

BOLSTERING DEVELOPMENT

Bagdogra airport expansion: Zoning restrictions eased



A view of Bagdogra airport

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SILIGURI: The long-awaited transformation of Bagdogra airport into an international one is gathering pace with ongoing expansion work.

To encourage industrial development, the area surrounding the airport has been divided into red, green and yellow zones. The red zone, covering a 4-kilometre radius around the airport, will require prior permission from the Airport Authority for any tall building construction projects. The green zone, which includes Siliguri, and the area beyond the red and green zones, declared yellow zone, will not require such permissions, streamlining the approval process for industrial and residential projects.

"Previously, constructing any tall building on a large area near Bagdogra airport required the Airport Authority's approval, which was a lengthy and cumbersome process. Now, permission is needed only for the red zone. This decision will pave the way for rapid industrial development while balancing environmental concerns," said Siliguri Mayor Gautam Deb.

The expansion of Bagdogra airport comes as the state government has allocated land

Key Points

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for the project. Once operational as an international airport, the facility is expected to draw more visitors and boost demand for international-standard hotels, industries, and other supporting infrastructure. "With this decision, industries can flourish in the region, and the streamlined

zoning will reduce bureaucratic delays," added Deb. The eco-sensitive zone guidelines, particularly concerning the tea industry and tea tourism, were also discussed during a meeting. In 2023, the Ministry of Environment declared a 5-kilometre radius around sanctuaries and forests as eco-sensitive zones, restricting construction. However, the state government has appealed to reduce this radius to 1 kilometre, especially near the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, which has been impacting urban and industrial growth in Siliguri.

"Most challenges related to the eco-sensitive zone have been resolved, but the tea industry and tea tourism require further deliberation," said Deb. A follow-up meeting with stakeholders, including tea industry representatives, tourism bodies, and local businesses, is scheduled for January 10. A draft master plan for eco-sensitive zones will be made after reviewing suggestions and solutions discussed during these meetings.

The findings will be forwarded to the State Forest Department and the Union Ministry of Forests and the Environment for approval, with the final plan to be notified in the government gazette.

LOW VISIBILITY

Kolkata airport's CAT III system helps land diverted B'desh-bound flights

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KOLKATA: Owing to poor visibility conditions, four flights to Bangladesh airports were diverted to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport, Kolkata, thanks to the latter airport's category (CAT) III-B instrument landing system (ILS) that allows pilots to land or take off in a 50 m visibility range.

According to the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Eastern Region, four flights bound for Dhaka and Chittagong airports in Bangladesh were diverted to Kolkata airport due to poor visibility. None of the two airports in Bangladesh have CAT III compliance.

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Closer Look

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All these flights were supposed to land at the two Bangladesh airports in the morning.

An AAI official shared that Kolkata airport, Eastern India's busiest airport, is the only one in the Eastern and North Eastern Region equipped with CAT III landing facilities to ensure safe operations during low visibility. The Kolkata airport's CAT III-B instrument landing system (ILS) allows pilots to



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International Airport

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The ALS helps the pilot to continue descending for landing towards the runway even when the runway lights are invisible due to fog or heavy

rainfall. An airport source said that CAT III B ILS helps a pilot to operate in a visibility range of 175-50 metres but not below 50. The ALS guides the aircraft from the runway upto the parking bay. The system also follows a procedure called 'low visibility procedure' which ensures a safe grounding by limiting vehicle movement and clearance before landing and take-off of the aircraft.



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BUSINESS LINE

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Adani Group earmarks Adani Wilmar stake sale proceeds for airports, green H₂

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The Adani Group is planning to deploy the over \$2 billion that it expects to receive from the divestment of stake in Adani Wilmar on three major segments — airports, green hydrogen and in new initiatives, with a major chunk going to airports, sources said.

Around \$1-\$1.2 billion will be spent by the conglomerate on airports, including expansion as well as acquisitions, the sources said. Another \$300-\$500 million will be spent on the company's ambitious green hydrogen project and the remaining on new initiatives under Adani Enterprises such as digital, they added.

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ship Adani Enterprises announced that it was exiting FMCG company Adani Wilmar, a joint venture between the Adani Group and Wilmar International.

The Adani Group said it will be divesting its entire 44 per cent stake in the venture to Wilmar. At current share price, the worth of Adani's holding in the venture is a little over \$2 billion.

This is part of Adani's strategy to focus only on infrastructure and exit non-core businesses. The exit also gives the group more dry powder that can be utilised for investing in core infrastructure businesses.

INFRA SEGMENTS

While Adani Airport Holdings is investing in upgrading many airports for which it signed concession agreements with the Airports Authority of India, it has built Navi Mumbai International Airport from scratch and expects to operationalise it early this year.

Some funds have been earmarked for expanding capacity at the airport while some will be kept for bidding for other airports that the government intends to modernise and upgrade.

Under Adani New Industries, it is setting up a green energy ecosystem, which will have an annual capacity of one million tonnes by FY27 in the first phase, which will be increased to 3 mt over the next 10 years or so.

In FY25 so far, the Group, on a consolidated basis, has spent \$9 billion as capex and expects to end the year with a capex of over \$15 billion, as per its guidance. A major portion of the capex — \$8.8 billion — has been spent by Adani Enterprises, Adani Green Energy, Adani Power and Adani Cements, data showed.



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गृहमंत्री ने गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज साहिब में टेका मत्था आईजीआई: नाम बदल कर गुरु तेग बहादुर सिंह रखने की मांग

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भाजपा नेता मनजिंदर सिंह सिरसा और दिल्ली सिख गुरुद्वारा प्रबंधक कमेटी के अध्यक्ष हरमीत सिंह कालका ने प्रकाश पर्व पर गृह मंत्री अमित शाह से दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी एयरपोर्ट का नाम बदलकर गुरुतेग बहादुर एयरपोर्ट रखने की मांग की है। गृह मंत्री अमित शाह गुरुतेग बहादुर के 350वें प्रकाश पर्व पर गुरुद्वारा रकाब गंज आए थे। इस अवसर पर गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज में मत्था भी टेका। सिख नेताओं ने कहा कि आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट का नाम गुरु गोबिंद सिंह के नाम पर रखकर केंद्र सरकार उन्हें सच्ची श्रद्धाजलि दे सकती है।



सिख नेताओं का कहना है कि स्वर्ण मंदिर में इंदिरा गांधी के आदेश पर ऑपरेशन ब्लू स्टॉर अंजाम दिया गया था। आर्मी के द्वारा गुरु हरमिंदर साहिब का अपमान करवाया गया। सिख नेताओं ने कहा कि जब भी सिख इस एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रा पर जाते हैं उन्हें इंदिरा गांधी के उस गुरु हरमिंदर साहिब के अपमान और देश भी इंदिरा गांधी के मौत पर 84 में हुए दंगे में दस हजार सिखों के मौत के दुखद याद को ताजा कर देती है।



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के लिए फरवरी से शुरू होगी विमानों के टिकट की बुकिंग

- यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के लिए महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन को वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाश का ड्राफ्ट भेजा
- पहले दिन से तीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय, दो कार्गो और 25 घरेलू विमान भर सकेगे उड़ान



ग्रेटर नोएडा, 6 जनवरी (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से विदेश और देश के विभिन्न शहरों के लिए हवाई सफर करने के लिए यात्रियों को जल्द टिकट बुकिंग करा सकेगे। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए फरवरी में टिकट बुकिंग शुरू होने की संभावना है। एयरपोर्ट की विकासकर्ता कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्रांलि. ने फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के लिए महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन को वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाश का ड्राफ्ट

भेज दिया है। एयरपोर्ट से पहले तीन तीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय समेत 30 विमान सेवा शुरू होने की संभावना है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के शुरू होने का समय तेजी से नजदीक आ रहा है। दिसम्बर में सफल वैलिडेशन फ्लाइट के बाद एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया गया है। इसके साथ ही फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के लिए भी प्रक्रिया शुरू हो गई है। एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से 70 दिन पहले टिकट बुकिंग हो सकती है। इसलिए महानिदेशालय को वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन का ड्राफ्ट महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन को भेजा गया है। इसके प्रकाशन के साथ ही दुनिया में एविएशन के

मानचित्र पर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की डीएक्सएन कोड के साथ पहचान अंकित हो जाएगी। एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने के पहले दिन से 30 फ्लाइट शुरू होने की संभावना है। इसमें ज्यूरिख, सिंगापुर व दुबई के अलावा 25 घरेलू सेवा होगी। दो कार्गो सेवा भी पहले दिन से शुरू होगी। हालांकि फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग के साथ फ्लाइट संख्या व गंतव्य में भी बदलाव हो सकता है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के नोडल अफसर शैलेंद्र भारिया का कहना है कि वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन का ड्राफ्ट महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन भेज दिया गया है। फ्लाइट शिड्यूलिंग तय होने पर टिकट की बुकिंग शुरू हो जाएगी।



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सीसीएसआई हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों की संख्या में वृद्धि

लखनऊ। चौधरी चरण सिंह अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (सीसीएसआईए) जिसका प्रबंधन अडानी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड (एएएवएल) द्वारा किया जाता है, जो वैश्विक रूप से विविधतापूर्ण अदाणी समूह की प्रमुख कंपनी अडानी एंटरप्राइजेज की सहायक कंपनी है, इस वित्तीय वर्ष के पहले नौ महीनों (अप्रैल-दिसंबर 2024) के दौरान यात्री यातायात में अपनी प्रभावशाली वृद्धि जारी रखा है। वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के पहले 9 महीनों में सीसीएसआईए हवाई अड्डे से 5.21 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों ने यात्रा की, जिसमें 4.34 मिलियन घरेलू मार्गों पर और 0.87 मिलियन से अधिक यात्रियों ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर यात्रा की।



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Cannabis worth ₹4.41cr seized at airport, 2 held

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MUMBAI: The Air-Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the Customs department arrested two persons in a drug-smuggling case at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in the early hours of Saturday and allegedly recovered 4.41 kilograms of hydroponic weed (cannabis) worth ₹4.41 crore from one of them.

The carrier of the weed was nabbed soon after he arrived at the airport from Bangkok while the other was arrested when he came to receive the contraband at the T2 terminal.

According to a department officer, they intercepted a passenger, identified as Muhammed Hasarudheen Nalukudi Paramb, who had arrived from Bangkok by a Nok Air Airlines flight on Saturday, suspecting that he was carrying some con-

traband items.

During a body search, nothing suspicious was found on him. However, when officers searched his trolley bag, they found 10 double-layered transparent plastic packets containing hydroponic weed inside it. The packets were cleverly concealed among the clothes and other personal items. Subsequent tests confirmed that the recovered material was indeed cannabis.

Paramb's interrogation revealed that a certain Ahammed Riyas would be coming to receive the contraband. Custom officers laid a trap and nabbed Riyas, too. "The suspects were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and produced in court, which sent them to judicial custody," said defence lawyer Prabhakar Tripathi. Both Paramb and Riyas are from Kerala.



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THE PIONEER

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Dense fog causes chaos: 60 flights delayed at Kolkata airport due to poor visibility



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
KOLKATA

Around 60 flights were delayed at the Kolkata airport on Monday due to poor visibility, an official said. Due to dense fog, low visibility procedures (LVP) had to be implemented at the airport from 7 am, he said. The ATC declares LVP when visibility falls below 800 metres. It is also activated when the cloud ceiling is below 200 feet. According to the Director of

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBIA), Pravat Ranjan Beuria, no traffic movement took place from 7.10 am to 9 am, and around 30 flight arrivals and 30 departures were delayed, the airport director said. The visibility had dropped below the permissible limit for commercial aircraft operations on Monday morning, he said. The Kolkata airport is equipped with CAT-III B Instrument Landing System

(ILS), which allows compatible aircraft and CAT III B trained pilots to operate with visibility up to 50 metres.

However, the visibility at Kolkata airport turned close to zero on Monday morning, which ruled out operations completely till 9 am, the official said.

The last flight departed from the airport at 3.35 am after which the visibility dropped.

In addition, seven flights to Kolkata were diverted to other airports such as Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Hyderabad and Nagpur, he said.

All arrangements were made to facilitate the stranded passengers in the airport terminal, Beuria said.

He said that visibility conditions improved after 9 am, and the first flight to arrive at the airport was from Dubai at 9.04 am.

The initial delays on Monday, both incoming and outgoing, will have a consequential effect throughout the day, airport sources said.

अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का नाम गुरु तेग बहादुर रखने की मांग



● गृहमंत्री अमित शाह गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज साहिब में हुए नतमस्तक

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): देश के गृह मंत्री अमित शाह सोमवार को साहिब-ए-कमाल श्री गुरु गोबिंद सिंह साहिब जी के प्रकाश पर्व के अवसर पर दस्तार सजाकर गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज साहिब में नतमस्तक हुए। इस अवसर पर दिल्ली सिख गुरुद्वारा प्रबंधक समिति (डीएसजीएमसी) के अध्यक्ष हरमीत सिंह कालका, महासचिव जगदीप सिंह काहलो और पूर्व अध्यक्ष मनजिंदर सिंह सिरसा, तरविंदर सिंह मारवाह, भूपेद्र सिंह भुल्लर, भाजपा नेता प्रवेश वर्मा सहित समिति के अन्य पदाधिकारियों ने अमित शाह को सरोपा देकर उनका सम्मान किया।

समागम को संबोधित करते हुए कालका ने कहा कि आज पूरी दुनिया में सिख संगतें गुरु गोबिंद सिंह के प्रकाश पर्व को मना रही हैं। दिल्ली कमेटी द्वारा भी यह प्रकाश दिवस श्रद्धा और उत्साह के साथ मनाया जा रहा है। दिल्ली कमेटी के अधीन विभिन्न गुरुद्वारों में गुरुमति समागम हो रहे हैं, जबकि मुख्य समागम भाई लक्खी शाह चणजारा

देश के लिए टी शाहदत

दिल्ली कमेटी के प्रधान हरमीत सिंह कालका ने मांग की कि दिल्ली के अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का नाम गुरु तेग बहादुर साहिब के नाम पर रखा जाना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि देश-विदेश से हजारों की संख्या में संगतें रोजाना दिल्ली पहुंचती हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी के नाम की जगह इस हवाई अड्डे का नाम गुरु तेग बहादुर साहिब के नाम पर होना चाहिए, जिन्होंने देश के लिए शाहदत दी।

हॉल, गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज साहिब परिसर में हो रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अगुवाई में एनडीए सरकार के सत्ता में आने के बाद 1984 के सिख दंगों के मामलों की नए सिरे से जांच के लिए विशेष जांच टीम (एसआईटी) का गठन हुआ, जिसकी बदौलत सज्जन कुमार और अन्य दोषी आज सलाखों के पीछे हैं और जगदीश टाइलर और कमलनाथ समेत अन्य दोषियों के खिलाफ मामले चल रहे हैं। पहले कभी भी समय की कंग्रेस सरकारों ने इन दोषियों को नहीं पकड़ा था, लेकिन एनडीए सरकार ने ही इन मामलों की नए सिरे से जांच करवाई और अब दोषी सलाखों के पीछे हैं।



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

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सीआइएसएफ: मांसपेशियों की अकड़न होगी दूर उड़ान से पूर्व एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों से कुछ पल स्ट्रेचिंग कराना शुरू

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जोधपुर कोहरे के कारण लेट हो रही फ्लाइट्स और यात्रियों को लगातार लम्बी सिटिंग, सर्दी के कारण मांसपेशियों की अकड़न को देखते हुए केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआईएसएफ) ने फ्लाइट में बैठने से पहले यात्रियों को स्ट्रेचिंग कराने का निर्णय किया है। यह हल्की-फुल्की एक्सरसाइज स्वेच्छिक है। इसमें दो से तीन मिनट का समय लगता है। शेष@पेज10

लम्बी सिटिंग से खून के प्रवाह पर असर

फ्लाइट्स के लेट होने की वजह से यात्रियों को लम्बा इंतजार करना पड़ता है। यह पहल उनके लिए विशेष उपयोगी है, जो काफी देर तक बैठे रहते हैं या जिनकी फ्लाइट में देरी होती है। स्ट्रेचिंग मांसपेशियों की जकड़न रोकने में मदद करती है और रक्त संचार को बेहतर बनाती है। डीप वेन थ्रोम्बोसिस (डीवीटी) के खतरे को भी कम करती है।

उड़ान से पूर्व ...

जोधपुर एयरपोर्ट पर स्ट्रेचिंग शुरू हो चुकी है। प्रतिदिन बोर्डिंग गेट पर यात्रियों से छह प्रकार की स्ट्रेचिंग करवाई जा रही है। यात्रियों का फीडबैक भी अच्छा रहा है। जोधपुर के अलावा उदयपुर, श्रीनगर, देहरादून, ग्वालियर और भुंतर एयरपोर्ट पर भी यह कार्यक्रम शुरू किया गया है। शेष एयरपोर्ट पर धीरे-धीरे शुरू किया जा रहा है। सीआइएसएफ ने स्पष्ट किया कि यह स्ट्रेचिंग केवल उन यात्रियों के लिए है, जिन्हें कोई गंभीर चिकित्सा समस्या नहीं है।



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कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर कम दृश्यता के कारण 60 उड़ानों के परिचालन में देरी

कोलकाता (भाषा)। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर सोमवार को खराब दृश्यता के कारण लगभग 60 उड़ानों के परिचालन में देरी हुई। एक अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी दी। अधिकारी ने बताया कि घने कोहरे के कारण सुबह सात बजे से हवाई अड्डे पर कम दृश्यता प्रक्रियाएं (एलवीपी) लागू करनी पड़ीं। जब दृश्यता 800 मीटर से कम हो जाती है तो हवाई प्रतायात नियंत्रक (एटीसी) एलवीपी लागू करता है। धरातल के ऊपर बादलों के 200 फुट से नीचे आ जाने पर भी इसे लागू किया जाता है।

नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनएससीबीआईए) के निदेशक पी. एंजन बेउरिया के अनुसार सुबह सात बजेकर 10 मिनट से नौ बजे तक किसी भी वेमान का परिचालन नहीं किया गया और करीब 30 उड़ानों के आगमन तथा 30 के स्थान में देरी हुई। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर सीएटी-थर्ड बो 'इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम' (आईएलएस) लगा हुआ है, जो उपयुक्त वेमानों और सीएटी-थर्ड बो प्रशिक्षित पायलटों को 50 मीटर तक की दृश्यता में संचालन के लिए सक्षम बनाता है।

PWD plans to decongest key junction near IGI to ease access

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New Delhi: To provide relief to people travelling to Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Public Works Department (PWD) is planning to decongest the main access road and junction near the NSG headquarters in Mehram Nagar.

According to officials, discussions are underway on developing an integrated transit corridor at the junction. For this purpose, a feasibility study will be conducted to determine whether the construction of an underpass, flyover, or both, will achieve PWD's goal of decongestion.

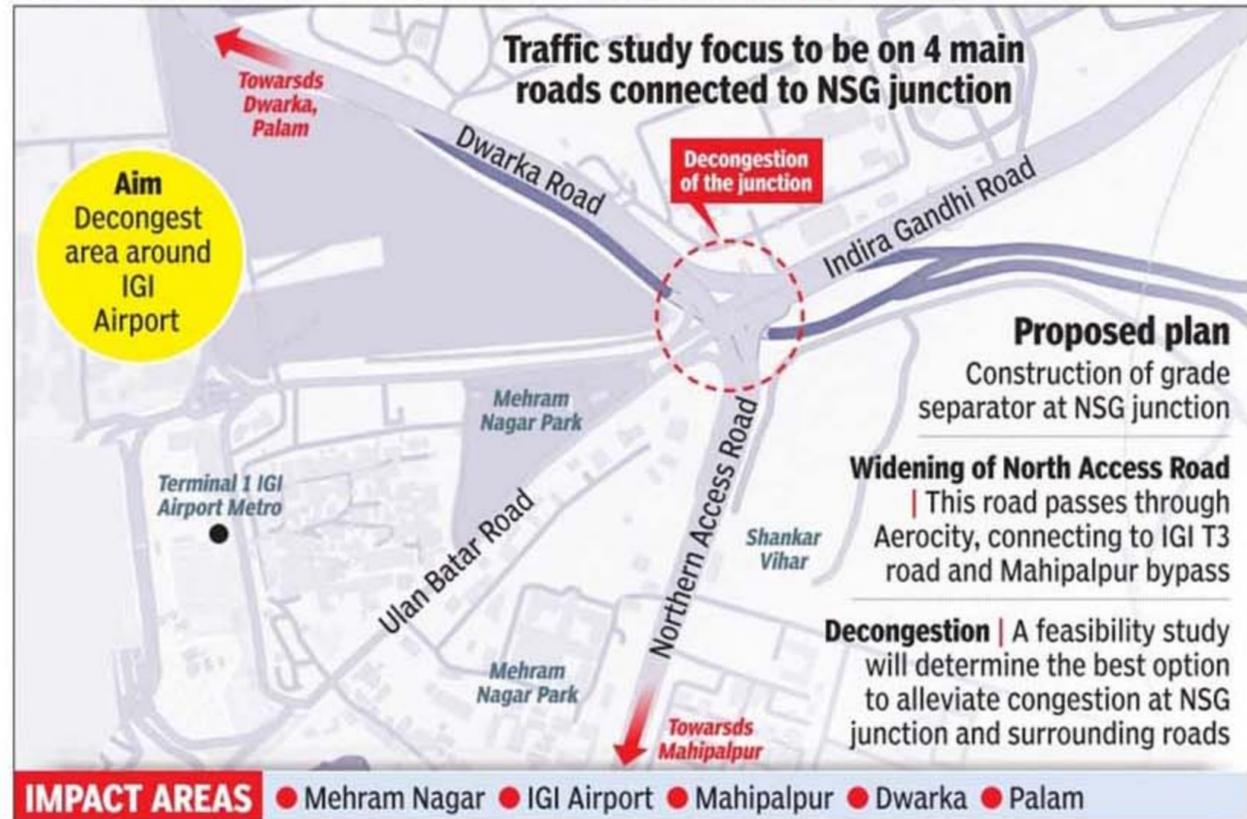
The project also involves road widening of North Access Road, which has several major hotels at Aerocity on the route and connects to the stretch going towards Terminal 3.

The junction in Mehram Nagar often faces traffic snarls, especially due to the increased movement of taxis in and around the airport in recent years. Hence, a plan is being discussed for a grade separator at the spot. The proposed corridor is expected to reduce jams on Dwarka Road, Mehram Nagar and Ulan Batar Road.

The most recent example of a street connectivity and corridor improvement project taken up by PWD is in the Punjabi Bagh area, where the department constructed one main flyover and a 'half flyover' to decongest a section of Ring Road.

"Tender has been floated for conducting a feasibility study for decongesting the junction. The intersection near NSG HQs is a four-arm signalised one that connects IGI Airport to NH48 and Dwarka. Long queue lengths can be ob-

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served during peak hours, which delays airport-bound traffic," said a PWD official.

Last year, two approach elevated stretches — Aerocity flyover and the parallel access road flyover — were opened to the public to smoothen the traffic movement to and from Delhi airport.

"With airport traffic consistently increasing, it is important to improve the efficiency of this junction so that it can cater to future traffic loads," said the official.

The agency that will be commissioned to carry out the study will have to complete the work within a two-month timeframe and submit its report to the department with detailed graphics and a layout plan for the intervention that is required to be made.

The contractor will carry out a classified traffic volume count survey for all categories

of vehicles for 24 hours on any one mid-week working day, showing all turning movements with classification of vehicles at intersections.

Apart from carrying out surveys of buildings and encroachments, consultants will also conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the scheme by taking into account the economic costs, environmental costs and social costs in implementing the scheme.

According to officials, the study will identify locations of trees, details of underground and overground utility lines of power, water and telecommunication, and also identify any monument, reserved green/parks, sensitive/defence areas in the vicinity and their influence on the proposed corridor.

After the feasibility study is completed, a detailed project report will be prepared and sent to govt for further approval.



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460 से अधिक उड़ानें प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में सोमवार सुबह कुछ इलाकों में हल्की बारिश से ठंड बढ़ गई। अधिकतम तापमान रविवार के मुकाबले 1.7 डिग्री गिरकर 16.9 डिग्री सेल्सियस हो गया, जिसके चलते अधिक ठिटुरन महसूस हुई। न्यूनतम तापमान भी 0.2 डिग्री कम 9.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा।

■ कोहरे के चलते पालम व सफदरजंग में दृश्यता 300 मीटर रही, जिससे विमानों के संचालन पर असर पड़ा। 400 से अधिक उड़ानों में देरी हुई। वहीं, कोलकाता में दृश्यता 50 मीटर तक घटने से 60 उड़ानों में देरी हुई। कोहरे के कारण मंगलवार को भी उड़ानें प्रभावित होने की आशंका है।



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Jeju Air's problems mount after crash that killed 179

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When Jeju Air's status as South Korea's biggest low-cost carrier seemed under threat from the merger of the country's two biggest airlines last year, the company's chief executive assured employees that it would "actively respond," possibly by acquiring smaller rivals. Now, a week after a crash that killed 179 people on December 29, Jeju Air's future is clouded by even deeper questions.

South Korean officials on Thursday raided the company's offices and imposed a travel ban on Kim E-bae, the chief executive, as part of the investigation into the country's worst air disaster in almost three decades. Passengers are cancelling bookings, adding further strain to a balance sheet heavy with debt. And Jeju Air's stock price, already trading near record lows, has fallen 10 per cent since the disaster.

Earlier in the week, Kim said that Jeju Air would cut 15 per cent of its flights until March to "enhance operational stability."

As investigators look into what caused Jeju Air Flight 7C2216 to crash, the airline has come under intense government and public scrutiny for how it operates. Some of its operational practices are being challenged, including how it flew its planes more frequently than competitors and how



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it outsourced its maintenance overseas.

Jeju Air's business outlook was already uncertain. The crash came after the completion of Korean Air's acquisition of a majority stake in Asiana Airlines last month. The merger — a \$1.05 billion deal agreed upon four years ago — will eventually create a single national carrier. As part of that deal, three budget carriers operated by the two companies will be brought under one brand that will surpass Jeju Air as South Korea's largest low-cost offering.

Two decades ago, Jeju Air became the country's first upstart budget airline with

the aim of challenging the duopoly of Korean Air and Asiana. Jeju Air would fly the busy tourist route between Seoul and Jeju, a scenic island off the southern coast of South Korea. The airline is majority-owned by AK Holdings, a conglomerate best known for selling laundry detergent and toothpaste. Jeju Air's second biggest shareholder is Jeju's provincial government.

Jeju Air emerged from a jumble of other small airlines to become the country's leading low-cost carrier. Like many budget airlines, Jeju kept a tight rein on costs, put new technology in place and squeezed travellers for even small perks. It focused on short regional flights served by the same model of airplane, the single-aisle Boeing 737-800.

After an initial public offering in 2015, Jeju Air was on fairly stable financial footing until the pandemic struck. Since 2020, it has been forced to raise capital on three separate occasions, totaling nearly \$500 million. It also received a government loan of \$29 million on the condition that it maintain 90 per cent of its work force.

Even after travel restrictions were lifted and Jeju Air was awash in pent-up demand, its debt problems persisted because its costs were going up just as fast as its revenue.

South Korea seeks extension of arrest warrant for Yoon

BLOOMBERG

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South Korea's corruption watchdog filed for an extension of a warrant to arrest President Yoon Suk Yeol after their first attempt last week ended in failure following an hours-long standoff with his security team.

The Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials also asked the police to handle the arrest on their behalf following the failure.

But police effectively rejected the request, saying there could be legal issues for them to execute a warrant obtained by the CIO. The application for the extension suggests a move to carry out the arrest may not happen until later in the week.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken expressed confidence in South Korea's acting leader as the two nations reaffirmed their security alliance and combat readiness against North Korea at a time when Seoul is struggling to restore political stability.



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फ्लाइट कैंसल, फिर भी मेक माय ट्रिप ने 295 रु. काटे, 5 हजार हर्जाना

भोपाल। फ्लाइट कैंसल होने के बाद 295 रुपए कन्वीनियंस फीस काटना मेक माय ट्रिप को महंगा पड़ गया। जिला उपभोक्ता फोरम ने मेक माय ट्रिप के खिलाफ 5 हजार रुपए का हर्जाना लगाया है। साथ ही काटे गए 295 रुपए वापस करने का आदेश दिया है। आनंद नगर के रहने वाले संजय अहीरे ने मेक माय ट्रिप से मुंबई से भोपाल का टिकट 23 मई 2020 को बुक कराया था। कोविड के चलते एयरलाइंस को अपनी फ्लाइट कैंसल करनी पड़ी। परिवादी के लिए भोपाल जाने को कोई वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था भी नहीं की गई। इसके अलावा परिवादी को रिफंड की गई राशि में से 295 रुपए कन्वीनियंस फीस के रूप में काट लिए गए। परिवादी ने जिला उपभोक्ता फोरम में इंसाफ के लिए गुहार लगाई। एयरलाइंस कंपनी का कहना है कि उनके द्वारा किराये की राशि मेक माय ट्रिप को रिफंड कर दी गई थी।



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नागरिक महानिदेशालय को ड्राफ्ट भेजा, फरवरी तक मंजूरी संभव उड़ान भरने के लिए टिकट अगले माह मिलने लगेंगे



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से फरवरी तक टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू हो सकेगी। एयरपोर्ट बना रही कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (यापल) ने फ्लाइट शेड्यूलिंग के लिए नागरिक महानिदेशालय को वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन (एआईपी) का ड्राफ्ट भेज दिया है। एयरपोर्ट पर वेलिडेशन फ्लाइट की रिपोर्ट और डाटा के अध्ययन को देखते हुए फरवरी तक इसे मंजूरी मिलने की संभावना है।

एयरपोर्ट से अप्रैल 2025 में विमानों की उड़ान प्रस्तावित है। एयरपोर्ट पर नौ दिसंबर को ट्रायल किया जा चुका है। इंडिगो के विमान ने रनवे पर उतरकर अध्ययन किया और जल्द ही सर्विलांस सिस्टम की जांच का रिकॉर्ड एकत्र किया था। एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रायल सफल रहा था, जिसकी रिपोर्ट पूर्व में ही डीजीसीए को भेजी जा चुकी है। अब कंपनी ने ऑनलाइन टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू कराने के लिए फ्लाइट शेड्यूलिंग को लेकर वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन का ड्राफ्ट भी डीजीसीए और एयरपोर्ट अधीनस्थ ऑफ इंडिया को भेजा दिया



दिल्ली से सस्ती हो सकती है उड़ान

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने वाले विमानों में यात्री किराया दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के मुकाबले कम हो सकता है। कारण, दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की अपेक्षा यहां से उड़ने वाले विमानों को ईंधन सस्ती दर पर उपलब्ध होगा। यूपी सरकार ने ईंधन पर महज एक फीसदी वैट लगाने का निर्णय लिया है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से उड़ने वाले विमानों को ईंधन पर 25 फीसदी वैट का भुगतान करना पड़ता है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर छह रनवे बनाने की योजना

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का पहला चरण अप्रैल 2025 में पूरा होगा। इसकी सालाना क्षमता 1.2 करोड़ यात्री की होगी। अब तक दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की सालाना क्षमता 7.36 और मुंबई की 5.28 करोड़ है। यात्रियों की सालाना संख्या बढ़ने के साथ रनवे की संख्या भी बढ़ती जाएगी। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर कुल छह रनवे बनाने की योजना है। यह देश का सबसे बड़ा और दुनिया का चौथा सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट बनेगा।

है। कंपनी ने टिकट बुकिंग सेवा के लिए छह फरवरी की तिथि निर्धारित की है, जोकि प्रस्तावित उड़ान की तिथि 17 अप्रैल से 70 दिन पहले है। उड़ान शुरू करने के लिए यह प्रक्रिया छह फरवरी तक अनिवार्य रूप से पूरी की जानी थी, जिसे समय रहते डीजीसीए

को भेजा जा चुका है। अब डीजीसीए की टीम वेलिडेशन फ्लाइट के डाटा और रिकॉर्ड संग एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण करेगी, जिसके बाद वैमानिकी सूचना का प्रकाशन किया जाएगा। इससे विश्वभर में एयरपोर्ट के लिए फ्लाइट शुरू होने का रास्ता खुलेगा।



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8 aviation facilities set for launch in '25

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NEW DELHI: In a major expansion of India's aviation infrastructure, eight crucial airports and terminals will be inaugurated in the first half of 2025, officials said.

The new facilities will come up in Goa, Patna, Prayagraj, Jodhpur, Hirasar (Rajkot), Satna, Datia and Thoothukudi.

"Prayagraj, Jodhpur and Patna's expansion will be completed by June 30 this year. Goa's Dabolim airport will have a new terminal building by March," a senior aviation ministry official said, asking not to be named. The official added that airports at Datia, Satna and Hirasar are almost ready for inauguration.

Former civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had laid the foundation stone for Datia airport in August 2023. The airport will also serve people from nearby Jhansi.

The expansion comes as India's domestic air passenger traffic is expected to reach 300 million by 2030. According to the Economic Survey FY 2024, India has doubled its airports

since 2014.

Aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu recently said the government aims to increase the number of airports to around 350 by 2047.

Both Datia and Satna airports align with the government's UDAN scheme and will begin operations using 19-seater planes. Hirasar airport has been operating since September 2023 with a temporary terminal. "The airport's permanent terminal building will be inaugurated before June this year, though it has missed three deadlines," said an official.

Another official said while work at Goa's Dabolim airport will finish by March, Patna airport's new domestic terminal will be ready by June-end.

"Tuticorin airport in Tamil Nadu, which currently handles only small aircraft, is being upgraded to accommodate A321 aircraft that can carry around 200 passengers. It will also handle international passengers," the official said.

The new terminal at Jodhpur Airport, built at ₹480 crore, will cover 24,000 sq m and handle 2,500 passengers during peak hours.



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Mid-air snag: AI flight makes emergency landing in B'luru

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OVER 150 passengers on board an Air India flight had a miraculous escape after the flight took off from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here on Sunday night when one of its engines failed mid-air.

A passenger reported panic scenes on board. The pilot managed to steer the flight safely back to Bengaluru using the other engine, sources said. The flight took off at night and reached Delhi early Monday.

Flight AI 2820, an A320 neo model, took off from Terminal 2 of KIA at 7.09pm, though it was supposed to take off at 5.45 pm. After encountering problems mid-way, it returned to KIA at 8.10pm.

Air Traffic Control sources confirmed that one of the engines of the flight failed when it was airborne. Police also confirmed it. Air India termed it "an operational issue".

An airport source said, "All emergency protocols were followed and ambulances and fire-fighters were on standby before



the flight landed." A top cop said, "I was told that an Air India flight to Delhi has developed an engine problem. I was asked to report for duty immediately last night as the flight carrying between 150 and 180 passengers would be landing shortly. The flight landed safely and there were no issues."

The passengers were taken back to the terminal. The flight took off on Sunday at

11.47pm and reached Delhi by 2.07am Monday, five hours and 27 minutes behind schedule, according to flight tracker websites.

A passenger on board @saurabhmalay1 posted on X, "AI

2820 emergency landing at Bangalore airport just now. After one hour of panic the flight landed again at Bangalore airport." In a second post, he added, "Thanks to the captain for a safe landing. All the security staff on their feet."

A video shared by him showed passengers alighting and making their way to a shuttle bus. A passenger is heard telling the man who was shooting the video, "So, you are recording your punarjanmam (rebirth) now."

Air India responded to the passenger on its official X handle: "Hi, we are concerned to learn of your experience. Flight AI 2820 has returned to Bengaluru due to operational reasons. Safety of our passengers and crew is of utmost priority and hence, such decisions are taken. Our team is working diligently to assist all passengers. We appreciate your patience and understanding."

A source at BCAS said, "There was some technical issue with the Air India flight and it returned."



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Delhi fog disrupts trains, delays flights for third consecutive day

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A thick blanket of fog covered Delhi on Sunday morning, disrupting flight and train schedules in the national capital for the third consecutive day in a row. The city also witnessed a dip in temperature, accompanied by cold wave conditions. However, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light rain for Monday bringing a likely respite. "Dense fog conditions during late night to early morning hours is likely to continue over parts of North India till 09th January 09," it added.

According to the flight tracking website, Flightradar24, over 200 flights have been delayed and

30 flights have been cancelled. The visibility at Palam was zero for 3.5 hours from 4 am to 7.30 am on Sunday. This was better than the nine hours of zero visibility conditions on Saturday, said the IMD. The visibility improved over Palam to 100 m at 8.30 am as the wind speed increased from 10 kmph to 13 kmph. At Safdarjung, minimum visibility of 50 m was reported at 5.30 am.

The dense fog conditions lifted and moderate fog was later reported at 8.30 am as the wind speed picked up from 4 kmph to 6 kmph, said the IMD. "Compared to Saturday's 9-hour zero visibility spell, Palam experienced a relatively shorter duration of 3.5 hours of zero visibility on Sunday,"

the IMD added.

According to Delhi airport officials, no flights were diverted on Sunday. The Indra Gandhi International (IGI) Airport issued a passenger advisory at 12.10 pm. "Low visibility procedures are still in progress at Delhi Airport. However, there has been no impact on flight operations. Passengers are requested to contact the airline concerned for updated flight information," the advisory reads.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) operates around 1300 flight movements daily. "Due to adverse weather conditions, flights to/from Delhi, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Kolkata and Lucknow are impacted," IndiGo said in a

post on X at 12.59 am. Several trains at New Delhi Railway Station were also delayed due to the dense fog conditions. Meanwhile, the air quality in Delhi remained in the 'very poor' category for the fourth consecutive day on Sunday. Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) reading at 1 pm was 339 ('very poor' category). The air quality is generally impacted when the smog thickens and temperatures dip, along with reduced wind speeds. The minimum temperature on Sunday was 9.4 degree Celsius, which is above normal by 3 notches. The maximum temperature was stood at 18.6 degree Celsius, which is below normal by one notch. Palam was the cold area which recorded 7.8 degree Celsius.



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TWO NEW FLIGHTS

People of Lucknow and adjoining regions will now have one international and one domestic flight to Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi) (BKK) and Bhubaneswar (BBI), respectively. Both routes will be operated by Air India Express, thrice a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with Boeing 737 Max aircraft having capacity of 186 passengers.

A Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (CCSIA) spokesperson said, "The two new flights will augment our emphasis on providing seamless connectivity to domestic as well as international passengers. With the introduction of these routes, CCSIA now enables people of the region to travel directly to Thailand and Bhubaneswar from Lucknow. Travellers can look forward to more options, reduced travel time, and the promise of a hassle-free journey."



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Dense fog in Delhi-NCR affects over 160 flights, delays 50 trains: Dense fog enveloped Delhi-NCR on Sunday, reducing visibility and hitting flight and train operations. The Indra Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) recorded more than 155 delays and eight cancellations. The delays were reported for aircraft not equipped with advanced CAT III navigation systems. The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) reassured travellers that landings and takeoffs were ongoing, but cautioned that non-CAT III-compliant flights might face delays.