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New terminal opened at Donyi Polo Airport

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ITANAGAR, Sept 4: Union Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu today inaugurated the new terminal of the Donyi Polo Airport at Hollongi near here.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, State Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja, Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta, AAI Chairman Vipin Kumar, DGCA Director-General Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, and other dignitaries were present at the event.

"With this new terminal, we are not just improving infrastructure, we are improving lives," Chief Minister Khandu said. "Students travelling for education, entrepreneurs pursuing business, and families seeking health care in major cities can all do so with greater convenience. This terminal makes that promise real," he added.



Talking to media persons, Union minister Naidu said that the project was completed with the combined efforts

of the Centre and the State Government. He highlighted that India's civil aviation sector has doubled in terms

of airports, aircraft, and passenger traffic over the past 11 years, with a special focus on the North East.

The new terminal at the Donyi Polo Airport, which started operations in 2022, will enhance passenger han-

dling capacity from 150 to 800 at a time, enabling the airport to serve up to 15 lakh passengers annually.

The facility also introduces several passenger-friendly initiatives, including the UDAN Yatri Cafe, a library exchange corner, the AVASAR platform for self-help and women's groups, and a kids' store.

Connectivity is set to improve further, with Indigo increasing direct Delhi flights from four days a week to daily service from September 17. The airport currently connects Itanagar to Guwahati, Kolkata, and Tezu. Plans are under way to develop heliports within the State under the extended UDAN scheme.

The minister said that these efforts would not only strengthen regional connectivity but also enhance the overall passenger experience.



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Prem Prasad N. takes charge as Regional Executive Director, Western Region, AAI

Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Thursday announced that Prem Prasad N. has taken charge as Regional Executive Director (RED), Western Region, at Mumbai from September 3, 2025. Prem Prasad N., a seasoned professional in the aviation sector, began his career with AAI in 1994 at Delhi Airport. He holds a B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering and an MBA in Operations. Over the past three decades, he has held several key positions, including General Manager (Projects) and



General Manager (Engineering-Planning), Southern Region. In these roles, he successfully led and executed a number of large-scale infrastructure projects at Chennai, Trichy, Tuticorin, Leh, Kannur and Mangalore Airports.



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Opening of new airport this mth seems certain

The inauguration of the Navi Mumbai airport on Sept 30— the latest deadline announced by the state govt two months ago—appears to be certain as the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has extended its notice on the Navi Mumbai runway closure to only Sept 20 (Since May, AAI has been extending the closure period). Domestic flights, a few to begin with, are expected to start a month later, said sources. **P2**

Sept 30 unveiling of Navi Mum airport looks certain

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Mumbai: Two months ago when the state govt announced Sept 30 as the latest deadline for the Navi Mumbai airport's inauguration, it was assumed to be another tentative date as in the past decade the airport had missed many deadlines, including three in the last twelve months. On Thursday though, when the Airports Authority of India (AAI) extended its notice on the Navi Mumbai runway closure to only Sept 20, the month-end inauguration now appears to be certain. Domestic flights, a few to begin with, are expected to begin a month later around Oct-end or early Nov, said sources.

Since May, AAI has been extending the closure period of Navi Mumbai runway by issuing NOTAM (notice to airmen). The latest NOTAM states the Navi Mumbai runway will not be available for flight operations till 11.59 pm on Sept 20. In March when AAI published Navi Mumbai airport's Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) it said the runway will be available for flight operations from mid-May. But in mid-May, AAI issued a NOTAM stating that the Navi Mumbai runway will not be available till Aug 7. Then in Aug, it extended the runway closure to Sept 3. "Had the Sept 30 inauguration been postponed, the NOTAM issued on Thursday would have announced that the runway is not available

ALMOST THREE DECADES LATER...



Nov 1997 | Civil aviation ministry constitutes a committee to examine potential sites for a second international airport in Mumbai

July 2007 | Union cabinet gives in-principle approval for the Navi Mumbai airport

Aug | Cidco board approves NMIA development on public-private partnership (PPP) basis

Dec 2010 | Defence ministry grants clearance

Feb 2017 | GVK-led Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) wins bid to develop NMIA

Feb 2018 | Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils plaque at groundbreaking ceremony

2021 | Adani Group takes over MIAL, thereby assuming responsibility for NMIA

July 2022 | Cidco hands over the full 2,866 acres of land to Adani Group after resolving land acquisition and resettlement issues

Dec 29, 2024 | First validation flight test carried out by IndiGo; an A320 lands using ground-based navigation systems

Sept 30, 2025 | Latest announced date for NMIA inauguration, after several deadlines are missed

till say, Oct 3," said an aviation source. NOTAM keeps pilots updated about the non-functional status of airport and its runway. In case of a forced landing or an emergency then, the pilots concerned would know that the runway strip at Navi Mumbai hasn't been commissioned and so it doesn't have

the facilities available at other operational airports.

Another source said that preparations are underway to receive the prime minister at the Navi Mumbai airport site on Sept 30. On Dec 29 last year, Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) had announced April 17 as the date of inauguration.

नोएडा-ग्रेनो और आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के बीच शुरू होगी इंटरसिटी बस सेवा

इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट की प्रबंधन एजेंसी डायल निजी एजेंसी फिलक्सबस के साथ मिलकर जल्द शुरू करेगी बस सेवा, सातों दिन रहेगी उपलब्ध

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट की प्रबंधन एजेंसी डायल जल्द ही नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा और आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के बीच लग्जरी इंटरसिटी बस सेवा शुरू करने जा रही है।

एजेंसी फिलक्सबस के साथ मिलकर बस सेवा शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। सातों दिन चलने

वाली बस सेवा 24 घंटे लोगों के लिए उपलब्ध रहेगी। बस में रियल-टाइम ट्रैकिंग, प्रशिक्षित कर्मचारी, यूएसबी चार्जिंग पोर्ट, सीसीटीवी कैमरे, सामान रखने के पर्याप्त जगह और आरामदायक सीटें उपलब्ध होंगी। डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने बताया कि बस सेवा नोएडा सेक्टर 16, बॉटनिकल गार्डन, गोल्फ कोर्स रोड, गौर सिटी, जेपी विश टाउन और परी चौक जैसे



प्रमुख स्थानों से होकर गुजरेगी। आधार पर यात्रा न्यूनतम 130 मिनट उन्होंने बताया कि यातायात के से अधिकतम 180 मिनट में

प्रमुख वैश्विक एयरपोर्ट श्रेणी में शामिल

डायल का दावा है कि इस सेवा के शुरू होने पर आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट हीथ्रो, चार्ल्स दे गाल, बर्लिन ब्रेडेनबर्ग, वियना और एम्स्टर्डम शिपहोव जैसे प्रमुख वैश्विक एयरपोर्ट श्रेणी में शामिल हो गया है। जो यात्रियों के लिए लग्जरी परिवहन समाधान प्रदान करते हैं। मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने बताया कि फिलक्सबस के साथ हमारी यह रणनीतिक साझेदारी हवाई यात्रा और शहरी परिवहन के बीच की दूरी को कम करने का प्रयास है। वहीं फिलक्सबस इंडिया की प्रबंध निदेशक सूर्या खुराना ने कहा कि हमारी आधुनिक बसें, रिक्लाइनिंग सीटों और ऑन-बोर्ड सुविधाओं से सुसज्जित हैं।

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डायल प्रबंधन का कहना है कि

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फीसदी यात्री सार्वजनिक परिवहन

का उपयोग करते हैं। फिलक्सबस के साथ यह नई सेवा यात्रियों को नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा के लिए एक विश्वसनीय और शानदार विकल्प प्रदान करेगी।

आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट सलाना 10 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों को सेवा देने की क्षमता रखता है। यह सेवा कुछ दिनों में शुरू होगी और यह यात्रियों को केवल 199 रुपये में प्रीमियम यात्रा का अनुभव प्रदान करेगी।

सिटी एंकर

एयरपोर्ट संचालक डायल और फिलक्सबस के बीच हुआ समझौता, जल्द होगी लागू

आईजीआई से नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा के लिए लजरी बस सेवा

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राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र (एनसीआर) के नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा को दिल्ली के आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से जोड़ने के लिए जल्द ही लजरी बस सेवा शुरू होगी। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट संचालन कंपनी डायल के अधिकारी ने शुक्रवार को बताया कि एनसीआर में आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट को नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा से जोड़ने और लजरी बस सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए फिलक्सबस नामक कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है। इस बस सेवा के अगले सप्ताह शुरू हो जाने की उम्मीद है।

अधिकारी ने इसके किराए, स्टॉपिंग और समय की जानकारी देते हुए

उन्होंने बताया कि बस का किराया 199 रुपए होगा और शुरुआत में बस के लिए 6 स्टॉप बनाए गए हैं। वर्तमान में आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने वाले 20 प्रतिशत यात्री यहां तक पहुंचने या यहां से जाने के लिए सार्वजनिक परिवहन का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा के लिए लजरी बस सेवा के शुरू होने के बाद इसमें और वृद्धि होने की उम्मीद है। यह बस नोएडा सेक्टर-16, बॉटनिकल गार्डन, गोल्फ कोर्स, गौड़ सिटी, जेपी विशटाउन और परी चौक पर रुकेगी। खास बात यह है कि यह सेवा 24 घंटे उपलब्ध होगी। एयरपोर्ट से ग्रेटर नोएडा के परी चौक तक के सफर में 130 से 180 मिनट का समय लगेगा।

बस में कई सुविधाएं और विकल्प रहेंगे मौजूद

बुकिंग फिलक्सबस के एप या वेबसाइट के अलावा रेडबस, मेकमायट्रिप और पेटीएम के माध्यम से भी कराई जा सकती है। इसके अलावा फोरकोर्ट पर ऑफलाइन बुकिंग



कहा कि वह यात्रियों को अच्छा यात्रा अनुभव प्रदान करेंगे। बस में चार्जिंग सुविधा, लगेज के लिए ज्यादा जगह, पीछे की ओर झुक सकने वाली सीट, लाइव ट्रैकिंग और बुकिंग के अच्छे विकल्प होंगे।

भी करा सकते हैं। बोर्डिंग पॉइंट सभी टर्मिनलों पर उपलब्ध होंगे। डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा, इस सेवा को शुरू करने का उद्देश्य सार्वजनिक वाहन के इस्तेमाल को बढ़ावा देना है, ताकि कार्बन उत्सर्जन कम किया जा सके, सड़क पर जाम कम लगे और यात्रियों को ज्यादा से ज्यादा सुविधा हो। फिलक्सबस इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक सूर्य खुराना ने

आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट से नोएडा तक शुरू होगी लग्जरी बस सेवा

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने के बाद नोएडा व ग्रेटर नोएडा के यात्रियों का पसंदीदा एयरपोर्ट आइजीआई ही रहे, इसके लिए तैयारी की जा रही है। आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट की प्रबंधन एजेंसी डायल ने नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा व आइजीआई के बीच एक निजी एजेंसी फ्लिक्सबस के साथ मिलकर लग्जरी इंटरसिटी बस सेवा शुरू करने की घोषणा की है।

यह सेवा सप्ताह के सात दिन चौबीस घंटे के लिए उपलब्ध होगी। बस सेवा में रियल-टाइम ट्रेकिंग, प्रशिक्षित कर्मचारी, यूएसबी चार्जिंग पोर्ट, सीसीटीवी निगरानी, पर्याप्त सामान स्थान और आरामदायक सीटें जैसी प्रीमियम सुविधाएं शामिल होंगी। यह बस सेवा नोएडा सेक्टर 16, ब्राउनिकल गार्डन, गोल्फ कोर्स रोड, गौर सिटी, जेपी विशटाउन और परी चौक जैसे प्रमुख स्थानों को कवर करेगी। ट्रेफिक के आधार पर यात्रा न्यूनतम 130 मिनट से अधिकतम 180 मिनट में तय होगी।

डायल का कहना है कि आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर अवाजाही करने वाले 20 प्रतिशत यात्री सार्वजनिक परिवहन का उपयोग करते हैं, जो इसे भारत का सबसे अच्छी तरह से जुड़ा हुआ एयरपोर्ट बनाता है।

डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा कि फ्लिक्सबस के साथ हमारी यह रणनीतिक साझेदारी हवाई यात्रा और शहरी परिवहन के बीच



नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा से आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट के बीच चलेगी बस • डी. डायल

- नोएडा सेक्टर 16, ब्राउनिकल गार्डन, गोल्फ कोर्स रोड, परी चौक को कवर करेगी बस सेवा
- आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट के 20 प्रतिशत यात्री सार्वजनिक परिवहन का करते हैं उपयोग

की दूरी को कम करने का प्रयास है। यह पहल विश्वस्तरीय समाधानों के माध्यम से सार्वजनिक परिवहन को बढ़ाने की हमारी प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाती है। हम निजी वाहनों पर निर्भरता कम करके कार्बन उत्सर्जन को कम करना, शहर की सड़कों को भीड़ से मुक्त करना और हवाई अड्डे की कनेक्टिविटी व यात्रियों की सुविधा में नए मानक स्थापित करना चाहते हैं। फ्लिक्सबस इंडिया की प्रबंध निदेशक सुर्या खुराना ने कहा कि हमारी आधुनिक बसें, जो विशाल रिक्लाइनिंग सीटों और आन-बोर्ड सुविधाओं से सुसज्जित हैं।



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Pune: Laser beams distracting pilots



The Pune City Police have issued prohibitory orders, restricting the use of powerful beam lights and laser lights in the area of Lohegaon Technical and

Civil Airport under Section 163 of the BNSA 2023. At night, pilots depend upon the signals of runway and ATC tower lights for safe navigation. However, in recent days it has come to light that, strong beam lights and laser lights are projected into the sky, posing a serious hazard to pilots by causing glare and distraction.

सिर्फ 199 रुपये में IGI एयरपोर्ट से पहुंचें नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा

■ NBT न्यूज, एयरपोर्ट

दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने हवाई यात्रियों को बेहतर और प्रीमियम लग्जरी बस सुविधा उपलब्ध करवाने की कड़ी में शुक्रवार से नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा के लिए प्रीमियम बस सेवा शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। विश्व में सबसे ज्यादा हवाई यात्रियों की श्रेणी में टॉप 10 में शामिल IGI एयरपोर्ट से यह बस सेवा 24 घंटे उपलब्ध रहेगी।

जिसका किराया केवल 199 रुपये रखा गया है। एयरपोर्ट का संचालन करने वाली कंपनी जीएमआर के सीईओ विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने इसकी जानकारी दी है। उन्होंने बताया कि यह



लग्जरी बस सेवा दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा के क्षेत्रों जैसे गोलफ कोर्स रोड, गौर सिटी आदि तक जाएगी।

जिसमें यात्रा का समय ट्रैफिक के आधार पर 130 से 180 मिनट तक रहेगा। यह बस सेवा सर्विस एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल 1 और 3 से मिलेगी। जिसमें यात्रियों को लग्जरी सुविधाएं दी जाएंगी।

जल्द होगी शुरू

- डायल ने शुक्रवार को प्रीमियम बस सर्विस शुरू करने की घोषणा की
- एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 और टर्मिनल-3 से हुईं शुरुआत
- 130 से 180 मिनट में पूरा सफर

कैसे कर सकेंगे सीट बुक :

इन बसों में ऑन-बोर्ड सुविधाएं हर यात्रा को आसान और मजेदार बनाएंगी। टिकट बुकिंग के लिए ऐप, वेबसाइट और अन्य प्लेटफॉर्म जैसे रेडबस, मेकमाईट्रिप और पेटिएम का इस्तेमाल हो सकेगा, साथ ही ऑफलाइन काउंटर भी उपलब्ध होंगे।



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Flat ₹199, one way: IGLA to add luxury bus services on Noida, Gr Noida routes

New Delhi: Delhi Airport will start a luxury bus service connecting Noida and Greater Noida to the airport from next week. Routes will cover Sector 16, Botanical Garden, Golf Course Road, Gaur City, Jaypee Wishtown and Pari Chowk. Bus services already operate in Lucknow and Ayodhya from the airport.

Passengers can avail the luxury service for Rs 199. "About 20% of passengers use public transport, making Delhi the best-connected airport. The new service is expected to boost this share by providing a premium and reliable alternative for passengers travelling to and from Noida and Greater Noida," said Delhi International Airport Limited.

These buses will include amenities such as real-time tracking, USB charging ports, CCTV surveillance, ample luggage space and plush reclining seats.

DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria said the move was aimed to reduce gap between air travel and urban transit. "By encouraging use of public transportation, we aim to lower carbon footprints, decongest city roads and set new standards in airport connectivity and passenger comfort," he said.

Tickets can be booked via the app or the private operator's official website and other travel platforms. Offline booking counters will be available at the arrival forecourts of Terminal 1 and 3, with designated boarding points at all terminals.

"With this launch, Delhi Airport aligns itself with leading global aviation hubs — such as Heathrow, Charles de Gaulle, Berlin Brandenburg, Vienna and Amsterdam Schiphol," said DIAL. TNN



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CHENNAI

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CMRL gets ₹2,126cr to link Parandur airport

53km Corridor
Covering 20
Stations

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FUTURE FOCUSED CONNECTIVITY	
POONAMALLEE to PARANDUR	POONAMALLEE to SUNGUVARCHATRAM
Total length of corridor 52.94 km	Total length of Phase I 27.90 km
20 No. of elevated stations	14 No. of elevated stations
Estimated completion cost ₹15,906 Cr	Estimated completion cost ₹8,779 Cr



Chennai: To ensure connectivity between the city and the proposed greenfield airport at Parandur, for which land acquisition is yet to be completed, state govt has sanctioned ₹2,126 crore with administrative approval to carry out the

preparatory work for the metro rail connectivity up to Sunguvarchatram in the first phase.

In a GO, state govt has given a breakdown of expenditure for the preparatory

work—₹1,836 crore has been allocated for land acquisition, and ₹252 crore has been allocated for preliminary civil work. The detailed project report (DPR) for the elevated corridor, with a to-

tal length of 53km covering 20 stations, was submitted by Aarvee Associates Engineers and Consultants earlier this year.

The consultant firm suggested constructing the corridor in two phases: from Poonamallee to Sunguvarchatram in Phase I and from Sunguvarchatram to Parandur in Phase II.

“When we complete Phase I, the airport in Parandur will have taken shape, and it will be easier to plan the second phase to establish the link to Parandur from the city,” said a CMRL official. The line will be an exten-

sion of corridor 4, connecting Lighthouse to Poonamallee. Meanwhile, CMRL is working towards operating trains between Poonamallee and Porur by the end of this year.

The new line will intersect with the existing two corridors and the two under-construction corridors in different areas.

The first phase, with a length of 28 km up to Sunguvarchatram, will have 14 stations on the elevated corridor, including Chembambakkam, Thandalam, Irungattukottai, and Sriperumbudur, and will also

link the Kuthambakkam bus terminus with Poonamallee. “Trains on this corridor can be operated at a speed of 80 kmph and can be accelerated beyond 100 kmph beyond Sunguvarchatram, as the distance between Sunguvarchatram and Parandur is longer,” said the official.

The total cost of the 53-km stretch is estimated to be ₹15,906 crore, with Phase I alone at ₹8,779 crore. CMRL has also planned to integrate the corridor with the proposed elevated corridor by NHA between Poonamallee and Sriperumbudur.



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AMAR UJALA

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एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान में खराबी, आपात लैंडिंग कराई

इंदौर। दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान में शुक्रवार को हवाईअड्डे पर उतरते समय इंजन में खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने आपात स्थिति के लिए इमरजेंसी कॉल कर पैन-पैन सिग्नल भेजा। विमान को इंदौर हवाईअड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। विमान में 161 यात्री सवार थे, जो सभी सुरक्षित हैं। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान में तेल के फिल्टर



दिल्ली-इंदौर उड़ान के उतरने से ठीक पहले इंजन के तेल फिल्टर में समस्या

संबंधी कुछ समस्या का पता चला था।

उड़ान अपने निर्धारित समय से 20 मिनट देरी से देवी अहिल्याबाई होल्कर हवाईअड्डे पर उतरी। हवाईअड्डे के निदेशक विपिनकांत सेठ ने बताया, विमान के एक इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी की सूचना मिलने के बाद हमने सभी एहतियाती कदम उठाए। विमान सुबह 9:55 बजे इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर उतरा, जबकि तय समय के अनुसार इसे सुबह 9:35 बजे यहां उतरना था। कोई पायलट पैन-पैन संकेत भेजता है, तो इसका मतलब है कि चालक दल को एटीसी या ग्राउंड सर्विस से तत्काल मदद की आवश्यकता है। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

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Air India ups cargo capacity to meet demand

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Rising freight demand and the boom in India's e-commerce sector have led Tata Group-owned Air India to expand its cargo network, industry insiders told *businessline*.

The airline's cargo business has "grown by over 60 per cent between FY23 and FY25", an Air India spokesperson said in response to queries sent by *businessline*.

The airline caters to "over four lakh tonnes of cargo volumes annually through its fleet of 242 narrow-body and 63 wide-body aircraft."

Besides, as part of its strategy to capture a larger

share of this growing market, the company has integrated the cargo operations of Air India and Air India Express.

CONSISTENT GROWTH

"Growth has been consistently witnessed, in part due to the integration of Air India and Air India Express' cargo operations at the group level," industry insiders said.

Speaking to *businessline*, a senior industry executive said Air India had been able to "exponentially expand" its customer base by working closely with global freight forwarders and several multinational corporations.

NETWORK BOOST

Further, the airline executive



emphasised that these partnerships span not only select hubs but also most of its network.

"By deepening presence across regional markets, Air India can better support growing demand, deliver faster and more reliable logistics and meaningfully contribute to India's supply

chain ecosystem, serving both MSMEs and large businesses," the spokesperson said.

In addition, Air India has diversified its cargo portfolio and upgraded its capabilities to handle specialised consignments. The airline now offers services to efficiently handle products such as "pharmaceuticals, valuables, vulnerable cargo and live animals to meet a broad spectrum of customer requirements". Additionally, it has widened its international cargo footprint.

Presently, Air India's cargo operations cover over 50 international destinations directly, with further reach extended through a network of logistics partner-

ships. Further extending this reach is the airline's "robust network of trucking and interline partnerships. Through its trucking alliances, Air India serves more than 350 domestic and international routes, ensuring seamless connectivity beyond gateway airports."

INTERLINE DEALS

The airline's interline agreements with over 15 international carriers also provides it access to over 300 global routes.

"This network enables Air India to effectively tap underserved markets such as South America, New Zealand and Africa, which often lack direct capacity," the executive said.



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Dassault to take majority control of Dassault Reliance Aerospace JV

WIN-WIN DEAL. Agreement to be sealed by Nov; RAL to get ₹176 cr by selling 2% stake

Dalip Singh
New Delhi

French aerospace major Dassault Aviation will become the majority stakeholder in the Indian joint venture, Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd (DRAL), following the acquisition of a 2 per cent stake from Reliance Aerostructure Ltd (RAL). The move takes Dassault's holding to 51 per cent, making it the controlling partner in the joint venture.

The transaction, valued at ₹176 crore (approximately \$20 million), was announced by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd, the parent company of RAL and part of Anil Ambani Group. The deal is expected to be completed by November 1, the company informed the stock exchanges on Friday.

With this development, RAL's stake in DRAL will come down to 49 per cent, officially making it the minority partner in the venture originally set up to support India's defence manufactur-



STRATEGIC MOVE. The move takes Dassault's holding to 51%

ing ecosystem under the 'Make in India' initiative.

A spokesperson for Reliance Infrastructure said Dassault's increased stake follows the company's decision to designate DRAL as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for its Falcon 2000 business jets. The JV is currently in the process of establishing Dassault's first final assembly line for Falcon 2000

jets outside France, located at Mihan in Nagpur. Production is scheduled to commence in 2028.

FDI POLICY

Under India's liberalised Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in defence, foreign companies can acquire up to 74 per cent stake in Indian ventures through the automatic route. Any stake

increase beyond that threshold requires prior government approval, particularly when it involves access to sensitive or advanced technologies.

TURNOVER

According to the exchange filing, DRAL recorded a turnover of ₹69.93 crore and a net worth of ₹47.13 crore as of March 31, 2025.

DRAL is engaged in manufacturing assemblies and sub-assemblies for Dassault's Rafale fighter jets, part of the Indian Air Force fleet, and Falcon 2000 business jets.

For Rafale, the Nagpur facility produces key components such as engine doors, windshields and canopies, while the majority of aerostructures for the Falcon 2000 are also produced at the plant. With Dassault taking majority control, DRAL will now be responsible for providing guarantees, warranties and service commitments for customers in India and globally, the spokesperson added.



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Dassault Aviation to raise stake in RInfra JV to 51%

Firm to buy 2% shares for ₹176 cr

PRACHI PISAL
Mumbai, 5 September

French aerospace major Dassault Aviation has entered into an agreement to increase its stake in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL), a joint venture with Reliance Aerostructure Ltd (RAL), a subsidiary of BSE listed Reliance Infrastructure.

The move involves the transfer of 2 per cent equity by RAL to Dassault Aviation for a consideration of about ₹175.96 crore, based on an independent valuation. The valuation includes a control premium.

Post-transaction, RAL's stake will fall to 49 per cent and DRAL will shift from being a subsidiary to an associate company of Reliance Infrastructure and a subsidiary of Dassault Aviation.

This shift ensures guarantees, warranties, and long-term service commitments for customers in India and abroad, R-Infra noted.

Dassault Aviation, with a market capitalisation exceeding ₹2 trillion and cash reserves of over ₹80,000 crore, is the manufacturer and integrator of the Rafale fighter jet

and Falcon business jets.

The company recently designated DRAL as its global Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Falcon aircraft and announced plans to establish its first-ever final assembly line (FAL) for Falcon jets outside France at DRAL's facility in Mihan, Nagpur. The Falcon series is among the most successful executive business jets world-

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wide, with Dassault Aviation holding an order backlog of 75 aircraft as of June 30, 2025.

RAL established a partnership with Dassault DRAL in 2017. The operations commenced with the setting up of a manufacturing facility at Mihan later that year. Since delivering its first Falcon 2000 front section in 2019, DRAL has assembled over 100 major sub-sections for the Falcon 2000.

In June 2025, Dassault Aviation partnered with RAL to manufacture Falcon 2000 business executive jets in India for the global markets.

In the same month, Reliance Defence tied up with Germany-based Diehl Defence to produce next-generation terminally guided munitions for the Indian armed forces.



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DGCA plans to allow import of up to 20 yrs old aircraft

Aviation watchdog DGCA is set to amend norms to allow airlines to import aircraft that are up to 20 years old at a time when global supply chain woes have been impacting plane deliveries.

Currently, pressurised aircraft that are up to 18 years old are permitted to be imported into the country, subject to certain conditions.

The DGCA has proposed amendments to the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) pertaining to 'Age of Aircraft to be imported for Scheduled/ Non-Scheduled including Charter, General Aviation and other Operations'.

A senior official told *PTI* that the draft CAR proposes changes for pressurised aircraft permitted to be imported subject to certain conditions up to 20 years instead of 18 previously, un-pressurised aircraft up to 25 years instead of 20 previously. According to the draft CAR, pressurised aircraft intended to be imported and used in passenger services and general aviation operation, shall not have completed 20 years of age or 65 per cent of designed economic life in terms of pressurisation cycle, whichever is earlier.

SpiceJet dives into ₹237 crore loss in Q1

Blames maintenance woes, airspace curbs as key factors

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 5 September

Budget carrier SpiceJet on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹236.6 crore in the first quarter of 2025-26 (FY26) due to grounded planes awaiting maintenance, airspace restrictions and subdued passenger demand after the Air India plane crash on June 12.

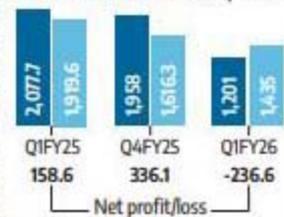
The airline had recorded a consolidated net profit of ₹158.6 crore in the first quarter of FY25.

"Non-operation of certain parts of the entire aircraft fleet for awaited maintenance, coupled with airspace restrictions owing to geopolitical tensions affected the profitability of the company during the quarter. Further, an event of a tragic accident in the Indian aviation sector also subdued the customer sentiment, substantially impacting the performance for the quarter," said Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh.

SpiceJet currently has a



Testing times (₹ cr)
Consolidated Q1 result of SpiceJet



Source: SpiceJet

total fleet of 53 aircraft, of which 19 are "in service" while 34 are "parked", according to the website planespotters.com.

SpiceJet has raised ₹4,172.1 crore through the issuance of equity warrants and fresh

equity shares on a preferential basis to various non-promoter investors in previous financial years.

"These funds are being utilised for the return to service of the grounded fleet, fleet rationalisation and expansion into new sectors. The company also continues to implement cost-control initiatives with the objective of achieving consistent profitability and sustainable cash flows in the future," Singh noted.

The airline also settled past dues with certain vendors and lessors and is actively engaged in discussions with other vendors/lessors for settlement of outstanding obligations, Singh added.



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इंदौर: विमान के इंजन में खराबी, पैन-पैन कॉल के बाद सेफ लैंडिंग

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के
ऑयल फिल्टर में थी दिक्कत

भास्कर न्यूज़ | इंदौर

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की दिल्ली-इंदौर फ्लाइट में शुक्रवार को लैंडिंग के दौरान इंजन में खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने एटीसी को 'पैन-पैन' कॉल दी। इसका मतलब होता है कि समस्या गंभीर है, लेकिन जीवन पर तत्काल खतरा नहीं है। यह तत्काल सहायता की जरूरत दर्शाता है। हालांकि, विमान कुछ देर बाद सुरक्षित उतर गया। उड़ान संख्या आईएक्स 1028 के क्रू मेंबर्स व सभी 161 यात्री सुरक्षित हैं।

जानकारी के अनुसार हवा में संदिग्ध ऑयल फिल्टर समस्या पता चलने के बाद विमान तय समय से 20 मिनट देर से इंदौर में उतरा। एयरपोर्ट निदेशक विपिनकांत सेठ ने कहा, 'इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी की सूचना पर सभी एहतियाती कदम उठाए। विमान सुबह 9.55 बजे सुरक्षित उतरा। पैन-पैन सिग्नल के बाद एयरपोर्ट पर दमकल व मेडिकल इंतजाम किए गए।' वहीं, एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, 'इंदौर में लैंडिंग करते वक्त संदिग्ध ऑयल फिल्टर समस्या के चलते चालक दल ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई। हमारे पायलट ऐसे एहतियाती कदम उठाने के लिए पूरी तरह प्रशिक्षित हैं।'



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स्पाइसजेट: जून तिमाही में 238 करोड़ का घाटा, आय 35% घटी

बिजनेस संवाददाता | गुरुग्राम

संकट से जूझ रही बजट एयरलाइन स्पाइसजेट को जून तिमाही में 238 करोड़ का घाटा हुआ। पिछले साल इस तिमाही में 150 करोड़ रुपए का मुनाफा हुआ था। यह घाटा मुख्य रूप से हवाई जहाज जमीन पर खड़े होने और लेजर ट्रैवल की डिमांड घटने से हुआ है। एयरलाइन की आय भी 35% घटकर 1,106 करोड़ रुपए रह गई, जबकि पिछले साल यह 1,696 करोड़ रुपए थी। स्पाइसजेट ने कहा कि बीती तिमाही में पड़ोसी देश के साथ तनाव और प्रमुख बाजारों में हवाई क्षेत्र प्रतिबंधों से लेजर ट्रैवल की डिमांड कम रही। इससे कंपनी के नतीजे प्रभावित हुए। वहीं, वैश्विक सप्लाय चैन में बाधा और इंजन ओवरहाल की चुनौतियां भी बड़ी

लागत घटाने, नेटवर्क बढ़ाने पर फोकस

स्पाइसजेट सीएमडी अजय सिंह ने कहा, 'जून तिमाही के नतीजे एक्विजिशन इंडस्ट्री के सामने आने वाली असाधारण चुनौतियों को दर्शाते हैं। एयरलाइन उड़ानों की विश्वसनीयता को मजबूत करने, नेटवर्क बढ़ाने के लिए विमानों को डैम्प-लीज व्यवस्था पर लेने पर भी विचार-विमर्श कर रही है।'

वजह रही। कंपनी के मुताबिक, जून तिमाही में कंपनी की नेटवर्क बढ़कर 446 करोड़ रु. हो गई, जो एक साल पहले -2,398 करोड़ रु. थी। यह एयरलाइन की फाइनेंशियल रिस्ट्रक्चरिंग के लिए की गई पहल की सफलता को दिखाता है।

SAFETY | WATCHDOG

Draft rules amend CAR Section 2 to improve air travel accessibility for all

Service dogs for disabled likely in flights

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The Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed allowing persons with disability, both physical and mental, and those with restricted mobility, to travel with service dogs, provided the animal is vaccinated and well trained to handle flight journeys in the cabin.

This is part of the draft rules with proposed amendment in Section 2 of the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), making air travel easier and more accessible to people with disabilities and reduced

- No airline shall refuse to carry passengers in a stretcher or incubator.
- Guide dogs to certified, trained, to remain on the floor at the passenger's feet.
- Airlines not to refuse to carry those with disabili-



ty or reduced mobility, assistive aids/devices, escorts and guide dogs.

- Norms drafted to check-in with their own wheelchair.

mobility. The DGCA laid down regulations in order to protect them against any form of discrimination and

to ensure that they receive all possible assistance during their travel. "Airlines shall develop procedures

for carriage of guide dogs, if required in the cabin, for the assistance of persons with disability or reduced mobility. Guide dogs may be permitted in the cabin subject to the condition that they are properly trained, remain on the floor at the passenger's feet, properly harnessed and vaccinated. Passengers with guide dogs shall be required to show written proof to the airline that their guide dog has been trained from appropriate institutions, vaccinated and medicated," the DGCA draft rules say.

■ Page 11: Draft rule: Airlines must carry passengers' aids

DGCA drafts airline fatigue risk management guidelines

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With agencies input
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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has come out with draft guidelines for fatigue risk management system (FRMS) for airline crews and made significant changes in the regulations pertaining to flight duty time limitations (FDTL) in line with the international best practices. This also includes

increasing pilots' weekly rest from 36 to 48 hours and reduced night flying. Airlines will have the option to either have the prescriptive FDTL regulations or implement FRMS or have a hybrid approach utilising both, as per the draft advisory. The aviation regulator listed detailed guidance on FRMS approval processes, implementation requirements, and oversight mechanisms to enhance safety.

Airlines must carry disability aids

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In India, service dogs are allowed in the cabin only by a few airlines like Air India, which defines a service animal as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Under the draft rules, no airline shall refuse to carry those with disability or reduced mobility and their assistive aids/devices, escorts and guide dogs, including their presence in the cabin, provided such persons or their representatives, at the time of booking, inform the airline of their requirements.

Passengers who intend to check-in with their own wheelchair shall be given

the option of using an airport wheelchair. If the passengers prefer to use their own non-battery and battery-operated wheelchairs, they shall be permitted to use it provided the wheelchair conforms to specifications issued by the civil aviation ministry.

Battery-operated wheelchairs shall be permitted provided they conform to specifications as per dangerous goods regulations or airline policy, which are to be displayed on their websites. Such wheelchair shall be capable of manoeuvring through various areas of the airport, security hold and up to the aircraft, whereupon it may be stowed at an appropriate place in the aircraft. At the time of disembarking, the passenger's wheelchair should be returned to enable transfer from the seat directly into his/her

own wheelchair.

The draft rules say no airline shall refuse to carry passengers in a stretcher or incubator, subject to limitation of aircraft, when they are accompanied by an escort, provided such a person is capable of attending to the passenger's medical needs during embarking, disembarking, in-flight and emergency evacuation.



To ensure safety of aircraft operations, the maximum number of non-ambulatory persons with disability or reduced mobility permitted to travel in a single flight shall not be more than the number of cabin crew, except when such passengers are accompanied by trained escorts.

While airlines and airports are required to provide free wheelchair assistance to passengers with disability or restricted

mobility and as per rules, passengers are required to notify their needs at least 48 hours before the time of departure to enable airline make necessary arrangements for special assistance. However, for free wheelchair services, passengers may now have to provide documentation with regard to their physical condition requiring a wheelchair.

The airlines can offer paid services for wheelchair assistance to able-bodied passengers, while keeping services free for people with physical, mental disabilities or restricted mobility, the DGCA has proposed, in order to curb the alleged misuse of wheelchairs at airports. "Airlines may levy an appropriate assistance fee from passengers other than the persons with disability and persons with reduced mobility who opt to use these services," the

proposed rules say. Airlines may also issue IATA Medical Manual prescribed frequent travellers medical card (FREMEC) to those passengers with chronic, but stable medical conditions, and those with additional needs, for their future travel. At airports, flight information systems should be positioned in such a way to ensure its readability by people in wheelchairs and those with visual impairment. Provision of audible announcements should be made for people who are not able to use visual displays such as blind people and those with learning disability. "Airport operators shall ensure that persons with disability or reduced mobility are transported within the airport in the same condition, comfort and safety as those available for other passengers," the draft rules say.



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HYDERABAD

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Technical glitches: 2 flights cancelled

Hyderabad: Two flights on Thursday from the Shamshabad airport were cancelled because of technical issues. SpiceJet cancelled its SG 2138 service to Tirupati and SG 2703 to Rourkela. Airline officials said the cancellations were due to unexpected technical problems and advised passengers to check the status of their flights in advance.



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स्पाइजेट को पहली तिमाही में 238 करोड़ का घाटा

नई दिल्ली: वित्तीय संकट से जूझ रही विमानन कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने शुक्रवार को बताया कि चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली तिमाही में उसे 238 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध घाटा हुआ है। कंपनी ने बताया कि खड़े विमानों से जुड़े खर्च और कमजोर यात्रा मांग ने बीती तिमाही में उसकी वित्तीय स्थिति को प्रभावित किया है। (ब्रेट)



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तकनीकी खराबी के बाद दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे विमान की आपात लैंडिंग

नईदुनिया प्रतिनिधि, इंदौर : दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का संकेत मिलने पर उसकी देवी अहिल्याबाई होलकर एयरपोर्ट पर करीब 20 मिनट की देरी से आपात लैंडिंग कराई गई। शुक्रवार को हुई इस घटना में विमान में सवार 161 यात्रियों में अफरातफरी मच गई। तकनीकी खराबी के संबंध में एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के एक प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि विमान में उड़ान के दौरान आयल फिल्टर समस्या का पता चला था।

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान-आइएक्स 1028 में इंदौर एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड होने से कुछ देर पहले सुबह 9.35 बजे इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी के संकेत मिले। पायलट ने एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल को बताते हुए आपात लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने आनन-फानन में रनवे के पास फायर ब्रिगेड, एंबुलेंस जैसे आपातकालीन संसाधन जुटाए। इसके बाद सुबह 9.57 बजे विमान को एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई। यात्रियों को सुरक्षित उतारकर टर्मिनल में पहुंचाया गया।

उह दिन पहले भी 31 अगस्त को भी दिल्ली से इंदौर आने के दौरान एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के इस विमान में आग का संकेत पायलट को मिला था। उड़ान भरने के चंद मिनट बाद ही दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर विमान की आपात लैंडिंग करना पड़ी थी, तब सभी यात्रियों को दूसरे विमान से इंदौर भेजा गया था।



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SpiceJet Sinks into Losses in Q1 as Fleet & Operational Issues Weigh

Our Bureau

Mumbai: SpiceJet slipped into the red in the June quarter as grounded aircraft, restricted air routes and weaker travel sentiment dragged down earnings along with decline in freight business.

The carrier reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 234 crore for the three months ended June 30, against a profit of Rs 158.2 crore in the year-ago period and Rs 341.9 crore in the March quarter.

Revenue from operations fell 34% year-on-year to Rs 1,120.2 crore from Rs 1,708.2 crore and dropped 24% sequentially from Rs 1,465.6 crore. The decline in revenue outpaced cost savings, with total expenses shrinking 25% to Rs 1,435 crore compared with Rs 1,919.6 crore a year earlier and Rs 1,616.3 crore in March 2025. At the operating level, EBITDA came in negative at Rs 18 crore, compared with a positive Rs 402 crore in the same quarter last year.

The airline attributed the weak performance to fleet and operational constraints. "Non-operation of

certain part of the entire fleet for awaited maintenance coupled with airspace restrictions owing to geopolitical tensions affected the profitability of the company during the quarter," it said in its filing. It also pointed to subdued travel demand after a "tragic accident in [the] Indian aviation sector" that dampened passenger sentiment. In addition, "the delay in returning grounded aircraft to service, owing to global supply chain disruptions and engine overhaul



challenges, further compounded the situation", the company said.

CMD Ajay Singh said the quarter reflected "extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry, including geopolitical turbulence, restricted air routes and supply chain disruptions."

Segment revenues showed declines across businesses. The air transport services division earned Rs 1,093.7 crore, down 33% from Rs 1,626.9 crore a year earlier. Freighter and logistics revenue dropped 66% to Rs 26.5 crore from Rs 78.8 crore, while other businesses posted a loss of Rs 7.2 crore.



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DGCA may Allow Import of 20-yr-old Aircraft for Commercial Flight Ops

New Delhi: Aviation watchdog DGCA is set to amend norms to allow airlines to import aircraft that are up to 20 years old at a time when global supply chain woes have been impacting plane deliveries.

Currently, pressurised aircraft that are up to 18 years old are permitted to be imported into the country, subject to certain conditions.

The DGCA has proposed amendments to the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) pertaining to 'Age of Aircraft to be imported for Scheduled/ Non-Scheduled including Charter, General Aviation and other Operations'.



A senior official told PTI that the draft CAR proposes changes for pressurised aircraft permitted to be imported subject to certain conditions up to 20 years instead of 18 previously, un-pressurised aircraft up to 25 years instead of 20 previously.

According to the draft CAR, pressurised aircraft intended to be imported and used in passenger services (scheduled/ non-scheduled) and general aviation operation, shall not have completed 20 years of age or 65 per cent of designed economic life in terms of pressurisation cycle, whichever is earlier. Pressurised aircraft are those that can fly at higher altitudes, generally above 10,000 feet. Narrow-body and wide-body planes used for commercial flights are pressurised aircraft. —PTI

SpiceJet Q1 net loss widens to ₹234 cr

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, September 5

BUDGET CARRIER SPICEJET on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹234 crore in the first quarter of FY26 against a net profit of ₹158 crore in the year-ago period.

The revenue from operations fell 36% year-on-year to ₹1,060 crore compared with ₹1,646 crore in the corresponding quarter of the last financial year.

The budget carrier said its performance was significantly affected by the geopolitical situation with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which dampened leisure travel demand.

The delay in returning grounded aircraft to service, owing to global supply chain disruptions and engine overhaul challenges, further compounded the situation, it said.

"Despite these headwinds, SpiceJet continues to demonstrate resilience. We are taking decisive steps to enhance fleet reliability, reduce costs, and expand our network. With India's aviation and tourism sectors among the fastest-growing globally, we remain confident of a strong recovery trajectory in the coming quarters," Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director, SpiceJet said. The company's Ebitda loss

HEADWINDS

SpiceJet consolidated financials



stood at ₹18 crore in the first quarter of FY26, compared with ₹402 crore in Q1FY25.

Passenger revenue per available seat kilometre stood at ₹4.74 during the quarter.

The passenger load factor remained steady at 86%. The airline's net worth improved to ₹446 crore, up from a negative ₹2,398 crore in Q1FY25, a change the company attributed to successful financial restructuring initiatives.

SpiceJet shares ended 1.6% lower at ₹34.45. The stock has been a market laggard, with a share price erosion of over 45% over the past year. In 2025 so far, it has declined by 39%.



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Flight tickets to cost more from Sep 22

Travellers will have to shell out slightly more money for premium, business and first class flight tickets as higher GST rates will be applicable from September 22. In a major revamp, the GST Council, on Wednesday, finalised a two-rate structure of 5 per cent and 18 per cent. With respect to airlines, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for non-economy class tickets has been increased to 18% from the current level of 12 per cent. The rate, with Input Tax Credit (ITC), will be effective from September 22. "... if travel is by economy class, then the rate of GST is 5 per cent otherwise, the GST rate will be 18 per cent," the government said on Wednesday.



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VIJAYAWADA

Flight to B'luru cancelled after bird strike



A Bengaluru-bound Air India Express flight was cancelled on Thursday after it suffered a bird hit at the airport here, an airline official said.

An eagle hit the nose of the aircraft while taxiing on the runway for takeoff, he said.

As a result, the airline had to cancel the flight and make alternate arrangements for the 90 passengers on board.

"The bird strike happened before takeoff. It occurred when the aircraft was taxiing on the runway," the official told PTL.

Later, in a statement, Air India Express said, "The aircraft assigned to operate the Vijayawada-Bengaluru flight experienced a suspected bird strike at Vijayawada airport, leading to the cancellation of the service. We regret the inconvenience caused by circumstances beyond the airline's control."



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VIJAYAWADA

Air India flight cancelled after bird hit

An Air India Express flight from Vijayawada to Bengaluru was cancelled on Thursday following a bird strike incident, according to an airline official. The aircraft was taxiing on the runway in preparation for takeoff when an eagle collided with its nose. 'The bird hit occurred before takeoff, during taxiing,' the official stated. As a result, the airline cancelled the flight and arranged alternate travel options for the affected passengers.



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एयर इंडिया की
दिल्ली-इंदौर फ्लाइट
के इंजन में खराबी

एजेसी नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के एक विमान के इंजन में शुक्रवार को उड़ान के दौरान खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने इमरजेंसी हालात को देखते हुए 'पैन-पैन' कॉल की और इस इंदौर के देवी अहिल्याबाई होल्कर हवाई अड्डे पर उतार लिया गया। विमान को उतरने में 20 मिनट का वक्त लगा। विमान में सवार सभी 161 यात्री और कर्क सुरक्षित हैं। देवी अहिल्याबाई होल्कर हवाई अड्डे के निदेशक विपिनकांत सेठ ने बताया

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उतरा। तय कार्यक्रम के अनुसार, विमान को सुबह 9.35 बजे इंदौर एयरपोर्ट पर उतरना था। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि इंदौर में उतरते समय तेल फिल्टर में दिक्कत के कारण विमान उतर गया। हमारे पायलट ऐसे ऐहतियाती उपाय करने के लिए अच्छी तरह प्रशिक्षित हैं। 'पैन-पैन' अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर समुद्री और हवाई रेडियो कम्युनिकेशन में इस्तेमाल होने वाला एक संकेत है। एविएशन के मामले में इसका मतलब होता है कि विमान ऐसी इमरजेंसी स्थिति में है जिसमें तुरंत सहायता की जरूरत है लेकिन स्थिति जानलेवा नहीं है।



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Dassault Aviation to raise Reliance Infrastructure JV

French aerospace major Dassault Aviation will increase its stake in a joint venture with Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. from 49% to 51%, as per a stock exchange filing by Reliance Infrastructure. Reliance Aerostructure Ltd. (RAL), a unit of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd., will transfer 2% of its holding in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd. (DRAL) to Dassault Aviation, the filing said. Currently, RAL holds 51% in DRAL while Dassault Aviation has 49%.



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AI EXPRESS FLIGHT ISSUES 'PAN-PAN' CALL, LANDS SAFELY

INDORE: A Delhi-Indore Air India Express flight with 161 passengers on board on Friday suffered an engine fault during its descent at the airport in Indore, prompting the pilot to make a 'PAN-PAN' call for non-life threatening emergency following which the aircraft landed safely soon afterwards, officials said.

The plane landed 20 minutes behind its schedule at the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport soon after a suspected oil filter issue was detected mid-air, and everyone on board was safe, they said.

Talking about the incident, a spokesperson of Air India Express said, "Due to a suspected oil filter issue during descent into Indore, following standard operating procedures, the crew landed safely. Our pilots are well-trained to carry out such precautionary measures."

"After receiving information about a technical fault in one of the engines of the Air India Express plane coming from Delhi to Indore, we took all precautions and the aircraft landed at the Indore airport at 9.55 am..." Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport's Director Vipinkant Seth told PTI.

In aviation, 'PAN-PAN' indicates an urgent situation that requires assistance but is not immediately life-threatening. PTI

New glitch plagues ALH choppers

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NEW DELHI: The reliability of a vital component of the Dhruv advanced light helicopter's transmission system has come into question after the Indian Army recorded a worrying incident involving damage to the tail drive shaft (TDS) during flying operations, forcing it to immediately issue orders for a fleet-wide one-time check to ensure flight safety, officials aware of the matter said on Friday.

The TDS transfers engine power to the tail rotor to balance torque of the main motor and its robustness has a direct bearing on the directional stability of a helicopter.

The incident involving the army Dhruv took place on Thursday. And within hours the Directorate General of Electronics & Mechanical Engineers (Aviation) issued directions for the safety check on priority to all ALH units, including those of the air force and the navy, the officials said, asking not to be named.

Aircraft maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), which has designed and developed the ALH, has also been informed of the development, with a request to help identify the root cause of the TDS breakdown.

The reason for the TDS breakdown is not immediately known but different angles will be explored, including strict adherence to maintenance schedule,

Dhruv, a chequered career

- HAL, which designed and developed the ALH, began delivering the helicopters in the early 2000s
- The ALH underwent a design review followed by the replacement of a defective control system in 2023-24
- The army and air force ALHs were declared airworthy after comprehensive safety checks only on May 1, after being grounded for months following a fatal coast guard crash on January 5

330 twin-engine ALHs are operated by the three services and the coast guard

15 accidents involving the helicopter have been reported in the last 5 years



people aware of the matter said.

"It is intimated that an incident of TDS bearing mount broken at station #9A during flying has been reported on IA-1134 (helicopter tail number) of an Army Aviation squadron on 04 Sept 25," the Directorate General of Electronics & Mechanical Engineers (Aviation) wrote in the letter, a copy of which is with HT.

The photographs of the broken parts are appended to the letter.

"In order to ensure flight safety, it is directed that a One Time Check is to be carried out on all ALH heptrs (helicopter) for any abnormality in the TDS," it said. To be sure, the ALH fleet has not been grounded, but each helicopter will be cleared for flying only after the one-time check.

The development is significant as the army and air force ALHs were declared airworthy after comprehensive safety checks only on May 1, after being grounded for months following a fatal coast guard crash at Porbandar in Gujarat on January 5. The Navy and coast guard ALHs are still grounded.

Weeks ago, HAL carried out extensive tests on the ALH in a maritime setting in an attempt to pinpoint and fix a lingering flaw in helicopters operated by the navy and coast guard that have now been grounded for more than eight months following the Porbandar crash.

The 300 ALHs operated by the army and air force were cleared for flying duties in May based on the recommendations of the

defect investigation committee (DIC) consisting of officials from the Bengaluru-based Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC), the Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance and HAL. The navy and the coast guard together operate around 30 ALHs.

The army's September 4 communication has laid down the checks that must be conducted on priority. These include checks on TDS bearing and elastomeric bushes, check for crack on tail boom top face sheet at three different stations, and visual inspection of the TDS bracket at three stations for slackness and shearing of rivets by using a 10X magnifying glass. The army has requested HAL to "communicate modalities of root cause analysis of the incident on IA-1134 on top most priority."

HAL has instrumented two ALHs — one each from the navy and coast guard — to gather critical data on the performance of the helicopter's integrated dynamic system, including the transmission system, gearbox and rotor hub, as well as test the loads some systems can withstand in different operating conditions.

The problem with the navy and coast guard appears to be linked to sustained operations in a maritime environment. HAL is trying to determine the exact problem and fix it. The DIC will scrutinise the data compiled by the Rotary Wing Research &

Design Centre and recommend the next steps.

HAL had earlier broadened the scope of the investigation after the Porbandar crash by involving Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to perform fatigue testing of a critical part in the helicopter's transmission system to get to the bottom of the matter.

This was after a high-powered panel found that a swashplate fracture caused the January 5 coast guard ALH crash in which two pilots and an aircrew diver were killed, but the reason for the breakdown of the critical component that compromised the ability of the pilots to control the helicopter's motion could not be determined.

A fleet-wide inspection conducted after the January 5 crash revealed that some navy and coast guard ALHs were facing the same problem — cracks in the swashplate assembly.

The ALH underwent a design review followed by a replacement of a defective control system only in 2023-24. The helicopter has been involved in around 15 accidents during the last five years, putting the spotlight on its safety record.

The comprehensive design review, which involved installing upgraded control systems on the helicopters to improve their airworthiness, came after the ALH fleet was grounded several times in 2023 too after a raft of accidents called into question its flight safety record.

France's Dassault to take majority stake in aerospace manufacturing joint venture with Reliance Group

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FRENCH MILITARY aircraft and business jet maker Dassault Aviation will increase its shareholding in its joint-venture with Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group to a controlling stake of 51 per cent from the current 49 per cent, Reliance Infrastructure informed the stock exchanges Friday. The transaction will involve Reliance Infrastructure arm Reliance Aerostructure transferring 2 per cent stake in the joint-venture—Dassault Reliance Aerospace (DRAL)—to Dassault for around Rs 176 crore. The transaction is expected to be completed by November 1.

"Upon completion of transaction, DRAL will cease to be a 51 per cent subsidiary and become Company's (Reliance Infrastructure's) associate company with 49 per cent shareholding," Reliance Infrastructure said in the exchange filing. With DRAL becoming a subsidiary of Dassault Aviation, it will help the company ensure guarantees, warranties, and service commitments for customers in India and around the world. DRAL was established to fulfill the offset obligations as part of the Rafale fighter jet deal between the Indian government and Dassault.

Dassault and Reliance Group had announced in June that DRAL will set up a final assembly line (FAL) for manufacturing the Dassault's best-selling business executive jet—the Falcon 2000—at Nagpur. The decision to hike stake in DRAL follows Dassault's



The first made-in-India Falcon 2000 jet is expected to be ready by 2028.

File

decision to designate DRAL as a centre of excellence for the Falcon aircraft. With the DRAL FAL, Dassault will manufacture the Falcon aircraft outside of France for the first time. The announcement of transfer of controlling stake to Dassault comes also at a time when some Reliance Group entities are grappling with challenges including a money laundering probe by the Enforcement Directorate, and allegations of loan fraud. In its exchange filing, Reliance Infrastructure did not detail the reasons for transfer of controlling stake in DRAL to Dassault.

The French company has had a long-standing relationship with India, most notably through its fighter jets Mirage 2000 and Rafale that are part of the Indian Air Force's fleet of fighters. Barely two weeks before the DRAL FAL for Falcon jets was announced, Dassault and Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) had announced that the latter will set up a production facility in Hyderabad to manufacture key structural sections of the Rafale, including the

lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section.

The DRAL FAL for the Falcon jets would be the first-ever instance of a foreign aircraft manufacturer setting up a final assembly line (FAL) in India for civilian aircraft. European aerospace major Airbus, which has a minority stake in Dassault, will be setting up an FAL in India in partnership with the Tata group, but that will be for manufacturing helicopters. Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems already have an FAL in India for the C295 military transport aircraft.

The first made-in-India Falcon 2000 jet is expected to be ready by 2028, and planes manufactured in India will cater to rising business jet demand in the domestic and international markets, according to Dassault and Reliance Group. At Mihan, Nagpur, DRAL already has a manufacturing facility for making various sections of the Falcon 2000.

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2 PEOPLE DIE IN SMALL PLANE CRASH NEAR SUBURBAN DENVER AIRPORT

GREENWOOD VILLAGE: Two people died when a small plane crashed and caught on fire near a suburban Denver airport on Friday, officials said. The crash happened just south of Centennial Airport and was initially reported as an explosion, Deborah Takahara, a spokesperson for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, said. Firefighters found the Beech BE35 airplane engulfed in flames, with the fire threatening to spread to a nearby building and some diesel-powered generators, Brian Willie, a spokesperson for South Metro Fire Rescue, said. Firefighters were able to put out the flames, he said. The plane appeared to have crashed in the parking lot of an industrial office park.



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SpiceJet posts ₹238 crore loss in Q1

NEW DELHI: Flying into the red, SpiceJet on Friday reported a net loss of Rs 238 crore for the three months ended June, saying expenses related to grounded aircraft and subdued leisure travel demand impacted the financials.

The budget carrier, which had been facing multiple headwinds, raked in a total income of Rs 1,190.56 crore in the first quarter of the current financial year. The same stood at Rs 2,067.21 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing.

In a statement, SpiceJet said the results were significantly impacted by the geopolitical situation with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which led to subdued leisure travel demand.

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disruptions and engine overhaul challenges, further compounded the situation," it added.

The airline recorded a net loss of Rs 238 crore in the June quarter, whereas it had a profit of Rs 150 crore in the year-ago period.

"This quarter's results reflect

the extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry, including geopolitical turbulence, restricted air routes, and supply chain disruptions," SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh said.

He also said the airline is taking decisive steps to enhance fleet reliability, reduce costs, and expand the network.

Among other efforts, the airline is having discussions for taking aircraft on damp-lease arrangements to strengthen its network reliability.

Generally, in a damp lease, the lessor provides the aircraft, along with the maintenance, but not the crew and insurance.

According to the statement, net worth rose to Rs 446 crore in the latest June quarter compared to a deficit of Rs 2,398 crore in the year-ago period.

In July, SpiceJet had a domestic market share of 2 per cent, as per official data. #11



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FOR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS

DGCA plans to allow import of up to 20 yrs old aircraft

NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA is set to amend norms to allow airlines to import aircraft that are up to 20 years old at a time when global supply chain woes have been impacting plane deliveries.

Currently, pressurised aircraft that are up to 18 years old are permitted to be imported into the country, subject to certain conditions.

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Closer Look

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A senior official said that the draft CAR proposes changes for pressurised aircraft permitted to be imported subject to certain conditions up to 20 years instead of 18 previ-

ously, un-pressurised aircraft up to 25 years instead of 20 previously.

According to the draft CAR, pressurised aircraft intended to be imported and used in pas-

senger services (scheduled/ non-scheduled) and general aviation operation, shall not have completed 20 years of age or 65 per cent of designed economic life in terms of pressurisation cycle, whichever is earlier.

Pressurised aircraft are those that can fly at higher altitudes, generally above 10,000 feet. Narrow-body and wide-body planes used for commercial flights are pressurised aircraft.

Unpressurised aircraft rely on natural atmospheric pressure and can only fly at low altitudes, such as trainer planes. Generally, their alti-

tudes are limited to below 10,000 feet.

"In the case of unpressurised aircraft, the decision will be on a case-by-case basis and on a complete examination of the record of the aircraft being procured. Additionally, the aircraft intended to be imported shall have flown 50 hours during the last six months. However, the Director General of Civil Aviation would not allow such aircraft which are more than 25 years old," the draft CAR said.

There are more than 800 leased aircraft in the country that are used for scheduled and non-scheduled operations. PFI



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Dassault to take majority control of Rel Aerospace

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FRENCH aerospace and defence major Dassault Aviation will increase its shareholding in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) from 49% to 51%, making the India-headquartered joint venture a majority-owned subsidiary of the Paris-headquartered company.

Upon completion of the transaction, DRAL will cease to be a 51% subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure and become an associate company with 49% shareholding. Reliance Infrastructure said in an exchange filing that it will receive 175.96 crore from stake sale based on an independent valuation. The expected date of completion of the sale/disposal is November 01, 2025.

With increase in stake, Dassault Aviation will ensure guarantees, warranties and service

commitments for Falcon aircraft customers in India and worldwide. Dassault Aviation, which has a market capitalisation of over ₹2 lakh crore and cash reserves topping ₹80,000 crore, has been expanding its footprint in India since securing Rafale fighter jet deal with the government in 2016.

The French manufacturer recently designated DRAL as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Falcon business jet programme. In line with that decision, the company announced it will set up its first final assembly line (FAL) for Falcon aircraft outside France at the MIHAN special economic zone in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The Falcon series, which competes with the likes of Bombardier and Gulfstream in premium executive jet category, is among the company's most successful platforms.



SpiceJet reports ₹238 crore loss in Q1, airline's net worth turns positive



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BUDGET carrier SpiceJet on Friday announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 (Q1 FY26), reporting a net loss of ₹238 crore as against a net profit of ₹150 crore in Q1FY25. The airline said its results were impacted by geo-political situation with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which led to subdued leisure travel demand.

The delay in returning grounded aircraft to service, owing to global supply chain disruptions and engine overhaul challenges, further compounded the situation. On EBITDA basis, the airline reported ₹(18) crore loss in Q1FY26 as against ₹42 crore in Q1FY25. Passenger revenue per

available seat kilometre (PAX RASK) stood at ₹4.74 and passenger load factor (PLF) remained strong at 86%. SpiceJet claimed that its net worth improved to ₹446 crores against a negative ₹2,398 crore in Q1FY25, reflecting successful financial restructuring initiatives.

Ajay Singh, chairman and MD, SpiceJet, said this quarter's results reflect the extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry, including geo-political turbulence, restricted air routes, and supply chain disruptions. "We are taking steps to enhance fleet reliability, reduce costs, and expand our network. With India's aviation and tourism sectors among the fastest-growing globally we remain confident of a strong recovery trajectory in the coming quarters," added Singh.

OYO's 1st quarter profit doubles to ₹200 crore

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IPO-bound OYO posted a profit after tax (PAT) of over ₹200 crore in the first quarter of FY26, more than doubling from ₹87 crore in the same period last year (Q1FY25).

The hospitality firm attributed the improvement in its bottom line to revenue growth from premium brands such as Townhouse and Sunday alongside tighter cost controls and a sharper focus on customer experience. In a notification sent to its shareholders, Oyo stated that its revenue grew to Rs 2,019 crore, up 47% from the corresponding quarter last year. The Gross Booking Value (GBV) reached Rs 7,227 crore in Q1 FY26, marking a significant 144% increase year-on-year. It has sought approval to issue bonus shares in a 1:1 ratio, which will double its authorised share capital to ₹24,31,13,59,300.



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इंदौर में प्लेन उतारा गया, यात्री सुरक्षित

■ भाषा, इंदौर: दिल्ली से इंदौर जा रही एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की एक फ्लाइट में शुकवार को एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग के दौरान इंजन में खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने गैर-जानलेवा आपात स्थिति के लिए 'पैन-पैन' का संदेश दिया। विमान सुरक्षित उतर गया। 'पैन-पैन', अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मान्य संकेत है जिसका इस्तेमाल समुद्री और हवाई रेडियो संचार में किया जाता है। विमान में 161 यात्री सवार थे। लैंडिंग से कुछ समय पहले ही विमान में ऑयल फिल्टर से जुड़ी समस्या सामने आई।



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PUNJAB KESARI

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एयरलाइंस को 20 साल पुराने विमानों के आयात की अनुमति

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) विमानों के आयात संबंधी नियमों में बदलाव करने जा रहा है। इसके तहत अब एयरलाइंस को 20 साल तक पुराने विमानों के आयात की अनुमति मिलेगी। फिलहाल केवल 18 साल तक पुराने यात्री विमानों को ही आयात करने की अनुमति है। डीजीसीए ने नागर विमानन प्राक्धानों (सीएआर) में संशोधन का यह मसौदा जारी किया है।

एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने कहा कि इस संशोधन मसौदे में यात्री विमानों की अधिकतम आयु सीमा 18 से बढ़ाकर 20 वर्ष और कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ने वाले विमानों के लिए उम्र सीमा 20 वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 25 वर्ष

● कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ने वाले विमानों के लिए उम्र सीमा 20 वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 25 वर्ष करने का प्रस्ताव है

करने का प्रस्ताव है। मसौदे के मुताबिक, यात्री सेवाओं और सामान्य विमानन संचालन के लिए आयात किए जाने वाले दाबयुक्त विमान 20 वर्ष से अधिक पुराने नहीं होने चाहिए और उनकी डिजाइन आर्थिक आयु का 65% से अधिक उपयोग नहीं हुआ होना चाहिए। जहां तक प्रशिक्षण एवं निजी विमानों का सवाल है तो इनके आयात की अनुमति हरेक मामले को ध्यान में

रखते हुए दी जा एगी। इसके लिए शर्त यह होगी कि उस विमान ने पिछले छह माह में कम से कम 50 घंटे उड़ान भरी हो।



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

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इंजन में खराबी की सूचना पर विमान को इंदौर में ऐहतियातन उतारा गया

इंदौर (भाषा)। दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे एक निजी एयरलाइन के विमान को एक इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी की सूचना के बाद यहां देवी अहिल्याबाई होलकर हवाई अड्डे पर शुक्रवार को ऐहतियातन उतारा गया और इसमें सवार सभी 161 यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। हवाई अड्डे के एक शीर्ष अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी दी।

हवाई अड्डे के निदेशक विपिनकांत सेठ ने बताया, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे विमान के एक इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी की सूचना मिलने पर हमने तमाम ऐहतियात बरतते हुए इस वायुयान को इंदौर के हवाई अड्डे पर सुबह 09:55 बजे उतारा। निर्धारित समय के मुताबिक इस विमान को सुबह 09:35 बजे इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर उतरना था। उन्होंने बताया कि उड़ान संख्या आईएक्स 1028 वाले इस विमान का चालक दल और इसमें सवार सभी 161 यात्री पूरी तरह सुरक्षित

■ सभी 161 यात्री सुरक्षित

हैं। सेठ ने बताया कि विमान के पायलट ने एयर ट्रांफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को 'पैन-पैन' संकेत भेजा जिसके बाद मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) के तहत हवाई अड्डे पर अग्निशमन और चिकित्सा के इंतजाम किए गए। 'पैन-पैन', अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मान्य संकेत है जिसका इस्तेमाल समुद्री और हवाई रेडियो संचार में किया जाता है।

विमानन क्षेत्र में इसका मतलब होता है कि स्थिति गंभीर है और तुरंत मदद की जरूरत है, लेकिन यह स्थिति विमान में सवार लोगों की जिंदगी पर सीधे खतरे से नहीं जुड़ी है। जब कोई पायलट 'पैन-पैन' संकेत भेजता है, तो इसका मतलब होता है कि चालक दल को एटीसी या 'ग्राउंड सर्विस' से तुरंत मदद चाहिए।



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SpiceJet posts ₹234 crore Q1 loss as revenue drops 34 per cent

Mumbai: Budget airline SpiceJet on Friday slipped into the red in the April-June quarter (Q1) of FY26, reporting a consolidated net loss of Rs 234 cr compared to a net profit of Rs 158 cr in the same period previous financial year (Q1 FY25). The sharp decline came as revenues from operations dropped 34.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 1,120 cr from Rs 1,708 cr, according to its stock exchange filing. The airline said the losses were mainly due to costs linked to grounded aircraft and expenses for bringing them back into service. It also pointed to geopolitical tensions with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which hit leisure travel demand. Despite the loss, SpiceJet highlighted that its financial position has improved.



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To curb misuse, DGCA proposes charge for able-bodied flyers availing of wheelchairs

New Delhi: In a bid to ensure the able-bodied do not misuse the facility of wheelchairs at airports, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed airlines be allowed to levy a small fee on them for providing this service.

The regulator has sought comments on this draft civil aviation requirement (CAR or rules) from the public till Sept 19. "Airlines may levy an appropriate assistance fee from passengers other than persons with disability (divyangjan) and persons with reduced mobility who opt to use these services," the draft norm states.

The proposed change comes ahead of a hearing in Bombay high court on Sept 25. The HC had this April appointed a panel headed by a retired judge to study the issue of wheelchair availability, and other is-

sues faced by senior citizens and people with special needs, at airports. The court had said access to such facilities was "a fundamental human right" for such persons.

However, airlines have often complained of able-bodied people misusing this facility to skip long queues at touchpoints like immigration. Often, airlines face requests for a large number of wheelchairs on a single flight which they find difficult to meet, leading to complaints from.

Not everyone who books a wheelchair really requires the same. As a result those who genuinely require the service often don't get the same, said officials across airlines.

The draft states that airport operators are required to designate car drop-off points for passengers who have booked wheelchairs. **TNN**



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SpiceJet reports loss of ₹238 crore in Q1

New Delhi: Low cost carrier SpiceJet Friday announced a Q1 loss of Rs 238 crore, compared to a profit of Rs 150 crore in same quarter last fiscal. The airline's share closed 1.6% lower at Rs 34.5. SpiceJet CMD Ajay Singh said: "This quarter's results reflect the extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry, including geopolitical turbulence, restricted routes, and supply chain disruptions." TNN



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Low on fuel, B'luru-Lucknow flight makes emergency landing

Lucknow: A Bengaluru-Lucknow IndiGo flight running low on fuel made an emergency landing in Varanasi Thursday, reports Arvind Chauhan.

Flight 6E 6353, with 202 passengers and six crew members on board, attempted to land at Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow around 7.30am. However, due to an unstable approach, the pilots initiated a go-around manoeuvre.

Sources at Lucknow airport said two flights were already in the landing queue. During this delay, the pilots found the aircraft running low on fuel. They contacted Air Traffic Control, which immediately advised a di-

AI Exp flight to B'luru cancelled after bird hit

An Air India Express flight bound for Bengaluru was cancelled after it suffered a bird hit during taxiing on the runway just before take-off from Vijayawada airport on Thursday, prompting the pilot to return the plane to the bay. All 97 flyers were safely deboarded, reports Srikrishna Kummara.

version to Varanasi for refuelling. After safely landing and refuelling at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi, the plane took off and landed in Lucknow around 9:30am.