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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास नई औद्योगिक टाउनशिप जल्द

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ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पास जेवर को नई औद्योगिक टाउनशिप मिलेगी। इसके विकास के लिए महायोजना बनाने का काम अगले महीने यमुना प्राधिकरण शुरू करा देगा। पहले चरण में यहां उद्योगों की संभावना का आकलन करते हुए कंसल्टेंट कंपनी टेक्नो-इकॉनॉमिक फिजियबिलिटी रिपोर्ट बनाएगी। इसको मंजूरी मिलने के बाद महायोजना 2041 बनाने पर काम होगा। 7,600 से 8,000 एकड़ में जेवर-टप्पल इंडस्ट्रियल नोड का विकास होना है।

प्राधिकरण के नियोजन विभाग के मुताबिक टेक्नो-इकॉनॉमिक फिजियबिलिटी रिपोर्ट में उद्योग व व्यावसायिक उपयोग के लिए प्रस्तावित टाउनशिप के आर्थिक पहलू के साथ वहां विकास की संभावनाओं का आकलन

जेवर-टप्पल इंडस्ट्रियल क्षेत्र के लिए अगले महीने शुरू हो जाएगा काम

किया जाना है। महायोजना को सैटेलाइट डाटा का उपयोग करते हुए जीआईएस आधारित बनाया जाएगा जिससे भू-उपयोग के अलावा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास में मदद मिले। इससे अवैध निर्माण और अतिक्रमण को भी रोकने में मदद मिलेगी। यह पूरी कवायद 10 महीने में पूरी होनी है।

अधिकारियों के मुताबिक महायोजना तैयार होने के बाद टाउनशिप में विकास कार्य और जमीन अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया शुरू होगी। हालांकि, इससे पहले प्रदेश सरकार के अलावा योडा के बोर्ड से भी इसकी मंजूरी जरूरी होगी। इसके बाद आपत्ति-सुझाव की प्रक्रिया एक महीने में पूरी कर महायोजना को लागू कराया जा सकेगा। 2027 के अंत तक योजना में विकास कार्य शुरू कराने की तैयारी योडा की अभी है।



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सुस्त रफ्तार, फिर भी नवी मुंबई एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार करेगी अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स

मुंबई | अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स सीमित एयरलाइन परिचालन के बावजूद नवी मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार की योजना जारी रखेगी। कंपनी 2029-30 तक एयरपोर्ट की सालाना यात्री क्षमता 2 करोड़ से बढ़ाकर 6-6.5 करोड़ करना चाहती है। यहां अधिकांश उड़ानें इंडिगो की हैं, जबकि एअर इंडिया की मुख्य सेवाएं अभी शुरू नहीं हुई हैं।



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THE HINDU

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Airport gets 13 automated external defibrillators

Thirteen automated external defibrillators (AEDs) were inaugurated at the city airport on Wednesday as part of the 'HeartSafe' initiative of Kauvery Hospital and Chennai airport. Manivannan S., founder and managing director, Kauvery Group of Hospitals, said the hospital's 24x7 emergency clinics were equipped with advanced medical equipment and supported by experienced emergency physicians, skilled nurses, and trained paramedics, who can respond immediately. "The addition of AEDs further strengthens our emergency response capability, enabling timely defibrillation alongside expert medical care," he added. Raja Kishore, director, Chennai airport, said, "The installation of the automated external defibrillators is an important step towards strengthening our emergency medical preparedness." As per a release, Kauvery Hospital has been operating a 24x7 emergency medical service at Chennai airport, with 49 healthcare professionals and four clinics.



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Delhi govt. plans direct bus link to Jewar airport

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government plans to introduce bus services to the Noida International Airport at Jewar, senior officials said on Thursday. "We plan to start the bus service right up to the Jewar airport. A Reciprocal Transport Agreement will be signed soon between Delhi and Uttar Pradesh transport authorities in this regard," an official said.

The proposal envisages services from Anand Vihar and Kashmere Gate inter-State bus terminals to the airport. "After the two authorities finalise the details of the agreement, the services will start. This initiative is part of the effort to strengthen public transport infrastructure and expand inter-State mobility," the official said.

The airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 28 and began passenger operations last month.

Earlier this year, the Delhi Transport Corporation approved the introduction of 100 electric inter-State buses on 17 routes and began services on routes linking Delhi with Baraut, Sonapat, Dharuhera and Panipat.

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THE PIONEER

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Govt mulls bus service to Noida airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi/Noida

To boost footfall at the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar, the Delhi government is planning to launch public buses to ensure seamless connectivity for passengers. The Noida International Airport in the national capital region (NCR) began passenger flight operations almost a month ago.

"We plan to start the bus service right upto the Jewar airport, like private vehicles are allowed. A Reciprocal Transport Agreement will be signed soon between Delhi and Uttar Pradesh state transport authorities in this



regard," an official said.

The government is planning to operate several buses from the Anand Vihar and Kashmere Gate interstate bus terminals to Jewar airport, he added.

"A proposal is ready. After the two authorities finalise the details of the agreement,

the services will start. This initiative is part of the broader effort by the state government to strengthen public transport infrastructure and expand interstate mobility," the official said.

Earlier this year, the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) had approved a plan to introduce 100 electric interstate buses on 17 routes.

The DTC has already commenced operations of electric buses on key routes including Delhi-Baraut (Uttar Pradesh), Delhi-Sonapat (Haryana), Delhi-Dharuhera (Haryana), and Delhi-Panipat (Haryana), improving connectivity between Delhi and neighbouring regions.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

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700 people from MMR, 15 MPs protest in Delhi to rename Navi Mum airport

Navi Mumbai: Around 700 people from across Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, Thane and Raigad — including 15 MPs and several former MLAs — braved rains to take part in a protest rally held at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi Wednesday to demand that Navi Mumbai International Airport be renamed after former MP D B Patil.

The rally, which saw cross-party support, started from Kerala Bhavan at around 9.30 am, covering a distance of 1.5 km to reach Jantar Mantar, and ended at around 4.30 pm. Shiv Sena MPs Shrikant Shinde and Shrirang Barne were among those who addressed the participants.

Around a dozen buses were deployed to bring the protesters to the capital. Others took flights to join the rally which received maximum support from deputy CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

Dressed in traditional garb, the participants performed various devotional songs and folk dances in the protest, which was inspired by the recent 'Gen Z' protest over the NEET paper leak.

Uran Municipal Council president, NCP (SP)'s Bhavana Ghanekar, in her address alleged that the recommendation for the airport's renaming was gathering dust with the union govt.

D B Patil played a key role in Navi Mumbai's development and in protecting the interests of land acquisition-affected people. The renaming demand is supported by original inhabitants of Raigad and Panvel, especially the Agri community, reports **Umesh K Parida**.

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‘Logical to allow airport operators to run airlines’

Akasa Founder Dube Looks To Raise \$110Mn As Operating Costs Surge After Oil Price Rise

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New Delhi: Akasa founder and CEO Vinay Dube has backed airport operators being allowed to hold bigger stakes in airlines and run them. Akasa, which turns four on Friday, is learnt to be trying to raise about \$110 million through debt and equity as the rise in oil prices since March has sent operating costs spiralling for airlines globally, with the weakening rupee adding to the pressure in India.

Dube, however, denied being in touch with the Adani Group — India’s biggest private sector airport operator (in terms of number of airports)—for investment.

The aviation industry veteran’s stance is in contrast with that of India’s biggest airline IndiGo whose founder and MD Rahul Bhatia had recently flagged concerns over conflict of interest if the reported move to allow airport operators to own over 10% in carriers goes through.

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“We continue to be well capitalised and recently got some funds under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme. I can unequivocally say that neither we have reached out to them (Adani), nor they to us... Losses don’t worry me because financially we’re doing better than planned...”

—VINAY DUBE | FOUNDER & CEO, AKASA



some funds under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme. I can unequivocally say that neither we have reached out to them (Adani), nor they to us. The idea of allowing airport operators to own and run airlines is logical as the country needs more competition. As far as the apprehensions, I am sure govt will take them into account. Akasa itself is the beneficiary of govt stand to promote competition,” said Dube, who describes Akasa — now India’s third largest domestic airline after IndiGo and Air India group — as an experience-led carrier.

Like all Indian airlines, Akasa is also losing money. Since inception. It lost Rs 1,983 crore in FY25, almost 19% more than the previous fiscal. Are the investors worried? “No, not at all. And, los-

ses don’t worry me because financially we’re doing better than planned. Because we have planned for this and have got jet fuel in our blood. We’re hardcore planners and plan long term. Akasa has got a lot of financial discipline,” Dube said.

The airline currently has 40 aircraft in its fleet and will get three more this month. It has 186 planes on order that will be delivered till Dec 2032. “This April-June we were operating 185 daily flights and 75% of our ASKM capacity is deployed on domestic and the remaining on international routes. Further aircraft orders and whether we should go in for wide bodies and regional jets will be looked at after about 1-2 years,” Dube said. Akasa currently has 5,475 employees including 800 pilots.

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THE ASIAN AGE

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■ BJP charges AAP supremo of spreading 'fake news' Kejriwal claims Centre will blend ethanol in diesel, ATF

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, AUG. 6

AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal and BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya engaged in a war of words on X on Thursday, with the former Delhi chief minister alleging that the Centre plans to introduce ethanol blending in diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

Mr Malviya charged Mr Kejriwal with spreading "fake news" and creating undue "panic."

Civil aviation minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu, however, made it clear there was no proposal to blend aviation fuel with ethanol.

The minister said the ethanol and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) are entirely different and should not be conflated.

He said, "SAF is an internationally certified aviation fuel recognised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and adopted globally. It undergoes testing and meets stringent global safety standards. Spreading misinformation on aviation safety only creates needless anxiety among air travellers."

Alleging that the government would soon blend



Arvind Kejriwal

ethanol in diesel as well, Mr Kejriwal urged people to avoid purchasing new petrol and diesel vehicles for the time being.

In a post on X, he alleged the government planned to increase ethanol blending in petrol beyond 50 per cent after introducing E20 fuel.

"It seems they are going to adulterate petrol with more than 50 per cent. They are just waiting for the atmosphere to calm down. First, they forced E20 petrol into your E0 and E10 vehicles and wrecked them. Today, if you buy a new E20 vehicle, the government will force E50 petrol into it after a few days and damage it," Mr Kejriwal said.

"Just like E20 was implemented without any scientific study, without listening to anyone, by silencing everyone through threats, you'll implement E50 in the same way," he said, alleging this was the gov-

ernment's "style of functioning" without respecting science, engineering, and technology. He challenged Mr Malviya to publicly release any study conducted before implementing E20 petrol.

Mr Malviya hit back in another post on X, saying Mr Kejriwal's entire argument was based not on facts but "fear."

He refuted the AAP leader's charge, stating it is completely wrong to say that E20 was implemented "without any scientific study."

In another post on X, Mr Malviya claimed E20 is not a hasty decision, and the country's ethanol blending programme has been progressing in a phased manner for over two decades.

He said before implementing E20, extensive testing and consultations with all relevant parties were conducted.

My social media account restricted in India: Kejriwal

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, AUG. 6

AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said his social media account has been restricted in India and questioned Meta over the reason behind the restriction. In a post on X, Mr Kejriwal said enquiries at Meta's India office revealed that his account had been restricted and was unavailable in India.

He claimed company officials did not provide any reason for the restriction or explain how it could be removed, while emails sent by him had received only routine acknowledgements.

There was no immediate response available from Meta on the matter.

Mr Kejriwal also shared a screenshot of his account status page showing the message, "Unavailable in some locations".

In his post he said, "Don't bow down to the prime minister, else he will allow you to run only his own account in India."

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विमान ईंधन में इथेनॉल मिश्रण नहीं

उड्डयन मंत्री ने दावों को बताया गलत, कहा- यात्रियों की सुरक्षा प्राथमिकता

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने बृहस्पतिवार को साफ किया कि विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) में इथेनॉल मिलाने की सरकार की कोई योजना नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि विमान सुरक्षा को लेकर गलत जानकारी फैलाने से यात्रियों में बेवजह डर पैदा होता है।

उड्डयन मंत्री की ओर से यह बयान आम आदमी पार्टी (आप) के प्रमुख और दिल्ली के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल के उस दावे के बाद आया है, जिसमें उन्होंने सोशल



मीडिया पर कहा था कि सरकार एटीएफ में इथेनॉल मिलाने की तैयारी कर रही है और इससे उड़ानों की सुरक्षा प्रभावित हो सकती है। नायडू ने इस दावे को पूरी तरह गलत और गैर-जिम्मेदाराना बताते हुए कहा कि

सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सरकार की सबसे बड़ी प्राथमिकता है। मंत्री ने कहा कि इथेनॉल और सस्टेनेबल एविएशन फ्यूल (एसएएफ) दोनों अलग-अलग चीजें हैं। एसएएफ एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रमाणित विमान ईंधन है, जिसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन संगठन (आईसीएओ) ने मान्यता दी है और दुनिया के कई देशों में इसका इस्तेमाल हो रहा है। यह ईंधन कड़े परीक्षणों व वैश्विक सुरक्षा मानकों पर खरा उतरता है। ब्यूरो



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उड़ान में आपातकालीन गेट खोलने की कोशिश, यात्री हुआ गिरफ्तार

कोच्चि। कुआलालंपुर से कोच्चि आ रही बाटिक एयर की उड़ान ओडी-231 में बुधवार रात एक यात्री ने आपातकालीन निकास द्वार खोलने की कोशिश की। आरोपी ने निकास द्वार से छेड़छाड़ करने के साथ खिड़की का पैनल भी क्षतिग्रस्त कर दिया। इससे केबिन के भीतर हवा के दबाव में बदलाव होने लगा और यात्री घबरा गए। बाद में हालात को संभाला गया। विमान की लैंडिंग के बाद यात्री को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। एजेंसी

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BUSINESS LINE

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Gebremariam — A turnaround specialist

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Ethiopian Airlines faced its toughest test in March 2019 following a fatal air crash involving a Boeing 737 Max aircraft that also raised questions about pilot training.

As the airline came under scrutiny, group CEO Tewolde Gebremariam put out a message dispelling the doubts related to its training standards.

SPOTLIGHT.

"In a nation that is sometimes saddled with negative stereotypes, accidents like this affect our sense of pride. Yet this tragedy won't define us," he wrote. It didn't. Ethiopian Airlines grew its network, increased revenue and made a profit too, albeit smaller one compared to the previous financial year. The airline also began drafting a Vision 2035 document.

Gebremariam, who led Ethiopian Airlines from 2011-2022, was on Wednesday named as Air India's new Chief Executive Officer. He replaces Campbell Wilson.

PROVEN RECORD

An economic and a business administration graduate, Gebremariam rose through the ranks to occupy the top post in Ethiopian Airlines. He has worked in India before serving as the airline's regional director before taking up assignments in Saudi Arabia and the US.

"Tewolde was part of the executive team under former CEO Girma Wake that developed Ethiopian's 'Vision 2025' long-term plan in the late 2000s. He then executed the plan after he took over as CEO in 2011 and nearly quadrupled the airline revenues in the decade that followed," said Sean Mendis, an aviation consultant, who has worked in senior roles in various African airlines.

Ethiopian Airlines emerged as the largest air-



Tewolde Gebremariam, CEO, Air India

line in Africa under his tenure doubling its destinations to 128. Annual revenue grew from \$1 billion to \$5 billion and airline posted a net profit of \$1 billion in 2022.

Gebremariam stepped down in 2022 citing health reasons. According to his LinkedIn profile, he runs a consultancy service and also serves as a strategic advisor for Delta Airlines. Currently, Ethiopian Airlines has a fleet of 170 aircraft and flies to 145 destinations.

HIGHLY RESPECTED

"Gebremariam took a relatively small airline, in a low-income economy with limited origin-destination traffic, and grew it into a hub carrier which is the most profitable in Africa. His experience in driving growth while remaining financially viable will serve him well as will his familiarity with Star Alliance," said Binit Somaia, Director of aviation consultancy CAPA India.

Air India has undergone significant improvements in past four years but has emerged as biggest loss maker for Tata Group. Thus for Gebremariam immediate task is to improve airline profitability.

Mendis thinks the Ethiopian Airlines former group CEO has the qualities to lead Air India. "Tewolde has solid background and knowledge in commercial, operations and finance so has the ability to hold his own on any of these subjects," Mendis added.



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विमान ईंधन में एथनॉल मिलाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं

नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि विमान ईंधन में एथनॉल मिलाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। विमानन सुरक्षा को लेकर गलत जानकारी फैलाने से हवाई यात्रियों में बेवजह चिंता पैदा होती है। नायडू ने यह बात दिल्ली के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल के उस दावे के बाद आई है, जिसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि केंद्र सरकार एटीएफ में एथनॉल मिलाने की योजना बना रही है। भाषा



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Demand strong despite macro challenges: Akasa Air CEO

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 6 August

India's domestic air travel demand remains resilient despite macroeconomic headwinds, with passenger numbers continuing to rise even as the sector navigates volatility in jet fuel prices and foreign exchange rates, said Vinay Dube, Akasa Air's founder and chief executive officer (CEO), on Thursday.

"At this moment in time, it is not a demand issue so much. It is much more of a fuel price and forex (rupee depreciation) issue, which we believe is going

to be short term. But even if it extends for a while, it's not a problem. We've got the financial wherewithal to get through this without a problem," he told *Business Standard* in a video interview.

Fuel costs and foreign exchange have a significant bearing on airline profitability. Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) accounts for around 35-40 per cent of an Indian airline's operating expenses, making it the single-largest cost item. At the same time, several other major expenses — including aircraft lease rentals, maintenance payments, insurance and a sub-



“WE’VE GOT THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL TO GET THROUGH THIS WITHOUT A PROBLEM”

Vinay Dube
Founder & CEO, Akasa Air

stantial portion of spare parts — are denominated in US dollars. As a result, a weaker rupee raises costs even if underlying dollar prices remain unchanged, while higher ATF prices further squeeze margins.

Airlines often struggle to fully pass on these cost increases through higher fares, particularly in a competitive market.

On infrastructure, Dube said the development of Navi Mumbai and Noida International Airports will help ease long-standing capacity constraints at key aviation hubs. Major metro airports like Mumbai have faced severe slot

constraints — regulatory limits on the number of flights that can take off and land at an airport — for over a decade.

"Slots in Mumbai and Delhi have always been constrained," Dube noted. "And so to get these, airports in these big cities that have had capacity constraints for over 10 years, I think is fantastic."

To support its expansion, Akasa Air has committed to building a dedicated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul hangar — a specialised facility where aircraft undergo maintenance, repairs and engineering checks — at Noida

International Airport.

On airport charges set by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority during the last few months, Dube said the airline adapts to regulatory decisions as part of its normal operations. However, he acknowledged that carriers are currently unable to fully pass on higher input costs to passengers as the spike in fuel prices has been massive.

Despite the cost pressures, operational metrics at the two new major airports remain strong, with load factors — the percentage of seats filled on a flight — in line with the airline's network average.

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विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने की कोई योजना नहीं : नायडू

नई दिल्ली, 6 अगस्त (एजेंसियां)। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किंजरापू राम मोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने की योजना के दावों को गलत बताया और कहा कि इससे हवाई यात्रियों में अनावश्यक चिंता पैदा होती है। श्री नायडू ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में लिखा कि सरकार द्वारा विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने की योजना होने का दावा 'पूरी तरह से झूठा और गैर-जिम्मेदाराना' है। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसी किसी भी योजना का प्रस्ताव नहीं है। उल्लेखनीय है कि मीडिया में इस तरह की खबरें आयी थीं कि सरकार ने विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने की अनुमति दे दी है।



इसे लेकर मीडिया पर आई खबरों को गलत बताया

केजरीवाल ने भी सवाल उठाए थे

इसके बाद आम आदमी पार्टी के संयोजक अरविंद केजरीवाल ने भी सोशल मीडिया पर कहा कि इससे विमान का इंजन कभी भी बंद हो सकता है और यात्रियों की जान का खतरा हो सकता है। श्री नायडू ने स्पष्ट किया कि हरित विमान ईंधन एथेनॉल से

अलग है। उन्होंने लिखा, 'एथेनॉल और हरित विमान ईंधन पूरी तरह अलग-अलग ईंधन हैं और इन्हें एक-दूसरे के समान नहीं माना जाना चाहिए। हरित विमान ईंधन एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रमाणित विमानन ईंधन है, जिसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन संगठन द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त है और दुनिया भर में अपनाया गया है। यह कठोर परीक्षाओं से गुजरता है और वैश्विक सुरक्षा के सख्त मानकों पर खरा उतरता है। 'नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को सरकार की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता बताते हुए कहा कि विमानन सुरक्षा से जुड़ी गलत जानकारी फैलाने से केवल हवाई यात्रियों में अनावश्यक चिंता पैदा होती है।



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Air India appoints Gebremariam as CEO

New Delhi, Aug. 5: Air India on Wednesday appointed former Ethiopian Airlines Group chief Tewolde Gebremariam as the chief executive officer and Managing Director, marking another change of guard at the airline after the takeover by the Tata Group four years ago.

An Ethiopian national, Gebremariam will replace New Zealander Campbell Wilson, Singapore Airlines Group veteran, who took charge as the CEO of Air India in July 2022, announced his resignation from the loss-making airline in April this year. Gebremariam, who will be the second foreign CEO at Air India, will be taking over the reins at a time when the airline is working on its expansion plans amid multiple external headwinds.

In the release, Air India mentioned that as the airline shifts from its foundational turnaround phase into a high-growth and profitable execution phase, Gebremariam brings crucial capabilities required for the airline's next leg of journey.

Tata Sons and Air India chairman N Chandrasekaran said that having



Tewolde Gebremariam

• **AIR INDIA** chairman N Chandrasekaran said the company has completed the initial phase of stabilisation, integration, and fleet commitments.

completed the initial phase of stabilisation, integration, and fleet commitments under Campbell's guidance, the airline is now entering its execution and expansion era.

Gebremariam comes with nearly four-decade-long experience at Ethiopian Airlines Group, including as its CEO for over 11 years. Currently, he is serving as a senior strategic advisor to Delta Airlines as well as the IFC/ World Bank Group. Tata Group took over Air India from the government in January 2022, and later Singapore Airlines acquired a 25.1 per cent stake in the airline. — PTI



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नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री नायडू बोले, एटीएफ में इथेनाल मिलाने का प्रस्ताव नहीं केजरीवाल के आरोपों को भाजपा ने बताया फर्जी

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) में इथेनाल मिलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि एविएशन सुरक्षा के बारे में गलत जानकारी फैलाने से हवाई यात्रियों में बेवजह चिंता पैदा होती है। उनका यह बयान दिल्ली के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल के उस दावे के बाद आया है, जिसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि केंद्र सरकार एटीएफ में इथेनाल मिलाने की योजना बना रही है। केजरीवाल ने एक्स पोस्ट में कहा, "सूत्रों से पता चलता है कि मोदी सरकार एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल में इथेनाल मिलाने की योजना बना रही है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि इससे उड़ानों की सुरक्षा पर गंभीर खतरा पैदा हो सकता है।" नायडू ने कहा कि सरकार द्वारा एटीएफ में इथेनाल मिलाने की योजना का दावा पूरी तरह से गलत और गैर-जिम्मेदाराना है और उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसा कोई



के. राममोहन नायडू

केजरीवाल ने दावा किया था, सरकार एटीएफ में इथेनाल मिलाने की योजना बना रही

प्रस्ताव नहीं है। मंत्री ने कहा, "एविएशन सुरक्षा के बारे में गलत जानकारी फैलाने से हवाई यात्रियों में केवल बेवजह चिंता पैदा होती है। यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सरकार की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता बनी हुई है।" नायडू ने कहा कि इथेनाल और सरस्टेनेबल एविएशन फ्यूल पूरी तरह से अलग-अलग हैं और उन्हें एक-दूसरे से मिलाना नहीं चाहिए।

एसएएफ एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रमाणित एविएशन फ्यूल है, जिसे इंटरनेशनल सिविल एविएशन आर्गनाइजेशन से मान्यता प्राप्त है और जिसे दुनिया भर में अपनाया गया है।

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आप के राष्ट्रीय संयोजक अरविंद केजरीवाल व भाजपा के आइटी विभाग प्रमुख अमित मालवीय के बीच इंटरनेट मीडिया पर जुबानी जंग छिड़ गई। केजरीवाल ने दावा किया कि सरकार जल्द ही डीजल, हवाई ईंधन (एटीएफ) में एथनाल मिलाने, पेट्रोल में इसकी मात्रा 50 प्रतिशत (ई-50) तक बढ़ाने की योजना बना रही है। केजरीवाल ने लोगों को नए पेट्रोल-डीजल वाहन न खरीदने की सलाह दी। आरोप लगाया कि ई 20 ईंधन बिना वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन के लागू किया गया था, जिससे वाहन खराब हो रहे हैं। भाजपा नेता अमित मालवीय ने कहा, केजरीवाल का पुराना रवैया फर्जी खबरें फैलाना व जनता में बेवजह डर पैदा करना है।

आप संयोजक का आरोप, ई 20 ईंधन बिना किसी वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन के लागू किया गया मालवीय बोले

फर्जी खबरें फैलाना व बेवजह डर पैदा करना उनका पुराना खेल

मालवीय ने स्पष्ट किया कि केंद्र सरकार ने ई 20 (80 प्रतिशत पेट्रोल और 20 प्रतिशत एथनाल) से अधिक एथनाल मिलाने का कोई फैसला नहीं लिया है। काल्पनिक ई 50 पर अफवाह फैलाना केवल भ्रम की राजनीति है। मालवीय ने यह भी साफ किया कि ई 20 कोई जल्दबाजी में लिया गया फैसला नहीं था। भारत में एथनाल सम्मिश्रण कार्यक्रम पिछले दो दशकों से चरणबद्ध तरीके से चल रहा है और ई 20 लागू करने से पहले व्यापक परीक्षण व वैज्ञानिक सलाह ली गई थी।

केजरीवाल ने इंस्टाग्राम अकाउंट प्रतिबंधित किए जाने का किया दावा:

केजरीवाल ने दावा किया है कि उनका इंस्टाग्राम अकाउंट भारत में प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया। उन्होंने एक्स पर वीडियो संदेश और अपने अकाउंट स्टेटस का स्क्रीनशॉट साझा कर मेटा से स्पष्टीकरण की मांग की है। केजरीवाल के अनुसार, उनके इंस्टाग्राम अकाउंट स्टेटस पेज पर "कुछ स्थानों पर अनुपलब्ध" का संदेश दिखाई दे रहा है। मेटा के भारत स्थित कार्यालय से पूछताछ में पता चला है कि देश में उनके अकाउंट की पहुंच सीमित व प्रतिबंधित कर दी गई है। केजरीवाल ने इस कदम के पीछे राजनीतिक मंशा होने का अंदेश जताया। लिखा, पीएम के आगे मत झुकी, वरना वह आपको भारत में केवल उनका ही अकाउंट चलाने की अनुमति देंगे।



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एयरपोर्ट: जोधपुर-कोटा आगे निकले, किशनगढ़ उपेक्षा का शिकार

केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार के तीन हैवीवेट मंत्री, 76 फीसदी यात्रीभार, फिर भी बंद हो रहीं उड़ानें

नवज्योति, मदनगंज-किशनगढ़। मार्बल सिटी और केन्यूएच कोड से तुनिया भर में पहचान बनाने वाला किशनगढ़ एयरपोर्ट राजनीतिक संरक्षण की कमी के कारण घट रहा है। हैरान करने वाली बात यह है कि इस एयरपोर्ट के प्रभाव क्षेत्र से केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार में तीन-तीन कद्दावर मंत्री मौजूद हैं। अजमेर से सांसद भागीरथ चौधरी केन्द्र में कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्यमंत्री हैं, किशनगढ़ से महज 35 किमी दूर दूरी से डॉ. प्रेमचंद वैरवा राज्य में उप मुख्यमंत्री हैं, और पुकर से विधायक सुरेश सिंह रावत जल संसाधन मंत्री हैं। इसके बावजूद

किशनगढ़ एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार और उड़ानों का संचालन भगवान भरोसे है। अजमेर संसदीय क्षेत्र के व्यापारियों, जनप्रतिनिधियों और आम जनता का स्पष्ट कहना है कि जिस रफ्तार से जोधपुर और कोटा एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार हुआ, उस रफ्तार से किशनगढ़ को राजनीतिक इच्छाशक्ति का सहारा नहीं मिला। एयरपोर्ट आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, किशनगढ़ से जब उड़ानों की शुरुआत हुई थी, तब औसतन यात्री भार 76 प्रतिशत से 89 प्रतिशत तक रहा। हैदराबाद, यूरत, इंदौर, हिंडन और लखनऊ के लिए विमानन कंपनियों ने उड़ानें शुरू की थीं।



हैदराबाद जैसी लंबी दूरी की फ्लाइट्स में पैसेंजर लोड जबरदस्त होने के बाद भी उड़ानें बंद कर दी गईं। लखनऊ और हिंडन रूट पर यात्री भार कम मिलने का बहाना बनाकर कंपनियों ने सेवाएं समेट लीं, क्योंकि उन्होंने अपने विमान दिल्ली के आईजीआई और एनसीआर जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर शिफ्ट कर दिए। आखिर जब शुरुआत इतनी अच्छी थी, तो विमानन कंपनियों को रोके रखने में हमारे जनप्रतिनिधि क्यों नाकाम रहे? इसका जवाब न तो एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के पास है और ना ही हमारे नेताओं के पास।

पायलट ट्रेनिंग में अव्वल, लेकिन कमर्शियल उड़ानों में पिछड़ा

किशनगढ़ एयरपोर्ट देश का ऐसा प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट बनकर उभरा है जिसने प्रदेश को पहला प्रशिक्षित पायलट दिया। वर्तमान में यहां अबयन्ना एंक्विशन पायलट ट्रेनिंग दे रही है और दूसरी एफटीओ कंपनी भी जल्द आने वाली है। नॉन-कमर्शियल उड़ानों और पायलट ट्रेनिंग में इतिहास रचने वाला यह

एयरपोर्ट आखिर आम यात्रियों के लिए नई उड़ानें क्यों शुरू नहीं करवा पा रहा है? आज एनसीआर जेवर, दिल्ली, नागपुर, पुणे और अहमदाबाद के लिए उड़ानें चालू हैं, लेकिन मुंबई, कोलकाता, बेंगलुरु और हैदराबाद जैसे महानगरों के लिए नई उड़ानों की संभावनाएं सालों से फाइलों में धूल फांक रही हैं।



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Akasa Air to Hire 500 Pilots, Add 12 Planes/Yr Over 3 Yrs

MUMBAI Akasa Air plans to hire more than 500 pilots over the next three years to support a planned induction of more than a dozen planes annually in the same period and enhance the share of aircraft deployment on international routes to about 40%, CEO Vinay Dube told ET. The airline, which currently has more than 800 pilots, stopped hiring in 2024 after Boeing's production delays slowed aircraft delivery. The airline resumed recruitment about a year ago following an improvement in aircraft deliveries by Boeing. "We are now hiring pilots...our pilot numbers are over 800," Dube said. "In the next two to three years, between the cadet programme and CPL holders, the combination should be over 500." — **Our Bureau**



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Air India appoints ex-Ethiopian chief Tewolde Gebremariam as new CEO

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

Air India on Wednesday announced the appointment of former Ethiopian Airlines executive Tewolde Gebremariam as the chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director, almost four months after Campbell Wilson announced his resignation. The incoming CEO is expected to steer the airline out of the loss burden to an ambitious international expansion.

Wilson, a New Zealand-national, announced stepping down the chief position of Air India on April 7 - almost a



year after the tragic Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad which killed 260 people.

According to Air India, the board committee rigorously evaluated internal as well as highly accomplished external candidates from across the world to identify a leader. Following an intensive evaluation process, the Board unanimously chose Gebremariam as "the ideal

combination of leadership, deep operational expertise and strategic execution capability required for Air India's next phase of growth."

Notably, Gebremariam is widely recognised as one of the most successful aviation chief executives. During his tenure as CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group for more than a decade, he spearheaded a multi-billion-dollar expansion, transforming a regional carrier into Africa's largest, most profitable and decorated airline group, simultaneously growing revenue by more than fourfold and fleet size nearly threefold.



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All 13 Air India passengers discharged

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

All 13 passengers hospitalised after severe mid-air turbulence on Air India flight AI-2379 were discharged on Wednesday, while four cabin crew members remained under medical care.

The Airbus A320neo, flying from Phuket to Delhi with 137 passengers and eight crew members on Tuesday, encountered severe turbulence while cruising over Odisha. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said the aircraft suddenly dropped around 300 feet within two seconds.

Unbelted passengers and crew were thrown around the cabin, causing injuries. After the aircraft landed safely in Delhi around 11 am, 13 passengers and four crew members were taken to hospitals for treatment.

Air India said its teams were assisting those affected and their families.

The DGCA has initiated an inquiry examining flight data recorder parameters, weather conditions and cockpit weather radar logs. Initial reports suggest the aircraft may have encountered severe clear-air turbulence or localised convective updrafts or downdrafts.



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विमान का गेट खोलने का प्रयास, गिरफ्तार

कोच्चि। कुआलालंपुर से कोच्चि आ रहे एक विमान में इमरजेंसी गेट खोलने की कथित कोशिश करने और सहयात्रियों व केबिन कू को धमकाने के आरोप में एक यात्री को गिरफ्तार किया। पुलिस के अनुसार, आरोपी की पहचान जमशीर अथानिकल के रूप में हुई। वह बुधवार को बाटिक एयर का विमान ओडी231 कुआलालंपुर से कोच्चि आ रहा था। एफआईआर के अनुसार, यह घटना रात 9:30 बजे से 11:05 बजे के बीच हुई, जब विमान उड़ान में था।



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विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने की बात गलत:केंद्र

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता।
एविएशन टरबाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ)
यानी विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल मिलाने
के आरोपों पर सरकार ने सफाई दी है।
केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन
नायडू ने गुरुवार को पोस्ट किया,
जिसमें लिखा है कि विमान ईंधन में
एथेनॉल मिलाने का सरकार का कोई
प्रस्ताव या योजना नहीं है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने यह पोस्ट आप
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था सरकार विमान ईंधन में एथेनॉल
मिलाने की तैयारी कर रही है। नायडू ने
पोस्ट में लिखा कि एटीएफ में एथेनॉल
मिलाने की खबर पूरी तरह गलत है।



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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Man held for trying to open emergency exit on Kochi-bound flight

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KOCHI: A passenger was arrested for allegedly attempting to open the emergency exit of a Kuala Lumpur-Kochi flight, damaging its window panel and threatening fellow passengers and cabin crew, police said on Thursday.

The accused was identified as Jamsheer Athanikkal, who was travelling on Batik Air flight OD231 from Kuala Lumpur to Kochi on Wednesday.

According to the FIR, the incident occurred between 9.30 pm and 11.05 pm while the aircraft was in flight.

The FIR alleged that Athanikkal tried to force open the aircraft's emergency exit, damaged its window panel and threatened fellow passengers, thereby endangering the safety of those on board. Police said he has

**JAMSHEER
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TRAVELLING ON
BATIK AIR FLIGHT
OD231 FROM
KUALA LUMPUR
TO KOCHI ON
WEDNESDAY**

been booked under Section 351(3) of the BNS for criminal intimidation, Section 11A of the Aircraft Act for violating safety or security directions, and Section 118(e) of the Kerala Police Act for acts endangering public safety.

"Jamsheer Athanikkal, an Indian national from Palakkad district, allegedly damaged a window panel inside the aircraft during the flight. After landing, he was taken into custody....," the CIAL said.



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Centre denies plan to blend ethanol with ATF

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Thursday rejected claims that it is considering blending ethanol with Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), calling such reports "completely false and irresponsible" and stating that no such proposal is under consideration. The clarification came after Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal alleged on X that the government planned to mix ethanol with ATF, citing unnamed experts who claimed it could affect flight safety.

Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said spreading misinformation about aviation safety creates needless anxiety among air travellers. "The claim that the government plans to blend ethanol with Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is completely false and irresponsible. There is no such proposal," he said.

Naidu clarified that ethanol

“THE CLAIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BLEND ETHANOL WITH AVIATION TURBINE FUEL (ATF) IS COMPLETELY FALSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE. THERE IS NO SUCH PROPOSAL”

and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) are entirely different and should not be confused. He said SAF is an internationally certified aviation fuel recognised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), adopted globally, and approved for commercial use only after rigorous testing and compliance with strict international safety standards. Passenger safety, he added, remains the government's highest priority.

Separately, the Commerce and Industry Ministry dismissed reports

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Centre denies

suggesting India had agreed to import ethanol from the US for fuel blending under the proposed India-US trade pact. It said no such commitments or concessions have been made, adding that ethanol used under the Ethanol Blended with Petrol Programme continues to be sourced entirely from domestic producers.

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THE MORNING STANDARD

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‘No such proposal’: Naidu says E20 can never be added to aviation fuel

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

UNION Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday rejected the claims of adulteration in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) by blending it with ethanol and warned against spreading such wrong information among flyers.

“There is no such proposal,” Naidu said in a statement posted on X, calling the claims on ethanol blending false and irresponsible. “Spreading misinformation on aviation safety only creates needless anxiety among air travellers,” he said, adding that passenger safety remained the government’s highest priority.

The minister was responding to AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal’s allegation that the Central government was planning to blend ethanol in ATF. Citing experts, he said ethanol blending could seriously compromise the safety of flights. “Will you risk flying in an aircraft running on adulterated aviation fuel?” Kejriwal posted on X, slamming the Centre. Naidu said, “Ethanol and



Ethanol, sustainable aviation fuel different

Naidu said, “Ethanol and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) are entirely different and should not be conflated. SAF is an internationally certified aviation fuel recognised by International Civil Aviation Organisation and adopted globally. It undergoes rigorous testing and meets global safety standards.”

sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) are entirely different and should not be conflated. SAF is an internationally certified aviation fuel recognised by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and adopted globally. It undergoes rigorous testing and meets stringent global safety standards.” The remarks come days after the Centre reiterated its commitment to E20 ethanol-blended petrol programme.

An aviation professional said ethanol cannot just be mixed like that with ATF or any fuel. “For instance, ethanol can be mixed with petrol but not with diesel. These aspects require

extensive scientific research and analysis. In mixing one chemical with another, compatibility and other aspects need to be taken into account,” the professional said.

SAF can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by anywhere between 65% and 80% as compared to the conventional fuel used in aircraft. The ICAO has given a major thrust to SAF to ensure the carbon emissions by the aviation industry are brought down to net zero by 2050. It had also specified that SAF has the greatest potential to make it happen. ICAO is supporting countries who develop SAF with training and other initiatives.



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NAVODAYA TIMES

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दिल्ली-ताइपे के बीच सीधी उड़ान 1 दिसम्बर से

नई दिल्ली, 6 अगस्त (विशेष)
: ताइवान की प्रमुख एयरलाइन ईवा एयर (EVA Air) ने 1 दिसम्बर से दिल्ली और ताइपे के बीच नॉनस्टॉप उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। इसके साथ ही कंपनी भारत के लिए सीधी यात्री उड़ान संचालित करने वाली ताइवान की पहली और एकमात्र एयरलाइन बन जाएगी। एयरलाइन ने बताया कि इस नई सेवा की बुकिंग उसकी आधिकारिक वेबसाइट और अधिकृत ट्रैवल एजेंसियों के माध्यम से शुरू कर दी गई है।

एयरलाइन के अनुसार, दिल्ली-ताइपे मार्ग पर सप्ताह में 5 दिन (सोमवार, मंगलवार, वीरवार, शुक्रवार और शनिवार) उड़ानें संचालित की जाएंगी। इस रूट पर एयरबस A330-300 विमान का इस्तेमाल होगा। ताइपे से उड़ान सुबह 11 बजे रवाना होकर स्थानीय समयानुसार दोपहर 3:35 बजे दिल्ली पहुंचेगी, जबकि दिल्ली से वापसी की उड़ान शाम 7:55 बजे रवाना होकर अगले दिन सुबह 4:20 बजे ताइपे पहुंचेगी।

No ethanol in ATF: Govt rejects Kejriwal's allegations and calls them irresponsible

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

The political war over India's ethanol blending programme escalated on Thursday after Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu and BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya strongly dismissed Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal claim that the Centre plans to introduce ethanol blending in diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

Naidu in a post on X dismissed claims that it is planning to blend ethanol with aviation turbine fuel (ATF), calling the reports "completely false and irresponsible" and urging people not to spread misinformation on aviation safety. He said there is "no such proposal" under consideration by the Government.

"The claim that the Government plans to blend ethanol with Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) is completely false and irresponsible. There is no such proposal," Naidu said. He clarified that ethanol and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) are "entirely different" fuels and should not be confused with one another.

The exchange comes after Kejriwal alleged that the Centre was planning to increase ethanol blending beyond current levels, claimed there were plans to mix ethanol into Aviation



Turbine Fuel (ATF), and accused the Government of suppressing scientific concerns over E20 petrol. Kejriwal urged people to avoid purchasing new petrol and diesel vehicles for the time being. In a post on X in Hindi, Kejriwal alleged the Government planned to increase ethanol blending in petrol beyond 50 per cent after introducing E20 fuel.

Explaining the distinction, Naidu said SAF is an internationally certified aviation fuel recognised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and has been adopted globally. He added that it undergoes rigorous testing and meets stringent international safety standards before being approved for use.

"Ethanol and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) are entirely different and should not be conflated. SAF is an internationally certified aviation

fuel recognised by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and adopted globally. It undergoes rigorous testing and meets stringent global safety standards," he said.

The minister also cautioned against circulating misleading claims related to aviation, saying such misinformation only creates unnecessary anxiety among air travellers. "Spreading misinformation on aviation safety only creates needless anxiety among air travellers. Passenger safety remains the Government's highest priority," he said. Slamming Kejriwal, Malviya said spreading "fake news" and creating undue "panic" is his "old habit", and asserted that the Centre has clearly stated that there was no decision on ethanol mixing beyond E20.

Former Delhi chief minister, replying to Malviya, alleged that the Government

is waiting for the situation to calm down before implementing further ethanol blending in fuel. "Just like E20 was implemented without any scientific study, without listening to anyone, by silencing everyone through threats, you'll implement E50 in the same way," Kejriwal said, alleging this was the Government's "style of functioning" without respecting science, engineering and technology. He challenged Malviya to publicly release any study conducted before implementing E20 petrol.

Malviya hit back in another post on X, saying Kejriwal's entire argument was based not on facts but "fear". "First, the Government has clearly stated that no decision has been taken to increase ethanol blending beyond E20. Raising a debate on some imaginary E50 is nothing but politics of spreading fear," he replied to Kejriwal.

He refuted the AAP leader's charge, stating it is completely wrong to say that E20 was implemented "without any scientific study". In another post on X, Malviya claimed E20 is not a hasty decision and the country's ethanol blending programme has been progressing in a phased manner for over two decades. He said before implementing E20, extensive testing and consultations with all relevant parties were conducted.



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

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जयपुर-मुंबई के बीच फिर शुरू हुई फ्लाइट

जयपुर@पत्रिका. एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने मंगलवार से जयपुर-मुंबई के बीच बंद की गई फ्लाइट के संचालन को दोबारा शुरू कर दिया है। इसके साथ ही अब जयपुर से मुंबई के लिए यात्रियों को रोजाना 5 की जगह 6 उड़ानों का विकल्प मिलेगा। फ्लाइट जयपुर से प्रत्येक दिन शाम 5:35 बजे मुंबई के लिए रवाना होगी। वहीं वापसी में यह फ्लाइट मुंबई से रात 10:15 बजे जयपुर पहुंचेगी। शाम के समय यात्रा करने वालों को बेहतर विकल्प मिलेगा।



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

JAIPUR

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इंडिगो: 2 फ्लाइट में खामी, देरी से उड़ान

जयपुर@पत्रिका. जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार को इंडिगो की दो अलग-अलग फ्लाइटों में उड़ान से पहले तकनीकी खराबी सामने आने से यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। पहले जयपुर-अहमदाबाद और फिर शाम को जयपुर-चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली फ्लाइट में तकनीकी खामी मिलने के कारण दोनों उड़ानों में देरी हुई। अहमदाबाद जाने वाली इंडिगो की फ्लाइट दोपहर 1:30 बजे रवाना

होने वाली थी। उड़ान से पहले पायलट को तकनीकी खराबी का संकेत मिला। उस समय विमान में 70 से अधिक यात्रियों की बोर्डिंग पूरी हो चुकी थी।

एहतियात के तौर पर सभी यात्रियों को विमान से उतारकर अराइवल हॉल भेजा गया। वहीं, शाम 7:35 बजे चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली इंडिगो की एक फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के कारण देर रात रवाना हो सकी।

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हवा के झोंको ने विमान को पहुंचा दिया नेपाल

पिथौरागढ़। हवा के तेज झोंकों ने दिल्ली से आए विमान को नेपाल पहुंचा दिया। सीमांत जिले की सीमा में पहुंचने पर हवा का रुख तेज होने से पायलट को विमान को पड़ोसी देश नेपाल की सीमा में प्रवेश कराना पड़ा। जब हवा का दबाव



कम हुआ तो बमुश्किल नैनीसैनी एयरपोर्ट पर विमान की लैंडिंग हुई। पिथौरागढ़ से दिल्ली और देहरादून रूट पर सप्ताह में तीन दिन मंगलवार, बृहस्पतिवार और शनिवार 42 सीटर

■ मुश्किल से हुई एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग

विमान का संचालन होता है। सुबह के समय विमान यात्रियों को लेकर दिल्ली से नैनीसैनी पहुंचता है और इसके बाद देहरादून के लिए रवाना होता है। देहरादून से लौटने के बाद विमान दिल्ली के लिए

उड़ान भरता है। मंगलवार को दिल्ली से यात्रियों को लेकर विमान पिथौरागढ़ जिले की सीमा में पहुंचा तो आसमान में घने-काले बादलों और तेज हवा के झोंकों के बीच नैनीसैनी एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग मुश्किल हो गई। ऐसे में पायलट को विमान को हवा से दूर नेपाल पहुंचाना पड़ा। विमान ने करीब 15 मिनट तक नेपाल में उड़ान भरी। जब नैनीसैनी एयरपोर्ट के आसपास हवा का दबाव कम हुआ तो नेपाल से लौटे विमान की सफल लैंडिंग कराई जा सकी। विमान से उतरने के बाद 25 से अधिक यात्रियों ने राहत की सांस ली।

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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Air India picks new chief

AMIYA KUMAR
KUSHWAHA

New Delhi: Air India on Wednesday named former Ethiopian Airlines chief Tewolde Gebremariam as its CEO, tapping the industry veteran to steer the carrier's turnaround as it struggles with losses and heightened scrutiny following last year's deadly crash.

Gebremariam led Ethiopian Airlines for more than a decade, overseeing a multi-billion-dollar expansion that turned it into Africa's largest airline group, with revenue more than quadrupling and its fleet tripling during his tenure.



Tewolde Gebremariam

He also navigated Ethiopian Airlines through two of its biggest crises, the Covid-19 pandemic without government bailouts and the fatal 2019 Boeing 737 MAX crash.

Gebremariam succeeds

Campbell Wilson, the former Singapore Airlines executive appointed in 2022 to lead Air India's turnaround after its takeover by the Tata Group.

Wilson will step down on September 30 after serving his notice. Gebremariam will take charge of an airline grappling with mounting financial and operational challenges, including heightened regulatory scrutiny following the 2025 crash that killed 260 people, disruptions from the West Asia conflict and Pakistan's airspace ban, which have lengthened routes and raised fuel and operating costs.

N. Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Sons and Air

India, said, "Having completed the initial phase of stabilisation, integration, and fleet commitments under Campbell's guidance, Air India is now entering a critical execution and expansion era. Tewolde's track record in building one of the world's most efficient and profitable airline groups makes him uniquely suited to lead Air India."

Gebremariam said, "It is a profound honour to be entrusted with leading Air India... Air India carries an incredible legacy, and the opportunity to build a world-class global airline that reflects India's extraordinary economic potential is uniquely exciting."



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

BANGALORE

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Alliance Air flight to Hyd takes off 5 hours late

Bengaluru: An Alliance Air flight bound for Hyderabad from Bengaluru was delayed by over five hours Tuesday even as passengers flagged inconvenience.

Flight 91517, which was initially scheduled to depart from Bengaluru at 8:50pm Tuesday, took off only at 2:28am Wednesday and reached the destination at 3:56am.

Several passengers who were waiting at KIA's Terminal 2 claimed there was no proper assistance or communication from the airline on the delay.

Peeush Ramnathkar, a flyer, wrote on X that more than 60 passengers were stuck at the airport unaware of the situation.

Another flyer Mahendra Bhosale alleged that ground staff at the airport had not provided attention to passengers who were anxious. "Ground staff & managers... have completely abandoned passengers with zero communication or food/water. Absolute lack of accountability!" he said in an online post.

Following multiple complaints from passengers, the airport's operator, Bangalore International Airport Limited arranged snacks and refreshments for the delayed travelers.

The reason for the delay is not known and Alliance Air did not respond to an email for comments till press time. **TNN**

Get ready for more potholes in the sky

As climate change intensifies turbulence and India's first-time flyer population grows, the gap between a routine jolt and a serious injury may come down to one simple habit: keeping the seat belt fastened, writes **Manju V**

An Air India flight from Phuket to Delhi dropped nearly 300 feet over Odisha this week, injuring four cabin crew members and more than a dozen passengers. It is the kind of incident that makes headlines for a day and then fades. Except it shouldn't.

Most passengers will go their entire flying lives without experiencing an accident during take-off or landing. Turbulence is different. Nearly everyone who flies often enough will encounter it, and once in a while, it can turn into something close to a nightmare.

The Phuket-Delhi flight fits a pattern that recurs with almost clockwork regularity in India between April and mid-July. But it is also part of a wider, worsening global toll.

In May 2024, a Singapore Airlines Boeing 777 flying from London to Singapore hit severe turbulence over Myanmar. The impact was so violent that one passenger, who had a heart condition, suffered heart failure and died. Nearly 80 others were injured, making it the deadliest confirmed turbulence event involving a major international carrier in years.

In July 2025, a Delta Air Lines flight from Salt Lake City encountered turbulence at 37,000 feet that sent service carts and food flying through the cabin and left passengers hospitalised. In the US, the world's largest aviation market, turbulence caused more than 200 serious injuries between 2009 and 2024. The annual count has been rising, not flattening.

Understanding these weather-related accidents and serious incidents requires distinguishing between two very different kinds of turbulence that aircraft routinely encounter, particularly in India.

Two Types of Turbulence

The first is the kind pilots can see coming.

As the Indian subcontinent heats up through April, May and mid-June, moisture-laden air is pushed upwards into cooler layers. This creates towering cumulonimbus clouds, or Cb clouds, which can stretch from a few thousand feet to more than 50,000 feet — well above the ceiling of any passenger jet.

Inside these clouds are violent updrafts and downdrafts, lightning and hail. Sometimes, the clouds form a chain of cells known to pilots as a squall line.

Over the Chota Nagpur Plateau, spanning Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Bengal and Odisha, these systems have names of their own: Nor'westers or Kal Baisakhi. They typically erupt with startling speed in the afternoon or early evening.

This is convective turbulence. Airborne weather radar usually displays it clearly, often in magenta on the cockpit screen, giving crews time to change course.

The second kind is more dangerous precisely because it cannot be seen.

WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE... CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE

Fast jet stream: The high-altitude air flow shifts, disturbing the air around it



Slow jet stream: A different air current disturbs the jet stream

High-altitude flights can encounter CAT, which happens around jet streams and where air is travelling in different directions. It can't be detected by aircraft radar

...AND WHAT YOU CAN CONVECTIVE TURBULENCE

Smooth path above clouds



Bumpy path below clouds

Aircraft are built to withstand far more punishment than what any turbulence is likely to produce

Clear-air turbulence, or CAT, is generated by jet streams — fast, narrow rivers of high-altitude wind. Sharp differences in speed and direction between adjacent layers create violent wind shear.

CAT occurs above 15,000 feet. It is invisible both to the naked eye and to the aircraft's onboard weather radar. There is no cloud to avoid and no signature on the cockpit screen.

The primary warning comes through SIGMETs, or Significant Meteorological Information bulletins. Meteorologists issue them to identify areas where jet-stream turbulence is likely, based on forecast wind shear rather than anything onboard radar can detect in real time.

True jet-stream CAT, however, is largely a mid-latitude phenomenon. This means northern India, which lies closer to the jet stream, faces the greater risk. Over peninsular and southern India, much of what is recorded as CAT is more likely to be convective turbulence caused by small, fast-growing cells that have

not yet accumulated enough moisture to appear on radar. Meteorologists say this is particularly likely at night or when an aircraft is flying in and out of clouds.

But India Flies Differently

Unlike most other countries, India has a particular reason to quarrel with the weather gods.

The country's domestic passenger base has expanded rapidly in recent years, with much of that growth coming from first-time flyers. Many do not fully understand what the seat belt sign means. When it lights up, it is an instruction to fasten the belt — not a suggestion or a formality associated only with take-off and landing.

That gap in basic air-travel awareness is becoming more dangerous as climate change increases the frequency and intensity of turbulence. The aviation system cannot continue leaving passenger safety to chance.

India needs clearer and more frequent passenger messaging, not merely a single

line in the safety briefing. Regulators must also begin treating rising turbulence exposure as a foreseeable operational risk, rather than a run of bad luck.

Impact Of Global Warming

The science behind the rising risk is well established.

Research from the University of Reading's Department of Meteorology in the UK has identified a measurable strengthening of jet-stream wind shear over the North Atlantic. It is now more than 10% stronger than when satellite records began in the late 1970s.

Climate models based on that trend project significant increases in clear-air turbulence over the Indian subcontinent in the coming decades. The sharpest increases are expected over northern India, particularly during the periods Indian carriers already dread: the pre-monsoon months from March to May and the monsoon months through July.

Because cockpit weather radar cannot detect CAT, the safest habit for passengers is to keep seat belts loosely fastened throughout the flight, including during cruise — not only when the sign is illuminated.

Aircraft Are Built Sturdy

Even the most anxious passenger can take comfort in one fact: aircraft are built to withstand far more punishment than what any turbulence is likely to produce. This is not a matter of chance or fortunate design.

Aircraft are tested to their structural limits before carrying paying passengers. During certification, manufacturers subject wings to loads far greater than those produced by severe turbulence. The wings are bent by several feet to prove that the structure has ample safety margins. Passengers who see a wing flexing in rough air are watching the airframe do exactly what it was engineered — and proven — to do.

An aircraft that encountered hail and suffered nose damage while flying from Delhi to Srinagar in 2025 landed safely and remained structurally sound despite the

visible damage.

In turbulence, the greatest risk is almost never structural failure. It is injury to unsecured people from being thrown around the cabin or struck by loose objects. That is the one variable passengers can control. India's accident record makes the distinction stark.

Fasten Your Seat Belts

On May 1, 2022, SpiceJet flight SG945 encountered severe turbulence while descending from Mumbai towards Durgapur. The pilots had issued two seat belt warnings before the aircraft was hit.

Passengers who had not buckled up were thrown against the ceiling. One fell into the aisle, and a ceiling panel came loose. Fourteen passengers and three crew members were injured. Two required intensive care. One of them, reportedly a first-time flyer, died nearly five months later from complications related to a spinal injury sustained during the incident.

Contrast that with the IndiGo Delhi-Srinagar flight of May 2025. By all accounts, it encountered turbulence at least as severe. The aircraft's nose was damaged badly enough to require inspection, yet no passenger was hurt.

The working assumption is simple: everyone on board was strapped in when the aircraft encountered turbulence.

Strip away the details of any single flight, and a clear pattern emerges — one that India's aviation ecosystem, including airlines, regulators and passengers, has been slow to confront.

Turbulence is now the leading cause of in-flight injury worldwide, and the likelihood of encountering it is rising. Some of the airspace most frequently crossed by Indian carriers — including the Bay of Bengal and the pre-monsoon skies over the central and northern plains — lies directly in the path of that trend. India, which arguably has the world's largest population of first-time flyers, needs to educate its passengers more aggressively.

The US Federal Aviation Administration's advice comes down to a few basic habits: keep your seat belt fastened whenever instructed, listen to the crew and follow carry-on restrictions so that loose baggage does not become a projectile.

India's experience over the past four summer and monsoon seasons underlines the narrow but crucial difference between the SpiceJet and IndiGo cases. Both flights encountered severe turbulence, but the outcome was markedly better on the IndiGo flight.

The message is clear: keep your seat belt fastened even when the sign is off. Cumulonimbus turbulence appears in the cockpit as a magenta warning on the screen. Clear-air turbulence appears nowhere — until it strikes.

As on the road, a fastened seat belt can make all the difference.

INQUIZITIVE

JOY BHATTACHARJYA

1 Which large river, one of the longest in the world, does not have a single bridge crossing its main channel because of the considerable variation in its width across seasons, as well as the soft soil and frequent flooding along either bank?

2 Which six-letter word, usually remembered as having been uttered by a famous Greek over 2,000 years ago, is, appropriately enough, the motto of the state of California and appears on its seal?

3 Which Asian country participated in the Commonwealth Games from 1954 to 1970, withdrew in 1972 in protest over the inclusion of another Asian country, and then rejoined in 1990?

4 For which 1969 Shakti Samanta film did Kishore Kumar first sing playback for actor Rajesh Khanna, marking the beginning of a series of hit collaborations?

5 Only two of the original eight teams to play in the IPL have not yet won the tournament. Name them.

6 Where would you be if you entered either the Dhikala Zone, the Bijrani Zone, the Dhela Zone, or the Durga Devi Zone?

7 The indigenous people of South America used to mine which precious metal for making ornaments, an element whose name is derived from the Spanish word for silver?

8 The word "stan", commonly used by Gen Z, refers to a person who is an avid and dedicated follower. The word was coined by rapper Eminem as a combination of which two words?

9 Underwood, Remington, Olivetti, Royal, and Smith Corona were among the best-known global brands of which product, which faded into obsolescence in the late 20th century?

10 CLAT is a national entrance examination in India for people aspiring to enter a certain profession. If the "AT" stands for Admission Test, what does "CL" stand for?

ANSWERS

- 1 | The Amazon
- 2 | Eureka, said by Jim Corbett
- 3 | Pakistan
- 4 | Aradhana
- 5 | Delhi
- 6 | Stalker and fan
- 7 | Platinum, from jumping out of his
- 8 | Archimedes while
- 9 | The Amazon
- 10 | Common Law

ROUGH RIDES

Aug 2025 | Delta Air Lines (Salt Lake City-Amsterdam): Violent turbulence forced the aircraft to divert to Minneapolis, with 25 people, including seven crew members, hospitalised.

May 2024 | Singapore Airlines (London-Singapore): Severe turbulence over Myanmar killed one passenger and injured 101 others, making it one of the worst turbulence incidents in recent aviation history.

June 2024 | American Airlines (Miami-Raleigh-Durham): Five

passengers were hospitalised after the aircraft encountered turbulence en route.

June 2024 | Ryanair (Berlin-Milan): Turbulence over Germany injured eight

passengers and a crew member.

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DGCA issued 382 safety notices since 2023

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation issued 382 show-cause notices to airlines over safety violations between January 2024 and June 2026, the government has informed Parliament. Replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol further said the DGCA also recorded more than 2,400 significant technical defects — 2,197 in domestic flight operations and 223 in international operations — from 2023 to June 2026, with Air India, Akasa Air and IndiGo accounting for the highest numbers. TNS