसायिक विमानों के उड़ान शुरू

हो जाएगी। उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्य नाथ ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को पत्र लिखकर एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन करने के लिए समय मांगा है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के

शुरू होने का समय तेजी से नजदीक आ रहा है। दिसंबर में सफल वैलिडेशन फ्लाइट के बाद एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया गया है। इसके साथ ही फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के लिए भी प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है। महानिदेशालय को वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन का ड्राफ्ट महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन को भेजा गया है। इसके प्रकाशन के साथ ही दुनिया में एविएशन के मानचित्र पर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को डीएक्सएन कोड के साथ पहचान अंकित हो जाएगी।

पहले दिन से 30 फ्लाइट शुरू होने की संभावना एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने के पहले दिन से 30 फ्लाइट शुरू होने की संभावना है। इसमें ज्यूरिख, सिंगापुर व दुबई के अलावा 25 घरेलू सेवा होगी। दो कार्गो सेवा भी पहले दिन से शुरू होगी। हालांकि फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के साथ फ्लाइट संख्या व गंतव्य में भी बदलाव हो सकता है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का 78 फीसदी से अधिक कार्य पूरा हो चुका है। रनवे और एटीसी टॉवर बनकर तैयार हो गया है। टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में फ्लोर का काम पूरा हो गया है, जबकि छत का काम चल रहा है। टर्मिनल में एयरोब्रिज लगाने का भी काम शुरू हो गया है। करीब दस एयरोब्रिज लगाने का काम भी मार्च तक पूरा हो जाएगा। इसके अलावा एयरपोर्ट के रनवे का सफल ट्रायल हो चुका है। दिसंबर में इंडिगो के एयर 300 विमान ने रनवे पर लैंडिंग कर डटा एक्ज क्रिया। साथ ही हवा में रडार सिस्टम समेत अन्य उपकरण की जांच कर रिकार्ड तैयार किया गया था। जिसे डीजीसीए के पास भेजा जा चुका है। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट से विमानन सेवा के लिए एयर इंडिया, इंडिगो, आकासा सहित अन्य कंपनियों के यापल समझौता कर चुका है। अन्य कंपनियों के साथ समझौते की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।



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Pilot turns up 'drunk' at Jaipur airport, flight delayed

TDG NETWORK
JAIPUR

A charter plane scheduled to fly from Jaipur to Hyderabad on Tuesday faced a significant delay after the pilot arrived at the airport in an intoxicated state. The incident occurred around 9:15 am during the final security check when the pilot was tested with a breathalyzer. The test came positive, and as a result, the airport authorities immediately stopped the pilot from operating the flight.

The private charter flight, originally scheduled to depart at 9:30 am, could



not take off on time due to the incident. Passengers, who had been waiting for the flight, expressed their frustration as they were informed of the delay. The airline promptly arranged for an alternate pilot, and the flight eventually took off after a two-hour delay.

When questioned by the

Jaipur Airport Authority, the pilot claimed that the positive breathalyzer result was due to medication he had taken the previous day. However, the airport authorities have launched an investigation into the matter to determine the accuracy of his explanation.

This incident raised concerns over safety protocols and the importance of ensuring that all flight crew members adhere to strict regulations. The airline and airport authorities have assured that they are taking the necessary steps to investigate the incident thoroughly.



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जेवर हवाई अड्डे पर अप्रैल से शुरू होंगी नियमित उड़ानें: नायडू

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर : राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के पास जेवर में बन रहे अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से अप्रैल महीने में नियमित सेवाएं शुरू हो जाएंगी। सरकार ने सोमवार को संसद में यह जानकारी दी।

नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने राज्यसभा में प्रश्नकाल के दौरान पूरक सवालों के जवाब में कहा कि विमानन कंपनियां भी वहां से परिचालन शुरू करने और विश्वभर में कनेक्टिविटी में सुधार के लिए उत्साहित हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि जेवर हवाई अड्डा देश और एशिया के सबसे बड़े हवाई अड्डे के रूप में उभर रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि दिसंबर में हवाई अड्डे पर प्रायोगिक उड़ान का संचालन किया गया था। नायडू ने कहा- 'सब कुछ निर्धारित समय सीमा के अनुसार चल रहा है और बहुत जल्द अप्रैल महीने में जेवर-नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमानों का नियमित परिचालन शुरू हो जाएगा।' उड़ान (उड़ें देश का आम नागरिक) योजना एक क्रांतिकारी योजना रही है और इसे अगले दस वर्षों के लिए बढ़ाया जाएगा। सरकार देश भर में 100 और हवाई अड्डे शुरू करने के लिए काम कर रही है।



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SECURE TRAVEL | Increased x-ray speed, streamlined processes

SVPI Airport introduces hi-tech baggage screening

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 created a Customs Screening Room – an advanced inline screening room – in Terminal-2, equipped to enable Customs officials to screen arrival baggage quickly and efficiently.

The Customs Screening Room is equipped with a CCTV monitoring system to oversee baggage processing. The baggage screening system is integrated with advanced x-ray machines operating at 0.5 m/s – a signifi-



cant increase from the previous 0.12 m/s – leading to a quick baggage reclaim for passengers and increased efficiency of the Customs' baggage screening process.

Additionally, all international baggage arrival lines have been modified to include a 'reject' line with a diverter for bag acceptance and rejection.

This new concept eliminates delays caused by Customs personnel having to stop the conveyor due to rejected bags, thereby significantly improving the overall baggage throughput and efficiency of baggage handling. These enhancements will ease the baggage reclaim process substantially for international

arrival passengers.

Further, increased x-ray speed and streamlined processes will create a faster and efficient baggage handling system by allowing Customs personnel to screen bags directly from the Customs Screening Room, rather than be stationed by the belts. This will lead to the processing of a higher volume of baggage in a shorter time, reduce wait times for passengers, and improve the overall travel experience.

SVPI Airport is committed to combining advanced technology and optimised workflows to handle peak travel periods more effectively and ensure that baggage processing remains smooth and efficient even during the busy periods.



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Aaditya slams budget over new airport

Staff Reporter

PUNE

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray criticised the Centre for not mentioning the construction of a new airport in Pune in the Union Budget, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Thackeray noted that Sitharaman mentioned plans for as many as 120 new airports to be built in the next 10 years under the UDAN scheme. "Patna airport was mentioned, but Pune's new airport, which has been in consistent demand, found no mention, despite the Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol being an MP from Pune," wrote the Worli MLA.



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मार्च के बाद टिकट बुकिंग शुरू होगी



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता।
नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अब मार्च के बाद ही फ्लाइट के लिए टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू हो पाएगी। नागरिक उड्डयन महा निदेशालय से व्यावसायिक उड़ानें शुरू करने के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस न मिलने तक टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू न करने के आदेश मिले हैं।
मार्च तक इसका लाइसेंस मिलने की उम्मीद है, जिसके बाद ही अंतरराष्ट्रीय,

एटीसी का काम पूरा

एयरपोर्ट पर एटीसी टावर बनकर तैयार हो गया। एटीसी को एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया को हस्तांतरित कर दिया है। यहां वेलिडेशन के बाद कुछ और अन्य उपकरण लगेंगे। अभी तक एयरपोर्ट का 78 प्रतिशत कार्य पूरा हो चुका है। विगत दिवस केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री के आर नायडू ने सोमवार को संसद में अप्रैल से शुरू होने वाली उड़ान पर मुहर लगाई थी।

घरेलू और कार्गो फ्लाइट के लिए टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू होगी। अभी तक फरवरी के दूसरे सप्ताह से टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू करने की तैयारी थी।

66 टिकट बुकिंग सेवा को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद शुरू कर दिया जाएगा। लाइसेंस के मार्च तक मिल जाने की संभावना है। अप्रैल में हर हाल में उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने के लिए युद्धस्तर पर काम चल रहा है।

-डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह, सीईओ यमुना प्राधिकरण

अधिकारियों का मानना है कि जब तक डीजीसीए से उड़ानें शुरू करने के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस नहीं मिल पाता, तब तक टिकट बुकिंग शुरू नहीं होगी।



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JEWAR AIRPORT TO START REGULAR OPERATIONS FROM APRIL: NAIDU

NEW DELHI: The Jewar international airport is emerging as the largest airport in Asia and regular operations will start from April, Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said in Rajya Sabha. Responding to supplementaries during Question in the Rajya Sabha, he said the airlines are also excited to start operations from there and improve connectivity across the world. "Jewar airport is emerging as the country's and Asia's biggest airport. We have conducted the validation flight in December at the airport.



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THE STATESMAN

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Dense fog disrupts flights again at airport, hardship for passengers

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 3 JANUARY

Dense fog today enveloped Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport in Kolkata, causing significant disruptions in flight operations.

Like yesterday, passengers of Kolkata Airport on Monday suffered due flight disruption following fog. The low visibility procedures (LVP) were implemented at 1.21 a.m, affecting arrivals and departures until 8.45

a.m. A total of 33 arrivals and 44 departures were impacted.

While no flights were diverted to Kolkata from other airports, four flights scheduled to land in Dhaka had to be diverted elsewhere due to poor visibility. Departure delays affected 16 flights, while 6 arrivals were also delayed. However, no aircraft had to return to the ramp. The situation was an extension of yesterday's severe weather conditions, which had already caused major

disruptions. Thousands of passengers endured long waits at the airport as flights were rescheduled.

Many were seen anxiously checking airline updates, while others struggled to find alternative travel options. Passengers, who had arrived at the airport, the previous night hoping to board their flights early in the morning, were left stranded for hours. Some described their ordeal, citing the lack of clear information about departure times. A

distressed passenger, bound for Delhi said, "I reached the airport at 11 p.m. but there is still no certainty about when my flight will take off."

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the city continues to experience dense fog with visibility dropping below 100 meters in some areas. Morning temperatures remain low, contributing to the persistent fog cover. An app cab driver near the airport said, "The fog was

so thick in the morning that even the roads were barely visible." Airport officials and airline staff are working to manage the situation, with continuous updates being provided to travellers.

However, the delays have caused frustration among passengers, many of whom missed commitments.

With foggy conditions expected to continue over the next 24 hours, authorities have advised travellers to check with airlines before heading to the airport.



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Jewar airport in Noida to begin regular operations from April: Govt in RS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Jewar international airport in Noida, poised to become Asia's largest airport, will begin regular operations from April, even as the govt is planning to build another 100 new airports across the country, civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said on Monday.

Responding to queries during question hour in the Rajya Sabha, Naidu said airlines were enthusiastic about launching operations from the Jewar airport, which had witnessed successful validation flights in Dec.

"Jewar airport is emerging as the country's and Asia's biggest airport," he said. The new airport's strategic position near the Noida expressway will enhance all-round accessibility

and make it a key hub in the region, amid the ongoing efforts to boost road connectivity there.

Naidu also said the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, the regional airports development programme, has been a revolutionary one and is being extended for another 10 years. "The govt is working on adding another 100 airports across the country," he added. To another question on the Kushinagar international airport, the minister said it was in the "last phase" of becoming fully operational.

In order to augment the number of trained pilots, there are presently 54 Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) in the country and around 1,600-1,700 commercial pilot licences are being issued every year, he said.

हैदराबाद के लिए हर बुधवार दो विमान

मांग पर लगी मुहर, 26 फरवरी तक मिलेगी महाकुंभ मेला स्पेशल उड़ान की सुविधा

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कानपुर: महाकुंभ के दौरान यात्रियों की बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए, हैदराबाद से शहर तक के लिए महाकुंभ मेला स्पेशल उड़ान चालू कर दी गई है। 26 फरवरी तक हर बुधवार को हैदराबाद के लिए दो उड़ानों की सुविधा मिलेगी। हैदराबाद के लिए अस्थायी रूप से अतिरिक्त उड़ान पांच फरवरी से शुरू की जा रही है। यहां से पहले ही हैदराबाद की एक उड़ान की सुविधा सप्ताह में चार दिन मिल रही है।

दैनिक जागरण ने 28 जनवरी को शहर से उड़ानें बढ़ें तो महाकुंभ जैसे आयोजनों में लोगों को सहूलियत मिलेगी, शीर्षक से मामला उठाते हुए बताया था कि महाकुंभ के कारण इस समय देश भर से यात्री बढ़े हैं। हैदराबाद का विमान 180 यात्रियों को लेकर उड़ान भर रहा है। हालांकि उड़ानों का किराया कई गुणा बढ़ गया है और प्रयागराज आने-जाने वाले विमानों में सीटें न मिलने पर लोग सुविधानुसार कानपुर या लखनऊ से यात्रा कर रहे हैं। यहां लोग शहर में उतरकर टैक्सी से



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शहर से इस समय बंगलुरु, मुंबई, दिल्ली और हैदराबाद के लिए उड़ान की सुविधा है। इसमें सप्ताह में मंगलवार, गुरुवार और शनिवार तीन दिन बंगलुरु और बाकी के दिन हैदराबाद की उड़ानों की सुविधा है।

महाकुंभ जा रहे हैं। बताया था कि महाकुंभ तक अस्थाई उड़ानें बढ़ जाएं तो श्रद्धालुओं को काफी राहत मिल जाएगी। सांसद रमेश अवस्थी ने महाकुंभ पर अस्थायी उड़ानों की सुविधा दिलाने के लिए उड़यन मंत्री से बात करने के लिए कहा

था। यह बात 29 जनवरी के अंक में प्रकाशित की थी। अब 26 फरवरी महाकुंभ तक हर बुधवार हैदराबाद के लिए अतिरिक्त उड़ान की सुविधा मिल गई है। महाकुंभ तक पांच, 12, 19 और 26 फरवरी को हैदराबाद के लिए उड़ान की सुविधा मिलेगी।



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पांच, 12, 19, 26 फरवरी

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Aircraft tech glitches reported by Indian airlines fall in last 3 yrs: Govt

NEW DELHI: The number of technical glitches in aircraft reported by various Indian airlines has reduced in the last three years, with the count at 273 for 10,69,680 flights operated during the period from January 2024 to January 2025.

In 2023, there were 390 technical faults reported for 11,94,777 flights operated that year. In 2022, the number stood at 723 for 9,97,041 flights operated in that particular year, official data showed on Monday.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the data available for the last three years (2022-2024) shows there was a decrease in the number

of technical glitches reported by the airlines.

Technical snags are general phenomena in aircraft which may be caused due to improper function/malfunction of components/ system/ accessories fitted on the aircraft, he said in a written reply.

Separately, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said the government has been encouraging the development of the ecosystem for the manufacturing of aircraft, including regional transport aircraft, and associated equipment by public and private enterprises in India.

CSIRNAL, Bengaluru — a

constituent laboratory of CSIR — has developed indigenous two-seater trainer aircraft Hansa - 3 (NG) and type certified by DGCA for use by Flight Training Organisations (FTOs) for commercial pilot training.

“For commercial production of Hansa - 3 (NG), an EoI has been issued to identify the prospective firm to take up manufacturing.

“Further, the development of indigenous 19-seater Light Transport Aircraft Saras Mk2 is under progress at CSIR-NAL. The Saras Mk2 initiative has a collaboration and partnership with HAL,” Mohol said in a written reply. PTI

San Antonio to Amritsar on 'costlier' C-17 aircraft

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE US used its military C-17 strategic lift aircraft to deport 205 Indian illegal immigrants, which left San Antonio, Texas for Amritsar. The Trump administration has also used the military aircraft to deport illegal migrants to Guatemala, Peru and Honduras.

The deportation flight to India will be the farthest of the destinations to send the military aircraft. According to US officials, use of the military transport aircraft for deportation is costlier. The US officials, quoted by Reuters, pegged the estimated cost of this flight at least \$4,675 per migrant.

This is even higher than that of a commercial charter flight operated by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the officials said.

Coming to the cost of operating the IAF's C-17 aircraft, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in 2016 calculated it to be ₹43.19 lakh per hour. The estimate was noted under its audit report titled 'Acquisition and operation of C-17 Globemaster III aircraft'.

The IAF has been using the C-17s for multiple operations including those for the long haul flights. One of the long



distance flights was in 2021 when the force had pressed in its C-17 Globemaster for a long haul flight. It completed a 35-hour gruelling duty cycle to and from the United Kingdom to bring home oxygen cylinders in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis.

As reported by this newspaper, the two aircraft flew non-stop for 11 hours and 30 minutes to reach the UK and airlifted critical life support equipment. They carried 37 tonnes of equipment. Additional crew members are part of such missions. According to the Air Force rules, the crew is

permitted to fly a maximum time of eight hours in a day considering the alertness of mind. From experience and research, it is known that a crew member can be alert only for eight hours before reaching a state of 'crew fatigue'.

IAF's C-17 fleet

Inducted in 2013, C-17 Globemaster III is a transporter for military, humanitarian and peacekeeping missions. It can carry large combat equipment, troops and humanitarian aid across long distances and can land on austere airfields anywhere, in all weather conditions.

The IAF operates 11 C-17s performing a wide range of operations related to military missions, peacekeeping support, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) in India and internationally. The wide bodied C-17 Globemaster can carry up to 77 tonnes of payload.

The IAF operates 11 C-17 aircraft with the last one getting inducted in December 2016. Back in 2011, New Delhi purchased the first 10 at a price of \$4.1 billion through foreign military sales (FMS). The 11 were added at a reported price of about ₹2,700 crore.



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Power failure disrupts flight ops at CCSIA

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A major power failure disrupted operations at the Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (CCSIA) on Monday morning, officials said. The technical fault caused the power outage, resulting in a delay of six flights by 15 to 20 minutes, they added.

To manage the situation, the airport shifted operations to manual procedures.

A CCSIA spokesperson stated, "A power outage this morning led to minor delays in passenger processing. The airport's techni-

cal team was able to quickly restore power. There was no impact on flight operations. During this time, the airport operations team worked closely with stakeholders to ensure passenger needs were met." Sources revealed that the power outage came as a surprise, as such an incident had never occurred before.

"There was an issue that was quickly rectified, but it affected flight operations. The airport has a backup system, but the technical problem was beyond anyone's control," said an airport official. The official explained that once the system went down, the airport immediately switched to physical mode. "We began physical check-ins, including security checks and other processes. The entire team worked diligently," he added. He admitted that no one expected this situation to arise.

"The passengers were understandably concerned since incidents like these are rare. However, there was no panic, and the airport teams kept the passengers informed," he noted. One passenger wrote on X that while the flight was still on schedule, the baggage belt and other terminal activities were temporarily halted.

Another passenger shared that the power failure was smoothly managed: "Delays can be frustrating, but it was great to see everything back on track."



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