

अब हाईटेक निगरानी से लैस होगा आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट

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नई दिल्ली। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा की सुरक्षा को और सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए हाईटेक निगरानी तंत्र विकसित किया जा रहा है। इसके तहत एयरपोर्ट परिसर, केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल कैम्पों और अन्य संवेदनशील क्षेत्रों में अत्याधुनिक सीसीटीवी कैमरे लगाए जाएंगे। इस पहल का उद्देश्य हर गतिविधि पर बारीकी से नजर रखना और संदिग्ध गतिविधियों की तुरंत पहचान करना है।

नई परियोजना के तहत हाई-रिजॉल्यूशन कैमरों का विस्तृत नेटवर्क तैयार किया जाएगा, जो 24 घंटे निगरानी करेगा। इसके लिए निविदा प्रक्रिया शुरू हो चुकी है और जल्द ही चिन्हित स्थानों पर सप्लाय, इंस्टॉलेशन और टेस्टिंग का कार्य शुरू होगा। इससे यात्रियों और कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा और बेहतर सुनिश्चित हो सकेगी।

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हर संवेदनशील
स्थान पर होगी नजर

इस नई निगरानी प्रणाली के तहत एयरपोर्ट के प्रवेश और निकास द्वार, पार्किंग एरिया, कार्गो जोन, रनवे के आसपास के क्षेत्र और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण स्थान कवर किए जाएंगे। सभी कैमरे रियल टाइम मॉनिटरिंग और रिकॉर्डिंग की सुविधा से लैस होंगे। साथ ही आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस और डेटा एनालिटिक्स का उपयोग बढ़ाया जाएगा, जिससे सुरक्षा एजेंसियां संभावित खतरों का पहले ही आकलन कर सकेंगी।

अपराध और घुसपैठ पर लगेगा अंकुश

यह सिस्टम चोरी, अनधिकृत प्रवेश और अन्य अपराधिक गतिविधियों पर प्रभावी नियंत्रण में मदद करेगा। किसी घटना की स्थिति में जांच प्रक्रिया भी तेज और सटीक हो जाएगी, क्योंकि हर गतिविधि का डिजिटल रिकॉर्ड उपलब्ध रहेगा।

अत्याधुनिक फीचर्स से
लैस होंगे कैमरे-

कैमरों में नाइट विजन, मोशन डिटेक्शन और फेस रिकग्निशन जैसी अत्याधुनिक सुविधाएं होंगी। नाइट विजन से रात में भी स्पष्ट निगरानी संभव होगी, जबकि मोशन डिटेक्शन असामान्य गतिविधियों पर तुरंत अलर्ट देगा। फेस रिकग्निशन तकनीक संदिग्ध व्यक्तियों की पहचान में सहायक होगी। इसके साथ ही एयरपोर्ट के कंट्रोल रूम को भी आधुनिक तकनीक से अपग्रेड किया जाएगा।

एकीकृत नेटवर्क के तहत
जोड़ा जाएगा सिस्टम

योजना को चरणबद्ध तरीके से लागू किया जाएगा, ताकि एयरपोर्ट के नियमित संचालन पर कोई प्रभाव न पड़े। इंस्टॉलेशन के बाद पूरे सिस्टम को एकीकृत नेटवर्क से जोड़ा जाएगा। यहाँ से हर साल लगभग 7 से 7.5 करोड़ यात्री यात्रा करते हैं, जबकि रोजाना औसतन 1.8 से 2 लाख यात्रियों का आवागमन होता है। इसलिए सुरक्षा व्यवस्था लगातार अपग्रेड किया जा रहा है।



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AP to speed up Vizag-Bhogapuram airport road connectivity works

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The Andhra Pradesh government is gearing up to provide a connecting road network from Visakhapatnam to the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport.

The greenfield airport, being developed by the GMR Group, is set to begin operations by August. In January, an Air India flight from Delhi landed successfully in Bhogapuram as part of the maiden trial run.

KEY ROADS

According to Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads and Buildings, the Detailed Project Report and elevated express highway from Anandapuram is almost ready and work on main arterial roads from the port city to the airport are currently underway. Bhogapuram is about 60 km away from Visakhapatnam.

The government has iden-



GETTING READY. The greenfield airport, being developed by the GMR Group, is set to begin operations by August.

tified seven key roads for development and upgradation to decongest traffic and improve airport access, while rerouting vehicles from the congested Old National Highway stretch between Gajuwaka and Anandapuram Junction, marked by 12 major junctions, towards the Anakapalli-Anandapuram NH-16 bypass and the Beach Road corridor.

Initially, the airport is being developed with a capacity to handle 6 million passengers per annum, with scope for expansion in line with fu-

ture growth in passenger traffic. The project will also feature an Aerropolis, an aviation hub, and a dedicated state-of-the-art cargo terminal, providing world-class infrastructure for seamless cargo operations.

GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Ltd (GVIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports Ltd, is developing the airport with an investment of around ₹5,000 crore.

For the project, the government has acquired 2,200 acres of land.



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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 300 से ज्यादा उड़ानें विलंबित

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली में मंगलवार को मौसम के अचानक बदले मिजाज ने हवाई यातायात को पूरी तरह अस्त-व्यस्त कर दिया। इससे इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन बुरी तरह प्रभावित रहा। मंगलवार शाम तक एयरपोर्ट पर 300 से अधिक उड़ानें विलंबित रहीं। 22 विमानों को खराब मौसम के चलते दिल्ली में लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं मिली। खराब दृश्यता और रनवे पर तेज हवाओं के कारण एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) ने सुरक्षा के

22 उड़ानों को दिल्ली में लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं मिली, किया गया डायवर्ट

महेंजर विमानों को अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर उतारने के निर्देश दिए। दूसरे शहरों से दिल्ली आ रहे 22 विमानों को जयपुर, लखनऊ, अमृतसर, अहमदाबाद और उदयपुर हवाई अड्डे के लिए डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। मौसम के सामान्य होने पर सभी विमानों को वापस दिल्ली के आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड कराया गया। सबसे अधिक जयपुर हवाई

अड्डे के लिए उड़ानों को डायवर्ट किया गया।

इंडिगो समेत अन्य प्रमुख एयरलाइंस ने इंटरनेट मीडिया के जरिये यात्रियों के लिए एडवाइजरी जारी की है। यात्रियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे एयरपोर्ट के लिए निकलने से पहले अपनी उड़ान की ताजा स्थिति की जांच एप या आधिकारिक वेबसाइट पर जरूर कर लें। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने ग्राउंड स्टाफ की संख्या बढ़ा दी है ताकि यात्रियों को खानपान और सूचना संबंधी सहायता प्रदान की जा सके।

Centre Asks Airports to Reduce Landing and Parking Charges by 25%

AERA move aims to cushion airlines from rising costs amid Iran war, curb fare spike

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: The government Tuesday asked airports to temporarily reduce landing and parking charges at 34 major aerodromes for domestic flights to shield airlines from rising costs amid the Iran war.

The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) in an order said landing and parking charges should be cut by 25% for the next three months.

AERA fixes targets for airport revenue for five years across India based on parameters such as operating costs, depreciation, non-aeronautical revenues, and taxes, and fixes charges through which an airport operator raises revenue.

The authority, in the order reviewed by **ET**, said airports can recoup the charges in the next five years.

Airport charges are one of



the major costs for Indian carriers after fuel and salary expenses.

Last week, oil marketing companies scaled back a move to sharply raise jet fuel rates, with the Centre permitting only a partial increase in rates despite the Iran war triggering a surge in global oil prices.

Such rare moves of government intervention is expected to potentially help avert a spike in domestic airfares just ahead of elections in some states later this month and the peak summer travel season.

The Air India group on Tuesday said it will impose a fuel surcharge ranging from ₹299 to ₹899 for domestic flights and \$24 to \$280 for international flights.

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connectivity

International connectivity from Surat airport shrinks to just two overseas routes

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SURAT

There is some disturbing news for the international travellers in the diamond city of Surat. International connectivity at Surat airport is set to suffer another setback. Air India Express has stopped bookings for flights on the Surat-Bangkok sector from July 1, 2026.

The airline stated that the decision was taken as the route was not profitable. Following this decision, a feeling of anger has spread among the passengers. It is worth mentioning here that a total of 5 international flights were operated from Surat airport, out of which three have been stopped.

The Surat-Bangkok flight used to depart from Surat four days a week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10.50 am and reach Bangkok at 5.10 pm. Now, with the closure of bookings, flights on this route will be completely stopped from July. During the winter schedule, a total of five international flights were operated from here, which included flights to Bangkok, Dubai and Sharjah.

The number of flights in the summer schedule, which was implemented from March 29 to October 24, was reduced to three, two to Dubai and one to Bangkok. However, following the decision to cancel Bangkok flights, only two international flights will now operate from Surat Inter-

national Airport from July.

Earlier, Sharjah flights were also completely cancelled from March 29, while an additional light flight from Dubai was also removed from the schedule. This has also drawn resentment among the locals.

Sanjay Jain of We Work for Working Airports at Surat Group said that after Tata Group's took over Air India, domestic and international flights were gradually reduced. Routes to Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Goa and Sharjah have been closed and frequencies to Bengaluru and Dubai have been reduced. Passengers are becoming the victims of this constant change. Experts believe that if this situation continues, Surat's international connec-



tivity may deteriorate further.

The treatment that is being given to the country's ninth largest city in terms of air services, even by calling it "ignorance", is not enough; this is a clear injustice. Recently, Air India has announced plans to start a new flight between

Delhi-Ludhiana from May 15, 2026, which will use Airbus A320 aircraft. The question is straightforward: why is Surat, which is among the top 10 cities in the country, still not on their priority list? Isn't Surat a part of India?

Interestingly, a city like Ludhiana, whose population is

only around 20-25 lakhs, is getting new flights, while a megacity like Surat with a population of around 90 lakhs is still being ignored. So does Air India have the illusion that a city of 25 lakhs is more profitable than a city of 90 lakhs? Or is there no logic in these decisions?

The reality is that a few years ago, Air India completely sidelined Surat and handed over all its flights to its subsidiary Air India Express. This move clearly indicates that Surat is considered a "budget class city". Today, the situation is such that Air India Express operates limited flights from Surat only to Delhi and Bengaluru, which is also negligible compared to the actual needs of the city.

On the other hand, the country's largest airline IndiGo is operating the most flights from Surat and many of its flights are flying with 90 percent load. Surat airport records an average of 85 percent occupancy every month, the figures are screaming that there is demand, there are passengers, and there are opportunities for development. Then the question becomes more serious, what is the grudge of Air India or its management towards Surat, which provides such strong and continuous traffic?

When both Air India and Air India Express flights operate simultaneously in many cities of the country, why is this model not applicable for Surat?

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से एक साथ दस विमान सेवा शुरू हो सकेंगी एयरपोर्ट पर लखनऊ से अधिक एयरोब्रिज लगे



ग्रेटर नोएडा, प्रमुख संवाददाता। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से एक साथ दस विमान सेवा शुरू हो सकेंगी। यहां 10 एयरोब्रिज लगे हैं, जिसके साथ ही नोएडा एयरपोर्ट सबसे ज्यादा एयरोब्रिज वाला एयरपोर्ट भी है। अब तक यह रिकॉर्ड लखनऊ इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के नाम पर दर्ज था।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से जल्द उड़ान शुरू होने की संभावना है। इसके लिए टर्मिनल भवन के कार्यों को तेजी से पूरा किया जा रहा है। प्रवेश द्वार पर नदियों के बहाव के तर्ज पर लगी छतों को सुधारा जा रहा है। साज-सज्जा भी की जा रही है। बता दें कि लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट में आठ एयरोब्रिज हैं, जिसके माध्यम से यात्रियों को हवाई जहाज के अंदर तक पहुंचाया जाता है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों वाले वाराणसी एयरपोर्ट में सिर्फ चार एयरोब्रिज हैं।

नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बकास) ने पिछले माह एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा मंजूरी और नागरिक उड्डयन महा



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को काम में जुटे कर्मचारी। • हिन्दुस्तान

बनारस के घाटों की झलक

टर्मिनल बिल्डर के प्रवेश द्वार को हरिद्वार और वाराणसी के घाटों का अनुभव देने के लिए तैयार किया गया है। घरेलू टर्मिनल को यूपी की पारंपरिक हवेलियों से प्रेरित होकर डिजाइन किया गया है। यहां सी फीट लंबी चित्रकला भी बनाई गई है।

टर्मिनल अंदर से तैयार

टर्मिनल भवन अंदर से पूरी तरह बनकर तैयार हो चुका है। घरेलू टर्मिनल तैयार है। इसके अलावा टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में चेकइन काउंटर पर 20 से ज्यादा कंप्यूटर सिस्टम लग चुके हैं। यहां पर कर्मचारियों की तैनाती भी कर दी गई है।

निदेशालय ने एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी किया था। दोनों ही दस्तावेज शर्तों के आधार पर जारी किए गए थे। उद्घाटन के बाद अब तेजी से एयरपोर्ट के बचे कार्यों को पूरा किया जा रहा है, ताकि एयरपोर्ट सुरक्षा प्रोग्राम को बकास की

मंजूरी मिल सके। एयरपोर्ट के प्रवक्ता के अनुसार एएसपी मिलने के बाद ही निर्माण कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (यापल) एयरलाइंस के साथ वार्ता करेगी, ताकि टिकट बुकिंग सेवा शुरू की जा सके।



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PARKED INDIGO AIRCRAFT HIT BY VEHICLE AT KOLKATA AIRPORT

NEW DELHI: An IndiGo aircraft was grounded for inspection after an “unmanned third-party vehicle” hit it at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata on Tuesday, the airline said.

“A third-party unmanned vehicle on the apron moved and came in contact with a parked IndiGo aircraft at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata on 7 April 2026. The relevant authorities have been informed,” an IndiGo spokesperson said in a statement issued on Tuesday evening.

“The aircraft is grounded and undergoing thorough inspections and necessary maintenance before being cleared for operations. We will be closely working with the authorities to investigate this. The aircraft was scheduled to operate flight 6E 6663 from Kolkata to Guwahati. An alternate aircraft has been arranged to operate the flight,” it added.

The plane was scheduled to operate flight 6E 6663 from Kolkata to Guwahati, but the airline arranged an alternate aircraft to operate the service.

PTI

Airport landing, parking charges reduced by 25% in relief for airlines

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NEW DELHI: The government on Tuesday directed the airport tariff regulator to reduce landing and parking charges at all major airports by 25%, offering airlines a measure of relief as the West Asia conflict continues to drive up fuel costs and disrupt routes.

The Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA), acting on the government directive, issued an order on Tuesday that came into immediate effect, reducing aeronautical tariffs at major airports for all domestic flights for three months. The authority said it acted "in view of the ongoing West Asia crisis," invoking powers under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008. The decision will be reviewed before the three months are up; any revenue shortfall for airports will be recovered in the next tariff cycle.

The order comes as airlines face one of the steepest fuel cost environments in years. Global jet fuel prices have nearly doubled in a month—rising from \$99.40 per barrel at the end of February to \$195.19 for the week ending March 27, a surge of close to 100%, as per IATA data cited by Air India. The refinery margin, or crack spread, compounded the shock, nearly tripling from \$27.83 to \$81.44 per barrel in the same period.

The government has also tried to limit the impact on domestic



The tariffs have been cut for all domestic flights for three months.

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passengers. Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) was hiked by 8.5% on April 1—with the government passing on only a partial, staggered increase of 25% of the actual rise—to prevent a sharper spike in domestic airfares. Both Air India and IndiGo have nonetheless revised their fuel surcharges.

Air India's domestic revisions, effective April 8, move from a flat surcharge to a distance-based structure: passengers on routes up to 500 km will pay an additional ₹299 per sector, rising to ₹899 for sectors above 2,000 km.

On international routes, surcharges range from ₹24 for SAARC destinations (excluding Bangladesh) to \$280 for North America and Australia, with most changes taking effect April 8 and select long-haul routes revised from April 10. Air India said the international surcharges still do not fully offset the fuel cost increase. IndiGo also announced revised surcharges on Monday for domestic and international routes, effective April 12.

More than 10,000 flights to West Asia have been cancelled since February 28, Asangba Chuba Ao, joint secretary in the civil aviation ministry, said at an inter-ministerial briefing on Tuesday. Daily India-Gulf flights, which had averaged 300–350, have fallen to 80–90. To maintain supply chains, the government has granted special dispensations to Emirates, Kuwait Airways and Jazeera to operate passenger aircraft on all-cargo services.

Indian carriers face an additional asymmetry in Dubai. The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), comprising Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, wrote to the ministry last week flagging that Dubai Airport authorities had mandated flight cancellations for foreign carriers through the Northern Summer 2026 season—from April 20 to May 31—limiting them to one rotation per day at both Dubai International (DXB) and Al Maktoum International (DWC). UAE-based carriers face no equivalent curbs on their India operations and have resumed normal schedules.

FIA asked the ministry to take up the matter with Dubai authorities and seek the immediate removal of the restrictions. It also requested that, if no relief is granted, the government consider reciprocal measures—limiting Dubai carrier operations in India to match the seat capacity Indian airlines are permitted to deploy to Dubai.



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25% cut in flight landing, parking charges at airports for 3 months

Mumbai: In a major relief to airlines, airport tariff regulator Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) on Tuesday announced a 25 per cent reduction in landing and parking charges across major airports.

This reduction, which comes into immediate effect, will be applicable to all domestic flights for a period of three months, AERA said in an order.

The tariff follows the government's directive to the authority in view of the ongoing West Asia

crisis, the order stated.

"Landing and parking charges (part of aeronautical tariff) at all major airports shall be reduced by 25 per cent from the prevailing tariff. This reduction shall take effect immediately and will be applicable on all domestic flights for a period of three months," AERA stated in the order. "After due consideration, the Authority has decided to implement the directions issued by the government," it said. PTI

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए 130 मीटर रोड से बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 7 अप्रैल(नवोदय टाइम्स): नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के उद्घाटन होने के बाद बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी देने की कवायद तेज कर दी गई है। ग्रेटर नोएडा से नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को 130 मीटर रोड के जरिए जोड़ने के लिए शासन से हरी झंडी मिल गई है। जमीन अधिग्रहण के लिए पीछे हुए बोर्ड बैठक में बजट का

प्रस्ताव प्राधिकरण की तरफ से रखा चुका है। जिसके बाद यमुना प्राधिकरण ने इस रोड के निर्माण के लिए तेजी से कार्य करना शुरू कर दिया है। यह रोड यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे का भी बड़ा विकल्प बन सकता है। बिना टोल दिए लोगों को एयरपोर्ट पहुंचना आसान हो जाएगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए यमुना प्राधिकरण अधिक से अधिक सुगम और आसान कनेक्टिविटी देना चाहता है। प्राधिकरण यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे, 60 मीटर रोड के अलावा 130 मीटर रोड को भी ग्रेटर नोएडा

एयरपोर्ट से जोड़ने की तैयारी है। ईस्टर्न पेरिफेरल के सिरसा गांव से एयरपोर्ट तक 130 मीटर रोड का



शासन से हरी झंडी मिलने के बाद निर्माण की कवायद तेज

निर्माण किया जाना है। इसका फायदा यह होगा कि फिल्म सिटी, कंपनियां और आवासीय सेक्टर इसे जुड़ेंगे। साथ ही दिल्ली, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, नोएडा और गाजियाबाद के लिए एक ओर रास्ता मिल जाएगा। इसके

अलावा यमुना क्षेत्र के सेक्टर 1-8 और अन्य के लिए बेहतर विकल्प बनेगा। इसके अलावा दिल्ली-मुंबई

एक्सप्रेस-वे के अलावा बुंदेलखंड एक्सप्रेस-वे को भी इससे जोड़ा जाएगा।

प्राधिकरण अपने कई सेक्टरों को भी जोड़ेगा: इतना ही नहीं, यमुना प्राधिकरण आने वाले समय में कई ओर नए सेक्टरों को भी 130

मीटर रोड से जोड़ने की तैयारी कर रहा है। बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी देने के लिए सेक्टरों के लिए छह से अधिक रोड भी बनाई जाएगी। छह से अधिक रोड का फायदा रबूपुरा और जेवर क्षेत्र के गांवों को भी होगा।

दिल्ली और वेस्ट यूपी की राह होगी आसान

यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे का बड़ा विकल्प बन सकता है। यह एयरपोर्ट को गाजियाबाद के एनएच-24 को जोड़ेगा। वेस्ट यूपी, दिल्ली, गाजियाबाद से एयरपोर्ट की तरफ जाने वाले लोग ग्रेटर नोएडा से होते हुए वहां आसानी के साथ पहुंच जाएंगे। साथ ही यमुना एक्सप्रेस-वे पर इससे वाहनों का दबाव कम होगा। यह सिकंदराबाद और बुलंदशहर को भी कनेक्ट करेगा।



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हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट के एयरोब्रिज की छत का हिस्सा यात्री के सिर पर गिरा

हैदराबाद, 7 अप्रैल (एजेंसी):
हैदराबाद हवाई अड्डे के एयरोब्रिज की
छत से धातु का एक बड़ा हिस्सा एयर
इंडिया एक्सप्रेस यात्री के सिर पर गिर
गया, जिससे उसे आंतरिक चोटें आईं।
भारत आए अमरीकी नागरिक दीपक
अडोनी (63) ने बताया कि वह
बंगलुरु से आए थे।

अडोनी ने कहा, "मैंने कुछ कदम
ही बढ़ाए थे कि भारी पैनल मेरे सिर
पर गिर गया।" उनके पीछे मौजूद
एक युवती जैनब सैयद, उनकी मदद
के लिए दौड़ी और जब वह एयरोब्रिज
की दीवार पर झुक गए तो उसने मदद
की गुहार लगाई। 30 मिनट बाद
अडोनी को अस्पताल ले जाया गया।



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उत्तर प्रदेश मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक में लिए गए कई अहम फैसले हवाई अड्डे की तर्ज पर 49 और बस अड्डे बनाए जाने के प्रस्ताव मंजूर

लखनऊ, 7 अप्रैल (एजेंसी) : उत्तर प्रदेश मंत्रिमंडल ने राज्य में हवाई अड्डे जैसी जन सुविधाओं से लैस 49 नये बस अड्डों का निजी-सार्वजनिक भागीदारी (पीपीपी) मॉडल पर निर्माण कराये जाने के प्रस्ताव को मंगलवार को मंजूरी दे दी।

परिवहन राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) दयाशंकर सिंह ने मंत्रिमंडल की बैठक में लिये गये इस निर्णय की जानकारी देते हुए प्रेस वार्ता में बताया कि प्रदेश में पीपीपी मॉडल पर 49 और बस अड्डों के निर्माण से सम्बन्धित प्रस्ताव को मंत्रिमंडल ने मंजूरी दे दी है। उन्होंने बताया कि पहले चरण में 23 बस अड्डों को बनाने

- छात्र-छात्राओं को मिलेंगे 25 लाख टैबलेट, मंत्रिमंडल ने दी मंजूरी
- शिक्षा मित्रों और अनुदेशकों के मानदेय में होगी बढ़ोतरी

की मंजूरी कैबिनेट से मिल चुकी थी, जिनमें लखनऊ, कानपुर तथा आगरा के 3-3 बस अड्डे शामिल हैं। इन बस अड्डों पर वीआईपी लाउंज, रेस्तरां और सिनेमा हॉल समेत वे सभी सुविधाएं होंगी जो हवाई अड्डों पर मिलती हैं। गोमती नगर में एक हजार करोड़ की लागत से बस अड्डा बनाया जा रहा है।



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BANGALORE

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Probe against BIAL staffer to continue

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The high court Monday refused to interfere in the investigation against a Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) staffer accused of sexually harassing a South Korean woman passenger at Kempegowda International Airport.

Justice M Nagaprasanna dismissed a petition filed by Mohammed Affan Ahmed, a 25-year-old ground staffer who had chal-

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lenged the FIR registered by BIAL police. "At immigration, you made a South Korean woman stand in a T position and touched her. Tell me, should you be spared?" the judge asked during the hearing.

Referring to the complaint, the court said the woman had detailed the alleged acts. "Why did you take her to the gents' toilet? The justification is that the ladies' toilet was occupied. You take her to the gents' toilet, make her stand in T position, and touch her. What sort of an officer are you?" the judge asked before dismissing the petition.

Ahmed had sought quashing of the FIR and proceedings pending before the JMFC court in Devanahalli.



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HYDERABAD

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Chartered flight stranded on taxiway

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: A chartered flight experienced a technical glitch shortly before takeoff at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, remaining stranded on the taxiway for a few minutes. Another flight which was cleared for landing at the airport was then asked to do a go-around (circle airport) until the chartered flight had cleared the taxiway.

The chartered flight - a Beech King Air B200 with the tail number VT-REM - was scheduled to fly from RGIA to Raipur. However, it had to be towed back to the apron after encountering a glitch.

Direct Gurugram-Jewar bus service in the works to boost airport connectivity

Move to provide cheaper, faster alternative to cab, Metro journeys

SUMEDHA SHARMA

NOIDA, APRIL 7

In a major step towards improving regional connectivity ahead of the operational expansion of Noida International Airport, Jewar, Haryana Roadways is planning to launch a direct bus service between Gurugram and the airport. The move aims to offer residents with a cost-effective and hassle-free alternative to expensive cabs and time-consuming metro rides. At present, there is no direct public transport link between Gurugram and the upcoming airport, forcing passengers to either rely on private taxis or take long, multi-modal metro journeys via Delhi. Officials said the proposed bus service would significantly cut travel costs. Cab fare to Jewar airport can run high, especially during peak hours, and the bus service is expected to provide a budget-friendly alternative. Additionally, the route is being designed to avoid major congestion points, ensuring smoother and faster connectivity.

“The idea is to provide a seamless, direct link so that passengers do not have to navigate through multiple inter-



A view of the newly constructed Noida International Airport.

changes or spend heavily on taxis,” a senior official said.

According to departmental sources, a joint team has already conducted a detailed survey of road conditions, potential stoppages, and projected passenger demand. The findings will help finalise routes, fare structures, and bus frequency.

Authorities believe that once the Jewar airport becomes fully operational, a large number of passengers from Gurugram and nearby

areas will opt for it, making efficient connectivity critical.

To fast-track the project, a high-level meeting was scheduled in Palwal today, with officials from Gurugram, Faridabad, Palwal and Ballabhgarh set to participate.

The meeting will review the survey report, and take final decisions on operational aspects such as bus numbers, ticket pricing, and timetables.

Officials noted that the new service would help ease congestion at Indira Gandhi Inter-

national Airport by offering NCR residents, especially those from Gurugram, a viable alternative.

With Jewar emerging as a major aviation hub, seamless road connectivity is expected to play a key role in shifting passenger traffic. Once launched, the Gurugram-Jewar direct bus service is likely to transform airport travel for thousands of daily commuters, making it faster, more affordable, and significantly more convenient.



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Air India CEO Campbell Wilson quits, to serve till new CEO is appointed

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

Air India chief executive officer and managing director, Campbell Wilson on Tuesday resigned from his post. He will remain in the role until his successor is announced and in place.

Air India in a statement said that Wilson had conveyed his intention to step down in 2026 to Air India chairman N. Chandrasekaran in 2024 itself and, since then, he has been working to ensure the organisation and leadership team is on a stable footing for the transition.

In a message to the Air India staff, Wilson said it was the right time to hand over the reins for the airline's next phase of growth.

"The four years since Air India's privatisation has seen the acquisition and successful merger of four airlines, an evolution from public to private sector practices along with renewal of the leadership team, workforce, culture and ways of operating. It has seen modernisation of systems, launch of new physical products, and deployment of elevated service standards on ground and in the air, as

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• He has overseen Air India's privatisation, acquisition and merger of four airlines.

I wish to record my deep appreciation for Campbell's leadership and contribution over past 4 yrs.

— N. CHANDRASEKARAN,
Chairman, Air India

IT HAS been a true honour to play a small part in this latest chapter of Air India's long history, and I will continue to be an enthusiastic supporter of this wonderful organization and its people.

— CAMPBELL WILSON,
CEO & MD, Air India



well as 100 additional aircraft added to the fleet. The full interior refit of legacy narrowbody aircraft has all-but been completed, with deliveries of widebody aircraft with new custom-designed interiors now underway," Wilson said.

"With these foundational blocks now settling and a brief window until deliveries from the nearly 600-strong aircraft orderbook commence in earnest from 2027, the time is right for me to hand over the reins for the next phase of Air India's rise," he added.

"It is worth acknowledging the numerous external challenges navigated

by the Air India team, including prolonged post-Covid supply chain constraints that have impacted delivery of new aircraft and retrofit programmes as well as major geopolitical and other headwinds. Campbell and team demonstrated tenacity and resolve and have aligned an organisation drawn from many backgrounds behind the shared goal of building the new Air India that is now emerging," Chandrasekaran said.

Meanwhile, Air India Tuesday hiked airfare by ₹300-900 hike following government's decision to cap domestic ATF price hike at 25 per cent.



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AMAR UJALA

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एअर इंडिया के सीईओ विल्सन का इस्तीफा, उत्तराधिकारी की तलाश तेज

मुंबई। एअर इंडिया के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) एवं प्रबंध निदेशक कैपबेल विल्सन ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। एयरलाइन ने उनके उत्तराधिकारी की तलाश के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया है।

न्यूजीलैंड मूल के विल्सन पिछले चार वर्ष से टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एअर इंडिया के सीईओ एवं प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में कार्य कर रहे हैं। नए उत्तराधिकारी की घोषणा होने तक वह पद पर बने रहेंगे। इस साल भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र में यह दूसरा बड़ा नेतृत्व



परिवर्तन है। हाल ही में इंडिगो ने विली वॉल्श को नया सीईओ नियुक्त किया था। अपने इस्तीफे में विल्सन ने कहा कि एअर इंडिया के विकास के अगले चरण के लिए बागडोर सौंपने

का यह सही समय है। टाटा ग्रुप के 2022 में एअर इंडिया के अधिग्रहण के बाद विल्सन को जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई थी। उनका इस्तीफा ऐसे समय हुआ है जब कंपनी घाटे, परिचालन चुनौतियों और बढ़ती नियामकीय सख्ती से जूझ रही है। एअरसी

पश्चिम एशिया संकट : उड़ानों पर पड़ी मार एअर इंडिया समूह ने बढ़ाया ईंधन सरचार्ज, टिकट आज से होंगे महंगे

नई दिल्ली। पश्चिम एशिया में जारी सैन्य संघर्ष का असर अब हवाई सफर पर पड़ने लगा है। एअर इंडिया समूह ने मंगलवार को अपनी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन अधिभार (सरचार्ज) बढ़ाने का फैसला किया है। घरेलू उड़ानों पर 299 से 899 रुपये और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन अधिभार 24 डॉलर (करीब 2,233 रुपये) से 280 डॉलर (करीब 26,056 रुपये) तक हो सकता है।

नई दरें 8 अप्रैल से लागू होंगी। यह बदलाव एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानों पर भी लागू होगा। एअर इंडिया ने बताया कि यह फैसला ईंधन यानी एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की बढ़ती कीमतों के कारण लिया गया है। हाल के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर जेट फ्यूल की कीमत करीब दोगुनी हो गई है। अब घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए पहले की तरह एक तय शुल्क के बजाय दूरी के हिसाब से सरचार्ज लिया जाएगा। हालांकि, बांग्लादेश, जापान, हांगकांग और दक्षिण कोरिया जैसे कुछ रूट पर नए शुल्क की जानकारी बाद में दी जाएगी। एअर इंडिया समूह ने कहा कि एटीएफ कुल खर्च का 40-45% हिस्सा होता है और इसकी कीमत में तेजी से बढ़ोतरी से एयरलाइंस पर भारी दबाव पड़ा है। कंपनी के अनुसार, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में बढ़ा हुआ सरचार्ज भी पूरी लागत को कवर नहीं कर पा रहा है, इसलिए एअर इंडिया अभी भी खर्च का एक बड़ा हिस्सा खुद वहन कर रही है। यूरो

अब तक भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की 10,000 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली। पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध और तनाव ने भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र को गहरे संकट में डाल दिया है। संघर्ष शुरू होने से अब तक भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की 10,000 से अधिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द हो चुकी हैं। हवाई क्षेत्र (एयरस्पेस) पर प्रतिबंधों के कारण न केवल उड़ानें बाधित हुई हैं, बल्कि यूरोप और अमेरिका जाने वाले विमानों को भी लंबे रास्तों का सहारा लेना पड़ रहा है। नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असांगबा चुबा आओ ने संवाददाता



■ तनाव से पहले रोजाना 350 उड़ानें होती थीं संचालित
■ अब 80 से 90 रह गईं

सम्मेलन के दौरान बताया कि पश्चिम एशिया के लिए पहले रोजाना 350 उड़ानें संचालित होती थीं, जो अब घटकर केवल 80 से 90 रह गई हैं। यह वैश्विक विमानन नेटवर्क में एक अभूतपूर्व व्यवधान है। चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए सरकार ने कई महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाए हैं। लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों के लिए पायलटों के उड़ान ड्यूटी समय सीमा (एफडीटीएल) नियमों में 30 अप्रैल तक अस्थायी ढील दी गई है, ताकि क़ू की कमी न हो। यूरो



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Improving safety in Indian aviation

GVG Yugandhar

The positivity over Indian aviation was shattered by the crash of a chartered aircraft on January 28. Only the previous day, domestic MRO (Major Repair and Overhauling) companies, operators and global manufacturers, at the Business Aviation Conference prior to Wings India 2026 in Hyderabad, projected a 10X growth of aircraft for India. Catastrophic accidents occur whenever any individual undermines the systems in place and ignores the information available. Similarly, the information overload can be prevented by simplifying the process. Safety is a subset of productivity which is a subset of industrial engineering.

The system has to be strengthened through individual, information and safety protocols. For transport safety in general and aviation safety in particular lessons from previous accidents need to be learnt. Surveillance audit by the regulator has to be data driven,

automated, focussed on core issues and provide out-of-box solutions to ease the operators' workload.

Aircraft manufacturers are advised to establish pilot, maintenance engineer training and authorised maintenance centres with reliable spare support for the entire lifecycle of aircraft fleets through local collaborations.

REGULATORY REFORMS

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has established a dedicated helicopters directorate, considering the growth opportunities and safety challenges. The directorate needs to review SOPs, which should be on a par with global standards, and enhance ease of helicopter operations. The induction of officers with Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineers (GATE) qualification and in-house training on the role for which they are going to be employed must be considered.

These officers need to be given international exposure through



SAFETY. Learning lessons from previous accidents vital

Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). Courses under USOAP can be conducted for professionals of Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Directorate General Civil Aviation (DGCA), Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Airline Operators by Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU) in collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The trained

officers get an opportunity to audit facilities of other member-states and gain experience in improving their own facilities.

A cadre of technicians is to be created to run the base workshops where the basic material, fuel and black box tests are conducted.

Indian aviation has benefitted greatly from induction of technicians and pilots from the Indian Air Force (IAF) during the 2000-2010 decade. The skills, discipline and commitment of these professionals have immensely contributed in sustaining the growth during the initial phase.

Currently, the phenomenal expansion of the aviation ecosystem requires absorption of these skilled professionals who complete their short-term engagement after 5-10 years in the IAF. It will be a win-win situation for the individuals and for the aviation ecosystem in India.

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Pilot duty hour norms eased for long-haul flights

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The aviation regulator has temporarily relaxed pilot flight duty time limitations (FDTL) for long-haul flights in response to ongoing global aviation disruptions.

The Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) extended the FDTL for long-haul operations to accommodate longer flying routes caused by airspace restrictions over the Gulf region.

FDTL are regulatory norms that govern how long pilots and crew can be on duty, including total flight time and mandatory rest periods, in order to manage fatigue and ensure safety.

Under the temporary dispensation, flight time has been extended by 1 hour and 30 minutes to 11-and-a-half hours, while the flight duty period has been increased by

TEMPORARY DISPENSATION

- Flight time has been extended by 1 hour and 30 minutes to 11-and-a-half hours
- The flight duty period has been increased by 1 hour and 45 minutes for select operations
- The relaxation provides flexibility in crew deployment



1 hour and 45 minutes for select operations.

Besides, the relaxation provides flexibility to crew deployment, including permitting some long-haul flights to operate with two pilots and easing roster constraints.

LONG-HAUL OPS

The move has been applied to Air India's long-haul operations and has a broader impact across Indian carriers

operating international routes. "It will be revisited — we still have some time and, of course, it's an evolving situation," said Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary (Aviation), Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"As the situation evolves and as we take into consideration what happens in the coming days, this dispensation will be relooked at and, if required, we will take the necessary call at that point of

time. It's till the end of April as of now."

Per industry insiders, the West Asia crisis has forced airlines to take longer routes over the Red Sea and Egypt to reach destinations in Europe and North America.

These detours have resulted in higher fuel burn and longer flight durations, significantly increasing operating costs.

FINANCIAL STRAIN

Earlier, India-based carriers had warned of potential flight cuts, fleet groundings and job losses, citing mounting financial strain driven by high aviation turbine fuel prices, a weak rupee and high airport charges.

Before the disruptions, Indian airlines operated 300-350 daily flights to the Gulf region. This number has now dropped to approximately 90, with cancellations driven by the prevailing situation.



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Board to firm up transition plan as Air India CEO Wilson resigns

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Veteran aviation executive Campbell Wilson resigned as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Air India, the airline said on Tuesday.

It stated that Wilson will continue in his current role until a successor is appointed and assumes charge. The move formalises a leadership transition that has been under discussion since 2024.

Air India Chairman N Chandrasekaran said, "On behalf of the board, I wish to record my deep appreciation for Campbell's leadership and contribution over the past four years. In addition to the progress mentioned, it is also worth acknowledging the numerous external chal-

lenges navigated by the Air India team, including prolonged post-Covid supply chain constraints that have impacted delivery of new aircraft and retrofit programmes as well as major geopolitical and other headwinds. Campbell and his team have demonstrated tenacity and resolve and have aligned an organisation drawn from many backgrounds behind the shared goal of building the new Air India that is now emerging."

Meantime, the Air India board constituted a committee that will find a successor in the coming months.

As per Air India, Wilson conveyed his intention to step down to Tata Sons Chairman Chandrasekaran in 2024 and has since been working towards organisational stability and leader-

ship readiness. Sources indicated to *businessline* that the decision was communicated to the board last week (March 30), with a formal transition roadmap expected to be taken up at a board meeting scheduled for early May.

CHALLENGING YEAR

The development comes after a challenging year (2025). A combination of airspace closures across Pakistan, Iran and Iraq, geopolitical tensions affecting travel demand, and the AI171 incident resulted in operational disruptions.

Financially, the airline is estimated to be facing losses in the range of ₹8,000-10,000 crore for FY26.

According to sources, the situation even prompted the board to review its profitabil-



Campbell Wilson was appointed CEO & MD of Air India in 2022, after Tata Group reacquired the airline

ity strategy, with the possibility of moving away from the earlier "Road to Profitability" framework.

Meanwhile, in an internal communication to employees, Wilson outlined the progress made since the airline's privatisation. He cited the merger of four airlines, mod-

ernisation of systems and processes, fleet expansion, and investments in training and maintenance infrastructure as key milestones.

Besides, he added that the airline had inducted over 100 aircraft, initiated infrastructure projects, including a large training academy, and enhanced service and operational standards.

FLEET EXPANSION

Referring to the upcoming phase of fleet expansion, he said the timing was appropriate to transition leadership ahead of bulk aircraft deliveries expected from 2027.

Further, he acknowledged operational challenges, including supply chain constraints, aircraft delivery delays, geopolitical developments and airspace restrictions. Wilson noted the role

of employees in managing these disruptions.

Earlier this year, he spoke to *businessline* about the progress made under the Vihaan.AI programme, and Air India's multi-year turnaround plan "that was largely on track". A majority of the 22 identified lines of improvement are expected to be completed within the originally envisaged FY27-28 timeline. His successor will face a tough operating environment, with jet fuel prices likely to remain at elevated levels and the restoration of the international network contingent on an early resolution of the Gulf crisis.

Wilson was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Air India in 2022, shortly after the Tata Group reacquired the airline from the government.



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Air India CEO resigns, board forms panel to find successor

ANINDYA KAWALE
Mumbai, 7 April

Air India is scouting for a successor to lead the airline after Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) Campbell Wilson formally resigned on Tuesday.

The Air India Board has constituted a committee to find a successor for Wilson in the coming months. He will continue to remain the airline's chief until a successor is appointed.

His resignation comes at a time when the airline has come under scrutiny following the crash that killed 260 people in Ahmedabad last year.

Air India continues to post mounting losses even as it presses on with an ambitious fleet expansion, network growth and service overhaul.

Wilson had conveyed his intention to step down in 2025 to Air India Chairman N. Chandrabosekaran in 2024, Air India said in a statement.

"It is also worth acknowledging the numerous external challenges navigated by the Air India team, including prolonged post-Covid supply chain constraints that have impacted delivery of new aircraft and retrofit programs as well as major geopolitical and other headwinds," Chandrabosekaran said in the statement.

Since Wilson's appointment in 2022, the airline underwent major changes.

This included the merger of full-service airlines Air India and Vistara, following the merger of low-cost airlines Air India Express and AIK Connect (formerly Air Asia India) in 2024.

"It has seen the complete modernisation of systems, the launch of new physical products, and deployment of elevated service standards on ground and in the air, as well as 100 additional aircraft added to the fleet. The full interior refit of legacy narrow-body aircraft has all-but been completed, with deliveries of widebody aircraft with new custom-designed interiors now underway," Wilson said



What's next

- Air India Board has constituted a committee to find a successor to Wilson Campbell in the coming months
- Campbell to remain the airline's chief until a successor is appointed
- Resignation comes at a time when the airline has come under scrutiny following the crash that killed 260 people in Ahmedabad
- Time is right for me to hand over the reins for the next phase of Air India's rise, said Campbell

in a statement.

Air India has a fleet of 191 planes and has placed orders for 570 aircraft. Orders for 470 aircraft, which included a mix of Airbus and Boeing jets, were placed in 2023, with the remaining placed in 2024.

"With these foundational blocks now settling and a brief window until deliveries from the nearly 600-strong aircraft orderbook commence in earnest from 2027, the time is right for me to hand over the reins for the next phase of Air India's rise," he added.

Airline to impose fuel surcharge on domestic, int'l flights

The Air India group on Tuesday said it will impose fuel surcharge ranging from ₹299 to ₹899 for domestic flights and \$24 to \$280 for international flights (excluding some routes).

The revised fuel surcharge, effective from April 8 will be applicable for flights operated by the airline's low-cost subsidiary Air India Express as well, Air India said in a statement. Revisions to fuel surcharge on flights to and from Bangladesh and Far East destinations such as Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea, will be advised in due course subject to the requisite regulatory approvals, it said. Following the government's decision to cap domestic Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price hike at 25 per cent, the airline has adopted this calibrated approach, transitioning from a flat domestic surcharge to a distance-based grid, Air India said. Further, in the absence of any mitigation on international ATF prices, the group will be implementing more significant changes to fuel surcharges. **PTI**

Air India's budget airline Air India Express saw the exit of its MD and CEO Alok Singh, who joined IndiGo as its chief strategy officer last month.

Meanwhile, India's largest airline IndiGo has also seen the resignation of its CEO, Pieter Elbers, after an operational meltdown four months ago led to the cancellation of thousands of flights.

The airline appointed William Walsh, director general of International Air Transport Association (IATA), as its CEO.



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DGCA relaxes pilot duty time limitation for long-haul services

Airline regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has temporarily relaxed pilot flight duty time limitation (FDTL) for long-haul flights, a senior official said on Tuesday. The DGCA move is aimed at ensuring pilot availability for smooth operations, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Asangba Chuba Ao, told reporters during a media briefing.



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Domestic carriers have cancelled over 10,000 int'l flights since Iran war

Indian carriers have cancelled over 10,000 flights since the onset of the West Asia conflict, as escalating tensions and airspace curbs disrupted international operations, a government official said. The closures of key transit corridors forced airlines to suspend or reroute services, particularly on long-haul routes to Europe and North America.

"On an average, Indian carriers used to fly about 300 to 350 flights daily to the Middle East (both ways put together). Today that number has come down to 80-90. That takes the total (flights cancelled by Indian carriers) since the beginning of the situation, that is from February 28, to over 10,000," Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, said at a news briefing on West Asia developments.

To deal with the situation, the DGCA granted a temporary relaxation in Flight Duty Time Limitations for pilots operating long-haul flights, primarily to address operational disruptions and pilot shortages. २१

एयर इंडिया के सीईओ ने दिया इस्तीफा

अजिंक्य कावले
मुंबई, 7 अप्रैल

देश की प्रमुख विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया अपने मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) और प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) कैपबेल विल्सन के मंगलवार को औपचारिक रूप से इस्तीफा दे दिया। इसके बाद विमानन कंपनी का अगला प्रमुख ढूंढ रही है।

विमानन कंपनी ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया के बोर्ड ने विल्सन के उत्तराधिकारी को ढूंढने के लिए एक समिति गठित की है जो आने वाले महीनों में इसका चयन करेगी।

विल्सन तब तक विमानन कंपनी के प्रमुख बने रहेंगे जब तक उनका उत्तराधिकारी नियुक्त नहीं हो जाता।

विल्सन का इस्तीफा उस समय आया है जब विमानन कंपनी को अहमदाबाद में पिछले साल हुए विमान दुर्घटना के बाद जांच का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, जिसमें 260 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी।

इसके अलावा एयर इंडिया लगातार नुकसान दर्ज कर रही है। हालांकि यह साथ ही अपने विमानन बेड़े के विस्तार, नेटवर्क में वृद्धि और सेवा में सुधार पर भी काम कर रही है। एयर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा कि विल्सन ने 2024 में ही एयर इंडिया के अध्यक्ष एन. चंद्रशेखरन को 2026 तक इस्तीफा देने की अपनी इच्छा जताई थी।

चंद्रशेखरन ने बयान में कहा, 'यह भी सराहनीय है कि एयर इंडिया टीम ने कई बाहरी चुनौतियों का सामना किया जिसमें कोविड के बाद आपूर्ति श्रृंखला की लंबी बाधाएं शामिल हैं। साथ ही प्रमुख भू-राजनीतिक और अन्य समस्याएं भी थीं।'

विल्सन के 2022 में नियुक्त होने के बाद से विमानन कंपनी में कई बड़े बदलाव आए हैं। इसमें एयर इंडिया और विस्तारा की पूर्ण-सेवा विमानन कंपनियों का विलय शामिल है, इसके बाद 2024 में कम लागत वाली विमानन कंपनियों एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस और एआईएक्स कनेक्ट

कंपनी ने उनका उत्तराधिकारी ढूंढने के लिए एक समिति गठित की है

(पूर्व में एयर एशिया इंडिया) का विलय हुआ। विल्सन ने एक बयान में कहा, 'इस दौरान विमानन कंपनी का पूरी तरह से आधुनिकीकरण हुआ, उच्च सेवा मानकों को

लागू किया गया। साथ ही बेड़े में 100 अतिरिक्त विमान जोड़े गए। पुराने विमानों का पूर्ण आंतरिक सुधार लगभग पूरा हो चुका है और नए कस्टम डिजाइन किए गए इंटीरियर के साथ बड़े विमानों की डिलीवरी अब शुरू हो चुकी है।'

एयर इंडिया के पास 191 विमान हैं और उसने 570 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया है। वर्ष 2023 में 470 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया गया था जिसमें एयरबस और बोइंग दोनों तरह के विमान शामिल हैं और बाकी ऑर्डर 2024 में दिए गए।



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पहले : 12 मार्च 2026 को एअर इंडिया ने पहली बार 399 रु. का फ्लैट फ्यूल सरचार्ज लगाया था। (इससे पहले घरेलू रूट पर कोई अलग से फ्यूल सरचार्ज नहीं था)।
अब: पहले हर घरेलू फ्लाइट पर 399 रु. एक्स्ट्रा देने पड़ते थे, अब छोटी दूरी (500 किमी तक) के लिए 299 रु. होगा, पर लंबी दूरी (2,000 किमी से ज्यादा) के लिए यह 899 रु. तक पहुंच गया है।
- जेट ईंधन फरवरी अंत में 99.40 डॉलर/बैरल था, अब 195.19 है।



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एयर इंडिया ने घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाया

नई दिल्ली, 7 अप्रैल (एजेंसियां)। टाटा संस की एयरलाइन एयर इंडिया ने मंगलवार को घरेलू और

टिकट आज से हो जाएंगे महंगे

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाने का ऐलान किया है। इसकी वजह वैश्विक स्तर पर जेट ईंधन के दामों में बढ़ोतरी होना है। नया सरचार्ज 8 अप्रैल से प्रभावी होगा। एयर इंडिया की ओर से जारी किए गए बयान में कहा गया कि सरकार द्वारा विमानन टर्बाइन ईंधन (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में 25



ईंधन की बढ़ती कीमतों का असर

एयर इंडिया ने बयान में कहा, 'अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर लगाए गए फ्यूल सरचार्ज अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए जेट ईंधन की कीमतों में हुई भारी वृद्धि को भरपाई नहीं कर सकते हैं। इस कारण एयर इंडिया इस बढ़ी हुई लागत का एक बड़ा हिस्सा वहन करना जारी रखे हुए है।'

प्रतिशत बढ़ोतरी की सीमा तय करने के बाद, वह घरेलू मार्गों पर फ्लैट सरचार्ज लगाने के बजाय दूरी-आधारित प्राइस मॉडल को फॉलो करेगा। घरेलू उड़ानों पर

यात्रियों को 500 किमी तक की उड़ानों के लिए 299 रुपए, 501 से 1000 किमी के लिए 399 रुपए, 1001 से 1500 किमी के लिए 549 रुपए, 1501 से 2000

रसोई गैस के बाद पीएनजी भी महंगी

नई दिल्ली। पश्चिम एशिया संकट के कारण रसोई गैस (एलपीजी) के बाद अब पाइपलाइन के जरिए किचन तक आने वाली प्राकृतिक गैस (पीएनजी) के दाम भी बढ़ गए हैं। दिल्ली-एनसीआर के साथ कानपुर, मेरठ, अजमेर जैसे कई शहरों में घरों में पीएनजी की आपूर्ति करने वाली कंपनी इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) ने एक अप्रैल से पीएनजी की कीमत बढ़ाकर दिल्ली में 49.59 रुपए प्रति मानक घन मीटर (एससीएम) कर दिया है। इससे पहले एक जनवरी 2026 से इसकी कीमत 47.89 रुपए प्रति एससीएम थी।



आईजीएल ने भी बढ़ाए दाम

किमी के लिए 749 रुपए और 2000 किमी से अधिक की दूरी के लिए 899 रुपए का फ्यूल सरचार्ज

देना होगा। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों के लिए, एयर इंडिया ने क्षेत्र-विशिष्ट सरचार्ज लागू किए हैं।



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Campbell Wilson

Air India CEO Campbell Wilson steps down, says report

NEW DELHI, REUTERS: Air India CEO Campbell Wilson has stepped down from his position, a national daily reported, citing two people with knowledge of the matter.

The airline has been grappling with persistent losses and heightened regulatory scrutiny following a crash last year that killed 260 people.

Wilson is currently serving his notice period, the report said, adding the newspaper could not immediately ascertain if the Tata group has found his successor.



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एअर इंडिया की उड़ानें भी हुई महंगी

मुंबई, ग्रेट : पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध के चलते जेट फ्यूल की कीमतों में जबर्दस्त बढ़ोतरी के कारण एअर इंडिया ग्रुप ने अपनी घरेलू एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज में बढ़ोतरी कर दी है। घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए यह वृद्धि 299 रुपये से 899 रुपये तक और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 24 डालर से 280 डालर तक (कुछ मार्गों को छोड़कर) होगी। बढ़ा हुआ सरचार्ज आठ अप्रैल से प्रभावी होगा और यह एअर इंडिया की सहायक कंपनी एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानों पर भी लागू होगा। इंडिगो ने पहले ही फ्यूल सरचार्ज में बढ़ोतरी कर दी है।

एअर इंडिया ने कहा-बांग्लादेश व जापान, हांगकांग व दक्षिण कोरिया जैसे सुदूर पूर्व के गंतव्यों के लिए आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज में संशोधन की जानकारी नियामक स्वीकृति मिलने के बाद दी जाएगी, जबकि यूरोप, उत्तर अमेरिका व आस्ट्रेलिया के लिए यह 10 अप्रैल से प्रभावी होगा। सरकार के घरेलू एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमतों में वृद्धि सीमा 25% तय करने के फैसले के बाद एअर इंडिया ग्रुप ने संतुलित तरीका अपनाया है।

खाड़ी देशों की उड़ानें घट कर हुई एक चौथाई, 10 हजार से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द

जगरण व्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : भारत का एविएशन सेक्टर इन दिनों कई मोर्चों पर जुझ रहा है। पश्चिम एशिया में 28 फरवरी को शुरू हुए युद्ध के बाद इस क्षेत्र में भारतीय एयरलाइंस की रोजना 300-350 उड़ानें घटकर मात्र 80-90 रह गई हैं। इसके चलते 28 फरवरी से अब तक भारतीय कैरियर्स द्वारा 10 हजार से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द हो चुकी हैं। सिविल एविएशन मिनिस्ट्री के ज्वॉइंट सेक्रेटरी असंगबा चुबा आओं ने मीडिया ब्रीफिंग में यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि भारत की कुल अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का 15 प्रतिशत पश्चिमी एशियाई देशों को होता था जिससे यह अनुमान लगया जा सकता है कि यह बाजार उड़ाने कंपनियों के लिए कितना जरूरी रहा है। यह पूरी तरह से अस्थिर व अनिश्चित है। पूरे सेक्टर पर संचालन लागत बढ़ने का बहुत ही ज्यादा दबाव है।



युद्ध के बाद इस क्षेत्र का पूरा एयरस्पेस बंद हो गया है। इसके कारण एअर इंडिया ने पिछले तीन हफ्तों में करीब 2500 उड़ानें रद्द की हैं। पश्चिम एशिया संकट के अलावा एविएशन सेक्टर कई और गंभीर समस्याओं से जुझ रहा है, इसमें सबसे अहम है ईंधन की आसमान छूती कीमतें और भारतीय रुपये की कमजोरी। अप्रैल 2026 से दिल्ली में एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत 2,07,341 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर तक पहुंच गई है।

- पश्चिम एशिया को रोजना भारत से 300-350 उड़ानें थी, अब 80 से 90
- एअर इंडिया ने अकेले पिछले तीन हफ्तों में करीब 2500 उड़ानें रद्द की हैं

उड़ान लैंडिंग और पार्किंग शुल्क में 25% की कटौती : मुंबई, प्रेट्ट : एयरपोर्ट इकोनॉमिक रेगुलेटरी अथॉरिटी (एईआरए) ने एयरलाइन कंपनियों को बड़ी राहत देते हुए प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर लैंडिंग और पार्किंग शुल्क में 25% की कमी की मंगलवार को घोषणा की। एईआरए ने आदेश में कहा कि यह कटौती तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू होगी और तीन महीने के लिए सभी घरेलू उड़ानों पर लागू होगी। सरकार द्वारा अथॉरिटी को दिए गए निर्देश के बाद यह शुल्क लागू किया गया है।

एअर इंडिया की उड़ानें भी महंगी, फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ाया

मुंबई प्रेस: पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध के चलते जेट फ्यूल की कीमतों में भारी वृद्धि के कारण एअर इंडिया ग्रुप ने अपनी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज में वृद्धि कर दी है। घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए वृद्धि 299-899 रुपये तक और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 24-280 डालर तक (कुछ मार्गों को छोड़कर) होगी। बढ़ा सरचार्ज आठ अप्रैल से प्रभावी होगा और एअर इंडिया की सहायक कंपनी एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानों पर भी लागू होगा। ज्ञात हो, घरेलू एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने पहले ही फ्यूल सरचार्ज में वृद्धि कर दी है।

एअर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा, बांग्लादेश, जापान, हांगकांग और दक्षिण कोरिया जैसे गंतव्यों के लिए आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज में संशोधन की जानकारी जरूरी नियामक स्वीकृति मिलने के बाद उचित समय पर दी जाएगी। यूरोप, उत्तर अमेरिका एवं आस्ट्रेलिया के लिए यह 10 अप्रैल से प्रभावी होगा। कंपनी ने कहा, सरकार के घरेलू एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में वृद्धि की सीमा 25

▶ घरेलू एयरलाइन इंडिगो पहले ही बढ़ा चुकी है फ्यूल सरचार्ज



एअर इंडिया।

फाइल

प्रतिशत तय करने के फैसले के बाद एअर इंडिया ग्रुप ने संतुलित तरीका अपनाया है, जिसमें उसने समान घरेलू सरचार्ज के बजाय दूरी-आधारित तरीके को अपनाया है। कहा, अंतरराष्ट्रीय एटीएफ की कीमतों में कोई राहत नहीं मिलने के कारण एअर इंडिया ग्रुप फ्यूल सरचार्ज में और भी बड़े बदलाव लागू करेगा। कहा, अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर लगने वाले फ्यूल सरचार्ज, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए जेट ईंधन की कीमतों में हुई वृद्धि की भरपाई नहीं कर पाते। लिहाजा एयरलाइन इस बढ़ी हुई लागत का एक

▶ घरेलू उड़ानों में 299-899 रुपये तक महंगा हो जाएगा किराया

यात्रियों के लिए इसके मायने

▶ उक्त तिथियों से पहले जारी टिकटों पर नया सरचार्ज लागू नहीं होगा।

▶ नई दरें तभी लागू होंगी जब यात्री तिथि या मार्ग में बदलाव करेंगे।

▶ ईंधन की कीमतों के आधार पर समय-समय पर सरचार्ज में बदलाव

बड़ा हिस्सा खुद ही वहन कर रही है। इंटरनेशनल एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट एसोसिएशन के आंकड़ों का हवाला देते हुए एयरलाइन ने कहा, 27 मार्च को खत्म हुए हफ्ते में जेट फ्यूल की वैश्विक औसत कीमत 195.19 डालर प्रति बैरल हो गई, जो फरवरी अंत में 99.40 डालर थी। इस तरह इसमें करीब सौ प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है। ज्ञात हो, एयरलाइन की कुल लागत में एटीएफ का हिस्सा लगभग 40-45 प्रतिशत होता है।

(खाड़ी देशों की उड़ानें घट कर एक चौथाई हुईं : पेज-3)

खाड़ी देशों की उड़ानें घट कर एक चौथाई हुईं

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली

भारत का एविएशन सेक्टर इन दिनों कई मोर्चों पर जुझ रहा है। पश्चिम एशिया में युद्ध शुरू होने के बाद इस क्षेत्र में भारतीय एयरलाइंस की रोजाना 300-350 उड़ानें घटकर 80-90 रह गई हैं। इसके चलते 28 फरवरी से अब तक भारतीय कैरियर्स द्वारा 10 हजार से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द हो चुकी हैं। सिविल एविएशन मिनिस्ट्री के ज्वाइंट सेक्रेटरी (एसोए) असंगबा चुबा आओ ने मंगलवार को मीडिया ब्रीफिंग में यह जानकारी दी। कहा, भारत की कुल अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का 15 प्रतिशत पश्चिमी एशियाई देशों को होता था जिससे यह अनुमान लगाया जा सकता है कि यह बाजार उड़्डयन कंपनियों के लिए कितना जरूरी रहा है। यह पूरी तरह से अस्थिर व अनिश्चित है। पूरे सेक्टर पर संचालन लागत बढ़ने का बहुत ही ज्यादा दबाव है।

दरअसल, युद्ध के बाद इस क्षेत्र का पूरा एयरस्पेस बंद हो गया है। इसके कारण एअर इंडिया ने पिछले तीन हफ्तों में करीब 2,500 उड़ानें रद्द की हैं। वर्तमान में 30 प्रतिशत सामान्य शेड्यूल चला रही है। एविएशन सेक्टर ईंधन की आसमान छूती कीमतें व भारतीय रुपये की कमजोरी जैसी गंभीर समस्या से भी जुझ रहा है। अप्रैल 2026 से दिल्ली में एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत 2,07,341 रुपये प्रति किलोलीटर तक पहुंच गई है। रुपया डालर के मुकाबले

- ▶ पश्चिम एशिया को रोजाना भारत से 300-350 उड़ानें थी, अब रह गई 80-90
- ▶ युद्ध शुरू होने के बाद से अब तक रद्द हो चुकी हैं 10 हजार से अधिक उड़ानें



प्रमुख हवाईअड्डों पर उड़ान लैंडिंग और पार्किंग शुल्क में 25 प्रतिशत की कटौती

मुंबई, ग्रेट : एयरपोर्ट इकोनॉमिक रेगुलेटरी अथॉरिटी (ईआरए) ने एयरलाइन कंपनियों को बड़ी राहत देते हुए प्रमुख हवाईअड्डों पर लैंडिंग व पार्किंग शुल्क में 25 प्रतिशत की कमी की मंगलवार को घोषणा की। ईआरए ने आदेश में कहा, यह कटौती तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू होगी और तीन माह के लिए सभी घरेलू उड़ानों पर लागू होगी।

कमजोर होने से आयातित ईंधन, लीज और मेटेनिस लागत बढ़ गई है। रेटिंग एजेंसी इकरा ने कहा है कि पूरा वित्त वर्ष उड़्डयन सेक्टर के लिए खराब रहेगा। भारत की विमानन कंपनियों की खराब हालत इनकी विस्तार करने या नए विमानों की खरीद की योजना पर भी उल्टा असर डाल सकती है।

इस बीच नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्रालय ने सख्त फ्लाइंग ट्यूटी टाइम लिमिटेशन नियमों को फिलहाल स्थगित कर दिया है ताकि संकट के समय उड़ानें जारी रखी

ईरान में दूतावास ने 1862 भारतीयों को लाने में मदद की : विदेश मंत्रालय

नई दिल्ली, एएनआई : पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध के बीच ईरान में भारतीय दूतावास ने अब 1862 भारतीयों को स्वदेश लाने में मदद की है। अतिरिक्त सचिव (खाड़ी) असिम आर. महजन ने बताया कि दूतावास ने इन भारतीयों को ईरान से आर्मेनिया व अजरबैजान तक जाने में मदद की, ताकि वे यहां से भारत की यात्रा कर सकें। इनमें 935 छात्र और 472 मछुआरे शामिल हैं। उन्होंने बताया, "हमारे राजदूत भारतीय समुदाय के संघों, संगठनों, पेशेवर समूहों और भारतीय कंपनियों के साथ नियमित बातचीत कर रहे हैं, ताकि उनकी चिंताओं का समाधान किया जा सके।" साथ ही कहा, "कुवैत और व्हीरीन का हवाई क्षेत्र अभी भी बंद है। कुवैत की जजीरा व कुवैत एयरवेज और व्हीरीन की गल्फ एयर स्कूदी अरब के दम्म एयरपोर्ट से भारत के अलमा-अलमा शहरों के लिए गैर-निष्कारित वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें संचालित कर रही है।

जा सकें। गर्मी में ज्यादा उड़ान सेवा देने की तैयारियों पर भी भारी असर पड़ने की संभावना है। मंत्रालय ने बताया है कि घरेलू विमानन सेक्टर पर ज्यादा असर नहीं पड़ा है। रोजाना तीन हजार उड़ानों का संचालन हो रहा है। छह अप्रैल, 2026 को देश के भीतर 4.70 लाख यात्रियों ने हवाई यात्रा की।

एअर इंडिया के सीईओ और एमडी कैम्बेल विल्सन ने इस्तीफा दिया

मुंबई, प्रे: टाटा समूह के मालिकाना हक वाली एअर इंडिया के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) और प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) कैम्बेल विल्सन ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। कंपनी ने उनके इस्तीफे की पुष्टि करते हुए कहा कि एक कमेटी बनाई गई है जो आने वाले महीनों में उनके उत्तराधिकारी का चयन करेगी। वह तब तक अपने पद पर बने रहेंगे, जब तक उनके उत्तराधिकारी का एलान नहीं हो जाता है। विल्सन को पिछले साल 12 जून को अहमदाबाद में एयरलाइन की लंदन जाने वाली उड़ान के दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने के बाद आलोचना का सामना करना पड़ा था। उस हादसे में 250 से अधिक लोगों की जान चली गई थी। इसके अलावा, कंपनी पर कई अन्य मौकों पर सुरक्षा नियमों के कथित उल्लंघन के भी आरोप लगे थे।

न्यूजीलैंड के मूल निवासी और सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस के वरिष्ठ कार्यकारी विल्सन पिछले चार सालों से सीईओ और एमडी के तौर पर एअर इंडिया की कमान संभाल रहे थे। विमानन कंपनी ने कहा, "विल्सन ने 2024 में हो एयर इंडिया के चेयरमैन एन. चंद्रशेखरन को 2026 में पद छोड़ने की अपनी मंशा बता दी थी और तब से वह यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए काम कर रहे हैं कि कंपनी और लीडरशिप टीम इस बदलाव के

▶ कंपनी ने की पुष्टि, उत्तराधिकारी का चयन होने तक पद पर बने रहेंगे
▶ टाटा संस के चेयरमैन एन चंद्रशेखरन ने विल्सन के योगदान को सराहा



कैम्बेल विल्सन

लिए एक बेहतर स्थिति में हो।' जनवरी, 2022 में टाटा समूह ने सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली विमानन कंपनी का अधिग्रहण किया था। सितंबर 2022 में विल्सन ने कंपनी की बागडोर संभाली थी। टाटा संस के चेयरमैन एन. चंद्रशेखरन ने विल्सन के योगदान की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि उनके नेतृत्व में एअर इंडिया ने कई मोर्चों पर प्रगति की है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा, 'यह भी स्वीकार करना जरूरी है कि एअर इंडिया की टीम ने कई बाहरी चुनौतियों का सामना किया है। इसमें कोरोना के बाद लंबे समय तक बाधित रहने वाली स्प्लाइं चैन भी शामिल है।

नेतृत्व परिवर्तन का यह सही समय: विल्सन

मुंबई, प्रे: कैम्बेल विल्सन ने अपने इस्तीफे के एलान के बाद कर्मचारियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि एयरलाइन की वृद्धि के अगले चरण के लिए नेतृत्व परिवर्तन का यह सही समय है। उन्होंने कर्मचारियों को भेजे संदेश में कहा, 'आपने नए विमानों की डिलिवरी और स्प्लाइं चैन की समस्याएं, दो युद्ध, हवाई क्षेत्र बंद होने की स्थिति, ऊंची ईंधन कीमतें और सबसे गंभीर विमान हादसा जैसी अभूतपूर्व चुनौतियों के बीच जो उपलब्धियां हासिल की हैं, उस पर मुझे बेहद गर्व है।' उन्होंने कहा कि लगभग 600 विमानों के बड़े आर्डर से 2027 से आपूर्ति तेज होने से पहले का यह छोटा समय नेतृत्व परिवर्तन के लिए उपयुक्त है। विल्सन ने कहा कि निजीकरण के बाद बीते चार वर्षों में कंपनी में बड़े बदलाव हुए हैं जिनमें चार एयरलाइंस का अधिग्रहण एवं सफल विलय, सर्वजनिक क्षेत्र से निजी क्षेत्र की कार्यप्रणाली में बदलाव, नेतृत्व टीम, कार्यबल और कार्यसंस्कृति में व्यापक सुधार शामिल हैं। उन्होंने 'जय हिंद' के साथ संदेश को समाप्त किया।



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Soaring Airfares May Ground Travel Plans

Ticket prices for popular international destinations surge as airlines pass on higher jet fuel costs

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New Delhi: Industry bodies and travel companies said a steep rise in international airfares driven by the recent ATF price revisions and the uncertainty around the conflict in West Asia could lead to a dip in demand for summer travel.

Data shared by Ixigo showed average one way fares for April for Mumbai-Kuala Lumpur, New Delhi-Ho Chi Minh and Bengaluru-Singapore, Mumbai-Hanoi and Delhi-Kathmandu are up by 110%, 58%, 33% and 29% month-on-month, respectively. An ixigo spokesperson said international airfares have seen an uptick this April, partly driven by recent aviation turbine fuel price revisions, with some seasonal routes witnessing sharper increases.

Kapil Jain, cofounder and chief



executive of Fly Divine Travels said he has received multiple cancellations from travellers for destinations such as Vietnam and Azerbaijan. "A 4-5% increase doesn't matter, but if a ₹30,000 ticket price jumps to ₹45,000-50,000, people consider cutting back on travel," said Jain. "The fuel costs are high; the dollar rate is high. The severe fuel crisis in markets such as Vietnam is also pushing package prices up because land costs go up. We are also getting cancellations for Azerbaijan and domestic destinations

IXIGO DATA SHOWS

Avg one-way fares in April jumped month-on-month by 110% for Mumbai-Kuala Lumpur, and 58% for New Delhi-Ho Chi Minh

such as Munnar and Coorg for the summer as hoteliers are hiking prices after bookings. Our clients are telling us a five-star hotel in Goa couldn't serve dinner because of the LPG issue," he added.

Sunil Kumar, president of Travel Agents Association of India said the uncertainty around the conflict will dent demand for the summer. "European destinations are anyway affected, and there are reports of LPG supply constraints in India. People hold off on discretionary travel amid uncertainties," he added.

Rajiv Mehra, general secretary of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality said the industry body estimates a 15-20% fall in demand for summer travel due to the hike in fares.

Despite Indian oil marketing companies absorbing the spike in fuel prices, airline officials warned that their cost of operations has risen significantly.

They said while ticket prices have gone up due to the fuel surcharge, it remains to be seen how long this will be sustainable.

"High ticket prices over a long period impacts demand. While as of now there is no impact on demand, whether it will impact the peak summer travel season will be clear in next few weeks," said an airline official.

On Monday, all airlines operated with an average occupancy of more than 90% on domestic routes.

Meanwhile, Air India on Tuesday hiked fuel surcharges.



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Air India CEO Campbell Wilson Quits; Board Aims to Find Successor by Sept

AIR POCKETS Wilson helped make it profitable, but tech glitches & service issues dented airline's image

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Air India CEO Campbell Wilson Tuesday said he has resigned, leaving the Tata Group-owned airline scrambling to find his replacement by September.

In a statement, Air India said Wilson had conveyed his decision of stepping down to Tata Sons chairman N Chandrabosekaran back in 2024, leading many to question why the salt-to-steel conglomerate hasn't been able to set a concrete succession plan yet.

"Usually, the new CEO should be in place 3-6 months prior and work with the outgoing CEO to understand the business in depth and I feel this is important for Air India," said Kapil Kaul, CEO, South Asia at aviation consultancy firm CAPA. "This is more critical given the current situation because of the Iran war and its possible consequences in case the war continues."

Air India said its board has formed a committee to find a successor to Wilson in the coming months.

Wilson took the job, arguably the



Campbell Wilson

most challenging in the aviation sector, in 2022 for a five-year term. Soon after, he began implementing a five-year turnaround plan to increase market share and turnaround the loss-making airline.

A native of New Zealand, Wilson has managed to complete critical parts of the transformation plan including merging full-service airline Vistara—an

erstwhile joint venture of Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines—into Air India besides implementing a long-overdue fleet expansion, even surpassing domestic market leader IndiGo on some key metro routes. However, his ambition has been materially constrained by a prolonged global supply chain crisis that delayed the induction of new aircraft while delaying refurbishment

of older ones.

Consequently, Air India's service standards and on-time performance have come under pressure, with repeated technical issues affecting its wide-body fleet catering to key markets like Europe and North America.

The airline's operations have also been under heightened scrutiny since a crash last year which killed 260 people though a preliminary investigation hasn't indicated any fault with the aircraft or the airline's engineering practices as a reason for the crash.

Multiple senior officials, including Wilson, have been issued show-cause notices by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for alleged violations and non-compliance including an incident where the airline operated an aircraft with an expired licence.

"We should have received 28 brand new aircraft by now," Wilson said in January expressing frustration over the aircraft delivery delays. "But the actual number of new aircraft designed by and for Air India that we have received is zero. So, we have been heavily impacted by supply chain challenges."

Right time to hand over, says Wilson

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, April 7

AIR INDIA CEO and managing director Campbell Wilson on Tuesday told employees it was the right time to hand over the reins, signalling a leadership transition as the airline prepares for its next phase of growth.

Wilson, who has decided to step down after nearly four years, will remain in his role until a successor is appointed. The Air India board has constituted a committee that will find the successor in the coming months, a company statement said.

The airline said he had conveyed his intention to exit in 2026 earlier and has since been

working to ensure a stable transition, with the board constituting a committee to identify his replacement.

"With a brief window until bulk deliveries from the nearly 600-strong aircraft order book commence in earnest from 2027, the time is right for me to hand over the reins for the next phase of Air India's rise," Wilson said in a message to Air India staff.

His departure comes at a time when the airline is in the middle of an ambitious transformation but continues to face operational disruptions, cost pressures and the likelihood of remaining loss-making.

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THE TRANSITION ALSO follows a period of heightened scrutiny after last year's AI171 crash, which is under probe.

Reflecting on his tenure, Wilson pointed to the scale of change undertaken since the Tata Group's acquisition of Air India in January 2022. "I am incredibly proud of what you have achieved, especially in the face of unprecedented headwinds in the form of aircraft delivery and supply chain challenges, two wars, crippling airspace closures and fuel prices and, most acutely, tragedy," he said.

He cited the merger of four airlines, a shift from public to private sector practices and a broad renewal of leadership, workforce and operating culture as key developments. The airline also undertook system modernisation, product upgrades and added around 100 aircraft, while initiating training infrastructure, simulator facilities and a maintenance, repair and overhaul base.

Wilson's tenure, however, has been marked by uneven execution. Supply chain constraints and aircraft availability have slowed fleet expansion and retrofits, while service reliability and operational consistency remain areas of concern. Competition in both domestic and international markets, along with fuel price volatility, has continued to weigh on margins.

Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran said: "Campbell and his team have demonstrated tenacity and resolve and have aligned an organisation drawn from many backgrounds behind the shared goal of building the new Air India that is now emerging."



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DGCA steps up monitoring as aviation disruption widens

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THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has said that it is closely monitoring the evolving aviation situation as the ongoing West Asia conflict disrupts global flight networks, forcing airlines to cut operations, reroute flights, and absorb higher costs.

The regulator's recent measures, such as relaxing FDTL norms for pilots of long-haul flights, are aimed at ensuring pilot availability and maintaining operational stability, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Asangba Chuba Ao, said at an inter-ministerial briefing.

"The Ministry of Civil Aviation is actively working with all stakeholders, exploring all

KEEPING A CLOSE EYE

■ Moves like relaxing FDTL norms for pilots aimed at maintaining operational stability, say govt

■ Flights between India, Gulf & West Asia down from 300-350 daily (both ways) to 80-90



means to support the industry, especially airlines, to bring down costs, which will eventually be passed on to passengers," Ao said.

Airspace closures across key West Asian countries, including Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE, have significantly disrupted interna-

tional connectivity. Airlines are being forced to take longer routes, increasing travel time and operating costs, particularly on sectors to Europe and North America.

"The Ministry is closely and continuously monitoring the evolving situation. These airspace restrictions have led to unprecedented disruption in

global aviation networks," Ao added. The impact on Indian carriers has been severe. Flights between India and the Gulf and West Asia region have fallen from around 300-350 daily (both ways) to nearly 80-90 flights.

Since February 28, Indian airlines have cancelled more than 10,000 flights, resulting in mounting losses.

"The Indian aviation sector is facing major operational and financial challenges due to the ongoing conflict. Longer routes have increased travel time and costs, but the government is focused on ensuring passenger safety, stable fares, and seamless cargo movement," Ao said.

Airlines are also grappling with higher fuel burn, crew constraints, and tighter aircraft utilisation as rerouted operations stretch schedules.



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Air India revises fuel surcharge structure based on distance

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, April 7

THE AIR INDIA Group on Tuesday revised its fuel surcharge structure across domestic and international routes, aligning domestic pricing with government guidance while sharply increasing levies on overseas flights due to a sharp surge in global jet fuel prices. The move also brings its fuel surcharge pricing matrix broadly in line with rival IndiGo, though with slightly lower domestic charges and a differentiated international strategy.

For domestic travel, Air India will shift from a flat surcharge to a distance-based grid effective April 8. Charges will range from ₹299 for sectors up to 500 km to ₹899 for flights beyond 2,000 km. Comparable surcharges at IndiGo range from

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Distance (KM)	New fuel surcharge (domestic)
0-500	₹299
501-1000	₹399
1001-1500	₹549
1501-2000	₹749
2000+	₹899

₹275 to ₹950 across similar distance slabs though Air India is marginally higher on shorter routes and slightly lower on longer-haul domestic sectors.

The revision follows the government's decision to cap domestic aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price hikes at 25%, forcing airlines to adopt a calibrated pass-through. Both carriers have mirrored this approach and have signalled limited room to fully offset cost pressures in the domestic market.

The divergence is sharper on international routes, where no such cap exists. Air India has introduced region-based surcharges ranging from \$24 (around ₹2,300) for SAARC routes to \$280 (around ₹2,6,000) for North America and Australia. IndiGo's international surcharge ranges from ₹900 to ₹10,000. Air India's higher surcharges reflect its wider network exposure to fuel-intensive operations such as flights to North America among long-haul routes.

इंडिगो के बाद एयर इंडिया का हवाई सफर भी महंगा

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नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। इंडिगो के बाद अब एयर इंडिया ने भी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर ईंधन शुल्क बढ़ा दिया है। मंगलवार को नई दरों का ऐलान किया गया, जो अलग-अलग तारीखों से लागू होंगी।

एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि विमान ईंधन की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी के बाद कंपनी ने एकमुश्त ईंधन शुल्क हटाकर दूरी के आधार पर नई दरें लागू की हैं। घरेलू मार्गों पर नई दरें बुधवार (8 अप्रैल) को सुबह 9:01 बजे से लागू होंगी। नई दरें एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानों पर भी लागू होंगी। वहीं, अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर नए शुल्क 10 अप्रैल से प्रभावी होंगे। कंपनी का कहना है कि हाल के हफ्तों में विमान ईंधन की कीमतें लगभग दोगुनी हो गई हैं, जिससे लागत पर भारी दबाव पड़ा है। इसी के चलते ईंधन सरचार्ज में बढ़ोतरी करने का फैसला लिया गया है।

नई टिकट पर लागू होंगी दरें : एयर इंडिया ने साफ किया है कि नई दरें केवल नई टिकट बुकिंग पर लागू होंगी। अगर किसी ने पहले टिकट बुक कर ली है तो उस पर नया शुल्क तभी लगेगा जब टिकट में बदलाव किया जाएगा। बाजार की स्थिति के अनुसार सरचार्ज की समीक्षा भी की जाएगी।



घरेलू सेवा के लिए शुल्क

दूरी (किमी.)	सरचार्ज (रुपये में)
0-500	299
501-1000	399
1001-1500	549
1501-2000	749
2000 किमी से ज्यादा	899

■ नोट : उपरोक्त ईंधन शुल्क बुधवार से लागू होगा।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर इतना बोझ बढ़ेगा

अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर भी यात्रियों की जेब पर असर पड़ेगा। सार्क देशों के लिए शुल्क 24 डॉलर से शुरू होकर नॉर्थ अमेरिका और ऑस्ट्रेलिया के लिए 280 डॉलर तक देना होगा। इसके अलावा पश्चिम एशिया के लिए 50 डॉलर, दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के कुछ हिस्सों के लिए 100 डॉलर, सिंगापुर के लिए 60 डॉलर, आग्नीका के लिए 130 डॉलर और यूरोप (यूके सहित) के लिए 205 डॉलर तक का ईंधन सरचार्ज तय किया गया है।



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Crash, plane crunch weigh on air traffic

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MUMBAI: India's domestic air passenger traffic growth was already cooling from the highs of post-pandemic revenge travel. Last fiscal is estimated to have been the worst since then because of multiple setbacks—grounded planes, frequent disruptions and heightened regulatory scrutiny after the country's worst air crash in decades.

Air passenger traffic rose 1.6% between April and February, according to ICRA Ltd's note published last month. The ratings agency estimates an up to 3% growth in fiscal year 2026 (FY26).

The number of Indians flying grew by 59% and 56% in FY22 and FY23, respectively, according to data from the civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

This growth slowed to 16% in FY24 and 7.6% in the following year.

The slowdown, however, does not represent a lack of demand. Passenger load factor, a measure of occupancy levels in a flight, remained elevated at around



Domestic passenger traffic has risen from 53.5 million in FY21 to 165.4 million in FY25. AFP

93%, ICRA said. And all airlines have lined up aggressive expansion.

The fatal Air India crash in June 2025 triggered heightened regulatory scrutiny and stricter safety checks across the industry. This led to lower aircraft utilisation and operational delays.

According to ICRA, 13-15% of the industry's fleet remained grounded as of February 2026, primarily due to engine failures and supply chain constraints. This has directly reduced the number of planes in operation, limiting capacity addition even as demand remained robust.

Air India hikes fuel surcharge for second time in a month; announces CEO's exit

Jagriti Chandra

NEW DELHI

A week after oil marketing companies revised aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices, Air India has yet again raised fuel surcharges, pushing the fixed domestic slab from ₹400 to as much as ₹899, while international surcharges have increased by up to ₹7,400 on long-haul routes such as North America and Australia. The airline also announced the resignation of CEO Campbell Wilson as part of a planned transition.

While ATF prices for international flights nearly doubled to ₹2.07 lakh per kilolitre, the government stepped in to cushion the impact on domestic travel, capping the increase at 25% to ₹1.04 lakh per kilolitre. Tuesday's surcharge hike by Air India is its second in less than a month.

The airline has replaced the earlier flat ₹400 levy on all domestic flights with a distance-based, tiered structure starting at ₹299 for sectors under 500 km and rising to ₹899 for routes of 2,000 km or more. On international routes, where ATF prices have surged nearly 100%, the increases are sharper.

The surcharge for Gulf routes has been raised from \$10 to \$50, for Europe from \$125 to \$205, and for North America and Australia from \$200 to \$280. Since March 12, and as of Tuesday, fuel sur-



Campbell Wilson

charges on Gulf routes have risen from zero to \$50, while long-haul routes have seen steeper increases of \$130 for North America and Australia, and \$105 for Europe. "The fuel surcharges on international routes do not compensate for the exponential increase in jet fuel prices for international flights. Air India continues to absorb a significant portion of this increased cost," the airline said in a press statement.

Airlines, Air India in particular, have been grappling with multiple challenges since tensions escalated in West Asia on February 28. Mr. Wilson had earlier flagged the possibility of flight cuts, warning that rising costs could dampen demand.

Meanwhile, Air India, announcing the resignation of its CEO, said Mr. Wilson had informed Air India Chairman N. Chandrasekaran of his intention to step down in 2026 as early as 2024, and will continue in the role until his successor is appointed and assumes charge.

Wilson's mixed-bag innings at Air India draws to a close a year before end of his term

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, April 7

AIR INDIA'S first post-privatisation chief executive Campbell Wilson has resigned, but will stay on till his successor is found by the airline.

Wilson has helmed the Tata group airline through a turbulent period that has seen the carrier embarking upon an ambitious transformation programme to shrug off its legacy image of a rundown government-owned airline, placed world record-breaking aircraft orders, faced challenges due to post-pandemic supply chain woes, suffered a tragic plane crash that killed 260 people, faced intense regulatory heat, grappled with heavy financial losses, and continues to struggle with external headwinds like airspace closures due to geopolitical conflicts.

"Mr Wilson had conveyed his intention to step down in 2026 to Air India Chairman N. Chandrasekaran in 2024 and, since then, has been working to ensure the organization and leadership team is on a stable footing for the transition. He will remain in the role until his successor is announced and in place," Air India said in release.

In May last year, before the AI 171 crash, Wilson had told *The Indian Express* that a transformed and new Air India should be "consistently visible" by the end of 2027, and that he was confident that the "reality of Air India will change, so will its perception".

Whenever that indeed happens, Wilson — who led

• CHANGE IN THE AIR

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WHILE AIR India awaits the announcement of its next CEO, IndiGo has announced the current IATA DG Willie Walsh as its chief



WITH WILSON packing his bags at Air India, the two largest airlines in the country will soon have new leaders in the cockpit

Air India through the most critical phases of its transformation programme — will not be in the corner office at the Air India headquarters in Gurugram.

Wilson, who has a keen interest in cricket, often said that Air India's transformation is a test match, not a T20. And Wilson is now retired hurt.

A soft-spoken New Zealander and a Singapore Airlines veteran, Wilson took charge at a newly-privatised Air India in 2022.

Before joining Air India, Wilson was the CEO of Singapore Airlines' low-cost airline arm Scoot. As his resignation was expected by the airline's board and parent Tata Sons, the latter has been scouting for a new CEO to replace Wilson for a few months now, it is learnt. Air India said that its board has constituted a committee that will find a successor in the coming months.

Wilson's resignation

comes just weeks after IndiGo's CEO Pieter Elbers stepped down following an unprecedented operational meltdown in December that saw thousands of the airline's flights getting cancelled. While Air India awaits the announcement of its next CEO, IndiGo has already announced the current IATA Director General Willie Walsh as its next chief executive.

With Wilson packing his bags at Air India as well, the two largest airlines in the country will soon have new leaders in the cockpit.

Wilson's resignation also comes as the war in West Asia has hit international aviation, compounding challenges for Air India.

Air India's ambitious transformation programme to turn it into a world-class airline is not complete yet, and has been hit by delays due to slow aircraft deliveries; refurbishment of the carrier's legacy wide-body fleet is also delayed due to inadequate availability of seats and some other materials. But most of the narrow-body fleet of the airline is now either refurbished or new, boasting of a new brand identity and a significantly better hard product than what flyers were accustomed to.

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After IndiGo, Air India hikes fuel surcharge for most routes

ENS Economic Bureau
New Delhi, April 7

AIR INDIA on Tuesday hiked the fuel surcharge on all domestic routes of over 1,000 km, with most global routes seeing a much steeper hike, close on the heels of increase in jet fuel prices.

India's largest airline IndiGo had announced changes in fuel surcharge on similar lines on April 1.

This move by the carriers, which will make flying costlier on most routes, is in line with the decision by the Centre and public sector oil marketing companies to pass on only a fraction of the actual increase in jet fuel prices for domestic flights of scheduled airlines, while effecting the full price hike of over 100% for international flights.

As ATF prices surged in the international market due to the raging war in West Asia, the Air India group, which includes full service airline Air India and budget carrier Air India Express — had introduced a flat fuel surcharge of Rs 399 for all domestic routes from March 12.

As per the latest revision, which will be effective from 09:01 am Wednesday (April 8), the flat surcharge on domestic flights has been replaced with a distance-based tiered structure varying between Rs 299 and Rs 899. For most of the airline group's international flights beyond South Asia, the surcharge has been hiked from the earlier range of \$10-200 to \$50-280.

Except for flights to Europe, UK, North America, and Australia, where the revised surcharge will take effect from April 10, other overseas routes will see the revised levy from 09:01 am on Wednesday.

As per the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, given the surge in global prices of jet fuel, the price in India was expected to more than double from April 1, but only a "partial and staggered" increase was passed on for scheduled domestic airlines. **FULL REPORT ON**

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और अघोषित संपत्ति रखने का आरोप लगाया था। असम पुलिस के डीसीपी

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चेतावनी दी थी। कांग्रेस प्रवक्ता खेड़ा ने रविवार **बाकी पेज 8 पर**

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आवेदन कर सकते हैं और यदि न्यायाधिकरण मतदाता के नाम **बाकी पेज 8 पर**

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अधिक शोध के का उ न्यायालय न्यायिक वे फेर चैटजी सहित करें। इन नि जाणा कारवा

भारत की विमान कंपनियों की उड़ानें 300-350 से घटकर 80-90 रहीं

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यूरोप, उत्तर अमेरिका की उड़ानें अब लंबे वायुमार्ग से जा रही हैं

जंग छिड़ने के बाद से पश्चिम एशिया के लिए 10,000 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द हुईं

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 7 अप्रैल।

पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध के कारण भारतीय विमान कंपनियों की 10,000 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द हो चुकी हैं। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असंगबा चुबा आव ने मंगलवार को यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि पहले भारतीय विमान कंपनियां पश्चिम एशिया के लिए रोजा 300-350 उड़ानें संचालित करती थीं। यह अब घटकर केवल 80-90 रह गई हैं।

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यूरोप और उत्तर अमेरिका जाने वाली उड़ानें अब लंबे मार्ग से जा रही हैं। इससे यात्रा समय और लागत दोनों बढ़ गए हैं। इससे निपटने के लिए सरकार ने पायलट के लिए कार्य समय में

अस्थायी छूट दी है, ताकि लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों का संचालन सुचारु रूप से हो सके। उन्होंने कहा कि इस संघर्ष से वैश्विक विमानन नेटवर्क और अंतरराष्ट्रीय संपर्क व्यवस्था में अभूतपूर्व व्यवधान पैदा हुआ है। पायलट को मिली इस छूट के तहत उड़ान और ड्यूटी की

अवधि बढ़ा दी गई है (जैसे उड़ान समय लगभग 11.5 घंटे तक), जिससे एअरलाइन कंपनियां हवाई क्षेत्र पर प्रतिबंध और भू-राजनीतिक तनाव के कारण लंबा मार्ग अपनाने वाली उड़ानों का बेहतर संचालन कर सकें। इस कदम का उद्देश्य उड़ानों का संचालन सुचारु बनाए रखना और समय-सारिणी की विश्वसनीयता बनाए रखना है, खासकर उन अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर जो मार्ग परिवर्तन से प्रभावित हुए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इस फैसले की फिर से समीक्षा की जाएगी।

एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि विमान ईंधन की अंतरराष्ट्रीय कीमतें तेजी बढ़ी हैं, हालांकि भारत में कीमतों को नियंत्रित रखते हुए इसका केवल आंशिक असर ही घरेलू विमान कंपनियों पर डाला गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि एटीएफ की

कीमतों पर सरकारी हस्तक्षेप से घरेलू हवाई किराए स्थिर रखने में मदद मिली है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का ध्यान यात्रियों की सुरक्षा और सुविधा सुनिश्चित करने पर केंद्रित है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय इस कठिन समय में उद्योग को सहारा देने के लिए विभिन्न उपायों पर सक्रिय रूप से काम कर रहा है। युद्ध के कारण आपूर्ति शृंखला बनाए रखने के लिए एमिरेट्स, कुवैत एअरवेज और जजीरा एअरवेज जैसी विदेशी एअरलाइन कंपनियों को यात्री विमानों से माल ढुलाई की विशेष अनुमति दी गई है, जिससे जरूरी सामान की आपूर्ति जारी रह सके। अधिकारी ने कहा कि सरकार यात्रियों की सुरक्षा, सुविधा, माल ढुलाई की निरंतरता और पूरे क्षेत्र की स्थिरता बनाए रखने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।



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युद्ध के असर से पश्चिम एशिया में 10,000 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द



- मंत्रालय ने बताया, उड़ानों में आई कमी

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। पश्चिम एशिया में जारी युद्ध के कारण भारतीय एयरलाइन कंपनियों की 10,000 से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द हो चुकी हैं। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असंगबा चुबा आव ने मंगलवार को यह जानकारी दी।

संयुक्त सचिव आव ने बताया कि पहले भारतीय एयरलाइन कंपनियां पश्चिम एशिया के लिए रोजाना



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सीमित कर दिया गया है, जिससे वैश्विक विमानन नेटवर्क और संपर्क पर अभूतपूर्व असर पड़ा है।

यूरोप और उत्तर अमेरिका जाने वाली उड़ानों को अब लंबा रास्ता अपनाना पड़ रहा है, जिससे यात्रा समय और लागत दोनों बढ़ गए हैं। इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार ने पायलट के लिए कार्य समय में अस्थायी छूट दी है। इस छूट के तहत उड़ान और ड्यूटी की अवधि बढ़ा दी गई है (जैसे उड़ान समय लगभग 11.5 घंटे तक), जिससे एयरलाइन कंपनियां हवाई क्षेत्र पर प्रतिबंध और भू-राजनीतिक तनाव के कारण लंबा मार्ग अपनाने वाली उड़ानों का बेहतर संचालन कर सकें।

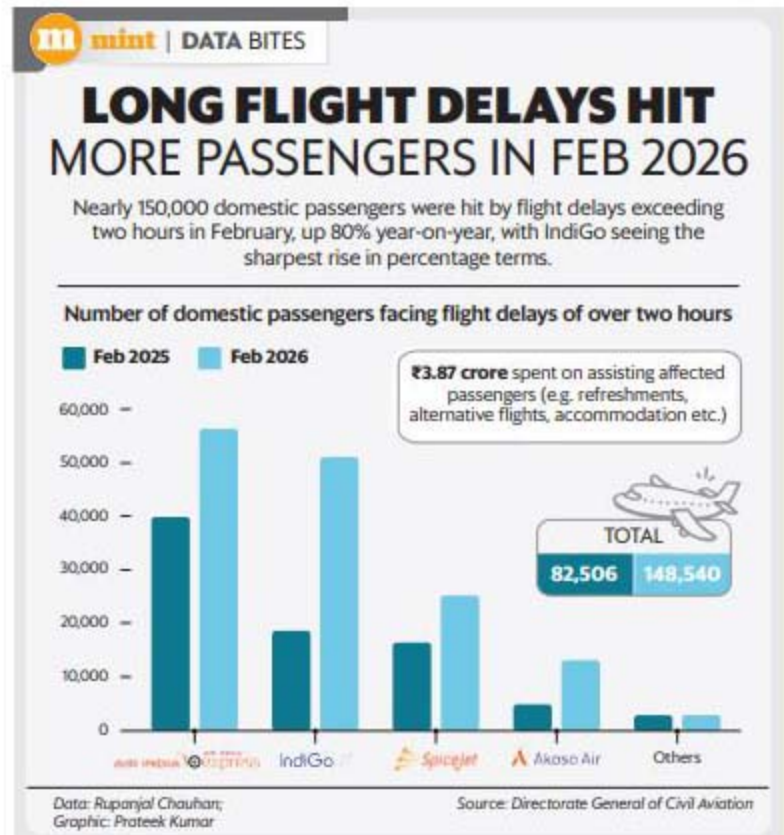


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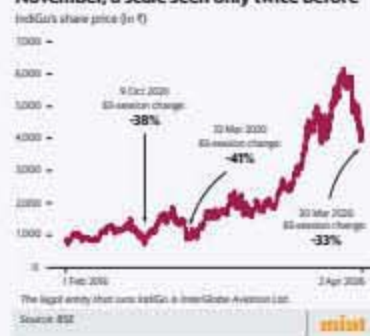


CAN INDIGO FLY OUT OF THIS PERFECT STORM?

BY HOWINDIALIVES.COM

The past four months have been a stretch of severe turbulence for IndiGo, with India's largest airline hitting one air pocket after another. In early December, it was caught off guard by its approach to new domestic regulations that curtailed and staggered pilots' flying hours, forcing widespread flight cancellations. Then came the US attack on Iran, setting off a chain reaction across oil prices, West Asia aviation, and the rupee's exchange rate against the dollar—all variables central to IndiGo's business. As it heads into the peak summer season, the airline has significant course correction ahead if it is to return to the steady glide path it has long been known for.

The IndiGo stock has lost 33% since late November, a scale seen only twice before



WINNING INVESTORS

NOWHERE IS the strain more visible than in the share price of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, IndiGo's parent company. Over the past 83 trading sessions, from 27 November 2025, the stock has declined about 33%. The selloff began in early December, when IndiGo ran short of pilots under the new regulations and was forced to cancel a large number of flights, and subsequently cut its domestic schedule by roughly 10%.

Since listing in November 2015, IndiGo has seen comparable sell-offs only twice. The first was during the covid pandemic in 2020, when the global aviation industry ground to a halt. The second came in late 2018, when the airline was headed for its first annual loss after eight consecutive years of net profit, an outlier in Indian aviation.

In both instances, the recovery was sharp: over the subsequent six months, the stock rose 45% in 2020 and 93% in 2019.

PRESERVING PROFITABILITY

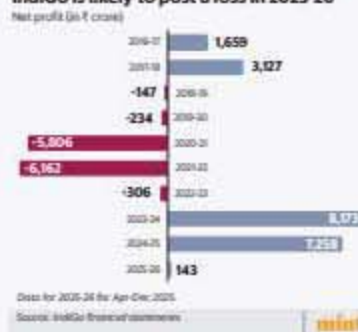
AS BUSINESS problems go, the covid pandemic was relatively straightforward—the sector was shut, but reopening was a matter of time. The 2018-19 episode, by contrast, was about managing expansion without sacrificing profitability. This time it is more complex on three counts.

First, IndiGo is a far larger operation now; its revenues are almost 3x those of 2018-19. Yet profitability is under strain, and the airline is likely to post a loss in 2025-26.

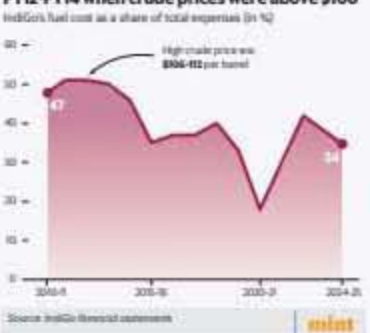
Second, it faces multiple challenges at once: It has to ramp up pilot hiring, reclaim lost domestic market share, and manage higher costs—all while continuing to take delivery of new aircraft, as it has committed to.

Third, several key variables remain outside its control: geopolitics, crude prices, and currency movements. The airline is firmly in damage-control mode. Pieter Ebers, who was CEO during the December disruption, has exited. Last week, IndiGo named Willie Walsh as his successor. He previously led British Airways.

After two immensely profitable years, IndiGo is likely to post a loss in 2025-26



Fuel made up half of IndiGo's costs during FY12-FY14 when crude prices were above \$100



CRUDE DYNAMICS

THE BIGGEST external shock comes from oil prices, which have surged after the US and Israel attacked Iran. According to the government-run Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, the average price of India's crude basket jumped from around \$69 per barrel in February to \$121 per barrel in April. Data from the International Air Transport Association for the week ended 27 March show jet fuel prices doubling compared with a month earlier.

For airlines, fuel is the single largest cost. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, when crude oil prices were steady and IndiGo posted strong profits, fuel accounted for 34-38% of its total expenses. Prices started soaring in March. The Indian government has also not passed on the full effect of prices for domestic usage, containing the impact on IndiGo's 2025-26 numbers. But if prices don't drop, IndiGo, like all airlines, will struggle.

In the three financial years from 2011-12 to 2013-14, when average crude prices ranged from \$106-112 per barrel, fuel expenses accounted for about 50% of IndiGo's expenses.

DOLLAR DIPS

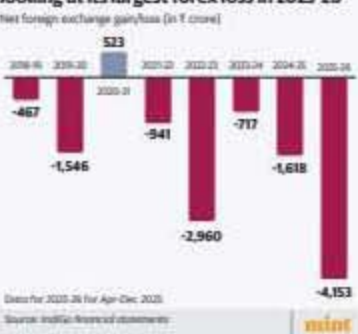
INDIGO POSTED a net profit margin of 8.6% in 2024-25. With fuel accounting for 34% of total expenses that year, any increase in prices is bound to weigh on margins—the extent of the rise will determine the impact.

Another pressure point is the rupee's movement against the dollar. Even as IndiGo expands globally, its financial base remains largely rupee-denominated.

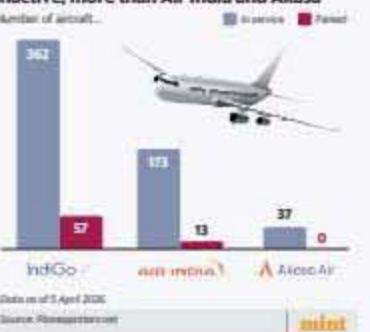
For example, in 2024-25, it received payments amounting to 134,426 crore in foreign currencies—principally from tickets sold to travellers coming from foreign destinations to India. But it also made payments of 129,872 crore—nearly twice as much—in foreign currencies. In a scenario where the rupee is depreciating, it effectively has to pay that much more.

IndiGo does enter into financial contracts to align payments to the exchange rate, but it can also suffer losses on such contracts. For the nine months till December, this was a significant drag, and a persistent slide in the rupee could deepen the impact.

A sliding rupee means IndiGo might be looking at its largest forex loss in 2025-26



About 14% of IndiGo's fleet is currently inactive, more than Air India and Akasa



FLEET EFFICIENCY

CONFRONTED WITH challenges, IndiGo has been combative. At its January analyst meet, before the US-Iran war exacerbated matters, it was sparing with details on pilot hiring and potential flight cutbacks. The summer domestic schedule, released last month by the aviation regulator, showed 10% fewer flights than in summer 2025, underscoring IndiGo's constraints on expansion.

IndiGo has been hiring pilots, but getting them airborne takes time. It has turned to 'damp leases' with foreign airlines, leasing plane and pilots, but not cabin crew. It has more planes grounded than other leading airlines, due to engine-supplier issues, and, possibly, pilot availability. The airline also remains committed to taking delivery of new aircraft. IndiGo has the cash, about 152,000 crore, it has said, to 'navigate short-term challenges while investing confidently in long-term growth'. Managing all this will be a fine balancing act. www.howindialives.com is a database and search engine for public data.

Air India begins search for a new CEO after Wilson quits

Experts say appointing a strong successor quickly is key to the airline's turnaround plans

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Air India has kicked off the search for a new chief executive after Campbell Wilson's decision to step down, announcing on Tuesday that it has constituted a committee to identify his successor.

Mint reported on Monday that Wilson stepped down from the helm of India's second-largest airline, cutting short his five-year tenure by a year amid mounting losses and operational headwinds. Wilson's tenure was to end in July 2027.

The press statement said Wilson had conveyed his intention to move on in 2026 to Air India chairman N. Chandrababhan in 2024 and that, since then, he has been working to ensure the airline and its leadership are on a stable footing for the transition.

"He (Wilson) will remain in the role until his successor is announced and in place," the statement added.

The Tata group hired Wilson from Singapore Airlines' low-cost unit Scoot in May 2022, less than four months after the conglomerate acquired the state-run Air India for \$18,000 crore.

Wilson's exit comes shortly after leadership changes at India's largest airline, IndiGo, where CEO Pieter Elbers stepped down in March. William Walsh has been named his successor, expected to join by August, about three weeks after Elbers' departure. IndiGo also appointed former Air India Express chief Aloke Singh, who also quit in March, as chief strategy officer.

Air India Express, the low-cost carrier and subsidiary of Air India, is yet to appoint a CEO, and the airline has appointed Captain Hamish Maxwell as manager and key managerial person-



Campbell Wilson had informed Tata Sons chairman Natarajan Chandrababhan as early as 2024 that he was planning to move on in 2026, and will stay on until a successor at Air India is appointed.

nel for a one-year tenure.

In an email to over 24,000 employees on Tuesday, Wilson said the airline's transformation since privatization included "the merger of four airlines (Air India, Vistara, Air India

He added that "with these foundational blocks now settling, the time is right...to hand over the reins", calling it "a true honour" to be part of Air India's journey.

To be sure, Wilson tried to revive the

from Ahmedabad to London crashed shortly after taking off, killing all but one of the 230 passengers and 12 crew members on board, triggering intense scrutiny, inspections, and the temporary grounding of several aircraft.

The crash was followed by Operation Sindoor, launched in the aftermath of the Pulhalm terrorist attack, which led to the closure of Pakistan's airspace, disrupting international routes for Indian carriers. Towards the end of February, the US and Israel jointly attacked Iran, marking the start of a war that sent fuel prices soaring and led to further airspace closures across West Asia, forcing carriers such as Air India to fly longer distances.

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LEADERSHIP CHANGE

WILSON joined Air India in May 2022, months after Tata Group acquired the airline for \$18,000 cr

HE oversaw merger of the four airlines—Air India, Vistara, Air India Express and AirAsia India

THE airline posted \$10,859 crore loss in FY25, and is likely to exceed \$20,000 cr by March 2026

WHILE standalone revenue rose 13% to \$51,280 cr in FY25, Air India's borrowing has declined

Express and AirAsia India)", a shift to private-sector practices, "complete modernization of systems", and the addition of over 100 aircraft, along with new infrastructure such as "South Asia's largest training academy".

airline by replacing outdated IT infrastructure and implementing processes and systems to modernize the carrier.

However, 2025 exacerbated the challenges of running an airline. First, on 12 June 2025, an Air India flight



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HC rejects SpiceJet plea in ₹144.5 cr Maran row

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Budget carrier SpiceJet and its chairman and managing director Ajay Singh have filed a review petition before the Delhi high court (HC), seeking relief from an earlier direction requiring the airline to deposit ₹144.5 crore within four weeks in its long-running arbitration dispute with Kalamithi Maran and KAL Airways Pvt. Ltd.

Justice Subramonium Prasad adjourned the hearing to 13 April after both parties sought time. The court orally observed that filing a review plea does not absolve SpiceJet of its obligation to comply with an order to deposit the amount by 14 April. "You have to comply with the order. The fact that you have filed this application is not a passport to not comply with the order."

The review follows the HC's 18 March order rejecting SpiceJet's plea seeking modification of its January direction. The airline had proposed furnishing an unencumbered immovable property worth around ₹148 crore as security instead of making a cash deposit. However, the HC insisted on a cash deposit.

The plea assumes significance as SpiceJet is facing a liquidity crunch due to flight disruptions linked to the West Asia war. Around 22,000 flyers and 7,000 employees have been affected due to the war, senior counsel Amit Silal said.

According to submissions made before the court, about 40% of the airline's flights operate on Gulf routes, many of which have been affected, leading to cancellations and financial stress.

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BULK OF ACTION IN SOUTHERN BELT

Delhi clears 225 acres of encroached forest land

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI: Over 225 acres of forest land in the national capital has been made encroachment-free across multiple forest divisions, according to official data, with the bulk of the clearance reported from the southern parts of the city.

Data compiled by the forest department shows that around 91.15 hectares of land, roughly 225 acres, has been cleared of encroachments since 2019-20, primarily in the South and West forest divisions, while several other areas are still in the process of reconciliation with land-owning agencies. In the South Forest Division, the highest removal was recorded in the South district, where about 77 hectares or nearly 190 acres of forest land was cleared between 2019-20 and 2024-25, though a year-wise break-up was not provided.

In the South-East district,

The figures come amid ongoing monitoring of forest conservation and efforts to remove encroachments in the national capital

about 2.92 hectares or around 7.2 acres was cleared during the same period, with year-wise removal recorded at 0.11 hectares in 2019-20, 1.85 hectares in 2020-21, 0.56 hectares in 2021-22, nil in 2022-23 and 0.4 hectares in 2023-24. In the West Forest Division, about 11.23 hectares or roughly 27.7 acres of land has been cleared of encroachments between 2019-20 and 2023-24 in parts of the Southern Ridge in the New Delhi district, including areas such as Rajokari, Rangpuri, Ghitorni and Mahipalpur.

The year-wise removal stood at 7.67 hectares in 2019-20, 0.4 hectares in 2020-21, 1.57 hectares in 2021-22, 0.7 hectares in 2022-23 and 0.89 hectares in 2023-24, according to the data. The data also indicated that in certain divisions, particularly in areas classified under deemed forests or managed by different agencies, details are being compiled in coordination with the concerned land-owning authorities. Officials noted that in many divisions, there is "no encroachment" reported on forest land under the direct control of the forest department, while information regarding other areas is being updated in consultation with relevant agencies. The data further showed that action taken has included the issuance of notices, demarcation exercises and communication with revenue authorities and other departments for the removal of unauthorised structures.

AVIATION



Air India ticket prices set to go up as airline revises fuel surcharge

More price revisions likely later

Air India said revisions to fuel surcharge on flights to and from Bangladesh and Far East destinations, namely Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea, will be advised in due course subject to the requisite regulatory approvals. Air India had last month introduced a fuel surcharge of ₹400 for domestic flights and \$10-\$50 on international flights

The steep rise compounds the impact of rising crude oil prices, creating one of the most challenging fuel cost environments that airlines have globally faced in recent years

Air India

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA ticket prices are set to go up as the airline has revised its fuel surcharge across domestic routes by up to ₹899 and on international routes by up to \$280 or about ₹26,000. The move by the airline comes after the oil marketing companies (OMCs) revised aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices last week.

Air India had last month introduced a fuel surcharge of ₹400 for domestic flights and \$10-\$50 on international flights as the ongoing conflict in West Asia triggered a sharp rise in energy prices. The fresh revision, which is now based on distance travelled, takes the fuel surcharge up to ₹899 (above 2,000 km) for domestic flights and up to \$280 for flights to North America and Australia. For European flights (excluding the UK), fuel surcharge now stands at \$205.

"Following the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas' and Ministry of Civil Aviation's decision to cap domestic ATF price hike at 25%, Air India group is reflecting this calibrated approach, transitioning from a flat domestic surcharge to a distance-based grid as follows, effective 08 April 2026 (including on Air India Express flights)," the airline said in a statement.

It added that in the absence of any such mitigations on international ATF prices, they will be implementing more significant changes to fuel surcharges. Jet fuel is the biggest expense for airlines, accounting for 35% to 40% of total operating costs.

According to the latest data published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global average jet fuel price rose to \$195.19 per barrel for the week ending 27 March 2026, up from \$99.40 at the end of February, recording a surge of close to 100%. ATF, produced by refining crude oil, has seen simultaneous increases in both its crude oil component as well as the refinery margin, known as 'crack spread', with the latter having nearly tripled within three weeks. It increased from \$27.83 per barrel for the week ending 27 February to \$81.44 for the week ending 27 March.



AIR INDIA CEO RESIGNS, CO SCOUTS FOR SUCCESSOR

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA on Tuesday formally announced the resignation of chief executive officer & managing director, Campbell Wilson.

In a statement, the airline stated that Wilson had conveyed his intention to step down in 2026 to Tata Sons and Air India Chairman N Chandrasekaran in 2024 and, since then, has been working to ensure the organisation and leadership team are on a stable footing for the transition. The Air India Board has constituted a panel to find a successor to Wilson.

He will remain in the role until his successor is

announced and in place. Under Wilson's leadership, Air India placed record-breaking orders for a total of 570 new aircraft from Airbus and Boeing as part of its transformation plan, and completed the consolidation of group airlines. An additional 30 planes were ordered in January 2026. He also led fleet modernisation plans and set up key infrastructure to support the growing fleet.

However, the airline faced operational challenges, incurred losses and a tragic crash under his leadership. As per reports, the airlines' losses could be as high as ₹20,000 crore in the recently concluded FY26.



Air India के CEO और MD कैपबेल विल्सन ने दिया इस्तीफा

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली: इंडिगो के सीईओ पीटर एल्बर्स के बाद अब एयर इंडिया के सीईओ और एमडी कैपबेल विल्सन ने भी अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया। इसकी जानकारी कैपबेल ने काफी पहले से ही एयर इंडिया को दे रखी थी।

टाटा ग्रुप ने नए सीईओ के लिए एक कமிटी का गठन किया है

उन्होंने सितंबर, 2022 में एयर इंडिया के टाटा ग्रुप द्वारा सरकार से टेकओवर करने के बाद से ही एयर इंडिया की कमान संभाल रखी थी। उनके रिजाइन करने के बाद नए सीईओ की तलाश की जा रही है। जिसके लिए एयर इंडिया मैनेजमेंट ने नए चीफ के लिए एक कमीटी का गठन किया है।

एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि न्यूजीलैंड



PTI

मूल के विल्सन पिछले चार साल से टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयर इंडिया के सीईओ और प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में कार्य कर रहे थे। विल्सन ने 2024 में ही एयर इंडिया के चेयरमैन एन. चंद्रशेखरन को 2026 में पद छोड़ने की अपनी इच्छा से अवगत भी करा दिया था। वह इस पद पर तब तक बने रहेंगे, जब तक की नए सीईओ की तलाश पूरी नहीं हो जाती। विल्सन की पिछले साल 12 जून को

अहमदाबाद से लंदन जाने वाली एयर इंडिया की क्रैश हुई फ्लाइट के बाद तीखी आलोचना हुई थी। हादसे में 250 से अधिक लोगों की जान गई थी। इसके अलावा अन्य कई मौकों पर सुरक्षा मानकों के कथित उल्लंघन को लेकर भी उन पर सवाल उठे थे।

इस मौके पर कैपबेल विल्सन ने भी एयर इंडिया स्टाफ को इंटरनल मैसेज देते हुए अपने कार्यकाल को शानदार बताया। उन्होंने एयर इंडिया मैनेजमेंट और स्टाफ की भी प्रशंसा की। विल्सन ने कहा है कि एयर इंडिया के निजीकरण के बाद पिछले चार साल में चार एयरलाइन कंपनियों का अधिग्रहण और सफल विलय हुआ है। उधर, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के सीईओ आलोक सिंह द्वारा पिछले महीने 19 मार्च को ही जाने से यह पद भी खाली है।

इंडिगो के बाद एयर इंडिया, AI एक्सप्रेस ने बढ़ाया फ्यूल सरचार्ज, उड़ानें महंगी होंगी

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

इंडिगो के बाद अब एयर इंडिया और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने भी फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ा दिया है। डोमेस्टिक रूटों पर सरचार्ज 299 से 899 रुपये तक बढ़ा है। इंटरनेशनल रूट पर बढ़ोतरी डॉलर में की गई है। इसमें 24 डॉलर से 280 डॉलर तक का इजाफा हुआ है। इससे हवाई टिकट और महंगे हो जाएंगे।

पहले की बुक टिकटों पर सरचार्ज नहीं लिया जाएगा

एयर इंडिया ने कहा है कि जिन यात्रियों ने पहले ही टिकट बुक कर ली है, उनसे नया सरचार्ज नहीं लिया जाएगा।

हालांकि, यात्रा की तारीख या रूट में बदलाव करने पर सरचार्ज देना होगा। डोमेस्टिक उड़ानों के लिए नई दरें 8 अप्रैल सुबह 9:01 बजे से लागू होंगी। इंटरनेशनल उड़ानों के लिए यह 9-10 अप्रैल की रात 12:01 बजे से लागू होगी।

यही, नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असंगबा चुबा ने बताया, DGCA ने लंबी दूरी की फ्लाइटों के लिए पायलट की उड़ान इयूटी समय सीमा में अस्थायी रूप से छूट दी है।

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छोटे सिलिंडर की सप्लाई दोगुनी करने का फैसला



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सरकार ने मंगलवार को कहा कि पश्चिम एशिया में युद्ध शुरू होने के बाद भारत की एयरलाइंस को खाड़ी देशों से जुड़ी 10000 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट्स रद्द करनी पड़ी है। सरकार ने कहा कि विमान ईंधन के अंतरराष्ट्रीय दाम उछलने के बावजूद देशी उड़ानों के लिए ATF का दाम कम बढ़ाया गया ताकि यात्रियों पर ज्यादा बोझ न पड़े। सरकार ने कहा कि

LPG, PNG और पेट्रोल-डीजल की सप्लाई भी सामान्य है, साथ ही प्रवासी कामगारों के लिए 5 किलोग्राम के LPG सिलिंडर की आपूर्ति पहले के 20% से दोगुना करने का निर्णय किया गया है। हवाई जहाजों से जुड़े मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असंगबा चुबा आओ ने कहा, जंग से पहले खाड़ी देशों में उड़ानों के लिए ATF का दाम कम बढ़ाया गया ताकि यात्रियों पर ज्यादा बोझ न पड़े। सरकार ने कहा कि

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आओ ने कहा, ‘एयरलाइंस पर प्रेशर है। भारतीय एयरलाइंस करीब 50% कामकाज इस इलाके से जुड़ा रहा है। इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट्स से अच्छा रेवेन्यू मिलता है। अब रेवेन्यू पर असर पड़ रहा है। दूसरा पहलू ATF का है। हालांकि सरकार के दखल के बाद ATF के दाम डोमेस्टिक रूट्स के लिए काफी कम बढ़ाए गए।

डी.जी.सी.ए. ने पायलट की उड़ान इयूटी समय सीमा में दी छूट

नई दिल्ली, 7 अप्रैल (एजेंसी): नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डी.जी.सी.ए.) ने मंगलवार को एयरलाइन कंपनियों के लिए एक बड़ी राहत देने की घोषणा की है। एविएशन रेगुलेटर डी.जी.सी.ए. ने लंबी दूरी की फ्लाइट्स के लिए पायलटों की फ्लाइट इयूटी टाइम लिमिटेशन (एफ.डी.टी.एल.) में अस्थायी रूप से छूट देने की घोषणा की है। एक सीनियर अधिकारी ने मंगलवार को ये जानकारी दी।

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव असंगबा चुबा आव ने एक संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा कि नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय ने ये कदम सुचारू संचालन के लिए पायलट की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के उद्देश्य से उठाया है। पायलटों की थकान की समस्या से निपटने के लिए डी.जी.सी.ए. ने पिछले साल नियमों में बदला लागू किए थे। नए नियमों के तहत



पायलटों के एक हफ्ते में उड़ान भरने की समय-सीमा को कम कर दिया गया था। इन नए नियमों के अनुसार पायलटों को लगातार 48 घंटे का आराम दिया जाना अनिवार्य है, जबकि पहले ये सीमा 36 घंटे थी। नए नियम लागू होने के बाद दिसंबर 2025 में भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो को पायलटों की भारी कमी की वजह से विकट परिचालन संबंधी दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ा था। क्रू रोस्टर मैनेजमेंट में लापरवाही की वजह से पैदा हुई दिक्कतों के कारण इंडिगो ने दिसंबर 2025 में हजारों फ्लाइट्स कैंसिल कर दी थीं, जिससे लाखों यात्रियों को कई तरह

की भीषण समस्याओं को सामना करना पड़ा।
रेगुलेटर ने फ्लाइट टाइम और फ्लाइट इयूटी पीरियड में की बढ़ौतरी

सूत्रों ने पहले बताया था कि डी.जी.सी.ए. ने 30 अप्रैल तक पायलटों के एफ.डी.टी.एल. नियमों में कुछ ढील दी थी। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, दो पायलटों के साथ ऑपरेट होने वाली लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों के लिए ये ढील दी गई है। उन्होंने आगे बताया कि डी.जी.सी.ए. ने 'फ्लाइट टाइम' (एफ.टी.) को 1 घंटा 30 मिनट बढ़ाकर 11 घंटे 30 मिनट कर दिया है और 'फ्लाइट इयूटी पीरियड' (एफ.डी.पी.) को 1 घंटा 45 मिनट बढ़ाकर 11 घंटे 45 मिनट कर दिया है। एफ.टी. उस समय को दर्शाता है, जो विमान के उड़ान भरने के उद्देश्य से पहली बार हिलने के क्षण से लेकर, उड़ान के अंत में पूरी तरह से रुकने तक का होता है।



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AIR INDIA CEO, MD RESIGNS

Air India CEO and Managing Director Campbell Wilson announced his resignation on Tuesday, saying it was the "right time" to hand over the reins for the airline's next growth phase. Wilson, who has led the carrier since mid-2022, will remain in his role to ensure a smooth transition. In a staff message, Wilson highlighted the airline's achievements amid unprecedented challenges, including aircraft delivery delays, supply chain disruptions, airspace closures, rising fuel costs, and other crises. "Over the four years since privatisation, Air India has undergone tremendous transformation," he said, noting the successful acquisition and merger of four airlines, adoption of private-sector practices, and a complete overhaul of leadership, workforce culture, and operations.



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Rain causes traffic snarls, disruption in flights

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■ New Delhi

Overcast skies and light rain-fall all through Tuesday brought down the mercury in the national Capital, which recorded its coldest April day in three years.

The maximum temperature settled at 28.8 degrees Celsius, several notches below normal. The city had previously seen the maximum temperature drop to 28.4 degrees Celsius on April 1, 2023. The weather office has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by light to moderate rain for Wednesday, with cloudy skies likely to persist.

The downpour led to widespread waterlogging, turning major roads into slow-moving parking lots and impacting operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI).

Massive snarls were reported across the city. Busy intersections at ITO, Vikas Marg, Arya Samaj Road (Karol Bagh), Dhaura Kuan-Gurgaon



Pedestrians and commuters make their way along a rain-soaked road amid rainfall in New Delhi

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Road, Delhi Cantt, Palam, Dwarka and routes between Noida and Delhi saw the cascading impact of the rain. Commuters were stuck for hours in many spots, with vehicles crawling through flooded stretches. Social media is full of frustrated

posts about the chaos. No major accidents or casualties have been reported so far, but movement has been severely hampered.

Flight disruptions at Delhi Airport were reported as 15 flights diverted: 8 to Jaipur, 5 to Lucknow, and 2 to

Chandigarh. Airport authorities issued an advisory urging passengers to contact their airlines for the latest updates, as operations were hit. IndiGo: "Heavy downpour over Delhi... causing some temporary disruption to flight schedules... allow additional time... especially with traffic moving slower than usual." Air India: "Downpour "may impact flight operations"; check status and leave early.

SpiceJet: Bad weather is affecting all departures/arrivals; monitor flight status. If you're heading to/from the airport tonight, check your airline app or website immediately and add extra buffer time for traffic. Weather is expected to ease later tonight, but thunderstorms could linger.

According to the India Meteorological Department data, between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, Safdarjung recorded 3.0 mm rainfall, Lodhi Road also logged 3.0 mm, while Palam and Ridge recorded 2.1 mm each.

Ayanagar recorded 2.0 mm of rainfall during the period.

The maximum temperature at Safdarjung was 28.8 degrees Celsius, six notches below normal, while Palam recorded 27.6 degrees Celsius, eight notches below normal. Lodhi Road logged 28.1 degrees Celsius, six notches below normal, Ridge 27.7 degrees Celsius, seven notches below normal, and Ayanagar 27.8 degrees Celsius, seven notches below normal. The minimum temperature at Safdarjung was 20.1 degrees Celsius, close to normal, while Palam recorded 19.6 degrees Celsius, marginally below normal.

Lodhi Road logged 18.6 degrees Celsius, marginally below normal, Ridge 17.2 degrees Celsius, three notches below normal, and Ayanagar 18.1 degrees Celsius, one notch below normal. The minimum temperature on Wednesday is expected to settle at 17 degrees Celsius and the maximum temperature at 28 degrees Celsius.



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West Asia crisis disrupts Indian aviation, 10,000 flights cancelled

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■ New Delhi

The ongoing conflict in West Asia has severely disrupted India's aviation sector, leading to the cancellation of more than 10,000 flights since late February, a senior Government official said on Tuesday. Escalating tensions and widespread airspace restrictions across the region have significantly impacted international flight operations, particularly long-haul routes to Europe and North America.

According to Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Indian carriers that previously operated 300-350 daily flights to the Middle East have seen that number drop sharply to around 80-90. The decline follows the closure or restriction of airspace in several West Asian countries, including Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE.

The conflict, triggered by



military action involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, has caused what officials describe as "unprecedented disruption in global aviation networks." Airlines have been forced to reroute flights, increasing travel time and operational costs.

To mitigate the impact, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has temporarily relaxed Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL), allowing pilots to

operate longer hours. This includes extending permissible flight time to approximately 11.5 hours to accommodate extended flight paths. The relaxation is currently valid until April 30 and may be reviewed depending on how the situation evolves.

Officials also highlighted rising aviation turbine fuel (ATF) costs as a major challenge, noting that fuel accounts for nearly 40 per cent of airline operating

expenses. While global fuel prices have surged, the Government has moderated domestic price increases to prevent a steep rise in airfares.

Additional measures include allowing foreign airlines such as Emirates, Kuwait Airways, and Jazeera Airways to operate passenger aircraft for cargo services, ensuring continuity in critical supply chains.

Despite the Government's efforts, the crisis has placed financial strain on airlines. Around 50 per cent of Indian carriers' international operations are linked to West Asia, making the disruption particularly significant. Airlines have begun introducing distance-based surcharges to offset rising fuel costs.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation stated it is working closely with stakeholders to support the sector and maintain stability. "Passenger safety, cargo continuity, and sectoral resilience remain our top priorities," the official said.

Air India hikes airfare for domestic flights after CEO resigns

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■ Mumbai/New Delhi

On a day the Tata Group-owned Air India announced that its CEO and MD Campbell Wilson has resigned and the airline has set up a committee to find his successor, the airline on Tuesday also hiked the airfares for domestic flights due to the ongoing West Asia conflict. Indigo was the first airline to increase the fares.

The revised Air India fares are distance-based, replacing the earlier flat charge. This means the extra amount a passenger pays will now depend on how far they are flying. For short-haul flights of up to 500 km, passengers will

pay an additional ₹299. For routes between 501 km and 1,000 km, the surcharge has been set at ₹399.

Flights covering 1,001 km to 1,500 km will attract a surcharge of ₹549.

For longer domestic routes between 1,501 km and 2,000 km, passengers will pay ₹ 749. For flights above 2,000 km, the surcharge goes up to ₹899, which is the highest among domestic categories. These revised charges will come into effect from 9:01 am IST on April 8.

As regards the shake-up at the top level in the airlines, Wilson, a native of New Zealand and a former Singapore Airlines' veteran, has been at the helm of the



airline for four years as Chief Executive Officer and

Managing Director. "Wilson had conveyed his intention

to step down in 2026 to Air India Chairman N

Chandrasekaran in 2024 and, since then, has been working to ensure the organisation and leadership team are on a stable footing for the transition," the airline said in a statement. The Air India board has constituted a committee that will find the successor in the coming months, it said.

Wilson, who took the reins of the airline in September 2022 following the privatisation of the then government-owned carrier, will continue in the position till his successor is announced, the statement added.

Wilson had been under fire following the crash of the airline's London-bound flight in Ahmedabad on June 12,

which killed over 250 people, and also for alleged violations of safety norms on various other occasions.

Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran appreciated the contribution of Wilson and said under his leadership Air India made progress on several fronts. "...it is also worth acknowledging the numerous external challenges navigated by the Air India team, including prolonged post-Covid supply chain constraints that have impacted delivery of new aircraft and retrofit programmes as well as major geopolitical and other headwinds," he said.

Wilson said, "The four years since Air India's privatisation

has seen the acquisition and successful merger of four airlines, an evolution from public to private sector practices along with renewal of the leadership team, workforce, culture and ways of operating." Air India has seen the complete modernisation of systems, the launch of new physical products, and deployment of elevated service standards on ground and in the air, as well as 100 additional aircraft added to the fleet, he added.

Air India's low-cost subsidiary, Air India Express, also does not have a head since March 19 this year following the exit of then Managing Director Alope after he completed his 5-year tenure.

Air India fares to spike as airline announces revisions in fuel surcharge



THE REVISION IN FUEL SURCHARGES WILL TEND TO INCREASE THE AIR FARE PRICES. HOWEVER, AIR INDIA SAID IT CONTINUES TO ABSORB A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THIS INCREASED COST.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 7 April

Air India announced revisions in the fuel surcharge structure across domestic and international routes effective from 8 April. For Europe, North America & Australia, revision effective from 10 April.

The revision in fuel surcharges will tend to increase the air fare prices however, Air India said it continues to absorb a significant portion of this increased cost.

Air India has revised the fuel surcharge for international routes categorised by region.

For SAARC countries (excluding Bangladesh), the surcharge has been set at USD 24, West Asia and the Middle East will attract a surcharge of USD 50, while routes covering China and Southeast Asia (excluding Singapore) will see a surcharge of USD 100.

Singapore has been assigned a surcharge of USD 60, while flights to Africa will carry a

surcharge of USD 130.

The passengers travelling to Europe (including the United Kingdom) will be charged a fuel surcharge of USD 205. Meanwhile, flights to North America and Australia will attract the highest surcharge, set at USD 280 each.

In a separate development, the Chief Executive of Air India, Campbell Wilson, has resigned from his position but will remain in his role until a successor is appointed. Wilson's five-year term had been due to run until September next year.

Air India is facing several challenges, including regulatory scrutiny, financial losses and disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions.

The airline has been under heightened regulatory scrutiny after a fatal Ahmedabad crash in 2025 that killed around 260 people.

Air India and Air India Express together reported losses of about 98 billion in the 2024-25 financial year.



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Air India hikes fuel surcharge as ATF price spikes; W Asia flights hit

New Delhi: After IndiGo, Air India has also hiked fuel surcharge due to aviation turbine fuel (ATF) base prices more than doubling for international flights and increasing by 25% for domestic ones. From Wednesday morning, Air India domestic fuel surcharge will be revised from a flat Rs 399 to between Rs 299 and 899 depending on distance.

The old fuel surcharge of Rs 399 for SAARC flights will increase to \$24. Surcharge for other international flights has been revised to be between \$50 (for West Asia flights) and \$280 (for North America and Australia flights).

Separately, it emerged that Indian airlines have cancelled over 10,000 flights to West Asia since the start of the US-Iran war on Feb 28. Aviation ministry joint secretary Asangba Chuba Ao said Tuesday Indian airlines on an average had 300-350 daily flights to West Asia, a number that is now down to 80-90. Apart from monetary losses caused by this decline, airlines now have to take much longer routes to and from the west at a time when ATF prices have increased globally. TNN



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'Right time to hand over reins': AI CEO on quitting; panel formed to find successor

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Air India CEO Campbell Wilson on Tuesday said the "time is right to hand over the reins" as he confirmed his decision to step down, shedding light on his resignation at a crucial phase of the airline's transformation and ongoing Air India crisis.

In his first detailed remarks since the resignation triggered widespread attention, Wilson said he had conveyed his intent to step down in 2026 to Air India Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran as early as 2024, and has since been working to stabilise the organisation for a smooth transition.

"With these foundational blocks now settling and a brief window until deliveries from the nearly 600-strong aircraft



Air India CEO Campbell Wilson

orderbook commence, the time is right for me to hand over the reins for the next phase of Air India's rise," Wilson said.

He said he would continue in the role until a successor is appointed, ensuring continuity at a time when searches around "Air India latest news", "Air India CEO resignation" and "Air India turnaround plan" remain high.

DGCA RELAXES PILOT FLIGHT DUTY TIME LIMIT

Airline regulator DGCA has temporarily relaxed pilot flight duty time limitation for long-haul flights to ensure pilot availability for smooth operations, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Asangba Chuba Ao said on Tuesday.

Detailing the transformation since privatisation, Wilson said Air India had undergone sweeping changes over the past four years, including the merger of four airlines, transition to private sector practices and a complete overhaul of leadership, workforce and operating systems.

The airline has added over 100 aircraft, modernised its digital systems and intro-

duced upgraded in-flight and ground services, while nearing completion of interior refits for legacy aircraft. Deliveries of new widebody aircraft with redesigned cabins are also underway.

Wilson also highlighted major infrastructure projects, including South Asia's largest aviation training academy, new flight simulator facilities, a flying school and a green-field maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) base, aimed at supporting long-term expansion.

The developments come amid heightened focus on Air India's future, with the Tata Group pushing ahead with one of the largest aircraft orders globally and seeking to position the airline as a major international carrier.



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Airfares set to rise as AI increases fuel surcharge

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After IndiGo introduced higher fuel charges, Air India has now announced a revised fuel surcharge for both domestic and international flights, reflecting the surge in global jet fuel prices amid the ongoing West Asia conflict.

For domestic travel, the airline will introduce a distance-based surcharge from April 8, with passengers paying between Rs 299 and Rs 899 per sector depending on the route. These revised charges will also apply to Air India Express flights.

On international sectors, where fuel prices are not regulated, the increase is sharper. Jet fuel prices have risen to around \$195 per barrel by late March, nearly double the levels seen at the end of February.

Passengers flying to West Asia will now pay a surcharge

of \$50, while those travelling to Southeast Asia will be charged \$100 and Singapore-bound passengers \$60. Routes to Africa will see a surcharge of \$130.

For long-haul destinations, fares are set to climb further. Flights to Europe, including the United Kingdom, will carry a surcharge of \$205 per sector, while routes to North America and Australia will see charges of \$280 from April 10.

Meanwhile, flight operations between India and West Asia have taken a major hit since the conflict in the region escalated, with more than 10,000 flights operated by Indian carriers cancelled so far, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), said airlines that were earlier operating around 300-350 flights daily to West Asia are now running only 80-90 flights a day.