

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर अधिकारियों को टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का कार्य नहीं मिला पूरा

मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के सामने रखा जाएगा पूरा लेखा-जोखा अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान के उड़ान भरने में देरी होने की संभावना

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 5 मार्च (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से अप्रैल में अभी घरेलू विमान सेवा ही शुरू हो सकता है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा शुरू होने में देरी संभव है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा शुरू करने में कुछ

सिर्फ घरेलू विमान के उड़ान भरने की संभावना

तकनीकी कठिनाई सामने आ रही है। टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का कार्य पूरा न होने के चलते पहले दिन से

अंतरराष्ट्रीय फ्लाइट शुरू करने में अटकलें आ रही हैं। हालांकि, रनवे और एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) तैयार हैं। अब 10 मार्च को नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए), एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई), नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीकस), यापल, नायल व टाटा प्रोजेक्ट के अधिकारी सूबे के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के समक्ष पूरा लेखा जोखा प्रस्तुत करेंगे, जिसके बाद ही उड़ान समेत फ्लाइट शुरू होने की स्थिति स्पष्ट हो सकेगी।

नायल के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि बुधवार को जेवर, एयरपोर्ट साइट पर डीजीसीए, एएआई, बीकस, यापल व टाटा प्रोजेक्ट समेत एयरपोर्ट साइट से जुड़े विभिन्न संस्थानों के अधिकारी गणों की बैठक आयोजित हुई। बैठक में अफसरों ने एयरपोर्ट पर अबतक हुए कार्यों का अवलोकन किया।



एयरपोर्ट की वर्तमान स्थिति पर रिपोर्ट तैयार कर दस मार्च को मुख्यमंत्री के समक्ष रखा जाएगा। मुख्यमंत्री के साथ होने वाली हाई लेवल बैठक में ही एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान की तिथि व फ्लाइट की स्थिति स्पष्ट हो सकेगी
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इस दौरान अधिकारियों ने रनवे की मार्किंग, लाइटिंग, एटीसी टॉवर, परिसर में बिजली, पानी, सौर ऊर्जा के साधन, वांच टॉवर, वाइल्ड लाइफ सिस्टम समेत अन्य उपकरणों का जायजा लिया और रिपोर्ट तैयार की। इस दौरान अफसरों को टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का कार्य पूरा नहीं मिला। घरेलू उड़ान के यात्रियों का फेज तैयार होने का दावा किया गया है, लेकिन अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा के फेज में यात्रियों के



लिए अभी सुविधाएं सुदृढ़ नहीं हो सकी हैं, जिससे पहले दिन से ही अंतरराष्ट्रीय फ्लाइट शुरू होने पर संशय बन गया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय फ्लाइट सभी सुविधा विकसित होने के बाद ही शुरू की जा सकती है। ऐसे में पहले दिन से घरेलू उड़ान शुरू होने का रास्ता तो साफ है, लेकिन अंतरराष्ट्रीय फ्लाइट शुरू होने में थोड़ी देरी हो सकती है। अब 10 मार्च को मुख्यमंत्री के साथ होने वाली हाईलेवल बैठक में ही उड़ान की तिथि, फ्लाइट्स की संख्या व श्रेणी समेत सभी प्रस्तावों पर मुहर लगेगी।

एएनएस सिस्टम होगा स्थापित

एयरपोर्ट पर 31 मार्च तक एयर नेविगेशन सिस्टम (एएनएस) स्थापित हो जाएगा। यह हवाई यातायात में अहम भूमिका निभाता है। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य हवाई जहाजों को सुरक्षित

और कुशल तरीके से नेविगेट (यात्रा) करने में सहायता प्रदान करना है। साथ ही एयरपोर्ट के आसपास विमान को सही पोजीशन और अल्टीट्यूड बनाए रखने में मदद करता है। इसके अलावा हवा की दिशा तय कर उड़ान की लैंडिंग व टेकऑफ प्रक्रिया को सुरक्षित करता है।

आज होगा एआईपी प्रकाशन

अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईटा) की वेबसाइट पर एआईपी पब्लिकेशन आज हो जाएगा, जिससे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को दुनियाभर में पहचान मिलेगी। यह प्रक्रिया उड़ान शुरू होने से 70 दिन पहले होती है, लेकिन कार्यों में देरी के चलते इसे 56 दिन पहले पूरा करने का फैसला लिया गया है। इसके बाद ही एयरपोर्ट पर टिकट सेवा, फ्लाइट शैड्यूल समेत विभिन्न प्रक्रियाओं को आगे बढ़ाया जा सकेगा।



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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की उद्घाटन तिथि 10 को होगी तय

जागरण संवाददाता, ग्रेटर नोएडा: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट 30 अप्रैल तक आपरेशनल होने के लिए तैयार हो जाएगा। एयरपोर्ट के उद्घाटन की तिथि 10 मार्च को मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अगुवाई में होने वाली बैठक में तय होगी। एयरपोर्ट से पहले दिन घरेलू विमान सेवा शुरू होने की ही उम्मीद है। इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल का काम विलंब से चल रहा है। एयरपोर्ट के शुरू होने तक टर्मिनल के पूरी तरह तैयार होने की संभावना कम है। इसलिए एयरपोर्ट से इंटरनेशनल विमान सेवा के लिए यात्रियों को कुछ दिन और इंतजार करना पड़ सकता है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस जारी करने को लेकर बुधवार को अहम बैठक हुई। एयरपोर्ट परिसर में नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी की अध्यक्षता में हुई बैठक में नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय, भारतीय विमान पत्तन प्राधिकरण एवं नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के अधिकारी शामिल हुए। इस दौरान अधिकारियों ने एयरपोर्ट संचालन के लिए तैयारियों की जांच की। एयरपोर्ट पर कैट नाइन, बम निरोधक उपाय, आइसोलेटेड पार्किंग, रनवे, एयर

- यूपी के सीएम योगी की अगुवाई में लखनऊ में होगी बैठक
- विकासकर्ता कंपनी, निर्माण एजेंसी के अधिकारी होंगे शामिल

ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल टावर, पानी, बिजली सप्लाई, कनेक्टिंग रोड, सोलर सिस्टम, अग्निशमन, वाइल्ड लाइफ सर्विस, मानिट्रिंग सिस्टम, वाच टावर, एप्रैन आदि की जांच की। सभी का कार्य पूरा मिला, लेकिन टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल का कार्य अधूरा है। वायु प्रवाह की दिशा बताने के लिए एएनएस नेविगेशन उपकरण मार्च के अंत तक स्थापित हो जाएगा। अप्रैल में एयरपोर्ट के विमान सेवा शुरू करने के लिए एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस मिलने की उम्मीद है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी डा. अरुणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि 30 अप्रैल तक नोएडा एयरपोर्ट विमान सेवा के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार हो जाएगा।

आज होगा एआइपी का पब्लिकेशन : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए एरोनाटिकल इंफार्मेशन पब्लिकेशन बृहस्पतिवार हो जारी होगा। किसी नए एयरपोर्ट से विमान सेवा शुरू होने से पहले इसका प्रकाशन अनिवार्य है।



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COMPANY TARGETS AIRPORT OPENING IN MAY

Adani's Navi Mumbai airport draws IndiGo & SpiceJet

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INDIA'S LOW-COST CARRIERS will lead the shift to the Navi Mumbai Airport, the highly anticipated second airport for the commercial capital developed by Gautam Adani, chairman, Adani Group, as it targets a May opening.

The country's largest airline IndiGo will shift part of its operations to the new airport, according to people familiar with the matter. Tata Group's low-cost carrier Air India Express and smaller rivals SpiceJet and Akasa are also in talks to eventually relocate all of their operations, the people added.

Air India's full-service carrier will continue to operate from the existing airport for now but will shift more of its domestic operations to Navi Mumbai, about 22 miles southeast of Mumbai's congested existing aerodrome, the people said.

The Adani Group's new \$2.1

AIMING HIGH

- The project is aimed at reducing aviation bottlenecks and creating an international transit hub like Dubai, Singapore or London
- Local authorities plan to build an "aero city" around the new airport to boost non-aviation revenue sources



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■ IndiGo shares rose as much as 1.2% during trading, while SpiceJet had climbed as much as 6%

billion (about ₹18,000 crore) airport is a landmark infrastructure project for Mumbai aimed at reducing aviation bottlenecks and creating an international transit hub similar to Dubai, London or Singapore. Local authorities plan to build an "aero city" around the new airport to boost non-aviation sources of revenue.

Both the existing Mumbai airport and the new one on the city outskirts are managed by the Adani Group, putting the Indian ports-to-power conglomerate in a strong position as it negotiates with the airlines over moving some of their flights to the new facility.

Representatives for Adani Group, Air India, IndiGo, Spice-

Jet and Akasa didn't immediately respond to an emailed request for comments.

IndiGo shares rose as much as 1.2% during trading in Mumbai while SpiceJet — the only other listed Indian carrier — had climbed as much as 6%.

The lack of high-speed transportation links to the new facility and between the city's two

airports, especially in a high-traffic metropolis like Mumbai, poses a major challenge for Adani Group in luring fliers and transit passengers. A metro line between the two airports is being planned but it's a few years away.

Executives across airlines said discussions with Navi Mumbai airport are focusing on preferable slots and on incentives around airport fees. Incentives are a key issue as they would help the airlines offer attractive fares to passengers, who might otherwise prefer the old airport to the new location due to connectivity issues, the executives said.

The new airport — with a lotus-shaped building — will initially operate one terminal with an annual capacity of 20 million passengers, according to one of the people familiar. If demand is strong, it can be ramped up in phases to handle 90 million passengers through the next decade, they said.

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Actress held with 14.8 kg gold at airport

She was arrested on her arrival on an Emirates flight from Dubai

Agencies
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials have taken Kannada film actress Ranya Rao into custody after seizing 14.8 kg of gold from her at the Bengaluru International Airport, sources said on Tuesday.

According to police, the actress was taken into custody on Monday night at the airport after her arrival on an Emirates flight from Dubai. The officers from the DRI had been monitoring the movements of the actress following her frequent trips to Dubai. The actress is a close relative of a serving IPS officer in Karnataka, police said.

Police revealed that the actress wore most of the gold

without giving any room for suspicion. She also carried gold bars hidden in clothes. At the airport, she would claim that she is the daughter of the DGP and as soon as she came out, she would call the police personnel for pick up. The police used to drop her home, the preliminary investigations revealed.

The DRI sleuths are verifying whether the police personnel and the IPS officer have any role in the whole episode or the accused misused them. The authorities are also verifying whether she had smuggled gold earlier as well.

Sources said that the DRI got alerted and gathered information on the actress after she visited Dubai four times in the last 15 days and returned to Bengaluru.



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Pune Airport shifts operations to NITB

Staff Reporter

PUNE

Pune International Airport is set to mark a significant transition as all flight operations will shift to the New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) from today, Mar 5. The NITB spans 52,000 sq m and is equipped with 10 aerobridges, facilitating seamless boarding and deboarding processes. With 34 check-in counters, 25 self-check-in kiosks, and five baggage carousels (including two dedicated to international arrivals), the terminal is designed to handle increased passenger traffic efficiently. These enhancements position Pune Airport to accommodate up to nine million passengers annually, aligning it with global aviation standards.

Passengers can anticipate modern amenities, including spacious lounges, diverse dining options, retail outlets, and improved seating areas. The terminal's design reflects Maharashtra's rich cultural heritage, incorporating traditional art and architectural elements. Additionally, the NITB emphasises sustainability, constructed with energy-efficient technologies and earning a Four-Star GRIHA rating for green buildings.

Reflecting on this milestone, Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation Murlidhar Mohol stated, "The transition

to the NITB represents a significant leap forward in enhancing Pune's aviation infrastructure. This modern facility is poised to provide passengers with a world-class travel experience, reflecting our commitment to excellence and growth."

As Pune continues to emerge as a key economic and cultural hub, the NITB ensures a smoother, more comfortable journey for travellers. Passengers are advised to check airline notifications and arrive early to familiarise themselves with the new terminal and ensure a seamless experience.

Following the successful commissioning of the NITB and shifting the entire operation there, which currently accommodates a peak-hour capacity of 3,000 passengers with 34 check-in counters, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is set to undertake a major expansion initiative. This project will involve repurposing the existing arrival hall of the Old Terminal Building into an extended departure hall, seamlessly connected to the NITB via a dedicated corridor.

Aimed at addressing the increasing passenger demand and enhancing operational efficiency, the expansion will introduce 14 additional check-in counters to streamline passenger processing and reduce wait times.



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Choking trees: MIAL gets notice

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

Following The Free Press Journal's report, the BMC on Tuesday issued a notice to the Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) to remove concrete from the bases of 50 trees, while warning of strict action for non-compliance. The notice also claimed that a civic official had spoken to a representative from

On Monday, this newspaper highlighted that the



road concretisation has choked 50 trees on Sahar Road. The civic activists from the Watchdog Foundation had also written to the environment depart-

ment, seeking intervention.

Accordingly, the officials from BMC's K-East ward carried out an inspection and then issued a notice to the incharge official of MIAL. The civic body has directed the airport body to remove concrete, leave a one-metre radius around the bases and add red soil in the bases to ensure the protection of trees. In case of non-compliance, the BMC warned of action under the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975. The FPJ contacted MIAL but got no response.



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अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर अगले सप्ताह फैसला होगा

ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमान सेवा शुरू होने में देरी संभव है, क्योंकि टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का कार्य पूरा नहीं हो सका है। अगले हफ्ते संबंधित अधिकारी मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के सामने लेखा-जोखा प्रस्तुत करेंगे। इसके बाद ही उड़ान शुरू होने की स्थिति स्पष्ट हो सकेगी।

हालांकि, रनवे और एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) तैयार हैं। अब 10 मार्च को नागरिक उड्डयन

महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए), एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई), नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीकस), चापल, नायल और टाटा प्रोजेक्ट के अधिकारी प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ के समक्ष पूरा लेखा-जोखा प्रस्तुत करेंगे। नायल के अधिकारी ने बताया कि बुधवार को एयरपोर्ट साइट से जुड़े विभिन्न संस्थानों के अधिकारियों की बैठक हुई। इसमें अफसरों ने एयरपोर्ट पर अब तक हुए कार्यों का अवलोकन किया।

Bid to simplify airport security steps to cut queues

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at the city airport's security check-in counters, would earlier ask passengers to put objectionable items on the tray before they were scanned. Now, they name specific items like knives and lighters to be put on the tray.

The move, CISF officials say, is saving time and creating shorter passenger queues.

CISF personnel from other states deployed at Calcutta airport are being trained in Bengali so that they can communicate with passengers, which would also help reduce the waiting time and make the security clearance faster.

"We are considering how fast we can check the hand baggage. The person at the point where passengers are keeping the bags is announcing the specific SRIs (security restricted items) that passengers should remove from the bags and keep on the trays. Removing these items after the screening slows down the process," said Ajay Kumar, deputy inspector general, CISF in charge of Calcutta airport.

The CISF is responsible for the airport's security.

"The queue has been reduced significantly now because of the small changes that have been introduced."

"I have trained the boys who are checking the tickets



(From left) Kumar Pratap Singh, Shikhar Sahai and Ajay Kumar at the programme on Tuesday

for things they have to see so that there is faster clearance. Training has been on what to look for in the machines (during screening)," he said.

Kumar was speaking on the sidelines of the announcement of a CISF cyclothon from March 7.

Kumar said many in the force are from different parts

of the country. "Some of them are being trained in Bengali so that they can communicate with the people."

Small sentences in Bengali, like to keep the boarding pass in their hands, and put the electronic or metal items in the tray are some examples of what they are being taught.

Serpentine queues at the

security check have been a long-standing problem of the Calcutta airport.

Debashis Chakraborty, a frequent flyer, said he has to keep at least 45 minutes in hand for security clearance when travelling at peak hours.

"When I am travelling between 7am and noon, I know it will take me at least 45 minutes to get the security clearance," said Chakraborty, who usually travels once a week.

Another frequent traveller to Mumbai said it takes him about 30 to 40 minutes for the security check. "It's only when I am travelling after 8pm that the waiting time is significantly reduced," he said.

Another challenge is passengers carrying more than

the specified baggage with them, which extends the waiting period. The rule is one passenger is allowed to carry one piece of cabin baggage.

"However, several passengers often carry more than one piece of cabin baggage, and we have to explain to them that they are not allowed to do so. This used to take a lot of time," said Kumar.

"We have requested all airline operators to implement the one-person-one-cabin baggage rule. This way, the processing time has become faster."

There are 2,200 CISF officials posted at Calcutta airport, a senior official said. "The issue is not manpower but how you can manage your resources," said an official.

Cyclothon

To mark the 56th CISF Day, the security force will organise a CISF Coastal Cyclothon from March 7 to April 1.

Altogether, 125 cyclists will cover 6,553km along the coast. It will start simultaneously from Lakhpat in Gujarat and Bakkhali in Bengal and culminate at Swami Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari.

"We want to connect with the people," said Shikhar Sahai, inspector general, CISF, North East Sector II, (Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands).

Kumar Pratap Singh, deputy inspector general, North East Sector II, was also present at the programme.



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Concrete around base chokes 50 trees, MIAL gets notice from BMC

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Mumbai: The garden department of the BMC K-East ward issued a notice to MIAL regarding concretisation of trees around tree stumps on the road leading to Sahar police station and Cargo Complex near airport Terminal 2.

Following a complaint, the garden department issued a notice to MIAL and asked them to immediately remove the concrete. The notice warns of action under the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Preservation of Trees Act, 1975, if they fail to do the same. Meanwhile, responding to the notice, BMC staffers claimed that the airport operators have already started removing the concrete around the trees.

Earlier, the Watchdog Foundation wrote to authorities and complained that around 50 odd trees located on Sahar Village Road leading to Sahar Police Station and Sahar Cargo Complex were choking due to excessive concretisation around their roots, preventing proper water

percolation and circulation of air. The foundation pointed out that this practice weakens the trees and makes them prone to falling during monsoon, and it also violates the Indian Road Congress (IRC) norms and the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975.

According to the foundation, as per established guidelines, a minimum of a 1-metre radius around the base of a tree must be left open for water absorption and root aeration. However, in multiple locations, this norm was blatantly ignored by MIAL, leading to environmental degradation and the gradual deterioration of the city's green cover.

"The base of about 50 trees on the Sahar Village Road, near Terminal 2, leading to Sahar Police Station and Sahar Cargo Complex were concretised while they were carrying out road works," said a BMC official. The notice directed MIAL to remove concretisation around the trees immediately and leave a space of 1 metre around the trees open.



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चूक पर एअर इंडिया ने की कार्रवाई प्रशिक्षक पायलट बर्खास्त, 10 पायलटों को ड्यूटी से हटाया

नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया ने चूक के लिए एक प्रशिक्षक पायलट को बर्खास्त कर दिया। साथ ही प्रशिक्षक पायलट के



अधीन प्रशिक्षण लेने वाले 10 पायलटों को जांच लंबित रहने तक उड़ान ड्यूटी से हटा दिया गया है।

यह कार्रवाई किसलब्लोअर के ये आरोप लगाए जाने के

बाद की गई कि एक सिम्युलेटर प्रशिक्षक पायलट पायलटों के लिए आवर्ती सिम्युलेटर प्रशिक्षण के दौरान अपने कर्तव्यों का उचित ढंग से पालन करने में विफल रहा है। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन ने एक बयान में कहा कि आरोपों की विस्तृत जांच की गई। आरोपों की साक्ष्यों की समीक्षा के बाद पुष्ट हो गई। ज्यादा जानकारी का खुलासा किए बिना एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि प्रशिक्षक पायलट को सेवाएं समाप्त की जा रही हैं। एहतियात के तौर पर प्रशिक्षक पायलट के अधीन बार-बार प्रशिक्षण लेने वाले 10 पायलटों को जांच पूरी होने तक उड़ान ड्यूटी से हटा दिया गया है। इसके अलावा, कंपनी ने कहा कि उसने स्वेच्छा से मामले की सूचना विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए को दी है और आगे आने के लिए किसलब्लोअर की सराहना भी की है। एजेंसी

Air India's prized art collection comes to B'luru

These works once decorated the global offices and lounges of the former national carrier

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TEAM METROLIFE

Over 180 paintings and sculptures, once part of Air India's famed collection, will be showcased at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in Bengaluru starting March 7. The exhibition includes works commissioned from legends like Salvador Dalí and M F Husain.

The larger collection, numbering in the thousands, was transferred from Air India's iconic Mumbai office to NGMA Delhi following an MoU between the aviation and culture ministries in 2023. These artworks once adorned Air India's offices and lounges worldwide, spanning New York, London, Singapore and Tokyo. In the pre-Internet era, they provided global travellers a glimpse of Indian heritage.

Titled 'Sanhita' (meaning 'coming together'), the Bengaluru exhibition will display



An oil painting by B Prabha.

paintings, primarily in oil, and sculptures in metal, stone, papier-mâché, and wood. Fifteen of these works are equipped with Braille and Indian Sign Language features.

While most artworks boast the signature styles of the artists — from S H Raza's use of vivid colours to Husain's horse motif — a few pay tribute to Air India, which returned to the Tata Group 69 years after being nationalised. Subarna Patro, who has curated the show with Darshan Kumar YU, says, "We have caricatures by Mario Miranda, depicting the airline's inception and special gatherings, along with an Avinash Godbole painting of Air India's mascot, the Maharajah. Souvenirs, including miniatures of Air India planes, are also on display."

A standout piece is a 3D ceramic artwork by Dalí, which Patro explains: "It's an ashtray. J R D Tata (founder of the airline) bought it from Dalí. In return, Dalí requested a baby elephant, which was flown to him in Europe on Air India." The exhibition coincides with the reopening of NGMA's renovated auditorium and the celebration of its 16th foundation day.

Patronage
According to Patro, Air India began

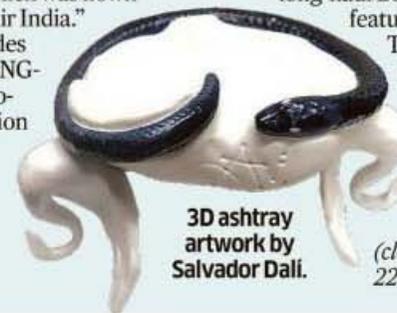
acquiring and commissioning art in the 1960s, with notable artists such as B Prabha, V S Gaitonde, Jatin Das, Arpana Caur, and Anjolie Ela Menon contributing to the collection.

Many early works came from the Bombay Progressive Artists' Group. Over time, regional diversity grew, with works by Sakti Burman from the east, S G Vasudev, R B Bhaskaran and Achuthan K from the south, and Kanchan C from up north, among others.

It was a mutually beneficial relationship: artists gained institutional support and global exposure, while the national carrier showcased India's cultural richness. "Prabha even designed the window panels for long-haul Boeing 747 flights, primarily featuring floral motifs," he adds.

Then-emerging artists made paintings in exchange for free flights, he continues.

'Sanhita' opens on March 7, 5 pm, at NGMA Bengaluru, Palace Road. On view for six months, from 10 am to 6 pm (closed on Mondays). Call 2234 2338.



3D ashtray artwork by Salvador Dalí.



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गुवाहाटी की फ्लाइट लेट, यात्री परेशान

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर से गुवाहाटी जाने वाली फ्लाइट मंगलवार को देरी से रवाना हुई। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट जयपुर से दोपहर 2.15 बजे गुवाहाटी जाती है। यह फ्लाइट मंगलवार शाम 6.40 बजे रवाना हुई। इस दौरान यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर ही परेशान होते रहे।

कुल्लू की फ्लाइट रद्द: अस्पायर्स एयर को जयपुर से कुल्लू जाने वाली फ्लाइट मंगलवार को रद्द रही। इसके चलते यात्री परेशान हुए। यह फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 8.15 बजे कुल्लू जाती है। ज्ञातव्य है कि यह फ्लाइट 27 फरवरी से रद्द हो रही है। इसके पीछे कम तकनीकी कारण बताए जा रहा है।



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Air India terminates services of trainer pilot over lapses



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एयरलाइन ने यह कार्रवाई हाल ही में किसलब्लोअर के लगाए गए आरोपों के बाद की है। एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि इन आरोपों की जांच में पुष्टि हुई है।



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Air India sacks trainer pilot for lapses after detailed probe

Air India has terminated the services of a trainer pilot following a whistleblower complaint regarding lapses during simulator training and grounded 10 of his trainees. "A whistleblower alleged that a simulator trainer pilot had failed to properly discharge his duties during recurrent simulator training for pilots. A detailed investigation was conducted and, following a review of the evidence, the allegation was corroborated," the airline said. According to airline sources, the trainer pilot used to impart training for Boeing 787 aircraft. Allegedly, he had misrepresented the number of hours for which simulator training was carried out.



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AI sacks pilot trainer for inflating simulator hours

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The airline confirmed the action in a statement.

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The violations involved the trainer inflating the number of hours that trainees went through in the simulator. HT ARCHIVE

The airline declined to name the trainer or the pilots.

A DGCA official acknowledged receipt of the report, stating, "We have got their report getting it examined."

According to the official cited in the first instance, the violations involved the now expelled trainer inflating the number of hours that trainees went through in the simulator.

"Air India has voluntarily reported the matter to the Indian aviation regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, as part of our voluntary disclosure practice, and has commended the whistleblower for stepping forward," the spokesperson added.

An official aware of the matter, speaking on condition of anonymity, provided additional details: "A formal complaint was lodged against a senior simulator trainer pilot, failing to perform duties and misreporting. After reviewing video foot-

age, conducting interviews and analysing simulator logs, the investigation [found] that the senior pilot's behaviour was inappropriate and against the rules."

The airline also revealed that more than 30 Air India employees have been terminated for various ethical breaches in 2024 alone, with numerous others receiving other disciplinary action.

The spokesperson explained the company's ethics framework: "Immediately following the privatisation of Air India under the Tata group, the airline implemented the Tata Code of Conduct to establish clear behavioural expectations and accelerate cultural change to that of a Tata Group Company. This included comprehensive training for all employees on Tata's ethos and ethics-related policies, such as anti-bribery, anti-corruption and whistleblowing, among others."

Relief for IndiGo: HC strikes down IGST on aircraft repairs

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NEW DELHI: In a relief for aviation companies, including IndiGo, the Delhi high court on Tuesday struck down the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) levy on the repair cost of goods re-imported into India after being sent abroad for maintenance.

The court declared as unconstitutional a part of the 2021 customs department exemption notification that required payment of IGST and cess on the repair cost of such goods.

The court's decision came in response to a petition filed by InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of India's largest airline, IndiGo, in 2023, challenging the notification and the IGST levy on re-imported aircraft and parts following repairs.

The airline argued that it had already paid import duties on overseas repairs as part of import of services and should not be taxed again upon re-import of the repaired aircraft parts.

A division bench of Justices Yashwant Varma and Ravinder Dubeja passed the order, striking down the additional IGST levy imposed under the 2021 notification. "We accordingly allow the writ petitions challenging Notification No. 36, insofar as it seeks to impose an additional levy over and above the IGST already imposed under Section 5(l). This additional levy is declared unconstitutional and ultra vires," the court stated in its ruling.

In an earlier interim order on 25 January 2023, the Delhi high court had asked IndiGo to pay IGST provisionally to the customs department. The court also ruled that if IndiGo succeeded in the case, it would be entitled to a refund of the tax paid.

The detailed written judgment



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is still awaited.

Before the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime came into effect in 2017, the taxation of goods sent abroad for repairs and re-imported into India was governed by Notification No. 94/96-Customs, dated December 16, 1996. Under this notification, customs duty was levied only on the cost of repairs, insurance, and freight, rather than on the entire value of the goods. This policy aimed to prevent double taxation and promote trade efficiency.

Post-GST implementation: With the introduction of GST on 1 July 2017, the taxation framework was revised. The government issued fresh notification in June 2017 to retain the pre-GST taxation practice, ensuring that IGST and compensation cess were levied only on the repair cost, insurance, and freight, instead of taxing the entire value of the goods.

Despite these notifications, ambiguities persisted regarding the applicability of IGST on re-imported goods.

To clarify the tax treatment, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) issued a circular on 19 July 2021, reiterating that IGST and compensation cess should be calculated only on the repair cost, insurance, and freight.



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Navi Mumbai strip draws top airlines

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India's low-cost carriers will lead the shift to Navi Mumbai Airport, the highly anticipated second airport for the commercial capital developed by billionaire Gautam Adani, as it targets a May opening.

India's largest airline IndiGo will shift part of its operations to the new airport, according to people familiar with the matter who did not want to be identified as the information is private. Tata Group's low-cost carrier Air India Express and smaller rivals SpiceJet and Akasa are also in discussions to eventually relocate all of their operations, the people added.

Air India Ltd.'s full-service carrier will continue to operate from the existing airport for now but will shift more of its domestic operations to Navi Mumbai, about 22 miles southeast of Mumbai's congested existing aerodrome, the people said.

The Adani Group's new \$2.1 billion airport is a landmark infrastructure project for the sprawling metropolis of 21 million people aimed at reducing aviation bottlenecks and creating an international transit hub similar to Dubai, London or Singapore. Local authorities are planning to build an aero city around the Navi Mumbai Airport to boost non-aviation sources of revenue.



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AI for lower landing charges at Delhi

Air India (AI) has expressed concern that Delhi International Airport Ltd's (DIAL) proposal to significantly increase user development fees (UDF) and other aeronautical charges will hinder efforts to establish the airport as an aviation hub.

In a written response to the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), the airline recommended reducing charges for wide-bodied aircraft to encourage the use of larger planes on domestic routes.

DIAL has proposed raising landing charges for domestic wide-bodied aircraft from ₹188 per metric tonnes (MT) to ₹325 per MT and for international wide-bodied aircraft from ₹250 per MT to ₹430 per MT. MT refers to the plane's weight.

The Delhi International Airport for the fourth control period or for a period of 5 years from 1 April 2025 till 31 March 2029 has proposed a steep hike in UDF for domestic and international passengers, ranging from 100% to over 1000%.

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Air India sacks trainer pilot

NEW DELHI: Air India on Wednesday said it has terminated the services of a trainer pilot for lapses and 10 pilots who underwent training under the trainer pilot have been removed from flying duties pending investigation.

The latest action came after a whistleblower alleged that a simulator trainer pilot had failed to properly discharge his duties during recurrent simulator training for pilots.

In a statement, the Tata Group-owned airline said a detailed probe was conducted into the allegations, which were corroborated after a review of the evidence.

Without disclosing specific details, Air India said the trainer pilot's services are being terminated.

Air India grounded ten pilots after concerns over a trainer pilot's recurrent training. The airline reported the issue to the DGCA and praised the whistleblower. It reaffirmed its commitment to Tata's ethics policies, including anti-bribery and whistleblowing measures. #POST



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Air India trainer pilot among 30 sacked, 10 others grounded

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AIR INDIA has fired a simulator trainer pilot for lapses and removed 10 pilots, who underwent training under the trainer pilot, from flying duties pending investigation, the Tata Group airline said Wednesday.

The action came after a whistleblower flagged the simulator trainer pilot of dereliction of duty while training others.

"A detailed investigation was conducted and, following a review of the evidence, the allegation was corroborated. Accordingly, the said trainer pilot's services are being termi-

nated. As a precaution, 10 pilots who underwent recurrent training under the trainer pilot have been removed from flying duties pending further investigation," said an Air India spokesperson.

Air India has reported the matter to aviation regulator DGCA. While Air India did not disclose details of the incident or the trainer's conduct, a source familiar with the matter said the trainer pilot was repeatedly absent during training sessions and violated several other protocols.

Air India also said that it terminated 30 employees in 2024 for various ethical breaches, with numerous others handed

disciplinary action.

"Immediately following the privatisation of Air India under the Tata group, the airline implemented the Tata Code of Conduct to establish clear behavioural expectations and accelerate cultural change to that of a Tata Group Company," the airline said.

This included comprehensive training for all employees on Tata's ethos and ethics-related policies, such as anti-bribery, anti-corruption and whistleblowing, among others. Air India said that an Apex Ethics Committee led by senior management oversees efforts to foster a culture with zero tolerance for unethical behaviour.





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एयर इंडिया ने ट्रेनर पायलट को किया बर्खास्त

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली: एयर इंडिया ने बुधवार को एक ट्रेनर पायलट की लापरवाही के चलते उसे बर्खास्त कर दिया और उसके प्रशिक्षण से गुजरने वाले 10 पायलटों को जांच

पूरी होने तक उड़ान इयूटी से हटा दिया है। यह कार्रवाई एक विहसलब्लोअर की शिकायत के बाद हुई, जिसमें ट्रेनर पायलट

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पर सिम्युलेटर प्रशिक्षण में लापरवाही बरतने का आरोप था। एयर इंडिया ने जांच के बाद आरोपों की पुष्टि की और मामले की सूचना DGCA को दी। टाय समूह ने 2022 में एयर इंडिया का अधिग्रहण किया था।



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THE PIONEER

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AI trainer under lens, pilots grounded

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

Air India (AI) on Wednesday terminated the services of a trainer pilot for lapses, while it removed 10 other pilots -- who underwent training under the trainer pilot -- from flying duties pending an investigation.

The AI management's action against the trainer pilot came after a whistle-blower alleged that a simulator trainer pilot had failed to properly discharge his duties during recurrent simulator training for pilots.

"A detailed investigation was conducted and, following a review of the evidence, the allegation was corroborated. Accordingly, the said trainer pilot's services are being terminated," an AI statement said.

"As a precaution, ten pilots who underwent recurrent training under the trainer pilot have been removed from flying duties pending further investigation," the statement said.

As per the complaint, the simulator trainer pilot did not perform his duties during the regular training sessions for pilots, though the details of exact nature of the purported lapses were not immediately available.

Air India had in the past faced action from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for failing to report certain incidents and non-disclosures.

After initiating action against its trainer pilot and taking off 10 other pilots from the flying duties, Air India has

voluntarily reported the matter to the DGCA as part of our voluntary disclosure practice, and has commended the whistle-blower for stepping forward.

It may be recalled that the Tata Group took over loss-making Air India from the Government in January 2022.

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led by senior management oversees efforts to foster a culture with zero tolerance for unethical behaviour. Extensive awareness campaigns are regularly conducted to reinforce expectations," AI statement said.

According to AI, a structured process for capturing allegations, conducting investigations and enforcing strict consequences was also introduced. These are logged and investigated by an experienced team, independent of external interference.

The airline said that under this process, in 2024 alone more than 30 Air India employees have been terminated for various ethical breaches, with numerous others receiving other disciplinary action.