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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट: बीसीएएस से सुरक्षा मंजूरी, एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस जल्द

एजेसी | नोएडा

प्रस्तावित नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएएस) से सिक्वोरिटी वेरिफिंग क्लियरेंस मिल गया है। इसके साथ ही एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस मिलने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के अधिकारियों ने गुरुवार को यह जानकारी दी। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यिडा) और नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी राकेश सिंह ने इस विकास की पुष्टि करते हुए कहा कि बीसीएएस से सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिलने के बाद अब एयरपोर्ट

को जल्द ही एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस जारी होने की उम्मीद है।

उन्होंने बताया कि सुरक्षा मंजूरी एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस मिलने से पहले की अंतिम बड़ी शर्त थी। लाइसेंस जारी होने के बाद एयरलाइंस और एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेटर उड़ानों के संचालन और शेड्यूल को लेकर चर्चा करेंगे, जिसके बाद यहां से यात्री उड़ान सेवाएं शुरू की जा सकेंगी। यह ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट परियोजना उत्तर प्रदेश के गौतमबुद्ध नगर जिले के जेवर क्षेत्र में विकसित की जा रही है, जिसे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के रूप में तैयार किया जा रहा है। चरणबद्ध तरीके से बनने के बाद यह देश के सबसे बड़े हवाई अड्डों में से एक होगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को बड़ी सुरक्षा मंजूरी

ग्रैंटर नोएडा, 5 मार्च (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने संचालन की दिशा में एक और अहम उपलब्धि हासिल कर ली है। एयरपोर्ट के एंटी हाईजैक कंटीजेंसी प्लान (एचसीपी) को ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी (बीसीएस) ने मंजूरी दे दी है। इस स्वीकृति के साथ ही एयरपोर्ट के लिए सुरक्षा क्लियरेंस की प्रक्रिया निर्णायक चरण में पहुंच गई है। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन का मानना है कि यह मंजूरी केवल एक औपचारिकता नहीं, बल्कि यह संकेत है कि जेवर स्थित यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा पुरक्षा मानकों पर तेजी से खरा उतर रहा है।

क्या है एंटी हाईजैक कंटीजेंसी प्लान?

एचसीपी एक व्यापक आपातकालीन सुरक्षा योजना होती है, जिसे विमान अपहरण, बम की धमकी या अन्य गंभीर सुरक्षा संकट की स्थिति में लागू किया जाता है।

एयरपोर्ट के नोडल अधिकारी एवं यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यौडा) के एसईओ शैलेंद्र भाटिया के अनुसार, इस योजना के अंतर्गत- विमानन कंपनियों, एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन, केंद्रीय व राज्य सुरक्षा एजेंसियों, स्थानीय प्रशासन, आपदा प्रबंधन समिति और संबंधित सरकारी विभागों के बीच समन्वित कार्रवाई का स्पष्ट खाका तैयार किया जाता है।

योजना में विमान की निगरानी, यात्रियों की सुरक्षित निकासी,



एंटी हाईजैक कंटीजेंसी प्लान पास, अब सिक्योरिटी क्लियरेंस और एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस की राह आसान

अपहरणकर्ताओं से बातचीत के लिए प्रशिक्षित वार्ताकारों की तैनाती और आवश्यकता पड़ने पर विशेष सुरक्षा बलों की सक्रियता जैसी व्यवस्थाएं शामिल हैं।

सुरक्षा मानकों पर खरी तैयारी

बीसीएस की ओर से एचसीपी को मंजूरी तभी दी जाती है, जब एयरपोर्ट पर सभी जरूरी सुरक्षा उपकरण, संसाधन और तकनीकी व्यवस्थाएं स्थापित हो चुकी हों। इस दृष्टि से यह स्वीकृति संकेत देती है कि एयरपोर्ट की आधारभूत सुरक्षा संरचना अब लगभग तैयार है और संचालन की दिशा में मजबूत कदम बढ़ चुका है।

अब आगे क्या?

एचसीपी की मंजूरी के बाद अगला कदम औपचारिक सिक्योरिटी क्लियरेंस प्राप्त करना

है। इसके बाद नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) की टीम एयरपोर्ट का विस्तृत निरीक्षण करेगी। निरीक्षण में रनवे, एटीसी, सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल, अग्निशमन व्यवस्था और तकनीकी प्रणालियों का परीक्षण किया जाएगा। सभी मानकों पर खरा उतरने के बाद डीजीसीए, एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी करेगा।

लाइसेंस मिलते ही शुरू होगी टिकट बुकिंग

एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी होते ही विमानन कंपनियां यहां से उड़ानों की टिकट बुकिंग प्रारंभ कर सकेंगी। इसके बाद औपचारिक उद्घाटन की प्रक्रिया पूरी की जाएगी। संभावना है कि लाइसेंस जारी होने के लगभग 45 दिनों के भीतर यहां से नियमित उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू हो सकता है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का संचालन शुरू होना न केवल पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, बल्कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र के लिए भी कनेक्टिविटी और आर्थिक विकास की दृष्टि से एक ऐतिहासिक कदम माना जा रहा है।



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BENGALURU

'Best arrivals' award for B'luru airport

Kempegowda International Airport has been ranked the 'Best Airport at Arrivals Globally' at the 2025 ASQ Awards by Airports Council International, marking its fourth consecutive win, officials said. The ACI Airport Service Quality programme measures passenger satisfaction through in-journey surveys.



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट ने सुरक्षा का अहम पड़ाव पार किया



ग्रेटर नोएडा, बरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा मानकों के अनुरूप मिली है। इससे एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है।

नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बकास) ने एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को सशर्त मंजूरी दे दी। अब जल्द ही डीजीसीए की टीम एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण करेगी। माना जा रहा है कि अगले कुछ दिनों में ही बकास एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें

अपहरण या बम जैसी स्थितियों में जरूरी

विमान के अपहरण या बम की सूचना पर एंटी हाइजैक कंटीजेंसी प्लान का काम शुरू होता है। इसमें विमानन कंपनियां, एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी, सुरक्षा एजेंसियां, आपदा प्रबंधन समिति और सरकार शामिल होती हैं। यह मंजूरी तभी मिलती है, जब इससे संबंधित उपकरण एयरपोर्ट पर लग जाते हैं।

शुरू करने के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी कर देगा। नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि एंटी हाइजैक कंटीजेंसी प्लान के साथ एयरपोर्ट को सशर्त समग्र सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को लेकर भी एनओसी मिल गई।



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{ KEY STEP TO START OPS }

Noida airport gets security clearance

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GREATER NOIDA: Noida International Airport has received mandatory security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), paving the way for its inauguration, officials announced Thursday.

The approval from BCAS is a critical prerequisite for the aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which is expected to be issued "within a week," said RK Singh, chief executive officer of Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), the Uttar Pradesh government agency overseeing the project.

AFTER THE DGCA LICENCE IS ISSUED, CARGO AND DOMESTIC FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 45 DAYS

Following the BCAS clearance, DGCA will conduct a final inspection of the airport before issuing the licence – the final major prerequisite before operations can commence, said Shailendra Bhatia, NIAL nodal officer.

Officials confirmed that construction work for the first phase of the airport is now

complete. "The airport infrastructure planned under the first phase is fully ready to handle 12 million passengers annually. The terminal building, air traffic control tower and runway as envisaged in the first phase are ready," Bhatia said.

After the DGCA licence is issued, cargo and domestic flight operations are expected to begin within 45 days, as mandated under the project plan. International flight operations are likely to start from September this year, officials said.

Supporting infrastructure, including the road connecting the airport to the Yamuna Expressway, has also been completed.

The date for the formal inauguration has not yet been finalized and will be decided by the Prime Minister's Office, officials said.

The Noida International Airport, developed on approximately 1,300 hectares in Jewar, Gautam Buddh Nagar, is a major public-private partnership project. Awarded in October 2020 to Zurich Airport International AG, it is being built and operated by its Indian subsidiary under a 40-year concession. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in November 2021. Once operational, the airport is expected to become a major aviation hub for the Delhi-NCR region.



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Security at airport outweighs devotional right: Bombay HC

The Bombay High Court on Thursday underscored that national security concerns outweigh individual religious practices, dismissing a plea by a group of cab and autorickshaw drivers who sought to offer namaz near Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport during the ongoing month of Ramzan. "Ramzan is undoubtedly an integral part of the faith, but that does not translate into a fundamental right to pray at any given spot," stated a Division Bench of Justice B.P. Colabawalla and Justice Firdosh Pooniwalla. "When security considerations are paramount, they must override."



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मुंबई, दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डों पर 175 उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली, पांच मार्च (भाषा) पश्चिम एशिया संकट के कारण वृहत्पतिवार को दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डों पर कम से कम 175 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। अमेरिका, इजराइल और ईरान के बीच बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण फंसे यात्रियों को पश्चिम एशिया से लाने-ले जाने के लिए कई विमानन कंपनियों ने सीमित संख्या में उड़ानें शुरू कीं। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि वृहत्पतिवार को मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर कुल 105 उड़ानें रद्द की गईं, जिनमें 40 उड़ान भटने वाली और 65 आने वाली उड़ानें शामिल थीं।

Impact of curbs: Gulf flyers forced to pay steep fares to return home

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Bengaluru: As flight operations slowly resume between the Gulf region and Bengaluru, airlines are clearing the backlog of stranded passengers in a chronological sequence, based on the original date of booking.

Passengers said airlines are prioritising those whose flights were cancelled earlier, with travellers from Feb 25 departures being accommodated first, followed by those scheduled on Feb 27 and subsequent dates. While this system allows airlines to clear the backlog in an orderly manner, it also means that many passengers are reaching Bengaluru several days after their originally scheduled arrival, forcing them to miss important work commitments, family events and travel plans.

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"My original flight was cancelled, and since then we waited for updates. The airline told us they are clearing passengers based on the original booking dates. Emirates has now issued me a ticket for March 6 without asking for extra charges, but there is still uncertainty until the flight actually takes off," Jayaprakash said.

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Reuters

TRYING TIMES: Limited flights and heavy passenger loads at Dubai and other airports in West Asia are resulting in long queues of travellers waiting to return home

TRAVELLERS OF EARLIER CANCELLATIONS GET PRIORITY

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First Flight In 45 Days? DGCA To Carry Out Final Inspection For Aerodrome Licence In A Week

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Noida: Noida International Airport has received security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), a decisive step that moves the greenfield airport into the last stretch before commercial operations begin.

The clearance, granted on Thursday, approves the airport's core security framework like bomb threat contingency plan (BTCP), anti-hijack contingency plan (AHCP) and airport security programme (ASP). With these documents examined, the directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) is now expected to carry out a final inspection and issue the aerodrome licence.

Officials at Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), the govt agency monitoring the project, said the aerodrome licence could come within a week of DGCA's final inspection. "The security vetting approval on Thursday brings the airport closer to operational readiness," NIAL chief executive officer RK Singh said.

Nodal officer Shailendra Bhatia said DGCA would soon conduct the last inspection, and added that the concessionaire operating the airport must meet specific conditions



File photo

ALL SET FOR TAKEOFF

before the licence is granted. Once the aerodrome licence is issued, domestic passenger flights and cargo operations are expected to begin within 45 days, in line with the project plan. International operations are likely to start from Sept.

Union aviation secretary Samir Sinha has been trying to minimise delays on the ground that the airport has an expat CEO. Christoph Schnellmann, a Swiss national and

veteran from Zurich Airports, also played a key role when Bengaluru's airport was being built about two decades back.

It was pointed out in the home ministry that the CEOs of India's biggest airlines — IndiGo and Air India — are both expats. "We are trying to ensure having an expat CEO does not lead to any hiccups in the new airport getting operational," said a source. Schnell-

mann is widely seen as a thorough professional.

"We take pride in having people like Satya Nadella and Sundar Pichai at top positions in the world's biggest tech companies that handle critical security tasks globally. We can't frown on having expat CEOs," the source added.

According to officials, airlines such as IndiGo, Air India and Akasa Air are expected to open ticket bookings once the aerodrome licence is in hand. "The airport infrastructure envisaged in the first phase is ready to handle 12 million passengers annually. The terminal building, air traffic control tower, and runway are ready as planned," Bhatia said.

The airport's security clearance was in line for months, with BCAS teams conducting multiple inspections and asking the operator to plug gaps before approval. During one recent inspection, officials from the Union home ministry also accompanied the BCAS team.

Bhatia said the anti-hijack contingency plan had been approved earlier after verification of certain systems and equipment. According to him, the plan sets out protocols for incidents such as hijacking or bomb threats, and requires coordination among airlines, airport authorities, security

agencies, disaster management authorities and govt.

On the ground, officials said the terminal's roofing, entry-exit facilities, security apparatus and internal work are complete. The runway, air traffic control and other airside infrastructure are ready as well.

Security deployment is in place as well. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) took over airport security last year. Residential facilities have already been developed for its personnel, including accommodation for unmarried CISF staff within the airport premises, built by the concessionaire.

Officials said the recruitment and training of manpower needed for operations have been completed as well. The multimodal cargo hub infrastructure is ready, and cargo services are expected to start alongside domestic flights.

Connectivity work is also in place, including a 750-metre access road linking the airport to Yamuna Expressway.

At an event in Greater Noida West on Thursday, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said the country's largest airport would be inaugurated soon. Officials said the formal inauguration date would be finalised by the Prime Minister's Office.

War affects travel plans to West Asia, US, Europe

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While Iran tensions have hit West Asia travel almost 90 per cent, people are avoiding travel to the US, Europe and other parts of the western world as well. The summer travel bookings to Europe and West Asia have almost stopped, while travellers are increasingly choosing Eastern countries.

Almost 95 per cent of flights have been cancelled to and from the West Asia since the Iran crisis started. However, slowly some of the airlines have started operating a few flights, but still around 85 per cent flights remain cancelled.

"Travel to not just the West Asia, but the US, Europe and in general the countries towards the West are affected. Flights are getting cancelled, but people are neither cancelling nor booking to these regions," said Rikant Pitti, co-founder of EaseMyTrip.

EaseMyTrip has been arranging multiple charter flights from UAE and Oman and bringing thousands of Indians back home and arranging free

PLANS CHANGED

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No bookings are happening to West Asia, Europe regions. Many, who had planned leisure travel during the summer, are choosing destinations like Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Singapore and Australia.

— RIKANT PITTI,
Co-founder, EaseMyTrip.



bus transfer from Bahrain to Riyadh/Dammam.

With the situation remaining tense, Pitti expects travel to the West and the West Asia to remain affected during the summer.

"Summer travel bookings to the West and West Asia are down by 90 per cent. No bookings are happening to these regions. Many, who had planned leisure travel during the summer, are choosing destinations like Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Singapore and Australia"

he added.

Even the travel costs to the West have gone up as flights have to take a longer route due to the closure of airspaces of Pakistan and Iran.

"Travel bookings for summer in general are down by around 50 per cent. But people are not cancelling in the hope of peace returning soon. Bookings to safer places like Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines are happening," said Iqbal Mulla, president, Global Tourism Council.



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Air India to start non-stop flight service on Hanoi-Delhi, Tokyo-Mumbai routes

Air India on Thursday announced the launch of its non-stop flight service on the Hanoi-Delhi and Tokyo (Haneda)-Mumbai routes starting in the June quarter as part of its expansion across Asia.

The Tata group airline already operates to Vietnam and Japan with flights to Ho Chi Minh City and Tokyo (Haneda) from the national capital. The new five-time weekly services to Hanoi, starting from May 1, will complement daily flights to Ho Chi Minh City.

This provides greater flexibility to travellers who intend to visit Vietnam with open jaw itineraries, entering from Hanoi and exiting Ho Chi Minh City or vice versa, Air India said, adding these services will be operated with an A320neo aircraft in a three-class configuration.

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Additional war-risk insurance lifts Gulf airfares 3-4 times

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New Delhi, 5 March

Additional war-risk insurance premiums of around ₹30-40 lakh for a narrow-body flight and ₹90 lakh-₹1 crore for a wide-body flight on legs such as Delhi-Dubai-Delhi are a key reason why spot airfares between India and the Middle East have shot up three to four times their usual levels. They are likely to remain elevated as long as the regional conflict continues, aviation industry executives told *Business Standard*.

Besides the steep insurance costs, airlines are also grappling with rising aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices and operational disruptions that are pushing up fares. Executives said ATF prices have already increased significantly and are expected to rise by about 30 per cent as fuel shipments from the Middle East have been disrupted due to the conflict. ATF accounts for roughly 40 per cent of an Indian carrier's total operating expenses.

Aircraft utilisation has also dropped sharply because airlines are receiving flight slots from Middle Eastern airports only a few hours before departure, forcing them to keep aircraft on standby, executives said. As a result, an airline that would typically operate four to five flights a day is now operating only about two. They are also unable to sell tickets in advance and must release them closer to departure.

Industry executives explained that airline insurance premiums are usually determined on an annual basis and calculated across the entire network.

Typically, an airline pays a fixed premium for a certain number of departures during the year, and that cost is already factored into the normal airfare paid by passengers. The current situation in the Middle East, however, has led insurers to impose additional war-risk premiums specifically for flights operating into conflict-prone regions.

Initially, insurers had barred flights to several Middle Eastern destinations, but they are now permitting operations at sharply higher premiums, the executives said.

Since many outbound flights from India to the region are operating almost empty due to the conflict, the added insurance cost is effectively being recovered from travellers on return sectors such as Dubai-Delhi.

The impact is already visible in ticket prices. Routes that typically cost around ₹10,000-₹15,000 for a Dubai-Delhi ticket are currently being sold at about ₹50,000-₹60,000 by the few carriers that have resumed operations, executives said.

AIRCRAFT UTILISATION HAS ALSO DROPPED SHARPLY BECAUSE AIRLINES ARE RECEIVING FLIGHT SLOTS FROM WEST ASIAN AIRPORTS ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE, FORCING THEM TO KEEP AIRCRAFT ON STANDBY, EXECUTIVES

On Thursday evening, SpiceJet was among the few Indian carriers selling seats on the route at around ₹60,000 for Monday and Tuesday, while Air India and other carriers are expected to soon open bookings on sales channels (online websites, etc), with fares likely to be in a similar range.

Airlines operating commercial flights are required to maintain adequate insurance cover for passengers, crew, aircraft hull, cargo and third-party liabilities. In India, this obligation arises from the Carriage by Air Act, 1972, which incorporates provisions of the Montreal Convention governing compensation for passengers and cargo in international air transport.

Compliance is overseen by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which mandates valid insurance coverage as a condition for granting and maintaining an Air Operator Certificate.

The flight disruption in the Middle East has taken place after Israel and the United States last Saturday launched military strikes on Iran, triggering retaliatory action and leading to widespread restrictions on commercial air traffic across parts of the region. Several countries in the Gulf region have since closed, or restricted sections of their airspace, forcing airlines to cancel flights or reroute them through alternative corridors, such as southern Saudi airspace, which remains open for services to Europe and North America.

Industry executives said fares on Middle East routes are expected to remain sharply elevated until the conflict eases and insurers withdraw the additional war-risk premiums.



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खाड़ी देशों की 40 उड़ानें रद्द कीं, भारतीय नागरिकों की सुरक्षित वापसी योजना बनाई

नई दिल्ली | खाड़ी देशों ईरान और इजरायल युद्ध के दौरान सुरक्षा कारणों से गुरुवार को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से खाड़ी देशों की कुल 40 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। इस कारण यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से रद्द किए गए उड़ानों में 22 विमान डिपार्चर और 18 विमान अराइवल के थे। केंद्र सरकार और एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन डायल ने विदेश में भारतीय नागरिकों की सुरक्षित वापसी के लिए 3 विशेष उड़ानें संचालित करने की योजना बनाई है। डायल ने कहा है कि विदेश में फंसे भारतीयों को वापस लाने के लिए 3 विशेष उड़ान संचालित की जा रही हैं।



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अमेरिका-ईरान जंग अमेरिका-भारत का हवाई किराया 150% तक बढ़ा

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ईरान युद्ध के चलते मध्य-पूर्व का हवाई क्षेत्र बंद होने से अमेरिका-भारत रूट पर हवाई किराए में 100 से 150% बढ़ोतरी हो चुकी है। न्यूयॉर्क, शिकागो और नेवार्क से मुंबई और दिल्ली जाने वाली उड़ानें सबसे ज्यादा प्रभावित हैं। 'गूगल फ्लाइट्स' के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, जेएफके-नई दिल्ली रूट पर स्पॉट किराया अभी 1.34 लाख से 2.25 लाख रुपए के बीच है। सामान्य परिस्थितियों में लास्ट-मिनट टिकट 45,000 से 1 लाख रुपए में मिलती थी। टिकट महंगी होने की ठोस वजह भी है। मध्य-पूर्व का यह क्षेत्र अमेरिका, यूरोप, अफ्रीका, एशिया और ऑस्ट्रेलिया को जोड़ने वाला दुनिया का सबसे व्यस्त रूट है। 'फ्लाइटराडार24' पर यह आसमान अब लगभग सूना नजर आता है। एयरलाइंस ने उड़ानें रद्द करके रूट बदल लिए हैं और क्षमता घट गई है।



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इंडिगो जामनगर से नवी मुंबई के लिए शुरू करेगी सीधी उड़ान

नई दिल्ली। निजी विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो गुजरात के जामनगर से महाराष्ट्र के नवी मुंबई के लिए सीधी उड़ान शुरू करेगी। एयरलाइंस ने गुरुवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि यह दैनिक उड़ान 23 अप्रैल से शुरू होगी। इस मार्ग पर वह ए320 विमान का परिचालन करेगी। अहमदाबाद, बड़ौदा, सूरत, राजकोट और भावनगर के बाद जामनगर इंडिगो के नेटवर्क में शामिल होने वाला गुजरात का छठवां शहर होगा। उसने बताया कि नयी उड़ान से व्यापार और पर्यटन को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। इसके साथ ही जामनगर के लोग नवी मुंबई के माध्यम से इंडिगो के विशाल घरेलू तथा अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क से जुड़ सकेंगे। प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार, उड़ान संख्या 6ई 2053 शाम चार बजे नवी मुंबई से रवाना होगी। वापसी की उड़ान शाम 6.10 बजे जामनगर से चलेगी।

35 global flights from RGIA cancelled amid Gulf conflict

Indigo attempts to increase frequency of flights to UAE from today

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD MARCH 4

Uncertainty over airline operations continued for the fifth day, with 35 flights from Shamsabad airport getting cancelled on Wednesday as the US-Iran war widened in West Asia.

Out of 35 cancelled flights, 19 were international arrivals and 16 departures. However, some special flights have arrived at the airport from West Asia.

Passengers with upcoming travel said they were uncertain about their flight schedules.

IndiGo issued a travel advisory on Wednesday stating, "Over the past few days, many of our customers have been navigating uncertainty while waiting to return home or reach places that matter most to them. During this time, we remain firmly by your side, doing everything possible to support your journeys with care, responsibility, and constant attention to safety." The airline said flights earlier announced to Athens, Muscat, Jeddah and Madinah, along with select repatriation flights to the UAE, have commenced operations as connectivity on affected routes is gradually restored.

"With the safety of our customers and crew as our highest priority, provided we have the approvals, we do strive to increase the frequency of repatriation flights to the UAE, from tomorrow to further support customers awaiting travel," the airline said.



A satellite image shows the Judiciary complex damaged after airstrikes, in Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday. — AP

Parents seek govt help via green channel for students

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Apart from the students, some 100 pilgrims also remain stranded in the city of Mashhad, which is 750 km east of Tehran. The parents have urged the state and Union governments to rescue them through 'green channel' "When Iran was targeted earlier, we were able to rescue those stranded in the country through Azerbaijan. We hope that the government helps in airlifting them by securing a green channel from warring nations through any of the bordering nations. If not Azerbaijan, the government can seek Turkmenistan's help. We have been urging the state government to establish a helpline or help desk in Hyderabad for those who remain stran-

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ded in Iran," urged Shia Companions Organisation secretary advocate Syed Ali Jaffry. While most students studying Islamic studies were based in Qom, the medical students were shifted mostly from Tehran following the escalation of war. Earlier, the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) had issued a statement stating that Indian students in Iran shifted to Qom amid fresh security concerns. "However,

shortly after the relocation, students reported hearing explosions in Qom as well, triggering renewed panic and fear among those who had just been shifted," the statement said.

The AIMSA has urged the MEA to take immediate steps to ensure the safe evacuation of Indian citizens from the conflict zone, "preferably through the nearest secure land border once feasible," it added. The Centre on Wednesday set up a control room which can be contacted between 9 am to 9 pm with toll free number 1800118797 in the Gulf region. Those in Iran contact Indian embassy in Iran at +98-9128109115, +98-9128109102, +98-9128109109 and +98-9932179359.

TELANGANA MAN INJURED IN IRAN ATTACK IN UAE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 4

A man from Telangana suffered minor injuries in an Iranian attack near the Abu Dhabi airport — becoming the first person from two Telugu states to be affected by the Gulf conflict.

The injured, N. Rajeswara Rao, is a native of Pothireddypally village in Rajanna Sircilla district. He works in the housekeeping section at the Abu Dhabi airport.

The incident was revealed by his father Prabhakar Rao to PTI Videos.

Prabhakar Rao said his son spoke to him over a video call, but did not see his injuries. He urged the Central government to take steps to ensure their son's safe return.

In another video of Telugu people that went viral, a group of 14 people speaking in Telugu near Bahrain airport said that they have run out of funds after being stranded in the war-hit region.

They requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to ensure their safe return to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

A senior citizen in the group also mentioned that some of them have health issues and urged governments to get them back.



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Air India resumes Jeddah flights

Mumbai, March 4 Air India on Wednesday said it plans to commence its scheduled operations to and from Jeddah to Delhi and Mumbai from March 5. The airline in a post on X also said it is closely monitoring the evolving situation in the Middle East. "While most of our operations to the Middle East will remain suspended till 2359 hours IST of March 5 after careful assessment of the current situation, Air India plans to commence its scheduled operations to and from Jeddah from 5 March," the airline said. As part of this, Air India will operate two flights to Mumbai and one to Delhi from Jeddah, it said. With airspace curbs in the Middle East due to the conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran. — PTI



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Air India to operate more flights to Toronto, Frankfurt and Paris

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MUMBAI

Air India on Wednesday announced the deployment of additional flights to Toronto, Frankfurt and Paris (Charles de Gaulle) to cater to high demand amid the ongoing situation in West Asia.

Air India's low-cost subsidiary Air India Express also said its services to Muscat will remain operational, besides operating additional flights between Muscat and Delhi and Mumbai.

As part of this, the Tata Group-owned airline will operate three additional flights between Delhi and Toronto from Mar 5 to Mar 11, besides adding three flights between Delhi and Frankfurt and one flight between Delhi and Paris (Charles de Gaulle) from Mar 7 to Mar 10, Air India said.



These additional services will provide more flight options to travellers on these select routes, with convenient connections beyond Delhi to destinations across Air India's domestic and Southeast Asia networks.

Air India also said it will continue to closely assess the situation and add flights on these select routes beyond Mar 11, depending on the situation.

Meanwhile, Air India Express said in a post on X that it will continue operating flights to and from Muscat on Mar 5, along with additional flights between Muscat and Delhi and Mumbai.

खाड़ी देशों में फंसे भारतीयों को निकालने का सिलसिला जारी, विमानन कंपनियों ने सात मार्च तक का जारी किया शेड्यूल विशेष उड़ान सेवा से स्वदेश पहुंच रहे भारतीय

राहत

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। खाड़ी देशों में फंसे भारतीय यात्रियों को निकालने का सिलसिला जारी है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के साथ समन्वय कर निजी विमानन कंपनियों द्वारा खाड़ी देशों से भारत के अलग-अलग हिस्सों के लिए उड़ान सेवा संचालित की जा रही है।

पश्चिम एशिया की मौजूदा परिस्थितियों के बीच एयरलाइनों ने अपनी उड़ानों को लेकर नई जानकारी जारी की है। यात्रियों से यात्रा से पहले अपनी उड़ानों की स्थिति जांचने की सलाह दी गई है। स्पाइसजेट द्वारा तीन दिनों के अंदर संयुक्त अरब अमीरात से भारत के लिए 20 से अधिक उड़ानें संचालित की जा रही हैं। इनमें से 13 उड़ानों का संचालन गुरुवार को किया गया है। स्पाइसजेट के अनुसार, फुजैराह से मुंबई के लिए सात और फुजैराह से दिल्ली के लिए पांच विशेष उड़ानें चलाई जा रही हैं। इसके अलावा दुबई से मुंबई के लिए भी एक अतिरिक्त विशेष उड़ान संचालित की जा रही है ताकि प्रभावित यात्रियों को जल्द भारत पहुंचाया जा सके। एयरलाइन ने बताया, तीन और चार मार्च को भी संयुक्त अरब अमीरात से 12 विशेष उड़ानें संचालित की गई थीं, जिनके माध्यम से यात्रियों को दिल्ली, मुंबई-कोच्चि लाया गया।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस गुरुवार को मस्कट से और मस्कट के लिए अपनी नियमित उड़ानें जारी रखेगी। यह उड़ानें दिल्ली, कोच्चि, कोझिकोड, मंगलुरु, मुंबई और तिरुचिरापल्ली को मस्कट से जोड़ने के लिए संचालित की गई हैं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने जानकारी दी है कि मस्कट, दिल्ली और मुंबई के बीच 7 मार्च तक अतिरिक्त उड़ानें भी संचालित रहेंगी। वहीं, अकासा एयर ने मुंबई से जेद्दा और बंगलुरु से जेद्दा के बीच चार उड़ान सेवा संचालित की। इसी तरह से अन्य विमानन कंपनियों



रांची हवाईअड्डे पर गुरुवार को दुबई से सैकड़ों भारतीय स्वदेश लौटे। इस दौरान उनमें वतन वापसी की खुशी साफ देखी गई। परिजनों ने भी उनका स्वागत किया। • एएनआई

द्वारा भी विशेष उड़ान सेवा संचालित की गई है, जिन्हें सात मार्च तक जारी रखा जाएगा। वहीं, इंडिगो, एयर इंडिया भी लगातार विशेष उड़ान सेवा संचालित कर रही है। इसके साथ ही, अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन कंपनियां भी खाड़ी के देशों से भारत के लिए बड़ी संख्या में उड़ान सेवा संचालित कर रही है, जिसके चलते भारत लौटने वाले लोगों की संख्या तेजी से बढ़ रही है।

किराए में बढ़ोतरी: विमानन कंपनियों ने युद्ध के बीच हवाई यात्रा किराए में भारी बढ़ोतरी की है। कई अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का किराया दोगुना से अधिक बढ़ गया है। जैसे दिल्ली से लंदन की हवाई किराया करीब साढ़े तीन लाख रुपये तक पहुंच गया है। इसी तरह से दिल्ली से पेरिस और अन्य यूरोपीय देशों को जाने वाली फ्लाइट के किराए में बढ़ोतरी हुई है। किराए में बढ़ोतरी के पीछे कंपनियों का कहना है कि युद्ध के चलते लंबा मार्ग तय करके जाना पड़ रहा है, जिससे समय और दूरी दोनों बढ़ गई है। इससे लागत में बढ़ोतरी हुई है।

यात्रियों की शिकायतें बढ़ी : पश्चिमी एशियाई देशों में तनाव के बीच लोग अब अपनी प्रस्तावित यात्रा को भी रद्द कर रहे हैं। ऐसे में विमानन कंपनियों को लेकर भी यात्रियों की शिकायतें बढ़ गई हैं। स्थिति को देखते हुए यात्रियों द्वारा टिकट रद्द कराए जा रहे हैं लेकिन उनका रिफंड कब तक मिलेगा। इसको लेकर ति स्पष्ट नहीं हैं। उधर, पर्यटन संबंधी सुविधा देने वाले कंपनियों विमान कंपनियों द्वारा फ्लाइट रद्द किए जाने पर टिकट कैसिल होने की स्थिति में पूरी धनराशि नहीं लौटा रही हैं।

भारतीय एयरलाइंस की 281 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द: मध्य-पूर्व में बढ़ते तनाव के कारण गुरुवार को भारतीय एयरलाइंस ने 281 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द कर दीं। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर 40 उड़ानें रद्द की गई हैं। दूसरी ओर, कोलकाता और दुबई के बीच उड़ान सेवाएं चार दिन तक निलंबित रहने के बाद गुरुवार को आंशिक रूप से बहाल हो गईं।

आपबीती: दुबई में लोग डर और घबराहट में रह रहे

नई दिल्ली/रांची, एजेंसी। दुबई से गुरुवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा और रांची हवाईअड्डा पर पहुंचे यात्रियों ने संयुक्त अरब अमीरात की स्थिति को लेकर अलग-अलग अनुभव साझा किए। दुबई से पहुंचे यात्री राहुल सक्सेना ने बताया कि वहां लोगों में डर और घबराहट है।

सरकार जितनी जल्दी हो सके लोगों को वहां से निकाल ले, उतना बेहतर होगा। वहीं दुबई से ही लौटे दूसरे यात्री गौतम गुप्ता ने कहा कि दुबई में सब कुछ सामान्य है और उन्हें किसी तरह की परेशानी का सामना नहीं करना पड़ा। लेकिन फ्लाइट की कीमतें काफी बढ़ गई हैं। फुजैरा के रास्ते भारत पहुंचे एक यात्री ने बताया मैं काम के सिलसिले में दुबई गया था। वहां स्थिति थोड़ी तनावपूर्ण है। अमेरिकी वाणिज्य दूतावास पर हमला हुआ था, जिससे हम डर गए थे। उन्होंने कहा कि दुबई



रांची हवाईअड्डे पर गुरुवार को दुबई से लौटे परिजन से गले मिलती महिला। और अबू धाबी से उड़ाने लगातार रद्द हो रही थीं, इसलिए हमें फुजैरा से आना पड़ा। हम एयरलाइंस और भारत सरकार के आभारी हैं, जो हमारी मदद कर रहे हैं। दम्पाम से पहुंचे एक अन्य यात्री ने कहा कि मेरी फ्लाइट लंदन से आनी थी, लेकिन मैं बहरीन में फंस गया था। पांच दिन बहरीन में फंसे रहने के बाद अब मैं दम्पाम के रास्ते आया हूँ।

यात्रियों की शिकायतें

- बिहार निवासी अजय कुमार शर्मा ने ई-प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से अबू धाबी से भारत का टिकट बुक कराया। फ्लाइट को एयरस्पेस ऑपरेशनल से जुड़े कारणों के कारण रद्द कर दिया गया। अब टिकट की निर्धारित धनराशि में से करीब एक हजार रुपया काटकर रिफंड किया गया। इस मामले में यात्री द्वारा ऑनलाइन मंत्रालय के एक्स हैडल के माध्यम से शिकायत दर्ज कराई गई है।
- सुधार कुमार ने शिकायत दर्ज कराई कि युद्ध के कारण मेरी फ्लाइट विमानन कंपनी की तरफ से रद्द की लेकिन अभी तक रिफंड के बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं दी गई है कि रिफंड किस तिथि तक मुझे मिलेगा। मैं लगातार कोशिश कर रहा हूँ लेकिन कोई जवाब नहीं मिल रहा है।

वहां लगातार हमले हो रहे थे। एयरपोर्ट से ही हम हमलों को देख सकते थे। एयरलाइन ने हमें होटल दिया था, जहां हम ठहरे थे। जब भी मिसाइल हमले होते थे, उनकी आवाज होटल तक सुनाई देती थी। एक अन्य यात्री ने बताया कि मैं रोमानिया से आ रहा हूँ और बहरीन में मेरा स्टॉप था। वहां मैं तीन दिन तक फंसा रहा।

अल्बानिया में फंसी महिला पहलवान सुरक्षित लौटी: अल्बानिया में फंसी मध्य प्रदेश की महिला पहलवान प्रियांशी प्रजापति गुरुवार को सुरक्षित भारत लौट आईं। उनकी सुरक्षित वापसी पर मध्य प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री ने खुशी जताई। उज्जैन की रहने वाली प्रियांशी प्रजापति वर्ल्ड रेसलिंग चैंपियनशिप रैंकिंग सीरीज में भाग लेने गई थीं। पश्चिम एशिया में बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण उड़ानों में बाधा आने से वह वहां फंस गई थीं।

War-risk cover for flights may push up fares

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NEW DELHI: Insurance companies are moving to raise war-risk premiums for airline fleets operating to West Asia, which could push up already-elevated airfares as carriers are likely to pass on part of the additional cost to passengers, multiple aviation industry insiders told HT.

People familiar with the discussions said insurers have begun reaching out to airlines operating flights to parts of West Asia, citing higher operational risks to "war zone" areas and seeking to revise premiums for aircraft flying these routes. Carriers have started operating a limited number of flights to ferry stranded passengers to and from Gulf airports in the wake of the escalating conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran.

Queries sent to Air India, IndiGo, Air India Express, SpiceJet and Akasa Air did not get a response.

"In situations like this, the underwriter has the right to issue a notice of cancellation or apply additional war-risk policy premiums because of the apprehension of war or perceived heightened risk. In the current case, this is an actual conflict and airlines are continuing to operate, so insurers may increase the war-risk premium," said Prabodh Thakker, an aviation insurance expert.

Industry estimates suggest the revised premiums could add about ₹30-40 lakh to the cost of operating a narrow-body aircraft on West Asia routes and around ₹90 lakh for a wide-body aircraft per round trip (for instance, Abu Dhabi-Delhi-Abu Dhabi), according to people aware of the development.

This could translate to roughly additional costs of ₹20,000 per passenger on narrow-body flights and about ₹30,000-35,000 on wide-body services, based on typical passenger loads, one of the persons told HT.

"There will be an impact on airfares due to the premium revision, but it is too soon to assess how much ticket prices could increase," another industry insider said.

The conflict has also pushed up other operating costs. Industry officials said jet fuel prices have surged by nearly 30%, adding further pressure on airlines. To be sure, fuel accounts for around 40% of airline operating costs.

"Surge in fuel cost can alone push ticket prices for passengers

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travelling to and from the Middle East up by another 10-12%," people aware of the matter said.

For example, random check of a Mumbai Dubai flight of a budget airline operating on March 8 has a fare of ₹20,000 on Thursday. While, in a normal circumstance, the fare on this sector usually hover around ₹12,000

The evolving security situation has also disrupted airline schedules and aircraft utilisation. According to industry officials, air-space restrictions, operational uncertainties, and sudden route changes have affected about 20% of flights for every airline operating in the region.

Slots at several airports in the region are currently being allocated on a day-to-day basis, leading to frequent last-minute changes in flight operations.

"Airlines are unable to sell seats on these flights in advance, particularly on services departing from the Middle East. Aircraft often have to be filled at short notice, sometimes just a few hours before departure, leading to lower passenger loads and higher operating costs," a second person aware of the matter said.

Despite the higher costs, airlines are expected to continue operating these routes because of strong demand and the importance of Gulf connectivity for Indian carriers, industry officials said.

Air India Express on Thursday operated flights from Fujairah, Ras Al-Khaimah and Muscat, Dubai. SpiceJet too operated flights to Mumbai from Fujairah and Dubai.

In the other direction, IndiGo announced it will operate 6E 91 from Mumbai to Jeddah on Friday. Air India announced additional special ad-hoc flights to Dubai, Muscat, and Ras Al Khaimah.

According to industry insiders, the outbound flights are seeing lower loads than the inbound flights. "While the flights to India are almost full, inbound flights are seeing not more than 20% loads," one of the persons said.

Conflict grounds IndiGo aircraft loaned from a Norwegian carrier

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IndiGo's entire fleet of widebody aircraft, comprising six Boeing 787s that flew to several international destinations, including London, Manchester and Amsterdam, has been grounded from the start of the Iran-Israel war last Saturday, as the aircraft the Indian airline has loaned from the Norwegian carrier Norse cannot fly over West Asian countries due to a European advisory, sources said.

While Indian carriers, including Air India, Air India Express, and SpiceJet, continue to fly to Oman and carry out restricted flying to parts of the UAE, including Dubai, Ras Al Khaimah and Al Fujairah, and retain access to Saudi airspace, a European aviation advisory has imposed a blanket ban on its airlines against overflying as many



IndiGo cannot use aircraft from the Norwegian carrier on routes that require transit through West Asia. FILE PHOTO

as 11 countries in the region, which by extension means IndiGo cannot use Norse's aircraft while transiting through the banned air corridor.

The disruption is compounded by Pakistan's continued closure of its airspace to aircraft operated by Indian airlines, leaving IndiGo with no viable route as it is restricted from flying over not one

but two of the key airspace corridors connecting Europe and the U.S. to Asia.

The last IndiGo flight to a European destination flew from Mumbai to Amsterdam on February 28, before the European advisory came into effect – it departed at 5 a.m. local time, and landed at 11.30 a.m. local time, according to flight-tracking website Flightradar24.

IndiGo operates flights to London and Manchester from Delhi and Mumbai, and a Mumbai-Amsterdam service with varied weekly frequencies.

It recently terminated its flights to Copenhagen citing geopolitical circumstances as well as the need for building reliable operations.

Five hours later on the same day, a Delhi-London flight had to take a U-turn mid-flight over Oman and return to Delhi as Iran and Israel were launching air strikes against each other.

Under an advisory issued on February 28, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has stated European airlines cannot fly over West Asia.

IndiGo did not reply to a query emailed to it on the matter till the time of going to press. They were engaging with Norse to restore flights at the earliest, an official of the airline said.



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फंसे हुए भारतीयों के लिए आज रवाना होगी स्पाइसजेट की 14 विशेष उड़ानें

नई दिल्ली, 5 मार्च (ब्यूरो)।

खाड़ी देशों में फंसे हुए भारतीय नागरिकों को राहत देने के लिए स्पाइसजेट, शुक्रवार को संयुक्त अरब अमीरात के लिए 14 उड़ानें संचालित करेगी। इनमें 13 फुजैराह से जबकि एक दुबई से यात्रियों को लेकर दिल्ली और मुंबई पहुंचेंगी। एअरलाइंस ने गुरुवार को 13 विशेष उड़ानें संचालित की, जिनमें 12 फुजैराह जबकि एक उड़ान दुबई से संचालित की।

एक्स पर एअरलाइंस ने पोस्ट किया कि फुजैराह और दुबई से 6 मार्च को 14 उड़ानें मुंबई, दिल्ली के लिए उड़ानें भरेंगी। अलग अलग देशों में फंसे भारतीयों की मदद करने के लिए मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए उड़ानों की संख्या में बढ़ोतरी की एअरलाइंस की कोशिश है।

*ईरान-इजराइल संघर्ष के मद्देनजर
281 उड़ानें रद्द*

पश्चिमी एशिया में जारी संघर्ष के मद्देनजर गुरुवार को भारतीय एअरलाइंस की 281 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय लगातार हालात पर नजर बनाए हुए हैं। साथ ही यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि उड़ानों की स्थिति और संबंधित एअरलाइंस से साझा किए गए अद्यतन संदेशों पर ध्यान दें। इसके साथ ही एअर इंडिया, स्पाइसजेट ने प्रभावित शहरों में फंसे हुए भारतीय नागरिकों के लिए विशेष उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू कर दिया है।



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इंडिगो ने रद्द कीं 500 से ज्यादा उड़ानें, यात्री परेशान

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। अमेरिका, इजरायल और ईरान के बीच जारी तनाव और सैन्य कार्रवाइयों के कारण मध्य पूर्व में हवाई क्षेत्र पर लगे प्रतिबंधों ने वैश्विक उड्डयन को बुरी तरह प्रभावित किया है। भारतीय एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने पिछले चार दिनों (28 फरवरी से 3 मार्च) में मध्य पूर्व और कुछ चुनिंदा अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए 500 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं।

इंडिगो ने एक नियामकीय फाइलिंग में इसकी पुष्टि की। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि ईरान और अन्य खाड़ी देशों के ऊपर हवाई क्षेत्र में लगातार बदलाव और प्रतिबंधों के कारण यह कदम उठाना पड़ा। कंपनी ने कहा, हमारी परिचालन टीमें क्षेत्रीय घटनाक्रमों का लगातार आकलन कर रही हैं।

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वियतनाम और जापान के लिए नई उड़ानें शुरू करेगी अब एयर इंडिया

- दिल्ली से हनोई की उड़ान मंगलवार और गुरुवार को छोड़कर सप्ताह में पांच दिन उपलब्ध होगी, इस मार्ग पर ए320 निओ विमान का परिचालन किया जायेगा

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी

टाटा समूह की विमान सेवा कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने वियतनाम और जापान के लिए नई उड़ानें शुरू करने की घोषणा की है।

एयरलाइन ने गुरुवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि वह 01 मई से दिल्ली से वियतनाम के हनोई के लिए और 15 जून से मुंबई से टोक्यो के हनेडा हवाई अड्डे के लिए सीधी उड़ानें शुरू करने वाली है।

हो ची मिन्ह सिटी के बाद वियतनाम में एयर इंडिया के नेटवर्क में शामिल होने वाला हनोई दूसरा शहर होगा। वहीं, दिल्ली के बाद

मुंबई दूसरा शहर होगा जहां से एयर इंडिया टोक्यो (हनेडा) के लिए उड़ान शुरू कर रही है।

दिल्ली से हनोई की उड़ान मंगलवार और गुरुवार को छोड़कर सप्ताह में पांच दिन उपलब्ध होगी। इस मार्ग पर ए320 निओ विमान का परिचालन किया जायेगा।

मुंबई से टोक्यो हनेडा की उड़ान सोमवार, बुधवार, शुक्रवार और रविवार को रवाना होगी। इस मार्ग



कि निर्जीकरण के बाद से एयर इंडिया ने दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया और सुदूर पूर्व के अपने नेटवर्क में काफी विस्तार किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारतीय यात्रियों के बीच जापान और वियतनाम दोनों तेजी से लोकप्रिय हो रहे गंतव्य हैं।

दोनों देशों के साथ भारत के आर्थिक और वाणिज्यिक संबंध लगातार मजबूत हो रहे हैं।

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में जापान के राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन संगठन के आंकड़ों के हवाले से बताया गया है कि साल 2025 में वहां 3,15,000 भारतीय पर्यटक पहुंचे जो 35 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाता है। वियतनाम में पिछले साल पर्यटकों की कुल संख्या दो करोड़ से अधिक रही।

पर कंपनी बोइंग 787-8 विमान का परिचालन करेगी। एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि ऑल निप्पोन एयरवेज के साथ उसका कोड शेयर समझौता है जिससे यात्री एक ही टिकट पर टोक्यो होते हुए जापान के फुकुओका, हीरोशिमा, नागोया, ओकिनावा, ओसाका और सपोरो के लिए बुकिंग करा सकेंगे।

एयर इंडिया के मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी निपण अग्रवाल ने कहा



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इंडिगो जामनगर से शुरू करेगी सीधी उड़ान

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। निजी विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो गुजरात के जामनगर से महाराष्ट्र के नवी मुंबई के लिए सीधी उड़ान शुरू करेगी। एयरलाइंस ने गुरुवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि यह दैनिक उड़ान 23 अप्रैल से शुरू होगी। इस मार्ग पर वह ए320 विमान का परिचालन करेगी। हमदाबाद, बड़ौदा, सुरत, राजकोट और भावनगर के बाद जामनगर इंडिगो के नेटवर्क में शामिल होने वाला गुजरात का छठा शहर होगा। उसने बताया कि नई उड़ान से व्यापार और पर्यटन को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। इसके साथ ही जामनगर के लोग नवी मुंबई के माध्यम से इंडिगो के विशाल घरेलू तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क से जुड़ सकेंगे।

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After pilot duty crisis, Iran conflict hits IndiGo

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More than a third of IndiGo's about 1,200 international flights were cancelled in the first four days of the West Asia crisis, rattling investors and prompting analysts to question whether the disruption could prove more damaging than the domestic flight chaos the airline faced in early December.

Shares of India's largest airline, IndiGo, tumbled 10% between 2 March and 4 March, erasing nearly ₹7,075 crore in market capitalization, as international flight cancellations triggered by the crisis and rising crude prices stoked investor anxiety.

Indian markets were shut on 3 March for a public holiday. IndiGo recovered ₹4,336 crore in market cap in today's session and gained 2.55% on the BSE, while Sensex closed 1.14% higher amid reports that Iran had reached out to the US for talks to end the war.

Over 500 of the airline's international flights were cancelled from 28 February to 3 March amid the US-Israeli joint strikes on Iran. The count for the past two days isn't available

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War deals double blows to IndiGo

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yet. Meanwhile, Brent crude has surged nearly 12.5% to \$81.40 a barrel on 4 March from \$72.48 a barrel on 27 February, compounding concerns about fuel costs. And it was trading 3% higher on Wednesday, around \$84 a barrel.

The concern is clear: international disruptions, affecting higher-yield routes, combined with surging fuel costs, create a "double squeeze". That comes even as the carrier struggles to rein in costs. IndiGo is also hiring more pilots to comply with new regulatory norms.

"Yes, the market reaction suggests a higher level of concern," said Karan Khanna, lead analyst—hotels, real estate, aviation, small & mid caps, Ambit Capital. "While the Dec '25 drop was primarily due to internal pilot shortages and regulatory friction, the current 10% fall reflects external shocks owing to geopolitical issues, unpredictable war escalation, indefinite airspace closures and a 9% spike in crude oil prices, which directly impacts 35-40% of operating costs for airlines," said Khanna.

By contrast, when the airline faced domestic flight disruptions, the stock slipped around 7% between 1 and 5 December.

Investors are more cautious now than they were during IndiGo's disruptions in December because crude oil prices were not a concern at that time. The current Middle East crisis (West Asia) has pushed up crude prices, adding fresh uncertainty and keeping investors on edge," said Jinesh Joshi, aviation analyst at PI Capital.



IndiGo is also hiring more pilots to comply with norms.

The conflict, which began on 28 February with US and Israeli strikes on Iran, has escalated as Iran launched missile and drone attacks on the US and allied military bases in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation advised Indian carriers to avoid flying over the region, forcing them to reroute flights to Europe, the UK and North America along longer paths.

"The day saw more than 300 flights being cancelled—mostly in the Dubai-London route. Air India and IndiGo were the heaviest impacted. This comes as a double-whammy after Pakistan airspace is already closed for Indian airlines," said a Bernstein report dated 2 March.

Bernstein analysts flagged a three-fold impact on airlines: reduced tourism demand due to the conflict, higher oil prices

and longer routes resulting from airspace closures.

State-run retailers raised aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices by ₹5,215 per kilolitre effective 1 March, taking the Delhi rate to ₹96,638.14 per KL. Jet fuel accounts for nearly 31% of IndiGo's operating costs, according to its third-quarter financials.

Investors are now more cautious than during the December disruptions as crude prices weren't a concern

The hike coincides with a surge in global crude prices amid the deepening West Asia crisis; the region also accounts for 45% of IndiGo's international capacity.

Overall, the region accounted for 29% of India's international passengers, according to Ambit Capital estimates.

"It (airline) is unlikely to see a full-year decline in total revenue, as IndiGo reported 7% Q2% YoY growth in revenues/ASKs in 9MFY26. However, the airline faces a significant risk of profit erosion due to current

international cancellations," said Ambit Capital's Khanna. ASK, or available seat kilometre, is a measure of an airline's passenger-carrying capacity.

IndiGo did not respond to Mint's queries.

"IndiGo's international flights generally offer higher yields (revenue per seat), making these cancellations particularly painful for the bottom line. Combined with jet fuel prices crossing ₹1 lakh per kilolitre, the airline is suffering a "double squeeze": losing high-margin revenue while simultaneously paying significantly more to operate its remaining domestic and long-haul flights," Khanna explained.

He added that every rupee of depreciation results in a ₹900 crore loss for IndiGo; and, given that all major expenses like leasing are in forex, profitability is expected to be hit.

"We continue to closely monitor the revenue environment arising from this situation," IndiGo said in an exchange filing on Wednesday.

Air India Group has a higher exposure to the Middle East than IndiGo. Air India Express runs nearly 335 weekly services to Gulf destinations. The group operates at least 100 weekly flights through its full-service international network.

Since Air India Group is privately held, analysts could not quantify the impact of the West Asia crisis on its revenue and profitability. Still, IndiGo's "double squeeze" indicates that other major carriers are likely dealing with similar challenges.

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Baramati plane crash: CID quizzes owner of VSR Ventures

PUNE: The Maharashtra Crime Investigation Department on Thursday questioned V K Singh, owner of VSR Ventures, which operated the aircraft involved in the Baramati crash that killed then Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, a CID officer said.

"The statement of V K Singh is being recorded," said the CID officer, without disclosing more details about the questioning, which was still underway.

A Learjet 45 aircraft, operated by VSR Ventures, crashed near the Baramati air strip in Pune district on January 28, killing Pawar and four others.

After the plane crash, an accidental death report was registered at the Baramati Taluka police station, and the case was later transferred to the Pune CID.

Earlier, the state agency had said that its focus was to ascertain if sabotage or criminal negligence led to the Baramati tragedy.

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मुंबई, दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु से 175 उड़ानें कैसल

■ भाषा, नई दिल्ली : पश्चिम एशिया संकट के कारण गुरुवार को दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डों पर कम से कम 175 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। अमेरिका, इराक और ईरान के बीच बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण फंसे यात्रियों को पश्चिम एशिया से लाने-ले जाने के लिए कई विमानन कंपनियों ने सीमित संख्या में उड़ानें शुरू कीं।

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि गुरुवार को मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर कुल 105 उड़ानें रद्द

की गईं, जिनमें 40 उड़ान भरने वाली और 65 आने वाली उड़ानें शामिल थीं।



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Passengers arriving from Dubai at IGI Airport describe contrasting situations, experiences

AGENCIES

New Delhi, 5 March

Passengers arriving at Indira Gandhi International Airport from Dubai on Thursday described contrasting situations in the UAE, with one reporting a situation of panic while another said everything is normal, though both noted that flight prices have increased significantly.

Speaking to the news agency, passenger Rahul Saxena, who



arrived at IGI Airport from Dubai, said there is a situation of panic in the region.

"There is a situation of panic there. The sooner the government evacuates everyone, the better,"

Saxena said. However, another passenger, Gautam Gupta, who arrived at IGI Airport from Dubai, said everything is normal in Dubai and they did not face any difficulties.

"Everything is normal in Dubai. We did not face any difficulties. The prices of the flights have increased," Gupta said. Many passengers had to reroute through secondary airports like Fujairah and Dammam to secure their passage back to India.





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5 flights from Saudi, Oman arrive in Hyd

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: With airlines gradually restoring services to select Gulf destinations, flight operations at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport partially resumed on Tuesday night. Five flights from Saudi Arabia and Oman arrived in Hyderabad, including services from Muscat, Jeddah, and Riyadh.

The number of cancellations also declined compared to the past few days. On Tuesday, 19 arrivals and 16 departures were cancelled, taking the total to 35, a drop from nearly

50 daily cancellations reported earlier.

Airlines said efforts are underway to normalise connectivity on routes impacted by airspace restrictions in the region. "The flights announced earlier to Athens, Muscat, Jeddah and Madinah, along with select repatriation flights to the UAE, have now commenced operations as we gradually restore connectivity on the impacted routes. We are also working to increase the frequency of repatriation flights to the UAE to further support customers awaiting travel," IndiGo said in a statement.

Over 1,500 flights cancelled in four days, AI to add capacity on key long routes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Airlines have stepped up evacuation efforts with more special flights as the crisis in the Middle East continued to disrupt air travel for the fourth day in a row on Wednesday.

Up to Tuesday, 1,221 international flights by Indian carriers and 388 by foreign carriers were cancelled, the civil aviation ministry said. It said Indian carriers had planned 58 flights to be operated on Wednesday, which included 30 by IndiGo and 23 by Air India and Air India Express.

IndiGo has been among the worst affected carriers, cancelling over 500 flights since Feb 28, according to a disclosure it made to the stock exchange on Wednesday. Amid surging passenger demand, Air India announced it is increasing capacity on key long-haul routes, including services to Toronto, Frankfurt and Paris.

The airline said the extra flights are intended to offer fly-



Passengers reunite with their family as they arrive in Delhi via Dubai on Wednesday

ers greater flexibility and smoother connections through Delhi to destinations across its domestic and SE Asian network.

Air Canada has scheduled an additional frequency between Toronto and Delhi between March 7 and March 21. The Canadian carrier will also deploy a larger aircraft on its Toronto-London-Mumbai route to accommodate higher passenger loads.

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Indian airlines continue select services to W Asia

Dubai, Abu Dhabi Managing Limited Repatriation Flights

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Other Indian airlines, including Akasa Air, SpiceJet and IndiGo, are continuing to operate select services to destinations across West Asia.

Airports in Dubai and Abu Dhabi are currently managing only limited repatriation flights. Meanwhile, passenger services at Bahrain, Doha and Kuwait airports remain suspended.

Emirates and Air Arabia confirmed on Wednesday that all regularly scheduled flights to and from Dubai will stay suspended until midnight Saturday. Emirates posted on X that passengers affected by recent cancellations could send them a direct message on X, phone the airline only if they are in need of urgent assistance and when they do so, expect a wait on hold for up to 2-3 hours. Passengers can request a refund for their booking if it is on or before March 12 without contacting the airline, it said.

On Feb 28, day one of the disruption, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued an advisory to all Indian carriers asking them to avoid airspace in high-risk zones including Tehran, Tel Aviv, Beirut, Jeddah, Bahrain, Muscat, Baghdad, Amman, Kuwait and Doha.



HOME COMING: Passengers from Dubai arrive at Delhi airport on Wednesday

Raj family seeks govt help to evacuate ailing child

A family in Jaipur has appealed to the Govt of India to evacuate their six-year-old granddaughter from Iran's Qom district, citing her fragile health and the escalating US-Israel strikes in the region. Residents of four-storey Taqvi Manzil have been anxiously tracking news updates as their daughter Hina Taqvi, son-in-law Hasan Abbas, and granddaughter Maryam remain in Qom, reportedly witnessing heavy missile attacks. The family says they have been unable to contact them since the afternoon of Feb 28. The last message they received from Hina read: "Pray for us." Maryam suffers from a serious neurological condition that requires frequent hospitalisation and specialised care. The family fears access to treatment could be disrupted. Habib Zehra, Hina's mother, said, "I keep calling their numbers only to find them not connected. My granddaughter is ill. She may not be able to get treatment she needs there. It is possible only in our country," Zehra said.

Rising op costs, fares add to West Asia flight nightmare

10-12% Hike In Gulf Fares Unavoidable, Say Airlines

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New Delhi: The expanding war in West Asia is giving twin nightmares to airlines — especially Indian ones due to the closure of Pakistan airspace to them — and passengers stuck here and abroad.

Connectivity remains the primary concern as bringing Indians stranded overseas safely home is the highest priority. Second, a sharp hike in operating costs for airlines along with a demand-supply mismatch has led to fares skyrocketing for passengers. Airlines say a minimum 10%-12% hike in West Asian fares is unavoidable even as they keep an eye on changing airspace closures in war zones.

Air India has done a payload analysis and if Saudi and Oman airspaces get impacted, its flights to Europe, UK and North America will become unviable. Govt is yet to clear Air India's request to allow its Boeing 787-9s (not



Connectivity remains the primary concern as bringing Indians stranded overseas safely home is the highest priority

AI's legacy Dreamliners) and Airbus A350s to fly from Delhi to Leh, enter China passing a waypoint called Hotan, and then take the Central Asia route to the west — bypassing the entire war zone.

"The B787-9s and A350s have additional oxygen storage which allows them a longer time to descend to 10,000 feet by flying out of the high-terrain region in case of single-engine failure. All studies have been done and this has been found technically feasible," said a person familiar with the deliberations.

AI has made a strong case for getting clearance for the Hotan route, saying it will rid it of the "constant nuisance" of Pakistan airspace closure.

Western airlines like Lufthansa and United are not impacted much by the

Emirates resumes 'reduced schedule'

New Delhi: Emirates on Thursday said it was "operating a reduced flight schedule until further notice" thanks to the "limited reopening of airspace". Among the destinations being served are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram. TNN

West Asian crisis when it comes to flights to and from India thanks to Pakistan airspace being open to them.

The increase in operating costs of carriers has led to a rise in ticket prices, with demand-supply mismatch adding to the fire. For instance, an Indian student in Ireland who came to New Delhi in Feb to attend his grandfather's last rites now faces fares of up to Rs 4 lakh to return to college.

A senior executive at an Indian airline said: "Insurance costs for flights to West Asia have soared by as much as Rs 30 lakh to 40 lakh for a wide body's return trip and Rs 90 lakh to Rs 1 crore for a wide body's return journey. Aviation turbine fuel price this month was hiked by 6%. The rupee keeps crashing to

30 flights to & from B'luru cancelled

Bengaluru: Passengers were stranded as 30 flights to and from Gulf countries (14 arrivals and 16 departures) were cancelled on Thursday, reports **Nithya Mandyam**. Some services operated with adjustments. Emirates flight EK566 from Dubai reached Bengaluru with 358 flyers and left with 203 as EK567.

new all-time lows. We have to take much longer routes. Our costs have gone through the roof. The flights to West Asia hardly have any passengers and are full on the way back."

With flights reduced and huge uncertainty over operations, airlines say they are having a tough time selling tickets. "We are unable to sell inventory on these flights in advance and filling up aircraft on short notice is leading to low flight loads, resulting in a higher cost of operation," an executive said.

"Pakistan airspace closure started on April 24, 2025, and operating costs for Indian carriers with substantial western operations like AI Group and IndiGo have risen since then. We have been asking for fiscal relief like from excise or GST," said an official.



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Over 280 flights cancelled amid West Asia conflict

NEW DELHI, MARCH 5

Even as the Iran-US-Israel conflict entered its sixth day on Thursday, flight disruptions continued to impact the country's airports.

"A total of 281 flights scheduled to operate today by Indian domestic carriers have been cancelled. A dedicated Passenger Assistance Control Room is functioning 24x7 to provide real-time passenger support. A total of 1,461 grievances have been addressed," said the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

At Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, 18 arriving and 22 departing flights were cancelled, while Bengaluru airport reported 14 arrivals and 16 departures cancelled. Sources said only close to 50 flights per hour were currently being allowed to operate through the affected airspace. — TNS