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आईजीआई पर बढ़ेगी यात्री क्षमता

नई दिल्ली। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट की यात्री क्षमता वर्ष 2030 की शुरुआत तक 10.4 करोड़ से बढ़ाकर 12.5 करोड़ से अधिक करने की तैयारी है। इसके तहत टर्मिनल-3 में नया अंतरराष्ट्रीय पियर बनाया जाएगा। वहीं, टर्मिनल-1 में बड़े निर्माण के बजाय जांच और सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को मजबूत कर यात्री क्षमता बढ़ाई जाएगी।

नए पियर के बनने से टर्मिनल-3 की सालाना क्षमता पांच करोड़ से बढ़कर 6.6 करोड़ यात्री हो जाएगी। इसमें अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों की क्षमता तीन करोड़ से बढ़कर 4.6 करोड़ होगी। टर्मिनल-1 की क्षमता भी चार करोड़ से बढ़ाकर 4.5 करोड़ यात्री सालाना करने की योजना है। व्यूरो



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Mumbai bars Russian airline cargo, local agent seeks Ministry intervention

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

The Adani Group-run Mumbai airport has stopped accepting cargo booked on Russian flag carrier Aeroflot.

The airline operates daily flights between Moscow and Delhi. Bonded cargo is carried in trucks from Mumbai and other cities and is then flown to Russia via Delhi.

The airport's curbs on Russian airlines come days after the Adani group's \$1 billion share sale in its airport business to investors, including US funds.

Aeroflot's cargo sales agent Delmos Aviation Pvt Ltd has sought the Civil Aviation Ministry's intervention as shippers are facing delays and extra costs due to the restrictions.

Airlines authorise ship-



pers to bring in cargo inside the cargo terminal after checking the airway bill and flight booking details. This process, known as carting, is carried out through Mumbai airport's online system.

CARTING CLEARANCES

For carriage of bonded cargo too, goods need to be first brought to the airport, where they are checked by Customs officials. Thereafter, the goods are trucked to the destination for its on-

ward journey.

The process has come to a standstill at Mumbai for goods booked on Aeroflot and Volga-Dnepr Airlines for the past two weeks and trucks carrying goods had to return to origin.

Volga-Dnepr Airlines also had to reroute its September 19 flight to Delhi after the Navi Mumbai airport denied it permission.

In a letter to the Ministry on September 30, Delmos Aviation said no proper explanation had been provided for the refusal of permissions to the Russian operators.

DELMOS' LETTER

"We also request clarification regarding Russia-related cargo being carried from Mumbai by other international carriers, including Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines and

others. If such carriers are permitted to accept and move cargo connected with Russia, we request clarification on the criteria being applied and whether the same criteria are being applied uniformly to all carriers and stakeholders," said Delmos Aviation's Managing Director Naveen Rao.

"We are not seeking any exemption from applicable Indian law, Customs requirements, airport security procedures or other legally applicable regulations. Our request is simply for a clear, written and uniformly applicable policy, together with a workable procedure for cargo that has already entered the customs-controlled environment," he added.

Adani Airports and the Civil Aviation Ministry did not respond to emailed queries on the issue.



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Shifting flights from Mumbai to Navi Mumbai in 20 days not possible, say airlines

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Shifting flights from Mumbai to Navi Mumbai airport will not be possible in 20 days, a senior airline official said, citing complexities involved in the process.

"The airlines will have to sign separate ground handling, aircraft maintenance and catering contracts for operations at Navi Mumbai. For foreign airlines, it could also require site inspections by their global teams. It is

not a mere transfer of flights, and it is opening a new destination," he said.

Airlines are also citing cost and connectivity issues as they oppose Mumbai International Airport Limited's move to temporarily reduce one-third of their international flights from October 26. The airport operator has suggested that impacted airlines may relocate their flights to Navi Mumbai.

At present, the Navi Mumbai airport has only one international flight to Abu Dh-

abi, operated by Air India Express. IndiGo is likely to add foreign routes in the winter schedule. "We have already sold seats on Mumbai flights and if these services are cancelled now, it will create big issue for passengers. Splitting operations between two airports will require us to hire more manpower so there are extra costs too," another executive said.

In a statement, the Navi Mumbai airport said it is expanding transport options, including electric bus ser-

vices to Pune, Dadar and Borivali, starting Wednesday. It is also launching complementary inter-airport shuttle services between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

CARGO OPERATIONS

Cargo operators and agents are also facing issues with freighter operations at the airport. Custom brokers have complained about a shortage of manpower and equipment needed to handle the volume. The Navi Mumbai airport did not respond to a query on cargo issues.



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स्विस राष्ट्रपति के विमान की आज पहली बार नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 5 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। स्वित्जरलैंड के राष्ट्रपति गाई पार्मेलिन नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का दौरा करेंगे। उनका राजकीय विमान सुबह करीब 11:30 बजे एयरपोर्ट के रनवे

■ गाई पार्मेलिन करीब चार घंटे रहेंगे एयरपोर्ट पर, टर्मिनल व निर्माण कार्यों का करेंगे निरीक्षण
■ स्विस अधिकारियों से भी होगी बातचीत

पर उतरेगा। किसी देश के राष्ट्रपति का विमान पहली बार नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर उतरेगा। राष्ट्रपति करीब चार घंटे एयरपोर्ट परिसर में रहेंगे। इस दौरान वह एयरपोर्ट की निर्माण प्रगति, यात्री और कार्गो सुविधाओं तथा आधुनिक तकनीक से जुड़ी व्यवस्थाओं का जायजा लेंगे।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (नायल) के सीईओ आरके सिंह के मुताबिक, राष्ट्रपति का विमान करीब 11:30 बजे रनवे पर लैंड करेगा। इसके बाद वह एयरपोर्ट का साइट विजिट करेंगे और परियोजना से जुड़े अधिकारियों तथा स्विस प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बैठक करेंगे। एयरपोर्ट परियोजना से संबंधित प्रस्तुतीकरण भी राष्ट्रपति के समक्ष दिया जाएगा। दोपहर का भोजन भी एयरपोर्ट परिसर में प्रस्तावित है। इसके बाद वह



दिल्ली के लिए रवाना होंगे।

स्विस कंपनी की सहायक कंपनी कर रही एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण स्वित्जरलैंड की ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की सहायक कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (यापल) कर रही है। ऐसे में राष्ट्रपति का दौरा परियोजना के लिहाज से भी महत्वपूर्ण माना जा रहा है। राष्ट्रपति एयरपोर्ट के संचालन मॉडल, निर्माण कार्य और उपलब्ध कराई जाने वाली यात्री सुविधाओं की जानकारी लेंगे। परियोजना में स्विस तकनीक और विशेषज्ञता के इस्तेमाल से जुड़े पहलुओं की भी जानकारी दी जाएगी।

यात्री के साथ कार्गो टर्मिनल भी देखेंगे

राष्ट्रपति के कार्यक्रम के दौरान यात्री टर्मिनल के साथ कार्गो टर्मिनल की व्यवस्थाएं भी दिखाई जाएंगी।

प्रतिनिधिमंडल को एयरपोर्ट के संचालन, यात्री सुविधाओं, कार्गो प्रबंधन और आधुनिक तकनीक के इस्तेमाल की जानकारी दी जाएगी। एयरपोर्ट के डिजाइन और संचालन में स्विस विशेषज्ञता की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होने के कारण इस दौरे को दोनों देशों के कारोबारी और तकनीकी संबंधों से भी जोड़कर देखा जा रहा है।

राष्ट्रपति के साथ कारोबारी-अकादमिक प्रतिनिधिमंडल भी आएगा

गाई पार्मेलिन के साथ स्वित्जरलैंड का कारोबारी और अकादमिक प्रतिनिधिमंडल भी भारत दौरे पर आ रहा है। उनका नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पहुंचना ऐसे समय हो रहा है, जब एयरपोर्ट घरेलू और कार्गो सेवाओं के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के विस्तार की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहा है। ऐसे में स्वित्जरलैंड के ज्यूरिख हब से जुड़ी अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन विशेषज्ञता और

नेटवर्क का लाभ भविष्य में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को मिलने की संभावनाओं पर भी चर्चा हो सकती है।

ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट समूह वर्तमान में अपने ज्यूरिख हब से 67 एयरलाइनों के जरिए 212 गंतव्यों के लिए परिचालन से जुड़ा हुआ है।

राष्ट्रपति के विमान की लैंडिंग के दौरान उड़ानों पर रोक

राष्ट्रपति के दौरे को देखते हुए एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था कड़ी कर दी गई है। निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार सुबह 9:45 बजे से दोपहर 12:20 बजे तक किसी विमान का आगमन नहीं होगा। वहीं सुबह 10:30 बजे से दोपहर 1:50 बजे तक किसी उड़ान को प्रस्थान की अनुमति नहीं होगी। राष्ट्रपति की सुरक्षा और कार्यक्रम को ध्यान में रखते हुए एयरपोर्ट परिसर में सुरक्षा एजेंसियों और संबंधित अधिकारियों को तैनाती की गई है।

रूस और चीन के कार्गो विमान पहले उतर चुके हैं

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर इससे पहले ब्रिक्स सम्मेलन के दौरान रूस और चीन के कार्गो विमान उतर चुके हैं। हालांकि, किसी देश के राष्ट्रपति के राजकीय विमान की यह पहली लैंडिंग होगी। राष्ट्रपति के विमान की लैंडिंग को एयरपोर्ट के अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन और बढ़ती वैश्विक कनेक्टिविटी के लिहाज से भी महत्वपूर्ण माना जा रहा है।

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CONCERNS OVER US SANCTIONS

Adani Airports Stops Handling Some Russia-Linked Cargo

Russian carriers seek civil aviation ministry's intervention over cargo held up at Mumbai airport

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: Adani Airports has stopped handling certain Russia-linked cargo at Mumbai airport, citing compliance concerns related to US sanctions. This has triggered a dispute with local representatives of Russian carriers Aeroflot and Volga-Dnepr over shipments already left at the airport.

In multiple communications to Mumbai airport authorities, Naveen Rao, head of Delmos Aviation—which represents Aeroflot Russian Airlines and Volga-Dnepr—said that the dispute also involves a charter operation at Navi Mumbai Airport by Volga-Dnepr Airlines, where slot arrangements had initially been confirmed but were subsequently revoked.

Adani Airports operates eight airports in the country including major gateways



such as Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

Rao said he was informed by airport officials that the decision was linked to the sanctions imposed on Russia by the US Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Adani Airports did not respond to ET's queries.

People aware of the development, however, said that the decision was taken after the company raised a \$1 billion investment through a share sale to investors including US funds managed by BlackRock.

Rao has now written to the civil aviation ministry, urging it to step in to resolve the issue.

India officially maintains trade relations with the Russian government and recently signed multiple trade deals on the sidelines of the BRICS summit held in Delhi last month.

According to Rao's email to the ministry, about 2.5 tonnes of cargo is currently lying in the Mumbai airport warehouse, while Delmos Aviation is seeking carting for another 12.5 tonnes to build a commercially viable 15-tonne truckload. The cargo has already been waiting for about a week, with demurrage costs accumulating, Rao said.

The dispute centres on whether the sanctions restrictions apply to shipments where the physical movement is undertaken by an Indian logistics company and the shipper and consignee are not themselves sanctioned entities.

"We also request clarification regarding Russia-related cargo being carried from Mumbai by other international carriers, including Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines and others," Rao said in the email. "If such carriers are permitted to accept and move cargo connected with Russia, we request clarification on the criteria being applied and whether the same criteria are being applied uniformly to all carriers and stakeholders."

Ground hold-ups hinder Navi Mumbai cargo shift

● Freight carriers flag longer turnaround times, equipment & manpower shortages

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, October 5

CARGO OPERATIONS SHIFTING from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) are facing significant operational bottlenecks, including longer aircraft turnaround times, shortages of manpower and ground-handling equipment, limited warehousing capacity and commuting challenges for employees.

The constraints have already prompted Challenge Group to temporarily suspend its Mumbai operations from NMIA, saying the current operating set-up did not allow it to provide cargo services with the reliability and certainty required. The development comes even as airport operator Adani Airports and aviation regulator Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) are offering substantial incen-

GROUND-HANDLING HURDLES

■ According to a Challenge Group executive, **1,000 tonne** of inbound cargo sits on dollies at Navi Mumbai

■ With so many dollies tied up, aircraft can't be offloaded and cargo stays on board, the exec says



■ Other operators are also assessing viability of shifting operations to Navi Mumbai

■ Authorities seek to speed up freight movement at NMIA & have announced fee waiver

tives to attract more freighter traffic to the new airport.

"Moving freighter operations from CSMIA to NMIA was always going to be a major move. There are a lot of moving parts and they all need to work together," Or Zak, chief commercial officer, Challenge Group, said. He added that around 1,000 tonne of inbound cargo was currently sitting on dollies at the airport, tying up equipment needed to unload arriving aircraft.

"With so many dollies tied up, arriving aircraft can't be

offloaded and cargo stays on board," Zak said. Export operations are also being affected, with cargo either not ready, incorrectly built or not released from warehouses because of a shortage of dollies, he added.

The bottlenecks can have a direct impact on the economics of freighter operations. Airlines may have to wait longer for aircraft to be unloaded and loaded, while export cargo may not be available when aircraft are ready to depart.

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Ground hold-ups hinder NMIA cargo shift



"SO YOU END up with freighters leaving with very little cargo, or even completely empty," Zak said. Challenge Group said its decision to suspend operations was aimed at protecting customers, cargo and supply-chain reliability while it evaluates alternatives to maintain connectivity. The timing is particularly significant as the industry heads into the peak cargo season, when volumes typically rise and pressure on airport handling infrastructure increases.

"NMI is much needed and has enormous potential. But having the capacity and being ready to handle it are two different things," Zak said.

Other cargo operators are also assessing the viability of shifting operations from CSMIA. One airline spokesperson said the carrier was contemplating a move to NMIA but was facing hurdles, particularly higher turnaround times and the reluctance of existing manpower to travel to the new airport.

Freighter operators that have operated from NMIA include National Airlines, Hong Kong Air Cargo, Cathay Cargo, Turkish Cargo, Qatar Airways Cargo, Silk Way West, MASKargo, MNG Airlines, SF Airlines, AIROne, Supama Airlines, ROM Cargo Airlines and Maximus Air. IndiGo CarGo became the first freight carrier at NMIA when it launched operations on August 1.

Adani Airports, along with AERA, recently announced a waiver of aircraft landing charges for international freighter operators, with a 90% waiver in the first year, followed by a 50% discount in the second year.

The incentives are intended to build cargo connectivity, but airlines say the immediate challenge is ensuring that the airport's warehouses, ground-handling equipment and manpower can support the aircraft operations efficiently. A query sent to Navi Mumbai International Airport did not elicit a response till press time.



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Navi Mumbai airport boosts transport for winter roster

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, October 5

THE NAVI MUMBAI International Airport (NMIA) is expanding its public transport and ground mobility network ahead of the winter schedule, which runs from October 25, 2026, to March 27, 2027.

To cater to increasing passenger footfalls and new flight commences, the airport, operated by Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL), will provide multimodal connectivity with multiple public transport options and economical fares, according to the release. NMIA is expected to see more passenger aircraft arrivals and departures gradually as Mumbai airport starts its renovation process.

Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation will commence e-Shivai electric bus services from NMIA on October 7. Fares will be ₹450 to Pune, ₹210 to Borivali and ₹170 to Dadar East. Children below 12 & women with a common mobility card will be eligible for half-fare.



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Bengal signs UDAN pact for 4 airports, CM blames delay on previous TMC govt

Atri Mitra

Kolkata, October 5

THE WEST Bengal government has finally joined the Union civil aviation ministry's UDAN scheme by signing a memorandum of understanding to set up four new airports in the state—at Chharra in Purulia, Balurghat, Hasimara, and Kalaikunda.

Chief Minister Suwendu Ad-

hikari, Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammo-han Naidu, and senior officials from both the state and the Centre attended the event at Nabanna where the agreement under the Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme was signed on Monday.

At a press conference, Adhi-kari sharply criticised the previous Trinamool Congress government, accusing it of

delaying the state's airport and infrastructure development.

The state government will provide required land and basic infrastructure, while the Centre and the Airports Authority of India will oversee the airport development.

The chief minister said the government planned to set up a modern pilot training centre at Behala in southwestern Kolkata.

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Mumbai airport's T1: Why are Mial, airlines at odds?

BY ABHISHEK LAW

The redevelopment of Terminal 1 (T1) at Mumbai airport has led to a standoff between operator Mumbai International Airport Ltd (Mial) and airlines over how international flights will be managed during the transition. *Mint* examines the conflict and its impact on passengers.



1 What is the conflict all about?

Adani group's Mial has proposed temporarily discontinuing 265 of 770 weekly international departure slots at Terminal 2 from 25 October, moving them to Navi Mumbai to free capacity for domestic traffic displaced from T1. Airlines say Mial initially proposed shifting existing international operations there, but now wants to cut 33% of Mumbai's international departure slots. Airlines would be free to choose which flights to operate from Navi Mumbai. The distinction matters: a transfer moves an operation to another airport, while a slot reduction withdraws capacity at Mumbai itself.

2 Who decides on airline slots?

Mial has asked airlines to identify by 6 October the international departure slots they want to shift or discontinue. If they do not, Mial may select the slots based on operational and capacity considerations. The slots could be moved to Navi Mumbai or discontinued until the new terminal is ready. The Airline Operators Committee-Mumbai has rejected the mechanism as arbitrary. Airlines say their Winter 2026-27 schedules, spanning October to March, were approved in June, after which they planned aircraft deployment, networks, passenger sales and commercial commitments around those slots.



3 Why are airlines disputing the consultation?

Airlines say they did not consent to a specific cut in international slots or a shift to Navi Mumbai during discussions. Mial says consultations with airlines had been underway since 2020, and that the redevelopment was presented to the Airports Economic and Regulatory Authority of India and included in the approved tariff framework.

4 What changed since September 2025?

Minutes of a September 2025 CSMA Master Plan Project Phasing meeting indicated Mumbai airport's T1 redevelopment would follow the opening of Navi Mumbai's Terminal 2, then expected around 2029. The current plan brings restrictions forward to October 2026, with redevelopment due to begin in January 2027. Mial says T1's redevelopment cannot be deferred due to safety concerns. It expects 9% of Mumbai airport's 55 million annual passengers to be temporarily deoperationalized.

5 What does this mean for passengers?

Passengers whose flights move from Mumbai to Navi Mumbai would need to adjust their plans, particularly those with onward connections, as the airport change could affect connection times or itineraries. Navi Mumbai's user development fee is ₹1,225 for an international departing passenger, versus Mumbai's ₹685 for an international economy-class departing passenger. It is planning a 100% landing-fee discount for new international flights and cash vouchers to offset the difference.

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एयरपोर्ट के अंदरूनी खतरों से निपटने के लिए सुरक्षा व्यवस्था मजबूत करने की ज़रूरत एयरलाइंस इंडस्ट्री में अब डर भीतर से!

हवाई जहाज से सफर करने वाले हर यात्री को सुरक्षा जांच के लिए मेटल डिटेक्टर से होकर गुजरना पड़ता है। लेकिन, एयरपोर्ट के सुरक्षित हिस्से में काम करने वाले हजारों कर्मचारियों की जांच उतनी आसान नहीं होती। इनमें बैगेज हैंडलर, केटरर, इंजीनियर, सफाईकर्मी, स्क्रीनर, कस्टम अधिकारी और पायलट तक शामिल है। इनमें ज्यादातर ईमानदार होते हैं। फिर भी पिछले दशक में एविएशन की कई गंभीर घटनाओं में अंदर के कर्मचारियों की भूमिका सामने आई है।

अंदरूनी सलिसलता | 2015 में शर्म अल-शेख एयरपोर्ट पर अंदरूनी मदद से विमान में बम पहुंचाया गया, जिससे सभी 224 लोगों की मौत हो गई। उसी साल एयरबस जर्मनविंग्स 9525 के को-पायलट ने अपनी मानसिक बीमारी छिपाकर विमान को आल्प्स पर्वत में गिरा दिया, जिसमें 150 लोग मारे गए। 2016 में मोगादिशू में एक सुरक्षा अधिकारी ने ही एक यात्री को लैपटॉप बम पहुंचाया। जनवरी 2024 से मई 2025 के बीच कई देशों में ड्रग्स, सोने की तस्करी, रिश्वत और एयरपोर्ट कर्मचारियों के संदिग्ध आतंकी संबंधों के मामले दर्ज किए गए।



गंभीरता नहीं | 2019 में इंटरनैशनल सिविल एविएशन ऑर्गनाइजेशन (ICAO) ने नियमों में बदलाव कर एयरपोर्ट के सुरक्षित हिस्सों में जाने वाले हर स्टाफ की स्क्रीनिंग और बैकग्राउंड चेक अनिवार्य किया। मकसद है नियमित जांच के जरिये अंदरूनी खतरों को रोकना। इसके लिए ICAO ने 'इनसाइडर थ्रेट टूलकिट' भी जारी किया, जिसमें कर्मचारियों की जांच, संदिग्ध व्यवहार पहचानने, रिपोर्टिंग और सुरक्षा को लेकर जागरूकता बढ़ाने पर जोर दिया गया। लेकिन, समस्या है कि इन सुरक्षा गाइडलाइंस को लागू न करने पर ICAO

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एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा में यात्रियों की जांच पर काफी जोर है, लेकिन कर्मचारियों से पैदा होने वाले खतरे बढ़ी चुनौती बने।

- पिछली कई घटनाओं से साफ है कि नियमों के बावजूद निगरानी, बैकग्राउंड चेक, ट्रेनिंग और रिपोर्टिंग से खामियां हैं।
- ICAO और देशों को समयसमय पर नियम अनिवार्य करने व सुरक्षा में पर्याप्त निवेश की ज़रूरत है।

ऑडिट में देशों को कोई अंक नहीं खोना पड़ता। सितंबर 2025 तक केवल 46% सदस्य देश ही मानकों को 75% तक प्रभावी ढंग से लागू कर पाए थे, जबकि ICAO का 2027 तक लक्ष्य 65% है। **असल चुनौती** | यह नई बात नहीं है। 2013 में सेफ्टी मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम (SMS) लागू किए गए और 2019 तक इन्हें पूरी तरह अपनाने का लक्ष्य रखा गया। इसके बावजूद आज भी ग्लोबल सेफ्टी-ओवरसाइट का स्तर करीब 69% है। जनवरी 2025 तक ICAO ने सिर्फ छह देशों के सरकारी सुरक्षा कार्यक्रमों का स्वतंत्र मूल्यांकन किया था। कर्मचारी बिना झिझके खतरे की रिपोर्ट करें और मैनेजर ज़रूरत पड़ने पर रकम खर्च कर कार्रवाई करें, यह असली चुनौती है। दूसरी तरफ, इस साल एविएशन सेक्टर 5.1 अरब से ज्यादा यात्रियों को सफर कराएगा, लेकिन इंटरनैशनल एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट असोसिएशन के मुताबिक इंडस्ट्री का नेट मार्जिन घटकर 2% रह सकता है। ऐसे में वेतन, स्टाफ, ट्रेनिंग और निगरानी पर कटौती का खतरा बढ़ता है।

सुरक्षित कदम | शेड्यूल्ड कमर्शल उड़ानों के हादसे 2023 के 66 से बढ़कर 2024 में 95 हो गए। मौतों की संख्या भी 72 से बढ़कर 296 पहुंच गई। एक साल के आंकड़ों से कोई रुझान तय नहीं होता, लेकिन रेकॉर्ड ट्रैफिक वाले साल में इन

आंकड़ों को नजरअंदाज नहीं किया जा सकता। यूरोप ने बेहतर बैकग्राउंड चेक अनिवार्य किए हैं, जिन्हें कम से कम हर 12 महीने में दोहराना होता है। जर्मनविंग्स हादसे के बाद कू के लिए पीयर सपोर्ट और शराब की जांच अनिवार्य की गई। दूसरे देश भी ऐसे कदम अपना सकते हैं। **पूर्व तैयारी ज़रूरी** | अब सिर्फ नियम बनाना ज़रूरी नहीं रह गया है, बल्कि उन्हें लागू करने की दरकार है। ICAO को अपने टूलकिट के ज़रूरी हिस्सों को तय मियाद वाले मानकों में बदलकर उनका ऑडिट करना चाहिए। देशों को भी इंतजार नहीं करना चाहिए। उन्हें अगले 36 महीनों के लिए स्पष्ट टाइम टेबल जारी करना चाहिए, ताकि एयरलाइंस और एयरपोर्ट पहले से बजट व तैयारी कर सकें। कर्मचारियों की जांच सिर्फ साल में एक बार नहीं, बल्कि किसी घटना या जोखिम के बाद भी होनी चाहिए। पायलट, कंट्रोलर और इंजीनियरों को बिना लाइसेंस खोने के डर के गोपनीय पीयर सपोर्ट मिलना चाहिए। सुरक्षा और सिक्वोरिटी की रिपोर्टिंग भी एक सिस्टम के तहत हो। नियम पहले से मौजूद हैं, कमी उन्हें अनिवार्य बनाने की इच्छाशक्ति की है। सवाल है कि अगली दुर्घटना का इंतजार होगा या कार्रवाई पहले?

(लेखक इंडिगो के प्रशिक्षण प्रमुख और एयर एशिया के सुरक्षा प्रमुख रह चुके हैं)

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Snakes raise alarm at old airport ATC building

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Calcutta: Snakes have been turning up with unusual frequency inside the old air traffic control (ATC) building at the Calcutta airport.

Sources said the reptiles have been spotted on different floors of the nine-storey building, next to the old domestic terminal, on three occasions in the past few months.

Earlier, a snake had been spotted as high as the second floor. But on September 30, an airport employee detected one on the landing between the seventh and eighth floors.

"The ATC tower, from where the landing and take-off of aircraft are controlled, is located on the eighth floor. The seventh floor has the anti-hijacking coordination room," an airport official said. "Many airport staff, ATC personnel and others use the stairs to go from the seventh to the eighth floor. One of them spotted the snake on the afternoon of September 30."

"We were wondering how



A snake on the landing between the seventh and eighth floors of the ATC building on the afternoon of September 30; (right) another on the second-floor corridor on August 2



a snake could climb up to the seventh floor," he added.

"We never detected snakes in the building so frequently earlier. Only once or twice had we seen a snake many years ago," said an official who has worked at the airport for more than 30 years.

According to experts, many snakes are surprisingly good climbers. But unlike lizards and insects, snakes cannot stick to smooth surfaces such as glass. They need a physical grip, texture or friction.

"The common bronzeback, common wolf snake and Oriental flying snake are some

common species found around us that are good climbers. They climb trees and rough surfaces such as walls or pipes," said herpetologist Anirban Chaudhuri.

These snakes are also often found on overhead utility cables and can sometimes be electrocuted, he added.

However, climbing a tree or a neighbourhood wall is different from reaching the eighth floor of a building.

Metro sent Chaudhuri a picture of the snake found on the landing on September 30. He identified it as a common bronzeback, a species of tree snake.

"This snake is also found on overhead utility cables. It could have entered the building through such a cable or used a pipe or vent stack. We cannot say for sure," said Chaudhuri, who has worked closely with the forest department on the rescue and rehabilitation of reptiles and small mammals. The species he mentioned are all non-venomous.

Venomous snakes found in the airport area include the monocled cobra, Russell's viper and common krait, he said. "But these snakes are not great climbers. They need to sneak into a lift or find some

other lifting mechanism. Otherwise, they cannot reach the upper floors of a building," Chaudhuri said.

Monsoon flooding and rapid urbanisation in New Town, Rajarhat and adjoining areas of North 24 Parganas have contributed to a rise in snake sightings in residential complexes, on roads and in drains. New Town recorded two fatal snakebites within two weeks in July 2023.

At the ATC building, an airport official spotted a snake on the second floor around 3.30am on August 2, sources said.

The floor houses, among

other facilities, restrooms for employees.

"The snake was caught and released outside the building," an official said. A few weeks earlier, another snake was seen at the building entrance in the morning.

Airport sources said the building was constructed in 1971. A new ATC tower has since been built but is yet to become fully functional.

Snakes are also found on the airside, officials said.

"We inform the forest department, and they deploy personnel to capture the snakes," a senior airport official said.

"When we capture a snake, we don't release it nearby. But we cannot take it a hundred kilometres away. They are usually released in a thicket or a forest not very far away," a forest official of the North 24 Parganas division said.

"Much of these areas were wetlands. They used to be natural habitats for snakes. Humans are the intruders here. The snakes are just trying to find a way to survive," the official said.



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इंडिगो : हवाई सफर आज से होगा महंगा

नई दिल्ली। इंडिगो ने मंगलवार से थ्रैलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज 100 से 350 रुपये तक बढ़ा दिया है। इससे उड़ानें महंगी होंगी। कंपनी के अनुसार 500 किमी दूरी वाली उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज 375 रुपये, 1,000 किमी के लिए 600 रुपये, 1,500 किमी के लिए 900 रुपये व 2,000 किमी के लिए 1,150 व इससे अधिक के लिए 1,300 रुपये होगा। विदेशी उड़ानों पर शुल्क यात्रा वाले क्षेत्र के हिसाब से तय होगा। यूरोप की उड़ानों पर यह 10,000 रुपये होगा। एजेंसी



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अचानक 28,000 फीट नीचे आया प्लेन इमरजेंसी घोषित



लंदन। लंदन से अमेरिका के शिकागो जा रहे ब्रिटिश एयरवेज के विमान बीए295 को उड़ान भरने के करीब एक घंटे बाद तकनीकी समस्या के कारण वापस लौटना पड़ा। विमान ने आयरलैंड के ऊपर उड़ान भरते समय आपात स्थिति घोषित की। उड़ान के दौरान विमान 37 हजार फीट ऊंचाई से कुछ ही मिनट में 28,000 फीट नीचे गिरकर 9 हजार फीट पर आ गया।

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि बोइंग 777-200ईआर विमान ने सोमवार को सुबह 11:50 बजे लंदन के हीथ्रो एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरी थी। शिकागो ओ'हारे एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचने में उसे करीब आठ घंटे 40 मिनट लगने थे। अचानक विमान की ऊंचाई में गिरावट दिखाई दी। इसके बाद विमान यू-टर्न लेकर ब्रिटेन की ओर लौट गया और हीथ्रो एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की। फ्लाइंगडुबई मामले में भी विमान तेजी से 17,400 फीट नीचे आ गया था। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

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Air India, Express may share key teams in cost-cutting push

TEAM INTEGRATION. Common HR, finance, IT and engineering functions under review

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New Delhi

Tata Sons-led Air India Group is examining a proposal to integrate some key departments of Air India with those of Air India Express to reduce duplication and costs, sources told *businessline*.

The proposal envisages common teams for identified functions to streamline operations, improve resource utilisation and unlock economies of scale. Unlike the earlier mergers, involving Vistara in 2024 and Indian Airlines in 2007 when Air India was under government ownership, the proposal under discussion is limited to integrating select functional departments.

Air India did not respond to queries on the discussions.

COMMON FUNCTIONS

According to sources, the discussions cover human resources (HR), finance, information technology (IT) and engineering. No final decision has been taken, and if



STREAMLINING OPS. Air India would continue with its full-service positioning, while Air India Express would retain its low-cost model

approved, the integration could take about six months to implement.

Marketing has already been integrated as part of the Group's commercial functions. The Group also has shared leadership across network planning, sales and distribution, and revenue management.

Air India Express currently has separate heads for HR and finance. The proposal could extend the integration to other identified functions by bringing the teams under common leadership.

The proposed arrangement would retain the two

airlines' distinct identities, cost structures and product offerings. Air India would continue with its full-service positioning, while Air India Express would retain its low-cost model.

PUSH FOR SAVINGS

The discussions come amid substantial losses and a broader push for cost savings and consolidation across the Group.

For FY26, Air India and Air India Express, along with their joint ventures and subsidiaries, reported combined losses of ₹22,238 crore on a revenue of about ₹71,870 crore. The financial pressure

is evident at both carriers. Air India reported a standalone net loss of ₹15,368 crore in FY26, while Air India Express recorded a net loss of ₹6,767 crore.

At Air India Express, revenue rose 19 per cent to ₹19,088 crore during the year, while operating expenses stood at ₹20,663 crore.

"The plan seems to integrate core corporate functions of both these airlines under one leadership team, thereby resulting in better management as well as savings on overheads and potentially unlocking economies of scale," an industry insider said.

FOCUS ON SYNERGIES

Recently, Air India's CEO and MD Tejendra Kumar, in his first townhall address to employees, called for closer integration across the group. He emphasised that the airlines already belong to one Air India Group and that the group would streamline operations and pursue synergies wherever possible, while retaining a focus on customers.

Airlines urge govt to unlock delayed ECLGS payments

AWAITING CREDIT. FIA says lenders are holding back funds amid liquidity pressures

Our Bureau
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The airline industry has sought urgent government intervention to expedite the release of sanctioned credit under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0, citing delays by lending institutions amid mounting financial and operational pressures.

Accordingly, the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), which represents Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, has urged the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to provide guidance and reassurance to participating banks to facilitate disbursements to eligible member airlines seeking support.

In a letter dated October 1, 2026, to Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu, reviewed by *business-line*, the industry body said member airlines that had sought credit under the scheme had received a portion of the sanctioned assistance.

"The release of the balance amounts has, in several cases, been delayed due to continued hesitation on the part of lending institutions," the FIA said.



SEEKING RELIEF. According to the FIA, the disbursements would help airlines meet critical operational and working capital requirements and sustain operations VV KRISHNAN

However, the federation clarified that not all its members require credit under ECLGS 5.0.

Its request concerns eligible airlines seeking assistance, particularly financially vulnerable carriers that have applied for immediate liquidity support to sustain and strengthen operations.

VULNERABLE CARRIERS

Besides, the FIA said the continuing conflict in West Asia since April 2026, airspace restrictions, flight diversions, rupee depreciation, escalating operating costs and a sharp rise in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices had severely strained airline liquidity and working capital.

The federation said the urgency of the situation warrants immediate action to ensure that airlines seeking assistance can access funds without avoidable delays.

According to the industry body, the disbursements would help airlines meet critical operational and working-capital requirements, sustain operations and continue providing essential air connectivity.

Furthermore, the FIA highlighted the sector's contribution to national connectivity, trade, tourism, employment and economic growth. It cited an estimate that every person employed in aviation supports an additional 6.10 jobs in ancillary

and allied businesses.

So far, SpiceJet and Akasa Air have received the first tranche under ECLGS.

Last month, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu had said that the ministry continues to engage with SpiceJet and examine how it can facilitate matters.

However, he pointed to limits on government intervention in private airlines.

SPICEJET'S FUNDS

Besides, Naidu said SpiceJet had received ₹150 crore under ECLGS, while the remaining funding had to be worked out between the airline and its bank.

Asked about the disbursement of a further ₹350 crore, the minister said the government had made the scheme available, but obtaining the funds was a matter for the company and the lender.

Furthermore, the minister said the government had extended ECLGS in recognition of the difficulties airlines could face, particularly during the West Asia crisis.

"Our main priority is to ensure that passengers do not face inconvenience, that safety is not compromised at any cost and that smooth operations are sustained," he said.



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Saudi airline flyadeal eyes expansion in India



Mumbai: Saudi low-cost airline flyadeal is eyeing new routes and revamping its product as it aims to strengthen its presence in India. On Saturday, the airline launched its five-weekly service between Riyadh and Mumbai, adding to its Hyderabad flights. The airline is also looking to introduce services to Delhi, Kozhikode and Lucknow. OUR BUREAU



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IndiGo revises fuel charges amid hike in ATF costs

Our Bureau
New Delhi

Airline major IndiGo has revised fuel charges across its domestic and international routes following a sustained increase in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices.

The revised charges will apply to all new bookings made from 0001 hours on October 6. Accordingly, domestic fuel charges under the revised structure will range from ₹375 to ₹1,300, while international levies will range from ₹1,000 to ₹10,000.

The airline said that the latest month-on-month increase in ATF prices exceeded 14 per cent, taking fuel costs to their highest levels in the last decade.

IndiGo said fully offsetting the increase in fuel costs would have required a significant hike in fuel charges.

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दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 5 अक्टूबर

पूरे भारत में हवाई किराये बढ़ने वाले हैं। इंडिगो ने सोमवार को विमानन ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में लगातार बढ़ोतरी के कारण घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन अधिभार में और इजाफा करने की घोषणा की है। भारतीय एयरलाइनों की परिचालन लागत में एटीएफ का हिस्सा लगभग 40 प्रतिशत होता है।

पश्चिम एशिया संघर्ष फरवरी के आखिर में इजरायल और अमेरिका द्वारा ईरान पर हमलों के साथ शुरू हुआ था। जुलाई के बाद से दिल्ली में एटीएफ की कीमतें लगभग 25 प्रतिशत बढ़ी हैं। ये करीब 110 रुपये प्रति लीटर से बढ़कर 137 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गई हैं। इसमें अकेले अक्टूबर में ही 13 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी शामिल है। भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन द्वारा सोमवार को घोषित नया ईंधन सरचार्ज मंगलवार से होने वाली सभी नई बुकिंग पर लागू होगा।



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FIA seeks faster release of airline loan funds under ECLGS 5.0

The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), which represents Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, has sought urgent intervention from the the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to speed up the release of funds sanctioned under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0. In a letter to Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu dated October 1, FIA said some member airlines had received only part of the assistance sanctioned under the scheme. This is because of hesitation on the part of lending institutions, it mentioned. FIA said airlines that had sought credit under ECLGS 5.0 had received a portion of the sanctioned assistance, but the release of the balance



amounts had been delayed in several cases due to continued hesitation among lending institutions. "Therefore, it is imperative that MoCA facilitates in the timely release of funds under the ECLGS 5.0 scheme, particularly for member airlines that remain financially vulnerable and have applied for the immediate liquidity support provided by ECLGS 5.0 to sustain and strengthen their operations," FIA said.

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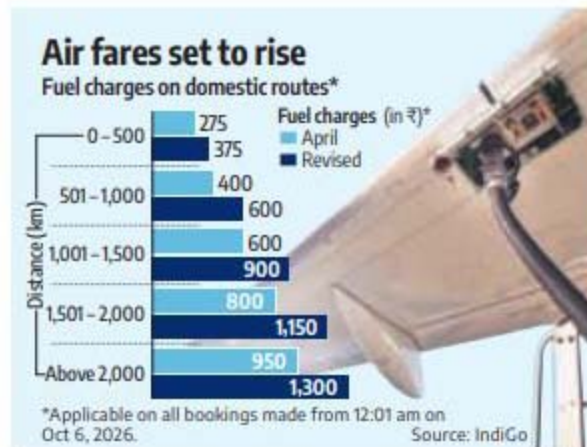
IndiGo passes more of ATF shock to flyers

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 5 October

Airfares across India are set to increase after IndiGo on Monday announced a fresh increase in fuel charges on domestic and international flights due to a sustained rise in prices of aviation turbine fuel (ATF), which accounts for about 40 per cent of an Indian carrier's operating costs.

The ongoing West Asia conflict, which started in late February when Israel and the US attacked Iran, has significantly affected global crude oil supplies. ATF prices in Delhi have risen nearly 25 per cent since July, from around ₹110 per litre to ₹137 per litre, including a 13 per cent increase in October alone.

The revised fuel charges by India's largest airline, announced on Monday, will apply to all new bookings made from 12:01 am on Tuesday. This is the second revision of IndiGo's fuel charges since the airline introduced the surcharge in March this year.



"While offsetting the increase in fuel costs would have required a significantly larger increase in the fuel charges, IndiGo has implemented a measured and relatively modest adjustment to minimise the impact on customers," the airline said.

For domestic flights, the fuel charge will now range from ₹375 to ₹1,300, depending on distance, compared with ₹275 to ₹950 under the pre-

vious structure introduced in April. The charge for flights up to 500 km has increased from ₹275 to ₹375, while that for 501-1,000 km has risen from ₹400 to ₹600. For 1,001-1,500 km, it has increased by 50 per cent to ₹900. The charge for 1,501-2,000 km has risen from ₹800 to ₹1,150. For flights above 2,000 km, the charge has increased from ₹950 to ₹1,300.

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दूरदृष्टि • हवाई यात्रियों की सुरक्षा का सवाल विमानों में उड़ान भरना अब पहले जैसा नहीं रह जाएगा

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पिछले सप्ताह हमने एविएशन की दुनिया में एक असाधारण घटना देखी। इसके बाद उड़ान का अनुभव हवाई यात्राएं करने वालों के लिए पहले जैसा नहीं रह जाएगा। घटना से जुड़े तथ्य इतने नाटकीय हैं कि अगर हमने यही सब किसी फिल्म में घटते हुए देखा होता तो शायद इसे अवास्तविक और अविश्वसनीय कहकर खारिज कर देते। लेकिन इसीलिए तो कहा जाता है कि सच्चाई हमेशा कल्पना से ज्यादा विचित्र होती है।

तेल अवीव जा रहे फ्लाईदुबई के विमान में हवा के बीच पैदा हुआ संकट एक अकल्पनीय त्रासदी में बदल सकता था। एक समय तो विमान इतनी तेजी से नीचे गिर रहा था कि वह 30 सेकंड से भी कम समय में 14,000 से 17,000 फीट नीचे आ गया था। इस रफतार से नीचे गिरते हुए 173 यात्रियों और छह चालक दल के सदस्यों वाले इस विमान को दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने में सिर्फ 30 सेकंड और लगते। लेकिन विमान के कमांडर और भारतीय नागरिक कैप्टन स्मिथ माछर के असाधारण धैर्य और संकट के बीच तुरंत सही प्रतिक्रिया देने की क्षमता ने जिंदगी और मौत के बीच फर्क पैदा किया। अब प्रधानमंत्री मोदी से लेकर बेंजामिन नेतन्याहू तक, पूरी दुनिया उन्हें नायक के रूप में सलाम कर रही है।

भीषण दबाव की उस स्थिति में स्मिथ ने तीन ऐसे काम किए, जिन्हें देखकर दुनिया उनकी सुझबुझ और हिम्मत की कायल है। जब उनके सह-पायलट ने उन पर अप्रत्याशित हमला किया, तब भी उन्होंने अपना धैर्य नहीं खोया। उन्होंने पहले आपातकालीन चेतावनी भेजी और फिर विमान के हाईजैक होने का संकेत देने वाला स्क्वाक कोड प्रसारित किया। यह बहुत मायने रखता था। बहुत सारा खून बहने के बावजूद स्मिथ कॉकपिट का दरवाजा खोलने में कामयाब रहे। यही निर्णायक मोड़ था। इससे केबिन में मौजूद यात्रियों को संकट का पता चला और वे कॉकपिट में घुस गए। उन्होंने हमलावर को काबू में किया और कैप्टन स्मिथ को प्राथमिक उपचार दिया। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के साथ वीडियो कॉल में स्मिथ ने बताया कि विमान तेजी से नीचे जा रहा था और उन्हें पता था कि यात्रियों को बचाने के लिए उनके पास कुछ ही क्षण हैं।

सह-पायलट की पहचान हमाम अल-हम्मामी के रूप में की गई है। इससे पहले उसके चरमपंथी विचारों के कारण ओमान एयर ने उस पर उड़ान भरने से रोक लगा दी थी। इसके बावजूद उसे फ्लाईदुबई में नौकरी दे दी गई और साफ तौर पर

सुरक्षा संबंधी पर्याप्त जांच-पड़ताल नहीं की गई।

ओमानी सह-पायलट ने स्मिथ पर क्रैश ऐक्स से हमला किया था। यह यात्री-विमानों के कॉकपिट में अनिवार्य रूप से रखा जाने वाला सुरक्षा उपकरण है। इसे इस तरह बनाया जाता है कि इसके धातु काटने वाले नुकीले हिस्सों की मदद से दुर्घटना या किसी आपात स्थिति में विमान के दरवाजे जाम हो जाने पर एल्युमिनियम, विमान के ढांचे और पैन्लों को काटकर रास्ता बनाया जा सके। यह बिजली के उन तारों को भी काट सकता है जिनमें करंट प्रवाहित हो रहा हो। लेकिन यहाँ इसी औजार को हत्यारा बना दिया गया।

अगर फ्लाईदुबई की यह घटना किसी बड़े हदसे में बदल जाती, तो जरा कल्पना करें कि आज जिस भारतीय पायलट को नायक कहा जा रहा है, बहुत मुमकिन है कि पश्चिमी मीडिया उसी को इस हदसे के लिए जिम्मेदार ठहराता। हमने एयर इंडिया 171 हदसे में भी कुछ ऐसा ही देखा था, जब बिना किसी सबूत के कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल को दोषी ठहरा दिया गया था। फिलहाल तो कैप्टन स्मिथ एक तरह के कल्ट-फिगर

9/11 के बाद तमाम सुरक्षा उपायों का मुख्य जोर कॉकपिट को सुरक्षित बनाने पर था। लेकिन अब यह अहसास कि खुद कॉकपिट भी असुरक्षित हो सकता है, पायलटों की पृष्ठभूमि की जांच को पहले से कहीं ज्यादा सख्त कर सकता है।

बन गए हैं। जिन यात्रियों से मैंने बात की है, उनका कहना है कि वे सिर्फ भारतीयों ही नहीं, पूरी दुनिया के लिए एक नायक हैं। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के साथ बातचीत के दौरान उनकी आंखों में आंसू आ जाना उन्हें लोगों के लिए और भी सहज और वास्तविक बनाता है।

लेकिन एक बात तो तय है- अब विमानों में उड़ान भरना पहले जैसा नहीं रहेगा। 9/11 के बाद सुरक्षा के कई नए उपाय लागू किए गए थे, जिन्होंने एविएशन की दुनिया को हमेशा के लिए बदल दिया। यह ऐसा ही दूसरा ऐतिहासिक और निर्णायक मोड़ है। 9/11 के बाद तमाम सुरक्षा उपायों का मुख्य जोर कॉकपिट को सुरक्षित बनाने पर था। लेकिन अब यह अहसास कि खुद कॉकपिट भी असुरक्षित हो सकता है, पायलटों की पृष्ठभूमि की जांच को पहले से कहीं ज्यादा सख्त कर सकता है। कॉकपिट में कैमरे भी लगाए जा सकते हैं। फिलहाल वहाँ केवल वाईस रिकॉर्डर की व्यवस्था होती है। यात्रियों के रूप में आप पर भी कुछ और पारबंदियाँ बढ़ने की उम्मीद रखिए। लेकिन उड़ान भरते समय हमारी सुरक्षा के लिए यह एक छोटी-सी कीमत होगी।

(ये लेखिका के अपने विचार हैं)



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चंडीगढ़ के लिए नई फ्लाइट; अब सुबह -शाम के बाद दोपहर का विकल्प

जयपुर | जयपुर-चंडीगढ़ के बीच हवाई यात्रियों को अब सुबह और शाम के साथ दोपहर में भी फ्लाइट मिलेगी। इंडिगो शनिवार से नई फ्लाइट शुरू कर दी है। इसके बाद इस रूट पर रोजाना फ्लाइट की संख्या 2 से बढ़कर 3 हो जाएगी। फ्लाइट 6ई-7516 जयपुर से दोपहर 1:15 बजे चंडीगढ़ के लिए रवाना होगी। वापसी में 6ई-7517 चंडीगढ़ से शाम 4:15 बजे जयपुर पहुंचेगी।



चंडीगढ़ के लिए सुबह नई फ्लाइट से यात्रियों को सुबह, दोपहर और शाम तीनों टाइम स्लॉट में विकल्प मिलेगा। इससे बिजनेस, सरकारी कामकाज और पर्यटन के लिए आवाजाही भी आसान होगी।



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भास्कर खास

नवरात्र में गरबा के लिए अहमदाबाद और दुर्गापूजा में कोलकाता जाना भी महंगा धनतेरस पर जयपुर की घर वापसी महंगी; बेंगलुरु से 7 हजार का हवाई किराया करीब 4 गुना होकर 27 हजार तक पहुंचा

जयपुर | धनतेरस पर जयपुर की हवाई घर वापसी महंगी पड़ने वाली है। 6 नवंबर को बेंगलुरु से जयपुर का अधिकतम उपलब्ध किराया 26,951 और चेन्नई से 24,211 तक पहुंच गया है। बेंगलुरु-जयपुर का किराया सामान्य दिनों में करीब 7 हजार होता है, लेकिन धनतेरस पर यह करीब 27 हजार तक है। यानी किराया लगभग चार गुना अधिक है। मुंबई से 14 फ्लाइट उपलब्ध होने के बावजूद किराया 16,741 से 21,887 और पुणे से 2 फ्लाइट का 16,362 से 20,320 तक है। नवरात्र में जयपुर से अहमदाबाद और कोलकाता जाना भी महंगा है। गुजरात के गरबा आयोजनों के चलते अहमदाबाद की मांग बढ़ी है। 11 अक्टूबर को जयपुर-अहमदाबाद रूट पर इंडिगो

की 4 फ्लाइट उपलब्ध हैं, लेकिन किराया 7,100 से 16,617 तक है। सप्तमी यानी 17 अक्टूबर को यह 6,800 से 8,299 है। दुर्गापूजा के चलते कोलकाता रूट पर भी मांग है। 11 अक्टूबर को तीन फ्लाइट का किराया 12,260 से 21,227 और 17 अक्टूबर को 12,260 से 15,095 तक है।

नवरात्र में जयपुर से किराया

तारीख	शहर	फ्लाइट	किराया
11 अक्टूबर	अहमदाबाद	4	7,100-16,617
17 अक्टूबर	अहमदाबाद	4	6,800-8,299
11 अक्टूबर	कोलकाता	3	12,260-21,227
17 अक्टूबर	कोलकाता	3	12,260-15,095



6 नवंबर को जयपुर लौटना कितना महंगा

कहां से	फ्लाइट	किराया
बेंगलुरु	7	19,781-26,951
चेन्नई	1	24,211
मुंबई	14	16,741-21,887
पुणे	2	16,362-20,320
हैदराबाद	4	14,728-16,775
अहमदाबाद	3	13,800-16,665
गोवा	1	11,916
कोलकाता	4	9,095-12,455

भास्कर नॉलेज

एक ही फ्लाइट का किराया अचानक क्यों बढ़ जाता है

हवाई किराया ट्रेन की तरह एक निश्चित दर पर नहीं रहता। एयरलाइंस डायनेमिक फेयर सिस्टम अपनाती हैं। फ्लाइट सीट बुक होने के साथ सस्ते फेयर-बकेट खत्म होते जाते हैं और अगली महंगी श्रेणी की सीटें बिकती हैं। त्योहार, छुट्टियाँ, किसी रूट पर अधिक मांग, उपलब्ध सीटें और बुकिंग का समय किराया प्रभावित करते हैं। इसलिए एक ही फ्लाइट का किराया अलग-अलग समय पर बदल सकता है।



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INDIGO FLIGHT HIT BY BIRD AFTER LANDING AT RGIA

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An IndiGo aircraft travelling from Bhubaneswar to the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) here, suffered a bird hit after landing on Sunday, officials said.

The aircraft, an Airbus 320, was operating Flight 6E 718 and the incident occurred at about 9.30 am.

All passengers and crew were safe after the incident. The aircraft was being inspected for damage, the official said. "Everything was found to be normal," sources said.



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BANGALORE

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UAE shared list before FlyDubai attack

Israel had passenger list
but raised no alarm

TEL AVIV, AP

Authorities in the United Arab Emirates shared with Israel a list of passengers and crew ahead of the FlyDubai flight on which a pilot attempted to seize control of the Israel-bound aircraft and crash it, regional officials said on Sunday, raising new questions over how the attacker evaded detection.

With the investigation underway, preliminary details about the incident have highlighted several major security lapses. Officials have already said the Omani co-pilot had been barred from flying by his own country because of concerns about his extremist views. It also remains unclear how a citizen of Oman, an Arab country that has no diplomatic relations with Israel, was allowed to fly a plane loaded with Israelis to Tel Aviv.

The UAE said the co-pilot attacked the captain with the cockpit's crash axe and tried to seize control of the plummeting plane in a "terrorist attack" on Wednesday. The flight, carrying 182 people, nearly crashed before the Indian captain opened the cockpit door, allowing passengers and others to rush in and subdue the attacker.

The regional officials said Emirati authorities had shared information about the passengers and crew, including their nationalities. Israel

It's our highest honour that we give on our Independence Day. It's usually reserved for Israeli citizens, but I think here in this case, all the citizens of Israel will embrace you (Smit Machchhar)...So we hope to see you very soon in Israel. You are a hero for Israel, India, and the entire world. I invite Prime Minister @ NarendraModi and you to light a flame on Israeli Independence Day.

Benjamin Netanyahu
Israel Prime Minister

hadn't raised red flags on any passenger or member of the crew, said the officials.

The Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, said the Transportation Ministry is responsible for vetting passenger lists from foreign flights. Transportation Minister Miri Regev said the security agencies are responsible for flight security and that her ministry wasn't given a list of passengers or any warnings.

Sharing the list is standard aviation procedure. But the head of aviation security at the Transportation Ministry said the ministry relies on local security checks and does not have the tools or the ability to run checks on each passenger on every flight.

Australian police said on Sunday that counterterrorism investigators were looking into the attacker's possible connections to Australia.

इंडिगो ने फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाया, यात्रा होगी महंगी

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: एविएशन टरबाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में लगातार होती बढ़ोतरी और पश्चिम एशिया में बढ़ते तनाव का असर अब हवाई यात्रा पर पड़ने जा रहा है। त्योहारी सीजन में देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो ने छह अक्टूबर से अपनी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाने की घोषणा की है। कंपनी 500 किमी तक की दूरी वाले मार्ग के लिए 375 रुपये, जबकि 501 से 1000 किमी तक की दूरी के लिए 600 रुपये फ्यूल सरचार्ज वसूलेगी। ऐसे में दिल्ली से लखनऊ और जयपुर जाने वाले यात्रियों को जहां 100 रुपये अतिरिक्त देने होंगे, वहीं हैदराबाद, मुंबई और कोलकाता जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए किराया 300 रुपये तक बढ़ जाएगा।

तेल कंपनियों ने एक अक्टूबर को एटीएफ की कीमत में करीब 13.2 प्रतिशत यानी 16 रुपये प्रति लीटर की बढ़ोतरी की थी। इसके बाद जेट फ्यूल की कीमत बढ़कर 137 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गई। एयरलाइंस के कुल खर्च में जेट फ्यूल की हिस्सेदारी करीब 45% तक होती है। ऐसे में ईंधन की कीमत में करीब 14% की वृद्धि से विमानन कंपनियों पर खर्च का दबाव बढ़ा है। इंडिगो के इस कदम के बाद एअर इंडिया समूह (एअर इंडिया व एक्सप्रेस),

- अंतरराष्ट्रीय और घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए आज से सरचार्ज लागू
- इंडिगो के इस कदम के बाद बाकी एयरलाइंस कंपनियां भी कर सकती हैं बढ़ोतरी

अतिरिक्त फ्यूल चार्ज (रुपये में)

दूरी	पहले	अब	वृद्धि
500 तक	275	375	100
501 से 1000	400	600	200
1001 से 1500	600	900	300
1501 से 2000	800	1150	350
2000 से अधिक	950	1300	350

अकासा एयर और स्पाइसजेट जैसी अन्य प्रमुख घरेलू एयरलाइंस भी आने वाले दिनों में किराये या फ्यूल सरचार्ज में बढ़ोतरी कर सकती हैं।

वहीं, एमिरेट्स, सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस जैसी वैश्विक एयर लाइंस पहले से ही कई मार्गों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ा चुकी हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्ग पर सार्क देशों की उड़ानों के लिए 1000-3000, जबकि खाड़ी देशों, दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया, अफ्रीका की उड़ानों पर 500-1000 रुपये तक की अतिरिक्त बढ़ोतरी की गई है।

प्रमुख शहरों की उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज

प्रमुख हवाई मार्ग	अनुमानित दूरी	नया फ्यूल चार्ज
दिल्ली-जयपुर	235	375
दिल्ली-लखनऊ	420	375
मुंबई-अहमदाबाद	440	375
दिल्ली-मुंबई	1140	900
दिल्ली-हैदराबाद	1260	900
दिल्ली-कोलकाता	1305	900
दिल्ली-बैंगलुरु	1710	1150

(दूरी किमी में और फ्यूल चार्ज रुपये में)

PROBE INTO SUSPECTED CRASH ATTEMPT

'Co-pilot Planned Attack Before Joining Flydubai'

Had plans of crashing into Ben Gurion airport earlier this year as well; was a failed student at Melbourne university

The Flydubai co-pilot who stabbed his captain in a suspected attempt to crash the plane has told UAE interrogators he planned the attack before he was hired by the Dubai state-owned airline, according to two Israeli officials with knowledge of the probe.

A third source briefed on the UAE probe said the co-pilot, an Omani national, had planned to crash last Wednesday's flight into Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv. He had also operated a flight to Tel Aviv earlier this year and intended to hijack and crash the plane then, but opted not to, the source added.

It was not immediately clear why the co-pilot changed his mind on that previous flight, although the co-pilot is thought to have known someone onboard, the source said. All of the sources spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the investigation. UAE and Israeli authorities did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did Flydubai.

The co-pilot of Flydubai flight FZ1073, which had been bound for Israel from Dubai, attacked the pilot with an emer-



An aircraft parked on the tarmac at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv | AFP

gency crash axe, the United Arab Emirates prosecutor general has said, calling the incident a "terrorist attack".

Two sources have said the co-pilot is an Omani national named Hamam al-Hammami. Israeli officials have not named the co-pilot but have said he is from Oman. Authorities have not publicly disclosed the co-pilot's identity.

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND LINKS

The co-pilot had been enrolled at RMIT University in Melbourne but failed to finish an engineering qualification, the university said in a statement Monday.

His years in Australia have become a focal point as investigators examine whether his time there contributed to his radicalisation.

RMIT said it was "aware of media reporting of a former student alleged to be

involved in the Flydubai flight incident," adding it was unable to comment further as investigations continue. The university is one of Australia's oldest tertiary institutions.

Investigators are looking into al-Hammami's alleged visits to radical mosques and extremist websites during his time in Australia, the FT reported Sunday.

Al-Hammami's alleged interest in extremist content from his student days adds more context to his career. He was dismissed by Oman Air over concerns about his radical views, yet still managed to secure a position at FlyDubai, a sister airline of Emirates.

New Zealand Assistant Police Commissioner Michael Johnson said on Monday that the co-pilot had spent time in the country and that NZ police were looking into the period. **Agencies**



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IndiGo Raises Fuel Charges Again as ATF Prices Surge

Our Bureau

Mumbai: IndiGo raised fuel charges on domestic and international flights for the second time since April, as a sharp increase in the price of aviation turbine fuel puts fresh pressure on the airline's costs and ticket prices. The October revision takes domestic fuel charges to ₹375 for flights up to 500 km, to ₹600 for 501-1,000 km, to ₹900 for 1,001-1,500 km, to ₹1,150 for 1,501-2,000 km and to ₹1,300 for longer flights. For international flights, the new charge is ₹3,000 for Saarc routes beyond 500 km and ₹5,500 for Southeast Asia, the GCC and Middle East, and North and East Asia. Africa will attract ₹6,000 and Europe, ₹10,000.



The latest increase comes after ATF prices rose more than 14% in September, IndiGo said, taking fuel costs to among their highest levels in the past decade.

Fuel is one of the largest variable costs for airlines. IndiGo said the latest increase was below what would be required to fully offset the rise in fuel costs.

IndiGo's latest move marks another pass-through of higher fuel costs to passengers. It introduced a fuel charge in March following a surge in jet fuel prices linked to the West Asia conflict. The initial charge was Rs 125 on domestic flights; international charges ranged from ₹125 to ₹2,300.

In April, IndiGo replaced the flat domestic charge with a distance-based structure ranging from ₹275 for flights up to 500 km to ₹950 for those longer than 2,000 km. International charges were raised sharply, ranging from ₹900 for short-haul Indian subcontinent routes to ₹10,000 for the UK and Europe.



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Flyadeal Looks to Expand India Network Beyond Mumbai, Hyd

Forum Gandhi

Mumbai: Saudi low-cost carrier Flyadeal is considering expanding its India network to cities including Lucknow, Kolkata and Delhi, aiming to tap the growing travel demand between the two countries, even as fuel costs and restrictions on permitted destinations shape the pace of expansion.

The airline, part of the Saudia Group, started flying to Hyderabad in July and added Mumbai to its network on October 3. Both routes operate five times a week from Riyadh, with the Mumbai service adding more than 7,600 seats a month between the two cities.



"We expect to fly to at least half a dozen Indian cities," Flyadeal acting chief executive Sanjiv Kapoor said in an interview with ET. The airline is also looking at cities such as Chennai as it takes delivery of aircraft with greater range. It currently has rights to serve eight Indian cities under the bilateral framework between India and Saudi Arabia, he said.

Flyadeal's initial operations indicate strong demand. Its first Mumbai-Riyadh flight carried 170 passengers on an aircraft with 186 seats, while load factors on the Hyderabad route are in the high 80% range, Kapoor said.

"The challenge right now with the fuel prices is the fares, the yields," he said. Fuel prices have risen sharply this year, making it harder for airlines to balance fare levels with operating costs. "Loads are strong. The yields will hopefully build up," Kapoor said.

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IndiGo's fuel surcharge on all flights goes up from today

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, October 5

INDIGO ON MONDAY announced increasing fuel surcharge on domestic flights by up to ₹350 and on international flights by up to ₹1,000 from October 6, as a sustained rise in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices pushes airline operating costs higher. The latest revision follows the third consecutive monthly increase in ATF prices and comes ahead of the festive travel season.

The revised fuel charges will apply to all new bookings made after 12:01 am on October 6. IndiGo said the latest month-on-month increase in ATF prices has exceeded 14%, taking fuel costs to among their highest levels in the last decade.

For domestic flights, the fuel charge will now range from ₹375 for journeys up to 500 km to ₹1,300 for flights longer than 2,000 km. The charges for journeys of 501-1,000 km, 1,001-1,500 km and 1,501-2,000 km will be ₹600, ₹900 and ₹1,150, respectively.

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IndiGo raises fuel surcharge

THIS REPRESENTS A sizeable increase from the charges introduced in April. The surcharge for flights up to 500 km has risen from ₹275 to ₹375, while the charge for flights above 2,000 km has increased from ₹950 to ₹1,300 — an increase of about 36% in both cases.

The increase is also significantly higher than the flat ₹425 domestic fuel charge IndiGo had introduced in March when fuel prices initially surged amid geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

On international routes, the latest fuel charge ranges from ₹1,000 for SAARC flights up to 500 km to ₹10,000 for Europe. Countries in Southeast Asia, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and West Asia, and North and East Asia will attract a ₹5,500 charge. Flights to Africa will attract ₹6,000, up from ₹5,000. SAARC flights beyond 500 km will carry a ₹3,000 charge.

The latest move follows a sharp rise in domestic ATF prices. On October 1, ATF prices for domestic airlines were increased by ₹16 per litre to ₹137 from ₹121.28 in September, an around 13% increase. This was the third straight monthly hike, following increases in August and September.

Overall, domestic ATF prices in Delhi have risen 24.5% since July, from ₹110 per litre to ₹137 per litre in October, after three consecutive monthly increases. Fuel is one of the largest cost components for airlines, meaning sustained increases can force carriers to either absorb the additional cost, raise fares or rationalise capacity.



IndiGo, however, said it has kept the latest increase measured, noting that fully offsetting the rise in fuel costs would require a significantly larger increase in fuel charges.

The move could add to airfare pressure during the upcoming festive period, when demand for domestic and international travel typically strengthens.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to S and SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIR: (2) 2026-MIRSD-POD/1/3750/2026 dated Khodidas Patel Jointly with Mr. Dilipkumar Para, Mehsana, Dist. Mehsana, Gujarat-Tower, Mehsana-384001, North Gujarat holder(s) as detailed below, to his name, transferred in his favour.

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flyadeal expands network with Mumbai-Riyadh flight

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, October 5

SAUDI LOW-COST CARRIER
flyadeal has expanded its India network with a new Mumbai-Riyadh service, adding more than 7,400 monthly seats and offering connections to several destinations across Saudi Arabia.

"India is one of the world's largest and fastest-growing aviation markets and a strategic priority for flyadeal as we continue to expand our international network," Sanjiv Kapoor, acting chief executive officer, flyadeal, and executive vice president, strategy of its parent company Saudia Group, said.

"We just started flying into India this year because we didn't have the aircraft capable of making the range from our Saudi origins due to various reasons, but now we do," he added.

He hinted that the airlines plan to add more destinations in due course of time.

"We've started gradually in India in this environment, and

SPREADING WINGS

■ The airline currently operates 47 Airbus A320 aircraft and will receive 240-seat A321neos from the middle of next year

■ It will receive 420-seat A330neos by the end of next year

SANJIV KAPOOR, ACTING CEO, FLYADEAL

We just started flying into India this year because we didn't have the aircraft capable of making the range from our Saudi origins due to various reasons, but now we do



we will ramp up our frequencies and capacity and add more destinations, particularly as the situation normalises," Kapoor said.

The bilateral agreement allows operations between Saudi Arabia and eight points in India. "We hope to be in almost all of them as things normalise," he said. Flyadeal is looking at tier-1, tier-2 and unserved markets where there is demand for low fares to and from Saudi Arabia.

On operations from Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), Kapoor said it was too early to commit to plans, with the airline having only recently started Mumbai operations. "If there is demand for low-fare services, we will certainly evaluate it, but it's still too early."

flyadeal also sees an opportunity for low-cost long-haul operations in the region, driven by high volumes of religious traffic, workers and price-sensitive travellers.

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SUSPECT HAD EARLIER PLANNED TO HIJACK AND CRASH FLIGHT

Flydubai co-pilot joined airline with attack plan

PILOT TURNS PLOTTER

■ Co-pilot allegedly planned to crash **FZ1073** into Ben-Gurion

- He had earlier planned a Tel Aviv flight hijack
- He aborted the earlier attack
- Reason for aborting remains unclear

■ Co-pilot allegedly attacked captain with crash axe

■ Suspect identified by sources as Omani national Hamam al-Hammami

■ Indian pilot Machchhar survived and was hailed a hero

■ Netanyahu says suspect underwent radical Islamist indoctrination

■ The accused pilot was detained in Saudi Arabia, then transferred to UAE



ALEXANDER CORNWELL
& MAAYAN LUBELL
Jerusalem, October 5

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Reuters has not been able to independently reach al-Hammami, who is in UAE custody, for comment. The UAE has not announced any formal charges against him and it is not known if he has appointed legal counsel. Oman has not commented on the incident. —REUTERS

British Airways flight declares emergency

A BRITISH AIRWAYS flight from London to Chicago made a U-turn over Ireland and is returning to Heathrow after a sudden descent and emergency declaration mid-flight. Flight BA295, operated by a 30-year-old Boeing 777-200ER, departed Heathrow Terminal 5 at 11:50 am local time.

About an hour into the flight, while cruising at 37,000 feet, the aircraft encountered an operational issue over Irish airspace and rapidly descended to 9,000 feet. The crew then squawked 7700, the international emergency code.

The aircraft stabilised at 9,000 feet and continued toward Heathrow, according to flight-tracking data and AIRLIVE.

—ANI



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इंडिगो का किराया आज से दस हजार रुपये तक बढ़ा

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता।
इंडिगो ने त्योहारों से पहले हवाई किराये
में बढ़ोतरी की है। नया शुल्क छह
अक्टूबर रात 12:01 बजे से सभी नई
बुकिंग पर लागू होगा।

कंपनी ने घरेलू यात्रियों के लिए ईंधन
शुल्क में दूरी के हिसाब से 375 से लेकर
1300 रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी की है।
वहीं, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान सेवा के लिए
एक हजार से लेकर 10 हजार तक की
बढ़ोतरी की गई है। हाल ही में विमान
ईंधन की कीमत में 14% से अधिक की

- घरेलू किराये में 1300
रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी
- विमान ईंधन एक दशक
के सबसे ऊँचे स्तर पर

बढ़ोतरी हुई है। इससे विमान ईंधन की
कीमत दोते करीब एक दशक के सबसे
ऊँचे स्तरों में पहुँच गई है।

ऐसे में कंपनी को ईंधन शुल्क बढ़ाने
का फैसला लिया है। इस लिहाज से
व्यापक स्तर पर यात्रियों की जेब पर
बोझ बढ़ेगा।



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एयरलाइंस को लंबित राशि जारी करने की मांग उठाई

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। इंडिगो, एयर इंडिया और स्पाइसजेट का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले संगठन एफआईए ने नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू से 'आपातकालीन ऋण सुविधा गारंटी योजना (ईसीएलजीएस) 5.0' के तहत पात्र एयरलाइंस को स्वीकृत ऋण सहायता की लंबित राशि जल्द जारी कराने में मदद का अनुरोध किया है।

भारतीय एयरलाइंस महासंघ (एफआईए) ने एक अक्टूबर को लिखे पत्र में ईसीएलजीएस 5.0 योजना के

तहत ऋण सहायता लेने की इच्छुक पात्र एयरलाइंस को राशि जल्द जारी कराने के लिए तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की मांग की है।

पत्र में कहा गया, 'ईसीएलजीएस 5.0 के तहत ऋण के लिए आवेदन करने वाली एयरलाइंस को योजना के तहत मंजूर सहायता का एक हिस्सा मिल चुका है, लेकिन ऋण देने वाले संस्थानों की लगातार हिचकिचाहट के कारण बाकी राशि जारी करने में देरी हुई है।'



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फ्लाई91 उड़ानों में 26 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि करेगी

नई दिल्ली। क्षेत्रीय विमान सेवा कंपनी फ्लाई91 ने अपने इस साल 25 अक्टूबर से शुरू हो रहे शीतकालीन सत्र 2026-27 में उड़ानों की संख्या में 26 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की घोषणा की है। कंपनी छठे एटीआर विमान के बेड़े में शामिल होने के बाद नवी मुंबई से विभिन्न शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू करेगी। इससे साप्ताहिक उड़ानों की संख्या 280 से बढ़ाकर 354 हो जाएगी।



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INDIGO RAISES FUEL SURCHARGE AS ATF PRICES REMAIN VOLATILE

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"The continuous rise in the fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade," it added. The quantum of the hike ranges from ₹100 to ₹350 for domestic flights depending on distance.

Under the revised structure, fuel charges on domestic routes have been increased to ₹375 for flights up to 500 km, ₹600 for flights upto 1000km, ₹900 for flying between 1001 to 1500km, ₹1,150 for flights operating for a distance upto 2,000 km and ₹1,300 for flights beyond 2,000 km.

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The airline said that, as ATF charge is a significant share of airline's operating costs, this rise is expected to impact airlines' cost structures and network economics, including those of IndiGo.

IndiGo hikes fuel charge amid high jet fuel prices, higher airfares likely

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, October 5

WITH JET fuel prices remaining elevated on a sustained basis amid the West Asia crisis, IndiGo on Monday announced hikes in its distance-based fuel charges for domestic and international flights from Tuesday (October 6). The hikes in fuel charge are bound to lead to a further increase in airfares, which have already been high due to the impact of the West Asia war. Jet fuel is a major cost element for airlines as it accounts for over 40% of their operating expenses.

While the increases on domestic flights range from Rs 100 to Rs 350 per sector, a large number of international passengers will face substantially larger increases compared with the fuel charges announced by the airline in April. The fuel charges for international flights have been hiked by up to Rs 2,500 per sector. The revised fuel charges will apply to all bookings made from 00:01 am on Tuesday, which means that booking already made will be unaffected by the charge revision.

"ATF prices have remained

● IndiGo fuel charges

(DOMESTIC ROUTES)



Route distance (km)	Revised fuel charge (₹)	Increase (₹)
0-500	375	100 (36.4%)
501-1,000	600	200 (50%)
1,001-1,500	900	300 (50%)
1,501-2,000	1,150	350 (43.8%)
Above 2,000	1,300	350 (36.8%)

volatile in recent months, especially following geopolitical issues in the Middle East. The continuous rise in the fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade. Given that Aviation Turbine Fuel makes up a significant share of airline's operating costs, this rise is expected to impact airlines' cost structures and network economics, including those of IndiGo," said the country's largest airline, which operates over 2,200 flights a day.

IndiGo described the latest increase as a "measured and relatively modest adjustment", saying a significantly larger increase would have been required

to fully offset the rise in fuel costs. The fuel charge was introduced in March, in the early days of the West Asia war, and was last revised on April 1.

"IndiGo regrets the additional burden these revised fuel charges may place on its customers. However, the decision reflects the sustained increase in operating costs and the evolving market environment. IndiGo will continue to monitor the situation and make relevant adjustments as and when appropriate. IndiGo remains committed to giving wings to the nation by offering affordable, convenient and consistent travel to customers," the airline said.

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Aviation safety

THE INCIDENT is a reminder that aviation safety must account for both technology and human limitations ('A pilot's heroism points to need to rethink cockpit safety', *IE*, October 5). Pilots require regular simulator training for rare but critical emergencies, while airlines should strengthen procedures for situations involving incapacitation or impaired communication. Independent safety reviews can identify weaknesses before another incident occurs. Technology should assist pilots without creating excessive dependence on automation. Regulators must also ensure that safety recommendations are implemented and periodically audited.

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ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाया : इंडिगो की घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई यात्रा हुई महंगी

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 5 अक्टूबर।

विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) की बढ़ती कीमतों के मद्देनजर इंडिगो ने घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाने की सोमवार को घोषणा की। इससे इंडिगो की हवाई यात्रा महंगी हो गई। किराए में बढ़ोतरी मंगलवार आधी रात 12 बजे के बाद प्रभावी होगी। घरेलू उड़ानों में अलग अलग दूरी के लिए विमान किराए में 375 से 1300 रुपए जबकि अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को अलग अलग देशों के लिए सफर के लिए यात्रियों की जेब पर अब 1000 से 10,000 रुपए तक का बोझ बढ़ जाएगा।

हाल के महीनों में खास तौर पर मध्य पूर्व में भू-राजनीतिक स्थिति में तेजी से हो रहे बदलाव के

घरेलू उड़ानों में अलग अलग दूरी के लिए विमान किराए में 375 से 1300 रुपए जबकि अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों को अलग अलग देशों के लिए सफर के लिए यात्रियों की जेब पर अब 1000 से 10,000 रुपए तक का बोझ बढ़ जाएगा।

कारण विमान ईंधन की कीमतें भी अस्थिर रही। विमान ईंधन की कीमत में पिछले महीने की तुलना में करीब 14 फीसद की बढ़ोतरी हुई जो एटीएफ की कीमत में पिछले एक दशक में सर्वाधिक बढ़ोतरी है। विमानों के लिए परिचालन लागत का करीब 40 फीसद, ईंधन की हिस्सेदारी है। इसलिए एटीएफ की कीमत में बढ़ोतरी से एअरलाइंस की लागत संरचना सहित धिनीय बोझ बढ़ने का यात्रियों की जेब पर भी असर पड़ेगा।



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हवाई किराया महंगा: ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाने की घोषणा घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का आज से किराया बढ़ाएगी इंडिगो

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने विमान ईंधन की बढ़ती कीमतों के मद्देनजर सोमवार को घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाने की घोषणा की। संशोधित शुल्क छह अक्टूबर से लागू होंगे जिससे हवाई किराये में बढ़ोतरी होगी।

घरेलू मार्गों पांच किलोमीटर तक की उड़ान के लिए ईंधन शुल्क बढ़ाकर 375 रुपये कर दिया गया है। पहले यह 275 रुपये था जो 02 अप्रैल से लागू किया गया था। इसी प्रकार 501 किमी से 1,000 किमी के लिए ईंधन शुल्क 400 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 600 रुपये किया गया है।

अब किराए की नई दरें ये होंगी

एयरलाइंस ने 1,501 किमी से 2,000 किमी तक के लिए ईंधन शुल्क 800 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 1,150 रुपये और दो हजार किमी से ऊपर के लिए 950 रुपये बढ़ाकर 1,300 रुपये कर दिया है। इंडिगो ने बताया कि दक्षिण क्षेत्र की 500 किमी तक की उड़ानों पर 1,000 रुपये और इससे अधिक दूरी पर 3,000 रुपये ईंधन शुल्क देना होगा। दक्षिण पूर्व एशियाई देशों, खाड़ी परिषद के देशों तथा पश्चिम एशियाई देशों और उत्तर एवं पूर्वी एशियाई देशों की उड़ानों पर 5,500 रुपये का ईंधन शुल्क तय किया गया है। अफ्रीकी देशों को जाने वाली उड़ानों के किराये में 6,000 रुपये प्रति यात्री और यूरोपीय देशों की उड़ानों के किराये में 10,000 रुपये का ईंधन शुल्क देय होगा।



यात्रियों को 1,001 किमी से 1,500 किमी तक की उड़ान के

लिए 900 रुपये ईंधन शुल्क भरना पड़ेगा। पहले यह 600 रुपये था।



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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस रोजाना 585 उड़ानें संचालित करेगी

● एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने सर्दियों की उड़ान समयसारिणी जारी की

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस सर्दियों की उड़ान समयसारिणी में रोजाना करीब 585 उड़ानों का संचालन करेगी, जो मौजूदा ग्रीष्मकालीन समयसारिणी से 17 प्रतिशत अधिक है। एयरलाइन घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करने के लिए अपने परिचालन का विस्तार कर रही है।

एयरलाइन कंपनी 25 अक्टूबर से शुरू होने वाली सर्दियों की समयसारिणी में घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर 40 से अधिक नए मार्ग शुरू करेगी।

एयरलाइन ने सोमवार को जारी बयान में कहा कि एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का परिचालन 2026 की गर्मियों की समयसारिणी में करीब 3,150 साप्ताहिक उड़ानों से बढ़कर सर्दियों की समयसारिणी में करीब 4,100 साप्ताहिक उड़ानों का हो जाएगा। वहीं, एक स्थान पर विमान



बदलकर यात्रा करने के विकल्पों की साप्ताहिक संख्या करीब 1,330 से बढ़कर लगभग 1,600 हो जाएगी।

फिलहाल एयरलाइन रोजाना करीब 500 उड़ानों का संचालन करती है। सर्दियों की समयसारिणी में यह संख्या बढ़कर करीब 585 हो जाएगी।

दैनिक उड़ानों के लिहाज से सर्दियों की समयसारिणी में गर्मियों की समयसारिणी की तुलना में 17 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि होगी। मार्गों की संख्या भी मौजूदा करीब 180 से बढ़कर लगभग 220 हो जाएगी।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के चेयरमैन निपुण अग्रवाल ने कहा कि सर्दियों की समयसारिणी का विस्तार भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि की संभावनाओं में भरोसे और व्यापार, पर्यटन तथा आर्थिक वृद्धि में हवाई संपर्क के बढ़ते महत्व को दर्शाता है।

एयरलाइन कंपनी एफएलवाई91 भी 25 अक्टूबर से शुरू होने वाली सर्दियों की समयसारिणी में हर सप्ताह 354 उड़ानों का संचालन करेगी।

एयरलाइन ने सोमवार को जारी बयान में कहा कि सर्दियों की

विस्तारित समयसारिणी में उसकी साप्ताहिक उड़ानों की संख्या 26 प्रतिशत से अधिक बढ़कर 280 से 354 हो जाएगी। इसके साथ ही नवी मुंबई को नेटवर्क में शामिल किया जाएगा और तिरुपति के लिए हवाई संपर्क में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि की जाएगी।

एफएलवाई91 ने हाल में 40 एटीआर 72-600 विमान का ऑर्डर देने की घोषणा की थी। एयरलाइन मौजूदा गर्मियों की समयसारिणी में हर सप्ताह 280 उड़ानों का संचालन करती है।

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IndiGo raises fuel surcharges as West Asia war spikes ATF prices

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India's largest airline, IndiGo, raised fuel surcharges on all domestic and international flights for bookings made from Tuesday, pushing airfares higher.

In a statement on Monday, IndiGo said it has "marginally recalibrated" its fuel charges in the wake of volatile air-turbine fuel (ATF) prices in recent months, especially following the geopolitical conflict in West Asia. "In view of the situation, IndiGo has marginally re-calibrated its fuel charges across its domestic as well as international flights. The following charges will be included in all new bookings on IndiGo flights starting 0001 hrs on 06 October 2026," the airline said.

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Revised charges will apply to bookings from 6 October. MINT

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The quantum of the hike ranges from Rs 100 to Rs 350 for domestic flights depending on distance. Under the revised structure, fuel surcharges on domestic routes have been increased to ₹375 for flights up to 500 km, ₹600 for flights up to 1,000 km, ₹900 for flying between 1,001 to 1,500 km, ₹1,150 for flights operating for a distance up to 2,000 km and to ₹1,300 for flights beyond 2,000 km.

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SAARC routes up to 500 km and ₹3,000 for those beyond 500 km. Flights to Southeast Asia, the Gulf and Middle East, and North and East Asia will have a charge of ₹5,500. The fuel charge for Africa is ₹6,000 and ₹10,000 for Europe.

It said since ATF charge is a significant share of a carrier's operating cost, this rise could impact airlines' cost structures and network economics even for IndiGo. It has implemented a measured and relatively modest adjustment to minimise the impact on flyers.

IndiGo last revised its fuel charges on April 2 this year citing an over 130% month-on-month increase in fuel prices. The Centre passed on a staggered 23% hike in ATF costs to airlines operating domestic routes. "IndiGo regrets the additional burden the revised fuel charges may place on its customers. However, the decision reflects the sustained rise in operating cost and evolving market environment. IndiGo will continue to monitor the situation and make relevant adjustments as and when appropriate," the airline said.



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The scheme is operational till March 2027 or till ₹2.55 trillion in guarantees are issued. [Source](#)

Airlines seek faster disbursement of ECLGS 5.0 funds

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The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), which represents IndiGo, Air India and SpiceJet, has asked Union civil aviation minister K. Rammo-han Naidu to help facilitate the expeditious disbursement of funds under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 for carriers in urgent need of liquidity.

The scheme, approved by the government in March and being implemented by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC), seeks to provide targeted credit guarantee support to businesses affected by external disruptions.

In a letter to the minister, the federation has sought urgent intervention to facilitate the expeditious disbursement of credit support to eligible member airlines desirous of availing credit under the scheme.

"While those member airlines who have sought credit under the ECLGS 5.0 scheme have received a portion of the assistance sanctioned under the scheme, the release of the balance amounts has, in several cases, been delayed due to continued hesitation on the part of lending institutions," the letter, dated 1 October, said.

The grouping has said it is imperative for the ministry to help facilitate timely release of funds under the ECLGS 5.0, particularly for member airlines that remain financially vulnerable and have applied for the immediate liquidity support provided by the scheme.

People familiar with the matter said SpiceJet, which has been facing multiple headwinds, has already availed ₹150 crore under the scheme and is awaiting another tranche of ₹350 crore.

The scheme is operational till March 2027 or till guarantees amounting to ₹2.55 trillion are issued, whichever is earlier, and covers MSMEs (micro, small, and medium enterprises), eligible non-MSME business borrowers and scheduled passenger airline companies.

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SC to speed up '88 Air India crash compensation case

The case could set a precedent for how compensation is calculated in future air-crash claims

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The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to fast-track a nearly four-decade-old compensation dispute arising from the 1988 Ahmedabad air crash that killed 133 people, after Air India sought an urgent hearing in a case that could potentially reshape how compensation is calculated in air-crash claims.

A bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant agreed to list the matter before Justices Aravind Kumar and N.V. Anjaria, who had earlier heard the long-running dispute.

"List before the bench presided by Justice Aravind Kumar," the CJI said.

Mint reported earlier on Monday that Air India had sought an early hearing of the case, which was last heard in December 2025 but was not taken up thereafter. The airline subsequently moved an application seeking an early hearing.

At the heart of the dispute is a question that has remained unresolved for decades: should compensation for victims of an air crash be calculated using principles developed by the Supreme Court for road accidents under the Motor Vehicles Act, or should aviation accidents be governed by a separate framework?

Written submissions filed by victims' families and reviewed by *Mint* argue that Motor Vehicles Act principles should not automatically apply to air crashes. The claimants contend that passengers have little or no control over the operation, maintenance or safety of an aircraft and generally have no knowledge of its technical functioning.

They argue that compensation should instead be determined under ordinary principles of tort law, with vic-



The case will examine if air-crash compensation must follow Motor Vehicles Act or a separate aviation-specific framework.

tims receiving full or just compensation. The submissions also seek consideration of factors such as actual income, future earning capacity and changes in earnings over time, rather than relying solely on standardised for-

apex court.

An email seeking Air India's response on today's court proceedings remained unanswered at press time.

The case dates back to 19 October 1988, when Indian Airlines Flight

ical and mental disabilities.

Families of the deceased and survivors filed 38 civil suits between 1989 and 1992 seeking compensation. The Ahmedabad City Civil Court decided the claims in 2002. The litigation then moved to the Gujarat High Court, which decided the appeals in 2009 and revised several awards.

The dispute reached the Supreme Court in 2010. In April that year, the court recorded that the compensation determined against Indian Airlines had been deposited with the Ahmedabad City Civil Court, along with interest, while the Airports Authority of India had deposited 30% of the compensation. The court directed disbursement to claimants subject to them furnishing security other than a bank guarantee. The litigation, however, continued.

TORT LAW TEST

VICTIMS are asking for compensation based on the future earning capacity under tort law

VICTIM families and survivors filed 38 civil suits between 1989 and 1992; the case has reached SC

INDIAN Airlines had deposited the award amount in 2010 with AAI depositing 30%, but case continued

THE hearing at the SC comes amid renewed focus on air safety following last year's Air India crash

mulas developed for road accidents.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear the matter comes against the backdrop of last year's Air India crash that killed 260 people, with several petitions concerning air safety and the crash investigation pending before the

IC-113, operating from Mumbai to Ahmedabad, crashed while approaching Ahmedabad airport. The aircraft was carrying 135 people, including six crew members. Of these, 133 were killed, while two passengers survived, one of whom suffered substantial phys-

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IndiGo to hike fuel surcharge for domestic, int'l flights from Oct 6

OUR CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi, October 5

The country's largest airline IndiGo on Monday announced a hike in fuel surcharge for domestic and international flights in the wake of rising jet fuel prices. The revised charges will be effective from October 6, and the move will push airfares higher.

The quantum of the hike ranges from Rs 100 to Rs 350 for domestic flights depending on distance. The hike in surcharge has also been effected for international flights. This is the second time since April that the carrier has increased the fuel surcharge, which was introduced in March.

The fuel surcharge will be Rs 375 for routes with distance up to 500 kilometres and Rs 600 for flights having distance between 501 and 1,000 kilometres.

The amount will be Rs 900 for routes with a distance of 1,001 to 1,500 kilometres and Rs 1,150 for a distance of 1,501 to 2,000 kilometres. The statement said the fuel surcharge will be Rs 1,300 for flights having a distance of more than 2,000 kilometres.

For SAARC region flights, the fuel surcharge varies from Rs 1,000 to Rs 3,000 and Rs 6,000 for Africa flights and Rs 10,000 for Europe services. The fuel surcharge will be Rs 5,500 for flights to Southeast Asia, GCC and the Middle East, and North and East Asia,



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as per the statement.

Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) accounts for around 40 per cent of an airline's operating costs. IndiGo said ATF prices have remained volatile in recent months, especially following the geopolitical situation in the Middle East.

According to the airline, the continuous rise in fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14 per cent, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade.

"Given that ATF makes up a significant share of the airline's operating costs, this rise is expected to impact airlines' cost structures and network economics, including those of IndiGo," it said in a statement on Monday. In view of the situation, the airline said it has marginally

recalibrated its fuel charges across its domestic and international flights.

While offsetting the increase in fuel costs would have required a significantly larger increase in fuel charges, a measured and relatively modest adjustment to minimise the impact on customers has been made, the airline said. Regretting the additional burden the revised fuel charges would have on travellers, the airline said the decision reflects the sustained increase in operating costs and evolving market environment.

IndiGo operates over 2,200 flights daily.

On October 1, ATF prices were hiked by a steep Rs 16 to Rs 137 per litre from Rs 121 for domestic airlines. The revision came after the jet fuel prices were raised by Rs 6.28 per litre, or 5.46 per cent, in September, following a Rs 5 per litre increase in August. In April, Air India announced revisions to fuel surcharges while Akasa Air started levying a fuel surcharge from March 15 amid the spike in ATF prices.



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Your IndiGo ticket just took a faster price flight

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN a fresh blow to travellers, India's largest airline IndiGo on Monday declared a fuel surcharge on domestic and international flights from Tuesday. It will go up to ₹10,000, depending on the route and sector.

For domestic flights, IndiGo will charge ₹425 for routes less than 500 km, ₹600 for routes between 501-1,000 km, ₹900 for routes between 1,001-1,500 km, ₹1,150 for routes between 1,501-2,000 km and ₹1,300 for routes

Rising ATF costs

Air India, IndiGo and Akasa introduced fuel surcharge in March when ATF prices shot up due to the Iran war. They lowered it in July. With tension again peaking, ATF prices have seen a jump.

above 2,000 km. For international flights, IndiGo will charge a fuel surcharge of ₹500 for the SAARC nations that are



within 500 km. For SAARC region beyond 500 km, the charges are ₹1,000. For South East Asia, Middle East and GCC and North & East Asia, a fuel surcharge of ₹5,500 has been introduced. For Africa and Europe, it is ₹6,000 and ₹10,000 respectively.

IndiGo controls two-thirds of India's domestic air traffic.

"The continuous rise in fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade. Given that Aviation Turbine Fuel makes up a significant share of airline's operating costs, this rise is expected to impact airlines' cost structures and network economics, including those of IndiGo," said IndiGo in a statement.

Per litre jump for airlines

After falling from ₹115 per litre in June to ₹110 in July, domestic ATF prices rose to ₹115 per litre in August and climbed to ₹137 from October 1.

त्यौहारी सीजन में हवाई सफर हुआ महंगा, कई मार्गों पर किराए में 20 से 68 फीसदी तक का उछाल

नई दिल्ली, 5 अक्टूबर (एजेंसी): त्यौहारी सीजन में हवाई सफर अब यात्रियों की जेब पर भारी पड़ने लगा है। 1 सितंबर से 10 नवंबर के बीच प्रमुख घरेलू मार्गों पर एकतरफा औसत किराए में पिछले साल के मुकाबले भारी उछाल आया है। दिल्ली-हैदराबाद मार्ग पर सबसे ज्यादा 68 प्रतिशत, मुंबई-कोलकाता पर 51 प्रतिशत, दिल्ली-गोवा पर 39 प्रतिशत और मुंबई-बेंगलुरु पर 37 प्रतिशत किराया बढ़ा है। यात्रा के मुताबिक घरेलू हवाई किराए फिलहाल 30-40 प्रतिशत तक ज्यादा हैं और मांग अधिक रहने वाले मार्गों पर रवाना होने की तारीख नजदीक आने पर इनमें 15-20 प्रतिशत की और बढ़ोतरी हो सकती है।

कम उड़ानें, बड़े विमान से सीटों की भरपाई

वैश्विक विमानन विश्लेषण कंपनी ओ.ए.जी. के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक अक्टूबर-दिसंबर तिमाही में घरेलू उड़ानों की निर्धारित संख्या पिछले साल की समान अवधि के मुकाबले 5 प्रतिशत कम है। हालांकि, सीट क्षमता में कमी सिर्फ 1.2 प्रतिशत है। इसका मतलब है कि विमानन कंपनियां कम संख्या में उड़ानें चला रही हैं, लेकिन उनमें बड़े विमानों का इस्तेमाल कर अधिक यात्रियों को बैठा रही हैं।

इस बदलाव से पूरे देश में सीटों की कमी नहीं हुई है, लेकिन यात्रियों के लिए विकल्प जरूर घटे हैं। खासकर त्यौहारी सीजन की



व्यस्त तारीखों पर किसी खास समय या पसंदीदा उड़ान का विकल्प कम होने से किराया तेजी से बढ़ सकता है।

सबसे व्यस्त दिन 7 दिसंबर

ओ.ए.जी. के मुख्य विश्लेषक जॉन ग्रांट के अनुसार इस तिमाही में घरेलू विमानन क्षमता का सबसे व्यस्त दिन 7 दिसंबर रहने की उम्मीद है। उस दिन करीब 5,89,386 सीटें निर्धारित हैं। पिछले साल के सबसे व्यस्त दिन यह संख्या 6,03,634 थी। ओ.ए.जी. के आंकड़े यह भी दिखाते हैं कि अलग-अलग मार्गों पर विमानन कंपनियों की रणनीति काफी अलग है। मुंबई-जामनगर मार्ग पर क्षमता पिछले साल के 32,452 से बढ़कर 1,02,520 सीटों से ज्यादा हो गई है। वहीं नई नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डा सेवा बढ़ने के कारण दिल्ली-नवी मुंबई मार्ग पर क्षमता 8,158 से बढ़कर 1,42,600 सीटों तक पहुंच गई है। इसके उलट अहमदाबाद-कोलकाता मार्ग पर क्षमता 20.9 प्रतिशत और हैदराबाद-जयपुर मार्ग पर 33.1 प्रतिशत घट गई है।

इंडिगो ने बढ़ाया ईंधन अधिभार, 6 अक्टूबर से और महंगा होगा हवाई सफर

नई दिल्ली, (एजेंसी): विमान ईंधन (ए.टी.एफ.) की बढ़ती कीमतों के बीच देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाने का ऐलान किया है। संशोधित शुल्क 6 अक्टूबर से लागू होगा। इससे यात्रियों के हवाई किराए में बढ़ोतरी होना तय है। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि पिछले कुछ महीनों में ए.टी.एफ. की कीमतों में लगातार वृद्धि हुई है और हाल में मासिक आधार पर इसमें 14 प्रतिशत से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हुई है।

500 किलोमीटर तक की उड़ान पर ईंधन अधिभार 375 रुपये, 501 से 1,000 किलोमीटर पर 600 रुपये, 1,001 से 1,500 किलोमीटर पर 900 रुपये और 1,501 से 2,000 किलोमीटर पर 1,150 रुपये होगा। 2,000 किलोमीटर से अधिक दूरी वाली घरेलू उड़ानों पर यह शुल्क 1,300 रुपये रहेगा। यानी दूरी के हिसाब से शुल्क में 100 से 350 रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी की गई है। सार्क क्षेत्र की उड़ानों पर 1,000 से 3,000 रुपये, अफ्रीका के लिए 6,000 रुपये और यूरोप के लिए 10,000 रुपये ईंधन अधिभार होगा। दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया, खाड़ी सहयोग परिषद (जी.सी.सी.), पश्चिम एशिया तथा उत्तर और पूर्वी एशिया की उड़ानों पर यह शुल्क 5,500 रुपये रहेगा। इंडिगो के मुताबिक ए.टी.एफ. लागत पिछले एक दशक के सबसे ऊंचे स्तर पर पहुंच गई है।

ईंधन एयरलाइन की परिचालन लागत का बड़ा हिस्सा है।

कंपनी ने कहा कि पूरी लागत की भरपाई के लिए शुल्क में इससे कहीं अधिक बढ़ोतरी करनी पड़ती, लेकिन यात्रियों पर असर कम करने के लिए वृद्धि सीमित रखी गई है। यह अप्रैल के बाद दूसरी बार है जब इंडिगो ने ईंधन अधिभार बढ़ाया है। एयरलाइन रोजाना 2,200 से अधिक उड़ानों का संचालन करती है।

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IndiGo flights to cost more

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

IndiGo will reintroduce fuel surcharges on domestic and international flights from October 6, making air travel pricier ahead of the festive season. The airline said the surcharge will apply to all new bookings made from 12.01am on October 6. Depending on the route, passengers will pay an additional amount ranging from ₹425 to ₹10,000.

The airline attributed the decision to a sharp rise in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, driven in part by continuing geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

IndiGo said the latest



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month-on-month increase in fuel prices has exceeded 14%, pushing ATF costs to some of their highest levels in the past decade. Since aviation fuel accounts for a significant portion of airline operating expenses, the increase has put additional pressure on carriers' costs.

IndiGo flights to cost more

For domestic flights, IndiGo will levy ₹425 on routes up to 500 km, ₹600 on sectors between 501 km and 1,000 km, ₹900 for journeys between 1,001 km and 1,500 km, and ₹1,150 for routes between 1,501 km and 2,000 km. Flights covering more than 2,000 km will attract a surcharge of ₹1,300.

For international travel, IndiGo will charge ₹500 surcharge on SAARC routes up to 500 km and ₹1,000 on SAARC sectors beyond 500 km. Flights to South East Asia, the Middle East and GCC, and North and East Asia will carry a ₹5,500 surcharge. The charge will rise to ₹6,000 for Africa and ₹10,000 for Europe.

Domestic ATF prices have climbed considerably in recent months. Prices fell from around ₹115 per litre in June to ₹110 in July, before return-

ing to ₹115 in August and rising to ₹121 per litre in September. From October 1, prices increased further to around ₹137 per litre for domestic airlines.

Global jet fuel prices have also remained elevated. The global average price rose 1 per cent last week to \$187.34 per barrel, compared with levels of around \$85-\$90 per barrel before the conflict began on February 28.

Indian airlines had previously introduced fuel surcharges in March following a sharp increase in global fuel prices. Air India, IndiGo and Akasa later reduced the additional charges as fuel prices eased around July.



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IndiGo raises fuel surcharge from 6 Oct as ATF prices surge; airfares set to rise

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 5 October

IndiGo will increase its fuel surcharge on domestic and international flights from 6 October, citing a sharp rise in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices amid heightened geopolitical tensions in West Asia. The move is likely to make air travel costlier for passengers.

This is the second increase in IndiGo's fuel surcharge since April. The airline had introduced the surcharge in March as fuel costs remained elevated.

For domestic flights, the revised surcharge will depend on the distance travelled. Passengers flying up to 500 km will pay an additional Rs 375, while the charge will rise to Rs 600 for journeys between 501 km and 1,000 km.



The surcharge has been fixed at Rs 900 for flights covering 1,001-1,500 km and Rs 1,150 for distances between 1,501 km and 2,000 km. For domestic routes exceeding 2,000 km, the additional fuel charge will be Rs 1,300.

The airline has also revised fuel charges on international routes, with the amount varying according to the destination.

Flights to the SAARC region will attract a surcharge ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 3,000, while passengers travelling to Africa will pay an additional

Rs 6,000.

For flights to Europe, the revised surcharge stands at Rs 10,000. The charge for destinations across Southeast Asia, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), West Asia, North Asia and East Asia has been set at Rs 5,500.

IndiGo said ATF prices have been highly volatile in recent months, with the situation worsening amid geopolitical developments in West Asia. According to the airline, fuel prices rose by more than 14 per cent month-on-month, pushing ATF costs close to their highest levels in the past decade. ATF accounts for a substantial portion of an airline's operating expenses. IndiGo said the sharp increase was therefore putting pressure on its cost structure and the economics of operating its network.



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Shifting flights to Navi Mum & TI revamp: Meeting on Tuesday

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New Delhi: Union civil aviation secretary Samir Sinha has called a meeting of airlines and Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) on Tuesday to resolve the impasse over shifting some flights to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) and starting phase-wise redevelopment of Mumbai airport's Terminal 1 (T1).

T1 has been built in phases over six decades, with T1B dating to 1965, T1A to 1992 and T1C to 2010. MIAL plans to begin redevelopment with the oldest portion, citing structural safety concerns.

Airlines have resisted splitting operations between Mumbai's two airports. Air France-KLM GM India Stefan Gumuseli said last week: "From an efficiency perspective, we have teams on the ground (at Mumbai), and to split, we need to have new teams. There will be mo-

re challenges to train (people). From that perspective, splitting is not an option."

Concerns over T1's structural condition date back nearly a decade. A 2017 structural audit of T1B found severe corrosion in some areas, including spalling concrete, exposed and snapped reinforcement, and cracks. It said the affected areas could create "serious concerns" and advised demolition.

An AERA tariff consultation paper in Sept 2020 had also noted MIAL's submission that T1B had "become structurally weak", while acknowledging the project's necessity from the standpoint of structural safety. Reconstruction was deferred during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Officials fear the deterioration may have worsened. The collapse of a canopy at Delhi airport during heavy rain in June 2024, killing one person, has added to concerns over ageing airport structures.

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flydubai co-pilot planned to crash jet into Tel Aviv airport or building: Report

Jerusalem: The flydubai co-pilot who stabbed his captain in a suspected attempt to crash the plane has told UAE interrogators he planned the attack before he was hired by the Dubai state-owned airline, according to two Israeli officials with knowledge of the probe.

A third source briefed on the UAE probe said the co-pilot, an Omani national, had planned to crash last Wednesday's flight into Ben-Gurion airport near Tel Aviv. He had also operated a flight to Tel Aviv earlier this year and intended to hijack and crash the plane then, but opted not to, the source added. It was not immediately clear why the co-pilot changed his mind on that previous flight, although the co-pilot is thought to have known someone onboard, the source said. All of the sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

UAE and Israeli authorities did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did flydubai.

The co-pilot of flydubai flight FZ1073, which had been bound for Israel from Dubai, attacked the pilot with an emergency crash axe, the UAE prosecutor general has said, calling the incident a "terrorist attack". Two sources have said the co-pilot is an Omani national named Hamam al-Hammami. Israeli officials have not named the co-pilot but have said he is from Oman.



Co-pilot reportedly told UAE interrogators he had also operated a flight to Tel Aviv earlier this year and intended to hijack and crash the plane then

UAE authorities and flydubai have not publicly disclosed the co-pilot's identity.

Reuters has not been able to independently reach al-Hammami, who is in UAE custody, for comment. The UAE has not announced any formal charges against him and it is not known if he has appointed legal counsel. Oman has not commented on the incident.

Suspect spent time in NZ too

New Zealand assistant police commissioner Michael Johnson said Monday that the co-pilot had spent time in the country and that NZ police were looking into the period. He did not say when the co-pilot allegedly visited the country or name him. A multi-agency Australian counterterrorism unit is also investigating links to Australia of the co-pilot, who was once enrolled at RMIT University in Melbourne, Victoria. A fourth source said the co-pilot had studied there around a decade ago. REUTERS



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Flying to get costlier as IndiGo hikes fuel surcharge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Flying this festive season will get more expensive as aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices now reach the highest level in the last decade amid the continuing US-Iran war and a weakening rupee. IndiGo will hike fuel surcharge due to mounting operating expenses from Tuesday. The increase for domestic flights ranges from Rs 100 to Rs 350 per sector. The hike for international flights is up to Rs 2,500 per sector. Other airlines are likely to follow suit. This is the third

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hike in fuel surcharge since the West Asia crisis began.

"The continuously rising ATF costs have required IndiGo to re-calibrate fuel charges across its domestic and international routes. The revised charges will be applicable to all new bookings made after 12.01 am on Oct 6, 2026. ATF prices have remained volatile in recent months, especially following geopolitical issues in the Middle East. The continuous rise in the fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are among the highest in the last decade," IndiGo said in a statement.



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Air travel set to get costlier; IndiGo raises fuel charges as ATF touches 10-year high

SHEKHAR SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

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Air travel is set to get costlier on IndiGo as the airline has raised fuel charges on all domestic and international flights following a sharp increase in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices, with the latest hike taking jet fuel rates to among the highest levels in a decade.

The revised charges will apply to all new bookings made from 12.01 am on October 6. The move comes days after ATF prices were raised by Rs 16 per litre from October 1, taking the rate for domestic airlines from Rs 121 to Rs 137 per litre.

IndiGo said the latest month-on-month increase in ATF prices had exceeded 14 per cent, putting further pressure on airline operating costs.

For domestic flights, IndiGo has introduced a fuel charge ranging from Rs 375 to Rs 1,300, depending on the distance flown. Passengers travelling on sectors up to 500 km

Release relief scheme funds: Airlines

SHEKHAR SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

Indian airlines facing a growing financial squeeze from the West Asia conflict, flight diversions, a weakening rupee and soaring Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices have sought urgent government intervention to unlock the balance credit sanctioned under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0.

The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), representing Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, has written to Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu seeking the Ministry of Civil Aviation's intervention with participating banks to ensure that eligible airlines receive the funds without further delay.

The demand comes days after ATF prices were raised sharply, with the latest increase of Rs 16 per litre from October 1 taking domestic jet fuel prices to around Rs 137 per litre. ATF prices

have now risen for the third consecutive month, adding further pressure on airline finances.

In its letter to Naidu, the FIA said the aviation industry was dealing with "unprecedented" financial and operational challenges arising from the continuing West Asia conflict since April 2026, restrictions on airspace and flight diversions, rupee depreciation, rising operating expenses and the steep increase in ATF prices. The association said the combination of these factors had put severe pressure on the liquidity and working capital of airlines, making immediate access to government-backed credit particularly important.

The FIA said it appreciated the initiative to extend credit support through ECLGS 5.0, but pointed out that not all of its members required assistance under the scheme. For those airlines that had applied for the facility and were eligible and willing to avail it, however, the prevailing circumstances warranted speedy disbursement.

will pay Rs 375, while the charge will rise to Rs 600 for 501-1,000 km, Rs 900 for 1,001-1,500 km, Rs 1,150 for 1,501-2,000 km and Rs 1,300 for

flights beyond 2,000 km.

It will levy Rs 1,000 on international flights up to 500 km within the SAARC region and Rs 3,000 on SAARC

routes beyond 500 km. Flights to Southeast Asia, the GCC and West Asia, and North and East Asia will attract a Rs 5,500 fuel charge.