

# After being delayed for a year, work on plaza at airport likely to be completed in October

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## PORT CALL

**Sunitha Sekar**  
CHENNAI

After a year's delay, the landscaping work and construction of the plaza at Chennai airport are likely to be completed in October.

This is significant because a second pick-up point for cabs will be located in this space. Hence, passengers will not have to walk till Aerohub (multi-level car parking facility) to catch a cab.

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) began con-



**Nearing completion:** According to an AAI official, one part of the plaza will be ready in early October, while the rest will be opened by the end of the month. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

struction of the plaza and landscaping opposite the Domestic Terminal 1 (T1) in mid-2023 and planned to complete the works by Oc-

tober 2024. The space will have walkways and seating areas and has been developed with the idea of providing a space for both vis-

itors and passengers to relax.

However, the project has been marred by delays since the very beginning.

Initially, the contractor could not get access to the site on time as there were some issues in handing over the space to the firm.

Subsequently, when a canopy collapsed at Delhi Airport's Terminal 1 in June 2024, a structural audit of the existing canopies was carried out at Chennai airport and design specifications of the new canopies planned at the plaza were changed.

"There were delays in getting the designs finalised. Then, we had to procure them and have them delivered to the Chennai airport. Now, all the materials are in place, and the work is progressing at a faster pace. One part of the plaza will be ready in early October and the rest by the

end of that month," an official said.

Since January this year, though the AAI has been targeting multiple completion dates for the project, the contractor could not meet any of the deadlines.

## Passengers upset

The incessant delay in opening the plaza has left many air passengers upset.

A. Shankar, a regular flyer, said it was disappointing to see such a small project being delayed to this extent.

"This work has a direct impact on the passengers. Because of this delay, we are forced to go all the way to the Aerohub to board cabs, and this is definitely not a convenient way to do that," he added.



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### AAI appoints new director for Chennai airport

**Chennai:** Airports Authority of India (AAI) has appointed a new director for Chennai airport. General manager MRaja Kishore, who is currently regional executive director of the northeast region in the communication surveillance department, has been transferred and posted as director of Chennai airport.

The present airport director, C V Deepak, who is a general manager in finance and took charge as Chennai airport director in 2023, has been transferred to Delhi. He has been posted as executive director of the regional connectivity scheme (RCS-Udan). Raja Kishore previously worked as director of Tirupati airport.

AAI has directed the officers to report to their transferred posts before Sept 19, and they will be on probation for one year or until superannuation. Similarly, Salem airport also gets a new director, I Naushad, who was earlier DGM in security in Salem. TNN



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## नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास विकसित होगा लॉजिस्टिक व वेयरहाउसिंग

यमुना प्राधिकरण के सेक्टर-18 प्रस्तावित कार्यालय में बनेगा ऑडोटेरियम

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 6 सितम्बर (देशबन्धु)। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की शनिवार हुई 86वीं बोर्ड बैठक में अध्यक्ष आलोक कुमार के समक्ष जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास लॉजिस्टिक व वेयरहाउसिंग विकसित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा गया। एयरपोर्ट बनने से लॉजिस्टिक और वेयरहाउस की मांगेंगी। इसे देखते हुए प्राधिकरण की तरफ से प्रस्ताव रखा गया कि सेक्टर-8एफ एयरपोर्ट के पास विकसित किया जा रहा है। जिसके जमीन खरीदने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। बोर्ड ने इस सेक्टर को मार्केट की मांग को देखते हुए लॉजिस्टिक व वेयरहाउस विकसित करने का निर्णय लिया है। बोर्ड ने इसका डिजाइन तैयार करने के लिए और अध्ययन के लिए एक परामर्शदाता संस्था से कराए जाने का निर्णय लिया। परामर्शदाता संस्था द्वारा भूखंड के आकार एवं अन्य आवश्यकताओं के परीक्षण के उपरांत ले-आउट को तैयार कर आगामी बोर्ड बैठक में इसका प्रस्ताव रखे।

**प्राधिकरण के प्रस्तावित कार्यालय में तीन नए विंडु शामिल**

यमुना प्राधिकरण सेक्टर-18 में 27,800 वर्गमीटर में प्राधिकरण का मुख्य कार्यालय का भवन तैयार करने का निर्णय लिया था। इस डिजाइन भी

कंसल्टेंसी एजेंसी तैयार कर चुकी है। इसमें ऑडोटेरियम का प्रावधान नहीं किया गया है, बोर्ड ने बिल्डिंग भवन में ऑडोटेरियम बनाने का प्रस्ताव भी शामिल करने का निर्देश दिया। जिसका अध्ययन लखनऊ के बापू भवन से का अध्ययन कर डिजाइन करने का निर्देश दिया है। इसमें इंटीग्रेटेड कंट्रोल कमान सेंटर और अतिक्रमण रिमूवल विंग के लिए स्थान आरक्षित कर उसके हिसाब से डिजाइन तैयार को कहा गया है।

**हाथरस अर्बन सेंटर विकसित करने लिए कंसल्टेंट चयन को मिला मंजूरी**

यमुना प्राधिकरण हाथरस अर्बन सेंटर विकसित करने के लिए परामर्शदाता चयन के लिए आरएफपी निकाला है। इसे बोर्ड से मंजूरी के लिए रखा गया। जिसमें बोर्ड ने मंजूरी दे दी है।

**राया हेरिटेज सिटी विकसित करने के लिए नए सिरे से मूल्यांकन**

बोर्ड में राया हेरिटेज सिटी विकसित करने के लिए डीपीआर तैयार हो चुका है। इसका प्रस्तुतिकरण बोर्ड में किया गया। बोर्ड ने इसका अध्ययन करने के लिए कहा कि हेरिटेज सिटी पीपीपी मॉडल, प्राधिकरण स्वतः करेगा इसका पहले मूल्यांकन करा लिया जाए। इसके बाद अगली बोर्ड बैठक में इसका प्रस्ताव रखा

जाए।

**आगरा अर्बन सेंटर का ड्राफ्ट मास्टर प्लान पर चर्चा**  
बीड बोर्ड बैठक में फेस-दो के तहत आगरा अर्बन सेंटर विकसित करने के लिए प्राधिकरण ने ड्राफ्ट मास्टर प्लान तैयार करवाया है। ड्राफ्ट मास्टर प्लान बोर्ड के समक्ष रखा गया। बोर्ड ने निर्णय लिया कि ड्राफ्ट मास्टर प्लान मानक के अनुरूप बना है कि इसका मूल्यांकन करने के लिए दिल्ली के स्कूल प्लानिंग आफ आर्किटेक् और अहमदाबाद सेफ्ट से इसका अध्ययन करा लिया जाएगा। इसके बाद अगली बोर्ड बैठक में इसका प्रस्ताव रखा जाए।

**एयरपोर्ट के 20 किमी दायरे में लागू होगा कलर कोड जोनिंग**

नोएडा इंटरनोएडा एयरपोर्ट के आसपास 20 किमी के दायरे में कलर कोड जोनिंग लागू किया है। बोर्ड ने इसके लिए बिल्डिंग बायलाज तैयार करने के लिए परामर्शदायी संस्था का चयन करने का निर्देश दिया है। कलर कोड जोनिंग को लेकर संस्था अपना सुझाव देगी। इसके बाद तीनों प्राधिकरणों को मिलाकर एक समिति का गठन किया जाएगा। समिति के समक्ष संस्था का सुझाव रखा जाएगा। इसके बाद उसे बोर्ड में रखा जाएगा। बोर्ड से मंजूरी मिलने के बाद एयरपोर्ट के 20 किमी के दायरे में बिल्डिंग बायलाज को लागू किया जाएगा।



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## Twin Takeoffs

In Mumbai and Delhi, secondary airports are taking flight soon. About time, reckons Nirmal Joshi.

**T**he Airports Authority of India (AAI) is set to inaugurate two new secondary airports in Mumbai and Delhi in the coming months. The new airports are expected to ease the congestion at the main airports and provide a more efficient and comfortable travel experience for passengers.

## Seeing Double

Part of India's various regions in their journey to becoming a world airport.

The new airports are designed to be world-class, with state-of-the-art facilities and services. They will have dedicated check-in counters, baggage claim, and security checkpoints. The new airports will also have dedicated taxi and bus services, making it easier for passengers to reach their destinations.

## Terminal Shift

The new airports will have dedicated terminals for international and domestic flights. This will help to streamline the passenger flow and reduce the waiting time at the airports.

## Pay More for New?

The new airports are expected to be more expensive than the old ones. This is due to the higher quality of construction and the additional services provided. However, the new airports are expected to be more cost-effective in the long run due to their larger capacity and more efficient operations.

## Transit Trivia

Things to look out for in the new Mumbai and Delhi AAI airports.

Feature	Details
Capacity	10 million passengers per annum
Area	100,000 sq. ft.
Cost	₹ 1,000 crore
Completion	2025



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## **SVPI Airport unveils cargo terminal**

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport has set up a state-of-the-art Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) with over 20,000 square metres of operational area and enhanced capacity to handle cargo up to 200,000 metric tonnes (MT) annually, according to a company statement on Friday. This represents a significant step up in scale and efficiency, replacing the existing set-up with a capacity of 50,000 MT per year.

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### Attempt to smuggle gold worth ₹55L foiled at Ahd airport

**FPJ News Service**

AHMEDABAD

The Customs Department at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport has foiled a major attempt to smuggle gold into India. Officials seized a gold chain weighing 506 grams worth Rs 55 lakh from a passenger who had arrived from Dubai. The passenger was attempting to sneak in the gold without paying customs duty, in what officials described as a clear case of smuggling.

A senior Customs officer confirmed the action, stating, "Based on specific intelligence, our team intercepted a passenger who was trying to pass off a thick gold chain as ordinary jewelry. The seizure reflects our zero-tolerance policy towards smuggling."

During inspection, the passenger was found wearing an



unusually thick gold chain around his neck. At first glance, it appeared to be jewelry, but closer scrutiny revealed its true weight and value. Officials said the chain was deliberately worn in the open, banking on the possibility that it would escape suspicion.

"The passenger assumed that declaring it as personal jewelry would help evade duty checks. However, the chain's size and weight raised doubts. On detailed questioning and search, the smuggling attempt came to light," the officer added.

# NDA to capitalise on fulfilled promises in Seemanchal as PM to unveil airport on Sept 15

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**PURNIA:** In the run up to the 2015 Assembly elections in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised that even slippers-sporting Indians would avail flight services as flying would be that much affordable with new airports and developed infrastructure. It didn't, however, win the BJP election. But a decade later, the PM is returning to Bihar in a similar poll-bound time to inaugurate a civil airport in Purnia, Seemanchal, on September 15. The upbeat NDA seeks to cash in on promises and delivery in the last 10 years (2015-2025).

The BJP in fact seeks to cash in on promises and their delivery in the last 10 years (2015-2025) to build its electoral fortune in the region that is inhabited by majority of Muslim minority and also it has been a traditional hub of RJD that claims to be and has been the first choice of Muslim voters.

The new airport that the PM will inaugurate, locals feel, would uplift the profile of the region and generate new employment opportunities. Seemanchal region carries the stigma of being backward and ignored since independence and thus any development push here would be welcome.

With a runway length of 2,800 meters (approx), the Purnea airport has the longest runway in comparison to other airports in Bihar like Patna, Darbhanga and Gaya Ji. The Purnea airport will be equipped with 'state-of-the-art' facilities and has been designed keeping in mind the passenger footfall for the next 30-40 years.

A total of five aerobridges will be built at the airport, which will provide connectivity

**THE VERDICT WILL BREAK ALL THE PREVIOUS RECORDS IN 2025: BJP BIHAR PRESIDENT DILIP JAISWAL**

to passengers. It has a cargo complex, electric substation, aviation fuel farm, administration office, commercial plaza and car parking.

"What Modiji promises, be sure, the same will be translated into reality," local party MLA Vijay Kumar Khemka said, adding "In a decade, people in general have realized the guts and significance of Modiji and his politics." He claimed, "Modiji's every word is heard with enthusiasm and 2025 is going to be quite different from 2015."

In 2015, Nitish Kumar's JD(U) was with RJD and Congress in the grand alliance (GA) and the BJP along with LJP, RLSP and HAM (NDA) had contested elections. GA had then won 178 seats (RJD-80, JD(U)-71 and Congress-27) leaving far behind the then NDA to just 58 (BJP-53, LJP and RLSP two each and HAM one).

"Now JD(U) is with us and again people have witnessed promises not being made only they are to be kept," Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal said, hoping, "The verdict will break all the previous records in 2025."

On the other hand, Congress leader Neeraj Singh alias Chhotu Singh declared the civil enclave due to people's long agitation with the backing of all political parties. "This is not going to make any difference in the coming assembly election as resentment among the people against the existing govern-

ment is quite reflected everywhere," he said.

However, social activist Vijay Kumar Shreevasatava who has been leading the campaign for the airport for a decade believes it will certainly give an edge to the NDA in this region. "Yes, they (double engine governments) could have deferred it for an indefinite period into the labyrinth of promises," he said, asserting the NDA would get its benefit in the coming election.

### **Purnia's brief history on air map**

The first flight service between Purnia and then Calcutta (Kolkata) was introduced in 1956 and the same year it was discontinued. Later in 1963 Chunapur air force station came into existence against the backdrop of 1962's Chinese aggression. In 1976 air services started for civilians but it was once again discontinued in 1978.

Again in 2012 at the initiative of the then wing commander of Chunapur air force station Vishwajeet Kumar, commercial flights between Purnia and Patna and Purnia and Kolkata had started; however, a year after in 2013 the services were discontinued.

Here it is worth noting that in April 1933; two open-cockpit biplanes had taken off for the first time from Lalbalu about 10 km from Purnia district headquarters for the Houston-Mount Everest flight expedition, a historic mission that successfully flew over Mount Everest. It was significant for its scientific advancements in mapping, weather studies and aviation and then it had captured international headlines.

Meanwhile, Star Air is ready to start its inaugural Ahmedabad to Purnia service on September 15 with flights beginning on September 29.

## YEIDA to transform 29 villages near Noida international airport

### 'Development work has been completed in nine villages'

DIPIKA KIROLA

**GREATER NOIDA:** The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) on Saturday announced the launch of a project to transform 29 villages surrounding the under-construction Noida International Airport into model villages. Officials said that a detailed project report (DPR) has already been prepared for these villages, and work is underway in a phased manner.

YEIDA's CEO Rakesh Kumar Singh said that the project is aimed at creating holistic rural infrastructure and improving the quality of life for residents. "The rural communities of Jewar are the foundation of the region's growth. The International Airport and the upcoming world-class projects owe their development to the land and support of local farmers. It is our responsibility to ensure these villages benefit directly from the progress



#### In Short

» The entire project is targeted for completion by December 2026, with an estimated expenditure of Rs 350

crore, said officials.

» YEIDA board approved residential plot allotments under the 7% Abadi Plot Policy in 29 villages, including Gunpura

they've enabled," Singh said.

According to YEIDA officials, development work has been completed in nine villages, while the tender process is in progress for 11 more villages. The entire project is targeted for completion by December 2026, with an estimated expenditure of Rs 350 crore, said officials.

A senior YEIDA official

said, "This initiative is not just about infrastructure but about creating sustainable, self-reliant villages with modern amenities, improved connectivity, and better living standards."

The decision was taken in YEIDA's 86th board meeting, chaired by Industrial Development Department Principal Secretary and YEIDA Chair-

man Alok Kumar.

According to officials, YEIDA recorded receipts of Rs 1,307.94 crore in FY 2024-25 (up to August 31, 2024) and Rs 1,314.10 crore till August 31, 2025, in the current fiscal. The authority has set a target of Rs 2,063.41 crore for FY 2025-26.

YEIDA board approved residential plot allotments under the 7% Abadi Plot Policy in 29 villages, including Ram-pur Bangar, Gujarpur, Chholas, Gunpura, and Mathurapur. Out of 6,260 applications, 4,171 plots have already been allotted.

Among infrastructure decisions, YEIDA will construct a cow shelter near Agra at a cost of Rs 2.15 crore, along with a 2.2-km approach road. The board also cleared the revised design of a new YEIDA office building in Sector 18, incorporating sustainable and earthquake-resistant features.

The board approved plans to develop a logistics and warehousing hub near Jewar Airport in Sector 8.



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# नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के पास बनेगा लॉजिस्टिक हब

## यमुना प्राधिकरण की 84वीं बोर्ड बैठक में लिए गए कई महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय

नोएडा, 6 सितम्बर (नवोदय टाइम्स): यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की 84वीं बोर्ड बैठक शनिवार को प्राधिकरण सभागार में अध्यक्ष आलोक कुमार (अपर मुख्य सचिव, औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) की अध्यक्षता में सम्पन्न हुई। बैठक में मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी राकेश कुमार सिंह ने विभिन्न विभागों से जुड़े एजेंडा बिंदु प्रस्तुत किए।

बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पास सेक्टर-8एफ में लॉजिस्टिक हब



यमुना प्राधिकरण की बोर्ड बैठक की अध्यक्षता करते अपर मुख्य सचिव आलोक कुमार।

विकसित होगा, जिसके लिए अध्ययन परामर्शदाता संस्था से कराया जाएगा। वहीं बैठक में प्राधिकरण की आय

व्यय का ब्यौरा भी रखा गया। किसानों को जमीन अधिग्रहित किए जाने के एवज में दिए गए प्रतिकर की जानकारी

दी गई। जिसमें बताया गया कि 7 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखंड योजना के तहत 29 ग्रामों के पात्र किसानों को अब तक 6260 आरक्षण पत्र निर्गत, जिनमें से 4171 भूखंड आवंटित किए जा चुके हैं।

इसके अलावा कई अन्य प्रकरणों पर भी बोर्ड बैठक ने अपनी मुहर लगाई। जिसमें मास्टर प्लान 2041 के अंतर्गत 29 गांवों को स्मार्ट विलेज के रूप में विकसित किया जा रहा है। 9 गांवों में काम पूरा, 10 में कार्य प्रगति पर और 10 में कार्य प्रस्तावित।



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## अबू धाबी जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान में तकनीकी खराबी दो घंटे बाद कोच्चि लौटा

कोच्चि। अबू धाबी के लिए रवाना हुआ इंडिगो का विमान दो घंटे से अधिक समय तक आसमान में उड़ान भरने के बाद तकनीकी खराबी के कारण



शुक्रवार देर रात कोच्चि लौटा आया। विमान में 180 से अधिक

यात्री और चालक दल के छह सदस्य सवार थे।

इंडिगो ने कहा, उड़ान संख्या 6ई-1403 शुक्रवार रात 11 बजकर 10 मिनट पर कोच्चि से रवाना हुई। कुछ ही देर बाद विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला और एहतियात के तौर पर, पायलटों ने लैंडने का फैसला किया। विमान को देर रात 1:44 बजे कोच्चि हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतारा गया। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि विमान की जांच चल रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि रात लगभग साढ़े तीन बजे यात्रियों को एअर इंडिया की ओर से उपलब्ध कराए गए विमान से अबू धाबी ले जाया गया। एजेंसी

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# Air India flight hit by technical snag makes priority landing at Indore

TDG NETWORK  
INDORE

Air India Express flight 1028 operating from Delhi to Indore on Friday morning had to make a priority landing at Indore Airport after the pilot identified a technical snag, Air India Spokesperson confirmed.

"Due to a suspected oil filter issue during descent into Indore, following standard operating procedures,

the crew landed safely. Our pilots are well trained to carry out such precautionary measures." An Air India Express Spokesperson said in a statement.

Earlier today, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi's flight was diverted to Kolkata after it failed to land at Bhubaneswar airport due to inclement weather on Friday morning, according to Bhubaneswar

Airport Director Prasanna Pradhan.

Bhubaneswar Airport Director said, "Due to bad weather, the plane carrying Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi was diverted to Kolkata."

He further said that the CM boarded the Air India flight (AI 473), which took off from Kolkata airport and landed at Bhubaneswar airport at 1:00 pm.



Earlier on Wednesday, an Air India Express flight from Tiruchirappalli was delayed after it developed

a technical issue. An alternative aircraft was later arranged, and the flight departed for its destination.

"One of our flights from Tiruchirappalli could not operate due to a technical issue. An alternative aircraft was arranged, and the flight has since departed. Guests have been provided with meals and offered the choice of a full refund on cancellation or compli-

mentary rescheduling. We regret the inconvenience," the spokesperson added.

On September 2, the Delhi-Indore Air India flight had returned to Delhi shortly after take-off. "Flight AI2913, operating from Delhi to Indore on 31 August, had air-returned to Delhi shortly after take-off, as the cockpit crew had received a fire indication for the right engine. Following standard proce-

dures, the cockpit crew had shut down the engine and returned to Delhi, where the flight landed safely," an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. "The crew had initially made a MAYDAY call to the air traffic control, but later downgraded it to PAN-PAN to indicate urgency rather than an emergency. We confirm that the flight had not made an emergency landing at Delhi.



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## IndiGo flight suffers tech snag mid-air

AN ABU DHABI-BOUND  
IndiGo flight returned to  
Kochi on Saturday due to a  
technical snag after being  
airborne for over 2 hours, the  
flight operator said. PTI



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## **SpiceJet flies into red; posts ₹238 cr loss in Q1**

Flying into the red, SpiceJet on Friday reported a net loss of Rs 238 crore for the three months ended June, saying expenses related to grounded aircraft and subdued leisure travel demand impacted the financials. The budget carrier raked in a total income of Rs 1,190.56 crore in the first quarter of FY26. The same stood at Rs 2,067.21 crore in the same period a year ago. In a statement, SpiceJet said the results were significantly impacted by the geopolitical situation with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions, which led to subdued leisure travel demand.

**-PTI**



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## AI Express Delhi-Indore flight suffers tech snag

Makes emergency landing in Indore

**Our Staff Reporter**

**INDORE**

Following a technical snag in the engine, Air India Express flight number IX-1028 coming from Delhi to Indore had to make an emergency landing at Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport on Friday morning. There were a total of 161 passengers on board the plane. Air India Spokesperson has confirmed the development.

As soon as information was received from Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower, teams of fire brigade, ambulance and Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) were deployed along the runway of the airport and to the great relief of everyone, the plane landed safely at 09:54 am. There was no harm to the passengers and the air-

craft. Later, the aircraft was parked at Bay-02 and the technical team of the Air India Express started an investigation of the fault.

"Due to a suspected oil filter issue during descent into Indore, following standard operating procedures, the crew landed safely. Our pilots are well trained to carry out such precautionary measures."

An Air India Express spokesperson said in a statement. Earlier, on September 2, the Delhi-Indore Air India flight returned to Delhi shortly after take-off. Similarly, flight AI2913, operating from Delhi to Indore on 31 August, had returned to Delhi shortly after take-off, as the cockpit crew had received a fire indication in the right engine. Following standard procedure, the cockpit crew shut down the engine and returned to Delhi, where the flight landed safely.

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**हवा में अटकी  
186 लोगों की  
सांस**

एजेसी नई दिल्ली

# कोच्चि एयरपोर्ट पर वापस आया इंडिगो का विमान

इंडिगो के एक विमान में शुक्रवार देर रात तकनीकी खराबी देखने को मिली। फ्लाइट कोच्चि से अबू धाबी के लिए रवाना हुई थी, लेकिन दिक्कत के बाद इसे वापस कोच्चि की ओर मोड़ दिया गया।

इसके बाद यात्रियों को दूसरी फ्लाइट से अबू धाबी के लिए रवाना किया गया। फ्लाइट में 180 से ज्यादा यात्री सवार थे। इसके अलावा 6 क्रू मेंबर भी फ्लाइट में मौजूद थे। प्लेन करीब दो घंटे तक हवा में थे। फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-1403 शुक्रवार की रात करीब 11.10 बजे कोच्चि से रवाना हुई। तभी क्रू मेंबरस को इसमें तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। इसके बाद शनिवार की रात 1.44 बजे फ्लाइट को कोच्चि की

**प्लेन  
करीब दो घंटे  
तक हवा में  
रहा**



ओर मोड़ दिया गया। इयूटी के घंटे पूरे होने के कारण फ्लाइट के क्रू मेंबरस को भी बदला गया और नए दल के साथ दूसरी फ्लाइट को रवाना किया गया। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि यात्रियों को भोजन उपलब्ध कराया गया और उन्हें दूसरी फ्लाइट से रात 3.30 बजे अबू धाबी रवाना किया गया। फ्लाइट का ऑपरेशन फिर से शुरू करने से पहले उसे मेंटनेंस के लिए भेज दिया गया है।



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# विमान में तकनीकी खराबी आने से हड़कंप

## हादसा टला

इंदौर, एजेसी। दिल्ली से इंदौर जा रही एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की एक उड़ान में शुक्रवार को हवा में ही इंजन में खराबी आ गई, जिसके बाद पायलट ने 'पैन-पैन' का संदेश दिया।

बाद में विमान सुरक्षित इंदौर के देवी अहिल्याबाई होल्कर हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया। विमान में सवार सभी 161 यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। हवाई अड्डे के निदेशक

पायलट ने 'पैन-पैन' का संदेश दिया, इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतारा

विपिनकांत सेठ ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के दिल्ली से इंदौर आ रहे विमान के एक इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी की सूचना मिलने पर हमने तमाम एहतियात बरतते हुए विमान को सुबह 09:55 बजे उतारा। निर्धारित समय के मुताबिक इस विमान को सुबह

09:35 बजे इंदौर हवाई अड्डे पर उतरना था। लैंडिंग से कुछ समय पहले ही विमान में संभवतः ऑयल फिल्टर से जुड़ी समस्या सामने आई। इसके चलते विमान हवाई अड्डे पर अपने निर्धारित समय से 20 मिनट देर से उतरा।

**हवाई अड्डे पर इंतजाम:** निदेशक ने बताया कि विमान के पायलट ने एयर टैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को 'पैन-पैन' संकेत भेजा जिसके बाद हवाई अड्डे पर फायर ब्रिगेड और चिकित्सा के इंतजाम किए गए।



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## SPICEJET POSTS LOSS IN JUNE QTR DUE TO INDIA-PAK CONFLICT IMPACT

**Reuters**

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Indian budget airline SpiceJet posted its second consecutive loss in the June quarter, as leisure travel demand on some routes slumped during the worst India-Pakistan fighting in decades. The troubled airline reported a loss of ₹235 crore (\$26.6 million) in the April-June period, compared to a profit of ₹15 crore a year before.

Ties between India and Pakistan worsened after an April attack in Kashmir that New Delhi blamed on Islamabad, prompting airport closures in northwest India and a shutdown of Pakistani airspace to Indian carriers. Pakistan has denied any involvement. Quarterly revenue fell about 35% to ₹1,106 crore.

SpiceJet also said a delay in returning its grounded aircraft to service added to its woes. The carrier has signed multiple settlement agreements in recent years to resolve disputes with lessors and others but has still struggled to expand capacity.



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## AI EXPRESS FLIGHT ISSUES 'PAN-PAN' CALL, LANDS SAFELY

**INDORE:** A Delhi-Indore Air India Express flight with 161 passengers on board on Friday suffered an engine fault during its descent at the airport in Indore, prompting the pilot to make a 'PAN-PAN' call for non-life threatening emergency following which the aircraft landed safely soon afterwards, officials said.

The plane landed 20 minutes behind its schedule at the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport soon after a suspected oil filter issue was detected mid-air, and everyone on board was safe, they said.

Talking about the incident, a spokesperson of Air India Express said, "Due to a suspected oil filter issue during descent into Indore, following standard operating procedures, the crew landed safely. Our pilots are well-trained to carry out such precautionary measures."

"After receiving information about a technical fault in one of the engines of the Air India Express plane coming from Delhi to Indore, we took all precautions and the aircraft landed at the Indore airport at 9.55 am..." Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport's Director Vipinkant Seth told PTL.

In aviation, 'PAN-PAN' indicates an urgent situation that requires assistance but is not immediately life-threatening. **PTI**



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## तकनीकी खराबी के कारण इंडिगो की उड़ान कोच्चि लौटी

कोच्चि, 6 सितंबर (भाषा)।

अवृथाबी के लिए रवाना हुआ इंडिगो का एक विमान दो घंटे से अधिक समय तक उड़ान भरने के बाद तकनीकी खराबी के कारण शुकवार देर रात कोच्चि लौट आया। इंडिगो ने यह जानकारी दी। सूत्रों ने बताया कि विमान में 180 से अधिक यात्री और चालक दल के छह सदस्य सवार थे।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि उड़ान 6ई-1403 शुकवार रात 11 बजकर 10 मिनट पर कोच्चि से रवाना हुई और तकनीकी खराबी के कारण रात लगभग 1:44 बजे शहर लौटी।

उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि रात लगभग साढ़े तीन बजे यात्रियों को एक अन्य विमान से अवृथाबी ले जाया गया। उड़ानों पर नजर रखने वाली वेबसाइट फ्लाइट रडार डाट काम पर उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार, उड़ान 6ई1403 का संचालन ए320 नियोजित विमान से किया गया था।

इंडिगो ने एक बयान में कहा, छह सितंबर 2025 को कोच्चि से अवृथाबी के लिए रवाना हुए विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। एहतियाती कदम उठाते हुए, पायलटों ने विमान को वापस मोड़ने का फैसला किया और फिर विमान कोचीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित रूप से उतार लिया गया।

# इंडिगो की अबू धाबी फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के कारण बीच रास्ते से ही लौटी

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। संयुक्त अरब अमीरात की राजधानी अबू धाबी जाने वाली इंडिगो की एक उड़ान को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण शुक्रवार देर रात केरल के कोच्चि स्थित कोचीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर वापस लौटना पड़ा। विमान में सवार सभी 180 यात्री सुरक्षित हैं, जिन्हें दूसरे विमान से अबू धाबी ले जाया गया।

हवाई अड्डे के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि अबू धाबी जा रही इंडिगो एयरलाईंस की एक उड़ान संख्या 6ई-1403 (सीओके-एयूएच) को देर रात तकनीकी खराबी के कारण कोच्चि वापस लौटना पड़ा। खराबी का पता चलने से पहले दो घंटे से ज्यादा समय से उड़ान भर रहा ये



विमान 180 से ज्यादा यात्रियों और छह क्रू सदस्यों को लेकर जा रहा था। एयरलाईंस के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि शुक्रवार रात करीब 11 बजे रवाना हुआ ये विमान दो घंटे

से ज्यादा समय तक हवा में रहने के बाद कोच्चि एयरपोर्ट पर वापस लौट आया। इसके बाद वैकल्पिक विमान सुबह 3.33 बजे हवाई अड्डे से रवाना हुआ, जिससे यात्रियों को

अबू धाबी ले जाया गया। इस विमान में 180 से अधिक यात्री और चालक दल के छह सदस्य सवार थे। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि 6 सितंबर को कोच्चि से अबू धाबी जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या-6ई-1403 में एक तकनीकी समस्या का पता चला। एहतियातन पायलटों ने विमान को वापस मोड़ने का फैसला किया और विमान कोचीन एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित रूप से उतार लिया। हालांकि, विमान का संचालन फिर से शुरू करने से पहले आवश्यक रखरखाव जांच चल रही है, लेकिन यात्रियों की यात्रा पूरी करने के लिए तुरंत एक वैकल्पिक विमान की व्यवस्था की गई।



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MILLANIUM POST

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### FOR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS

# DGCA plans to allow import of up to 20 yrs old aircraft

**NEW DELHI:** Aviation watchdog DGCA is set to amend norms to allow airlines to import aircraft that are up to 20 years old at a time when global supply chain woes have been impacting plane deliveries.

Currently, pressurised aircraft that are up to 18 years old are permitted to be imported into the country, subject to certain conditions.

The DGCA has proposed amendments to the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) pertaining to 'Age of Aircraft to be imported for Scheduled/ Non-Scheduled including Charter, General Aviation and other Operations'.

### Closer Look

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- » Currently, pressurised aircraft that are up to 18 years old are permitted to be imported into the country, subject to certain conditions
- » Pressurised aircraft are those that can fly at higher altitudes, generally above 10,000 feet

A senior official said that the draft CAR proposes changes for pressurised aircraft permitted to be imported subject to certain conditions up to 20 years instead of 18 previ-

ously, un-pressurised aircraft up to 25 years instead of 20 previously.

According to the draft CAR, pressurised aircraft intended to be imported and used in pas-

senger services (scheduled/ non-scheduled) and general aviation operation, shall not have completed 20 years of age or 65 per cent of designed economic life in terms of pressurisation cycle, whichever is earlier.

Pressurised aircraft are those that can fly at higher altitudes, generally above 10,000 feet. Narrow-body and wide-body planes used for commercial flights are pressurised aircraft.

Unpressurised aircraft rely on natural atmospheric pressure and can only fly at low altitudes, such as trainer planes. Generally, their alti-

tudes are limited to below 10,000 feet.

"In the case of unpressurised aircraft, the decision will be on a case-by-case basis and on a complete examination of the record of the aircraft being procured. Additionally, the aircraft intended to be imported shall have flown 50 hours during the last six months. However, the Director General of Civil Aviation would not allow such aircraft which are more than 25 years old," the draft CAR said.

There are more than 800 leased aircraft in the country that are used for scheduled and non-scheduled operations. P11

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### 20 साल पुराने विमानों को आयात करा सकेंगी एयरलाइंस डीजीसीए ने नियमों में संशोधन का रखा प्रस्ताव



नई दिल्ली। नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) विमानों के आयात संबंधी नियमों में बदलाव करने जा रहा है। इसके तहत अब एयरलाइंस को 20 साल पुराने विमानों के आयात की अनुमति होगी। वर्तमान में, 18 वर्ष तक पुराने विमानों को ही कुछ शर्तों के साथ देश में आयात करने की अनुमति है। डीजीसीए ने नागर विमानन प्रावधानों (सीएआर) में संशोधन का मसौदा जारी किया है। एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि इस संशोधन मसौदे में यात्री विमानों की अधिकतम आयु सीमा 18 से बढ़ाकर 20 वर्ष और कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ने वाले विमानों के लिए उम्र सीमा 20 वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 25 वर्ष करने का प्रस्ताव है। मसौदे के मुताबिक, यात्री सेवाओं और सामान्य

विमानन संचालन के लिए आयात किए जाने वाले दाबयुक्त विमान 20 वर्ष से अधिक पुराने नहीं होने चाहिए। साथ ही जरूरी है ऐसे विमानों के डिजाइन आर्थिक आयु का 65 प्रतिशत से अधिक उपयोग नहीं हुआ हो। जहां तक प्रशिक्षण व निजी विमानों का सवाल है तो इनके आयात की अनुमति हरेक मामले को ध्यान में रखते हुए दी जाएगी। इसके लिए शर्त यह होगी कि उस विमान ने पिछले छह माह में कम से कम 50 घंटे उड़ान भरी हो। हालांकि 25 साल से अधिक पुराने विमानों का आयात नहीं किया जाएगा।

**पट्टे पर लिए गए 800 से अधिक विमान परिचालन में**

देश में वर्तमान में पट्टे पर लिए गए 800 से अधिक विमान परिचालन में हैं। भारतीय एयरलाइंस अपने बेड़े का तेजी से विस्तार कर रही हैं और 1,400 से अधिक विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया गया है। वैश्विक आपूर्ति शृंखला में व्यवधान के कारण विमानों की आपूर्ति प्रभावित होने से एयरलाइंस अल्पकालिक पट्टे पर विमान ले रही हैं।



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## Flight carrying Odisha CM makes emergency landing:

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*Kolkata, 4 September*

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"All passengers, including chief minister Majhi, are safe,"



an Air India spokesperson said in a statement. "The diversion was due to inclement weather in Bhubaneswar and was carried out as per standard safety procedures."

The incident caused a brief flutter as news spread that the Odisha chief minister was on board. Majhi, who took

office earlier this year, was travelling to Bhubaneswar along with several senior officials. Odisha's urban development minister K C Mahapatra confirmed the development, a source said: "Due to bad weather, the flight could not land at Bhubaneswar airport and was diverted to

Kolkata. The aircraft later resumed its journey, and everyone is safe."

Flight diversions due to weather are not uncommon in eastern India, particularly during the monsoon season, when sudden storms and poor visibility can disrupt operations. However, the presence of a sitting chief minister on board added significance to Friday's incident.

Airport sources in Kolkata said the aircraft underwent a routine check before being cleared to take off again for Bhubaneswar. "There was no mechanical fault. It was purely a weather-related diversion," an official at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport said.

The flight resumed service shortly after refuelling, and passengers disembarked in Bhubaneswar without further delay. No injuries or damages were reported.



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## AI Express glitch

■ **INDORE:** A Delhi-Indore Air India Express flight with 161 passengers on board on Friday suffered an engine fault during its descent at Indore airport, officials said. The plane landed 20 minutes behind schedule after a suspected oil filter issue was detected mid-air. Everyone on board was safe, the officials said. PTI



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## 'Payload cap': IndiGo offloads Army officers' baggage sans notice

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## AI Exp flight suffers midair engine fault

**Indore:** A Delhi-Indore Air India Express flight with 161 passengers had a mid-air engine fault on Friday, which prompted the pilot to make a 'PAN-PAN' call to signal a non-life-threatening emergency. "We took all precautions. The flight landed at city airport with a 20-minute delay," V K Seth, airport director, told TOI.

A Colonel travelling with his colleagues said, "No one informed us, otherwise we could have made arrangements. We have a briefing tomorrow morning, and all our official material is in that baggage."

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## Amid delays in delivery, DGCA to relax import rules for older planes

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Facing delays in global aircraft deliveries, India's aviation regulator is preparing to relax age restrictions on imported planes to give airlines more room to expand their fleets, sources said, adding that comments are invited from stakeholders by September 19.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has released draft changes to its civil aviation requirements (CAR), which propose raising the maximum age limit for aircraft brought into the country.

The revision would allow the import of pressurised aircraft up to 20 years old and unpressurised aircraft up to 25 years

old, subject to safety checks and specific conditions, the sources said.

DGCA chief Fiaz Ahmed Kidwai did not respond to queries. However, as per sources within the aviation watchdog, airlines at present can import pressurised aircraft that are less than 18 years old and up to 20-year-old unpressurised aircraft.

"It has been observed that private operators are keen to

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- At present, airlines can import pressurised aircraft that are less than 18 years old, while unpressurised aircraft are capped at 20 years.
- This has been relaxed to 20 and 25 years, respectively.
- Pressurised aircraft include commercial jets capable of flying above 10,000 feet, while unpressurised planes are restricted to lower altitudes.

bring aircraft which are very old, sometimes exceeding 20 years in age. Normally, jet aircraft manufacturers prescribe a design economic life for their aircraft, which extends to 20 years or 60,000 landings/pressurisation cycles. This is to ensure that the aircraft does not have corrosion, fatigue, metal fatigue, cracks, etc. in areas which are normally not accessible even during major

checks," read the draft document accessed by *The Tribune*.

Under the new proposal, the DGCA has also clarified that pressurised aircraft for scheduled, non-scheduled or general aviation services must not have completed 20 years of age or 65 per cent of their design life in terms of pressurisation cycles, whichever comes first.

The DGCA document further stated that the operator should also import sufficient critical spares recommended by the aircraft manufacturer along with the aircraft, so that the aircraft is maintained in airworthy condition as per the Aircraft Act, Rules and Civil Aviation Requirements issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation.



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## IndiGo flight returns to Kochi after snag

NEW DELHI: An Abu Dhabi-bound IndiGo flight was forced to return to Kochi early Saturday after developing a technical snag mid-air, sources said. Flight 6E-1403, operating on the Kochi-Abu Dhabi route, took off from Cochin International Airport at 11.10 pm on Friday. Two hours later, the pilots detected a technical issue and decided to turn back. **INSIDE**



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## IndiGo's Abu Dhabi flight returns after mid-air snag

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

An Abu Dhabi-bound IndiGo flight was forced to return to Kochi early Saturday after developing a technical snag mid-air, sources said.

Flight 6E-1403, operating on the Kochi-Abu Dhabi route, took off from Cochin International Airport at 11.10 pm on Friday. More than two hours into the journey, the pilots detected a technical issue and decided to turn back. The aircraft, carrying over 180 passengers and six crew members, landed safely in Kochi at 1.44 am on Saturday.

IndiGo later confirmed the incident, saying the return was a precautionary measure. "A technical issue was detected on IndiGo flight 6E 1403 operating from Kochi to Abu Dhabi on September 6. As a precautionary step, the pilots decided to turn back and the aircraft landed safely at Cochin International Airport. While the aircraft is undergoing necessary maintenance checks before resuming operations, an alternative aircraft was promptly arranged for flyers to complete the journey," an airline spokesperson said.

The airline also expressed regret over the disruption, adding: "We regret the inconvenience caused to our customers and made all possible efforts to minimise it."