

AAI launches initiative to address stray dog problem at city airport

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Amid increasing complaints, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has launched a stray dog management programme at Chennai Airport.

The NGO, People for Animals (PFA), Tambaram, has partnered with AAI for this programme, which will focus on passenger safety and animal welfare within the airport premises.

“The programme encompasses animal birth control, vaccination, and care for community dogs at the airport, supported by trained handlers,” AAI said in a statement.

Trained handlers

Ramesh Krishnamurthi, president of PFA, said there are two handlers who will work in two shifts outside the terminals at the airport, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

“Many passengers and airport staff feed the dogs.

The programme encompasses animal birth control, vaccination, and care for the dogs at the airport

Going forward, we will politely discourage this, collect the food they wish to give, and take the dogs to a separate area to feed them,” he said.

Plan to relocate

“The idea is to gradually relocate the dogs to a separate area, away from passenger movement,” he added.

He said that there were nearly 45-50 stray dogs at the airport. Of these, 25 have already been sterilised.

“Over time, we will notice a change in the pattern and the dogs will move to the designated feeding area. We will eventually request a safe exclusive enclosure too from AAI,” he added.



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With Celebi's exit, BIAL to onboard new ground-handling partner in 3 to 6 months

Aishwarya Kumar
Bengaluru

Following the termination of its contract with Celebi Airport Services after the Centre banned Turkish firms from operating in sensitive sectors, the Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) is now looking to onboard a new ground-handling partner.

THIRD PARTNER

Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer at BIAL, told *businessline* that the airport plans to bring in a third partner within the next three to six months.

At present, ground-handling services at the airport are provided by Air India SATS and GlobeGround India. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) revoked Celebi's security clearance on May 15, citing national security concerns.

In response, BIAL shifted Celebi's operations to its existing ground-handling service providers. "We'll go out and get a third partner. We're



Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer, BIAL

trying to figure out the exact process and conditions. We'll run a tender and finalise it," said Raghunath.

STEADY GROWTH

Kempegowda International Airport, the third-largest airport in India with an annual passenger-handling capacity of 51.5 million, has been experiencing steady growth.

In 2024, the airport's topline grew 14 per cent year-on-year.

It handled over 41 million passengers, with international traffic growing 25 per cent and domestic traffic rising 10 per cent to 36.05 million. International pas-

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senger numbers reached 5.83 million.

According to data from CRISIL, BIAL recorded non-aeronautical revenue of ₹480 crore in the first half of FY25, putting it on track to surpass its full-year expectation of ₹810 crore.

CARGO FACILITY

In February, BIAL opened a domestic cargo facility, with an initial capacity of 3,45,000 tonnes, expandable to 4,00,000 tonnes. This adds to the airport's existing cargo infrastructure, which currently has a combined capacity of 2,10,000 tonnes for both international and domestic cargo.



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UTTAR PRADESH

State plans green aviation fuel policy

VIRENDRA SINGH RAWAT

Lucknow, 5 June

The Yogi Adityanath government is creating "Uttar Pradesh Sustainable Aviation Fuel Manufacturing Promotion Policy 2025" in an effort to integrate the farm economy with green energy.

By using biomass and grain-based feedstock for the production of aviation fuel, the policy will promote rural income. The feedstock includes rice husks, wheat straw, excess food grains, and sugarcane bagasse.

India's top agricultural producer is developing a plan to increase its portfolio of clean energy such as compressed biogas, in order to reduce fossil fuel consumption amid rising energy demand.

The state has already received 18 investment proposals worth ₹3,000 crore from companies looking to set up sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) units in UP under the new policy. Greenko, AM

Greens, Balrampur Chini Mills, E2O Greenfuels, New Era CleanTech, and the Malbros Group are a few of these businesses. UP Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh said the planned measure will invest funds in farmers' pockets while promoting a green ecosystem, which will speed up the state's move towards green energy.

In the interim, the state industry interface 'Invest UP' has floated an expression of interest inviting global SAF technology providers and clean energy innovators to join the ecosystem. It is in line with UP's goal of becoming a \$1 trillion economy with a major focus on manufacturing and clean energy on the back of "Make in UP" and 'Made in UP' roadmap.

The government is attracting investors through incentives, promoting an 'ease of doing business' initiative, and highlighting the state's strengths as a manufacturing centre.



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The hub of the matter

Competitive airports will determine bilateral air treaties

The recent disagreement between Emirates President Tim Clark and IndiGo Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pieter Elbers over bilateral air-service agreements reflects the emerging competitive paradigms between West Asia's state-owned airlines and India's private sector-driven industry. At the annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association, Mr Clark, who heads West Asia's largest airline, had criticised the Indian government for its "restrictive" policies towards bilateral seat agreements with foreign airlines. He had sought increasing seat capacity between India and Dubai from the current 65,000 per week to 140,000. The Indian government has contended that it needs to counter the unfair advantage these carriers have in their ability to ferry more passengers through their state-owned hub airports for connecting flights to the United States (US) and Europe at the cost of Indian carriers flying long-haul routes. Mr Clark's criticism was rebutted by IndiGo's CEO, who stated that the Indian government's approach was "fair and balanced". In between both opinions lies the question of enabling Indian airlines' strategic pivot to international connectivity. From one perspective, the Indian government's approach could be viewed as protectionism. But domestic airlines contend that their expansion into international skies needs to be treated as part of the larger question of developing Indian airports as hubs.

The subtext here is that the Indian airline industry is looking to expand international connectivity substantially. In 2023, Tata-owned Air India had placed mammoth orders for 470 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing. It topped it up with 100 more aircraft from Airbus last year as part of its plans to significantly expand its long-haul operations. IndiGo this week doubled its order of widebody Airbus aircraft to 60, adding to a 500-aircraft order placed in 2023. These airlines' ability to compete on value with international airlines in this vibrant, growing market is not in doubt. They are right in contending that doing so is critically dependent on developing India's major airports as hubs that can compete with the formidable Gulf trio. India's efforts to develop as an east-west hub have foundered in the past mainly on these two counts.

India has 34 international airports and 124 domestic airports. Of these, only Delhi figures among the top 10 airports in the Asia Pacific and West Asia, mainly on account of connectivity rather than quality of infrastructure and service. Beyond that, baggage handling, limited terminal capacity, and inadequate runways are common problems across Indian airports. Delhi is the only Indian airport to have four near-parallel runways; Mumbai has two that intersect, which means it cannot operate simultaneous takeoffs and landing. Dubai has two parallel runways but will soon have five. Only six Indian airports qualify as Cat III B standards, which means they can qualify to operate in all weather conditions. The fact that only 22 airports make profits points to management weaknesses. Add in the higher prices of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), mainly on account of high taxes charged by states, and it is clear that Indian airports have some distance to fly to become viable international hubs. If the Indian government accelerates the transformation of India's airports, it will be able to negotiate bilateral air agreements from a position of strength.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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टर्मिनल-2 का एक्सटेंशन शुरू; 15 हजार वर्गमीटर में होगा विस्तार, 24 चेक-इन काउंटर, 9 नई एक्स-रे मशीनें और 4 बोर्डिंग गेट बनेंगे

जयपुर | एयरपोर्ट पर टर्मिनल-2 के विस्तार का कार्य शुरू हो गया है। अदाणी समूह द्वारा 600 करोड़ की लागत से 14 कार्य किए जाएंगे। इससे न सिर्फ सुविधाएं बढ़ेंगी, बल्कि बढ़ने वाले यात्रीभार को भी आसानी से संभाला जा सकेगा। अभी एयरपोर्ट का सालाना यात्रीभार 6.1 मिलियन है, जो अगले दो साल में 8 मिलियन तक पहुंचने की संभावना है। इसी को ध्यान में रखते हुए टर्मिनल-2 का 15 हजार वर्ग मीटर में विस्तार किया जाएगा। इसके तहत 24 नए चेक-इन काउंटर बनाए जाएंगे। इससे जोड़े जाएंगे। इससे टर्मिनल-1 में कुल 63 काउंटर हो जाएंगे। वहीं पहली बार 8 सेल्फ-बैगेज ड्रॉप



काउंटर भी इंस्टॉल किए जाएंगे। इसी प्रकार 9 नई एक्स-रे बैगेज मशीनें लगाई जाएंगी। वहीं बोर्डिंग गेट्स की संख्या भी 6 से बढ़ाकर 10 की जाएगी। पोर्च एरिया में 6 हजार वर्ग मीटर का नया कॉमर्शियल एरिया विकसित किया जाएगा, जिसमें करीब 15 दुकानें और फूड काउंटेर्स होंगे।

दुबई से सुबह आने वाली उड़ान देर रात तक जयपुर नहीं पहुंची

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Adani Airports clinches \$750 mn global financing

TDG NETWORK
AHMEDABAD

Adani Airports has raised USD 750 million via External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from a consortium of international banks, says the company in a statement on Wednesday. The transaction was led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays PLC, and Standard Chartered Bank.

The proceeds will be used to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure upgrades, and capacity expansion across the six airports operated by the group viz. Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram.

The non-aeronautical businesses like Retail, F&B, Duty Free and services



across the airport network will be scaled up.

As per the company, Adani Airports has served 94 million passengers in FY 2024-25 with an overall capacity of 110 million passengers, further, it aims to triple capacity to 300 million passengers per annum by 2040 through phased development.

As part of this roadmap, the Navi Mumbai Interna-

tional Airport is expected to be operational shortly, adding 20 million passengers in the first phase, with capacity expanding up to 90 million annually in a phased manner, significantly boosting the Mumbai region's aviation infrastructure.

"The trust placed in us by leading global financial institutions underscores the long-term value and potential of India's avia-

tion infrastructure. AAHL is well on its path to deliver exceptional customer experiences, leveraging technology for seamless operations, and prioritising sustainability and community engagement across its airport network," said Arun Bansal, CEO of AAHL.

He further added, "As we continue our journey, AAHL remains committed to being the Gateway to Goodness, delivering customer-centric solutions and building world-class airport infrastructure that sets global benchmarks in service and sustainability".

Adani Airports was incorporated in 2019 as a 100 per cent subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, the flagship company of the Adani Group.



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BANGALORE

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Adani airport unit secures \$750 million from bank consortium

REUTERS: Adani Group's flagship Adani Enterprises said on Wednesday that its airports unit secured \$750 million in financing from a consortium of international banks, including First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays

and Standard Chartered.

Part of the funds will be used by Adani Airports Holdings Ltd to refinance debt of \$400 million, while the rest will be invested in upgrading and expanding capacity at six airports, the company said.

Adani Airports Holdings operates eight airports across India, including the Navi Mumbai International Airport, which the company expects will be operational soon.

The operator served 94 million passengers in fiscal year 2024-2025 and aims to triple overall capacity to 300 million passengers per annum by 2040.





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14 परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर होंगे 600 करोड़ रुपए की लागत से विकास कार्य

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास के तहत नई परियोजनाओं की शुरुआत की है। एयरपोर्ट के विभिन्न पहलुओं को बदलने और वात्री अनुभव को बढ़ाने के लिए 600 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक की कुल 14 परियोजनाओं का एक साथ उद्घाटन किया। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के अनुसार इन परियोजनाओं का सामूहिक उद्देश्य जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर को बेहतर बनाना है। टर्मिनल 2 का विस्तार एयरपोर्ट के विकास की योजना का एक महत्वपूर्ण घटक है। 15 हजार वर्ग मीटर का विस्तार मौजूदा टर्मिनल की समग्र क्षमता को बढ़ाएगा।





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अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स ने विकास के अगले चरण के लिए 750 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का वैश्विक फंड जुटाया

एजेंसी/नवज्योति, नई दिल्ली। अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज लिमिटेड की सहायक कंपनी अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड (एएचएल) ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बैंकों के एक समूह से 750 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर की फंडिंग जुटाई है। यह फंडिंग ईसीबी के माध्यम से की गई है। इस फंडिंग का नेतृत्व फर्स्ट अबू धाबी बैंक, बार्कलेज पीपुल्स और स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड बैंक ने किया है। इस फंडिंग का उपयोग 400 मिलियन डॉलर के पुराने कर्ज को चुकाने और अहमदाबाद, लखनऊ, मंगलुरु, जबपुर, गुवाहाटी और तिरुवनंतपुरम हवाई अड्डों में इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर और सुविधाओं को बेहतर बनाने में किया जाएगा। साथ ही, रिटेल, फूड एंड बेवरेज, ड्यूटी फ्री और अन्य सेवाओं जैसे गैर-एविएशन बिजनेस को भी मजबूत किया जाएगा।

कंपनी का लक्ष्य चरणबद्ध विकास

वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में एएचएल ने 94 मिलियन यात्रियों को सेवा दी, जबकि इसकी कुल क्षमता 110 मिलियन यात्रियों की है। इसके अलावा कंपनी का लक्ष्य चरणबद्ध विकास के माध्यम से 2040 तक इसे बढ़ाकर 300 मिलियन यात्रियों सालाना तक पहुंचाना है। इस योजना का एक अहम हिस्सा नवी मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट है, जो जल्द ही चालू होगा। पहले चरण में इसकी क्षमता 20 मिलियन यात्रियों की होगी, जिसे बाद में चरणबद्ध तरीके से बढ़ाकर 90 मिलियन तक किया जाएगा, जिससे मुंबई क्षेत्र के एविएशन इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर को काफी बढ़ावा मिलेगा।



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MUMBAI

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Airport shifts to green power

The Mumbai airport completely shifted to green electricity in FY 2024-25, announced Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL). By switching to green sources for power needs, scope 2 carbon emissions have been cut by 100%. Around 2,000 native trees using the Miyawaki method have been too, said MIAL. Key infrastructure upgrades have been made for energy-efficiency.



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Alarm raised over bird hits near new airport

Green activist flags inaction on slaughter houses

FPJ News Service

MUMBAI

A green activist has raised an alarm over continued inaction on illegal slaughterhouses near the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). The concern, voiced by BN Kumar, director of NatConnect Foundation, comes in the wake of a recent vulture strike on an Indigo Kolkata-bound flight near Ranchi at around 4,000 feet, which forced an emergency landing.

Kumar has alleged that authorities have failed to act despite the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) directing NMIA's operator to curb activities attracting bird movement near the airport.

On May 3, The Free Press Journal reported that the DGCA had responded to Kumar's February complaint by instructing the airport

operator to address all such violations, including illegal animal slaughter. Kumar had flagged goat and chicken slaughtering at Ulwe – just 3km from the NMIA runway – as a major breach of DGCA norms, which prohibit animal slaughter within a 10km radius of any airport to prevent bird strikes.

In a fresh letter to DGCA on Tuesday, Kumar reiterated his concerns, pointing out that illegal slaughter and open meat sales continue unchecked near the airport, despite the advisory.

He has also demanded changes to the composition of the state-appointed Aerodrome Environment Management Committee (AEMC), currently headed by the City Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO). Kumar suggested that it be chaired instead by an environmental expert or a

retired judge for greater transparency and accountability.

“CIDCO is the airport project proponent, and it is not expected to act against itself. We have requested DGCA to take the issue seriously and instruct the airport operator to take necessary steps to stop this slaughter. CIDCO has still not acted on this important scope of work, which shows the seriousness with which it functions despite having a full-fledged controller of unauthorised constructions and a vigilance officer,” Kumar said.

Meanwhile, a local resident Karan Chawla and political leader Santosh Kate claimed that the clandestine meat trade has only intensified since the complaints. “It is highly unhygienic as well, but the gullible non-vegetarian lovers fall for the inexpensive mutton or chicken,” Kate said.



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culinary experience

Pune Airport opens new city-side food court

Ankit Shukla

PUNE

Pune Airport has unveiled a new city-side food court just outside the terminal, offering an upgraded culinary experience for passengers and visitors. Designed as a modern dining hub, the facility brings together a curated mix of restaurants and cafés aimed at enhancing passenger comfort and convenience.

This initiative forms part of Pune Airport's broader efforts to improve passenger amenities and transform the overall travel experience. The food court is envisioned as a welcoming space where

travellers, airport staff, and local visitors can relax, refuel, and enjoy a variety of quality meals—whether before departure, after arrival, or while visiting the premises.

Spread across a spacious and contemporary setting, the food court caters to diverse palates and dietary preferences. From quick snacks and grab-and-go options to full-course meals, the facility offers something for everyone. It features semi-open seating designed to accommodate travellers with luggage, families, and business commuters, ensuring convenience for all types of visitors.



Two brands—Balaji and mint & mirchi—have already commenced operations at the venue. Several other well-known food and beverage outlets are set to launch soon, further broadening the range of culinary offerings.

The city-side location ensures easy access for not only air travellers but also airport staff, taxi operators, greeters, and nearby residents. Whether one is waiting to receive a loved one, seeking a quick bite before a flight, or simply looking for a pleasant dining spot in the area, the Pune Airport food court is now a viable option.

With its clean, well-designed ambience, hygienic amenities, and a variety of cuisines, the food court has been built as more than a place to eat—it is now part of the journey. Visitors are invited to relax, refuel, and enjoy the experience, with or without a flight to catch.





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Adani Airports clinches \$750-mn global financing

PTI

NEW DELHI

Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL), India's largest private airport operator, on Wednesday said it has secured USD 750 million in financing from a consortium of international banks, including First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays, and Standard Chartered, to finance the next phase of growth.

The proceeds to be utilised towards refinancing of the existing USD 400 million debt, and the remaining towards growth capex of six of its airports and AAHL's non-aero business.



AAHL, a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, raised USD 750 million via external commercial borrowings (ECB) from a consortium of international banks, the company said in a statement.

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to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure upgrades, and capacity expansion across the six airports viz. Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram; scale the non-aeronautical businesses, including retail, F&B, duty free and services across the airport network," it said.

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The firm said it aims to triple capacity to 300 million passengers per annum by 2040 through phased development.



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MUMBAI

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Regulators warn Turkish Airlines of more inspections

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"Further follow-up inspections will be conducted as necessary to ensure continuous safety oversight," the government statement read.

Turkish Airlines did not respond to a request for a comment. The DGCA flagged several irregularities.

Inspectors found that a cargo consignment containing explosives did not have the required prior approval from the regulator, nor was it properly declared in official documentation - a breach of air cargo safety norms that poses significant security risks.

One of the other lapses was reported in Bengaluru, where the marshaller guiding aircraft lacked proper authorisation and a valid competency card, a critical safety requirement for directing aircraft ground operations.

In another violation, an aircraft maintenance engineer (AME) was unavailable during the arrival of a flight, with the procedure instead being handled by a technician.

Turkish Airlines' authorised maintenance partner in India is Airworks, which is responsible for such activities. Ground handling practices at Hyderabad and Bengaluru further raised red flags. Turkish Airlines was found to be using Globe Ground India as its ground handling agent (GHA) without a formal Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Key equipment such as step

ladders and trolleys was being used without clear accountability or proper handover from the previous service provider, Çelebi.

The compliance issues come as Turkish firms face increased scrutiny following the government's recent crackdown on Turkish aviation companies. Çelebi's contracts were terminated last month after the government pulled its security clearance due to political tensions following Ankara's public support for Pakistan in the recent hostilities between India and its neighbour.

The security wing of the civil aviation ministry - the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) - in an order dated May 15 stated: "In the power conferred upon DG, BCAS, the security clearance in r/o Çelebi Airport Services India Pvt. Ltd. is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of National Security."

Çelebi had a presence at nine airports, including Delhi and Mumbai, before its forced exit created operational gaps that appear to have contributed to some of the ground handling irregularities found during the Turkish Airlines inspections.

Despite the tensions, India has maintained a measured approach to Turkish Airlines' passenger operations, recently granting IndiGo a three-month extension to operate two Turkish Airlines aircraft under a damp lease arrangement, though regulators made clear this would be the final extension.



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Major infra upgrade for Jaipur airport

Jaipur International Airport Ltd has started a major infrastructure upgrade aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and accommodating the increasing number of travellers.

As many as 14 projects, cumulatively exceeding ₹600 crore, have been launched to transform various facets of the airport to enhance efficiency and overall passenger experience, an official said.

"These projects collectively aim to elevate the infrastructure of Jaipur Airport, ensuring it meets international benchmarks and provides an enhanced travel experience," he said.

Under the plan, terminal 2 is being expanded, which, he said, is a crucial component of the infrastructure development plan.

Jaipur International Airport is a subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd.

Boarding gates will increase from six to ten. Similarly, two new entry gates will be added, taking the total number to six.

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Adani Airports Holdings clinches \$750 million global financing

AHMEDABAD: Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL), India's largest private airport operator and a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, has raised \$750 million via External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from a consortium of international banks. The transaction was led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays PLC, and Standard Chartered Bank.

The proceeds will be used to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure upgrades, and capacity expansion across the six airports viz. Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram; scale the non-aeronautical businesses, including Retail,



F&B, Duty Free and services across the airport network.

AAHL served 94 million passengers in financial year 2024-25 with an overall capacity of 110 million passengers, further it aims to triple capacity to 300 million passengers per annum by 2040 through phased development.

As part of this roadmap, the Navi Mumbai International Air-

port is expected to be operational shortly, adding 20 million passengers in the first phase, with capacity expanding up to 90 million annually in a phased manner, significantly boosting the Mumbai region's aviation infrastructure.

"The trust placed in us by leading global financial institutions underscores the long-term value and potential of India's aviation infrastructure. AAHL is well on its path to deliver exceptional customer experiences, leveraging technology for seamless operations, and prioritizing sustainability and community engagement across its airport network," said Arun Bansal, CEO of AAHL. **MPOST**



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जयपुर हवाई अड्डा विकास के लिए 600 करोड़ की 14 परियोजनाएं शुरू

पायनियर समाचार सेवा | जयपुर

निजी क्षेत्र की कंपनी जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर यात्री सुविधा बढ़ाने और बढ़ते यात्री भार को देखते हुए बुनियादी ढांचे में सुधार का काम शुरू किया है।

कंपनी के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि हवाई अड्डे को विभिन्न स्तर पर बेहतर बनाने और यात्रियों के समग्र अनुभव को बेहतर करने के लिए 600 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक की लागत से 14 परियोजनाएं शुरू की गई हैं। उन्होंने कहा, कुल मिलाकर इन परियोजनाओं का उद्देश्य जयपुर हवाई अड्डे के बुनियादी ढांचे को बेहतर बनाना और यह सुनिश्चित करना है कि यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों पर खरा उतरे एवं बेहतर यात्रा अनुभव प्रदान करे। इसके तहत टर्मिनल-2 का विस्तार किया जा रहा है जो इसके बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास की योजना



का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा है।

जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (जेआईएएल), अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड की अनुषंगी कंपनी है। उन्होंने कहा, 15,000 वर्ग मीटर के विस्तार से मौजूदा टर्मिनल को कुल क्षमता में वृद्धि होगी। वर्तमान में, टर्मिनल पर 39 चेक-इन काउंटर हैं। विस्तार के तहत 24 नए काउंटर शुरू करने की योजना है। इससे चेक-इन काउंटर की कुल संख्या 63 हो जाएगी, जिससे यात्रियों को लंबा इंतजार नहीं करना

पड़ेगा। नए चेक-इन काउंटर के अलावा हवाई अड्डे पर आठ अतिरिक्त सेल्फ-बैगेज डॉप (एसबीडी) काउंटर भी शुरू किए जा रहे हैं।

उन्होंने कहा, एक्स-रे बैगेज इंसपेक्शन सिस्टम (एक्सबीआईएस) की नौ नई मशीन लगने से सुरक्षा जांच प्रक्रिया भी बेहतर होगी। इसी तरह बोर्डिंग गेट की संख्या छह से बढ़कर 10 की जाएगी। दो नए प्रवेश द्वार बनाए जाने से उनकी कुल संख्या भी छह हो जाएगी।



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THE PIONEER

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Adani Airports raises \$750 million to boost infrastructure

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Ahmedabad

Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL), India's largest private airport operator and a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd, has secured \$750 million through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from a consortium of global banks to fund infrastructure expansion and refinance debt.

The financing deal, finalised with First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays PLC and Standard Chartered Bank as lead arrangers, is set to accelerate AAHL's development plans across its airport portfolio, which includes six key facilities in Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram.

AAHL's expansion signals larger trends in India's aviation sector, which continues to see strong growth driven by rising demand and Government focus on modernising infrastructure

AAHL said the capital will support infrastructure upgrades, boost airport capacity and scale up its non-aeronautical businesses, such as retail, food and beverage, duty-free, and other passenger services.

The operator handled 94 million passengers in fiscal year 2024-25 across its current network, which has an installed

capacity of 110 million passengers annually. AAHL aims to triple this to 300 million passengers per year by 2040 through phased development.

A key part of this growth strategy includes the Navi Mumbai International Airport, which is slated to become operational shortly. The airport will initially handle 20 million passengers annually, with plans to scale up to 90 million over time, strengthening aviation infrastructure in the Mumbai metropolitan region.

"The trust placed in us by leading global financial institutions underscores the long-term value and potential of India's aviation infrastructure," said Arun Bansal, CEO of AAHL. "We are committed to delivering world-class airport experiences,

leveraging technology for efficiency and sustainability while engaging with communities meaningfully."

Legal advisors for the transaction included Latham and Watkins LLP and Linklaters LLP under English law, and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and TT&A under Indian law.

AAHL's expansion underscores broader trends in India's aviation sector, which continues to experience strong growth driven by rising passenger demand and Government focus on modernising infrastructure. The company emphasised its long-term goal of setting new global benchmarks in service quality and environmental stewardship across its expanding airport network.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

AHMEDABAD

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Adani Airports raises \$750mn from int'l bks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Adani Airports Holdings (AAHL) Wednesday said it has raised \$750 million via external commercial borrowings from a consortium of international banks. The transaction was led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays, and Standard Chartered Bank. The company says it will "use the proceeds to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure upgrades, and capacity expansion across six airports — Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram, scale non-aeronautical businesses, including retail, F&B, duty free and services across airport network"

AAHL is India's largest private airport operator (in terms of number of airports it operates) and a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises. The company saw 9.4 crore passengers in 2024-25, with an overall capacity of 11 crore passengers, which it aims to triple to 30 crore passengers per annum by 2040.



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BUSINESS LINE

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File valid power of attorney, NCLT tells SpiceJet's three aircraft lessors

Press Trust of India
New Delhi

Insolvency tribunal NCLT has directed three aircraft lessors of low-cost carrier SpiceJet to file a valid power of attorney existing at the present point in time.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) direction came during a hearing on the petitions filed by the three lessors — AWAS 36698 Ireland, AWAS 36694 Ireland and AWAS 36695 Ireland.

The three aircraft lessors filed insolvency pleas against SpiceJet over a default of ₹77 crore in April 2024.

However, earlier this week, when the NCLT started hearing on June 2, it was pointed out that the person who had filed a petition on behalf of these lessors had power of attorney that was



valid only till February 11, 2025.

NCLT ORDER

The NCLT, in its order, noted that counsel appearing for SpiceJet drew its attention to the power of attorney given to the person who had filed this petition was valid only up to February 11.

It was contended on behalf of SpiceJet's counsel that no fresh power of attorney after that date had been

brought on record.

"In order to continue the proceeding by the person who has initiated this petition, there must be a valid power of attorney existing at the present point in time," said the NCLT.

On this, counsel representing the aircraft lessors submitted that he would file a fresh power of attorney and, for that purpose, sought time. "In view of this, list the matter on July 3, 2025," said the NCLT.

FACES HEADWINDS.

SpiceJet, which has been flying for 19 years, is facing multiple headwinds. It has faced several insolvency petitions from creditors, including Willis Lease, Aircraft Ireland Ltd, Wilmington and Celestial Aviation at the NCLT and the appellate tribunal NCLAT.



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Aviation regulator directs Turkish Airlines to follow safety rules

MUMBAI, PTI: Civil aviation authorities have directed Turkish Airlines to ensure “full compliance” with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards and DGCA regulations, an official statement said on Wednesday.

The directives come following a safety oversight and ramp (SOFA/RAMP) inspection of the Turkish Airlines’ passenger and cargo flights in Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), according to the statement issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The inspection was conducted from May 29 to June 2, in accordance with Article

16 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, it stated, adding that the move was aimed at ensuring compliance with both international and national safety regulations.

“Turkish Airlines has been directed to address these findings promptly and ensure full compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices as well as DGCA regulations,” the release said.

During the inspection, it was found that the marshaller handling ground operations at Bengaluru airport ‘lacked authorisation and a valid competency card for marshalling functions’.

Moreover, during the arrival of the aircraft, the aircraft

maintenance engineer was unavailable, and the arrival procedure was carried out by a technician instead, the release said, adding that Airworks is the authorised engineering service provider for Turkish Airlines.

It noted that the cargo contained dangerous goods, for which permission is required from the DGCA for carrying explosives to/from/over India. However, no such permission was found attached, nor was it mentioned in the Dangerous Goods Declaration, as per the statement.

The inspection also revealed that no Service Level Agreement was in place between Turkish Airlines and its Ground Handling Agent.

IATA raises alarm over delayed aircraft deliveries

NEW DELHI, DHNS

With the backlog of aircraft orders touching a record high of 17,000 at 2024-end and delivery lagging 30% behind, airline operators are being forced to spend more on maintenance costs and fuel amid average age of aircraft rising from 13 to 15 years.

According to the International Air Transporters Association (IATA), the implied waiting time for aircraft delivery is presently around 14 years due to supply chain constraints and production limitations, which are "likely to be aggravated" by tariffs.

Aircraft deliveries fell by 8% in 2024, when a total of 1,266 aircraft were delivered and this was well below the peak level seen in 2018 at 1,813 even as traffic levels have surpassed those seen in 2018 and 2019. In 2025, 1,692 aircraft are expected to be delivered and it is almost 26% lower than estimates made a year ago although this would mark the highest level since 2018.

With fewer aircraft entering the market, a recent IATA report 'Global Outlook for Air Transport: Protectionism on the Rise' said, leasing rates for older models have risen while the prices for new aircraft on the secondary market are also climbing.



"The average age of aircraft has increased from 13 to 15 years over the past decade, leading to higher maintenance costs and increased average fuel consumption. These factors have stalled the gains in fuel efficiency that the industry has delivered over its entire history. While airlines have replaced 5-6% of their fleets each year historically, this pace has nearly halved since 2020," it said.

Delays in aircraft deliveries complicate short-term capacity planning and can lead to inefficiencies and carriers in some parts of the world are even forced to operate larger aircraft, resulting in empty seats, it said.

"The backlog of aircraft orders reached a record high of 17,000 aircraft as of the end of 2024, compared to a more habitual backlog of between

10,000 and 11,000 in previous years. The current backlog is notable not only in absolute terms but also relative to the size of the fleet. The latter metric has increased from about 40% before 2019 to 57% in 2024," the report said.

"If this backlog increase were assumed to be caused solely by delivery delays, it would indicate that airlines are short of 5,400 aircraft. This implies 15% of the total commercial fleet or almost 20% of the active fleet. Given the expected annual production of around 2,000 aircraft, this may take at least 3-5 years to resolve," it added.

In addition to the delivery delays, it said engine problems and a shortage of spare parts exacerbate the situation and have caused record-high groundings of certain aircraft types.

Etihad Not Keen on Investing in Indian Carriers

FLYING HIGH Focus is on traffic rights, can then add more flights to new local destinations, says CEO

Arindam Majumder
& Forum Gandhi

New Delhi | Mumbai: Etihad, owned by Abu Dhabi's sovereign fund ADQ, is not interested in investing in India's airlines, CEO Antonioaldo Neves told ET in an interview, although the country remains a focus market for the Gulf carrier.

"The answer is a clear no. Etihad will not do equity investment in airlines," Neves said on the sidelines of the annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association in New Delhi.

Under former CEO James Hogan, Etihad had devised a strategy of acquiring stakes in multiple airlines across the world, including Jet Airways in which it purchased a 24% stake in 2013 for \$379 million. It also bought a 50% stake in Jet's loyalty programme for \$150 million.

Soon after that, the then United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government announced a four-fold increase in the number of seats available on weekly flights between India and Abu Dhabi, allowing Etihad a larger slice of the Indian market.

International flying rights are allocated on a bilateral reciprocal basis by the government to airlines of their country. Airlines cannot operate more flights than they are allotted.

But the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government has been hawkish about expanding flying rights for Middle East carriers.

'UNSUSTAINABLE'

"Etihad was buying airlines all over the world because Etihad was assuming this would bring traffic to Abu Dhabi. It doesn't work that way. What we want to do is partnerships," Neves said.

Etihad has a limited code share partnership with Akasa Air under which the Gulf airline can sell seats of Akasa flights from Bengaluru and Ahmedabad to Abu Dhabi.

Flying rights between the two countries have been exhausted by airlines of both countries due to an exponential growth of outbound international traffic from India.

According to the Travel Trends 2025, a report prepared by the Mastercard Economics Institute, India saw the highest number of outbound travellers in 2024, with Abu Dhabi being one of the top three destinations.

About two years ago, he noted, UAE airlines used only 50% of their allocated seats between Abu Dhabi and India, while Indian carriers used only 30%. Currently, he



PARTNERSHIPS KEY

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CEO, Etihad

added, there are "virtually no additional seats available under these traffic rights," he said.

Over last 3 years, Indian carriers significantly boosted their service to Abu Dhabi, tripling their capacity, and doubled their total capacity into India. Neves believes this growth benefits the Indian market by offering more flight choices.

However, he also pointed out that "neither UAE nor Indian carriers have more seats available to add," making increasing flights between India and the UAE almost non-existent today. Now that the rights are fully used, Neves believes "the question is now." He anticipates "conversations are going to happen" and "take place," which he considers "good."

Etihad currently flies to 11 Indian destinations but believes it can expand to between 17 and 20. The airline is prepared to add more flights to new, currently "underserved" Indian destinations once necessary traffic rights are secured.

Etihad operates about 170 weekly flights to and from India. Neves said the airline has requested the government to increase seat share, as rising outbound demand makes India a crucial market.



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AIR INDIA SIGNS INTERLINE DEALS TO BOOST NETWORK

FPJ News Service

NEW DELHI

Air India on Tuesday said that it has signed two codeshare agreements and four interline partnerships with major airlines, significantly enhancing connectivity to Europe, particularly the Baltic region and parts of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The airline has announced interline partnerships with airBaltic, Bulgaria Air, Cyprus Airways, and Uzbekistan Airways, significantly enhancing connectivity to Europe, particularly the Baltic region and parts of Eastern Europe and Central



Asia. The partnerships are said to provide Air India passengers seamless travel options to 16 more destinations across six countries in these regions, while providing easier access to India to the passengers of the respective partner airlines.

The partnership with airBaltic will provide access to Riga in Latvia, Tallinn in Estonia, and Vilnius in Lithuania via Air India's European gateways at Amsterdam, Paris,

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Copenhagen, Frankfurt, London Gatwick, Milan-Malpensa, Vienna, Zurich, or Dubai. Similarly the Bulgaria Air partnership will provide access to Sofia via Air India's gateways at London Heathrow, Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Milan, Zurich, and Tel Aviv, supporting travel to the vibrant Eastern European city.



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MUMBAI

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DGCA flags safety violations by Turkish Airlines

Agencies

NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has flagged multiple safety lapses by Turkish Airlines following unannounced ramp inspections between May 29 and June 2 at 4 airports—Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru. According to a statement by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, these checks were conducted under Article 16 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, with a focus on both passenger and cargo operations to ensure compliance with Indian and international aviation safety standards.

Violations were identified at Bengaluru airport, where a marshaller, responsible for directing aircraft on the ground, was found to be untrained and lacked the competency certification.

HARI BHUMI

DELHI

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यह विमान के इस अहम भाग के फ्रांस से बाहर उत्पादन करने का पहला मौका होगा

डेसॉल्ट-टाटा एडवांस सिस्टम 2028 से भारत में बनाएंगे राफेल विमानों का 'मुख्य भाग'

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विमानन क्षेत्र की फ्रांसीसी कंपनी डेसॉल्ट एविएशन और टाटा एडवांस सिस्टम लिमिटेड (टीएएसएल) संयुक्त रूप से वर्ष 2028 से भारत में राफेल लड़ाकू विमानों का मुख्य भाग यानी फ्यूजलेज को बनाएंगे। यह पहला ऐसा मौका होगा। जब विमान की वास्तविक निर्माता कंपनी डेसॉल्ट एविएशन जंगी विमान के इस अहम भाग का फ्रांस से बाहर किसी दूसरे देश में उत्पादन करेगी। इस कवायद को पूरा करने के लिए डेसॉल्ट और टीएएसएल ने चार उत्पादन हस्तांतरण समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। यह एक ऐसी भागीदारी होगी, जो न केवल भारत सरकार के विमानन क्षेत्र को आगे बढ़ाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगी। बल्कि वैश्विक सप्लाई चेन को भी सहयोग प्रदान करेगी। टीएएसएल ने एक बयान में यह जानकारी दी। वहीं, डेसॉल्ट एविएशन के सीईओ और अध्यक्ष एरिक ट्रेपीर ने कहा कि हम पहली बार फ्रांस से बाहर राफेल विमान के मुख्य भाग का उत्पादन कर रहे हैं। ये भारत में हमारी सप्लाई चेन को मजबूती

प्रदान करने वाला एक निर्णायक कदम है।

हैदराबाद में बनेगी आधुनिक सुविधा: स्वदेशी कंपनी ने बताया कि इस भागीदारी के तहत टाटा एडवांस सिस्टम लिमिटेड हैदराबाद में अत्याधुनिक सुविधा स्थापित करेगी। जिसमें राफेल विमानों के मुख्य भाग का उत्पादन किया जाएगा। विमान के मुख्य भाग में चालक दल और कार्गो वाला हिस्सा आता है। उल्लेखनीय है कि दोनों कंपनियों ने एक ऐसे मौके पर हाथ मिलाया है। जब फ्रांसीसी कंपनी भारत के मेगा लड़ाकू विमान कार्यक्रम के तहत एक बड़ी प्रतिभागी के रूप में सामने है। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत भारतीय वायुसेना के लिए 114 नए लड़ाकू विमानों (मल्टीरोल फाइटर एयरक्राफ्ट, एमआरएफए) की खरीद होनी है। 2019 में वायुसेना ने इस संबंध में आरएफआई निकाली थी। जिसमें अनुमानित कीमत 18 बिलियन डॉलर बताई गई थी। करीब एक महीना पहले भारत और फ्रांस के बीच 26 राफेल मरीन लड़ाकू विमानों की खरीद के लिए कुल करीब 64 हजार करोड़ रुपए के एक अंतर सरकारी समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं। ये विमान भारतीय नौसेना को सौंपे जाएंगे।



यूं आगे बढ़ेगी उत्पादन प्रक्रिया

टीएएसएल ने बताया कि विमानों का पहला मुख्य भाग वित्त वर्ष-2028 में बनकर तैयार होने की संभावना है। इसके बाद सुविधा से हर महीने दो पूरी तरह से तैयार मुख्य भाग मिलने की उम्मीद है। डेसॉल्ट के सीईओ ने कहा कि यह सप्लाई चेन राफेल को सफलता के साथ आगे बढ़ाने में अहम भूमिका निभाएगी और गुणवत्ता व प्रतिस्पर्धा जैसी आवश्यकताओं को भी पूरा करेगी। टीएएसएल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी और प्रबंध निदेशक एस सिंह ने कहा कि दोनों कंपनियों की यह भागीदारी भारत की एयरोस्पेस यात्रा में एक सहायक कदम की तरह से है। विमान के मुख्य भाग का स्वदेश में उत्पादन कंपनी की क्षमता और डेसॉल्ट के साथ हमारे गहरे और मजबूत होने सहयोग को दर्शाता है। इससे देश में एक आधुनिक एयरोस्पेस मैनुफैक्चरिंग इकोसिस्टम की स्थापना में भी उल्लेखनीय प्रगति होगी। जो वैश्विक प्लेटफॉर्म को भी सहयोग प्रदान करेगा। डेसॉल्ट एविएशन के साथ हमारी भागीदारी का लक्ष्य अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस सप्लाई चेन में भारत को एक महत्वपूर्ण खिलाड़ी की भूमिका में स्थापित करना है।



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भारतीय विमानों को रिकॉर्ड फर्जी धमकी

रिपोर्ट

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2024 में भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र को अब तक की सबसे ज्यादा फर्जी बम धमकियां मिलीं। पिछले साल भारतीय विमान को कुल 1,019 धमकियां दी गईं। यह संख्या पिछले छह साल में 300 गुना से अधिक है।

नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) ने यह रिपोर्ट जारी की है। इसके अनुसार, वर्ष 2018 से 2023 के बीच 330 फर्जी बम धमकियों के संदेश भेजे गए थे। रिपोर्ट में यह भी कहा गया कि लगभग 60 प्रतिशत धमकी वाले संदेश सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म

60 फर्जी बम की धमकियां 2018 से 2023 के बीच 330 एक्स से भेजी गईं फर्जी संदेश मिले थे

- बीते छह वर्षों में फर्जी धमकियों की संख्या 300 गुना अधिक बढ़ी
- 687 धमकी वाले संदेश सबसे ज्यादा अक्टूबर, 2024 में मिले

एक्स से भेजे गए थे। पिछले साल सुरक्षा उल्लंघन के बढ़ते मामलों को देखते हुए केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने कई सख्त कदम उठाए हैं।

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, सबसे ज्यादा धमकी भरे संदेश अक्टूबर, 2024 में दर्ज किए गए। इस दौरान उड्डयन मंत्रालय को कुल 687 धमकी वाले संदेश प्राप्त हुए। इसके अलावा, जून में 96, अप्रैल में 57 और नवंबर में 51

धमकी भरे संदेश मिले। बाकी महीनों में यह संख्या भी 15 से 20 के बीच रही।

बीसीएस के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि हर फर्जी कॉल के बाद मानक संचालन प्रक्रियाओं (एसओपी) के तहत कार्रवाई करने पर लगभग 3 करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हुआ। वहीं करीब 600 से अधिक घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के खिलाफ धमकियां जारी की गईं।



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- On the side line of the most prestigious event in global aviation, the IATA AGM 2025, Air Cambodia, the national carrier of Cambodia, announced the appointment of Aeroprime Group as its exclusive Passenger General Sales Agent (GSA) in India, effective July 1.



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JANSATTA

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विमानन कंपनियों को एक साल में 1019 फर्जी धमकियां मिलीं

नई दिल्ली, 5 जून (ब्यूरो)।

भारत में यात्री उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की सर्वाधिक फर्जी धमकियां 2024 में मिलीं। एक आधिकारिक रपट के अनुसार, देश में नागरिक उड्डयन क्षेत्र को पिछले छह वर्षों के दौरान फर्जी बम धमकियों की कुल संख्या से भी तीन गुना से अधिक का इजाफा दर्ज किया गया है। हैरानी की बात है कि सर्वाधिक फर्जी धमकियां सोशल मीडिया मंच 'एक्स' के जरिए भेजी गईं। विमानन कंपनियों को ऐसी प्रत्येक काल पर करीब तीन करोड़ का नुकसान उठाना पड़ा।

न्यूज एजेंसी के पास उपलब्ध रपट के अनुसार, भारतीय उड़ानों को पिछले साल 1,019 फर्जी बम की धमकियां मिलीं। 2018 से 2023 के बीच यह आंकड़ा 330 था।



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MILLENNIUM POST

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Turbulent times? Last year saw highest-ever hoax bomb threats against Indian aviation

Most of the threats were made through social media platform 'X'

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: Hoax bomb threats made to the Indian civil aviation sector broke all records in 2024 as their number rose by more than 300 times over the last six years. Almost 60 per cent of these menacing messages were sent using social-media platform X, an official report has said.

A total of 1,019 such threats were received last year as compared to 330 such messages made during the preceding years between 2018 and 2023. The maximum of such messages, 687, were received in the month of October 2024, according to the report accessed by PTI.

Ninety-six such threats were received in June 2024, followed by 57 in April, 51 in November, with the numbers tapering during the rest of the months.

The highest number of such fraudulent threats were issued on X (611), followed by e-mails sent to airport operators, airlines and the CISF (281), verbal



(47), phone calls (45), written (29) and text messages (six).

The threats were issued against more than 600 domestic and international flights of multiple Indian carriers, leading to a "major" operational and financial hit to the airlines, the passenger itinerary and comfort and a "mega" scrambling of the security paraphernalia.

PTI reported in October 2024 that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) under the Union civil aviation ministry has tweaked the

procedures to convene the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) in the wake of these huge numbers of messages being sent over the social media. The BTAC is a multi-agency platform of various agencies that is convened once a threat call linked to an airport or airline is received.

Of the 1,019 threats last year, agencies declared 86 per cent as non-specific or hoax, 8 per cent as specific or actionable and in the remaining 6 per cent, the BTAC was not convened, the report prepared by

Takeaways

» A total of 1,019 such threats were received last year as compared to 330 such messages made during the preceding years between 2018 and 2023.

» The maximum of such messages, 687, were received in the month of October 2024

aviation security agencies said. However, all such threats made in 2024 were finally declared hoaxes.

In all the cases, the security paraphernalia deployed at the airports was activated with "limited or full-scale" anti-sabotage and sanitisation checks being undertaken by security personnel and bomb-disposal teams along with sniffer dogs, a senior officer said.

A "peculiar" trend was noticed by the agencies last year as they found that the social-media handles used to issue

such threats were "mostly" created minutes before the menacing posts were published. It was also found that multiple airlines and flights were tagged in a single such message posted on X, the report said.

This was an attempt to create "panic and scare" in Indian aviation. The civil aviation sector of any country is the most security-sensitive one and its robustness is directly linked to the country's image and its investment and tourism health, officials in the aviation-security domain said.

A senior officer said the airlines reported that they suffered an estimated Rs 3 crore loss due to each such hoax call that was acted upon in accordance with the standard operating procedures. The social-media-triggered hoax threat messages were purely a "misuse" of the online medium because it provides a fair amount of anonymity to the perpetrators as they deploy the veil of virtual private networks and internet protocol (IP) spoofing, the officials said.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Former Air India CMD Ashwani Lohani named new director of PMML

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

FORMER head of Air India and chairman of the Railway Board Ashwani Lohani is the new Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) director. The official order for his appointment was issued on Wednesday. A 1980-batch officer of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME), Lohani is known for turning around various organisations during his illustrious career.

Following his retirement from IRSME service, he joined the GMR Group as the CEO.

According to the order dated June 4, his appointment to the post of director, Prime Ministers Museum and Library in the rank and pay of Secretary to the government of India on contract basis" is for three years from the date of assumption of charge, or until further orders whichever is earlier.

As Chairman & Managing Director of Air India from August 2015 to August 2017, he



helped pilot the organisation to a position of stability and earned operating profits.

In between his two stints in Air India, he also worked as Railway Board chairman. During his tenure, the country's transport monolith went through a major reform. It resulted in impetus to the Vande Bharat train, dedicated freight corridors, high speed railway between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, doubling of tracks, electrification and above all a vastly improved safety record.

He also holds a Limca Record for having four engineering degrees in mechanical, electrical, metallurgical and electronics and telecom engineering.



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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In-flight stare FIR quashed

■ **NEW DELHI:** Delhi High Court has quashed an FIR against a man accused of "persistently" staring at a woman co-passenger on a flight after the parties settled the matter. Justice Ravinder Dudeja observed the parties had arrived at a settlement and prolonging the dispute would serve no purpose. The complainant confirmed before the court that she settled the case with the petitioner without any coercion and had no objection if the FIR was quashed. [PTI](#)



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TURBULENCE

DGCA raps Turkish Airlines

AMYA KUMAR
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New Delhi: The Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted safety inspections of Turkish Airlines' passenger and cargo flights at Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru recently and flagged safety violations.

The violations include uncertified marshalls, absence of aircraft maintenance engineers and improper handling of dangerous goods and directed the foreign airlines to address these shortcomings promptly.

Recently, the India-Turkey commercial relationship has strained because of geopolitical tensions after Turkey assured support for Pakistan during the recent conflict between the two neighbouring countries.

According to sources, to ensure compliance with both international and national safety regulations, the aviation regulator carried out the inspections from May 29 to June 2 as part of the surveillance of foreign aircraft programme in some foreign airlines.

The DGCA found that at Bengaluru, the marshaller handling ground operations lacked proper authorisation and a valid competency card for marshalling functions. At the Delhi Airport, the aviation watchdog found improper handling of dangerous goods.

Recently, the government has cancelled the security clearance of the Turkish origin company Celebi Aviation for ground handling services in many airports, including Delhi.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

AHMEDABAD

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DGCA warns Turkish Airlines as check reveals explosives on plane

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India has warned Turkish Airlines to comply with all rules after surprise inspections of its aircraft at four airports over the last one week revealed lapses, including alleged carriage of explosives on one flight without disclosing the dangerous cargo.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation had conducted “safety oversight and ramp” inspections of the airline’s passenger and cargo flights at Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru



The DGCA conducted “safety oversight and ramp” inspections of the airline’s passenger and cargo flights at various airports from May 29 to June 2, 2025

from May 29 to June 2, 2025. Turkish’s operations to India will be under the lens as the regulator says it will conduct follow-up inspections “as necessary to ensure continuous

safety oversight”.

The key lapses found during this surprise “surveillance of foreign (Turkish) aircraft” include: “The cargo contained dangerous goods for which permission (is) required from DGCA for carriage of explosives to/from over India. This was not found to be attached nor was it mentioned in the dangerous goods declaration,” according to an aviation ministry statement.

The check revealed there was no “service-level agreement in place between Turkish Airlines and its ground handling agent.