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IndiGo targets transit passengers with new routes to Europe via Mumbai

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Manchester

Airline major IndiGo is eyeing a significant share of the transit passenger market between Europe and South-east Asia via Mumbai.

The airline's Chief Executive Officer, Pieter Elbers, said, "India's geographical position allows passengers to catch connecting flights beyond India. If you fly from Europe to South-east Asia, connecting in Delhi or Mumbai is a good opportunity."

NEW DESTINATIONS

The airline has launched direct flights from Mumbai to Manchester and Amsterdam, and plans to operate to new destinations like Copenhagen this winter.

"Even the potential for point-to-point traffic from



Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer of IndiGo © SLOOVERS

Manchester to Mumbai is massive," Elbers told *businessline* in Manchester. "This service will help us mitigate seasonal fluctuations," he added. According to Elbers, IndiGo's growth strategy is designed to offer an additional option for Indian travellers, rather than simply taking away traffic from West Asian carriers and European operators.

"We will take away some

traffic, but I see it as offering an additional option for Indian travellers," said Elbers.

"Our product is designed to feel at home for Indians and offer a taste of India for non-Indians.

Indian travellers are diverse, and our network reflects that diversity," said Elbers, adding, "We're not just looking at where Indian travellers go, but also new places."

Further, the airline is preparing for expansions with its new Airbus A321XLR aircraft. "We're developing our network... We're preparing for expansions with the XLRs," he said. At present, IndiGo has a fleet of over 400 aircraft, with which it operates more than 2,200 daily flights.

The writer was in Manchester at the invitation of IndiGo



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट; हैदराबाद की फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के चलते 3 घंटे लेट

जयपुर | हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को जयपुर आ रही एक फ्लाइट में तकनीकी खराबी के चलते फ्लाइट करीब 3 घंटे देरी से जयपुर पहुंची। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार मामला इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट 6ई-815 का है। दरअसल ये फ्लाइट हैदराबाद से सुबह 6:30 बजे जयपुर के लिए रवाना हुई, लेकिन उड़ान भरने के करीब 45 मिनट बाद ही पायलट को विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता लगा। इसके बाद उसने हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट के एटीसी से संपर्क कर विमान को दोबारा लैंडिंग के लिए कहा। इसके बाद फ्लाइट को हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग कराई गई। इस दौरान ग्राउंड टेक्निकल टीम ने फ्लाइट को अटेंड किया। करीब 3 घंटे बाद 9:30 बजे फ्लाइट दोबारा जयपुर के लिए रवाना हुई और 11:10 बजे जयपुर पहुंची।

20 मिनट होल्ड पर रही बेंगलुरु फ्लाइट... उधर, जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को दूसरे दिन भी रनवे नोटम के चलते एक फ्लाइट प्रभावित हुई। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस फ्लाइट संख्या आईएक्स-2862 बेंगलुरु से जयपुर आ रही थी, लेकिन उस समय एयरपोर्ट पर रनवे नोटम लागू होने की वजह से फ्लाइट को लैंडिंग की अनुमति नहीं दी गई। ऐसे में करीब 20 मिनट तक फ्लाइट को होल्ड पर रखा गया। इस दौरान फ्लाइट ने आसमान में तीन चक्कर लगाए। इसके बाद करीब 4:30 बजे नोटम खत्म होते ही फ्लाइट को लैंडिंग कराई गई।



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Airlines Worried Over DGCA's New Medical Test Rule

Tests at IAF centres may be extensive, many commercial pilots could be rendered unfit: Execs

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: A change in rule by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for holding medical tests of pilots has alarmed Indian airlines.

Last week, the civil aviation regulator mandated that medical examinations for commercial pilots will be conducted only at centres of the Indian Air Force (IAF). This is against an earlier directive allowing such medical tests at private hospitals and medical examiners empanelled by the regulator.

DGCA regulations stipulate all pilots to undergo periodic medical examinations which includes an extensive list. Senior officials at the regulator said the change was made following the death of an airline co-pilot due to cardiac arrest after completing a flight. During investigation, DGCA found that the pilot had existing cardiac issues which the airline wasn't aware about. "We felt that there was a change required for the process as there was suspicion that a few were falsifying records to pass their medicals," the official said.

However, airline executives have raised alarm saying that the standards required for military pilots are vastly different and more stringent from those operating commercial flights. Also, due to limited resources at IAF, the process has become time consuming and may disrupt flight schedules due to unavailability of pilots.

Airline executives fear that due to the high standards of the military, many pilots will be declared medically unfit, leading to a shortage of pilots and increased insur-

Air Pockets

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ance coverage for airlines. "The air force does not have the mandate and cannot keep increasing its manpower and infrastructure requirements to meet the civil aviation requirements," an airline official said. "Worldwide, India remains the only country which has not severed the cord from the defence establishments for civil pilot medicals; the philosophy and requirements in closing the pilots for both the civil and defence are very different, hence the need to separate from defence was felt by all countries," the official added.

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INDIGO WILL CONTINUE with the codeshare partnership with Turkish Airlines and is looking at different scenarios for finding a solution to operate services to Istanbul once the leasing of aircraft from the Turkish carrier comes to an end.



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इंडिगो अंतरराष्ट्रीय विस्तार को लेकर उत्साहित: सीईओ

एम्सटर्डम। अंतरराष्ट्रीय विस्तार पर जोर देते हुए एयरलाइन इंडिगो के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) पीटर एल्बर्स ने कहा कि एम्सटर्डम यूरोप और उत्तरी अमेरिका के बाकी हिस्सों को जोड़ने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान होगा। इंडिगो भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन है, जिसकी घरेलू बाजार में 64 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी है। वह नए मार्गों और साझेदारियों के साथ तेजी से अपनी विदेशी पहुंच को बढ़ा रही है। इंडिगो ने यूरोप में प्रवेश करते हुए इस सप्ताह मुंबई से मैनचेस्टर और एम्सटर्डम के लिए सीधी सेवाएं शुरू कीं। एल्बर्स ने इन पेशकश को एक महत्वपूर्ण अवसर बताया। एल्बर्स ने कहा, 'मुझे लगता है कि अब यूरोप में प्रवेश करने का वक़्त है। यह बदलाव सिर्फ दो नए गंतव्यों से कहीं अधिक महार है। यह उत्पाद का बदलाव है। यह कुछ साझेदारियों में बदलाव है।'



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Noida int'l airport deadline pushed to November 2025

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GREATER NOIDA: Noida International Airport will open for domestic flights and cargo operations in September 2025, and for international flights in November 2025, Uttar Pradesh's industrial development minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said on Saturday. This is the third time the airport has missed its scheduled deadline.

This year will mark the open-

ing of the airport's first phase, which will cater to 12 million passengers annually.

"We have reviewed the progress of the airport and directed officials to fast-track all work. This airport will be completely ready by November and it will be the largest airport in Asia and the fourth largest in the world," said Gupta, who was on a two-day visit to Noida, Greater Noida and Yeida to review infrastructure projects.

The Noida airport in Jewar is

being built in four phases with an investment of ₹29,650 crore. The first phase, costing ₹10,056 crore, is designed to cater to 12 million passengers annually. It will have one runway and one terminal building. By the fourth phase, expected to become operational in 2040, the airport will have the capacity to handle 70 million passengers annually.

Gupta also reviewed plans for various manufacturing hubs and upcoming projects that align with the airport.

British F-35B jet towed to hangar at Kerala airport

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NEW DELHI/KOCHI: A team of British military engineers arrived at Thiruvananthapuram airport on Sunday with specialised equipment to repair a F-35B stealth combat jet of the Royal Navy, which has been stranded at the facility in Kerala since it made an emergency landing on June 14.

Soon after the arrival of the British team, the £85-million jet was towed from the tarmac to a hangar. Several attempts to fix the aircraft have been unsuccessful and it had been on the tarmac since it landed at Thiruvananthapuram after reporting low fuel levels.

"A UK engineering team has deployed to Thiruvananthapuram international airport to assess and repair the UK F-35B aircraft, which landed following an emergency diversion," a British high commission spokesperson said. The UK has accepted India's offer of space at the maintenance repair and overhaul facility in Thiruvananthapuram, and the British side is in discussions to "finalise arrangements



The F-35B stealth combat jet being moved to the hangar in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.

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with relevant authorities", the spokesperson said.

The aircraft would be moved in line with standard procedure after the arrival of the British engineers, who are carrying specialist equipment needed for the movement and repair process.

"The UK remains very grateful for the continued support and collaboration of the Indian authorities and airport teams," the spokesperson said.

Bad weather following the emergency landing had prevented the jet from returning to the aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales, which was 100 nautical miles off the Kerala coast. The

F-35B jet subsequently developed a hydraulic failure that prevented it from taking off. The British high commission had earlier said the jet had developed an "engineering issue".

The jet is expected to return to active service once repairs and safety checks have been completed. People familiar with the matter declined to provide details on the timeline for the repairs. The F-35B jet is part of the carrier strike group accompanying the HMS Prince of Wales. The IAF facilitated the safe landing of the jet on June 14 and later provided refuelling and logistical support.



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U.K. team lands in Thiruvananthapuram, shifts grounded RAF jet to airport hangar

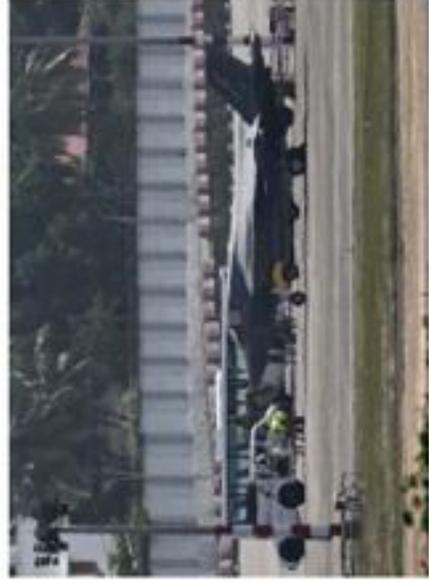
**The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

After weeks-long speculation and uncertainty, a Royal Air Force (RAF) aircraft carrying an expert team of engineers from the U.K. reached the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport on Sunday to repair the grounded F-35B jet of the RAF here.

Soon after landing, the aircraft was moved to the hangar to fix the technical issue.

An Airbus A400M Atlas, a four-engine military transport aircraft of the RAF, which has the ability to carry large and heavy payloads and military equipment, troops, and humanitarian aid over long distances, touched down at the airport at 12.46 p.m. with 14 engineers, 10 crew members, and equipment.

According to the flight data details, the flight that left RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, in the U.K., the



Towing away: The British F-35 B fighter jet being moved from the taxiway at the Thiruvananthapuram airport. NISAL HENDHAN

largest RAF station with approximately 5,800 service personnel, on Friday reached the military base of RAF Akrotiri on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus the same day.

It took off from Akrotiri on Saturday and landed at the Seeb International Airport in Muscat the same day.

From there, the aircraft began its journey to the

If attempts to repair the aircraft fail, the tail and wings of the aircraft will be dismantled and the jet will be airlifted back to the U.K.

Technical glitches

The combat jet had made an emergency landing following technical glitches on June 14.

A British High Commission spokesperson said on Sunday, "The U.K. engineering team deployed to the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport will assess and repair the U.K. F-35B aircraft, which landed following an emergency diversion. The U.K. has accepted the offer of a space in the Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility, and is in discussions to finalise arrangements with the relevant authorities. In line with standard procedure, the aircraft will be moved with the help of specialist equipment necessary for the movement and repair process."

Thiruvananthapuram International Airport on Sunday morning.

The aircraft later departed for its base station by around 4.30 p.m. after delivering the equipment and the technicians.

The team, which is expected to remain here for a few days, inspected the grounded F-35 and shifted it to the hangar of the airport.

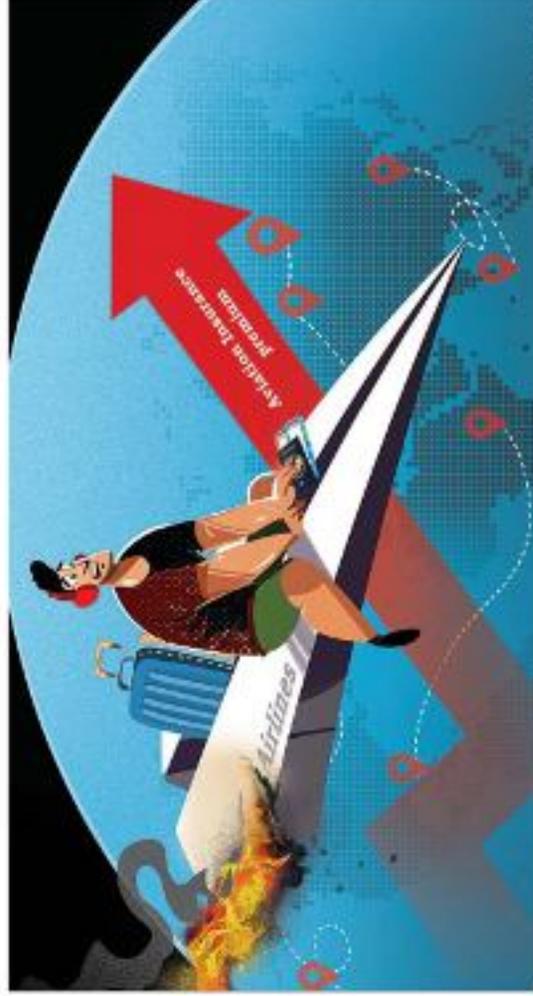


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Air India crash: the cost of risk in modern aviation

Industry analysts estimate the total insurance payout could start at about \$120 million and increase beyond \$150 million with worst-case projections nearing \$250 million

HEIGHT OF RISK

1 Sixty Percent Quarterly across-airline insurance programme, reportedly underwritten for about \$20-\$30bn at an annual premium near \$10 million

entire annual aviation business premium pool of \$1,000-\$1,100 covered, highlighting scale of corporate financial exposure

Risk, vulnerability sky risk is distributed across a large insurance programme, reportedly underwritten for about \$30 billion at an annual premium near \$30 million

Domestic insurers - Tata and few others dominate - load the insurance underwriting, but retain only about 5-10% of the risk. The balance is ceded to global reinsurers in London, Europe and U.S.

This global allocation has the downside risk. The catastrophe is already preparing a "hammer" of global premium - rates are flat, year-over-year 10-20% in some markets

This layering of risk extends even further through reinsurers, a system where reinsurers themselves offload part of their risk to other entities. Reinsurers' limited exposure during non-crisis events can be a double-edged sword. The reinsurance market is global, and the time to recover is often

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Global reinsurers, like Swiss Re and Munich Re, Lloyd's syndicates, U.S. companies like American International, and catastrophe bond investors. For instance, if a reinsurer faces a \$500 million liability in an aviation crash, it might have already ceded \$100 million of that to other reinsurers. This reinsurance structure lowers liability the stock of a single insurer but distributes across the global insurance ecosystem

Cost ripples Increased underwriters' premiums will inevitably hit airline cost structures, particularly for carriers operating Boeing 737s, including Air India and Alaska. A 10-20% annual rate hike applies a policy priced at about \$10 million. Due to tight margins, the cost may be passed via ticket prices, narrower service bundles, fleet replacement delays or even cost-cutting measures

Most expedients are the issue of how little personal insurance provides compared with airline liability. Less than 1% of flyers hold personal accident cover and most travel

plans rely on airline compensation or ad hoc emergency aid during claim processing. The group announced a 10 crore compensation for each of the families of the victims. In addition, it is providing to each affected family or survivor amounting total insurance support to 10,15 crore per family ahead of any additional compensation processed under international conventions or via insurance arbitrators

Building endurance Insurers may consider extending risk modeling horizons - including in various operational modes especially given the stark risk that seems to be setting in across and local infrastructure. The set-off of variables to be considered which exist today, on the consumer side, greater awareness around passenger rights under the Montreal Convention, volume of personal accident insurance could help bridge current gaps

Increasing the scale of insurance products - not just for passengers, but also for businesses and professions on the ground that are often left uninsured - can play a crucial role in strengthening overall resilience. It is a necessary step toward managing future risks, albeit it takes time under financial or human crisis

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IndiGo boards the long-haul flight with Manchester and Amsterdam services

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AFTER ESTABLISHING dominance in Indian skies and building a dense short-haul international network over 18-plus years, the country's largest airline IndiGo has finally forayed into the long-haul segment, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the carrier's evolution. Early July, the airline started flying non-stop to Manchester and Amsterdam from Mumbai, a milestone in its ambition to become a global airline by 2030 with its "internationalisation strategy" as a key cornerstone.

The plan involves product development to serve specific markets, building a global network by growing mid- and long-haul operations and deepening code-share partnerships with global airlines, and inducting long-range narrow-body and wide-body aircraft, and all that while maintaining cost leadership.

IndiGo—far from seen as a sluggish low-cost carrier (LCC)—is shaping into what its chief executive Pieter Elbers likes to call a "fit-for-purpose" airline—one with varied product offerings in line with the demands of specific market segments, instead of the typical budget airline. Over the past year, IndiGo launched a tailor-made business class product—IndiGo

Stretch—on select domestic routes, and a loyalty programme. The airline felt that there were sizeable market segments within India where these offerings would work well. And beyond that, these were also part of the groundwork for the carrier's long-haul operations. On its just-launched long-haul flights—currently using damp-leased Boeing 787-9 aircraft from Norse Atlantic—IndiGo has hot meals and in-flight entertainment included for all flyers. It is also offering the international version of its Stretch product complete with complimentary alcoholic drinks service, choice of three-course hot meals, some free amenities, and even lounge access. And this could very well be the broad template for IndiGo's long-haul operations.

'Fit-for-purpose' products, airline

"I don't think our product here is what one can label or classify as

an LCC or a ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) product. We have hot meals and baggage included. So, it's a fit-for-purpose product and operation. For a nine-hour or 10-hour flight, we choose to have a product where food is included, instead of going through all the complexities of selling it on board. Does it mean that we have to do it all across the network, and for our five and six-hour flights? No, not at all. The fit-for-purpose for 10 hours looks different than that for four or five or six hours," Elbers told *The Indian Express* after IndiGo's inaugural Mumbai-Manchester flight.

"I believe very much that IndiGo should be a fit-for-purpose airline. That means that the hundreds of routes we operate in the nation itself should have a very cost compelling basis, and with that, a very attractive price. But some of the other routes in the nation, like its busiest, might need something more, and that's

why we started with IndiGo Stretch. And the same goes for these European flights. It's fit for purpose and a value-for-money proposition. It's going to be very competitive with some of the fares offered by our competitors. And importantly, it's a direct connection," the IndiGo CEO added.

IndiGo sees significant potential in the international segment, given that Indian airlines account for 45 per cent of India's international air passenger traffic, while overseas carriers account for around 55 per cent. When it comes to India-Europe passenger traffic, overseas carriers have an even higher share of around 70 per cent, some of which is up for the taking, believes IndiGo. As part of its "internationalisation strategy", IndiGo plans to induct extra-long-range narrow-body Airbus A321 XLR aircraft starting this year and wide-body Airbus A350 planes from 2027 to operate medium- and long-range international flights. With the A350s, IndiGo should be in a position to launch non-stop services between India and North America.

The reporter was in Manchester at IndiGo's invitation for the launch of the airline's Mumbai-Manchester non-stop service.

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IndiGo's damp-leased Boeing 787 aircraft at the Manchester Airport.

Sukalp Sharma



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IndiGo to continue Turkish air codeshare: CEO Elbers

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IndiGo will continue with the codeshare partnership with Turkish Airlines and is looking at different scenarios for finding a solution to operate services to Istanbul once the leasing of aircraft from the Turkish carrier comes to an end.

On May 30, aviation watchdog DGCA granted a one-time final extension of three months to IndiGo on damp leasing of two Boeing 777 aircraft from Turkish Airlines till August 31 and directed the airline to terminate the lease within the three-month period.

About the leasing of aircraft from Turkish Airlines set to end in three months, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said the airline is looking at different scenarios and ways, including operating A321 aircraft to Istanbul, to address the issue.



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नई दिल्ली. पिछले छह माह में यात्रियों की संतुष्टि के मामले में भोपाल, उदयपुर व खजुराहो के एयरपोर्ट संयुक्त रूप से अग्र्वल रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआइ) के जनवरी-जून 2025 के ग्राहक संतुष्टि सर्वेक्षण में देशभर के 60 एयरपोर्ट पर नागरिक सुविधाओं और सेवाओं पर ग्राहकों के निरंतर फीडबैक के आधार पर रैंकिंग तय की गई है। भोपाल के राजा भोज हवाई अड्डे ने 14 पायदान की छलांग लगाकर पहला स्थान हासिल किया है।

33 पहलुओं पर सर्वे: सर्वेक्षण में एयरपोर्ट सेवा के 33 अलग-अलग पहलुओं को देखा गया, जिसमें पार्किंग, ग्रान्ड ट्रांसपोर्ट, बैगेज कार्ट और कर्मचारियों का व्यवहार शामिल है। सर्वे में शामिल असम का सबसे एयरपोर्ट 2.65 अंक के साथ सबसे निचले स्थान पर रहा।

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उड़ानों को नियंत्रित करना होगा

महानुभव असाधारण और जल्दी पता करने के लिए हेली कोप्टरों का इस्तेमाल बढ़ी गेगी से कर रहा है। आजकल मध्य हिमालय की देवभूमि उत्तराखण्ड स्थित चारपांग के दर्शन करने पहुंच रहे यात्री भी हेली कोप्टरों के उपयोग करने में पीछे नहीं हैं। अनेक व्यक्तियों के हेलीकोप्टर यहां बढ़ी संख्या में उड़ान भर रहे हैं, जिनके लिए गार्डनरडैंग्स बनाई गई हैं। चयनकृत इसके यात्रा शुरू होने के पछले 40 दिनों में पांच हेलीकोप्टर क्रैश हो गए हैं, अनेक तीर्थ यात्रियों की जान गई है।

इस उच्च हिमालयी क्षेत्र की संकरा घाटियों और ऊंचे-ऊंचे पर्वतों के बीच से गुजर रहे हेलीकोप्टरों परले भी दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए हैं। अंधाधुंध उड़ानें और उनकी तेज अवाज हिमालय की पारिस्थितिकी पर विपरीत प्रभाव डाल रही हैं। हेलीकोप्टरों की उड़ान के लिए भंडारिनी नदी के तट से 600 फीट की ऊंचाई तक का रास्ता है। परियों की सुरक्षा के विषय पर भी विशेष सावधानी बरतने के लिए रिश-निर्देश दिए गए हैं, लेकिन हेलीकोप्टरों की गड़गड़हट से उच्च हिमालयी क्षेत्रों की जैन-विधिवादी को भारी नुकसान पहुंच रहा है। भारतीय कन्य जीवन संस्थान द्वारा भी इस हिमालय क्षेत्र में उड़ानों के संबंध में सुझाव दिए गए हैं, जिनमें केन्द्रराज्य की हेली कोप्टरों की गार्डनरडैंग्स में शामिल किया गया है। यहां एक बार में दो हेलीकोप्टर ही उड़ाना कर सकते हैं। साथ के समय की उड़ान पर प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है। इसके बावजूद यहां पर स्थित दुर्लभ वन्य जीव शिम लेट्टू, कस्तूरी मूंग, भारू, भालू, मोरल समेत अनेक वन्य जीवों व पक्षियों के शिक के बीच तीर्थ उड़ान के

कारण भारदंड मच जाती है, जिस कारण असुरक्षित दिशा में भागों से इन केबुलम जानकों की चोटों से निर कर भीत हो जाती है। यह विभाग भी इस बाबत चेतावनी देता रहता है, लेकिन जीव-जंतुओं का जखम मरना जारी है।

विमाननक है कि हजारों हैमेटेयर में फैले केन्द्रराज्य अभयारण्य, गंगोत्री वन्य जीव पार्क के जीव-जंतु लक्षों का प्रभावित हो रहे हैं। वैज्ञानिकों का अनुमान है कि हेलीकोप्टरों की सीपी उड़ान के कारण वन्यजीवों के सन्तान पर भी विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ रहा है। इस कारण उनकी संख्या भी घट सकती है। वैज्ञानिकों का अनुमान है कि तीर्थ



उड़ान के कारण स्थितियों के रिपलने को दर भी बढ़ सकती है जबकि पर्यटकों और स्थानीयों के बीच-सराटे लिए ओष पर्यात जैसे स्थितियों के ऊपर भी उड़ानें भारी जा रही हैं। अनियंत्रित पर्यटकों की आक्रांती इसका सबसे बड़ा कारण है क्योंकि बहुत समय से अनुभव किया जा रहा है कि चारपांग के खनिजों को नियंत्रित करने के लिए जब-जब राज्य सरकार और पर्यावरणविद् पहल करते हैं, तो स्थानीय स्तर पर पर्यटन से आय प्राप्त करने वाले संस्थान विरोध पर उत्रक हो जाते हैं। मध्य हिमालय में पहुंच रहे पर्यटक कम पैसी, कम समय में आकर्षक दर्शन करने

के लिए हेली कोप्टरों का इस्तेमाल करते हैं, ऐसे में में सारवासी के लिए बनाई गई गार्डनरडैंग्स का इस्तेमाल नहीं होता है तो उत्तराखण्ड में हेलीकोप्टर की क्रैश होने की घटनाओं की संख्या नहीं जा सकेगी। सागरपाड़ी और पानको की अन्देखों से दुर्घटनाएं हो रही हैं। अंधाधुंध हेली कोप्टरों के ऊपर फ्लोव जॉब और पॉलिटींग की आवश्यकता है जिसमें तकनीक आदि को भी ध्यान में रखा जाना चाहिए। मौसम विभाग की अधिकतर सुचनाएं सही खरि हो रही हैं। इसको भी ध्यान में रख कर उड़ानें पर नियंत्रण हो।

चारपांग में घट और जून के महीने में हेलीकोप्टर दुर्घटनाओं में बहुत निंत्राजक स्थिति खड़ी की है जिसमें सबसे पहले 8 मई को उत्तरकाशी के गान्धारी में हेलीकोप्टर क्रैश में 6 लोग मरे गए थे जिसके नार दिन बाद खीनाथ से लौट रहा एक अन्य हेलीकोप्टर क्रैश हो गया। 17 मई को एम को हेली कोप्टरों की घाटी घाटी को रिफ्ट करने केन्द्रराज्य जा रही थी, लेकिन क्रैश हो गई। 8 जून को केन्द्रराज्य जाने वाला एक और हेलीकोप्टर क्रैश हो गया। 15 जून को केन्द्रराज्य से मुल्काशी जा रहा है एक हेलीकोप्टर नौरोडूट के पास दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था जिसमें सात लोगों की जान चली गई। दूसरी और देख जाए तो वेद सरकार ने चारपांग के लिए पौड़ी सहयोग का निर्माण लागू कर दिया है, और इसमें दो बड़ी घड़ियों के लिए अने-जाने की सुविधा है। जिनमें अधिक से अधिक लोग बच्चे, टैक्स और जॉर्न पर जाने वाले यात्रियों से यात्र करके उच्च संकोष होटल और छावों की भी योजना मिलेगी। पर्यटकों, पक्षियों, स्थानीयों को भी यात्री की प्रकृति का नजारा देखने को मिलेगा। बाहर से आने वाले लोगों की मुलाकात स्थानीय लोगों से होगी, वे वहां की संस्कृति और प्रकृति के साथ अनुकूल व्यवहार भी करेंगे। उत्तराखण्ड हिमालय की संवेदनाशील स्थिति और यहां के पर्यटकों से पर्यावरणिक उन्मूलन को ध्यान में रखते हुए बाहर से आने वाले लोगों को बिंदी को बचाने के साथ ही हिमालय के इकोसिस्टम को भी बचा कर रखा होगा।



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उड्डयन मंत्री से मुलाकात

नई दिल्ली। शंख एयर के अध्यक्ष कवण विश्वकर्मा ने नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किजरापुराम मोहन नायडू से मुलाकात की और भारत के तेज़ी से बढ़ते विमानन क्षेत्र पर विस्तार से चर्चा की। उन्होंने बढ़ते हुए यात्री, शहरों के आपस में हवाई संपर्क की कनेक्टिविटी और उसमें हो रहे सुधारों के चलते उभरते परिवेश में शंख एयर की भूमिका और दीर्घकालिक रणनीति साझा की। विश्वकर्मा ने इस मुलाकात के लिए मंत्री का आभार व्यक्त किया। शंख एयर यूपी के लोगों और संभावनाओं को जोड़ने की दिशा में अपना योगदान देने के लिए तत्पर है।

विमानन क्षेत्र के विकास और दृष्टिकोण पर हुई चर्चा

स्वतंत्र भारत संवाददाता, लखनऊ शंख एयर के निदेशक श्रवण विश्वकर्मा ने नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नय्यडू से की मुलाकात, विमानन क्षेत्र के विकास और दृष्टिकोण पर हुई चर्चा। शंख एयर के अध्यक्ष श्रवण विश्वकर्मा ने आज माननीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री



किजरापुराम मोहन नय्यडू से मुलाकात की और भारत के तेजी से बढ़ते विमानन क्षेत्र पर विस्तार से चर्चा की। उन्होंने बड़े हुए यात्री शहरों के आपस में हवाई संर्क की कनेक्टिविटी और उसमें हो रहे सुधारों के चलते उभरते परिवेश में शंख एयर की भूमिका और दीर्घकालिक रणनीति साझा की। विश्वकर्मा ने मंत्री का उनके अमूल्य समय, विचारशील मार्गदर्शन और शंख एयर के विजन को समर्थन देने के लिए हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त किया। उत्तर प्रदेश जिस प्रकार विकास के नए मार्ग पर आसर है, उसी कड़ी में शंख

एयर राज्य के लोगों और संभावनाओं को जोड़ने की दिशा में अपना योगदान देने के लिए तैयार है। शंख एक और एक्सपेंशन के रूप में नहीं, बल्कि उत्तर प्रदेश की उम्मीदों और संकल्प का प्रतीक बनकर, शंख एयर का लक्ष्य है। यात्रा को अधिक तेज, सुलभ और प्रभावशाली बनाना स्थानीय व्यापार को बढ़ावा देना और राज्य के समग्र विकास में भागीदार बनना। जब शंख एयर आकाश में उड़ान भरेगी, तब वह केवल राहों को नहीं जोड़ेगी। वह एक सशक्त उत्तर प्रदेश की आकांक्षाओं, उम्मीदों और भविष्य को भी अपने साथ लेकर चलेगी।



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Mechanical fault grounds Thai Lion Air flight to Bangkok moments before takeoff in Kolkata

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A Thai Lion Air flight bound for Bangkok was grounded at Kolkata airport in the early hours of Saturday after a last-minute mechanical fault was detected just before takeoff, raising fresh questions over aircraft safety.

Flight SL243, a Boeing aircraft operated by Thai Lion Air, was scheduled to depart from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport at 2.35 a.m. local time. The aircraft had completed taxiing and was approaching the runway when it abruptly came to a halt due to a reported flap malfunction, passengers said. Technicians were seen working on the aircraft's wings while passengers remained onboard for nearly



three hours. Several travellers complained of inadequate ventilation, saying the air-conditioning system had stopped functioning, causing discomfort inside the packed cabin.

At around 5.30 a.m. the airline staff informed passengers that the aircraft would not be able to fly due to unresolved technical issues. All passengers were subsequently deboarded and transferred to nearby hotels. The airline

said repairs are underway and the same aircraft is expected to operate the rescheduled flight to Bangkok around 4 a.m. on Sunday. No injuries were reported, but the incident has renewed concerns over the safety of commercial aviation in India, particularly involving Boeing aircraft. The aircraft involved was not from the Dreamliner series. Last month, an Air India Boeing jet headed to London crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad, prompting scrutiny of safety standards and aircraft maintenance across airlines.

Thai Lion Air has not issued a formal statement yet regarding the specific nature of the fault or whether the aircraft will undergo further inspections before resuming operations.



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MP chairs key meet on resumption of Pakyong Airport operations

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Sikkim Lok Sabha MP and chairman of the Pakyong Airport advisory committee, Dr Indra Hang Subba, chaired the second committee meeting on Saturday at the District Administrative Centre, Pakyong, to assess progress and address key challenges ahead of the airport's resumption of operations.

The meeting focused on reviewing action taken since the previous session and evaluating ongoing projects related to the airport. Com-

mittee members deliberated on operational hurdles and proposed actionable solutions to ensure a smooth transition towards restarting flight services.

Emphasising transparency and community engagement, members recommended producing informative videos and issuing regular press updates to keep the public informed about the airport's progress. They also suggested organising educational tours for students to provide practical exposure to airport operations. Dr Subba underlined the strategic importance of

reviving the Pakyong Greenfield Airport, calling for effective collaboration among all stakeholders to accelerate development and enhance economic benefits for the local population. He further instructed that a joint survey be conducted by concerned departments to identify and resolve persisting issues. The meeting was attended by key committee members, including district collector Rohan Agawane, SSP Pakyong Paru Ruchal, AAI director Balasaheb Pote, CA to HCM Urgan Lepcha, DFO(T) Sonam Pintso Bhutia and many others.

Haryana showcases aviation successes at Dehradun meet

Cabinet Minister Vipul Goel represents the state at the Civil Aviation Ministers' Conference

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Haryana's Cabinet Minister for Civil Aviation, Revenue, and Disaster Management Vipul Goel has attributed the state's growing success in the aviation sector to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

Goel, who represented the state at the Civil Aviation Ministers' Conference held in Dehradun, said: "Thanks to their clear vision and strong will, Haryana's civil aviation department is scaling new heights and making a strong presence on the national aviation map."

The two-day conference aimed to enhance dialogue and coordination among the Union Civil Aviation Ministry,



Airports Authority of India (AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), and the civil aviation departments of all states. Key discussions focused on understanding state-specific needs, sharing proposals, and translating policy into actionable steps.

Expressing his gratitude to Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu and

Prime Minister Modi, Goel said, "The number of new airports built under the UDAN scheme and other initiatives is historic. This is a change that is visibly taking shape across the country."

He also thanked Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami for hosting the event.

Goel highlighted that reg-

ular flights have commenced from Hisar Airport, inaugurated in April, marking a historic achievement for Haryana. "The presence of the Prime Minister on the occasion added prestige to the event," he said.

He invited Union Minister Naidu to visit Hisar and support the airport's expansion plans. "Hisar is the third airport in the country with immense expansion potential. Spanning 7,200 acres with a 4,000-metre runway, excellent road and rail connectivity, and modern infrastructure, it is well-positioned to become a major aviation hub in North India," he added.

He also mentioned ongoing work to establish an MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) facility at Hisar, and sought the Central Government's continued support. Additionally, he proposed

that future expressway and highway projects should include mandatory air ambulance strips to strengthen emergency services.

Goel informed that helicopter manufacturing has begun in Gurugram and Faridabad. He also requested the Chandigarh Administration to allocate land for a helipad, which would help improve helicopter connectivity between Chandigarh and various districts of Haryana.

He emphasized that the Civil Aviation Department is also promoting recreational aviation and aerial sports. "We are constructing international-level sports complexes in Bhiwani and Mahendragarh and establishing flying training institutes to prepare pilots for the future. Haryana is committed to taking a leading role in this area," he stated.



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A Bangkok-bound aircraft was stranded at the Calcutta airport following a technical glitch on Saturday. The Thai Lion flight landed in Calcutta from Don Mueang International Airport in Bangkok at 1.23am with 151 passengers, said an airport official.

"At the time of departure, after taking a pushback, the pilot reported a technical problem around 2.35am. The pilot requested a return to the parking bay and reached there at 2.43am," the official said.

The flight was cancelled and 130 passengers on board were provided with hotel accommodation.

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UK team assesses stranded F-35B jet at T'puram airport

Thiruvananthapuram: A 17-member expert team from the UK arrived here to assess the snag that has grounded an F-35B fighter jet at the city airport for 14 days. The team, including personnel from the jet's manufacturer, arrived at the airport on a special flight. The experts will assess the snag and decide on the next course of action — whether to repair it or transport it out.

The team arrived on an Airbus Atlas aircraft, which left shortly after landing with crew and technicians. The experts moved the stricken jet from Bay 4 to the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) hangar of Air India.

The experts will inspect the aircraft and may recommend dismantling and transpo-



British Royal Air Force Airbus Atlas lands in Kerala on Sunday

orting it if repairs fail, sources said. This is the first time an F-35B jet has been stranded in a foreign country without repairs after landing in an emergency. A British high commission spokesperson said, "A UK engineering team has been deployed ... to assess and repair the UK F-35B aircraft, which landed following an emergency diversion."

Minutes before B'luru-Delhi flight's take-off, pilot collapses, hospitalised

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: An Air India pilot collapsed minutes before he was to operate an early morning flight from Bengaluru to Delhi on Friday. The pilot was hospitalised and is currently stable. A standby crew member was called in to operate the flight.

AI flight 2414 was scheduled to depart at 3.06am and land in Delhi at 5.55am. After the crew change, the flight departed at 4.36am.

Air India confirmed the incident. "There was a medical emergency involving one of our pilots in the early hours of July 4. As a result, the pilot was unable to operate the flight AI2414 from Bengaluru to Delhi...and was taken to a local hospital immediately. He is currently stable but continues to be under the super-

Pic for representation



A standby crew member was called in to operate the flight. The pilot is stable, said Air India

vision," it said in a statement.

In April, an AI Express pilot (28) died shortly after landing a Srinagar to Delhi flight. In Nov 2023, a 37-year-old Air India pilot, undergoing training, collapsed and died at Delhi airport. Three months earlier, in August, an IndiGo pilot of a Nagpur-Pune flight collapsed at the boarding gate. He was declared dead at the hospital.

The death brought focus on Flight Duty Time Limita-

tions (FDTL)—mandatory rostering norms that lay down the maximum duty and minimum rest time for pilots to check fatigue and ensure flight safety.

In April this year, Delhi high court closed a bunch of petitions filed by pilot groups and individual pilots on FDTL after DGCA assured the court of phase-wise implementation of a revised FDTL from July 1.

TOI sent a query to five airlines about implementation of revised FDTL. Air India said it "confirms the successful implementation of Phase I of the new FDTL regulations, effective July 1, 2025".

IndiGo said, "We are closely aligned with evolving regulatory requirements and continue to comply with DGCA's guidelines." None of the other airlines responded.



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Hold post-crash trauma sessions for crew: DGCA to AI, IndiGo

New Delhi: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed Air India and IndiGo to hold post-trauma mental health workshops for flight crew, amid concerns about the massive impact of the June 12 AI 171 crash on the mental health of pilots and cabin crew members, **Saurabh Sinha**.

AI even saw mass sick reporting by them soon after the crash on a few days as many of the crew members were too stressed to report to work in the right frame of mind.

"AI despatch now often has a psychologist in case some crew members want counselling before operating their flight. IndiGo, which has a wide network, has been asked to conduct e-modules of this workshop," said officials across airlines.