

Expansion of Coimbatore airport: AAI acknowledges possession of acquired land

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The expansion of the Coimbatore International Airport has got an impetus, with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) officially acknowledging possession of the land acquired by the Tamil Nadu government for the project.

On behalf of the AAI, the then airport director, S. Senthil Valavan, issued a letter of approval on October 18, accepting the land transfer.

The letter, addressed to the District Revenue Officer (DRO), said the AAI received a communication on October 9 to take possession of the 472.325-acre land.

The letter had said that the issues pertaining to the defence and poramboke land and diversion of ser-



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vices, such as roads, overhead electric lines, and water supply, were discussed at a meeting held at the Collectorate on October 5. According to the records, working permission for 148.396 acres of defence land had been given through a communication dated December 15, 2023.

The AAI had expressed its willingness to take possession of the acquired

land based on the decisions taken at the meetings held on October 5 and 15, the letter of approval added.

On Monday, Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa posted on X (formerly Twitter) that Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had fulfilled another election promise of the DMK, made to the people of Coimbatore, by giving the land to the Union government for the airport expansion. The government had acquired the land at a cost of ₹2,088.92 crore.

Mr. Rajaa said that on the advice of the Chief Minister, he held discussions with the DRO and officials of the AAI and Revenue Department on the improvement to roads in the areas around the airport and the development of alternative routes, among other issues.



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AAI confirms possession of land from T.N.

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Kathmandu airport to remain shut for 10 hours daily

KATHMANDU, Nov 5: Starting November 8, Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport will shut down for 10 hours daily for the next five months owing to the maintenance works.

The 10-hour daily closure is aimed at facilitating the construction works relating to expansion of the taxiway.

Both the domestic and international services of the Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) will remain closed from 10 pm to 8 am starting from November 8 till March 31, Bachchu Ram Shrestha, operations manager and acting spokesperson of the TIA, told PTI.

However, this will not affect the operation schedule for helicopters, he added. – PTI



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कोटा एयरपोर्ट यात्रियों के लिए दिसंबर 2027 तक तैयार होगा

नई दिल्ली | दिसंबर 2027 तक कोटा के लोग भी हवाई यात्रा कर सकेंगे। कोटा ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे का डीपीआर बनाने का कार्य लगभग पूरा हो गया है। बुधवार को लोकसभा अध्यक्ष और



कोटा-बूंदी सांसद ओम बिरला की अध्यक्षता में एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई) के चेयरमैन और अधिकारियों के साथ हाईब्रिड मोड में बैठक हुई। इस दौरान राजस्थान राज्य प्रशासन के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी भी थे। प्रस्तावित ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण कार्य को पर्यावरण मंत्रालय से मंजूरी मिल गई है। एएआई अधिकारियों ने बताया कोटा ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण मई 2025 से शुरू होगा और हवाई सेवा दिसंबर 2027 तक होने लगेगा। यह हवाई अड्डा प्रति वर्ष 20 लाख यात्रियों और प्रति घंटे 1,000 यात्रियों की क्षमता प्रदान करेगा। राजस्थान के वन विभाग के हेड ऑफ फॉरेस्ट अरीजीत बनर्जी ने जानकारी दी कि पर्यावरण मंत्रालय से भूमि हस्तांतरण की अनुमति प्राप्त हो गई है। स्पीकर ओम बिरला ने एएआई को निर्देशित किया कोटा एयरपोर्ट में यात्रियों के लिए विश्वस्तरीय सुविधाएं विकसित की जाएं तथा यह प्रावधान रखा जाए कि भविष्य में कोटा से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ाने भी प्रारंभ की जा सकें।

Adani Enterprises Revises Capex Guidance for FY25

Co reduces target to ₹67,000 crore due to prolonged monsoon impact

Nikita Periwal

Mumbai: Adani Enterprises will spend around ₹67,000 crore on capital expenditure in the current fiscal year, as against the ₹80,000 crore it had guided for at the start of the current fiscal, because of an extended monsoon period affecting project schedules. This is the second time in 2024 that the company is cutting its capital expenditure guidance.

In January this year, Adani Enterprises had said that the capex for FY25 would be about

₹92,000 crore, up from ₹33,600 crore in FY24. It cut the guidance to ₹80,000 crore in May and reiterated it in August before the latest revision.

“...the reason why this particular quarter and this half of the year is slightly slower than the remainder is because, as you know, in capex heavy businesses, there's a natural cyclicality in India due to monsoons,” group chief financial officer Robbie Singh told analysts on a call post its quarterly earnings announcement. Monsoon being about six-seven weeks longer than traditional this year has put the company “plus or minus six weeks in terms of the schedule”, he said.

The flagship company of the Adani Group has spent about ₹15,000 crore on capex in the first half of FY25. It will spend ₹28,000 crore in its New Industries segment, ₹16,000 crore on the airports business and around ₹12,000 crore on its roads business this fiscal year. It will also spend ₹5,000 crore on the data centre business and another ₹5,000 crore on other business, Singh said.

It had a net external debt of ₹47,208 crore as of end-September, up from ₹38,035 crore at the end of March.

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Noida airport ops to begin sooner than Apr 17: CEO

NEETIKA JHA
Noida, November 6

THE UPCOMING NOIDA International Airport will begin operations anytime after March 20 next year — ahead of the original April 17 date — said chief executive officer of Noida International Airport (NIAL) Arun Vir Singh on Tuesday.

Singh said procedures to get all necessary approvals have been initiated, and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given its nod for operation of calibration flights.

On Saturday, reports said that preparations for the second stage of trials are set to begin on November 15.

In this stage, flights of Akasa, IndiGo, and flights owned by the Airports Authority of India will take off and land daily till December 15, said Singh.

The process of testing will continue for a month.



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12 smuggled exotic turtles seized at city airport; 2 held

Somendra Sharma

MUMBAI

Mumbai Airport Customs intercepted two passengers arriving from Bangkok, and the examination of their baggage led to the recovery of 12 turtles of exotic species, officials said on Tuesday.

According to Customs sources, on Monday, officers intercepted two passengers arriving from Bangkok based on passenger profiling. Examining their baggage led to the recovery of turtle species.

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Western Region, Navi

Mumbai, identified these species as eight Japanese pond turtle (Mauremys japonica) and four scorpion mud turtle or red-cheeked mud turtle (Kinosternon scorpioides). These turtles are listed in appendix-II of convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) and schedule IV of the newly amended Wildlife (Protection) Act.

The turtles were handed over to the airline staff for deportation to their country of origin. Proceedings against the passengers were initiated



as per the provisions of the Customs Act and Wildlife Protection Act, after which the passengers were arrested.

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Last month, the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the Customs department rescued four endangered hornbill

birds from a Surat-based couple, who tried to smuggle the birds into the country by hiding them in luggage. The couple had arrived from Bangkok. The sources said that each bird is sold for around Rs3 to 4 lakh to high-end customers.

In September, officials arrested two passengers who were attempting to smuggle five juveniles of caiman crocodiles (Caiman crocodylus crocodylus), which were concealed inside a box that had been placed in a passenger's trolley bag who had arrived from Bangkok to Mumbai.



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Nelvoy villagers protest against survey for airport

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Residents of Nelvoy village in Kancheepuram district staged a protest on Tuesday morning against govt officials conducting a socio-economic survey for the proposed Parandur greenfield airport. The villagers refused to give up their land for the project and cooperate with the survey.

State revenue department and TIDCO officials attempted to clarify that they were there to collect details of the residents for the survey. However, the situation escalated, leading to the police detaining 13 villagers.

"We told them they can conduct the survey with villagers who are willing to cooperate. Since no one was cooperating, police arrested us," said P Guna, one of the protestors. "They want to take our land and our livelihood but, so far, they haven't been clear about the compensation," he added.

The greenfield airport at Parandur, which will be the city's second airport, will come up at an estimated cost of ₹32,704 crore. The proposed airport will be developed on a 2,171 hectare land, of which 1,386.43 hectares is agricultural land, 577 hectares is water bodies, and 173 hectares is govt/poromboke land.

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The state govt is likely to float a tender to identify a concessionaire who will develop the airport by early 2025.

A revenue official, who was part of the team that visited Nelvoy village, said they were conducting the socio-economic survey to prepare a rehabilitation and resettlement package and compensation for people affected by the project.

"Except for a few people, every other family cooperated. We completed the survey in more than half the village on Tuesday. We have so far completed the survey in three villages — Nagapattu, Meleri, and Thandalam," the official said. In Oct, residents of Nagapattu village in Kancheepuram district staged a protest when officials arrived to conduct the survey.



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Jordan is the President, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of the board.

Recently, Gangwal purchased shares of Southwest for USD 108 million.

According to seven recent filings made by Southwest to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Gangwal has purchased 3.6 million shares of the airline through multiple transactions, with prices

ranging between USD 29 and USD 30 apiece. Together, shares are worth around USD 108 million and the transactions were done on September 30 and October 1, as per filings.

An aviation industry veteran, Gangwal started his airline career with United Airlines in 1984. He had also served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the US Airways Group. Among other roles, he was also the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Worldspan Technologies.

After completing his BTech in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Kanpur in 1975, Gangwal also earned an MBA degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

In April 2022, Gangwal announced donating Rs 100 crore to IIT Kanpur for setting up the School of Medical Sciences and Technology on the cam-

pus. He is the co-founder of IndiGo, India's largest airline but had a bitter fallout with co-founder Rahul Bhatia and the differences came out in the open in 2019. Gangwal, in February 2022, resigned from the board of directors of InterGlobe Aviation, saying he would gradually reduce his equity stake in the airline over the next 5 years.

In August 2024, Gangwal and his family trust sold a total of 5.83 per cent stake in the carrier for about Rs 10,500 crore.

After the share sale, Gangwal's stake in InterGlobe Aviation – parent of IndiGo – came down to 5.31 per cent from 5.89 per cent while that of Chinkerpoo Family Trust reduced to 8.24 per cent from 13.49 per cent.

The combined shareholding of Gangwal and Chinkerpoo Family Trust has fallen to 13.55 per cent from 19.38 per cent. – PTI



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Ahead of merger, Air India adds resources at airports

Mumbai: Air India will deploy help desk kiosks and support staff to ensure a smooth on-ground experience as it completes the merger with Vistara on November 12. Over 1,15,000 passengers who purchased Vistara tickets before the merger are expected to fly on Air India in the first month. Vistara customers will continue to experience the same in-flight experience as before. The routes, schedule and crew will remain the same. Its airport ticketing offices and check-in counters will sport the Air India brand. OUR BUREAU



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SpiceJet to add 8 new domestic flights



New Delhi: Budget airline SpiceJet said on Wednesday it will expand its domestic network with the launch of eight new flights starting from November 15. The airline said these new routes will connect Jaipur with Varanasi, Amritsar, and Ahmedabad, while also linking Ahmedabad with Pune. OUR BUREAU



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देश में घरेलू हवाई किराया 2019 के मुकाबले 43% बढ़ा

सुरजीत दास गुप्ता | मुंबई

देश में 2019 की तुलना में इस कैलेंडर वर्ष की पहली छमाही घरेलू हवाई किराया 43% बढ़ा है। यह एशिया-पैसिफिक (एपीएसी) रीजन में दूसरी सबसे ज्यादा बढ़ोतरी है। एयरपोर्ट्स काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल (एसीआई) की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक भारत से ज्यादा 63% किराया वियतनाम में बढ़ा है। घरेलू हवाई किराया मलेशिया में 36%, थाईलैंड में 26% और ऑस्ट्रेलिया में 21% बढ़ा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई किराया बढ़ने के मामले में भारत 16% बढ़ोतरी के साथ एपीएसी में तीसरे स्थान पर है। पहले स्थान पर यूएई (22%) और दूसरे पर मलेशिया (21%) हैं। एपीएसी रीजन के 617 एयरपोर्ट्स पर नजर रखने वाली एसीआई ने यह स्टडी की।



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जोधपुर : हवाई सेवाओं के विस्तार के लिए एयरलाइनों से कोर्ट ने मांगा प्रस्ताव

जोधपुर | राजस्थान हाईकोर्ट के वरिष्ठ न्यायाधीश डॉ. पुष्पेन्द्रसिंह भाटी व न्यायाधीश योगेन्द्र कुमार पुरोहित की खंडपीठ ने जोधपुर शहर से अन्य शहरों को जोड़ने के लिए दिन रात की फ्लाइट्स बढ़ाने की याचिका पर सुनवाई करते हुए विभिन्न एयरलाइनों से प्रस्ताव पेश करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। जोधपुर शहर की देश व प्रदेश के अन्य शहरों से एयर कनेक्टिविटी को लिम्बा इंडिया की ओर से दायर जनहित याचिका पर सुनवाई की।



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वाराणसी में दृश्यता कम होने से लखनऊ में उतरे दो विमान

जासं, लखनऊ : मुंबई और दिल्ली से वाराणसी जा रहे दो विमानों की लैंडिंग दृश्यता कम होने के कारण वहां नहीं हो पाई। इसके बाद दोनों विमानों को लखनऊ डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। करीब साढ़े चार घंटे तक दोनों विमान लखनऊ हवाई अड्डे पर खड़े रहे, जिसकी वजह से यात्रियों को बनारस जाने के लिए इंतजार करना पड़ा। वाराणसी में दृश्यता ठीक होने पर उन्हें विमान से वहां भेजा गया।

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस का विमान 6ई-2211 दिल्ली से उड़ान भरकर मंगलवार सुबह 6:10 पर वाराणसी पहुंचा था। वाराणसी में दृश्यता कम थी, इस कारण एटीसी ने विमान को उतरने की अनुमति नहीं दी। इसके बाद विमान को डायवर्ट कर लखनऊ में लैंड कराया गया। इसी तरह इंडिगो का एक अन्य विमान 6ई-371 मुंबई से सुबह 6:30 बजे वाराणसी पहुंचता है, लेकिन इसे भी दृश्यता कम होने के कारण लखनऊ डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। मौसम सही होने पर दिल्ली-

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वाराणसी फ्लाइट को सुबह 11:29 बजे जबकि मुंबई-वाराणसी को सुबह 10:52 बजे लखनऊ से उड़ान भरने की अनुमति दी गई। सोमवार को भी वाराणसी एयरपोर्ट पर कम दृश्यता के कारण एक विमान को लखनऊ डायवर्ट कर दिया गया था। वाराणसी एयरपोर्ट पर कैट-1 श्रेणी का इंस्ट्रूमेंटल लैंडिंग सिस्टम लगा है। इस सिस्टम से 550 मीटर की दृश्यता पर भी विमान को रनवे पर उतारा जा सकता है। हालांकि विमानों में लगे लैंडिंग उपकरण, पायलट के अनुभव और कंपनियों के मैनुअल पर भी कम दृश्यता में उनको रनवे पर उतारने की स्थिति निर्भर करती है। वहीं, लखनऊ के चौधरी चरण सिंह एयरपोर्ट पर कैट-3 श्रेणी के इंस्ट्रूमेंटल लैंडिंग सिस्टम लगे हैं। यह सिस्टम 50 मीटर की दृश्यता पर भी विमानों की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग करवाकर उनको पार्किंग एरिया तक ला सकते हैं।



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Merger with Vistara: AI adds more resources

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AIR INDIA HAS deployed additional resources, including help desk kiosks, at touch points and airports to ensure a smooth experience for Vistara passengers post its merger with the airline next week, an official said on Wednesday.

Full-service carriers—Air India and Vistara, a JV between Tata and Singapore Airlines—are set to be merged on November 12. Post-merger, the routes and schedule operated by Vistara and its in-flight experience will remain the same. Also, Vistara aircraft will be identified by a special four-digit Air India code beginning with the digit '2'.

The official said Air India deployed additional resources across touch points in India, including help desk kiosks, at the curbside before terminal entry at hubs and metro city airports. There will be 'customer support staff wearing 'How may I assist you?' Air India x Vistara branded t-shirts for support', the official added.

The staff will work with airport security to guide customers with old Vistara tickets to the nearest help desk or to AI customer support staff. In due course, Vistara airport ticketing offices and check-in terminals will become that of Air India.

In the first month after the merger, nearly 115,000 passengers with Vistara tickets are expected to fly on unified AI, the official said.



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नई दिल्ली। एयर इंडिया ने अगले सप्ताह विस्तारा के अपने साथ विलय के बाद इस एयरलाइन के यात्रियों की मदद के लिए 'टच पॉइंट' और हवाई अड्डों पर मदद के लिए कियोस्क (हेल्प डेस्क) बनाए हैं। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि विस्तारा के यात्रियों को किसी तरह की असुविधा न हो और उन्हें सहज अनुभव सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अतिरिक्त संसाधन तैनात किए हैं।



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Vistara merger: Air India deploys additional resources

Air India has deployed additional resources like help desk kiosks, at touch points and airports to ensure a smooth experience for Vistara passengers ahead of its merger with the airline next week.

Full-service carriers—Air India and Vistara, a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines—are set to be merged on 12 November. Post-merger, the routes and schedule operated by Vistara and the Vistara in-flight experience will remain the same. Vistara aircraft will be identified by a special four-digit Air India code beginning with the digit '2'. Air India deployed additional resources across touch points in India, including help desk kiosks, at the curbside before terminal entry at hubs and metro city airports.

There will be "customer support staff wearing 'How may I assist you?' Air India x Vistara branded t-shirts for support", the official added.

Besides, the staff will work with airport security to guide customers with old Vistara tickets to the nearest help desk or to Air India customer support staff and deploy advisory on self-service kiosks.

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SpiceJet AGM to be held before 31 Dec

SpiceJet on Wednesday said the annual general meeting for 2023-24 will be held on or before 31 December as the company has been given up to three more months to conduct the meeting. The crisis-hit carrier, which had recently raised ₹3,000 crore, said it had received emails from the BSE regarding the non-submission of the annual report for the financial year ended 31 March.

"In this regard, we wish to inform you that the company has obtained an extension of up to three (3) months from the Registrar of Companies under Section 96 of the Companies Act, 2013, for conducting the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the company for the financial year ended March 31, 2024," it said.

The airline said the annual report for the 2023-24 fiscal will be sent to stakeholders in terms of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Regulation 34 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

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Air India deploys additional resources at touch points, airports to help Vistara passengers

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Air India has deployed additional resources, including help desk kiosks, at touch points and airports to ensure a smooth experience for Vistara passengers post its merger with the airline next week, an official said on Wednesday.

Full-service carriers - Air India and Vistara, a joint venture between Tata and Singapore Airlines - set to be merged on November 11. Post-merger, the routes and schedule operated by Vistara and the Vistara in-flight experience will remain the same. Also, Vistara aircraft will be identified by a special four-

digit Air India code beginning with the digit '2'. The official in the know said Air India deployed additional resources across touch points in India, including help desk kiosks, at the curbside before terminal entry at hubs and metro city airports. There will be "customer support staff wearing 'How

may I assist you?' Air India x Vistara branded t-shirts for support", the official added. In due course, Vistara airport ticketing offices and check-in terminals will become that of Air India. Over the last few months, 2,70,000 customers who had booked Vistara flights have been migrated to Air

India, and more than 4.5 million Vistara loyalty programme members are being migrated to Air India's loyalty programme. There are concerns in certain quarters on whether Vistara passengers will continue to get the same services post-merger as Air India, which is in the transformation phase, has

been facing certain service issues in recent times. The Tata Group-owned Air India has emphasised that the Vistara experience will remain post-merger. The integrated entity will have a fleet of more than 200 planes, offering connectivity to 90 domestic and international destinations.



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विस्तारा विलय : एयर इंडिया ने यात्रियों की मदद के लिए टच पॉइंट बनाए नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

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एयर इंडिया और विस्तारा का 11 नवंबर को विलय हो जाएगा। विस्तारा टाटा और सिगापुर एयरलाइंस के बीच एक संयुक्त उद्यम है। विलय के बाद विस्तारा के परिचालन वाले मार्ग, समयसारिणी और उड़ान के दौरान विमान के अंदर अनुभव समान रहेंगे। विस्तारा विमान को अब '2' अंक से शुरू होने वाले एक विशेष चार अंक के एयर इंडिया कोड से पहचाना जाएगा। मामले की जानकारी रखने वाले अधिकारी ने कहा कि एयर इंडिया ने भारत में टच पॉइंट पर अतिरिक्त संसाधन तैनात किए हैं।



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Rise in number of outgoing fliers

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: For the first time this festival season, the number of people flying out of Calcutta was more than those coming in.

On Monday, 29,514 passengers took off from Calcutta on domestic flights, airport officials said. The number of arrival passengers in the domestic sector was 28,503, said officials.

During the Durga Puja days, the number of outgoing passengers was around 17,000 on each of the four days on an average, said officials. The number of incoming passengers was around 28,000.

Airport and airline officials said this year, the number of outgoing passengers during the festival season was much less than expected.

"This year, the outgoing travel was much less than expected. The fares to desti-

nations like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Bagdogra and Goa were not as exorbitant as it is usually during Durga Puja," said an official of an airline.

"The one-way fares hovered around Rs 10,000 and Rs 12,000 for these destinations instead of Rs 20,000 and above which we used to see," said the airline official.

"Also, there were many in the domestic sector who took other modes of transport like driving their own cars and taking trains apprehending very high fares," he pointed out.

The incoming passenger count in the domestic sector was high because many Calcuttans who work or study in other cities like Bangalore, Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Pune and Mumbai, returned home during the holidays, said airport officials.

From Monday, after the festivities were over, they

started flying back.

Metro had reported how the number of flights have gone up mostly in the domestic sector but the passenger count has not gone up as much.

The high fares were only seen on October 24 and 25 when Calcutta airport was

closed for 13 hours due to Cyclone Dana and more than 300 flights were cancelled. A one-way ticket to Delhi had cost Rs 35,000.

"But that was an exception. The demand this year in the festival season was not what we had expected," said an official of one airline.