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SURAT

Surat Airport launches free 'Flybrary' for passengers

A new Flybrary, an initiative of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), was launched at Surat International Airport on Thursday to encourage reading among air travellers. Surat airport director Anand Sharma inaugurated the free initiative in the presence of Kumar Abhishek, CISF commandant and chief airport security officer at the airport. The Flybrary carries the message, "Read while you fly and drop the book at your next destination airport." The library aims to promote reading among passengers by offering them books to read during their journey or while waiting at the airport. Under the initiative, travellers can pick up a book of their choice and leave it at their next destination airport after reading it. The programme is intended to facilitate the sharing and circulation of books across airports, helping build a wider reading community among air travellers.

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AIR TRAVEL

SLUGGISH GROWTH FORECAST

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India's civil aviation sector is set to face a protracted period of sluggish growth as escalating geopolitical volatility in West Asia, persistent supply chain bottlenecks, and stubborn fuel prices continue to weigh on air travel. According to new projections from credit rating agency ICRA, total air passenger traffic at Indian airports is likely to grow by 1% to 3% in the 2026-27 financial year, reaching 424-432 million passengers.

The conservative guidance follows a visibly subdued FY2026, during which total passenger traffic edged up just 2% to 420 million, compared to 412 million in FY2025. The sharp dip highlights the impact of external shocks and domestic constraints that have clipped the wings of one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets.

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The primary drag on performance stems from the ongoing West Asian crisis, which severely disrupted long-haul international corridors linking India to Europe and the Middle East.

According to ICRA, international passenger volumes and aircraft movements in March 2026 plunged by roughly 20% annually and 17% month-on-month, directly caused by airspace closures, reroutings and reduced passenger demand. Although international travel managed a steady month-on-month recovery through the late spring, international passenger volumes remained down by 9% year-on-year over the first four months of FY2027.

Beyond global conflict, domestic operations have been hampered by structural supply-side headaches, such as groundings of Indian aircraft due to engine maintenance issues and global supply chain bottlenecks. Industry experts believe that the strict adherence to updated flight duty time limitations guidelines constrained pilot deployment and led to selective schedule rationalizations across networks.

Overall flight movements grew by just 1% in FY2026 and are projected to linger between 0% and 2% in FY2027. While domestic movements may benefit from a low statistical base, international movements remain severely constrained by the West Asian crisis and soft global economic activity.

Despite muted volume growth, airport operators present a surprisingly resilient financial picture, as ICRA forecasted that airport revenues across its sample set will expand by 6% to 8% in FY2027. The top-line growth is driven by incoming tariff revisions for the current control period, alongside strong momentum in non-aeronautical streams – such as retail, duty-free, dining and real estate monetisation. Operating margins for airport operators are expected to remain robust at around 50% through both FY2027 and FY2028.

Crucially, ICRA estimated that long-term infra-

structure commitments will remain unaffected by short-term turbulence as capital expenditure across the sector is projected to cross Rs 1 lakh crore over the next four to five years. The buildout includes several greenfield developments, major brownfield capacity upgrades at overcrowded metros and modernisation schemes spearheaded by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

T.N. shortlists 2 sites to build Chennai's second airport

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CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government has shortlisted two sites to construct the second airport for Chennai, and has requested the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to conduct a pre-feasibility study. The move comes nearly a week after Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay announced that the State government would drop the airport project planned in Parandur and would look for alternative sites.

The Hindu first reported that two sites – Cheyyur and Gummidipoondi – are the top contenders for the airport project. It is now learnt that the State government has asked the AAI to study Cheyyur in Chengalpattu district and Manellore in Tiruvallur district. Sources said a final decision would be taken after the AAI gave its recommendation in the pre-feasibility report.

A team from the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation has already completed first round of inspections for both the sites.

Sources said the Cheyy-



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ur site was about 40 km from the Puducherry airport and nearly 35 km from Kalpakkam, while the Manellore site, near Gummidipoondi, was about 50 km from the city and 35 km from Sriharikota.

Sources said even if AAI approved one of the two sites, it could be challenging to get the rest of the approvals from various regulatory bodies considering the location of both the sites. "There is some possibility for Cheyyur, provided the Ministry of Defence gives clearance since the airspace in the region is controlled by the Indian Air Force, Tambaram. But Manellore poses quite a lot of challenges," a source said. A team of AAI officials will visit both sites and carry out an inspection.

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ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWATI

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Book Fest inaugurated at Guwahati T 2 airport



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PALASBARI, Sept 4: A book fest was inaugurated at the Terminal 2 of the Lokpriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport here on Friday with the aim of promoting reading and encouraging passengers to make books a part of their everyday lives.

The initiative was launched in the presence

of Chief Airport Officer Rahul Bhatkoti. The book fest seeks to provide passengers with a meaningful and engaging experience while travelling through the airport.

The event brings together the joy of reading and the airport experience, offering passengers an opportunity to explore books and spend their travel time with reading.

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बारिश से एयरपोर्ट पहुंचने में बढ़ी यात्रियों की परेशानी

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली में शनिवार को हुई बारिश से हवाई यात्रियों की परेशानी बढ़ गई। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट आने-जाने वाले यात्रियों को अतिरिक्त समय लेकर घर से निकलने की सलाह दी गई।

इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने खराब मौसम के कारण उड़ानों में देरी या समय में बदलाव की आशंका जताते हुए यात्रियों से रवाना होने से पहले अपनी उड़ान की ताजा स्थिति जांचने को कहा। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के अनुसार, शनिवार को उड़ानों का परिचालन सामान्य रहा। एयरपोर्ट की टीम मौसम के असर को

कम करने और यात्रियों की आवाजाही सुचारु रखने के लिए संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ काम करती रही। हालांकि, बारिश के बाद एयरपोर्ट के आसपास कई मार्गों पर जलभराव हो गया।

टर्मिनल-3 और संपर्क मार्गों पर पानी जमा होने से यातायात की रफ्तार धीमी रही। इससे सड़क मार्ग से एयरपोर्ट पहुंचने वाले यात्रियों को सामान्य से अधिक समय लगा। इंडिगो ने वेबसाइट या मोबाइल ऐप पर उड़ान की वास्तविक स्थिति जांचने के बाद ही घर से निकलने की अपील की। व्यूरो

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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट की ड्रेनेज व्यवस्था होगी दुरुस्त, ग्लोबल कंसल्टेंट्स नियुक्त

जगरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: मौसम के बदलते मिजाज और हाल ही में हुई भूस्लधार वर्षा से सबक लेते हुए, इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) एयरपोर्ट के संचालन और प्रबंधन से जुड़ी एजेंसी डायल ने अपनी बुनियादी ढांचा सुरक्षा को पुख्ता करने की दिशा में बड़ा कदम डठाया है। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने भविष्य की चरम मौसमी घटनाओं और जलवायु परिवर्तन से जुड़ी चुनौतियों से प्रभावी ढंग से निपटने के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के विशेषज्ञों (कंसल्टेंट्स) को नियुक्त किया है। यह विशेषज्ञ दल एयरपोर्ट के ड्रेनेज सिस्टम की व्यापक समीक्षा कर रहा है, ताकि आने वाले समय में भारी वर्षा के दौरान

- भारी वर्षा समेत अन्य मौसमी घटनाओं से जुड़ी चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए डायल ने की नियुक्ति
- एयरपोर्ट परिसर में अत्यधिक वर्षा के दौरान पानी जमा होने वाले निचले इलाकों की हो रही पहचान



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर हुए जलभराव में जाते यात्री ● जगरण आकड़वा

जलभराव की समस्या से पूरी तरह निपटा जा सके।

विशेषज्ञों का यह दल एयरपोर्ट परिसर में उन सभी संवेदनशील और निचले इलाकों की पहचान कर रहा है, जहां अत्यधिक वर्षा के दौरान पानी जमा होने का खतरा

सबसे ज्यादा रहता है। इन चुनौतियों जगहों का तकनीकी अध्ययन करने के बाद ये कंसल्टेंट्स अपनी विस्तृत रिपोर्ट और सिफारिशें साँपेंगे। इस रिपोर्ट के आधार पर एयरपोर्ट के मौजूदा ड्रेनेज इंफ्रस्ट्रक्चर और स्टॉर्मवाटर ड्रेन

नेटवर्क को अपग्रेड करने का काम बड़े पैमाने पर किया जाएगा, ताकि वर्षा का पानी बिना किसी रुकावट के तेजी से निकल सके।

डायल का कहना है कि हमारा उद्देश्य यात्रियों की सुरक्षा और डड़नों के संचालन में किसी भी प्रकार की बाधा को रोकना है। तात्कालिक रहत उपायों के साथ-साथ इस तरह की दीर्घकालिक रणनीतिक और तकनीकी पहल यह सुनिश्चित करती है कि देश का सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट भविष्य में किसी भी अप्रत्याशित मौसम के खतरे से निपटने के लिए पूरी तरह सक्षम और सुरक्षित बना रहे।

शुक्रवार को दर्ज हुई 72.2 मिमी वर्षा: डायल का कहना है कि चार

सितंबर को आइजीआइ के पास स्थित पाल्म मौसम स्टेशन पर महज तीन घंटे के भीतर 72.2 मिमी वर्षा दर्ज की गई, जो पूरे सितंबर महीने की औसत वर्षा का लगभग 64 प्रतिशत है। 76 किमी प्रति घंटे की रफतार से चली तेज हवा और कम दृश्यता के कारण एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल फोरकोर्ट और फ्लूच मार्गों पर कुछ देर के लिए जलभराव की स्थिति बन गई थी। हालांकि, त्वरित कार्रवाई के चलते 20 मिनट के भीतर स्थिति सामान्य कर ली गई। लेकिन इस घटना ने एक बड़े खतरे की ओर इशारा कर दिया है।

डायल का कहना है कि मौसम विभाग के साथ सीधा और रीयल-टाइम संपर्क रखा जा रहा है, जिससे

अचानक बदलने वाले मौसम की जानकारी पहले ही मिल सके। एयरपोर्ट आपरेशंस कंट्रोल सेंटर के जरिए एटीसी, एयरलाईंस, सुरक्षा एजेंसियों और ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग स्टाफ के बीच निरंतर तालमेल बिठाया जाता है ताकि यात्री सुरक्षा और डड़नों की निरंतरता में कोई बाधा न आए। दीर्घकालिक सुधारों के साथ-साथ डायल अपने चौबीस घंटे वाली इमरजेंसी रेस्पॉन्स फ्रेमवर्क के तहत मौजूदा व्यवस्थाओं को भी लगातार मजबूत कर रहा है। इसके तहत एयरपोर्ट पर साल भर नालियों की सफाई, गाढ़ (सिल्ट) हटाने, वनस्पतियों की कटाई और नालों के रख-रखाव का काम लगातार चलता है।



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एयरपोर्ट पर 200 से अधिक उड़ानें लेट, औसतन दो घंटे तक की देरी

जासूस नई दिल्ली: लगातार दूसरे दिन भी होती रही वर्षा का असर हवाई सेवाओं पर देखने को मिला। शनिवार को भी एनसीआर में हुई वर्षा के कारण इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित रहा। ताजा आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 200 से अधिक उड़ानों ने निर्धारित समय से देरी से उड़ान भरी। इनमें दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर आने वाली उड़ानों में औसतन करीब 70 मिनट तक, जबकि यहां से खाना लेने वाली उड़ानों में करीब 130 मिनट तक की देरी दर्ज की गई।

इससे पहले शुक्रवार को भारी वर्षा व तेज हवा से आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर 11 उड़ानों को दूसरे

दिल्ली के मौसम का उड़ानों पर भी असर दिखा, इंडिगो समेत कई एयरलाइंस ने जारी की है ट्रेवल एडवाइजरी

शहरों के एयरपोर्ट की ओर डायवर्ट करना पड़ा था। इनमें चार उड़ानें जयपुर, चार लखनऊ, एक अहमदाबाद व दो चंडीगढ़ भेजी गई थी। शुक्रवार को हुई तेज वर्षा से एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-दो व तीन के आसपास जलभराव हो गया था। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के अनुसार खराब मौसम की स्थिति को देखते हुए इंडिगो समेत कई एयरलाइंस ने यात्रियों के लिए ट्रेवल एडवाइजरी जारी की।

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वर्षा में धुले दावे, आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के फोरकोर्ट में भरा पानी

गौतम मिश्रा • जागरण

नई दिल्ली : राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में शुक्रवार को हुई वर्षा से दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) के तमाम दावे धुल गए। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के फोरकोर्ट में पानी भरने की वजह से यात्री परेशानी रहे। डायल ने पंप लगाकर करीब दो घंटे में पानी निकाला। टर्मिनल-3 व टर्मिनल-2 के फोरकोर्ट एरिया में जलभराव की स्थिति इतनी खराब थी कि लोग जूते हाथ में लेकर जाते हुए दिखाई दिए। मौसम खराब होने से दिल्ली आ रही 11 उड़ानों को अन्य शहरों की तरफ डायवर्ट किया गया, जबकि करीब 800 उड़ानें दो से तीन घंटे तक विलंबित हुईं।



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-3 के फोरकोर्ट में भरा पानी • जागरण

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर पिछले कुछ सालों से जलभराव की समस्या सामने आ रही है। डायल ने मानसून से पहले दावा किया था कि पिछले अनुभवों को देखते हुए आधुनिक एडवांस प्री-मानसून प्लान पेश किया था। इसमें टर्मिनल-1 के फोरकोर्ट पर वैक्यूम-आधारित 'साइफोनिक

ड्रेनेज सिस्टम', ओवरफ्लो डाउनटेक पाइप और टर्मिनल-2 की व्यापक वाटरप्रूफिंग जैसे बड़े तकनीकी बदलावों का दावा किया था। शुक्रवार को करीब दो बजे वर्षा शुरू हुई तो लोगों को लगा कि थोड़ी देर में यह थम जाएगी, लेकिन वर्षा करीब तीन घंटे तक होती रही। इस

चार विमान लखनऊ डायवर्ट

जासं, लखनऊ : दिल्ली में शुक्रवार को मौसम खराब होने के कारण वहां के चार विमानों को लखनऊ डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। बेंगलुरु से दिल्ली जा रहा विमान क्यूपी 1821 डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। इसी तरह लुधियाना से दिल्ली जा रहा एअर इंडिया का विमान एआइ 484 शाम 4:50 बजे लखनऊ में उतरा और 5:51 बजे स्वाना हो गया। दिल्ली जाने वाले पांच विमानों को जयपुर डायवर्ट किया गया है।

कारण पानी धीरे-धीरे फोरकोर्ट में जमा होने लगा। कुछ ही समय में ऐसी स्थिति बनी कि फोरकोर्ट से पानी ऊपर उठ टर्मिनल के बाहरी हिस्से, जिसे मीट एंड ग्रीट एरिया कहा जाता है, वहां जमा होने लगा। पानी बढ़कर टर्मिनल की मुख्य इमारत के गेट तक पहुंच गया।



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KOLKATA

Bomb note sparks airport panic

A Kolkata-to-Gorakhpur flight was delayed on Friday evening after a note warning of a bomb was discovered inside an aircraft washroom. Written on a tissue paper inside a toilet paper roll, the threat triggered an immediate evacuation of all passengers. CISF personnel, sniffer dogs, and the bomb disposal squad searched the plane thoroughly. Nothing suspicious was found, and the flight safely took off at around 8:45 PM.

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HINDUSTAN

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एयरपोर्ट पर जलभराव की होगी समीक्षा

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर भारी बारिश के कारण जलभराव की स्थिति सामने आने के बाद दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने हवाई अड्डे की जल निकासी व्यवस्था को और मजबूत करने की तैयारी शुरू कर दी है।

डायल से के अनुसार, हवाई अड्डे की जल निकासी व्यवस्था की भारी बारिश और बदलते मौसम के हालात के मद्देनजर व्यापक समीक्षा कराई जा रही है। इसके लिए वैश्विक स्तर के विशेषज्ञ सलाहकारों को लगाया गया है। अध्ययन की सिफारिशों के आधार पर जरूरत वाले स्थानों पर आधारभूत ढांचे को मजबूत किया जाएगा। डायल के एक अधिकारी ने बताया, चार सितंबर को दिल्ली में कम समय में अत्यधिक तीव्र बारिश हुई। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से सटे पालम मौसम केंद्र में तीन



- जल निकासी व्यवस्था को मजबूत करेगी दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड
- बारिश और बदलते मौसम के हालात के मद्देनजर व्यापक समीक्षा कराई जा रही

घंटे के दौरान करीब 72.2 मिलीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई, जो सितंबर में होने वाली सामान्य मासिक बारिश का करीब 64% है। इस दौरान करीब 76 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से हवाएं चलीं और दृश्यता काफी कम रही। बारिश की तीव्रता के कारण टर्मिनल के बाहर कुछ हिस्सों व पहुंच मार्गों पर सीमित समय के लिए पानी जमा हुआ।

डायल के मुताबिक, स्थिति सामने आते ही स्थापित मानसून प्रतिक्रिया प्रोटोकॉल सक्रिय किया गया। आपातकालीन, इंजीनियरिंग और रखरखाव दलों को तैनात करने के साथ मोबाइल और स्थायी जल

निकासी पंप लगाए गए। एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेशन कंट्रोल सेंटर ने एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल, विमानन कंपनियों और अन्य संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ लगातार समन्वय किया।

करीब 20 मिनट में पानी निकालकर सामान्य स्थिति बहाल कर दी गई। डायल ने स्पष्ट किया कि यह स्थिति केवल चार सितंबर को बनी थी और पांच सितंबर को हवाई अड्डे का संचालन सामान्य रहा। उन्होंने कहा कि आगामी ब्रिक्स शिखर सम्मेलन को देखते हुए भी डायल ने भारी बारिश, गरज-चमक और तेज हवाओं से निपटने की तैयारी बढ़ाई गई है।

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जेवर हवाई अड्डे के आसपास सरकारी दफ्तरों के लिए जमीन देने की तैयारी

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 5 सितंबर।

जेवर हवाई अड्डे के आसपास के इलाके में अब केंद्र और विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों के कार्यालय विकसित करने की तैयारी है। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यीडा) की आगामी बोर्ड बैठक में इस संबंध में प्रस्ताव रखा जा सकता है।

इसके तहत हवाई अड्डे से करीब सात किलोमीटर के दायरे में विकसित होने वाले सेक्टरों में सरकारी कार्यालयों और संस्थानों के लिए जमीन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना है। अधिकारियों का मानना है कि हवाई अड्डे के आसपास सरकारी गतिविधियां बढ़ने से न केवल नोएडा हवाई अड्डे की उपयोगिता और महत्ता बढ़ेगी, बल्कि यमुना सिटी में संस्थागत ढांचा भी मजबूत होगा। इससे कारोबारी और औद्योगिक गतिविधियों को गति मिलने के साथ रोजगार के नए अवसर पैदा होने की उम्मीद है। यीडा

यीडा की आगामी
बोर्ड बैठक में रखा
जाएगा प्रस्ताव।

अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, केंद्रीय सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के अलावा मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने भी हवाई अड्डे के पास जमीन उपलब्ध कराने में रुचि दिखाई है। वहीं, इलाहाबाद हाई कोर्ट ने भी हवाई अड्डे के नजदीक गेस्ट हाउस के निर्माण के लिए जमीन की मांग की है। केंद्र सरकार के विभिन्न उपक्रमों और अन्य राज्यों की ओर से भी जमीन की उपलब्धता को लेकर पूछताछ किए जाने के बाद यीडा ने इस प्रस्ताव पर काम शुरू किया है।

अधिकारियों के अनुसार, हाई कोर्ट के गेस्ट हाउस के लिए यमुना सिटी के सेक्टर-9 में जमीन चिन्हित की जा रही है। इसके अलावा केंद्रीय सशस्त्र बलों समेत कई अन्य सरकारी संस्थानों के लिए भी जमीन चिन्हित करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। माना जा रहा है कि हवाई अड्डे के पास गेस्ट हाउस होने से ठहरने का सुविधाजनक और स्थायी स्थान मिलेगा। दिल्ली में महंगी जमीन और कम उपलब्धता के चलते जेवर हवाई अड्डे के आसपास का इलाका बेहतर विकल्प साबित होगा।

Bomb scare at Kolkata airport

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Kolkata, September 4

A bomb scare at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International airport, Kolkata on Friday evening sent security agencies into a tizzy after a threatening note was discovered aboard a Gorakhpur-bound flight shortly before its departure.

It was learnt that a note, written on a piece of tissue paper, was found concealed inside a toilet-paper roll in the aircraft's washroom. The discovery prompted authorities to suspend the flight and evacuate all passengers as a precautionary measure. The aircraft was subsequently subjected to an extensive security sweep, with CISF personnel, the bomb disposal squad and sniffer dogs deployed to check for any explosive device.

Airport officials said the threat was being treated seriously and all prescribed security protocols were being followed.

At the time this report was filed, authorities could not immediately confirm whether any suspicious object had been recovered or indicate when the aircraft would be cleared to resume its journey to Gorakhpur.

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तेज़ बारिश से एयरपोर्ट पर फिर भर गया पानी

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■ नई दिल्ली: राजधानी में 12 और 13 सितंबर से ब्रिक्स सम्मेलन होने जा रहा है। इससे पहले शनिवार को भी IGI एयरपोर्ट पर बारिश के बाद जलभराव की स्थिति बनी। हालांकि शुक्रवार के मुकाबले टर्मिनल 1 और 3 पर पानी नहीं भरा। टर्मिनल 2 पर जलजमाव देखा गया, लेकिन उस पर बाद में काबू पा लिया गया। एयरपोर्ट की देखरेख करने वाली कंपनी डायल के एक अधिकारी ने कहा, महिपालपुर पर ड्रेन का काम लंबे वक्त से चालू है। यह इलाका ऊंचाई पर है और एयरपोर्ट नीचे पड़ता है। इसके चलते यहां पानी भर जाता है।



एयरपोर्ट फ्लाईओवर पर पानी भरा।

200 फ्लाइट्स लेट

एयरपोर्ट पर खराब मौसम के चलते शनिवार को 200 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट देरी से चलने की सूचना रही। यात्रियों ने फ्लाइट अराइवल में 70 मिनट तक और डिपार्टर में करीब 130 मिनट की देरी की भी बात कही। ➡ शेष पेज 5 पर

119.6 MM बरसा यहां पानी महीने के पहले 5 दिनों में

एयरपोर्ट के आसपास सबसे ज़्यादा बारिश

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

एयरपोर्ट के आसपास शुक्रवार से बारिश का जोर बना हुआ है। इसकी बड़ी वजह पालम में दिल्ली के दूसरे इलाकों के मुकाबले अधिक बारिश होना है। इलाके से जलभराव की शिकायतें भी अधिक आ रही हैं। शुक्रवार सुबह 8:30 से शनिवार शाम तक पालम में 119.6 एमएम बारिश दर्ज हुई। शुक्रवार सुबह 8:30 से शनिवार सुबह 8:30 बजे तक 24 घंटे में 84.0 एमएम बारिश हुई। यह सितंबर में

4 साल बाद 24 घंटे में हुई सबसे अधिक बारिश है। इससे पहले 23 सितंबर 2022 को 102 एमएम बारिश हुई थी। सितंबर के पहले 5 दिनों में पालम में 119.6 एमएम बारिश हो चुकी है, जबकि पूरे महीने का सामान्य औसत 117.4 एमएम है। शनिवार को सुबह 8:30 से शाम 5:30 बजे तक पालम में 35.6 एमएम बारिश हुई। शनिवार को दिल्ली में अधिकतम तापमान 27.6 और न्यूनतम 24.8 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। आज बारिश के कम आसार हैं। हालांकि आसमान में बादल छाए रहेंगे।

84 MM
बारिश
शुक्रवार से
शनिवार तक
24 घंटे में



पालम इलाके में जलभराव समेत बारिश से जुड़ी शिकायतें अन्य इलाकों से ज्यादा आईं सामने



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STATESMEN

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Bomb scare delays IndiGo flight at Kolkata airport

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Kolkata, 4 September

Panic gripped city airport on Friday evening after a note claiming that a bomb had been placed inside an IndiGo passenger aircraft bound for Gorakhpur was reportedly found in the aircraft's washroom.

The incident occurred shortly before the scheduled departure of the flight from Kolkata to Gorakhpur. According to airport sources, the pilot noticed the handwritten note while carrying out a final inspection of the aircraft before take-off. The note allegedly warned that a

PERSONNEL OF THE CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE (CISF), MEMBERS OF THE BOMB DETECTION AND DISPOSAL SQUAD AND SNIFFER DOGS WERE DEPLOYED TO CONDUCT A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE OPERATION CONTINUED FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD AS SECURITY AGENCIES EXAMINED THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS VARIOUS COMPARTMENTS.

bomb was present on board.

The pilot immediately alerted the airport authorities, following which all passengers were asked to disembark. A comprehensive security check of the aircraft was subsequently launched.

Personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), members of the bomb detection and disposal squad and sniffer

dogs were deployed to conduct a detailed search of the aircraft. The operation continued for a considerable period as security agencies examined the aircraft and its various compartments.

Sources said that a passenger was detained on suspicion in connection with the incident. However, it was not immediately clear whether the individual

had any role in placing the note or issuing the bomb threat.

The bomb scare resulted in the scheduled flight being delayed, with no immediate confirmation on when the aircraft would be cleared for departure to Gorakhpur.

The incident triggered concern among passengers and airport personnel and once again brought aviation security into focus. Authorities are expected to examine how the note was placed inside the aircraft and whether standard security procedures were followed before the aircraft was cleared for boarding.

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TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Basement route plan to cut airport jams

SANJAY MANDAL

Dum Dum: The Calcutta airport plans to open an unused basement pathway and connect it to the arrival level with giant lifts to ease congestion in the terminal's currently chaotic arrival area.

Passengers arriving at the airport who book app cabs will be directed to the basement to board their vehicles. The move will also help airport authorities curb touting and unauthorised parking of yellow taxis in front of the terminal, officials said.

"We plan to install three large lifts linking the arrival level to the basement. A pathway in front of the terminal at the basement level, similar to the one at the arrival level, is currently unused. We can use it to allow app cabs to pick up passengers," Calcutta airport director Vikram Singh told Metro.

"This will decongest the lanes in front of the arrival area. We are planning to allow only private cars to access these lanes," Singh said.

Airport sources said the proposal had been sent to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) headquarters in Delhi.

"All app cabs, including those operating through the YatriSathi app, will be shifted to the underground pathway. Parking for the app cabs will be arranged in the basement section of the parking lot. From there, they can pick up



The underground pathway in front of the basement level of the terminal building at the Calcutta airport, currently unused; (right) the gate through which passengers can exit the terminal at the basement level to board app cabs



passengers and leave through the exit gate of the underground pathway," an airport official said.

The plan could also curb unauthorised parking by yellow taxis and vehicles operated by touts. These vehicles are currently parked along the outer lanes in front of the terminal's arrival area, causing severe congestion.

Although designated lanes exist for app cabs and commercial vehicles, many of them use the lanes meant for private cars. This creates heavy congestion, particularly during the morning and evening peak hours.

"Once the app cabs are shifted to the underground pathway, access control

should improve significantly. These vehicles will have to enter the pathway through the parking lot's entry points," an official said.

Several lifts are already operational in the terminal, some of which connect to the basement. However, the lifts installed when the terminal was constructed are small and can accommodate only a few people at a time.

"The new lifts will be modelled on those at Delhi airport. They will accommodate around 20 people, along with trolleys and luggage," an airport official said.

One lift is planned near gates 1A and 1B, and another in the middle section of the terminal, both serving domes-

tic passengers. The third is planned in the international section, sources said.

According to an airport official, the basement pathway is currently used only by a few service vehicles. Access to the entry and exit gates connecting it to the ground level is blocked by barricades, which will be removed, the official said.

Congestion in front of the arrival area, where passengers board app cabs, taxis and private cars, has been a problem since the existing terminal became operational in 2013. Passengers often complain of long waits to get into their vehicles after arriving from other cities.

A company COO and frequent flier said he sometimes had to wait more than 30 min-



App cabs and yellow taxis parked, blocking lanes in front of the terminal building's arrival level

utes to get into his car after arriving at the Calcutta airport.

"Now, I call the driver as soon as the flight lands. But

even then, I have to wait five to 10 minutes for the car to arrive in front of the terminal," he said.



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Will not interfere in SIA's decision on investing in Air India: Singapore Minister

Bloomberg

The Singapore government said it will not interfere in any decision that Singapore Airlines Ltd. makes in Air India Ltd., which is said to be seeking financial aid from its shareholders.

Singapore Air has the responsibility to "assess its investments in Air India in relation to the resources it has for the long-term growth and profitability of the company," Senior Minister K Shanmugam told reporters on Saturday. It's the Singapore government's principle to not intervene in individual invest-

ment decisions, or put political pressure, he said.

"Once governments or politicians start directing individual investment decisions, commercial discipline will be compromised," according to a transcript of his comments. "Decisions will become politicised — shaped by political considerations, rather than commercial judgment. In the end, Singaporeans will bear the cost."

Air India is close to securing \$1.1 billion in aid from its owners Tata Sons Pvt. and Singapore Air, as the carrier grapples with the fallout from a turbulent year, people familiar with the mat-

ter told Bloomberg this week.

The support would be proportional to shareholding, the people said, with Tata Sons owning 74.9 per cent of Air India and Singapore Air the remainder.

"We should leave it to SIA to decide what it does with its investments," Shanmugam said. "Of course, SIA shareholders, as well as the broader public, have a right to expect that SIA will be accountable and transparent..."

He said that Temasek Holdings Pte, which is the majority owner of Singapore Air, — does not account to the government for its or its portfolio companies investment decision.

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IndiGo to launch daily flights from Mumbai to Dar es Salaam in Nov

Our Bureau
Mumbai

IndiGo will launch flights to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in November, expanding its presence in the African market. Dar es Salaam will be its second destination in continental Africa and fourth overall, including Mauritius and Seychelles.

The Indian High Commission in Tanzania, in a recent post, said that IndiGo will start daily flights from Mumbai in November. This followed a meeting between airline executives and High Commissioner Bishwadip Dey.

IndiGo has not made a formal announcement about the launch. Currently, Air Tanzania operates flights between Dar es Salaam and Mumbai using a Boeing 787.

EAST AFRICA PUSH

IndiGo's push in East Africa is part of its move to launch new routes and grow its presence in existing markets with high growth. It is also adding flights between



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Mumbai and Hanoi, Vietnam, from October 25 to tap into leisure travel demand.

NETWORK TWEAKS

There have been other network tweaks too. It is pulling out of the Chennai-Reunion route from October. It is also returning its six damp-leased Boeing 787 planes and suspending flights to London Heathrow.

Abhijit DasGupta, Senior Vice-President (network planning and revenue management), had told *businessline* earlier that IndiGo will pursue both new routes and higher frequencies de-

pending upon where customer demand and network opportunities are the strongest.

DasGupta also said IndiGo sees opportunities to strengthen links between emerging commercial centres, tourism hubs and underserved markets.

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Mid-air scare: Probe flags system failure; AI pilot fired for drug use

NEW DELHI, DHNS: An Air India Airbus A320 flying from Phuket to New Delhi with 145 people on board last month suddenly lost its altitude after all three hydraulic systems of the aircraft collapsed within seconds before recovering, leading to injuries to two dozen fliers, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau said on Friday in its preliminary report.

The report also sought action against the pilot-in-command for testing positive for drugs. The 10-page report said detailed investigations regarding "technical and other aspects are underway" and the use of a "psychoactive" substance by the 34-year-old pilot-in-command is a "serious concern".

Soon after the report came out, Air India terminated the services of the pilot-in-command.

The report, however, did not say the pilot-in-command's drug abuse led to the incident.

The report also did not say why the hydraulic system failed, which will require further investigation.

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The hydraulic systems use pressurised fluid to power the flight controls and other equipment.

The event has been updated to an "accident" from "serious incident" by investigators.

According to the report, the collapse of the hydraulic systems led to an autopilot disconnect, a brief stall warning and an altitude upset, causing damage inside the cabin, leaving cracked ceiling panels, dislodged overhead bins, broken handrails and a damaged crew seat and emergency-exit handle.

The hydraulic systems recovered within seconds and the plane landed in Delhi safely though the aircraft suffered serious damages, the report said.

The aircraft had departed Phuket International Airport at 7.11 am (IST) on August 4 and as it entered the Kolkata Flight Information Region, it was instructed by Air Traffic Control (ATC) to climb from 34,000 feet to 36,000 feet.

At 9:32:43 am while cruising at 36,000 feet, the aircraft's flight control system detected loss of pressure in its green hydraulic system and four seconds later, it detected the loss of the blue and yellow systems as well and a second later, the autopilot disconnected and a continuous repetitive chime came. At

9:32:51 am, the stall warning triggered for two seconds.

The co-pilot, who was flying the aircraft, tried to control the situation and then the pilot-in-command took over the controls. During this period, the aircraft gained first 372 feet and subsequently lost about 292 feet from its assigned altitude.

Following this, the blue hydraulic system was recovered and the other two were stabilised a few seconds later.

The seat-belt signs were in a switched off condition when the event occurred, leaving passengers and cabin crew to suffer injuries due to the sudden loss in altitude.

The pilots assessed the situation and decided to continue to Delhi rather than divert to the nearest airport.

The report highlighted the post-flight medical testing and said both pilots underwent breath-analyser examinations after arriving in Delhi, which was found satisfactory. Subsequent tests for psychoactive substances cleared the co-pilot but pilot-in-command's initial sample was non-negative, following which his blood sample was sent to a pathological laboratory for confirmation.

That confirmatory result was also reported as non-negative, it said but did not specify which drug was detected during the tests.

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15 प्रतिशत महंगी होगी मां वैष्णो देवी यात्रा में हेलीकाप्टर सेवा

रमेश शर्मा • जागरण

कटड़ा : माता वैष्णो देवी के दर्शन के लिए हेलीकाप्टर से जाने वाले श्रद्धालुओं को आने वाले दिनों में अपनी जेब थोड़ी और ढीली करनी पड़ेगी। हेलीकाप्टर सेवा के एक तरफा किराये में करीब 15 प्रतिशत बढ़ोतरी की संभावना है। वर्तमान में प्रति श्रद्धालु एक तरफ का किराया 2320 रुपये है, जो प्रस्तावित बढ़ोतरी के बाद करीब 2700 रुपये हो सकता है। यानी एक तरफ की यात्रा पर करीब 380 रुपये अतिरिक्त देने पड़ सकते हैं। इसी तरह दोनों तरफ से आने-जाने पर प्रति श्रद्धालु को वर्तमान में 4640 रुपये देने पड़ रहे हैं, जो बढ़कर करीब 5400 रुपये हो जाएगा।

संबंधित अधिकारी के अनुसार, नया किराया 16 अक्टूबर से शुरू होने वाले शारदीय नवरात्र या एक नवंबर से लागू होने की संभावना है। किराये में वृद्धि का प्रमुख कारण एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी बताया जा रहा है। नवरात्र के आसपास ही यह हेलीकाप्टर सेवा अब ताराकोट मार्ग के

16 अक्टूबर या एक नवंबर से नया किराया लागू होने की संभावना

- ▶ कटड़ा से सांझीछत एकतरफा किराया 2320 से 2700 और दोनों तरफ का 4640 से 5400 रुपये होगा
- ▶ पांच मिनट में पूरा होता है कटड़ा-सांझीछत सफर, सामान्य दिनों में 60 से 70 उड़ानें भरते हैं हेलीकाप्टर

पास नवनिर्मित हट हेलीपैड से शुरू होगी। इसी नये हेलीपैड से भविष्य में कटड़ा-शिवखोड़ी के बीच भी श्रद्धालुओं के लिए भी हेलीकाप्टर सेवा शुरू होनी है। शिवखोड़ी भगवान शिव को समर्पित बड़ा धाम है।

मौजूदा समय में कटड़ा-सांझीछत के बीच हेलीकाप्टर सेवा कटड़ा के सेरली हेलीपैड से चल रही है। वर्तमान में दो कंपनियां हेलीकाप्टर सेवा उपलब्ध करवा रही हैं। हाल ही में इनकी नई टेडरिंग भी हुई है। सामान्य दिनों में दोनों कंपनियों के हेलीकाप्टर प्रतिदिन 60 से 70 उड़ानें भरते हैं।

Singapore govt won't interfere in Air India issue

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THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT said on Saturday it will not interfere in any decision that Singapore Airlines makes in Air India, which is said to be seeking financial aid from its shareholders.

Singapore Air has the responsibility to "assess its investments in Air India in relation to the resources it has for the long-term growth and profitability of the company," Senior Minister K Shanmugam told reporters. It's the Singapore government's principle to not intervene in individual



investment decisions, or put political pressure, he said.

"Once governments or politicians start directing individual investment decisions, commercial discipline will be compromised," according to a transcript of his comments.

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Singapore govt won't interfere on Air India

"DECISIONS WILL BECOME politicised — shaped by political considerations, rather than commercial judgment. In the end, Singaporeans will bear the cost."

Air India is close to securing \$1.1 billion in aid from its owners Tata Sons and Singapore Air, as the carrier grapples with the fallout from a turbulent year. The money is conditional on reaching certain performance milestones and will be paid out in installments, sources told *Bloomberg*.

The support would be proportional to shareholding, the people said, with Tata Sons owning 74.9% of Air India and Singapore Air the remainder.

"We should leave it to SIA to decide what it does with its investments," Shanmugam said.

"Of course, SIA shareholders, as well as the broader public, have a right to expect that SIA will be accountable and transparent. People have a right to expect that there will be a rigorous assessment before money is committed." The minister also said that Temasek Holdings, which is the majority owner of Singapore Air, does not account to the government for its individual investments or the investment decisions of its portfolio companies. Last month, Temasek said it takes a long-term perspective and is supportive of Singapore Air's business strategy on India.

"Temasek and its subsidiaries decide how to invest across a wide portfolio with investments of varied risks and varied time horizons," Shanmugam said. "Temasek is accountable to the government for its overall portfolio and its overall long-term performance."

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AAIB report shows total hydraulic loss in AI flight

PHUKET PLUNGE

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MUMBAI

The Air India flight AI-2379, which left over 24 people injured due to a sudden loss of altitude, lost hydraulic power for about nine seconds and generated five different warnings, according to the Aircraft Accident Information Bureau (AAIB) in a preliminary investigation report of the incident. The investigating agency also confirmed that the pilot-in-command (PIC) was under the influence of psychoactive substances and has recommended that DGCA prevent the abuse of such substances among pilots.

The incident occurred on-board AI-2379 on August 4 while the aircraft, leased from Alafco Irish Aircraft Leasing Eight Ltd and registered as VT-EXO in India, lost altitude while enroute from Phuket to Delhi. It was



As the flight from Navi Mumbai landed, an IndiGo aircraft hit a pole while being parked at Srinagar airport on Friday.

carrying 137 passengers (including three infants), six cabin crew and two pilots. Around 20 passengers and four crew members were hospitalised with injuries due to the turbulence.

According to AAIB, the flight was in its cruising phase in the Kolkata flight information region when the flight control system detected the loss of one of the three independent hydraulic systems and, four seconds later, the loss of the remaining two as well.

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AAIB report shows...

This was followed by the unprompted disengagement of the autopilot, triggering a continuous repetitive chime – signalling a critical system failure. During this series of events, the pilots did not have any hydraulic system control for four seconds until they gradually recovered on their own.

According to the report, the technical issues caused the flight to gain 372ft in altitude and then drop to 292ft below the 36,000ft flight level.

The total drop in altitude, according to the report, was around 664ft.

This resulted in multiple damages to the aircraft cabin, including cracks and deformation in overhead ceiling panels, dislocation of passenger service units, multiple overhead bin storage doors dislodged, a lavatory commode uprooted, a crew seat being bent and door ceiling panels severely broken.

The post-flight report reflected multiple in-flight warning and failure messages, including loss of pressure in all three hydraulic systems, autopilot disengagement, loss of both elevators, fluid levels dropping below the predetermined threshold, and emergency door warnings. The AAIB has secured both the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder, which are under analysis at the agency's headquarters. It has also removed relevant hydraulic components from the aircraft for analysis.

The AAIB confirmed that the pilot-in-command (34), with a flying experience of about 5,055 hours, failed the post-flight psychoactive substance test. The AAIB has subsequently suggested that the DGCA take action to prevent abuse of psychoactive substances. "The confirmation of use of psychoactive substances is a serious concern and AAIB recommends appropriate actions by DGCA on priority," the agency said in the report.

Air India sacks Captain

Following the preliminary report, the airline announced on Friday that it terminated the PIC's employment with immediate effect. In an official statement, the carrier's spokesperson said that the action is in line with its "zero-tolerance approach to violation of safety, fitness or regulatory requirements."



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HINDUSTAN TIMES

PATNA

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IndiGo flight from Purnea diverted to Jaipur due to poor Delhi weather

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PURNEA: An IndiGo flight from Purnea to Delhi (Flight 6E6560) was diverted to Jaipur due to inclement weather in the national capital, officials said on Thursday. The passengers on board waited at Jaipur International Airport (JAI) for the weather to become conducive for flight operations.

The IndiGo flight, which departed Purnea Airport at 1:58 pm on Friday, could not land in Delhi and was diverted to Jaipur Airport.

One passenger on board told

**AT LEAST NINE
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FRIDAY DUE TO BAD
WEATHER
CONDITIONS.**

HT that the plane landed at JAI around 4:30 pm. "We are waiting for the weather to turn favourable for the flight," the passenger said.

Purnea Airport director D P Gupta told media persons that the Delhi-bound IndiGo flight

was diverted to JAI, prioritizing passenger security.

"It will leave JAI only after the weather is favourable at the Delhi airport."

At least nine flights were diverted at the Delhi airport on Friday due to bad weather conditions.

An official said four flights each were diverted to Jaipur and Lucknow, and one flight was diverted to Ahmedabad. The diversions happened between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm, the official added.

Heavy rains lashed various parts of the national capital on Friday.

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एयरपोर्ट पर दिखा बारिश का असर, 200 फ्लाइट डिले, एडवाइजरी जारी

नई दिल्ली, 5 सितम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार को भी बारिश का असर देखने को मिला। बारिश व तेज हवाओं के चलते जहां कई फ्लाइटों को दूसरे शहरों में डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। वहीं 200 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट डिले रहीं। यात्रियों को सबसे ज्यादा परेशानी एयरपोर्ट आने जाने वाले मार्गों पर पानी भर जाने की वजह से हुई। लोगों को घंटों जाम में फंसे रहना पड़ा।

इसे ध्यान में रखकर सुबह से ही इंडिगो तथा एयर इंडिया ने एडवाइजरी

जाम में फंसे रहने से कई यात्रियों की फ्लाइट भी छूटी

एयरपोर्ट आने जाने वाली सड़कों पर पानी भर जाने से यात्रियों को भारी असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ा। सबसे ज्यादा परेशानी एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट पकड़ने के लिए आने वाले यात्रियों को हुई। जाम में घंटों जाम में फंसे रहने के कारण कई यात्रियों की फ्लाइट भी लेट होने के चलते छूट गई। ऐसे में कई लोग काफी



जारी कर यात्रियों को समय से पहले एयरपोर्ट पहुंचने को कहा। वहीं, शुक्रवार को हुए जलभराव जैसे हालात आगे नहीं बनें, इसके लिए दिन भर अधिकारियों की बैठकों का दौर चलता रहा।

ब्रिक्स अधिवेशन में शामिल होने के लिए विदेशी मेहमानों के आगमन के चलते एयरपोर्ट तथा आसपास के इलाके में बारिश के दौरान जल निकासी के त्वरित उपाय करने पर जोर दिया गया। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार शनिवार

सुबह हुई तेज बारिश के चलते दौरान 200 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट डिले हुई। एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट अराइवल में 70 मिनट जबकि डिपार्चर करीब 130 मिनट की देरी से हो रहा है। वहीं तेज बारिश व खराब मौसम के चलते कुछ फ्लाइट को दूसरे शहरों के लिए डायवर्ट भी किया गया।

एयरपोर्ट का संचालन करने वाली दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड की तरफ से भी यात्रियों से कहा गया कि घर से निकलने से पहले अपनी फ्लाइट का स्टेटस वेबसाइट या ऐप पर जरूर चेक कर लें।

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Air India terminates Phuket-Delhi flight pilot after positive drug test

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, 4 September

Air India has terminated the pilot-in-command of its Phuket-Delhi flight that encounter severe turbulence last month, with immediate effect after a confirmatory drug test found him positive for a psychoactive substance, the airline said on Friday.

The action came weeks after the Airbus A320 operating flight A12379 experienced an altitude upset over Odisha on 4 August, during which several passengers were injured. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), which is probing the incident, had recommended that regulatory authorities take appropriate action against the pilot after the test result.

"Safety remains Air India's highest priority," an Air India spokesperson said. The airline has a zero-tolerance approach towards violations involving safety, fitness and regulatory requirements, the spokesperson said.

The AAIB's preliminary



An inside view of the Air India flight from Phuket to Delhi after it hit turbulence, injuring a number of passengers, in New Delhi on 4 August 2026. ANI

report, also released on Friday, said the aircraft, carrying 145 people, was cruising at 36,000 feet when it experienced a near-simultaneous loss of all three hydraulic systems. The incident resulted in an altitude deviation before the flight controls recovered and the aircraft returned to normal operation.

According to the preliminary findings, the co-pilot was flying the aircraft when the abnormal

situation developed and initially attempted to stabilise it. The pilot-in-command subsequently took over the controls.

During the event, the aircraft climbed about 372 feet before descending approximately 292 feet from its assigned flight level of FL360, the report said.

The aircraft later landed safely in Delhi.

As part of the post-incident procedures, both pilots underwent testing for psychoactive substances. The co-pilot's test was negative, while the pilot-in-command was found non-negative in the initial screening and subsequently returned a positive result in the confirmatory test.

The AAIB, while noting that its investigation into the technical and other aspects of the incident was continuing, described confirmation of psychoactive substance use by the pilot as a serious concern. It recommended that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) take appropriate action on priority.

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AI sacks pilot who tested drug-positive

Jet plunge linked to hydraulic glitch

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New Delhi: The sudden altitude drop suffered by an Air India Phuket-Delhi flight last month resulted from a near-simultaneous loss of its three hydraulic systems, a preliminary probe has said without necessarily linking the mishap to the pilot-in-command's positive drug test.

Air India, however, said it has terminated the services of the flight's pilot-in-command who tested positive for drug use.

The interim report by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau does not specify the cause of the hydraulic system failure, stating: "Detailed investigation regarding technical and other aspects is under way."

The report does recommend that aviation regulator DGCA take steps to prevent the abuse of psychoactive substances, given the positive test result for one of the two pilots.

Both pilots underwent drug tests, with the pilot-in-command's sample testing positive in both the initial and confirmatory tests. The co-pilot's sample tested negative in both tests. The breath-analyser examination report was satisfactory for both pilots.

The Delhi-bound Airbus A320 flight, AI 2379, had taken off from Phuket with 145 people on board at 7.11am (Indian time) on August 4.

While cruising at 36,000 feet over eastern India, it sud-



The Air India Phuket-Delhi flight during the turbulence

denly suffered an altitude loss of 292 feet. With the seat belt signs off, 24 people — passengers and cabin crew — suffered injuries. With matters normalising after about 10 seconds, the flight crew assessed the cabin situation and decided to continue the flight to Delhi rather than divert to the nearest airport. The aircraft landed safely in Delhi after about an hour and a half.

What went wrong

Around 9.10am, the flight entered the Calcutta flight information region and, following air traffic control instructions, climbed from 34,000 feet to the assigned 36,000 feet.

During the altitude upset, the aircraft was in contact with air traffic control, Upper Bhubaneswar sector.

This is how the sequence unfolded, according to the AAIB report:

■ At 9:32:43, the aircraft detected a loss of the green hydraulic system while cruising at 36,000 feet.

■ Four seconds later, the control system detected the loss of the other two hydraulic systems — blue and yellow.

■ One second later, the autopilot disengaged. An urgent emergency alert — a continuous repetitive chime — was activated.

■ Three seconds later, the stall warning triggered for two seconds. (A stall warning indicates the aircraft is approaching a stall, meaning the wings may no longer be producing enough lift to keep the flight flying normally.)

"The co-pilot, who was the pilot flying, responded and tried to control the prevailing situation. Subsequently, the pilot-in-command took over the controls. Meanwhile, the aircraft encountered altitude upset," the AAIB report says.

"Initially, it gained 372ft and fell by 292ft from its assigned FL360 (36,000 feet) during the event."

■ At 9:32:52, the blue hydraulic system recovered, and a few seconds later, the yellow and green hydraulic systems too recovered. The flight control surfaces returned to normal, and the aircraft resumed its normal operating condition.

The report does not say whether the hydraulic systems recovered automatically or because of pilot action. The aircraft suffered damage at several places inside the cabin, mainly to the hat racks (overhead stowage bins) and ceiling panels.



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Flight hits pole

■ **SRINAGAR:** An IndiGo flight from Navl Mumbai hit a Visual Docking Guidance System pole while being positioned at its parking stand at Srinagar airport on Friday, damaging the aircraft. All passengers and crew were safely deboarded. Airport operations remained normal, the Airports Authority of India said.



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Bomb scare stalls flight

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Calcutta: An IndiGo flight from Calcutta to Gorakhpur was delayed by four hours on Friday after a bomb threat was found written on a toilet paper inside a lavatory of the aircraft, officials said.

A cabin crew member found the note, which read "bomb inside flight", minutes before the aircraft was to take off. Flight 6E 6309, carrying 185 passengers, was scheduled to depart the Calcutta airport at 4.30pm but finally took off at 8.30pm, an IndiGo spokesperson said.

"The flight was ready for take-off and was about to start pushback when a cabin crew member found the toilet paper with 'bomb inside flight' written on it," an airport official said.

Pushback is the procedure in which a specialised vehicle moves an aircraft backwards from its parking position to the taxiway before it begins moving under its own power, a pilot explained.

The aircraft was parked at bay 55R when the note was discovered.

"It was immediately moved to the isolation bay. All passengers were deboarded and their luggage was taken off for a thorough security check," an airport official said.

The aircraft eventually departed for Gorakhpur at 8.30pm, the official said.

An investigation is on.

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TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

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**'Exceptionally rare':
All 3 hydraulic systems
of plane failed together**

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Mumbai: AAIB's preliminary report has confirmed what pilots and engineers call an exceptionally rare event, the near-simultaneous loss of all three hydraulic systems on the A320neo aircraft at 36,000 feet. Hydraulic systems are the fluid-pressure circuits that physically move an aircraft's wing and tail surfaces. The green, blue and yellow systems dropped out within seconds of each other, triggering an autopilot disengagement, a stall warning and a brief altitude upset that injured 24 flyers.

The accident occurred when the eight-year-old A320neo (VT-EXO) carrying 145 people had just been cleared to climb from 34,000 feet to 36,000 feet after entering the airspace controlled by Kolkata ATC. At 9:32:43am IST, within four seconds the flight control system detected loss of all the three hydraulic systems.

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When the badly rattled Airbus A320 had landed in Delhi with 24 injured people and a damaged aircraft cabin, both the pilots were subjected to post-flight breath-analyser examination as per standard protocol. They cleared that test.

But for some reason which may be disclosed in the final report, the unusual step of conducting dope tests was taken in this case. "The sample of PIC was found non-negative. Subsequently, blood samples of both the flight crew were sent to path lab for confirmatory (dope) test. The confirmatory test report of PIC was found non-negative whereas the sample of the co-pilot was found negative in both tests," says the interim report.

An AAIB probe is on to find what caused the Airbus A320 to suffer an extremely rare failure of all three hydraulic systems within seconds. The final report is expected to reveal whether it happened due to something going wrong with the aircraft's hardware or software or whether due to some manual intervention with the PIC having some role in that, if any. Hydraulics on an Airbus A320 use pressurised liquid to move heavy flight controls, lower the landing gear, and stop the wheels.

Such was the impact of this "event" which happened that 24 people got injured and the aircraft cabin saw significant dam-



A passenger being wheeled out after the Phuket-Delhi flight landed in Delhi

age, including a lavatory commode getting uprooted from its location. The overhead ceiling panel was found cracked or deformed at various places. Most of the passenger service unit panels were found dislocated or bent at various places. The overhead handrail was found broken and sealing panel found dislocated near the tenth row. The forward right side emergency exit handle was found broken.

The cabin supervisor (head cabin crew) apprised the cockpit about the injuries suffered by the passengers and cabin crew. The flight crew assessed the cabin situation and took the decision of continuing the flight to its destination Delhi and not diverting to the nearest route airport.

Following the report, AI said: "We acknowledge the release of the preliminary report by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau and continue

to extend our full cooperation to the investigation, including providing access to all relevant operational, maintenance and technical records. Safety remains Air India's highest priority. Our pilots undergo rigorous training, regular proficiency checks, medical examinations and other regulatory assessments in accordance with applicable national and international requirements. Following the incident, Air India has started voluntary testing of 100% of its pilots as a further step to reinforce its safety-first approach."

"The airline maintains zero tolerance for any breach of safety, fitness or regulatory requirements and will take appropriate action wherever warranted. Air India remains committed to implementing any recommendations arising from the investigation," AI's statement added.