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IndiGo incurs Rs 2,582-cr loss in Q2

NEW DELHI, Nov 4: InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of the country's largest airline IndiGo, on Tuesday reported a net loss of Rs 2,582.10 crore for the three months ended September, as the bottom line was mainly impacted by currency movements.

The airline's loss in the year-ago period stood at Rs

986.7 crore.

According to a regulatory filing, the company raked in a total income of Rs 19,599.5 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year, higher than Rs 17,759 crore recorded in the same period a year ago.

In a release, the airline said that, including the impact of currency movement pertain-

ing to dollar-based future obligations, the net loss for the September quarter aggregated to Rs 2,582.10 crore.

"Excluding the impact of currency movement, IndiGo reported a net profit of Rs 1,039 million as compared to a net loss of Rs 7,539 million during the same period last year," it added. - PTI



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एअर इंडिया की चेक-इन प्रणाली ठप होने से यात्रियों की लंबी कतारें लग

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) हवाई अड्डे पर बुधवार को एअर इंडिया की उड़ानों के यात्रियों को चेक-इन के दौरान भारी परेशानी झेलनी पड़ी। एयरलाइन की चेक-इन प्रणाली का सर्वर दोपहर करीब डेढ़ घंटे तक पूरी तरह ठप रहा, जिससे यात्रियों की लंबी कतारें लग गईं। इस दौरान एअर इंडिया के कर्मचारियों ने मैनुअल प्रक्रिया से काम शुरू किया, लेकिन उससे भी स्थिति सामान्य नहीं हो सकी।

सर्वर ठप रहने के कारण एअर इंडिया की करीब 40 उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं। घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में देरी हुई। दोपहर तीन बजे से शुरू हुई यह दिक्कत शाम तक बनी रही और शाम साढ़े सात बजे तक स्थिति पूरी तरह नहीं संभल सकी। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के

एयरपोर्ट पर डेढ़ घंटे तक परेशान रहे यात्री, मैनुअल प्रक्रिया भी नहीं आई काम

अनुसार, बुधवार को आईजीआई से संचालित होने वाली कुल उड़ानों में लगभग 85 प्रतिशत उड़ानें किलंब से रवाना हुईं, जिनमें औसतन 40 मिनट की देरी दर्ज की गई।

यात्रियों का कहना था कि एयरलाइन की ओर से तकनीकी गड़बड़ी की जानकारी समय रहते साझा नहीं की गई, जिससे कई लोग अपनी कनेक्टिंग उड़ानों के छूटने को लेकर परेशान रहे।

विशेष रूप से पश्चिम एशिया की उड़ानों के यात्री इस वजह से काफी चिंतित दिखाई दिए। करीब सवा घंटे बाद सर्वर ने धीरे-धीरे काम करना शुरू किया, तब जाकर स्थिति सामान्य हो सकी।



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दो दिन से मंगोलिया में फंसे एअर इंडिया के 245 यात्री दिल्ली लौटे

नई दिल्ली। मंगोलिया की राजधानी उलानबटोर में फंसे एअर इंडिया के 245 यात्री आखिरकार दो दिन बाद दिल्ली लौट आए हैं। एअर इंडिया का एक राहत विमान बुधवार सुबह इन सभी को लेकर राष्ट्रीय राजधानी पहुंचा।

सान फ्रांसिस्को से दिल्ली आ रहे एअर इंडिया के एक विमान में सोमवार को तकनीकी खराबी आ गई थी, जिसके बाद विमान (एअर 174) की मंगोलिया में आपात लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी थी। तब से 228 यात्री और चालक दल के 17 सदस्य वहां फंसे हुए थे। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि उलानबटोर से यात्रियों को लेकर एअर इंडिया का राहत विमान बुधवार सुबह करीब आठ बजेकर 24 मिनट पर राष्ट्रीय राजधानी पहुंचा। इससे पहले, बेंगलूर 787 ड्रिमलइनर की ओर से संचालित राहत उड़ान एअर 183 ने मंगलवार दोपहर दिल्ली से उलानबटोर के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। यूरो



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BUSINESS LINE

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Boeing open to backing India's RTA programme

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Aerospace major Boeing is open to supporting India's Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) programme, as it does not compete with any of its existing product line, said a senior company.

Speaking to *businessline*, Salil Gupte, President, Boeing India, said the aerospace major plans to contribute advanced manufacturing technologies to help India develop "Make in India, for the World" products.

BALL ROLLING

Notably, India has set the ball rolling on its plan to manufacture a commuter aircraft with a range of 600-700 km through the formation of a dedicated special purpose vehicle (SPV).

businessline was the first to report last year that the Ministry of Civil Aviation had



TECH SUPPORT. The firm plans to contribute advanced manufacturing technologies to help India develop "Make in India, for the World" products, says Salil Gupte, President, Boeing India

sought approval from the Ministry of Finance to move forward with the formation of this entity.

The proposed SPV is expected to bring together stakeholders from the public and private sectors, including experts and representatives from technology providers, air framers and related industries, sources had told *businessline*.

According to Gupte, Boeing's participation in the RTA project could include support for next-generation

manufacturing technologies to help the programme reach production scale efficiently.

"We don't have an airplane in that space (segment), so naturally it doesn't compete with any Boeing products," he said, adding that the project aligns with India's long-term aviation and industrial ambitions.

Besides, Gupte noted that India's aviation growth must be backed by the parallel development of the entire ecosystem — including pilot training, maintenance, re-

pair and overhaul, and aerospace industrialisation.

"Our mission is to enable every single Indian to fly someday, but that also means building the ecosystem that can maintain aircraft at the highest levels of safety and efficiency," he said. Separately, Gupte pointed out that the recent Aircraft Objects Act, which aligns India with global norms under the Cape Town Convention, could help reduce leasing costs.

RISK PREMIUM

"If the implementation rules follow the global framework, the risk premium on aircraft leasing for Indian carriers will come down, making lease rates more competitive," he said.

Accordingly, the Act will lower the leasing and financing costs of aircraft for Indian carriers, thereby also reducing airfares. At present, the majority of commercial

aircraft in India are leased.

The cautionary note comes after some lessors have objected to India's draft aircraft leasing rules.

Furthermore, industry insiders have expressed concerns over the Draft Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Rules, 2025 which have been released for public consultation. The enactment of these rules are expected to improve India's compliance score of the AWG's (Aviation Working Group).

Consequently, Indian airlines will become eligible for CTC discounts, which will significantly reduce leasing costs by approximately 8 to 10 per cent. In addition, Gupte cited that for India to become a true global MRO and aerospace hub, taxation and customs processes for the import and export of aircraft parts also need to be made competitive with existing centres such as Singapore and Dubai.



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Pratt & Whitney engine glitches force IndiGo to opt for damp leasing

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IndiGo plans to damp lease more aircraft and delay its renovation of the grounded Airbus A320XLR aircraft.

While this will help the airline to try demand during the peak travel season, it will push up costs as the rent of wet-lease lease aircraft is typically higher than normal dry lease since the latter provides pilots and cabin crew maintenance.

"While we maintain a track to receive one aircraft per week from our original orderbook, the prevailing situation has not eased as quickly as we had anticipated, and there is further upturn in demand. Hence, to ensure that we are well-positioned to meet strong and sustained demand, we have taken steps to engage our fleet through additional damp lease arrangements. We have already added two A320XLR damp lease bids in September, and plan to add more arrangements on damp lease in the coming months," IndiGo's Chief Commercial Officer Gautam Nag told analysts in a post-travel conference call on Tuesday.

DAMP LEASE

As of September 30, IndiGo had a fleet of 417 aircraft comprising 378 Airbus and Boeing aircraft. Eight aircraft, including one Boeing 777-300ER and two Airbus A350-900, are on Atlantic Airways chart, are on damp lease.

While the number of grounded A320XLR aircraft



has reduced from over 70 in the second quarter (Q2) of last year to around 40 in Q3 2025, the lease is set to see a revamp. "Based on the latest guidance, as received from the original equipment manufacturer, the number of grounded aircraft is expected to remain stable around the current levels till the year end. Beyond this, we are in active discussions with the OEM for further guidance on grounded aircraft," Nag said.

ENGINE STUTTER

Global, airlines have been impacted due to defects in Pratt & Whitney's geared turbofan engine (GTF) that power the Airbus aircraft. While the engines cause lower fuel burn, the defects resulted in early removals and replacements. As of July, around 28 per cent of 2,650 Pratt & Whitney GTF-powered aircraft were in storage. FlightGlobal website said in its report.

The engine maker said its maintenance and repair programmes (MRPs) are improving with increase in material flows. This has helped in re-assembly and the test phase of engine overhaul, putting the company on track to deliver around 30 per cent MRO growth for the year, IATA Corporation, the parent company of Pratt & Whitney, said in a post-travel call.



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सोलर उपभोक्ताओं को बिजली पर मिलेगा 55 पैसे प्रति यूनिट ज्यादा

द्यूते/नवज्योति, जयपुर। रूफ टॉप सोलर से उत्पन्न बिजली के बदले धरे लू उपभोक्ताओं को अब 55 पैसे प्रति यूनिट का अधिक भुगतान होना। अब उपभोग के बाद ग्रिड में देने वाली अतिरिक्त बिजली के बदले राजस्थान डिस्कॉम से प्रति यूनिट 2 रूपए

71 पैसे के स्थान पर 3 रूपए 26 पैसे प्रति यूनिट का भुगतान मिलेगा।

फ्रीड इन टैरिफ में बढ़ोतरी के यह आदेश चालू बिलिंग महीने से प्रभावी हो जाएंगे। प्रदेश में एक लाख 35 हजार से अधिक विद्युत उपभोक्ताओं ने नेट मीटरिंग के माध्यम से अपने घर अथवा

राजस्थान डिस्कॉम ने उत्पादित बिजली दर 2.71 रूपए प्रति यूनिट को बढ़ाकर 3.26 रूपए प्रति यूनिट किया

आवासीय परिसर की छत पर रूफ टॉप सोलर संयंत्र स्थापित कर रखे हैं। अब 55 पैसे प्रति यूनिट की बढ़ोतरी से प्रदेश में रूफ टॉप सोलर की स्थापना को प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा और अधिक से अधिक उपभोक्ता सस्ती और सर्वसुलभ सौर ऊर्जा अपनाने के लिए प्रेरित होंगे।

पीएम सूर्यघर योजना के अन्तर्गत प्रदेश में 96 हजार 685 उपभोक्ताओं ने रूफ टॉप सोलर स्थापित किए हैं। इस योजना में उन्हें 3 किलोवाट तक का रूफ टॉप सोलर लगाने पर अधिकतम 78 हजार रूपए की केन्द्रीय सहायता मिल रही है।



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कई यात्रियों की फ्लाइट देरी से छूटी, लगी कतार दिल्ली: एअर इंडिया का चेक-इन सिस्टम खराब, मैनुअल हुआ काम

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली

एअर इंडिया का सर्वर बुधवार दोपहर बाद अचानक डाउन हो गया। इसके बाद दिल्ली सहित कई एयरपोर्ट पर बोर्डिंग के लिए यात्रियों की कतारें लग गईं और कई यात्रियों की फ्लाइट छूट गई।

सूत्रों के मुताबिक, अधिकतर घरेलू हवाई अड्डे प्रभावित हुए और विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर चेक-इन सिस्टम एक घंटे से अधिक समय तक ठप रहा। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर टर्मिनल टी2 और टी3 पर चेक-इन प्रणाली दोपहर 3:40 बजे से शाम 4:50 बजे तक लगभग 70 मिनट तक बंद रही।

सोलापुर: विमान के तिंग में पतंग का मांझा फंसा

सोलापुर | मुंबई-सोलापुर उड़ान सेवा का एक विमान हादसे का शिकार होने से बच गया। बुधवार दोपहर करीब 2:15 बजे विमान के पंख में पतंग का मांझा फंसा गया। हालांकि पायलट ने विमान सुरक्षित रूप से उतार लिया। विमान में 34 यात्री सवार थे। पुलिस ने एयरपोर्ट के नजदीक पतंग उड़ा रहे युवकों को हिरासत में ले लिया है।

बताया जा रहा है कि सर्वर में मंगलवार को भी खराबी आई थी।



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HYDERABAD

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INDIGO ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY ON FLIGHT OPS

New Delhi, Nov. 4: The Indigo airline have issues a travel advisory on Tuesday on its X account in light of the air traffic congestion in Delhi.

"Due to air traffic congestion in Delhi, flight operations are currently impacted. We understand that extended wait times, both on the ground and onboard, may cause inconvenience, and we sincerely appreciate your patience."

It added that: "For the most up-to-date flight information, we recommend checking our website or mobile app."



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IndiGo flies into red; posts Rs 2,582 crore net loss in Q2

It had a profit of Rs 2,176.30 cr in the June quarter

NEW DELHI, PTI

The country's largest airline IndiGo on Tuesday reported a loss of Rs 2,582.10 crore in the September quarter as higher forex losses and expenses impacted the bottom line, and it expects to induct its first long range Airbus A321 XLR aircraft in December.

The airline, which had a loss of Rs 986.7 crore in the year-ago period, said hedging actions and more revenues in foreign currencies from international operations will help cushion the currency movements.

It had a profit of Rs 2,176.30 crore in the June quarter.

Expanding its international network, IndiGo will be bringing in more planes on damp

leases, and currently, the number of aircraft on ground (AOG) is in the 40s, with Chief Financial Officer Gaurav M Negi, in an analysts call, saying the number is expected to remain range-bound till the end of the year.

"We have done very well on the operational performance," IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said during a virtual media briefing soon after announcement of the financial results.

According to a regulatory filing, InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of IndiGo, raked in a total income of Rs 19,599.5 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year, higher than Rs 17,759 crore recorded in the same period a year ago.

In a release, the air-line said that, including the impact of

currency movement pertaining to dollar-based future obligations, the net loss for the September quarter aggregated to Rs 2,582.10 crore.

"Excluding the impact of currency movement, IndiGo reported a net profit of Rs 1,03.90 crore as compared to a net loss of Rs 753.90 crore during the same period last year," it added.

The net of supplementary rentals and aircraft repair and maintenance jumped 18.9% to Rs 3,263 crore while the foreign exchange loss stood at Rs 2,892.1 crore in the latest September quarter.

In the year-ago period, foreign exchange loss was at Rs 240.6 crore.

Total expenses in the September quarter climbed 18.3% to Rs 22,081.2 crore.

"Total income for the quarter ended September 2025 was Rs 19,599.50 crore, an increase of 10.4% over the same period last year. For the quarter, our passenger ticket revenues were Rs 15,966.70 crore, an increase of 11.2% and ancillary revenues were Rs 2,141.10 crore, an increase of 14.2% compared to the same period last year," the release said.

The airline's yield or rupee

earned per kilometre rose 3.2% to Rs 4.69 in the latest September quarter from Rs 4.55 in the year-ago period.

Elbers said the airline's optimised capacity deployment has enabled us to deliver a 10 per cent growth in top-line revenue, excluding the impact of currency movements, an operational profit of Rs 104 crore compared to an operational loss last year.

"The year began with significant external challenges across the industry, but we saw stabilisation in July and a strong recovery through August and September. Looking ahead, we have scaled up our operational plans for the second half to meet demand and continue driving growth.

"With that, we have nudged up our capacity guidance for the full financial year 2026 to early teens growth," he said in the release.

According to him, the long range A321XLR plane—which will have 183 economy class seats and 12 stretch seats—is expected to come in the second half of December.



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एअर इंडिया का चेक-इन सर्वर डेढ़ घंटे तक रहा डाउन, 40 उड़ानें हुईं प्रभावित

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार को एअर इंडिया की चेक-इन प्रणाली का सर्वर करीब डेढ़ घंटे टप रहा। एयरलाइंस की ओर से मैनुअली काम करने की कोशिश की गई, लेकिन नतीजा सफर रहा। इससे प्रत्यक्ष तौर पर करीब 40 उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं। ये उड़ानें एक से दो घंटे विलंब से रचना हुईं, जिनमें घरेलू के साथ विदेशी उड़ानें भी थीं। औसत विलंब करीब 40 मिनट रहा। इस तरह प्रस्थान की करीब 85 प्रतिशत उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं।

एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूद यात्रियों का कहना था कि टर्मिनल-2 व 3 पर



दोपहर तीन बजे से ही सर्वर में समस्या आने लगी थी। काफी देर बाद एअर इंडिया के कर्मियों ने यात्रियों को वस्तुस्थिति से अवगत कराया। बताया कि चेक-इन प्रणाली से जुड़ा सर्वर काम नहीं कर रहा है। इसलिए लगेज ड्राप नहीं किया जा रहा है। जब यात्रियों

- आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 85% उड़ानें एअर इंडिया की विलंबित
- 40 मिनट का औसत विलंब रह प्रभावित उड़ानों में

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर चेक-इन सर्वर डाउन होने से एअर इंडिया के यात्रियों को हुई परेशानी ● इटरवेंट मीडिया

की कतार लंबी होने लगी तो मैनुअल तरीके से काम शुरू किया गया, लेकिन फायदा नहीं हुआ। करीब सवा घंटे के बाद सर्वर ने काम करना शुरू किया और एअर इंडिया की समस्त सारिणी बुधवार शाम साढ़े सात बजे जाकर ठीक हुई।

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मंगोलिया में फंसे 228 यात्री एअर इंडिया विमान से सुरक्षित आइजीआइ पहुंचे

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस: मंगोलिया की राजधानी उलानबटोर में फंसे 228 यात्रियों और चालक दल के 17 सदस्यों को लेकर एअर इंडिया का राहत विमान बुधवार को सुबह करीब 0:14 बजे राष्ट्रीय राजधानी नई दिल्ली पहुंचा गया। ये सभी उलानबटोर में तब फंसे हुए थे, जब सोमवार को तीन प्रतिक्रिया-दिल्ली की उड़ान को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण उलानबटोर में डायरट कर दिया गया था।

- तीन फ्रांसिसको-दिल्ली की उड़ान को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण उलानबटोर में डायरट करने के बाद से फंसे थे यात्री
- मंगोलिया की राजधानी से यात्रियों को लेकर एअर इंडिया का राहत विमान बुधवार सुबह 8:24 बजे दिल्ली पहुंचा गया

बोईंग 777 विमान एअर 174 में 228 यात्री और चालक दल के 17 सदस्यों सहित कुल 245 लोग सवार थे। एअरलाइन ने बुधवार को एक बयान में कहा, "एरिआलर की पर मार्ग बदलने के बाद उलानबटोर में फंसे यात्रियों और चालक दल को

लेकर राहत विमान आम हो सुबह राजधानी दिल्ली में उतरा।" संबंधित अधिकारियों के अनुसार एअर इंडिया ने भी अपने यात्रियों को मार्ग परिवर्तन के दौरान उनके धर्म और आवश्यकताओं के लिए ध्यान रखा।

यह समूह के स्वामित्व वाली इस एअरलाइन ने कहा, "तीन प्रतिक्रियाओं से कोलकाता होते हुए दिल्ली जा रहे एअर 174 ने रात में तकनीकी समस्या का संकेत होने के बाद सोमवार को उलानबटोर में एअरलाइन लैंडिंग की थी।" इसके बाद यात्रियों को छात्रों परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। इसके बाद एअरलाइन ने एअरलाइनरों जारों की भी और आराम से मदद पहुंचाने का आश्वासन दिया था।

उड़ान में हुई देरी से परेशान यात्रियों ने इंटरनेट मीडिया पर निकाला गुस्सा

जनरल सेंटर, नई दिल्ली : एअर इंडिया को चेक- इन प्रणाली का खर्च हट लेने से आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान यात्रियों ने इंटरनेट मीडिया प्रतिक्रिया पर जनरल गुस्सा निकाला। यात्रियों ने अपने एक हैडल पर उड़ान में हुई देरी को लेकर और चेक इन काउंटर के काम न करने पर विपक्षित संश्लेषी पोस्ट डाली।

किसी यात्री ने ट्विटर पर भी सवाल खड़े किए तो किसी ने एयरपोर्ट के चेक इन प्रणाली के काम न करने के बाद अलग विमान बदलने को किसी ने मनचली संकेत मिलने को परेशानी बताई थी। एक यात्री ने एअरलाइन पर भी सवाल खड़े कर दिए। कुछ यात्रियों ने एअरलाइन को और से समय पर सुचना नहीं दी जाने पर नाराजगी जताई।

एअर इंडिया ने एडवाइजरी में दी और देरी की चेतावनी

एअर इंडिया की एक ट्विटर एडवाइजरी के अनुसार, समस्या इतनी बुरी है लेकिन स्थिति राहत देने तक कुछ विमानों में उभरी देरी हो सकती है। इस एडवाइजरी ने एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि एक बर्ड-वॉर्न कर्नेलियुटी नेटवर्क समस्या ने कुछ एयरपोर्ट पर चेक-इन सिस्टम को प्रभावित किया, जिससे एअर

इंडिया संकेत कुछ एयरलाइन के विमानों के स्थान होने में देरी हुई। सिस्टम अब ठीक हो गया है। इसलिए, किसी सम्बन्ध होने तक हमारे कुछ एयरपोर्ट में कुछ समय की देरी हो सकती है। एअरलाइन ने यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट जाने से पहले वेबसाइट पर फ्लाइंग का स्टेटस चेक करने की सलाह दी।



आवृत्त एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान यात्री • डॉ. प्रकाश शर्मा

यात्रियों ने बगों की परेशानी

एयरपोर्ट पर साइबर अटैक वाली रिपोर्ट है। रिपोर्ट 40 मिनट से कुछ भी काम नहीं हो रहा है। रिपोर्ट से निपटने के लिए कोई एमआरटी नहीं है। कोई आरटी सपोर्ट टीम नहीं है। काउंटर पर जो स्टाफ है, वे केवल सिस्टम को रिपोर्ट करने तक आ रहे हैं।

- गौरव अरोड़ा

चेक-इन में गड़बड़ी के अलावा से मत विमान कब निकलेंगे। अब देराने सेट आउट की जा रही है। कोई मनचली सीट बॉकरों को उसके लिए अलग से पैकेट नहीं जा रही है। ऐसा क्यों? रिक्टर वलम करने को कहा जा रहा है, लेकिन यह तो अपने आप हो जाना चाहिए।

- अनुज गर्ग

अधिकार ऐसी स्थिति से निपटने के लिए एयरलाइंस के पास बेकायदा जान क्यों नहीं है। - रोहित नमक हैलत से

बोईंग की देरी उड़ान कर बोईंग, लेकिन अब 3,400 बगों पर है, अभी तक बर्डिंग शुरू नहीं हुई है। हमारी परेशानी बढ़ी जा रही है।

- वनी पूनिया

एयरपोर्ट पर सुई की उड़ान के लिए सेट से खराब हैं, लेकिन कुछ नहीं हो रहा है। सिस्टम ही काम नहीं कर रहा है।

- एक चरारा

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RS DAINIK JAGRAN

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उलानबटोर में फंसे 228 यात्री एअर इंडिया विमान से दिल्ली पहुंचे

ईद दिल्ली, फ़ोटो : मंगोलिया की राजधानी उलानबटोर में फंसे 228 यात्रियों और चालक दल के 17 सदस्यों को लेकर एअर इंडिया का राहत विमान बुधवार सुबह करीब 8:24 बजे राष्ट्रीय राजधानी नई दिल्ली पहुंचा। ये यात्री उलानबटोर में तब फंसे हुए थे जब सोमवार को सैन प्रॉसिस्को-दिल्ली की उड़ान को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण उलानबटोर में डायवर्ट कर दिया गया था।

एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलाइनर राहत विमान एआइ183 ने मंगलवार दोपहर उलानबटोर के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि उलानबटोर की ओर मोड़े गए बोइंग 777 विमान एआइ174 में 228 यात्री और चालक दल के 17 सदस्यों सहित कुल 245 लोग सवार थे। एअरलाइन ने बुधवार को एक बयान में कहा, "पहलियाती तौर पर मार्ग बदलने के बाद उलानबटोर में फंसे यात्रियों और चालक दल को लेकर राहत विमान आज सुबह दिल्ली में उतरा।" संबंधित

सैन प्रॉसिस्को-दिल्ली की उड़ान को तकनीकी खामी के बाद उलानबटोर डायवर्ट किया गया था

मंगोलिया की राजधानी से यात्रियों को लेकर एअर इंडिया का विमान बुधवार सुबह 8:24 बजे दिल्ली पहुंच गया



प्रतीकालोक

अधिकारियों के अलावा एअर इंडिया ने भी अपने यात्रियों को मार्ग परिवर्तन के दौरान उनके धैर्य और समझदारी के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली इस एअरलाइन ने कहा, "सैन प्रॉसिस्को से कोलकाता होते हुए दिल्ली जा रही एआइ174 ने रास्ते में तकनीकी समस्या का संदेह होने के बाद सोमवार को उलानबटोर में पहलियातन लैंडिंग की थी।"



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

JAIPUR

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दिल्ली में मौसम खराब फ्लाइटें जयपुर डायवर्ट

नवज्योति, जयपुर। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर खराब मौसम के कारण मंगलवार को हवाई यातायात पर असर पड़ा। विजिलिबिलिटी कम होने की वजह से सात फ्लाइट्स को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। इनमें एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो की फ्लाइट्स शामिल हैं। एयर इंडिया

की पुणे, हैदराबाद और कोयंबटूर से दिल्ली आने वाली उड़ानें तथा इंडिगो की श्रीनगर, आइजॉल, गोवा और पटना से दिल्ली जाने वाली उड़ानें जयपुर पहुंचीं। दिल्ली एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) से क्लीयरेंस मिलने के बाद यह फ्लाइटें दिल्ली के लिए रवाना हुईं।



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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■ Check-in Glitch Delays AI Flights



NEW DELHI Air India's check-in systems at Delhi and some other airports faced problems due to a third-party connectivity network issue on Wednesday, according to sources. The airline said the system has since been restored. In a post on X, Air India also said that some of its flights may continue to be delayed for some time as the situation normalises progressively.



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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AI to resume direct Delhi-Tel Aviv flights from January 2026

THE ISRAEL MINISTRY of Tourism on Wednesday said there will be an enhancement in connectivity with the resumption of Air India's direct flight service between New Delhi and Tel Aviv, which is set to relaunch on January 1, 2026. This is expected to provide a stimulus for tourism and economic exchange between the two nations, the Israel Ministry of Tourism said in a statement.



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MUMBAI

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IndiGo posts ₹2,582 cr net loss in Sep quarter

PTI

NEW DELHI

The country's largest airline IndiGo on Tuesday reported a loss of Rs 2,582.10 crore in the September quarter as higher forex losses and expenses impacted the bottom line, and it expects to induct the first long range Airbus A321 XLR aircraft in December.

The airline, which had a loss of Rs 986.7 crore in the year-ago period, said hedging actions and more revenues in foreign currencies from international operations will help cushion the currency movements.

It had a profit of Rs 2,176.30 crore in the June quarter.

Expanding its international network, IndiGo will be bring-

ing in more planes on damp leases, and currently, the number of aircraft on ground (AOG) is in the 40s, with Chief Financial Officer Gaurav M Negi, in an analysts call, saying the number is expected to remain range-bound till the end of the year.

"We have done very well on the operational performance," IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said during a virtual media briefing soon after announcement of the financial results.

According to a regulatory filing, InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of IndiGo, raked in a total income of Rs 19,599.5 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year, higher than Rs 17,759 crore recorded in the same period a year ago.



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GREATER KASHMIR

SRINAGAR

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Air India flight makes precautionary landing in Mongolia

OK News Service
New Delhi, Nov 4

An Air India flight from San Francisco to New Delhi made a precautionary landing at Ulaanbaatar International Airport in Mongolia on Monday evening, prompting swift assistance from the Indian Embassy.

According to the Embassy of India in Mongolia, Flight AI 671, operating on the San Francisco-New Delhi route via Kolkata, landed safely at around 16.49 hours on November 3 after the airline decided to make a precautionary landing. The embassy said it was alerted by Air India about an hour before the landing. "A team of Embassy officials was immediately deputed at the airport to facilitate immigration and hotel stay of the 238 passengers and crew members," the Embassy said in a statement.

"With the assistance of our Consular team, all immigration and visa facilitation, transportation, and hotel accommodation were arranged in coordination with the Mongolian authorities. The passengers are being looked after," the statement added. Air India has informed that a recovery aircraft from India is expected to reach Ulaanbaatar by the evening of November 4 to fly the stranded passengers back to India the same night.

"The Embassy of India is extending all possible assistance to the passengers and Air India," the mission said, thanking Mongolian authorities for their support and cooperation.



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Div Com chairs meeting on expansion of Civil Enclave at Srinagar Airport



GK News Service
Srinagar, Nov 4

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg chaired a high-level meeting to review the expansion of the Civil Enclave at Srinagar Airport and discuss the shifting of CRPF barracks from the present location within the vicinity of airport.

Besides, Deputy Commissioner Budgona, Bilal Mohi and Dir Bhat, the meeting was attended by senior officers from the CRPF, CISE, Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Among other issues, the meeting held detailed deliberations on various aspects of development of road linking the Ring Road, Railway Station, and Srinagar Airport as part of the proposed circuit.

The officers also dis-

cussed the feasibility of developing new CRPF barracks and accommodation for CISE personnel to support airport operations, said an official press release.

While addressing the officers, the Divisional Commissioner directed them to review the alignment of the proposed connecting road to ensure optimal connectivity and minimal land acquisition issues. He further instructed the concerned departments to identify suitable land for relocating CRPF facilities in line with safety and regulatory requirements specified by Air Force authorities.

The Div Com emphasized coordinated efforts among all stakeholder departments to ensure the timely finalisation of the plan, latest by November 30, which is expected to significantly enhance commuter experience.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

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चेक-इन बाधित होने से उड़ानों में देरी

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। एयर इंडिया की चेक-इन प्रणाली बुधवार को दिल्ली और कुछ अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर बाधित रही, जिससे कई उड़ानों के प्रस्थान में देरी हुई।

चेक-इन प्रणाली में यह समस्या तृतीय पक्ष की नेटवर्क कनेक्टिविटी में आई खराबी के कारण उत्पन्न हुई थी। टाटा समूह की एयरलाइन ने एक सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में कहा कि अब चेक-इन प्रणाली को बहाल कर दिया गया है लेकिन स्थिति सामान्य होने तक कुछ उड़ानों में थोड़ी देरी जारी रह सकती है। एयर इंडिया ने सोशल मीडिया मंच 'एक्स' पर कहा, "कुछ हवाई अड्डों पर हमारी चेक-इन प्रणाली को प्रभावित

एयर इंडिया के यात्रियों को हुई परेशानी

टर्मिनल-2 पर दोपहर में एयर इंडिया के सर्वर में समस्या आ आई, जिससे यात्रियों को सामान ड्रॉप करने में दिक्कत हो रही थी। सॉफ्टवेयर में परेशानी के कारण मैन्युअल चेक-इन शुरू किया गया है। कुछ लोगों ने अपनी दिक्कतों को सोशल मीडिया पर भी साझा किया। सर्वर की दिक्कत के कारण चेक-इन सिस्टम प्रभावित हुआ। यात्रियों ने एक्स पर अपनी परेशानी साझा की।

करने वाली नेटवर्क कनेक्टिविटी समस्या के कारण उड़ानों के प्रस्थान में देरी हुई। लेकिन अब प्रणाली को बहाल कर दिया गया है।

सूत्रों के मुताबिक, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल टी-2 और टी-3 पर चेक-इन प्रणाली लगभग 70 मिनट तक बंद रहा, जो दोपहर 3.40 बजे से 4.50 बजे के बीच प्रभावित रहा। एयर इंडिया

ने यात्रियों से अनुरोध किया कि वे यात्रा से पहले एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट पर अपनी उड़ान की स्थिति अवश्य जांच लें और हवाई अड्डा पहुंचने के लिए कुछ अतिरिक्त समय लेकर चलें। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर सर्वर डाउन होने से यात्रियों को हुई परेशानी सर्वर डाउन होने के कारण एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की लंबी लाइन लग गई।



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तैयारी | अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के रनवे की कैलिब्रेशन फ्लाइट टेस्टिंग पूरी, इस माह के 15 तारीख तक एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी होने की उम्मीद

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने के पहले दिन से उड़ान संभव



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से शुभारंभ के दिन से ही उड़ानें संभव हैं। रनवे पर कैलिब्रेशन फ्लाइट टेस्टिंग (ट्रायल) सफल रहा है। इससे 15 नवंबर तक एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है।

एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि नवंबर अंत तक नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के शुभारंभ

की तैयारी चल रही है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी एयरपोर्ट का शुभारंभ करेंगे। अबतक पहले शुभारंभ और उसके करीब एक माह बाद से उड़ानें शुरू करने की योजना थी। इसमें सबसे बड़ी रुकावट एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस की बताई गई थी। बिना लाइसेंस के नए एयरपोर्ट के रनवे से उड़ान नहीं हो सकती, पर कैलिब्रेशन फ्लाइट टेस्टिंग सफल होने के बाद एकत्रित डाटा डीजीसीए को भेजा जा चुका है। अध्ययन किया जा रहा है। उम्मीद है कि 15 नवंबर तक लाइसेंस मिल जाएगा। पहले दिन एक या दो उड़ानों पर ही विचार चल रहा है।

घरेलू उड़ानों के साथ शुरुआत होगी

एयरपोर्ट की शुरुआत घरेलू उड़ानों के साथ होगी। देश के 10 बड़े शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। जब सब स्थिर हो जाएगा, तब 24 घंटे की उड़ानें शुरू होंगी और अगले वर्ष जुलाई तक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें भी शुरू कर दी जाएंगी। एयरपोर्ट पर ऑपरेशनल रेडीनेस एंड एयरपोर्ट ट्रांसफर (ओआरएटी) के तहत टर्मिनल ट्रायल किया जा चुका है। इसका उद्देश्य एयरपोर्ट की सभी सुविधाओं को परखना रहा।

तीन एयरलाइंस से करार हो चुका

यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (याफल) ने एयर इंडिया, अकासा और इंडिगो के साथ करार किया है। खास बात यह है कि फिलहाल केट-3 जैसे उपकरण स्थापित न होने से शुरुआत में दिन के समय ही उड़ानें शुरू की जाएंगी। उच्च उपकरण से अत्यंत धुंध और कम विजिबिलिटी में भी सफल लैंडिंग संभव है। हालांकि, सभी उपकरण स्थापित होने के बाद धीरे-धीरे रात में उड़ानें शुरू की जाएंगी। प्रथम चरण में 1.2 करोड़ यात्री प्रतिवर्ष की क्षमता है।

जेवर में एयरपोर्ट का इस प्रकार विकास होगा

कार्य	पहला चरण	दूसरा चरण
यात्री क्षमता	12 मिलियन प्रतिवर्ष	70 मिलियन प्रति वर्ष
फ्लाइट	एक लाख प्रतिवर्ष	पांच लाख प्रतिवर्ष
रनवे	उत्तर रनवे 3900 मीटर	दक्षिण रनवे 4150 मीटर
टर्मिनल	एक लाख वर्गमीटर	पांच लाख वर्गमीटर



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मंगोलिया में फंसे यात्री दिल्ली पहुंचे

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता।
एअर इंडिया ने मंगोलिया की राजधानी
उलानबटोर में फंसे 228 यात्रियों को
बुधवार सुबह दिल्ली पहुंचाया।

एअर इंडिया ने सोशल मीडिया पर
एक्स पर यह जानकारी साझा की।
जिसमें कहा गया है कि तकनीकी
समस्या के कारण सोमवार को सैन
फ्रांसिस्को से दिल्ली आ रहे विमान का
मार्ग परिवर्तित कर उसे मंगोलिया की
राजधानी ले जाया गया, जिसके बाद
यात्री वहां फंस गए थे। अधिकारी ने
यताया कि एअर इंडिया का राहत विमान
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मिनट पर राष्ट्रीय राजधानी पहुंचा।



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New duty time rules trigger cancellations, delays at key airports

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NEW DELHI: The implementation of new Flight Duty Time Limit (FDTL) norms from November 1 has delayed start-up flights even as some, despite airlines forcing enough time to plan for a change, are gradually expected to kick in on June 1, 2024.

Government data assessed by HT shows that the average on-time performance (OTP) of airlines across the four metro-airports, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, fell in the first three days of November, reflecting growing operational strain. According to the data, average OTP of the airlines, IndiGo, Air India, Akasa, Alliance Air and Spinnaker, from November 1 to 3 was 68.4%, 64.5%, 58.3%, 53.9% and 43.6%, respectively.

IndiGo and Air India spokespersons did not respond to queries on the cause of delays, but Akasa Air, admitted on Monday that the new FDTL norms had affected its operations. "We are

THE OPERATIONS WERE DISRUPTED DESPITE AIRLINES HAVING ENOUGH TIME TO PLAN FOR CHANGE THAT WAS EXPECTED TO KICK IN ON JUNE 1, 2024

making certain operational adjustments which has led to a temporary impact on a few of our flights. These adjustments are being made in compliance with implementing Phase 2 of the revised FDTL regulations issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). We do not anticipate any further disruptions."

People familiar with the matter said the delays across airlines could continue for at least another week.

"Flights are being delayed and the additional factor impacting operations is pilot roster planning as the new duty time limit norms for crew came into effect

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IGI: Servers down for an hr after tech glitch

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NEW DELHI: Check-ins and boarding of flights at Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport were disrupted for nearly an hour on Wednesday afternoon after a technical glitch hit server operations of some flight operators, causing long queues. However, no major flight delay was reported.

An airport official said, "The server was down from about 3.30pm to 4.30pm. When the server is down, the main problem is at the check-in, but as per protocol, the airport staff starts issuing boarding pass manually to minimise delays."

The official said that all technical glitches were fixed and

delays cleared by 6pm. "We did not get any reports of anyone missing their flights because of this either," the official said.

Frustrated fliers took to social media to vent. A passenger, with the social media handle @RoadRageSuppress, posted on X, along with a video of long queues, "All servers down at @DelhiAirport cause huge lines at all counters...Why's there no backup?"

The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) in a post at 5.15pm, said on X, "Few airlines are currently experiencing a technical glitch for check in processes. We are actively coordinating with all stakeholders to minimise delays."

However, by 6.39pm, DIAL said all operations were back to normal.



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DGCA plans 48-hr window to change, cancel air tickets

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NEW DELHI: Passengers should be allowed to cancel or amend tickets free of additional charge within 48 hours of booking, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation proposed in draft rules released on Monday that underlined that airlines are ultimately responsible for ensuring refunds to passengers within 21 days even if tickets are booked through third-party vendors.

The regulator has proposed changes to the Civil Aviation Requirements on refunds to address growing passenger grievances over refund delays and unclear charges, a draft document uploaded on the DGCA website said.

The DGCA has invited feedback from stakeholders till November 30.

The DGCA also proposed that airlines offer a "lock-in" option to allow passengers to cancel bookings within 24 hours of purchase without any charges. However, this would be applicable only to tickets booked directly through the airline website before five days before a domestic flight and 15 days before an international one.

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"During this period passengers can cancel or amend the ticket without any additional charges, except for the normal prevailing fare for the revised flight for which the ticket is sought to be amended," the draft norms read.

"Beyond 48 hours of initial booking time, this option is not available and the passenger has to pay the relevant cancellation fees for amendment," the draft said.

Under the proposed rules, airlines will be required to ensure refunds are processed even if a passenger booked tickets through travel agents or portals. "In case of purchase of ticket through travel agent/portal, onus of refund shall lie with the airlines as agents are their appointed representatives," the draft stated.

The airlines shall ensure that

the refund process is completed within 21 working days, it added.

In yet another significant change, the civil aviation regulator proposed that airlines will not charge any fee for spelling errors in passenger names, if requested within 48 (or 24? Quote says 24) hours of booking.

"Airlines shall not levy any additional charge for correction in the name of the same person when the error is pointed out by the passenger within 24 hours of making the booking, when the ticket is booked directly through the airline website."

The draft also clarified that the airlines may refund the tickets or provide a credit shell in case of ticket cancellations by passengers arising due to medical emergencies.

Two officials from separate airlines said that they have to examine the draft in detail to comment on its implications.

"Anything done for the convenience of passengers should be welcomed, but we need to see how practical and whether it puts the airline at a disadvantage," Jitender Bhargava, former Executive Director of Air India, said.



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DGCA plans full airfare refund for medical emergency cancellations

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed revised airfare refund norms requiring airlines to issue a full refund or credit note if a passenger cancels a flight due to a medical emergency, among several other changes.

It has also made airlines directly responsible for refunding passengers in cases where tickets were purchased through travel agents or online portals.

The proposals are part of the draft regulations on "Refund of Airline Tickets to Passengers of Public Transport Undertakings," for which the regulator has invited stakeholder comments until November 30.

The airline must ensure that the refund process is completed within 21 work-



Travellers without disabilities may have to pay for wheelchairs to ensure availability to those who need them the most. FILE PHOTO

ing days, the DGCA said.

Additionally, the aviation regulator has recommended extending the current 24-hour window for passengers to amend air tickets free of charge to 48 hours, provided such a change is made at least five days before the date of departure for domestic flights

and 15 days before international flights. Earlier, the window applied up to seven days before departure without distinction between domestic and international travel.

Separately, the DGCA has also notified its revised norms for air travellers for differently abled passen-

gers. Key changes include allowing airlines to levy a fee for wheelchair from travellers who have no disabilities with the aim to ensure the limited inventory is available to those who need them the most. This is an important amendment as airlines say the rules curb the misuse of wheelchairs by able-bodied passengers.

Inclusive travel

Airports will have to ensure ambulifts are available to enable easier embarking and disembarking of wheelchair-borne passengers. In case neither ambulifts or aerobridges are available, airports have to provide a towable ramp.

Airport also have to ensure there are adequate signages to demarcate areas for use by differently abled such as reserved cab drop-off points.

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IndiGo to ease off aircraft lease model that made it airline No.1

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IndiGo Airlines, India's largest carrier, is steadily shifting to owning and financially leasing commercial jets in place of its earlier successful strategy of selling and leasing back planes, its chief executive said.

The sale-and-leaseback model has been central to IndiGo's success ever since it started flying 19 years ago. Planes bought at competitive prices in large orders would be sold on delivery to aircraft leasing companies and leased



Pieter Elbers, chief executive of IndiGo.

back into service—resulting in significant profits, which then were ploughed back into expansion of its fleet.

The Gurugram-based airline now aims to own and have on finance lease 40% of its planes by 2030, up from 18% now, chief executive officer (CEO) Pieter Elbers said in an interview on Tuesday, after the airline declared its earnings for the September quarter.

"More structurally, and to the heart of your question, we're already revising our classic sale and leaseback model," Elbers said. "It's how IndiGo started 18-19 years ago, like many airlines. Now, we're

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shifting to include financial leases and even some direct ownership."

As of this quarter, the carrier counted 14 planes it owned and 62 on financial lease. Of the remaining aircraft on its 47-plane fleet, 331 were on operating leases—mostly by way of sale-and-leasebacks—and eight were on so-called dump leases where the lessee provides not just the jets but also pilots, maintenance, and insurance. The split of owned versus leased planes for 2030 is not known.

In financial leases, the aircraft is treated as an asset by the airline, which assumes all risks (or rewards) that come with ownership. Under operational leases, planes are bundled with services such as insurance and repair, and sometimes even pilots; for example, a dump lease.

The strategy shift is driven by IndiGo's ambition to expand internationally, add more wide-body aircraft, manage rising lease costs, and deal with volatile currency fluctuations.

By 2030, at the rate of new plane being delivered every week, IndiGo would add over

230 passenger jets to its fleet taking its total size to over 600 aircraft, industry estimates suggest.

The financial lease will be routed through GIFT City, India's only operational international finance services centre, which is treated as a foreign jurisdiction by law.

Located in Gandhinagar, GIFT City has tax incentives and does not levy goods and services tax or stamp duty on leasing transactions and related documentation. Spe-



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Shift is for international expansion, more wide-body aircraft, manage costs, currency fluctuation

cially for the aviation sector, it has clearly defined rules on operating lease of aircraft, line lease, hybrid structures, and streamlined compliance with aviation standards in India and overseas.

All this results in lower leasing costs for Indian airlines when leases are routed through GIFT City, besides allowing retention of financing profits in India.

On Tuesday, IndiGo reported a loss of ₹2,582 crore in the second quarter of FY25, marking its second loss in as

many years.

Lease costs jumped over tenfold in the September quarter as the rupee fell against the dollar. Since lease payments are made in dollars, a 1.7% depreciation during the quarter caused a forex loss of ₹2,892 crore during the period.

Such losses are a direct consequence of its sale-and-leaseback strategy. This model, standard in the low-cost carrier playbook, allowed IndiGo to acquire aircraft and lease them back, avoiding large upfront payments. However, it left the company vulnerable to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and the impact of mark-to-market accounting. Mark-to-market means the value of leased assets must be updated in financial statements to match current market prices.

This transition to having more of owned and financially leased planes gives the airline more control over timing and costs, helping smooth expenses and improve investor confidence.

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IndiGo preps for long haul even as rupee decline drags Q2

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InterGlobe Aviation Ltd's (IndiGo) September quarter (Q2FY26) revenue grew 9% year-on-year, aided by optimized capacity addition, more passengers, and a better yield (a pricing metric).

ASK, a proxy for total passenger-carrying capacity, rose 8% with wide-bodied aircraft, enabling it to expand presence in international flights.

IndiGo now sees high-teens growth in H2 that translates into early teens capacity growth for FY26 versus earlier guidance of early double-dig-

its.

The international push is timely. "As the rollout of capacity additions from Air India plays out over the next 12-18 months, IndiGo's dominant positioning and industry pricing may face competitive pressure," said a 5 November Jefferies India report. IndiGo is likely to reduce the negative impact through focus on increasing share on international routes, added Jefferies.

While Q2 domestic ASK was flat, overseas grew 26%, making 30% of total and seen at 40% by FY30. Flying range was up from 5-6 to 7-8 hours due to wide-bodied jets, IndiGo said

Unclipped wings

IndiGo's capacity is expected to grow faster in the second half of FY26 after a seasonally weak Q2.



in its Q2 earnings call.

Despite higher revenues and a 10% drop in fuel expenses, IndiGo's Ebitdar

(earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and rent) fell 64% to ₹860 crore, dragged by over 10x rise

in forex losses due to rupee depreciation, excluding which Ebitda grew 44% to ₹3,800 crore. With a foreign exchange exposure of about \$9 billion (~₹80,000 crore), its forex loss is pegged at about ₹900 crore per rupee decline against the dollar during the quarter.

IndiGo is shifting to aircraft ownership from the lease model, which, though asset-heavy, is more cost-efficient. At Q2-end, the number of owned or aircraft taken on financial lease rose to 76, about 24% of the total fleet, from 40 last year. The airline can buy an aircraft at depreciated value when a financial

lease term ends, versus returning the asset when an operating lease ends. IndiGo aims to have 30-40% of its fleet as owned or on financial lease by FY30.

Aligned is its entry into the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) sector, with a facility being built along with Bengaluru International Airport Ltd.

IndiGo shares have risen over 40% over the past year, trading at 23x its FY26 estimated earnings, according to Bloomberg. While a weak rupee can be a drag, demand and fuel-price trends would determine its fortunes ahead.

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DGCA to
hold monthly
review meets
with airlines



NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA will be holding review meetings with executives of airlines for three days starting Tuesday, according to sources.

Various topics, including on-time performance, flight duty time limitations, redressal of customer grievances and issues faced by airlines, are expected to be discussed at the meetings.

The sources said these are monthly review meetings being convened by the DGCA.

On Tuesday, review meetings will be held for Air India and IndiGo, the sources said.

The country's civil aviation market is one of the world's fastest growing markets and airlines as well as airports are expanding their capacities to cater to the rising traffic demand.

In recent times, there have been instances of airlines facing hoax bomb threats, technical issues with aircraft, flight cancellations and delays, among other issues.

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एअर इंडिया का सर्वर डाउन, उड़ानों में हुई देरी



नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया की चेक-इन प्रणाली बुधवार को दिल्ली और कुछ अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर बाधित रही, जिससे कई उड़ानों के प्रस्थान में देरी हुई। चेक-इन प्रणाली में यह समस्या तृतीय पक्ष की नेटवर्क कनेक्टिविटी में आई खराबी के कारण उत्पन्न हुई थी। टाटा समूह की एयरलाइन ने एक सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में कहा कि अब चेक-इन प्रणाली को बहाल कर दिया गया है लेकिन स्थिति सामान्य होने तक कुछ उड़ानों में थोड़ी देरी जारी रह सकती है। एअर इंडिया ने सोशल मीडिया में एक एक्स पर कहा, कुछ हवाई अड्डों पर हमारी चेक-इन प्रणाली को प्रभावित करने वाली नेटवर्क कनेक्टिविटी समस्या के कारण उड़ानों के प्रस्थान में देरी हुई। लेकिन अब प्रणाली को बहाल कर दिया गया है। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल टी2 और टी3 पर चेक-इन प्रणाली लगभग 70 मिनट तक बंद रहा, जो दोपहर 3.40 बजे से 4.50 बजे के बीच प्रभावित रहा।



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एयर टिकट बुकिंग के 48 घंटे तक फ्री कैंसिलेशन

नई दिल्ली। अब एयर पैसेजर्स को

- डीजीसीए जल्द ला सकता है हवाई यात्रा के नए नियम
- 30 नवंबर तक सुझाव मांगे

टिकट बुक करने के 48 घंटे के

अंदर बिना किसी एक्स्ट्रा चार्ज के कैंसिल या चेंज करने का मौका मिल सकता है। डायरेक्ट्रेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) ने इन नियमों को लाने के लिए एक ड्राफ्ट जारी किया है। डीजीसीए ने लोगों से इसके लिए 30 नवंबर तक सुझाव मांगे हैं। अगर सब ठीक रहा तो जल्द ही नियम बनेगा, लेकिन ये कब से लागू होंगे, ये अभी तय नहीं हुआ है।

बुकिंग के बाद 48 घंटे का लुक-इन पीरियड मिलेगा।

यानी सोचो-समझो, पसंद न आए तो टिकट कैंसिल कर दो। नाम में कोई एरर हो तो 24 घंटे के अंदर फ्री में सुधार करा सकते हैं। मेडिकल इमरजेंसी में भी एयरलाइन रिफंड दे सकती है।

पैसेंजर ने टिकट एयरलाइंस की वेबसाइट से डायरेक्ट बुक की हो या ट्रेवल एजेंट या किसी पोर्टल से,

रिफंड की जिम्मेदारी एयरलाइन की होगी। ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि एजेंट उनका ही एक्सटेंशन है। रिफंड 21 कार्यदिवसों में देना होगा।

अगर टिकट में बदलाव कर रहे हैं, तो सिर्फ नए फ्लाइट का फेयर डिफरेंस लगेगा। लेकिन ये सुविधा तभी मिलेगी, जब फ्लाइट की डिपार्चर डेट बुकिंग से कम से कम 5 दिन (डोमेस्टिक) या 15 दिन (इंटरनेशनल) दूर हो।



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फ्लाइट का इमरजेंसी डोर खोलने का प्रयास

स्वतंत्र भारत ब्यूरो लखनऊ। वाराणसी के लाल बहादुर शास्त्री इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्री ने फ्लाइट का इमरजेंसी डोर खोलने की कोशिश की। मुंबई के लिए टेकऑफ से पहले एग्रन से रनवे की ओर जा रहे विमान में यात्री की हरकत देखकर अफरा-तफरी मच गई। क्रू मेंबर्स ने तुरंत ही पायलट को घटना की जानकारी दी, फिर एटीसी से संपर्क किया गया। विमान को वापस एग्रन पर

बाद इसे दोबारा शाम 6.45 बजे मुंबई के लिए उड़ान भरनी थी। 6.45 बजे (क्यूपी-1497) विमान ने एटीसी से संपर्क किया और एग्रन से रनवे की तरफ उड़ान के लिए चल दिया। वहीं रनवे पर क्रू मेंबर्स ने देखा

टेकऑफ से पहले सभी यात्रियों की चेकिंग, आरोपी हिरासत में

एक युवक विमान का इमरजेंसी गेट खोलने की कोशिश कर रहा है। इस पर तुरंत पायलट से संपर्क किया गया और इमरजेंसी सिग्नल दिए गए। इसके बाद पायलट

लाया गया। यहां आरोपी को हिरासत में लिया गया। सभी यात्रियों को भी नीचे उतारकर विमान की जांच की गई। आरोपी की पहचान सुजीत सिंह निवासी जौनपुर के मुंगराबादशाहपुर के निवासी के रूप में हुई। पुलिस और खुफिया विभाग की टीम काफ़ी देर तक पछताछ की। जांच पड़ताल के बाद विमान को देर शाम 7.45 बजे उड़ान भरने की इजाजत दी गई। हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, आकासा एयरलाइंस का विमान क्यूपी-1498 मुंबई से 4 बजे चलकर शाम करीब 6.20 बजे वाराणसी पहुंचा था। यात्रियों को उतारने के

ने उड़त से संपर्क कर वापस प्लेन को एग्रन पर ले आया। यहां पहुंचे सुरक्षा अधिकारियों और सीआईएसएफ के जवानों ने किसी अनहोनी के डर से विमान को चारों तरफ से घेर लिया। सभी यात्रियों को उतार लिया गया। आकासा एयर ने सभी यात्रियों से माफ़ी मांगते हुए खेद प्रकट कर वाराणसी में हो बेंगलुरु से आ रहे विमान में पायलट केबिन के गेट को खोलने का प्रयास किया गया था जांच के बाद पता चला कि वांशरूम का दरवाजा मानते हुए गलती से ऐसा किया गया था।



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Air ticket cancel plan

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New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has proposed several measures in ticket refund norms, including planning to introduce a 48-hour "look-in option" that will help air travellers to cancel or modify without any additional charges.

The aviation watchdog's proposal came in a detailed draft Civil Aviation Requirement related to air ticket refunds, aiming to make it faster, fairer and more transparent for flyers.

"The airline shall provide a 'look-in option' for a period of 48 hours after booking a ticket. During this period, a passenger can cancel or amend the ticket without any additional charges, except for the normal prevailing fare for the revised flight for which the ticket is sought to be amended," the draft norm said.

Beyond 48 hours of the initial booking time, this option will no longer be available and the passenger will have to pay the relevant cancellation fee for amendment.

Grounded: 11 everyman airports

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New Delhi: Eleven airports launched by the Centre under the UDAN scheme over the past decade — seven of them in Uttar Pradesh — have fallen silent because of various operational issues, low turnout, airline disinterest and technical hitches.

The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Uda Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) was launched by the Narendra Modi government on October 21, 2014, with the vision of making air travel affordable for common people by providing flight services in small cities at subsidised rates.

Since then, many airports have been opened with much fanfare. According to the government, 126 civilian airports are operational in the country. Flight operations at 11 other airports, all of which were opened under the UDAN scheme, have been suspended for different reasons — some since 2020 and some since 2024.

According to a media release from the government, operations at the airports in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh, Moradabad, Chitrakoot and Shravasti, Odisha's Bhubaneswar, Punjab's Ludhiana and



The airport in Kushinagar

Shikhar's Pakyong have been suspended for the winter schedule effective from October 26, 2025, to March 21, 2026.

Apart from those seven, The Telegraph has learnt from multiple airport sources that flight services have stopped at Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar, Azamgarh and Saharanpur and Madhya Pradesh's Rewa, too.

The airports at Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad and Shravasti were among those inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi ahead of the 2024 general election.

The last flight to take off from Kushinagar airport was

on November 7, 2023. For Azamgarh, this was November 23, 2024; for Aligarh, April 2025; Chitrakoot, December 14, 2024; Moradabad, November 2023; Shravasti, December 2024; and Ludhiana, September 25. There is no data in the public domain on any flight having ever landed at or taken off from Saharanpur airport.

With not a single commercial flight taking off from or landing at many of these 11 airports for months or even years, the government's plan to transform the regional connectivity landscape and make flying accessible and affordable for all has come

under question.

According to the sources, services at these 11 airports were disrupted because of reasons ranging from weak or lousy, underwhelming football, airlines not willing to operate and the lack of social facilities.

At five of these airports — Ludhiana, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Shravasti and Moradabad — FlyBiz is the only airline operating flights. According to government data, the airline's flight operations have plummeted from 174 per week in the 2025 summer schedule to 58 per week in the winter schedule, a nearly 47 per cent decline.

Queries sent by this newspaper to the press information bureau of the ministry of civil aviation on whether feasibility surveys were conducted before planning the airports, and what the findings were, remained unanswered.

Kushinagar

The Kushinagar International Airport was built to attract foreign tourists as the place holds historical importance and is a popular pilgrimage site for Buddhists.

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When Modi inaugurated the airport on October 20, 2021, there were expectations of High International Profile. SpicJet was one of the major players to begin Kushinagar-Delhi flight on November 26, 2021.

Flights to and from Calcutta and Mumbai were also operated for a brief period but were halted because of the small number of passengers. On November 7, 2023, the Kushinagar-Delhi route was suspended.

Airport officials at Kushinagar told this newspaper on the condition of anonymity that the authorities were facing problems in installing an instrument landing system (ILS) because of a local dispute with the owners of some houses built near the runway.

"A few months ago, Allahabad High Court gave the go-ahead to demolish the disputed houses near the airport. Now when legal process of installing the ILS in the next few months, the ILS will be installed at the airport," airport director Prakash Kumar Roy said.

The ILS is a radio navigation system which gives both horizontal and vertical guidance to pilots for safe landing.

Roy said the airport was now equipped with instruments that facilitate nighttime landing, which would make round-the-clock operations possible in the future.

The absence of night flights was causing inconvenience to passengers, especially students.

Roy hoped flight operations would resume in two-three months, adding that talks were on with airlines.

Chitrakoot

Built in the Devganga valley, Uttar Pradesh's first tabletop airport was inaugurated virtually by the Prime Minister on March 30, 2024, ahead of the Lok Sabha polls to boost religious tourism. The first flight landed here two days after its inauguration.

According to sources, airlines have not shown much interest in offering services here because of operational issues such as visibility concerns.

Passenger demand, however, was satisfactory.

Initially, commercial flights were operated between Chitrakoot and Lucknow on certain days of the week. Since December 14, 2024, no passenger aircraft has taken off from Chitrakoot, leaving the airport inactive for nearly a year.

Atish Singh, the Chitrakoot airport director, told this newspaper that talks were on with FlyBiz. According to him, the airport was expected to resume operations on October 26, but couldn't because of the persistent visibility problems.

However, the airport is open for chartered flights. Singh said the airport was ready for commercial and non-commercial operations and hoped that airlines would show interest in operating flights from Chitrakoot.

Shravasti

Operations were suspended at Shravasti airport on December 24, 2024, six months after its inauguration, because of low passenger turnout.

Because of the small run-

way, the airport was only suitable for a small commercial flight and FlyBiz was the only airline that operated services here, that too for a brief period.

Lucknow airport is nearly 170km from Shravasti, a distance that can be covered in around three hours. The nearest railway is Bahraich, 17km from Shravasti, where Gonda railway station is around 50km away. All these appear to have made rail and road connectivity to Shravasti a more viable option than flying.

According to airport director Atish Singh, the facility is undergoing further development to enhance its services.

Aligarh

No commercial flight has used Aligarh airport for the past six months. Talks are on with airline operators to resume services. However, the airport is open to welcome non-commercial flights.

Moradabad

Moradabad airport has been closed for commercial services since November 2024, six

months after its inauguration.

Azamgarh

FlyBiz had been providing services between Azamgarh and Lucknow, but flight operations stopped on November 23, 2024, because of lack of passenger interest.

Ludhiana

Ludhiana airport has been flying modified direct FlyBiz, the only airline operating flights there, stopped its services from there in September 2025.

Jagjit Singh, the airport director, expressed hope that commercial airlines would start services soon.

Pakyong

Pakyong airport in Sikkim saw flight services discontinued this winter season because of weather-related issues, sources said.

Rewa

Initially, FlyBiz had operated a few flights from Rewa airport but now the operations have been suspended. Sources said a few big players were planning to offer services here.



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IndiGo loss widens to ₹2582cr

New Delhi: The country's largest airline, IndiGo on Tuesday reported a loss of ₹2,582.10 crore in the September quarter as higher forex losses and expenses impacted the bottom line, while also expecting to induct its first long-range Airbus A321 XLR aircraft in December.

The airline, which had a loss of ₹988.7 crore in the year-ago period, said hedging actions and more revenues in foreign currencies from international operations will help cushion the currency movements. It had a profit of ₹2,176.30 crore in the June quarter.

"We have done very well on the operational performance," IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said.

InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of IndiGo, raked in a total income of ₹19,599.5 crore in Q2 FY26, higher than ₹17,759 crore in the year-ago period.



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DELHI

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Issues with AI's check-in system cause delays

New Delhi: Air India's check-in systems at Delhi and some other airports faced problems due to a third-party connectivity network issue on Wednesday, according to sources.

The airline said the system has since been restored.

In a post on X, Air India also said that some of its flights may continue to be delayed for some time as the situation normalises progressively. At the Delhi airport, the check-in systems were down at terminals T2 and T3 for around 70 minutes from 3.40 pm till 4.50 pm, one of the sources said.

"A third-party connectivity network issue had impacted check-in systems at some airports, thereby delaying flight departures of some airlines, including Air India," the airline said. Details about airports were not disclosed.

Air India also asked passengers flying with the airline on Wednesday to check their flight status on its website before heading to the airport and allow extra time for their journey. [PH](#)



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DELHI

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A First: GPS Spoofing At Delhi Airport Spooks Airlines, Aviation Authorities

Spoofing Corrupts GPS Signals, Giving Pilots Wrong Indications About Location

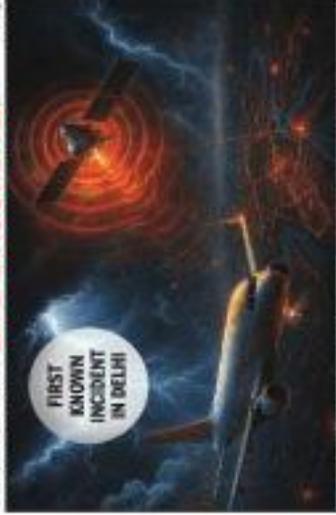
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New Delhi: The IGI Airport has for the first time been witnessing GPS spoofing for the past two-three days, leading to flights being impacted whenever eastwinds blow, requiring aircraft to land from the Deenika side and take off towards Vasant Kunj.

Earlier this year, the instrument landing system (ILS) of the airport's warhorse main runway 10/28, was withdrawn when it was closed for upgradation to Category II to enable landings in the winter fog from both ends. Without ILS, aircraft can land making use of 'required navigation performance' (RNP) and don't need to rely on ground-based navigation aids.

However, RNP requires GPS, and with spoofing affecting the latter, scaring about 80 nautical miles from IGLA, flight movement on the main runway gets affected. It has caused congestion at a time when IGLA is seeing a spurt in air traffic, with up to 1,550 daily aircraft movement. Tuesday night saw five aircraft of IndiGo and two of Air India,

WHAT IS GPS SPOOFING?



- ▶ GPS jamming prevents receivers from locking onto satellites signals
- ▶ Spoofing involves broadcasting counterfeit satellite signals to deceive GPS receivers, causing them to compute incorrect position, navigation and timing data
- ▶ Spoofing happens around conflict zones like Black Sea and West Asia
- ▶ Automatic terminal information service of Delhi Airport warning pilots about spoofing
- ▶ ATIS asking pilots to be cautious while entering Delhi airspace
- ▶ IGA congestion caused by spoofing worsens when easterly winds blow

among others, diverted to Indiapar for this reason.

Mitigating the impact of airport will require precar-

gating ILS on runway 10/28 at the earliest. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) is working towards this, but sources said it is expected to happen by Nov 27.

IndiGo had recently carried out a trial flight on runway 10/20 to test the new systems installed after the air traffic got a new approach lighting system. The report has been submitted to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. "ILS promulgation on the runway needs to be expedited as Nov 27 is a good three weeks away," said a source.

Broadly speaking, airlines face two types of GPS issues — jamming, usually done by the military in war zones to avoid giving away location of military assets like aircraft; and spoofing, done by troublemakers in conflict zones, from Pakistan to the Middle East, Turkey and Ukraine, to confuse pilots. Spoofing ends up corrupting the GPS signals, giving pilots wrong indications about their location. The corrupted information could be off by anywhere up to 2,000 km.

Airlines have devised measures to mitigate the impact

The GPS spoofing has caused congestion at a time when the Delhi airport is seeing a spurt in air traffic, with up to 1,550 daily aircraft movement

of spoofing by alerting pilots in advance about the likelihood of facing this issue and advising them to switch over to alternative navigation mechanisms when they do so.

Aviation authorities said they are aware of the situation and are looking at measures to tackle the problem. "Why GPS spoofing is happening could be a security-sensitive issue, and we don't want to know why the same is happening. The only thing that needs to be done is having ILS on IGA's main runway 10/28 at the earliest," said another source.

The ILS upgrade on the main runway took place to have the system on its both ends — it wasn't available earlier on the Deenika side or runway 10 end — and to overall enhance capacity and build resilience.

City airport readies parallel taxiway to enhance efficiency

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Ahmedabad: In a major infrastructure upgrade aimed at enhancing operational efficiency, the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in Ahmedabad is set to begin work on a new parallel taxiway for Code C aircraft. The facility is expected to significantly streamline airside movement and boost flight-handling capacity.

Sources privy to the development confirmed that operations are expected to begin by the end of December, once approvals from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are in place.

The newly developed taxiway will allow aircraft to approach the runway directly, reducing the need for longer travel across existing taxi routes. This is expected to cut down aircraft turnaround



times, improve fuel efficiency, and optimise ground traffic flow—especially during peak hours—according to experts.

MAJOR UPGRADE

Currently, about 18-20 air traffic movements are recorded every hour. This figure is expected to increase substantially once the parallel taxiway becomes operational.

Airport sources said the facility would enhance overall capacity by nearly 20%, contributing to smoother take-offs and landings while

improving the sequencing of aircraft movements. "The new parallel taxiway is designed to reduce congestion on the existing airside infrastructure and enhance runway utilisation. It will enable quicker aircraft exits and entries and reduce waiting time for passengers and airlines alike," a source said.

At present, aircraft arriving or departing during busy slots often face delays due to limited taxiway access, which affects flight scheduling. "With the new alignment, the airport expects to handle more aircraft movements per hour, improving both frequency and connectivity at one of Gujarat's busiest airports," sources further added.

SVPI Airport handles an average of 280 air traffic movements a day with a footfall of around 40,000 passengers throughout the year. The daily passenger movement peaked around Oct 25-26, surpassing 47,000.



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AHMEDABAD

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Airport technician held for thefts from luggage

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Rajkot: A 28-year-old contractual technician at the Rajkot International Airport was arrested for allegedly stealing gold jewellery and cash from a passenger's luggage.

The local crime branch (LCB) of Zone 1 arrested Jayraj Khachar and recovered the stolen valuables. The investigation revealed that Khachar had committed two thefts from passengers' luggage in Oct.

It is suspected he stole the goods when the luggage was collected at a common place to be loaded into the aircraft.

On Tuesday, a complaint was filed against Khachar at Airport police station by Vinest Khare, a 40-year-old divisional head at Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in Rajkot. Khare reported that on Oct 12, he and his wife flew from Rajkot to Mumbai in the Air India flight, carrying jewellery and cash in the bag they had checked in. In Mumbai,

they found that jewellery worth Rs 2.3 lakh and cash were missing.

Deputy commissioner of police (DCP) Zone 1 Hetal Patel told TOI that Khachar stole the jewellery and Rs 5,000 rupees in cash from Khare's bag on Oct 12. On Oct 26, he allegedly also stole Rs 85,000 cash from another passenger's luggage. Khachar is currently in the custody of the local crime branch team and will be further interrogated by the airport police.

Khachar was working at the airport for the last five years as an electrical mainte-

nance worker, including functioning of CCTVs. Police said he switched off the CCTVs while committing the thefts.

Sub-inspector B V Chudasama said, "On questioning some employees, the behaviour of one of the persons appeared suspicious. On checking his criminal history, it was found that he had a previous complaint against him lodged at Barmanore police station in Surendranagar district in 2017 for issuing death threats and forcibly seizing property.



2nd airport plan sits on long runway AS AAI REPORT FLAGS SITE HURDLES

Feasibility Study To Be Held Soon, Says Minister

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Bangalore: After the Karnataka govt identified three possible sites for the city's planned second international airport, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has, in its inspection report, flagged several concerns on each site. In fact, far from recommending a definitive location, AAI has raised more questions than answers.

The expert team surveyed the three locations in April 2025: two near Harohalli (Chikballalur) and Somnathalli of Kankapura Road and one near Nelamangala on Kanagal Road. AAI has flagged multiple technical and logistical hurdles, leaving govt officials, industry leaders, and citizens wondering whether Bengaluru's vision of a second airport is any closer to take-off.

While maintaining that the AAI report fits into the standard template of recommending pros and cons of a site, heavy medium industries and infrastructure minister MB Patil said the govt will act on commission a study for a detailed techno-economic and financial feasibility.



ROCKY-HILLY TERRAIN LIMITS AIRSPACE

LOCATION: Nearly 5,200 acres near Turaha off Kanakapura highway

TERRAIN

- Rocky, hilly terrain on the northeastern and western sides need to be levelled
- Could affect flight movements at KIA, IAF, Yesbank and HAL airports
- Restricted airspace means limited safe aircraft movement
- Levelling and grading may increase overall project cost

SITE 3: Nelamangala

CLEARANCES

- From defence, civil aviation ministry, KIA
- Requires topographic and obstacle-limitation surface survey

LOCATION: Nearly 5,200 acres near Turaha off Kanakapura road, 30km from CEO

TERRAIN

- Rocky surface, extensive levelling required
- Hilly terrain need to be trimmed if they interfere with navigation

LOCATION:

- Within restricted airspace of Kempegowda International Airport and is in close proximity to HAL, and the proposed Hour airstrip
- Controlled airspace required for Instrument Flight Procedures falls within restricted limits, constraining aircraft movements

CLEARANCES

- Requires NoC from defence ministry, civil aviation ministry, KIA
- Nod from environment ministry due to potential noise impact on wildlife in Bannerghatta National Park
- Requires topographic and obstacle-limitation surface survey

LOCATION: Off Kanakapura Road near toll plaza, 35km from CEO

TERRAIN

- Rocky, posing execution challenges
- Hilly terrain on both eastern and western sides must be razed if they threaten navigation
- Cost of levelling may significantly escalate project expenses
- Within restricted airspace of KIA, HAL, and Hosur airstrip
- Aircraft movements may be hit by limited airspace

SITE 2: Somnathalli

CLEARANCES

- NoCs from defence, civil aviation ministries, KIA
- From environment ministry as noise levels may impact wildlife within Bannerghatta National Park
- Requires topographic and obstacle-limitation surface survey




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The AAI report has presented both pros and cons of each site. The format of such reports is uniform across India, and they do not recommend a particular location. Instead, they outline the challenges and advantages of every option. A detailed techno-economic and financial feasibility study of all three sites will help us determine the most suitable location for Bengaluru's second airport. We will soon commission this study. Once it's completed, we'll have a clear picture of the probable site for the new airport.



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K'taka keen on site in south B'luru to pip Hosur

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Bengaluru: After Airports Authority of India (AAI) flagged major challenges that must be addressed before any of the three proposed sites is approved for setting up a second international airport in and around Bengaluru, the state appears inclined towards south Bengaluru, especially along Kanakapura Road and Bannerghatta Road corridors, due to better infrastructure and connectivity.

Tamil Nadu's move to establish a new airport in Hosur has added urgency to Karnataka's plans, as the proposed Hosur airport aims to attract passengers from

PROJECT URGENCY & CONSTRAINTS

- The govt favours south Bengaluru — particularly along Kanakapura Road and Bannerghatta Road — for the second airport, because of stronger infrastructure and connectivity
- Tamil Nadu's plan to set up a new airport in Hosur has added urgency, as it could draw passengers from southern Bengaluru
- With the city's **Kempegowda International Airport** already operating beyond capacity, the second airport is seen as vital



to meet future demand, though land and environmental constraints may delay the Rs 10,000-crore project

- Infrastructure minister MB Patil said no site will be finalised until a detailed techno-feasibility study is completed and approved by cabinet

southern Bengaluru. With passenger traffic at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) already exceeding its

design capacity, the state govt views a second airport as crucial to handling demand expected to double within a de-

cade. However, identifying suitable land within a 100-120km radius of the city remains difficult, with environmental, financial, and airspace constraints likely to delay the Rs 10,000-crore project.

An official in the infrastructure development department (IDD) said an assessment of passengers travelling from KIA in Devanahalli suggests that no less than 40 million passengers of the estimated 85 million travellers, which is the maximum that BIAL airport can accommodate, will be from south Bengaluru. "This effectively suggests that south Bengaluru needs the second airport, failing which the passengers from those areas will look at

Hosur as an alternative destination," said the official.

However, infrastructure minister MB Patil clarified that the govt will not finalise any location until a detailed feasibility study is completed. "All the three sites will be considered for a techno-feasibility study by a prominent consultant. We will be presenting a strong pre-qualification for the tender bidding, with prior experience in preparing feasibility studies for greenfield projects and also airports. There will be no decision taken on the location before the study report is submitted," he said, adding that the final report will be presented before the cabinet for approval.