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Airlines Flash SOS Signal as Costs Zoom



W Asia crisis-hit carriers seek cushion against jet fuel surge, airport fee relief

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New Delhi: Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Friday met with airline executives, with the latter raising the alarm that any prolonging of the conflict in West Asia would severely dent operations as Indian carriers are heavily exposed to the region. Airlines are demanding government support against any spike in the price of jet fuel, which typically accounts for 15-25% of operating cost. Jet fuel prices at Singapore rocketed 72%, scaling a record

\$225.44 a barrel on Wednesday on worries about future supplies. Analysts at Citi said in a note that they expect benchmark Brent crude to trade between \$80 and \$90 a barrel this week if the conflict continues. **Centre hasn't considered any financial incentives for the aviation industry yet** and route navigation charges that are imposed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) during their meeting with the minister, said pe-

ople aware of the development. A senior government official said for now, the Centre hasn't considered any financial incentives for the aviation industry though it is evaluating ways to resolve any regulatory bottlenecks faced by Indian carriers operating to West Asia. "Financial incentive is a call which has to be taken by various arms of the government," said the official. "In the meantime, we are looking at giving expeditious permission so that airlines can continue operating to West Asia."

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The official mentioned extending watch hours at western airports, and allowing exemption from pilot duty hour rules on certain routes that have since become extended due to the need to bypass the conflict-affected region. Costs have already soared for Air India with the Tata-owned carrier forced to take longer routes for services to Europe and North America, inflating fuel expenses. IndiGo, which had leased six wide-body aircraft to launch flights to Europe, is unable to use them as Norse Atlantic, the owner of the planes, is bound by European aviation regulator EASA's rules which prohibits it from flying over West Asia airspace.

Notably, West Asia is the sole re-

maining transit hub for Indian carriers flying between Europe and Asia as they aren't allowed to use Pakistan airspace since last year's Operation Sindoor.

Simultaneously, insurance companies have started raising premiums for hull war risk insurance coverage. There has been an increase of ₹30-40 lakh for a narrow-body flight and ₹90 lakh-₹1 crore for a wide-body flight on routes such as Delhi-Dubai-Delhi.

Meanwhile, Air India is pushing the Centre to allow using a route over China to circumvent the Pakistan airspace. However, such a move requires approval from the ministries of home and defence before the government can formally engage with China.

EVACUATION OPS

Airlines have started very limited operations to West Asia, mainly to evacuate thousands of Indian nationals stranded in the region.

Airline executives however lament that such flights are unviable due to the unreliability of operations at hub airports like Dubai, Doha, and Riyadh while the aircraft flies virtually empty on its leg to West Asia.

Domestic airlines cancelled 278 international flights for the day and scheduled 96 flights to and from West Asia on Friday, the government said. "While the airports are allowing limited flights, it depends on extensive safety risk assessment before each flight, which delays turnaround times," said an airline

executive. "So, the utilisation of the plane is also decreasing, making the flight quite unviable. We have to see how long West Asia operations can be sustained if the situation persists."

Shares of InterGlobe Aviation, the operator of IndiGo, fell for the fourth straight day on Friday in line with the broader benchmark Sensex, as analysts cautioned that the risk of the conflict can be disproportionate on Indian carriers. "The conflict will likely have a more pronounced effect on Indian-headquartered carriers, given their higher capacity and number of routes to West Asia," wrote analysts at S&P. "We believe carriers with a higher proportion of international routes will be most affected."



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Noida airport gets aerodrome licence, April take-off likely

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Noida: A day after receiving security clearance from the home ministry, Noida International Airport on Friday received its aerodrome licence from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the final regulatory clearance before flight operations can begin.

Sources said the airport could now be formally inaugurated by the last week of March, with flight operations expected to start around the second week of April.

The aerodrome licence, issued under the Aircraft Rules, 1937, cer-

tifies that an airport meets the civil aviation regulator's requirements for safety, operational procedures, infrastructure, navigation systems and emergency response.

Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) CEO RK Singh told **TOI** the clearance means the airport is ready for takeoff and landing of flights. "We will seek time from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the airport," Singh said.

On Thursday, the airport received security clearance from Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). That clearance confirmed that its key security framework,



NIA terminal building with its forecourt designed to resemble Varanasi ghats

including Bomb Threat Contingency Plan, Anti-Hijack Contingency Plan and Airport Security

Programme, are in place for both passenger and cargo operations.

Calibration flights to test the

Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) at the airport were completed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Nov last year. These tests ensure navigation and communication systems meet international safety standards for upcoming operational readiness.

Officials at Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) said the airport has achieved operational readiness. On the ground, construction and operational preparations are nearly complete. The runway, air traffic control tower and other airside facilities are also ready.

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को मिला एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : जेवर में बने नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस दे दिया है। यह लाइसेंस यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (वाइआइएपीएल) को दिया गया है, जो ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी है। उसके पास ही इस हवाईअड्डे के विकास और संचालन की जिम्मेदारी है। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के साथ ही उड़ानों के संचालन का रास्ता साफ हो गया है।

डीजीसीए ने इस एयरपोर्ट को पब्लिक यूज श्रेणी के तहत लाइसेंस दिया है। यहां 10-28 ओरिएंटेशन वाली 3,900 मीटर लंबा व 45 मीटर चौड़ा रनवे बनाया गया है। आधुनिक तकनीक के जरिये यहां से हर मौसम में 24 घंटे विमानों



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की यात्री टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग के बाहर का दृश्य • सौजन्य: मित्राल प्रबंधन

का संचालन संभव होगा। एयरपोर्ट पर 24 कोड सी और 2 कोड डी/एफ श्रेणी के विमानों के लिए पार्किंग स्टैंड बनाए गए हैं। एआरएफएफ कैटेगरी-9 की अग्निशमन और आपातकालीन सेवाएं भी उपलब्ध हैं, जिससे बोइंग 777-300ईआर जैसे बड़े वाइड-बाडी वाले विमानों का संचालन भी संभव होगा।

पहले चरण में 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों

- पब्लिक यूज श्रेणी में मिला लाइसेंस, हर मौसम में संचालन में होगा सक्षम
- इस लाइसेंस के साथ ही एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानों के संचालन का रास्ता साफ

को संभालने में सक्षम : नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को चार चरणों में विकसित किया जा रहा है, जिसमें एक मल्टी-माडल कार्गो हब भी है। पहले चरण में एक रनवे और एक टर्मिनल के साथ यह एयरपोर्ट सालाना लगभग 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम होगा। सभी चरण पूरे होने पर क्षमता बढ़कर करीब सात करोड़ यात्री प्रतिवर्ष तक पहुंच जाएगी।

चेन्न नवरात्र में प्रधानमंत्री मोदी कर सकते हैं शुभारंभ

जासं, ग्रेटर नोएडा : नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो से रियगोरिटी वलीयरेस मिलने के एक दिन बाद ही एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिल गया है। यह लाइसेंस जारी होने के ठीक 45 दिन बाद यहा से देश के प्रमुख शहरों के लिए हवाई सेवा शुरू की जा सकती है। चेन्न नवरात्र में प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी शुभारंभ कर सकते हैं। शुरुआत में यहां से बंगलुरु, चेन्नई, मुंबई, चंडीगढ़, हैदराबाद, अहमदाबाद, जयपुर, लखनऊ, वाराणसी और गोरखपुर के लिए विमान सेवा शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। इससे एनसीआर, पश्चिमी उग्र, हरियाणा, राजस्थान, उत्तराखंड, हिमाचल के लोगों को फायदा मिलेगा।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने दी बधाई

: नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू किंजरापु ने उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का विकास राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है। यह आर्थिक विकास, पर्यटन और निवेश को बढ़ावा देगा।

देश में अब 164 हवाईअड्डे:

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के अनुसार, 2014 में देश में 74 हवाईअड्डे संचालित थे। अब इनकी संख्या 164 हो गई है। भारत अभी दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू विमानन बाजार बन चुका है। वर्ष 2047 तक देश में 400 से अधिक हवाईअड्डे विकसित करने का लक्ष्य है। **संबंधित >> पेज 8**



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Noida airport gets aerodrome, security clearances to start ops

REGULATORY GO-AHEAD. DGCA green light comes after final nod from Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

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After missing several completion deadlines, the Noida International Airport (NIA) has now secured both aerodrome and security clearances, moving the greenfield airport at Jewar a step closer to start commercial domestic operations.

On Friday, the airport received its aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), certifying that the facility meets regulatory requirements related to operational procedures, safety systems, infrastructure, navigation aids and emergency response.

PASSENGER SERVICE

The development comes a day after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) granted final security clearance for domestic passenger operations as well as domestic and international cargo services.

businessline had reported on Friday (March 5) that the



FACILITY READINESS. All major infrastructure required for operations is now complete, says NIA

airport had secured the crucial security clearance from BCAS, marking a major milestone in its operational readiness.

In technical parlance, the licence confirms that the airport's airside infrastructure, flight operations procedures and safety systems comply with DGCA's Civil Aviation Requirements.

Notably, the next regulatory step will involve approval of the Aerodrome Security Programme by BCAS.

Once this is cleared, authorities will coordinate with airline partners to plan

the formal inauguration and commencement of commercial operations.

A major operational milestone had already been achieved in December 2024 when IndiGo conducted a validation flight using an Airbus A320 to test the airport's approach procedures, navigation aids and air traffic control systems.

KEY MILESTONE

"Receiving the aerodrome licence is a key milestone in our journey. It reflects the strong collaboration with our partners and the rigor-

ous work undertaken to ensure readiness for commercial operations," Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer of Noida International Airport, said.

MOBILITY SERVICES

As per NIA, all major infrastructure required for operations is now complete, and essential concessions have been awarded across mobility services, ground handling, in-flight catering, aviation fuel, cargo, retail, food and beverage, and the airport hotel.

Besides, communications and navigation systems have been commissioned by the Airports Authority of India.

Last month, Schnellmann told *businessline* that the operational readiness process would involve finalising airline networks and route plans, as well as completing slot filing and approval procedures with the DGCA and other stakeholders.

Once slots are approved, airlines typically begin commercial preparations such as opening ticket sales and initiating customer outreach

ahead of launch.

In terms of the city side, the airport is preparing surface connectivity to support passengers from the first day of operations.

Schnellmann had pointed out that the mobility options will include intercity and long-haul bus services, airport taxis and cab aggregators, supported by intelligent traffic management systems to regulate traffic flow.

Looking ahead, he said long-term connectivity could be strengthened through a proposed Regional Rapid Transit System link from Ghaziabad and a planned high-speed rail corridor between Delhi and Varanasi, with a stop at the airport.

STRATEGIC DEAL

On airline partnerships, IndiGo will be the launch carrier at NIA. The airport has also entered into a strategic partnership with Akasa Air, which plans to operate both domestic and international services, while Air India Express is set to begin flights as well.



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BUSINESS STANDARD

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DGCA grants aerodrome licence to Noida airport

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has granted the aerodrome licence to the Noida International Airport (NIA), which is being developed by Zurich Airport International AG.

"With the aerodrome licence in place, NIA will continue working closely with authorities to conclude the regulatory approval process. The airport's Aerodrome Security Programme is currently under review with the

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, and we look forward to receiving this approval in due course," the NIA stated in a press release.

"Noida International Airport will coordinate with all partners to plan the formal inauguration and commencement of commercial operations," it added. The commencement of flights at Jewar airport has faced multiple delays since 2024.

DEEPAK PATEL

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट : लंबी प्रतीक्षा के बाद उड़ान की ओर कदम

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को डीजीसीए से मिला एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस

तकनीकी नवाचारों का स्विस-भारतीय संगम



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ग्रेटर नोएडा, 6 मार्च (देशबन्धु)। दिल्ली-एनसीआर के दूसरे प्रमुख हवाई अड्डे के रूप में विकसित हो रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (जेवर) ने आज एक ऐतिहासिक उपलब्धि हासिल की है। डायरेक्टरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) ने शुक्रवार को यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (यापल) को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी कर दिया। इस लाइसेंस के साथ अब एयरपोर्ट सार्वजनिक उपयोग के लिए सभी मौसम में संचालन के योग्य हो गया है, जिससे व्यवसायिक विमान परिचालन का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। यह लाइसेंस मिलने के साथ ही नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की लगभग नौ साल पुरानी विकास यात्रा में एक निर्णायक मोड़ आया है।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय से साइट क्लियरेंस 6 जुलाई 2017 को प्राप्त हुआ था, जिसके बाद भूमि अधिग्रहण, डिजाइन, निविदा प्रक्रिया और निर्माण कार्य तेजी से आगे बढ़े। स्विस कंपनी ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की सहायक यापल ने पीपीपी मॉडल के तहत 1 अक्टूबर 2021 से 40 वर्षीय कॉन्सेशन परियोजना शुरू की।

पहले चरण 1334 हेक्टेयर में एक रनवे (10/28), लंबाई 3,900 मीटर x

चौड़ाई 45 मीटर), एक टर्मिनल भवन और आधुनिक सुविधाओं के साथ एयरपोर्ट की क्षमता 12 मिलियन यात्रियों प्रति वर्ष होगी। इसमें इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (आईएलएस) और एयरोनॉटिकल ग्राउंड लाइटिंग (एजीएस) जैसी सुविधाएं शामिल हैं, जो 24x7 संचालन सुनिश्चित करेंगी।

हालांकि परियोजना ने कई बार समयसीमा चूकने के कारण आलोचनाओं का सामना किया-आरंभिक लक्ष्य 2024 था, फिर 2025 और अब 2026, लेकिन हालिया प्रगति से उत्साह है। पिछले दिनों

ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिवयोरिटी (बीसीएएस) से सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिलने के बाद डीजीसीए ने अंतिम निरीक्षण किया और आज लाइसेंस जारी कर दिया।

अगला कदम क्या?

अधिकारियों के अनुसार, लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद 45 दिनों के भीतर घरेलू यात्री उड़ानें और कार्गो संचालन शुरू हो सकते हैं। इंडिगो, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस, अकासा एयर जैसी एयरलाइंस पहले से ही रुचि दिखा चुकी हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें पहले चरण के बाद के दौर में शुरू

होंगी। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार और केंद्र को इस संयुक्त परियोजना को पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश और एनसीआर के लिए गेम-चेंजर माना जा रहा है।

यह दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर बढ़ते दबाव को कम करेगा और क्षेत्रीय अर्थव्यवस्था को नई गति देगा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की यह सफलता उन परियोजनाओं के लिए प्रेरणा है, जो लंबे समय तक अडचनों में फंसी रहती हैं, लेकिन अंततः मंजिल तक पहुंचती हैं। अब बस इंतजार है जब जेवर से पहली उड़ान आसमान में उड़ेगी।

ग्रेटर नोएडा। देश के अन्य बड़े हवाई अड्डों से अलग, डिजिटल क्रांति और शून्य-कार्बन लक्ष्य से सज्जत यह विमानक्षेत्र भारत की उड़ान को नई ऊंचाइयों पर ले जाएगा।

ग्रेटर नोएडा उत्तर प्रदेश के यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण में बनकर तैयार इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने तकनीकी क्षेत्र में एक नया मानदंड स्थापित करने की दिशा में कदम बढ़ा दिया है।

जेवर एयरपोर्ट के नाम से विख्यात यह विमानक्षेत्र, जो स्विस एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली कंपनी द्वारा संचालित भारत का पहला 100 प्रतिशत प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश (एफडीआई) परियोजना है, अन्य बड़े हवाई अड्डों जैसे इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय या मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज टर्मिनल से अपनी डिजिटल-प्रथम और पर्यावरण-अनुकूल डिजाइन से अलग पहचान बना रहा है। यहां की विशेषताएं न केवल यात्रियों को संपर्करहित और व्यक्तिगत अनुभव प्रदान करेंगी, बल्कि विमानन क्षेत्र में सतत विकास की मिसाल भी कायम करेंगी।

यह एयरपोर्ट भारत का पहला 'नेट-जीरो एमिशन' विमानक्षेत्र होगा, जहां कार्बन न्यूट्रैलिटी, शून्य नेट ऊर्जा उपयोग, जल न्यूट्रैलिटी और शून्य अपशिष्ट का लक्ष्य यात्रियों की संख्या से स्वतंत्र रूप से प्राप्त किया जाएगा। निर्माण में लो-कार्बन एलसी3 सीमेंट का उपयोग, उन्नत वर्षा जल संचयन एवं पुनर्चक्रण प्रणाली तथा ऊर्जा-कुशल भवनों के साथ स्मार्ट प्रबंधन तंत्र इसे अन्य एयरपोर्ट्स से श्रेष्ठ बनाते हैं, जहां पारंपरिक ईंधन-आधारित संचालन अभी भी प्रचलित है। इसके अतिरिक्त, यह 'नेट पॉजिटिव'

सततता की ओर अग्रसर है, जिसमें अतिरिक्त नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा उत्पादन, जल प्रणालियों का पुनरुत्पादन और परिपत्र अर्थव्यवस्था का विकास शामिल है।

तकनीकी मोर्चे पर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पूर्णतः डिजिटल इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर पर आधारित होगा, जो यात्रियों को सुरक्षित, संपर्करहित यात्रा अनुभव के साथ-साथ अनुकूलित व्यवसायिक सुविधाएं प्रदान करेगा। यहां 'प्लग एंड प्ले' वातावरण एयरलाइनों को न्यूनतम प्रारंभिक लागत पर अधिकतम यात्री संतुष्टि सुनिश्चित करेगा, जबकि डिजिटल रणनीति यात्री अनुभव, संचालन दक्षता और आय में उत्कृष्टता के बेंचमार्क स्थापित करेगी।

विशेष रूप से, विश्व की सबसे बड़ी आईटी इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेवा प्रदाता काईडिल के साथ साझेदारी से एआई-चालित स्वचालन को बढ़ावा मिला है। काईडिल ब्रिज प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से वास्तविक समय प्रणाली निगरानी, पूर्वानुमानित विश्लेषण और जोग्रिम न्यूनीकरण सुनिश्चित होगा, जो 24/7 संचालन समर्थन और साइबर सुरक्षा निगरानी के साथ संयुक्त होकर निर्बाध सेवाएं प्रदान करेगा। यह सुविधा अन्य भारतीय एयरपोर्ट्स में दुर्लभ है, जहां पारंपरिक आईटी प्रणालियां अभी भी जोग्रिमों का सामना कर रही हैं। इसके अलावा, बहु-रनवे डिजाइन (छह रनवे और छह टर्मिनल) के साथ 225 मिलियन यात्रियों की वार्षिक क्षमता वाला यह हब, एकीकृत ग्राउंड ट्रांसपोर्टेशन सेंटर के जरिए मेट्रो नेटवर्क और प्रस्तावित दिल्ली-वाराणसी हाई-स्पीड रेल से जुड़ेगा। एक समर्पित रखरखाव, मरम्मत एवं सुधार (एमआरओ) सुविधा विमान यातायात को सहारा देगी, जो इसे एक बहु-माध्यमिक कनेक्टिविटी केंद्र के रूप में स्थापित करेगी।

स्थानीय संस्कृति से प्रेरित वास्तुकला, जैसे हरिद्वार-वाराणसी घाटों का थीम, तकनीकी आधुनिकता को सांस्कृतिक स्पर्श से जोड़ेगी।

परियोजना के प्रबंधक यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के अधिकारियों के अनुसार, 'यह एयरपोर्ट स्विस दक्षता और भारतीय आतिथ्य का अनूठा मिश्रण होगा, जो यात्रियों को भविष्योन्मुखी अनुभव देगा।' पहले चरण में 12 मिलियन यात्रियों की क्षमता वाला यह विमानक्षेत्र अब 45 दिनों में चालू होने की उम्मीद है, जो दिल्ली-एनसीआर की उड़ान क्षमता को दोगुना करने के साथ-साथ राष्ट्रीय विमानन को वैश्विक स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धी बनाएगा। अन्य एयरपोर्ट्स की तुलना में इसकी ये विशेषताएं न केवल दक्षता बढ़ाएंगी, बल्कि पर्यावरण संरक्षण और डिजिटल समावेशन को नई मिसाल पेश करेंगी।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट संचालन के लिए सख्त नियम लागू, मानकों से समझौता हुआ तो होगी कार्रवाई

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के संचालन के लिए तय की गई सभी शर्तों का सख्ती से पालन करना होगा। यदि इन नियमों का पालन नहीं किया गया तो संबंधित एजेंसियों द्वारा कार्रवाई का प्रावधान भी रखा गया है। एयरपोर्ट पर उपलब्ध सभी सुविधाएं, उपकरण, सेवाएं और संचालन प्रक्रियाएं नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के निर्धारित मानकों के अनुसार संचालित और उनका रखरखाव किया जाएगा। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन को यह सुनिश्चित करना होगा कि सभी व्यवस्थाएं तय सुरक्षा और संचालन मानकों के अनुरूप हों और किसी भी स्तर पर सुरक्षा से समझौता न हो। इसके साथ ही एयरपोर्ट के प्रत्येक कर्मचारी को अपने कार्य से जुड़े नियमों और प्रक्रियाओं की पूरी

- डीजीसीए के नियमों के अनुसार सभी सुविधाएं, सुरक्षा और सेवाएं संचालित करनी होंगी
- कर्मचारियों के नियमित प्रशिक्षण और हर उड़ान का रिकॉर्ड रखना अनिवार्य

जानकारी हो, इसके लिए समय-समय पर नियमित प्रशिक्षण की व्यवस्था भी की जाएगी। एयरपोर्ट संचालन के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में प्रशिक्षित और योग्य कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति भी अनिवार्य होगी।

यदि एयरपोर्ट पर किसी प्रकार की बाधा, संभावित खतरा, सेवा

में बदलाव या रनवे बंद होने जैसी स्थिति उत्पन्न होती है तो इसकी सूचना तुरंत एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल और एरोनॉटिकल सूचना एजेंसी को देना जरूरी होगा। वहीं किसी सुविधा या सेवा में पूर्व नियोजित बदलाव करने से पहले संबंधित एजेंसियों को इसकी जानकारी देना भी अनिवार्य रहेगा। लाइसेंस की अवधि के दौरान एयरपोर्ट की सेवाओं और सुविधाओं का स्तर घोषित मानकों से नीचे नहीं होना चाहिए। वहीं लाइसेंस समाप्त होने से कम से कम दो महीने पहले उसके नवीनीकरण के लिए आवेदन करना जरूरी होगा। इसके साथ ही केंद्र और राज्य सरकार के सभी लागू नियमों और आवश्यकताओं का पालन करना भी अनिवार्य रहेगा। लाइसेंस के नवीनीकरण के लिए कुछ अतिरिक्त प्रक्रियाएं भी पूरी करनी होंगी।



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KIA ranked 'Best Airport at Arrivals Globally'

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kempegowda International Airport has been ranked the 'Best Airport at Arrivals Globally' at the 2025 Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards.

The recognition comes for the fourth consecutive year.

The ASQ programme by ACI is a benchmark for airport customer experience, capturing passenger satisfaction through globally standardised in-journey surveys. The awards recognise airports

that consistently deliver strong performance across parameters such as service, comfort, convenience and cleanliness.

In 2025, the airport saw improvements in WiFi connectivity, flight display on carousel screens, availability of carts and trolleys, comfort of waiting areas and walking distance inside the terminal, a statement by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said.

The 'Overall Satisfaction' rating at the airport rose from 4.98 in 2024 to 5.00 in 2025.



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DAINIK JAGRAN

DELHI

7 MARCH 2026

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के प्रथम चरण में लगे 11,077 करोड़

जागरण संवाददाता जेवर: नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के लिए जमीन अधिग्रहण से लेकर निर्माण तक के लिए 11,202 करोड़ का बजट रखा गया था। फरवरी के अंत तक जेवर के छह गांव की 1334 हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहण से लेकर निर्माण कार्य पर 11,077.60 करोड़ खर्च हो चुके हैं। एयरपोर्ट पर एक रनवे संग भारतीय वास्तुकला और आधुनिक सुविधाओं से लैस टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग के अलावा 2.5 मीट्रिक टन वार्षिक क्षमता के लिए माल्टी माडल कार्गो हब बनकर तैयार है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण के लिए जेवर के छह गांव के किसानों से प्रदेश सरकार ने 1334 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया। तीन हजार

एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा के रहेंगे पुख्ता इंतजाम

केंद्र सरकार ने एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआइएसएफ) को सौंपी है। इसके अलावा एयरपोर्ट पर निजी सुरक्षा और स्थानीय पुलिस के जवानों का तीन स्तरीय घेरा यात्रियों को सुरक्षा उपलब्ध कराया।

किसान परिवारों के विस्थापन के लिए टाउनशिप विकसित किया। शुरुआत में 50 से 60 लाख यात्रियों के एयरपोर्ट से सफर करने का अनुमान

लगाया जा रहा है।

एयरपोर्ट के दोनों छोर से टेकआफ और लैंडिंग कर सकेंगे विमान:

एयरपोर्ट के रनवे के पश्चिमी छोर को रनवे दस और पूर्वी छोर को रनवे 28 के नाम से पहचान मिली है। रनवे की खास बात होगी कि यहां आने वाले विमान रनवे के दोनों छोर पूर्वी और पश्चिमी टेकआफ और लैंडिंग कर सकते हैं। रनवे का कैलिब्रेशन टेस्ट फ्लाइट के दौरान नेविगेशन, कम्यूनिकेशन व प्रिसिजन एप्रोच पाथ इंडिकेटर लाइट्स का सफल परीक्षण हो चुका है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के रनवे को रनवे इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (अइएलएस) जैसी उन्नत क्षमता से लैस किया गया है।

एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में पांचवां सबसे व्यस्त हब बना आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूद विमान यात्री • अफाईव

जगरण संपादक, नई दिल्ली: आइजीआइ हवाई अड्डे को विमानन डेटा और विश्लेषण करने वाली वैश्विक संस्था आफिशियल एयरलाइन ग्राइड (ओएजी) ने एशिया पैसिफिक इकोनामिक कोआपरेशन (एपेक) क्षेत्र के पांच सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों की सूची में शामिल किया है। इस रैंकिंग के साथ ही आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट ने बुनियादी ढांचे और यात्री क्षमता के मामले में दुनिया के सर्वश्रेष्ठ माने जाने वाले सिंगापुर के चांगी एयरपोर्ट और दक्षिण कोरिया के इंचियोन एयरपोर्ट को भी पछाड़ दिया है। ओएजी ने यह रैंकिंग शुक्रवार को जारी की है। अब आइजीआइ से ऊपर टोक्यो का हानेडा, शंघाई का पुडोंग, म्यांगडू का बैयुन एयरपोर्ट और जॉर्जिया का कैपिटल एयरपोर्ट है।

10 करोड़ यात्री क्षमता के साथ भारत का सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट है आइजीआइ

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट वर्ष 2019 में एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में नौवें स्थान पर काबिज था। महज छह वर्षों के अंतराल में दिल्ली ने 4.6 करोड़ वन-वे डिपार्चर सीटों (निर्धारित विमान क्षमता) के साथ पांचवां स्थान सुरक्षित कर लिया है। यह उपलब्धि भारत के तेजी से बढ़ते विमानन क्षेत्र और आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट की बढ़ती वैश्विक स्वीकार्यता का प्रत्यक्ष प्रमाण है। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट का प्रबंधन और संचालन जोएमआर एयरो के नेतृत्व वाले कंसोर्टियम, डायल द्वारा किया जाता है। इस उपलब्धि को लेकर डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी

6 साल में दिल्ली ने 4.6 करोड़ वन वे डिपार्चर सीटों को सुरक्षित कर पाया है ये स्थान

अधिकारी (सीईओ) विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा कि आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट का टाप-5 में शामिल होना भारत की एविएशन ग्रोथ स्टोरी की शक्ति को दर्शाता है। **इंडिगो और एअर इंडिया ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीटों में वृद्धि दर्ज की है।** आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के इस उपलब्धि में देश के दो सबसे बड़े एयरलाइंस इंडिगो और एअर इंडिया का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान रहा है। इंडिगो ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीटों में अठ्ठ प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर्ज की है। विशेष रूप से दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया में 36 प्रतिशत वृद्धि और पूर्व एशिया में 11

प्रतिशत वृद्धि दर्ज की है। वहीं एअर इंडिया ने यूरोप और दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के रूट पर क्रमशः 18 और 29 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की है, जिससे आइजीआइ अब एशिया और यूरोप के बीच एक कनेक्टिंग ब्रिज बन गया है। विगत एक वर्ष में आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से 11 नए गंतव्यों के लिए विमान सेवाएं शुरू हुई हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अब दिल्ली सीधे मनीला, शंघाई, क्राबो, म्यांगडू और मैनचेस्टर जैसे शहरों से जुड़ गया है। इसके साथ ही 10 करोड़ यात्रियों की वार्षिक क्षमता के साथ आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट अब न केवल भारत का सबसे बड़ा हवाई अड्डा है, बल्कि यह बैंकॉक (सुवर्णभूमि) और सिंगापुर जैसे स्थापित वैश्विक हवाई अड्डा को भी कड़ी प्रतिस्पर्धा दे रहा है।



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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को डीजीसीए से एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस

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नागरिक उड्डयन क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण कदम के तहत नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने उत्र के गीतमबुद्ध नगर के जेवर में बने नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रोम लाइसेंस दे दिया है। यह लाइसेंस यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (वाइआइएपीएल) को दिया गया है, जो इस हवाई अड्डे का विकास और संचालन कर रही है। इस लाइसेंस के साथ ही एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानों के संचालन का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का विकास यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा किया गया है, जो ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी है। इस परियोजना को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार और भारत सरकार द्वारा सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) माडल के तहत विकसित किया जा रहा है।



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की बेहद शानदार यात्री टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग का अंदर का नजारा। सी. नियाल प्रबंधन

डीजीसीए ने इस एयरपोर्ट को पब्लिक यूज श्रेणी के तहत लाइसेंस दिया है, जिससे यह हर मौसम में संचालन करने में सक्षम होगा। एयरपोर्ट में 10-28 ओरिएंटेशन वाली 3,900 मीटर लंबी व 45 मीटर चौड़ी रनवे बनाई गई है। इसमें इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम व एयरोनॉटिकल ग्राउंड लाइटिंग जैसी सुविधाएं मौजूद हैं, जिससे यहां 24 घंटे विमान संचालन संभव होगा। एयरपोर्ट पर 24 कोड-सी और 2 कोड-डी/एफ श्रेणी

देश में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या बढ़कर 164 हुई

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के अनुसार, गत एक दशक में भारत के एविएशन सेक्टर में तेजी से विस्तार हुआ है। 2014 में जहां देश में 74 हवाई अड्डे संचालित थे, वहीं अब इनकी संख्या बढ़कर 164 हो गई है। भारत इस समय दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू विमानन बाजार बन चुका है। सरकार नए ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट विकसित करने के साथ ही मौजूदा ब्राउनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट और

क्षेत्रीय हवाई पट्टियों के उन्नयन पर भी काम कर रही है। 'उड़ान' योजना जैसे कार्यक्रमों के जरिये देश में हवाई संपर्क को और मजबूत किया जा रहा है। दीर्घकालिक योजना के तहत 2047 तक देश में 400 से अधिक हवाई अड्डे विकसित करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है, जिससे कनेक्टिविटी, आर्थिक विकास और राष्ट्रीय एकीकरण को और गति मिलेगी।

के विमानों के लिए, पार्किंग स्टैंड हैं। एअरएफएफ कैटेगरी-9 की अग्निशमन व आपातकालीन सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं, जिससे यहां ब्रोइंग 777-300ईआर जैसे बड़े विमानों का संचालन भी संभव होगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को चार चरणों में विकसित किया जा रहा है, जिसमें एक मल्टी-माडल कार्गो हब भी शामिल है। पहले चरण में एक रनवे और एक टर्मिनल के साथ यह एयरपोर्ट सालाना 1.2 करोड़

यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम होगा। सभी चरण पूरे होने के बाद इसकी क्षमता सात करोड़ यात्रियों प्रतिवर्ष तक पहुंच जाएगी।

डीजीसीए की उक्त अनुमति के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू किंजरापु ने उत्र सरकार को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का विकास राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है।

उपलब्धि

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट वर्ष 2019 में ओएजी की रैंकिंग में एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में नौवें स्थान पर था, छह वर्षों के अंतराल में आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट ने सिंगापुर के चांगी और दक्षिण कोरिया के इंचियोन एयरपोर्ट को पछाड़ा

एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में पांचवां व्यस्त हब बना आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट

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इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) हवाई अड्डे को विमानन डेटा और विश्लेषण करने वाली वैश्विक संस्था आफिशियल एयरलाइन गाइड (ओएजी) ने एशिया पैसिफिक इकोनामिक कोआपरेशन (एपेक) क्षेत्र के पांच सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डों की सूची में शामिल किया है। इस रैंकिंग के साथ ही आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट ने बुनियादी ढांचे और यात्री क्षमता के मामले में दुनिया के सर्वश्रेष्ठ माने जाने वाले सिंगापुर के चांगी एयरपोर्ट और दक्षिण कोरिया के इंचियोन एयरपोर्ट को भी पछाड़ दिया है। ओएजी ने यह रैंकिंग शुक्रवार को जारी की है। अब आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से उपर टोक्यो का हानेडा एयरपोर्ट, शंघाई का पुडोंग एयरपोर्ट, ग्वांगझू का बैयुन एयरपोर्ट और बीजिंग का कैपिटल एयरपोर्ट है।

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट वर्ष 2019 में एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में नौवें स्थान पर



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काबिज था। महज छह वर्षों के अंतराल में दिल्ली ने 4.6 करोड़ वन-वे डिपार्चर सीटों (निर्धारित विमान क्षमता) के साथ पांचवां स्थान सुरक्षित कर लिया है।

यह उपलब्धि भारत के तेजी से बढ़ते विमानन क्षेत्र और आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट की बढ़ती वैश्विक स्वीकार्यता का प्रत्यक्ष प्रमाण

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीटों में वृद्धि दर्ज की है

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीटों में लगातार वृद्धि दर्ज की है। इंडिगो ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीटों में आठ प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर्ज की है। विशेष रूप से दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया में 36 प्रतिशत वृद्धि और पूर्वी एशिया में 11 प्रतिशत वृद्धि दर्ज की है। वहीं एअर इंडिया ने यूरोप और दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के रूट पर क्रमशः 18 प्रतिशत और 29 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की है, जिससे आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट अब एशिया और यूरोप के बीच एक कनेक्टिंग हब के रूप में उभरकर सामने आया है। विगत एक वर्ष में आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से 11 नए गंतव्यों के लिए विमान सेवाएं शुरू हुई हैं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अब दिल्ली सीधे मनीला, शंघाई, क्राबी, ग्वांगझू और मैनचेस्टर जैसे प्रमुख शहरों से जुड़ गया है।

है। गौरतलब है कि आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट का प्रबंधन और संचालन जीएमआर एयरो के नेतृत्व वाले कंसोर्टियम, दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) द्वारा किया जाता है। इस उपलब्धि को लेकर डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा कि आइजीआइ

एयरपोर्ट का टाप-5 में शामिल होना भारत की एविएशन ग्रोथ स्टोरी की शक्ति को दर्शाता है। इंडिगो और एअर इंडिया जैसे हमारे एयरलाइन पार्टनर्स का निरंतर विस्तार और सुदृढ़ धरेलु व अंतरराष्ट्रीय कनेक्टिविटी दिल्ली को दुनिया का प्राथमिक प्रवेश द्वार बना रही है।



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Aerodrome nod to Noida Airport

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NOIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT on Friday received an aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), clearing the final regulatory hurdle ahead of its launch. This follows the secured security clearance it received from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday.

The aerodrome licence certifies that key security measures at the airport like access control systems, CCTV surveillance networks, anti-sabotage checks and passenger screening protocols, meet the required safety and operational standards prescribed by the DGCA and are now ready to handle commercial flight operations.

"With the aerodrome licence in place, NIA will continue working closely with authorities to conclude the regulatory approval process," Noida International Airport said in a statement.

Following the DGCA approval, cargo and domestic flight operations are expected to begin within 45 days, as mandated under the project plan.

"Noida International Airport will coordinate with all partners to plan the formal

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- The aerodrome licence is the final regulatory step before Noida airport's launch
- Following the approval, cargo and domestic flight operations are expected to begin within 45 days

inauguration and commencement of commercial operations. Preparations under the airport's Operational Readiness Activation and Transition (ORAT) programme are continuing to ensure systems, processes and personnel are fully prepared for a safe and seamless launch," the airport added.

The BCAS had previously identified multiple issues that postponed the airport's inauguration. Notably, there are concerns regarding possible interference with the Doppler Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (DVOR), a crucial navigation aid that supplies aircraft with directional information in relation to a ground station.

एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने के बाद प्रक्रिया तेज, 20 अप्रैल तक शुरू करने की तैयारी

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से शुरुआत में घरेलू और कार्गो विमान उड़ेंगे



आशीष घामा

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बकास) से सिर्फ घरेलू और कार्गो विमानों के लिए ही सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिली है। शुरुआत में ये दोनों विमान सेवाएं शुरू होंगी। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू होने में कुछ माह लग सकते हैं।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के शुभारंभ के बाद 20 अप्रैल तक उड़ानें शुरू होने की संभावना है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो ने एयरपोर्ट को सशर्त सुरक्षा मंजूरी दी है। सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को मानकों के अनुरूप करने के लिए 45 दिन का समय दिया है। ऐसी करीब 18 शर्तें हैं, जिनके आधार पर एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी हुआ। साथ ही लाइसेंस के नवीनीकरण के लिए भी चार शर्तों का पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी होने के बाद



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर पहले चरण में बना रनवे। यह 3900 मीटर लंबा है। एयरपोर्ट पर चार चरणों में कुल पांच रनवे बनेंगे। • हिन्दुस्तान

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें शुरू होने की सभी बाधाएं दूर हो गई हैं। डीजीसीए ने एयरपोर्ट के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी कर दिया। अब यहां से फ्लाइट को टेकऑफ और लैंड कराया जा सकेगा। जल्द ही पीएमओ से समय मिलने के बाद एयरपोर्ट का शुभारंभ होगा।

-आरके सिंह, सीईओ नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड

अब एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन इंडिगो, एयर इंडिया और आकाशा एयरलाइंस को पत्र भेजेगा, ताकि वे टिकट बुकिंग शेड्यूल जारी कर सकें। आइटा को वेबसाइट पर भी जानकारी देनी होगी, ताकि दुनिया को नए एयरपोर्ट के संचालन में बारे में जानकारी हो सके। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के

शुरू होने से दिल्ली के आईजीआई और गाजियाबाद के हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों का दबाव कम होगा।

इन शहरों के लिए शुरू होंगी : शुरुआत में दस प्रमुख शहरों के लिए उड़ानें उपलब्ध होने की उम्मीद है। इनमें चंडीगढ़, हैदराबाद, बेंगलुरु, चेन्नई,

छह माह के लिए लाइसेंस

डीजीसीए ने एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी किया है। यह एयरपोर्ट का आधिकारिक दस्तावेज होता है। लाइसेंस मिलने से विमान टेकऑफ और लैंडिंग कर सकते हैं। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस छह महीने के लिए दिया गया है। कॉमर्शियल ऑपरेशन के दौरान सभी सुरक्षा उपाय सुनिश्चित होने पर स्थायी लाइसेंस जारी होगा।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय में देरी

एयरपोर्ट को नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो से सिर्फ घरेलू और कार्गो विमानों के लिए ही सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिली है। ऐसे में अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू होने में कुछ माह लग सकते हैं। साथ ही, कैट-3 जैसे उपकरण स्थापित न होने के चलते शुरुआत में सिर्फ दिन में ही उड़ानें शुरू होंगी।

मुंबई, लखनऊ, वाराणसी, गोरखपुर, अहमदाबाद, जयपुर आदि शामिल हैं। हालांकि, जब सब स्थिर हो जाएगा, तब 24 घंटे उड़ानें शुरू होंगी। एयरपोर्ट पर ऑपरेशनल रेडीनेस एंड एयरपोर्ट ट्रांसफर के तहत टर्मिनल ट्रायल किया जा चुका है।

Noida International Airport granted aerodrome licence

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DELHI/GREATER NOIDA: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday granted an aerodrome licence to the upcoming Noida International Airport, clearing the final regulatory hurdle ahead of its launch and paving the way for operations to begin within 45 days.

"With this, the airport is likely to be inaugurated by the end of March," an official aware of the development said. "Dates are being sought from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the inauguration may happen any day after March 25," the person added.

The licence certifies that the airport meets the safety and operational standards prescribed by the regulator.

According to a government statement, the airport has been licensed under the "Public Use" category for all-weather operations.

It features a 3,900-metre by 45-metre runway supported by an Instrument Landing System and Aeronautical Ground Lighting system, enabling round-the-clock operations.

The aerodrome has parking stands for 24 Code C and two Code D/F aircraft and is equipped with ARFF Category 9 facilities capable of handling wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777-300ER, according to



the statement.

The development comes a day after NIA received mandatory security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

"The conditional security vetting approval is a milestone for the Noida International Airport as BCAS conducted detailed site inspections and tests before they issued their approvals. Now on

Friday, DGCA also issued an aerodrome license after all tests and formalities were completed," said RK Singh, chief executive officer of Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), the Uttar Pradesh government agency overseeing the project.

A BCAS team inspected several aspects including airport security arrangements, surveillance systems, access control,

The aerodrome features a 3,900-metre by 45-metre runway and has parking stands for 24 Code C and two Code D/F aircraft. HT PHOTOS

and passenger and cargo screening systems before granting clearance. "Security Vetting Approval means that the airport's security system has been deemed safe for flight operations. Only after this approval does the final process for starting flights move forward," said Shailendra Bhatia, nodal officer for the airport.

The Uttar Pradesh government is targeting inauguration by March 23, according to officials in the state government privy with the developments.

"All necessary preparations are currently being finalised.

The airport is being developed in multiple phases. Once fully completed, it will be among the largest airports not only in India but also in Asia," said a UP government official requesting anonymity.

Previously, BCAS had flagged several issues that delayed the airport's inauguration, including concerns over potential interference with Doppler Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (DVOR) – a navigation aid – and a makeshift steel wall constructed nearby.

"While constructing the permanent wall will take a few months, BCAS has granted clearance on the condition that a permanent structure is built within six months," an official aware of the matter said.

The airport, spread over 1,300 hectares in Jewar, was originally scheduled to begin operations in September 2024 and will handle about 12 million passengers annually in its first phase.

NIA is being developed as the National Capital Region's second major airport after Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport, which is the country's busiest airport.

The project was awarded in October 2020 to Zurich Airport International AG, which is developing and operating the airport through its Indian subsidiary, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), under a 40-year public-private partnership.

Provisional aerodrome licence to Jewar airport: What it means

Neetika Jha

Noida, March 6

A DAY after the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Uttar Pradesh's Jewar received security approval from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granted it provisional aerodrome licence on Friday, said officials.

According to officials, the licence is valid for six months, until September 5, subject to further approval by the DGCA. "This (grant of licence) means that flights can now land and take off from the Noida International Airport," confirmed Chief Executive Officer, NIAL (Noida International Airport Limited), Rakesh Singh.

"Generally it takes a minimum of four to six weeks for the operations to begin once the aerodrome licence is granted ... we will check with airlines which are interested to operate, and then come up with a list of cities connecting Jewar and the rest," Singh added.

NIAL Nodal Officer Shailendra Bhatia said that the licence was granted after all the equipment installed at the airport and ATC tower, surveillance, security and safety ap-



Officials say domestic flight operations will begin in 45 days.

paratus were found to be in place. "We can expect to operate domestic flights within 45 days from now. Cargo flight operations will also begin at the same time, but we will have to wait a little longer for international flights. We are now awaiting a date from the Prime Minister for the announcement of the inauguration," he said.

Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu, meanwhile, said: "The world-class airport will boost regional economic growth, tourism, and investment while offering a seamless passenger experience by combining Swiss efficiency with Indian hospitality and will also help ease congestion at existing airports in

the region."

"Receiving the aerodrome licence is a key milestone in our journey. It reflects the strong collaboration with our partners and the rigorous work undertaken to ensure readiness for commercial operations. We are committed to delivering a modern, efficient and passenger-centric airport that will serve as a catalyst for regional economic growth," Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, NIA, said in a statement.

The NIA has been developed by the YIAPL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with the Uttar Pradesh government and the Centre.



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सौगात एशिया का सबसे बड़ा हवाई अड्डा तैयार, मोदी करेंगे शुभारंभ

जेवर एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन अगले 45 दिनों में

नोएडा, लोकसत्या। उत्तर प्रदेश के जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (जेवर) का उद्घाटन अगले 45 दिनों में किसी भी समय हो सकता है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा इसका शुभारंभ मार्च-अप्रैल 2026 में होने की पुष्टि उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने की है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कुछ दिनों पहले ही सिंगापुर में भारतीय प्रवासियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा था कि एयरपोर्ट लगभग तैयार है और प्रधानमंत्री से समय मांगा गया है। एयरपोर्ट को डायरेक्टरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (DGCA) से शुक्रवार को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिल चुका है। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे इंडस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी (YEIDA) के एडिशनल सीईओ



और एयरपोर्ट के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेन्द्र भाटिया ने इसकी पुष्टि की है। उन्होंने बताया कि लाइसेंस मिलने के 45 दिनों के अंदर कमर्शियल यात्री उड़ानें शुरू हो सकती हैं।

एयरपोर्ट की मुख्य विशेषताएं

- पहले चरण में सालाना 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों की क्षमता।
- कोड 4E मानकों पर बना,

बोइंग 777-300ER जैसे बड़े विमानों के लिए उपयुक्त।

● सभी मौसम (IFR) और दिन (VFR) में संचालन संभव। एयरक्राफ्ट रेस्क्यू एंड फायर फाइटिंग (ARFF) श्रेणी पूरी तरह स्थापित।

● NCR का दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के बाद

- नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (जेवर) की तैयारियां अंतिम चरण में,
- मार्च-अप्रैल 2026 में उद्घाटन की संभावना

दूसरा बड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हब बनेगा।

● लाइसेंस की मुख्य शर्तें:
● सुरक्षा, रखरखाव और DGCA नियमों का सख्त पालन अनिवार्य।

● योग्य कर्मचारी और सुरक्षा प्रबंधन सिस्टम (SMS) हमेशा अपडेट रखना होगा।

● किसी बदलाव या समस्या की तुरंत सूचना देनी होगी।

● लाइसेंस हस्तांतरणीय नहीं, उल्लंघन पर रद्द हो सकता है।



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NOIDA INT'L AIRPORT

DGCA grants aerodrome licence

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NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted an aerodrome licence to the Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, marking a key milestone for the project as it moves closer to becoming a major aviation hub for the National Capital Region.

The licence has been issued to Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), the developer of the airport and a wholly owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG.

The airport is being developed under a public-private partnership between the Uttar Pradesh government and the Union government. The concession agreement for the project came into effect on October 1, 2021, and is valid for 40 years.

Licensed under the 'Public Use' category for all-weather operations, the airport will feature a runway measuring 3,900 metres in length and 45 metres in width, oriented in the 10/28 direction. It will also be equipped with an Instrument



“In the first phase, the airport will have one runway and a terminal capable of handling 12 million passengers annually”

Landing System and Aeronautical Ground Lighting to enable round-the-clock operations.

The facility will include parking bays for 24 Code C aircraft and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting services of Category 9, allowing wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777-300ER to operate from the airport.

The project is being developed in four phases and will include a multi-modal cargo hub. In the first phase, the air-

port will have one runway and a terminal capable of handling 12 million passengers annually. Once all four phases are completed, the airport is expected to handle up to 70 million passengers each year.

Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu said the airport would strengthen aviation infrastructure and boost tourism and economic growth in the National Capital Region and Uttar Pradesh.

DGCA okays aerodrome licence to Noida airport



S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE long-delayed Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar, Uttar Pradesh, is set to begin operations, with aviation regulator DGCA granting the aerodrome licence to developer Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG.

Designed to complement Delhi-NCR's growing air traffic, NIA's first phase can handle around 1.2 crore passengers. IndiGo, Akasa Air, and Air India Express have confirmed services from the airport. Commercial and cargo operations are set to start 45 days after obtaining the licence.

Officials had earlier secured security clearance from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, which was delayed partly because the airport had a foreign CEO, Christoph Schnellmann, a Swiss national who previously served at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport. Incomplete boundary walls around the airport also delayed clearance.

According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Jewar Airport is being developed in four phases, along with a multi-modal cargo hub. When fully complete, it will handle up to 70 million passengers annually. The first phase, covering 1,334 hectares, is being built at a cost of ₹6,800 crore.



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JEWAR AIRPORT GETS DGCA LICENCE

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted an aerodrome licence to Yamuna International Airport Private Limited for the Noida International Airport at Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. The development was confirmed by Rakesh Kumar Singh, CEO of Noida International Airport Limited and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority. Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu said the airport will strengthen aviation connectivity across the National Capital Region and western Uttar Pradesh while boosting tourism, investment and economic growth. It is also expected to ease congestion at existing regional airports. The airport is being developed by YIAPL, a subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, under a public-private partnership with the governments of Uttar Pradesh and India. The 40-year concession began on October 1, 2021. According to Shailendra Bhatia, the licence permits domestic passenger and cargo operations. The all-weather airport features a 3,900-metre runway, Instrument Landing System and 24-hour operations, with parking for 26 aircraft and facilities capable of handling wide-body planes.



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DGCA grants aerodrome license for Noida Airport

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■ New Delhi

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted the Aerodrome License to Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) for the Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

The development was confirmed by Rakesh Kumar Singh, the chief executive officer of Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) and the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority.

The Minister of Civil Aviation, Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu congratulated the Government of Uttar Pradesh, stating that the development of Noida International Airport is a major step toward strengthening aviation connectivity



for the National Capital Region and Western Uttar Pradesh. He highlighted that the world-class airport will boost regional economic growth, tourism, and investment while offering a seamless passenger experience by combining Swiss efficiency with Indian hospitality and will also help ease congestion at existing airports in the region. The airport has

been developed by YIAPL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India. The concession period commenced on 1 October 2021 for a period of 40 years. Nodal officer of NIAL, Shailendra Bhatia, said the aerodrome

licence has been issued in accordance with civil aviation rules for domestic flights and cargo operations.

The airport has been licensed under the Public Use category for all-weather operations. It features a runway with orientation 10/28 and dimensions of 3,900 m × 45 m, supported by an Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system, enabling 24×7 operations. The aerodrome has parking stands for 24 Code C and 02 Code D/F aircraft and is equipped with ARFF Category 9 facilities capable of handling wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777-300ER.

Noida International Airport is being developed in four phases along with a multi-modal cargo hub. In the first phase, with one runway and one terminal,

the airport will have the capacity to handle around 12 million passengers annually. Upon completion of all phases, the airport will be capable of handling up to 70 million passengers per year, emerging as a major aviation hub for the National Capital Region and Western Uttar Pradesh.

The development of Noida International Airport is part of the Ministry of Civil Aviation's broader vision of building a robust aviation ecosystem. Over the past decade, India's civil aviation sector has expanded significantly, with the number of operational airports increasing from 74 in 2014 to 164 today, alongside India becoming the third-largest domestic aviation market in the world. India is rapidly expanding its aviation network through a balanced approach of developing new

greenfield airports while upgrading existing brown-field airports and regional airstrips, supported by initiatives such as the UDAN scheme. Looking ahead, the country's long-term roadmap aims to develop over 400 airports by 2047, further strengthening connectivity, economic growth and national integration.

The greenfield airport being developed in a PPP model in Jewar in Gautam Buddh Nagar is expected to become one of the largest airports in the country once fully operational.

The first phase of the project, spread over 1,300 hectares with one runway and one terminal building, is slated to handle 1.2 crore passengers annually, officials said. The airport was originally scheduled to commence passenger services in September 2024.



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WEST ASIA CONFLICT HITS AIR CARGO MOVEMENT FROM KOCHI

The ongoing conflict in West Asia has affected the movement of air cargo from Kochi that has more than halved now, Authorities of Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) officials said on Friday. Perishables are the worst hit and a special cargo flight from Abu Dhabi is set to land here to clear the consignment, they said. CIAL said the situation is expected to improve as more flights have resumed operations in recent days, following disruptions caused by the conflict involving US-Israel and Iran and its impact on the West Asia region.



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नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को 'एयरोड्रम' लाइसेंस मिला

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने उत्तर प्रदेश के जेवर में स्थित नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के लिए 'एयरोड्रम' लाइसेंस प्रदान कर दिया है, जिससे हवाई अड्डे को विमान संचालन की अनुमति मिल गई है। एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस यह प्रमाणित करता है कि हवाई अड्डा सुरक्षा, बुनियादी ढांचा और परिचालन मानकों को पूरा करता है। यह लाइसेंस विमानों की उड़ान और उतरने यानी लैंडिंग (वाणिज्यिक संचालन) के लिए अनिवार्य है। हवाई अड्डे का विकास उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार और केंद्र सरकार के साथ सार्वजनिक निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) मॉडल के तहत ज्यूरिख एयरपोर्ट इंटरनेशनल एजी की पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली अनुबंधी कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (वाईआईएपीएल) द्वारा किया जा रहा है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने शुक्रवार को बयान में कहा कि डीजीसीए ने उत्तर प्रदेश के गौतमबुद्ध नगर के जेवर में स्थित नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनआईए) के लिए वाईआईएपीएल को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस प्रदान कर दिया है। बयान में कहा गया, पहले चरण में एक रनवे और एक टर्मिनल के साथ हवाई अड्डा सालाना लगभग 1.2



करोड़ यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम होगा। सभी चरणों के पूर्ण होने पर यह हवाई अड्डा सालाना सात करोड़ तक यात्रियों को संभाल सकता है। नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि नोएडा हवाई अड्डे का विकास राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश की हवाई पहुंच को मजबूत करने में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। इससे क्षेत्रीय आर्थिक वृद्धि, पर्यटन और निवेश को बढ़ावा मिलेगा और यात्रियों को बेहतर सेवा मिलेगी। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण और नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) राकेश सिंह ने वृहस्पतिवार को बताया था कि हवाई अड्डे को नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) से सुरक्षा जांच की मंजूरी मिल गई है।



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THE STATESMAN

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Aerodrome licence granted to Noida International Airport

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted the Aerodrome License to Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) for the Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said on Friday.

Congratulating the Uttar Pradesh government, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said the development of Noida International Airport is a major step toward strengthening aviation

connectivity for the National Capital Region and Western Uttar Pradesh. He highlighted that the world-class airport will boost regional economic growth, tourism, and investment while offering a seamless passenger experience by combining Swiss efficiency with Indian hospitality and will also help ease congestion at existing airports in the region.

The airport has been developed by YIAPL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Zurich Airport International AG, under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Government

of India. The concession period commenced on 1 October 2021 for a period of 40 years.

The airport has been licensed under the Public Use category for all-weather operations. It features a runway with orientation 10/28 and dimensions of 3,900 m × 45 m, supported by an Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL) system, enabling 24×7 operations.

The aerodrome has parking stands for 24 Code C and 02 Code D/F aircraft and is equipped with ARFF Category 9 facilities capable of handling wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777-300ER.





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THE TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

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HC cites security issues, declines to allot site for namaz near city airport

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Mumbai: Security is our main concern, said Bombay HC on Thursday while declining to direct govt or Mumbai International Airport Authority (MIAL) to give any specific site to members of a taxi and autorickshaw drivers' union for namaz during Ramzan at or near the city airport.

A report signed by various authorities, including senior police officers, senior security officers from Anti-Terrorism Squad and MIAL, which was submitted by state lawyer Jyoti Chavan, said it was not possible to allow prayers at seven sites, either due to security concerns, problems of space or ongoing development work. The union members cannot claim to have a religious right to offer namaz at any place, especially in the vicinity of an airport where security concerns are high, said a

bench of Justices B P Colabawalla and F P Pooniwalla.

"We are not experts in security. What we say with the stroke of our pen may have huge repercussions..." Justice Colabawalla said orally. He said the report was signed by six senior officials who examined seven sites. "We can't say all of them are wrong..."

"Once faced with this report... we are unable to pass any order even for a temporary place for prayer, even for Ramzan," HC said. There are no mosques in the vicinity, said S B Talekar, advocate for one of the petitioners.

HC said, "Maybe in the future, when the airport terminal is redeveloped, then space can be allotted so that this problem does not persist."

The plea was filed by Taxi-Rickshaw Ola-Uber Men's Union, which said a temporary shed near the airport was razed last year and sought that the same space or some other space be given.



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THE TRIBUNE

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Govt extends ban on strike by ground handling staff at airport

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The Delhi Government has extended the ban on strikes by employees engaged in ground handling services at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) for another six months, declaring the services essential to ensure uninterrupted airport operations, according to the L-G office.

The order, issued by the Home (Police-III) Department of the Government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi on March 5, states that the prohibition has been imposed under the provisions of the Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974, which is applicable in Delhi.

Order to remain valid till Sept 23, 2026

According to the notification, the services related to ground handling at the IGI Airport were earlier declared essential through a government order issued on September 22, 2025.

The previous notification barred employees of ground handling agencies and those working with Delhi International Airport Limited going on strike. That order will remain valid until March 23, 2026.

In view of the critical nature of airport operations and the need to maintain uninterrupted passenger and cargo services, the government has decided to continue the ban on

strikes and any form of agitation by employees involved in ground handling operations.

Under the fresh order, all employees working with ground handling service providers at the IGI Airport, as well as those employed by DIAL and engaged in ground handling services, have been prohibited from participating in strikes for a further period of six months — from March 24, 2026, to September 23, 2026.

Officials said the decision aims to prevent disruption in airport services and ensure smooth functioning of operations at one of the country's busiest airports.



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BUSINESS LINE

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In last three days, over 7,000 Indians flew back from UAE

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Around 7,000 Indians returned to India from the UAE in the last three days, and many more are expected to travel with Etihad Airways resuming limited scheduled flights from Saturday.

Indian and foreign carriers have been operating repatriation flights from the UAE, Oman and Saudi Arabia. However, flight operations at Doha, Bahrain and Kuwait remain suspended.

Deepak Mittal, India's Ambassador to the UAE, and Satish Sivan, Consul General in Dubai, met airline representatives on Thursday and reviewed the flight operations.

"Airlines are focused on gradually increasing the non-scheduled flights from different airports in the UAE depending on airspace safety and operational clearances by the authorities. More flights are planned in the next 48 hours from Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ras Al Khaimah,

Sharjah and Fujairah airports," said the Indian Embassy in the UAE in a post on X.

Etihad said it will resume a limited commercial flight schedule from Saturday between Abu Dhabi and a number of key destinations that include Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi Hyderabad and Mumbai.

The decision to operate a limited schedule has been taken in coordination with relevant authorities following extensive safety and security assessments, it said. "Etihad continues to monitor the situation closely and will only operate flights once all safety criteria are met," the airline added.

Emirates is operating a reduced flight schedule while working to restore entire operations.

The airline anticipates a return to 100 per cent of its network within the coming days, subject to airspace availability and fulfilment of all operational requirements, it said.

Indian carriers, including Akasa Air, Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, are also operating scheduled and repatriation flights for affected passengers.

Since February 28, seven major airports in West Asia region have seen 19,000-plus flight cancellations.

Domestic airlines alone have cancelled over 1,500 flights to West Asian destinations, including 281 on Thursday, with the restrictions on airspace continuing. On its part, the Civil Aviation Ministry is monitoring the flight operations.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Passenger movement data for Thursday show that a total of 40 inbound flights operated by Indian carriers arrived from West Asia, carrying 7,205 passengers, taking the cumulative passenger arrivals to 14,992.

For Friday, 51 flights are scheduled to be operated by Indian carriers, subject to operational feasibility and prevailing conditions.



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Airbus launches tech centre in Bengaluru

Our Bureau

Bengaluru

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries M B Patil on Friday launched the Airbus India Technology Centre at Titanium Tech Park near Kadugodi, Bengaluru.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammoan Naidu Kinjarapu joined the event virtually.

Speaking at the launch, Patil said the centre can accommodate more than 5,000 employees. He said the facility is the company's second-largest digital centre and its third innovation centre globally.

The centre would contrib-

ute to the growth of the aerospace, defence and information technology sectors in the state.

Karnataka contributes nearly 60 per cent to India's aerospace and defence sectors. The State has more than 400 aerospace and defence companies, he added.

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SpiceJet's Gulf focus leaves it most exposed to West Asia turmoil

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Budget carrier SpiceJet's overseas network, though relatively small, is the most geographically concentrated among Indian airlines, with all 22 of its daily international flights in March operating to Gulf destinations, leaving the carrier proportionally the most exposed to disruptions in West Asian airspace.

The schedule data from Cirium, which is a leading provider of comprehensive aviation data, tracking over 99 per cent of global commercial flights, show the SpiceJet is the only major Indian carrier whose entire international network is concentrated in a single geographic corridor, with Dubai, Fujairah and Sharjah being the key destinations after the airline suspended operations to Bangkok,

Phuket and Kathmandu.

The airline has about 154 scheduled flights a day, meaning international services account for roughly 14 per cent of its network; its entire international operation is currently dependent on the Gulf corridor.

WIDE NETWORKS

Other Indian carriers maintain more diversified international networks. Cirium data show IndiGo has 267 international flights daily, of which 135 are to Gulf destinations, while Air India has 158 international flights, with 36 to the Gulf.

Air India Express, whose business model is heavily focused on the region, has 125 international flights daily with about 112 serving Gulf routes, while Akasa Air schedules 21 international flights, 17 of which are to Gulf destinations.

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"Diversification acts as a natural hedge in aviation," noted an industry analyst. "While concentration can drive yields in normal times, it quickly turns into a strategic bottleneck when tested by geopolitics."

AIRSPACE DISRUPTIONS

SpiceJet, however, played down concerns that the situation poses a significant operational or financial risk. "International operations

account for barely about 10 per cent of our total flights. The network has recently been comprehensively restructured with a clear focus on high-yield domestic routes," a SpiceJet spokesperson said.

Dubai is central to SpiceJet's international strategy. The Mumbai-Dubai and Delhi-Dubai routes are the airline's primary profit drivers. These routes, along with services connecting Tier-2 cities such as Kozhikode and Kochi to Dubai have historically maintained strong load

factors and have been key to the airline's revival strategy.

Dubai's aviation and daily operations are currently facing significant disruptions due to the escalating West Asia crisis. As of March 6, 2026, the situation is fluid with a gradual, phased resumption of flights following widespread regional airspace closures. Flight Operations Status has now moved to partial resumption, with operations at Dubai International and Al Maktoum International airports partially resumed after a near-total shutdown earlier this week.

According to the airline, demand rebounded quickly after the reopening of airspace in the region.

STRONG DEMAND

"Following the reopening of the airspace, demand has been very strong, and we have been operating special flights to the UAE. Dubai and the wider West Asia continue to remain an important and

robust market for Indian carriers, and we remain confident about the long-term prospects," the spokesperson added.

The airline also rejected suggestions that recent airspace restrictions had hurt revenues. "There has been no revenue loss due to the brief airspace closure," the spokesperson said.

SpiceJet also pointed to structural limits on expansion on the India-UAE corridor, noting that bilateral air service agreements are already fully utilised.

"The bilateral seat entitlements between India and the UAE are fully utilised". On broadbasing its international operation, the airline spokesperson said, "SpiceJet holds traffic rights to multiple international destinations. Capacity can be re-deployed across both international and domestic routes, if required, in line with operational and commercial considerations."



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West Asia crisis triggers demand for chartered flights

'Some companies are using this as an opportunity'

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Chartered flights are in demand during the ongoing West Asia crisis due to the limited availability of flights.

For people who are willing to shell out extra from their pockets, private companies are now operating chartered flights and have now began selling seats on their private planes, Rohit Hangal, director, Sphere Travelmedia and Exhibitions, told *DH*.

"Some companies are using this as an opportunity. One

firm was offering a seat on a private jet from Dubai to Pune for Rs 80,000," he added.

A businessman from Bengaluru, currently stranded in the UAE with his family, also plans to charter a private jet after multiple unsuccessful attempts to get on a flight to India. "I'm spending lakhs on our stay here every day. It makes more sense to charter a flight to Bengaluru instead," he added.

Price fluctuation

In Dubai, many are banking on the government-owned Emirates airline. "While on-



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line websites continue to show extremely jacked up prices, amounting to Rs 1 lakh to 2 lakh per person, buying tickets directly at the airport is proving to be much cheaper," passengers, who arrived from Dubai in Bengaluru late Wednesday evening, told *DH*.

For most passengers, the flight had been booked by the

airline as a compensation for their cancelled flight. Others managed to get on the flight by paying approximately Rs 17,000 for the economy fare. "I was supposed to fly out of Abu Dhabi on Sunday, but when that flight got cancelled, I waited for a few days, and finally found one from Dubai. The flight actually ended up being

30 flights cancelled at KIA

On March 5, 30 flights were cancelled at the Kempegowda International Airport due to airspace restrictions. An airport representative shared that Emirates would operate EK566/567 on Thursday, with a booked arrival load of 358 passengers and departure load of 203 passengers. However, on March 4, Emirates had announced that all flights to and from Dubai would remain suspended till March 7.

much cheaper than my original flight," said Pratik, who landed in the city on Wednesday.

मंत्रालय ने दी जानकारी, भारत से खाड़ी जाने वाली 278 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली, ग्रेट : भारत की घरेलू एयरलाइनों ने शुक्रवार को पश्चिम एशिया के लिए और वहां से 96 उड़ानों का संचालन करने की योजना बनाई है, जबकि एयरलाइनों ने इस दिन 278 अंतरराष्ट्रीय सेवाएं रद्द कर दी हैं। सरकार ने शुक्रवार को क्षेत्र में चल रहे संघर्ष के बीच यह जानकारी दी।

पश्चिम एशिया की स्थिति ने उड़ान संचालन को बाधित कर दिया है क्योंकि वहां हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रतिबंध और बंदी है। कुछ एयरलाइनों ने उस क्षेत्र के लिए सीमित संचालन शुरू किया है, जहां अमेरिका, इजरायल और ईरान के बीच संघर्ष पिछले कुछ दिनों में बढ़ गया है। नागरिक उड़ान मंत्रालय ने कहा कि पश्चिम एशिया में चल रहे घटनाक्रम और इसके परिणामस्वरूप हवाई क्षेत्र में प्रतिबंधों के कारण कई क्षेत्रों में उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित हुआ है। मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में कहा, "आज भारतीय घरेलू उड़ानों द्वारा पश्चिम एशिया के गंतव्यों के लिए और वहां से कुल 96 उड़ान संचालन निर्धारित थे। 6 मार्च तक भारतीय घरेलू उड़ानों द्वारा आज संचालित होने वाली 278 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं।"

दिन के पहले भाग में अधिकारियों ने कहा कि मुंबई, दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु और कोलकाता हवाई अड्डों पर पश्चिम संकट के कारण 140 से अधिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द की गईं। चार हवाई अड्डों पर कम से कम 142 उड़ानें रद्द की गईं, जिनमें मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर 39 प्रस्थान और 34 आगमन शामिल हैं। बेंगलुरु हवाई अड्डे पर कुल 33 उड़ानें रद्द की गईं, जिनमें 15 प्रस्थान और 18

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 104 उड़ानें रद्द, यात्री रहे परेशान

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: पश्चिम एशिया में गहरे तनाव और कई देशों के एयरस्पेस के बंद होने का सीधा असर इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) हवाई अड्डे पर पड़ा है। शुक्रवार को सुरक्षा कारणों और रूट डायवर्जन के चलते आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से संचालित होने वाली 104 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। रद्द कुल उड़ानों में 62 प्रस्थान व 42 आगमन की उड़ानें शामिल हैं। विशेष रूप से खाड़ी देशों की ओर जाने वाली उड़ानों पर इसका व्यापक असर देखा जा रहा है। पश्चिम एशिया के एयरस्पेस में लगी पाबंदियों के कारण भारत की प्रमुख एयरलाइंस को सेवाएं



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान यात्री

सीमित करना पड़ा है। देश की प्रमुख एयरलाइंस को 168 उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं। ये उड़ानें मुख्य रूप से दुबई, अबू धाबी, दोहा, कुवैत और बहरीन जैसे शहरों के लिए निर्धारित थीं। एयरस्पेस बंद होने के कारण यूरोप, अमेरिका जाने वाली उड़ानों को लंबे व वैकल्पिक रास्तों से भेजा जा रहा है। इससे बड़ी संख्या में यात्री परेशान रहे।

आगमन शामिल हैं, जबकि दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर 15 प्रस्थान और 14 आगमन रद्द किए गए। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर कुल 7 उड़ानें (4 प्रस्थान और 3 आगमन) रद्द की गईं। एक्स पर पोस्ट में अकासा एयर ने कहा कि वह मुंबई-जेद्दा-मुंबई उड़ान संचालित करेगी। एयरलाइन ने शनिवार को मुंबई, अहमदाबाद और कोच्चि से जेद्दा के लिए उड़ानें संचालित करने की योजना बनाई है। स्पाइसजेट ने कहा कि वह यूएई से फंसे यात्रियों को वापस लाने के 14 उड़ानें संचालित करेगी।

भारतीय दूतावास ने यात्रा सलाह जारी की: दोहा में भारत के दूतावास

ने पश्चिम एशिया में बढ़ते तनाव के बीच कतर में भारतीय प्रवासियों के लिए सऊदी अरब के बाहर वीजा, ट्रांजिट और यात्रा के संबंध में जानकारी प्रदान की। दूतावास ने कतर में फंसे भारतीय नागरिकों के लिए सऊदी अरब के लिए अस्थायी ट्रांजिट वीजा प्राप्त करने में सहायता के लिए एक पंजीकरण लिंक दिया है। जिन भारतीयों के पास सऊदी अरब से बाहर यात्रा करने के लिए पुष्टि की गई टिकट हैं, वे इस लिंक का उपयोग कर सकते हैं। भारतीयों को सूचित किया गया कि "सऊदी अरब के लिए सलवा भूमि सीमा पार करने का विकल्प खुला है।"



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Airbus Opens 5,000-seat Tech Centre in Bengaluru

Our Bureau

Bengaluru: Aircraft manufacturer Airbus on Friday inaugurated a new technology centre in Bengaluru, marking a major expansion of its engineering and digital capabilities in India.

The facility, called the Airbus India Technology Centre, will serve as a hub for engineering, digital transformation, customer services and procurement, the company said in a statement.



Facility to serve as a hub for engineering, customer services and procurement, co said

The centre was inaugurated by Karnataka's deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar and industries minister MB Patil. Union civil aviation minister K Rammo-

han Naidu attended the event virtually.

Airbus executive vice-president Catherine Jestin and its India managing director Jürgen Westermeier were also present. "The new facility represents a strategic acceleration in our journey in India and provides the scale and headroom for our next phase of growth," Westermeier said.

WEST ASIA CONFLICT STATE OF READINESS

Flights to Europe Now Cost a Bomb

Airfares on certain European destinations rise by more than 40% as airlines take longer routes and cut passenger intake amid closures

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New Delhi: Flight fares for certain European routes from India are up by over 40% week on week for travel in the next fifteen days, as per data shared by travel companies with ET. Airline executives warned that due to ongoing geopolitical developments in the Middle East, multiple routes have to be slashed. The airlines have to cut down on the number of passengers they can carry if airspace closures remain and if they continue flying on longer routes.

As per data shared by travel company Pickyourtrail, on limited operational Dubai flights, one-way fares have surged by 60-80% on one of India's busiest international corridors. About 50-65% of all flight cancellations recorded this week are on Dubai routes.

INSURANCE COSTS UP

Insurance costs for any aircraft that will fly over the Middle East have increased 'exponentially', an airline executive said

A travel major said flight fares for destinations such as Germany and Portugal are up by over 40% for bookings between March 1 and March 5 compared to the prior week for travel in the next fifteen days. Middle East lies at the junction between major population centres in Europe, Asia and North America making it the key hub for modern air transport. A spot check on the Delhi-Frankfurt route showed the lowest fare on economy as ₹1.5 lakh while for many days tickets are not available.

Ravi Gosain, president of Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) said recent adjustments in flight schedules and operational disruptions have led to temporary fluctuations in airfares and holiday package pricing on certain routes. "Routes such as Central Asia, parts of Europe and select Southeast Asian destinations have seen some upward movement in fares due to limited seat availability on preferred connections," he said.

Insurance costs for any aircraft that will fly over the Middle East have increased 'exponentially', an airline executive said. "Simultaneously the jet fuel price has increased substantially. All these have to be incurred into the cost of the ticket price. But it is unclear how long high fares can last. This will invariably impact demand," he added.

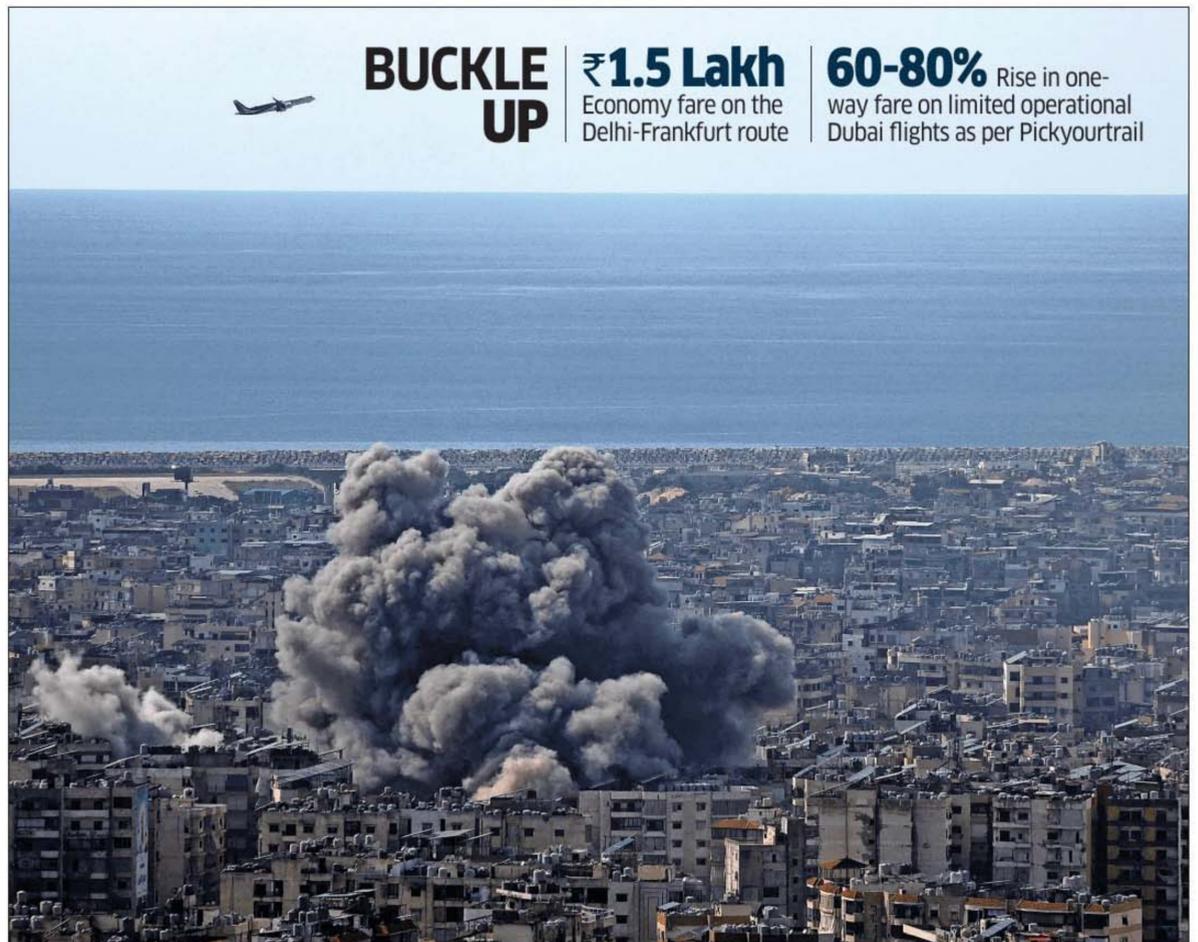
Pickyourtrail cofounder and CEO Hari Ganapathy said to help travellers navigate the disruptions his company has launched a rerouting service which offers real-time visibility into operational airspaces, 'safe' flight corridors from India, and over 50 international destinations that remain accessible within the safe fly zone. Ganapathy said travellers whose routes are impacted can reroute their itineraries within 2-4 hours, though this will come at a premium too.

"For instance, hotels in Europe are functioning, but in case travellers are not able to get there, we have added features like refundable hotels, refundable flights and added insurance for exigencies in this new product," he added.

The situation is 'very fluid', and so are the airfares, said Rajiv Mehra, general secretary, Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality FAITH. "In some sectors the hike is steep because of cancellations of flights or demand being steep. But one can safely say that fares are up about 15-20% irrespective of the sector," he added. An official at a European airline said that passengers will prefer to book European airlines if the situation over the Middle East remains stagnant. "If the major hubs in the Gulf stay closed for long, there will be a much higher demand for European carriers as we don't fly over the Middle East."

However, he warned that airlines will struggle to deploy more capacity on the route to cover up for the shortage left by Gulf carriers. "There is limited supply of aircraft for every airline. So the scope to suddenly increase capacity isn't much." German carrier Lufthansa is strengthening its network in Southeast Asia, the carrier recently said.

Travel industry officials also said that stopover flights through Asia may become popular as passengers look to avoid the Middle East. "Many passengers are enquiring about European connections through Tokyo, Seoul for their summer travel," an executive of a travel firm said.



An airplane flies as smoke rises after an Israeli strike on Beirut's southern suburbs on Friday.

BUCKLE UP

₹1.5 Lakh
Economy fare on the Delhi-Frankfurt route

60-80% Rise in one-way fare on limited operational Dubai flights as per Pickyourtrail



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Emirates Sees Return to Full Ops in Days, Etihad to Restart Flights to 70 Destinations

Emirates said on Friday that it anticipates a return to full network operations in coming days as the world's largest international airline seeks to bounce back from a week-long hiatus.

Etihad Airways is also preparing to restart flights to around 70 destinations after a complete shutdown for one of West Asia's largest carriers for a week. The state-owned airline said it will resume a limited commercial schedule from March 6 between its hub in Abu Dhabi and a number of destinations in Europe, India, the US, and West Asia including Riyadh.

Etihad said services remain subject to operational approvals and may be adjusted, depending on regional airspace conditions, and that not all destinations will operate daily. The UAE is still under threat from Iran. On Friday morning, Abu Dhabi Airport staff escorted people to a shelter as



Lufthansa CEO: 'The concentration of global traffic flows via the Gulf hubs is increasingly proving to be a geopolitical Achilles' heel'

Thursday. By March 7, Emirates, will have 106 daily return flights operating to 83 destinations, representing almost 60% of the route network.

The Dubai carrier will operate 11 daily flights across five airports in the UK by Saturday. Additional

alarms of overhead missiles rung on passengers' phones.

In a statement on Friday, Emirates said that the resumption of commercial flying activity is subject to airspace availability and the fulfillment of all operational requirements. The airline said it carried about 30,000 passengers out of Dubai on

flights are also being offered across India, with Emirates scaling up to 22 daily services to all nine of its Indian destinations by March 7.

'WAR HEIGHTENING UNCERTAINTY'

German aviation giant Lufthansa warned Friday it faced a more uncertain outlook because of the unfolding conflict, and that the fallout showed how vulnerable air traffic remains to geopolitical shocks. "The war in the Middle East (West Asia) proves once again how exposed air traffic is and how vulnerable it remains, even though the industry is now more resilient to crises than it used to be," Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr said, as the group announced its 2025 results. "The massive concentration of global traffic flows via the Gulf hubs is increasingly proving to be a geopolitical Achilles' heel." **Agencies**



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Hotel tariffs, airfares soar in Ahmedabad

NANDINI OZA
Ahmedabad, March 6

HOTELTARIFFS IN Ahmedabad and airfares of incoming flights to the Heritage City have seen a massive surge after India entered the final of the ongoing T20 World Cup on Thursday night, defeating England by seven runs in Mumbai. India takes on New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium (NMS) on Sunday, which has a capacity of 132,000.

Ticket prices for the final have also jacked up and one of the tickets in the South Premium West stand was as high as ₹71,980. 35-year old Ravi Vaishnav, who purchased two tickets for ₹8,000, said he has heard that these are now available for ₹50,000.

Those in the know of developments in the hotel industry say that by the match day the entire inventory in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, which is about 30 km away from Ahmedabad, will be booked or probably even overbooked.

Koustuv Mukherjee, associate vice president of Prikle Group

FEVER PITCH

■ Ticket prices for the final at premium stands reach as high as **₹71,980**

■ A room that costs **₹4,000** per night is being charged **₹1 lakh plus GST** in a 5-star property near the venue



■ Prices at The Leela in Gandhinagar cost **₹35,000-₹40,000**

■ Mumbai-Ahmedabad flight now costs **₹15,000**. Delhi-Ahmedabad fare for the match day is **₹15,000**

of Hotels told *FE* that about 50% of the inventory was already sold out about a fortnight ago and now there has been a ten-fold rise in the tariffs with India entering the final.

"A room that would usually cost around ₹4,000 per night is selling at ₹1 lakh plus GST in our three-star business property near the NMS," he said. "We had a few cancellations from different parts of the world due

to the West Asia conflict. However, the demand from those coming from different cities in India is increasing," he added.

Vikas Sood, GM of The Leela in Gandhinagar, told *FE* that they have kept their room rates between ₹35,000 and ₹40,000. "We don't want to increase the price," he said.

"Many people have booked air tickets and now are waiting to buy match tickets. They will

book the rooms once they get match tickets," he pointed out.

The tickets are "Coming Soon" as seen on some websites. The air fares are also soaring. And in the majority of the airlines, including IndiGo, the flights from Mumbai, Bengaluru or New Delhi that land in time for a cricket enthusiast to see the match are sold out for Sunday. Even for Saturday, airfare of Bengaluru-Ahmedabad flight is as high as ₹21,000.

"The airfares have increased by 50% to 75%," observed Mohit Raval, owner of Haro Faro Tours and Travels. Mumbai-Ahmedabad flight that would be of ₹3,500 or so on normal days is as high as ₹15,000 on the previous day of the match, he said. Delhi-Ahmedabad fare is ₹15,000 on the match day.

Even three-star hotels are giving dynamic prices, he said, adding that they are also providing drop and pick-up facilities to the guests to the NMS. Those in the travel industry are also providing cars to guests who want to reach Ahmedabad by road, he said.



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IndiGo expands NMIA operation

Mumbai: IndiGo announced daily flights connecting Jamnagar and Navi Mumbai from April 23, adding Jamnagar as its sixth destination in Gujarat and increasing the number of operations from Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). The flight no 6E-2053 from NMIA will depart at 4pm everyday and reach Jamnagar at 5.30pm. The return flight no 6E-2034 will depart at 6.10pm and reach Navi Mumbai at 7.35pm.

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DGCA, US FAA ink pact to boost ties

Aviation regulators of India and US, along with aerospace companies, signed a working pact under Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) on Thursday to strengthen cooperation. The pact was signed by India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), aircraft manufacturer Boeing, and aircraft engine manufacturers GE and Pratt & Whitney. The pact is expected to provide a structured mechanism for resolving aircraft and engine type validation, recognition and acceptance matters in transparent and time-bound manner.

—Dhairya Gajara



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दिल्ली से उड़े विमान को लखनऊ भेजा

वाराणसी। घुंघ की वजह से शुक्रवार को सुबह दृश्यता काफी कम होने से दिल्ली से वाराणसी आ रहा एयर इंडिया का विमान बाबतपुर एयरपोर्ट पर नहीं उतर सका। इसे लखनऊ डायवर्ट किया गया। इसमें 157 यात्री सवार थे। दृश्यता कम होने से एटीसी ने उतरने की इजाजत नहीं दी।



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Indian airlines scheduled 96 flights, cancelled 278 int'l operations: Govt

NEW DELHI: Domestic airlines scheduled 96 flights to and from the Middle East on Friday while the carriers cancelled 278 international services for the day, the Union government said in a statement as the conflict in the region entered the seventh day.

The situation in the Middle East has disrupted flight operations as there are restrictions as well as closure of airspaces. Some airlines have commenced limited operations to and from the region, where the conflict involving the US, Israel, and

Iran has escalated in the last few days.

The civil aviation ministry on Friday said due to the ongoing developments in West Asia and the resulting airspace restrictions, flight operations have been impacted across several sectors.

"A total of 96 flight operations were scheduled today by Indian domestic carriers to and from destinations in the Middle East," it said in a statement.

"As of 6 March, 278 flights scheduled to be operated today by Indian domestic carriers

have been cancelled," the statement further said.

In another statement later, the ministry said 51 flights are planned to be operated by domestic airlines, subject to operational feasibility and prevailing conditions.

"Passenger movement data for 5th March, 2026 shows that a total of 40 inbound flights operated by Indian carriers arrived in India from the West Asia region, carrying 7,205 passengers taking the cumulative passenger arrivals to 14,992," the statement said.

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Kerala CM writes to PM to reduce West Asia-India airfares

Dhinesh Kallungal

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to actively engage with airlines to regulate fares of flights from West Asia to India during the conflict between Iran and the U.S. and Israel.

The airfares of special flights being operated from West Asia to India have reportedly reached predatory levels in the wake of the conflict.

As of Friday, the airfares of budget airlines such as Air India Express and Air Arabia from Dubai to Kochi are in the range of ₹59,549

and ₹61,384, respectively. A ticket on Air Arabia from Abu Dhabi to Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday is priced at ₹44,216. A flight ticket from Dubai to Mumbai costs ₹83,389 on SpiceJet, ₹1,21,985 on Air Arabia, and ₹1,50,180 on Flydubai on March 7.

Specific helpline

In a letter to the Prime Minister, the State has also called for setting up a specific helpline or registration channel for transit passengers, distinct from resident Indians, given their unique vulnerability of being stranded in a foreign country without luggage, accommodation, or local contacts.



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Airlines bring back 15,000 stranded passengers

+ **Jagriti Chandra**
NEW DELHI

Indian airlines have brought back nearly 15,000 stranded passengers from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Oman since the beginning of this week.

Recovery flights began on March 2, and the figures are until March 5. On Friday, 40 inbound flights were conducted, the Civil Aviation Ministry said in a statement. Fifty-one flights are planned on Saturday.

Gulf airlines such as Emirates, flydubai, and Etihad have also operated some special flights and a limited number of commercial services.

The Ministry has set up a control room and helpline for passengers seeking assistance. The numbers are 011-24604283 and 011-24632987.

High war-risk premiums for airline insurance to raise fares

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Air travellers may have to brace for fare hikes of up to ₹20,000 on Gulf routes as insurers slap steep war-risk premiums on airlines, forcing carriers to pay extra for cover against risks such as missile strikes and passenger casualties amid the escalating Iran-Israel conflict.

Alongside rising crude oil prices that are inflating aviation turbine fuel (ATF) costs, mounting operational expenses could ultimately push up domestic airfares as well, industry executives said.

While insurers initially barred airlines from operating flights into parts of the Gulf region, they have



The 30% rise in fuel prices may impact raise air fares by 10% to 12% , airline officials warned.

since eased the curbs, given the need for repatriation and continued travel demand, an insurance broker told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

Airlines are now required to notify insurers before operating each flight into West Asia. But

coverage can be withdrawn at short notice if the conflict escalates.

Premium calculation

The additional premium being imposed ranges from 0.075% to 0.1% of the aircraft value for every return flight undertaken by an airline, the insurance broker explained.

Fuel prices rise

Airline executives warn of other factors pushing up airfares, including rising fuel prices, which are now up by 30% resulting in a 10%-12% impact on airfare.

Airlines are also grappling with under-utilisation of aircraft, as they are able to secure only a limited number of slots at airports in the Gulf.

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दिल्ली से 104 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द, यात्रियों की मुश्किलें बढ़ीं

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या।

दिल्ली से शुक्रवार को सुरक्षा कारणों और रूट डायवर्जन के चलते संचालित होने वाली 104 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं, जिससे हजारों यात्री सफ़र अधर में लटक गए।

प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार, रद्द की गई कुल उड़ानों में 62 प्रस्थान और 42 आगमन की उड़ानें शामिल हैं। खासतौर पर खाड़ी देशों की ओर जाने वाली उड़ानों पर इसका व्यापक असर देखा गया। टर्मिनल-3 पर सुबह से ही यात्रियों की भारी भीड़ जमा हो गई और एयरलाइंस के काउंटरों पर लोग वैकल्पिक उड़ानों की जानकारी लेने के लिए जट्टेजहद करते नजर आए।

पश्चिम एशिया के एयरस्पेस में लगी पाबंदियों के कारण देश की प्रमुख एयरलाइंस को अपनी सेवाओं में कटौती करनी पड़ी। इसके चलते प्रमुख एयरलाइंस की कुल 168 उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं। इनमें इंडिगो की लगभग 72, एयर इंडिया समूह की करीब 31 और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की लगभग 55 उड़ानें शामिल हैं। ये उड़ानें मुख्य रूप से दुबई, अबू धाबी, दोहा, कुवैत और बहरीन के लिए निर्धारित थीं।

हवाई क्षेत्र बंद होने के कारण यूरोप और अमेरिका जाने वाली उड़ानों को अब लंबे और वैकल्पिक



दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट का अलर्ट

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन (डायल) ने यात्रियों से अपील की है कि वे घर से निकलने से पहले अपनी एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट या मोबाइल ऐप पर लाइव फ्लाइट स्टेटस जरूर चेक करें। अधिकारियों का कहना है कि जब तक पश्चिम एशिया में भू-राजनीतिक स्थिति सामान्य नहीं होती, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का शेड्यूल अस्थिर रह सकता है।

मार्ग से भेजा जा रहा है। इससे यात्रा का समय 3 से 5 घंटे तक बढ़ गया है। ईंधन की अधिक खपत और क्रू मेंबर्स के वर्किंग आवर्स के चलते कई लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों के समय में बदलाव करना पड़ा।

अचानक उड़ानें रद्द होने की स्थिति में एयरलाइंस ने यात्रियों को फ्री री-शेड्यूलिंग या फुल रिफंड का विकल्प दिया है। हालांकि, पीक सीजन होने के कारण दूसरी उड़ानों में सीटें मिलना चुनौतीपूर्ण बना हुआ है।

LOKSATYA

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इंडिगो पश्चिम एशिया लिए 31 मार्च तक के टिकट रद्द कराने पर नहीं लेगी शुल्क

- एयरलाइंस ने शुक्रवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञापित में बताया कि वह पश्चिम एशिया और इस्तांबुल (तुर्की) की यात्रा के लिए 31 मार्च तक के टिकट पर रद्द कराने के लिए कोई अतिरिक्त शुल्क नहीं लेगी

नई दिल्ली, एअरसी

निजी विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो ने पश्चिम एशिया में जारी संकट को देखते हुए 31 मार्च तक की यात्रा के टिकट रद्द कराने पर कोई शुल्क नहीं लेने की घोषणा की है। एयरलाइंस ने शुक्रवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञापित में बताया कि वह पश्चिम एशिया और इस्तांबुल (तुर्की) की यात्रा के लिए 31 मार्च तक के टिकट पर रद्द कराने

के लिए कोई अतिरिक्त शुल्क नहीं लेगी। उसने यात्रियों को अपनी उड़ान की अद्यतन स्थिति की जानकारी के लिए उसकी वेबसाइट या कस्टमर केयर से संपर्क करने की

सलाह दी है। इसके अलावा इंडिगो पश्चिम एशिया में फंसे यात्रियों को लाने के लिए आज 17 विशेष उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही है। ये उड़ानें पश्चिम एशिया के आठ शहरों मदीना, जेद्दा, मस्कट, अबू धाबी, शारजाह, दुबई, फुजैरा, और रस अल खैमा से आयेंगी।

निजी विमान सेवा कंपनी स्पाइसजेट भी आज 14 विशेष



उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही है। इनमें नौ उड़ानें फुजैरा से मुंबई के लिए, चार फुजैरा से दिल्ली के लिए और एक दुबई से पुणे के लिए उड़ान भरेगी। एयरलाइंस ने बताया कि उसने पिछले तीन दिन में 25 विशेष उड़ानों का परिचालन किया है।

इस बीच तीन भारतीय विमान सेवा कंपनियों ने पश्चिम एशिया से सीमित संख्या में नियमित उड़ानें

शुरू की हैं। एयर इंडिया ने सऊदी अरब के जेद्दा से दिल्ली और मुंबई के लिए तथा अकासा ने जेद्दा से मुंबई के लिए उड़ानें शुरू की हैं।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस दिल्ली, कोच्चि, कोल्लिकोड, मेगलुरु, मुंबई और

तिरुचिरापल्ली से मस्कट के लिए नियमित उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही है। साथ ही उसने दुबई और रस अल खैमा से विशेष उड़ानों की घोषणा की है। एयरलाइंस ने बताया है कि वह 10 मार्च तक के टिकट रद्द कराने पर यात्रियों से कोई शुल्क नहीं लेगी। इसके अलावा यात्रा की तारीख में बदलाव पर भी कोई शुल्क नहीं लगेगा।



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Kolkata-Dubai flight services resume partially after 4 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: Flight services between Kolkata and Dubai resumed partially on Thursday after a four-day suspension triggered by the ongoing conflict in West Asia, airport officials said.

A flydubai aircraft arriving from Dubai landed at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport at 2.40 am with 130 passengers on board, marking the first arrival from West Asia after operations had remained suspended for more than 113 hours.

According to airport officials, the Boeing 737 Max aircraft had originally been scheduled to arrive at 12:25 am but landed later in the night.

The same aircraft departed for Dubai at 3:59 am carrying 55 passengers, indicating the gradual resumption of services

The Details

» Flight services between Kolkata and Dubai resumed partially on Thursday after being suspended for four days

» The same Boeing 737



Max aircraft later departed for Dubai at 3:59 am with 55 passengers

between the two destinations.

Flight operations between Kolkata and several West Asian cities, including Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi, were disrupted after airlines temporarily suspended services due to escalating tensions in the region and airspace restrictions.

The disruption followed the intensifying conflict involving the United States, Israel and Iran, which forced several carriers to review or suspend operations on routes passing

through parts of West Asian airspace. Airport authorities said the last flight to depart from Kolkata for the region before the suspension was an Emirates service to Dubai on February 28.

Officials said there is still no clear indication of when full-scale flight operations between Kolkata and all West Asian destinations will resume, as airlines continue to monitor the evolving security situation and airspace conditions in the region.



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278 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Domestic airlines operated limited services to the Middle East on Friday while cancelling 278 international flights amid disruptions caused by the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said. According to the ministry, Indian carriers had scheduled 96 flights to and from Middle Eastern destinations for the day. However, airspace restrictions linked to the regional conflict forced widespread cancellations. Earlier, officials said more than 140 international flights were cancelled across major airports in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata. At Mumbai airport alone, 39 departures and 34 arrivals were cancelled.

Indian airlines cancel 278 international flight



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Domestic airlines are scheduled to operate 96 flights to and from the Middle East on Friday while the carriers have cancelled 278 international services for the day, the government said amid the conflict in the region.

The civil aviation ministry on Friday said due to the ongoing developments in West Asia and the resulting airspace restrictions, flight operations have been impacted across several sectors. "A total of 96 flight operations were scheduled today by Indian domestic carriers to and from destinations in the Middle East.

As of 6 March, 278 flights scheduled to be operated today by Indian domestic carriers have been cancelled," it said in a statement. Earlier in the day, officials said more than 140 international flights were cancelled in Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, and Kolkata airports on Friday due to the Middle East crisis. They said at least

142 flights were cancelled at the four airports, with 39 departures and 34 arrivals cancelled at the Mumbai airport.

Akasa Air said it would operate the Mumbai-Jeddah-Mumbai flight on Friday. The airline, on Saturday, would operate flights from Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Kochi to Jeddah, it said in a post on X. SpiceJet said it will operate 14 special flights from the UAE to bring back stranded passengers. With the airspaces over Saudi Arabia and Oman remaining open and assessed as safe for operations, Air India and Air India Express have resumed services to and from Jeddah and Muscat, Air India said in a statement on Thursday.

The Passenger Assistance Control Room (PACR), at the ministry, is coordinating with airlines and other stakeholders to address issues. "So far, 1,881 passenger grievances have been addressed through AirSewa, social media platforms and helpline calls," the ministry said in the statement.



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Indian airlines cancel 281 flights amid West Asia crisis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

■ New Delhi

Indian carriers cancelled 281 international flights on Thursday due to the Middle East crisis, and the Government is closely monitoring the evolving situation in the region.

The escalating conflict in the Middle East involving the US, Israel and Iran has resulted in airspace closures that have significantly impacted flight operations.

The civil aviation ministry on Thursday said it continues to closely monitor the evolving situation in West Asia.

"As of 5 March, a total of



281 flights scheduled to operate today by Indian domestic carriers have been cancelled. Passengers are advised to regularly monitor their flight status and remain attentive to updates shared through their registered contact details by their respective airlines," the ministry said on X.

Meanwhile, a Passenger Assistance Control Room (PACR) is operational.

"A total of 1,461 grievances have been addressed during this period through AirSewa, social media platforms, and dedicated helpline calls, in coordination with airlines and other concerned stakeholders. For assistance, passengers may reach out to the Ministry's PACR helpline numbers: 011-24604283/011-24632987," the ministry said.

Meanwhile, at least 170 international flights were cancelled at Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru airports on Thursday due to the Middle East crisis, officials said.



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Indigo flight grounded at V'wada

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, MARCH 5

An Indigo aircraft developed a technical snag after arriving from Hyderabad at Vijayawada International Airport, and it was grounded for rectification.

According to airport

authorities, the flight carrying passengers arrived at the Vijayawada airport from Hyderabad at 10.30 am on Thursday.

It was moved to the bay to disembark the passengers, and after the boarding of passengers, it is supposed to fly back to Hyderabad at 11

am. However, the technical snag in the flight was noticed, and it was grounded.

The airline authorities arranged alternative flights for the passengers to reach their final destinations - Hyderabad, Delhi and others.

130 passengers reach city, many still stranded

First Dubai flight lands

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: The first flight to Calcutta from a West Asian destination landed early on Thursday, more than 113 hours after flight operations were stalled because of the ongoing war. The flydubai plane from Dubai arrived with 130 stranded passengers.

Many more travellers went to the Dubai airport hoping to catch the first flight home but were unable to do so.

Several flights operated between India and West Asia on Thursday as the conflict between the US, Israel and Iran entered its sixth day, and airports in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, which had been closed, opened partially.

An airport official in Calcutta said more flights from Gulf countries are expected in the coming days.

Calcutta airport officials said FZ 461, the flydubai flight from Dubai, landed at 2.40am on Thursday. It was originally scheduled to arrive at 12.25am.

This was the first flight to operate between the Gulf and Calcutta after 113 hours and five minutes, they said. The last flight before the suspension had been an Emirates flight to Dubai, which took off at 9.35am on February 28, before airspace closures.

On its return, the flydubai plane took off with 55 passengers at 3.59am.

Back home

Kidderpore resident Nawsad Ali was among the passengers who arrived in Calcutta. Ali, part of a group of four who



Stranded passengers arrive in Delhi from Abu Dhabi earlier this week. (PTI picture)

had gone to Dubai on business on February 27, had been scheduled to return on February 28.

But the UAE skies were closed because of the war. "We went to the airport on the morning of February 28, but it was shut. However, flydubai officials promised to take care of our accommodation and food," Ali said on Thursday evening. "My wife and four-year-old daughter were very worried, and I had to make video calls to assure them I was safe," he added.

Ali said he received an email from the airline regarding Thursday's flight. "At the airport, the airline provided food packets. I was not scared while flying but was relieved to come back home after all

the uncertainty," he said.

Another Calcuttan, business administration student Sarah Ali, returned to the city on Wednesday from Dubai via Mumbai. She had travelled to Dubai in January to study.

"I was supposed to come to Calcutta on March 13, but after the war broke out, I was desperate to return earlier," said Ali, who stayed in Dubai Silicon Oasis academic city.

"Debris from intercepted missiles fell near our hostel. I shifted to a relative's house about 10 minutes away," she said on Thursday.

Ali took an Emirates flight from Dubai to Delhi and then an IndiGo flight onwards to Calcutta. "There was only one business class seat left, but my tour operator managed to get

it for me... On the flight, everyone was calm. Another flier, also a student, had brought forward her return to India and was on the same flight," she added.

Still stuck

Kasba residents Nishant Ranjan and his wife had gone to Dubai on February 28 for a holiday. They were scheduled to return on Thursday on the flydubai flight but could not.

"I received a message from the airline saying the flight would not operate. But later, my tour operator informed me that it was running, so we rushed to Dubai airport," Ranjan said.

He described the crowd at the Dubai airport as "huge" and said airline staff told them their names were not on the passenger list. "I approached one official at the airport who helped me get seats on a flight later this week," he added.

Rescue efforts

Tour operators said they were coordinating to get as many stranded passengers out of West Asia as possible.

"We are coordinating with airlines and stranded passengers to get them out of the war zone," said Amin Asghar, president of Skai International Kolkata and director of A and A Travel Zone.

"Those stranded are feeling insecure and inconvenienced. Now, more flights are lined up to come to Calcutta," said Anjali Dhanuka, chairman of the Travel Agents Association of India, eastern region.

Rising op costs, fares add to West Asia flight nightmare

10-12% Hike In Gulf Fares Unavoidable, Hint Airlines

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New Delhi: The expanding war in West Asia is giving twin nightmares to airlines — especially Indian ones due to the closure of Pakistan airspace to them — and passengers stuck here and abroad.

Connectivity remains the primary concern as bringing Indians stranded overseas safely home is the highest priority. Second, a sharp hike in operating costs for airlines along with a demand-supply mismatch has led to fares skyrocketing for passengers. Airlines say a minimum 10%-12% hike in West Asian fares is unavoidable even as they keep an eye on changing airspace closures in war zones.

Air India has done a payload analysis and if Saudi and Oman airspaces get impacted, its flights to Europe, UK and North America will become unviable. Govt is yet to clear Air India's request to allow its Boeing 787-9s (not



Connectivity remains the primary concern as bringing Indians stranded overseas safely home is the highest priority

AI's legacy Dreamliners) and Airbus A350s to fly from Delhi to Leh, enter China passing a waypoint called Hotan, and then take the Central Asia route to the west — bypassing the entire war zone.

"The B787-9s and A350s have additional oxygen storage which allows them a longer time to descend to 10,000 feet by flying out of the high-terrain region in case of single-engine failure. All studies have been done and this has been found technically feasible," said a person familiar with the deliberations.

AI has made a strong case for getting clearance for the Hotan route, saying it will rid it of the "constant nuisance" of Pakistan airspace closure.

Western airlines like Lufthansa and United are not impacted much by the

Emirates resumes 'reduced schedule'

New Delhi: Emirates on Thursday said it was "operating a reduced flight schedule until further notice" thanks to the "limited reopening of airspace". Among the destinations being served are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram. TNN

West Asian crisis when it comes to flights to and from India thanks to Pakistan airspace being open to them.

The increase in operating costs of carriers has led to a rise in ticket prices, with demand-supply mismatch adding to the fire. For instance, an Indian studying in Ireland who came to New Delhi in Feb to attend his grandfather's last rites now faces fares of up to Rs 4 lakh to return to college.

A senior executive at an Indian airline said: "Insurance costs for flights to West Asia have soared by as much as Rs 30 lakh to 40 lakh for a wide body's return trip and Rs 90 lakh to Rs 1 crore for a wide body's return journey. Aviation turbine fuel price this month was hiked by 6%. The rupee keeps crashing to

Bones found in captain's cabin

Patna: Four days after the captain of oil tanker 'Skylight', along with a crew member, went missing after the ship was attacked in the Gulf of Oman, family members got an update Thursday that some bones were recovered from his cabin. The captain, Ashish Kumar, is a resident of Bettiah in Bihar's West Champaran district. TNN

new all-time lows. We have to take much longer routes. Our costs have gone through the roof. The flights to West Asia hardly have any passengers and are full on the way back."

With flights reduced and huge uncertainty over operations, airlines say they are having a tough time selling tickets. "We are unable to sell inventory on these flights in advance and filling up aircraft on short notice is leading to low flight loads, resulting in a higher cost of operation," an executive said.

"Pakistan airspace closure started on April 24, 2025, and operating costs for Indian carriers with substantial western operations like AI Group and IndiGo have risen since then. We have been asking for fiscal relief like from excise or GST," said an official.

Flyers struggle to come back due to repeated cancellations

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Bengaluru: Passengers trying to return to Bengaluru from Gulf countries are facing days of uncertainty, with repeated flight cancellations and shifting schedules leaving many stranded.

Travellers said even after airlines issued fresh tickets following earlier cancellations, several flights were cancelled again. "We were given another ticket after our first flight was cancelled, but that also got cancelled at the last minute. Every day we are told to wait for updates. There is absolutely no clarity on when we can return to Bengaluru," said Aravind Menon, a passenger stranded in Dubai.

Shilpa Krishnamurthy, an IT employee in Bengaluru, said she is looking for alternative routes like many others to get back home to her family from Dubai. "We are looking at options of travel via Doha, Muscat or Kuwait City because direct flights are getting cancelled again and again. I'm tired of staying in a hotel room."



IRAN CRISIS

Passengers departing from Bengaluru also expressed concern over flights operating with heavily restricted passenger loads. "Many of us are worried about travelling right now because the situation keeps changing and we don't know if flights will operate normally. Some

flights are operating with only about 50 passengers from Bengaluru to Dubai," said Mohammed Farooq, who planned to travel for business.

Operations at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) continued to be affected Thursday, with 30 flights cancelled (14 arrivals and 16 departures). Despite the disruptions, some services continued to operate with adjustments. Emirates flight EK566 from Dubai arrived in Bengaluru with 358 passengers at 6.35pm, before departing at 8.20pm with 203 passengers as EK567.

33 tourists from Ballari fly back home

Thirty-three of the 35 tourists from Ballari district who were stranded in Dubai got back to Bengaluru Thursday.

They had travelled from Ballari to Dubai using the services of a travel agency and were scheduled to fly back to India on Feb 28. However, flight operations were suspended amid the West Asia conflict, leaving the group stranded for four days. But with services

resuming, the tourists left Dubai at 10.45pm Wednesday and landed in Kochi, Kerala, before boarding a connecting flight to Bengaluru. They arrived on Thursday morning, where Ballari Rural MLA B Nagendra received them at the airport and welcomed them with bouquets. Of the group, a woman stayed back in Dubai along with her husband over health-related issues. **TNN**

Several Other Int'l Routes Too See Steep Hike

Direct flight from London at ₹2.5L as airfares skyrocket

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: Flying back home has become significantly more expensive for Hyderabadis abroad, as airlines sharply hiked fares amid disruptions caused by the ongoing war between the United States and Iran.

Airfares on several international routes to Hyderabad have surged steeply, with some long-haul tickets reaching unprecedented levels. For instance, a direct flight from London to Hyderabad on Friday was priced at nearly Rs 2.5 lakh, several times higher than the usual fare.

Passengers travelling from Gulf countries also faced a similar surge. Airfares from major Gulf destinations to Hyderabad increased sharply by almost 200% over the past few days, as limited flight availability and rerouting continued to affect schedules.

Surprisingly, while Oman-based airlines continued to charge near-normal fares for flights between Muscat and Hyderabad, several Indian



carriers reportedly priced tickets two to three times higher on comparable routes.

Travel agents said the spike was largely due to reduced flight capacity, cancellations, and high demand from passengers trying to return to India amid uncertainty in the region. With fewer direct flights operating and some airspace restrictions still in place, many travellers were left with limited options and higher fares, they said.

Meanwhile, on Thursday another nine flights from the Gulf landed in Hyderabad from Abu Dhabi, Jeddah, Muscat, Sharjah, Riyadh, Madina and Fujairah.



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Vij-Hyd IndiGo flight aborted after technical glitch

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Vijayawada: A potential mishap was averted at the Vijayawada international airport on Thursday after a Hyderabad-bound IndiGo flight was forced to make an emergency halt due to a technical problem.

The flight had 70 passengers on board, including Andhra Pradesh minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar, and MLAs Kanna Lakshminarayana, and Prathipati Pullarao, along with several other political leaders, officials.

According to airport sources, the aircraft began its take-off when the pilot detected a technical fault in the engine. Acting swiftly, the pilot stopped the aircraft on the runway and aborted the take-off. Following the incident, the flight was cancel-



70 PASSENGERS ON BOARD

led and the passengers were safely deboarded. While many travellers waited for further arrangements from the airline, some opted to continue their journey by road. Lakshminarayana reportedly left for Hyderabad by road after the cancellation.

Airport officials said the pilot's prompt action helped prevent any danger and ensured that the aircraft remained safely on the runway. Engineers are currently examining the aircraft to identify the exact cause.



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278 flights cancelled amid West Asia crisis

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

At least 278 flights scheduled to be operated on Friday by Indian domestic carriers to and from destinations in West Asia were cancelled amid ongoing developments in the region and restrictions on key airspace routes, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said.

According to officials, a total of 96 flight operations were conducted by Indian carriers to and from various destinations across West Asia. However, the evolving situation and resulting airspace restrictions forced airlines to cancel hundreds of services as a precautionary measure.

The disruption comes as several airlines continue to adjust flight paths and schedules due to limited access to parts of West Asian airspace. Aviation authorities said the restrictions have affected multiple sectors and airlines were constantly reviewing operations while prioritising passenger safety.

Passengers have been advised to keep a close watch on the latest flight updates and remain attentive to communication shared by their respective airlines through registered contact details.