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Flight ops suspended at Imphal airport

IMPHAL, Oct 6: Flight operations were temporarily suspended at the Imphal airport in Manipur on Monday afternoon after a drone was sighted, raising security concerns, officials said.

An IndiGo flight from Agartala to Imphal reported the drone around 2 pm on its final approach path from the city side, at an altitude between 3,600 and 4,000 feet, they said.

Flight operations at the airport were temporarily suspended as a precautionary safety measure. "Normal operations resumed only after necessary security clearance was obtained from the state police," an official said.

In a statement, the airport authorities urged the people not to operate drones in the airport vicinity. - PTI



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हिंडन से तीन घंटे तक पांच शहरों की उड़ानें रहीं रद्द

साहिबाबाद (गाजियाबाद)। एयरफोर्स डे के मद्देनजर सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से मंगलवार को भी सुबह 8:30 से 11:30 के बीच हिंडन सिविल एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें स्थगित रहीं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस एवं इंडिगो की सुबह की उड़ानें प्रभावित रहीं। हालांकि इसकी सूचना यात्रियों को पहले ही दी जा चुकी है।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से सुरक्षा कारणों से सुबह
चार एयरलाइंस 8:30 से 11:30 बजे के
कंपनियों की उड़ानें बीच बंद रहा एयरपोर्ट
होती हैं। दोनों प्रमुख
एयरलाइंस कंपनी

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस व इंडिगो की कई उड़ानें तीनों दिन रद्द की गई हैं। पांच शहरों की उड़ान रद्द की गई हैं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की अप और डाउन दोनों उड़ान रद्द की गईं। जबकि इंडिगो की हिंडन से शुरू होने वाली उड़ानों को रद्द किया गया है। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की बंगलूरु, चेन्नई, भुवनेश्वर, वाराणसी, पटना की ओर आने व जाने वाली उड़ान रद्द रहीं। इंडिगो की हिंडन से पटना, हिंडन से वाराणसी, हिंडन से बंगलूरु को जाने वाली उड़ान रद्द की गईं। व्यूरो



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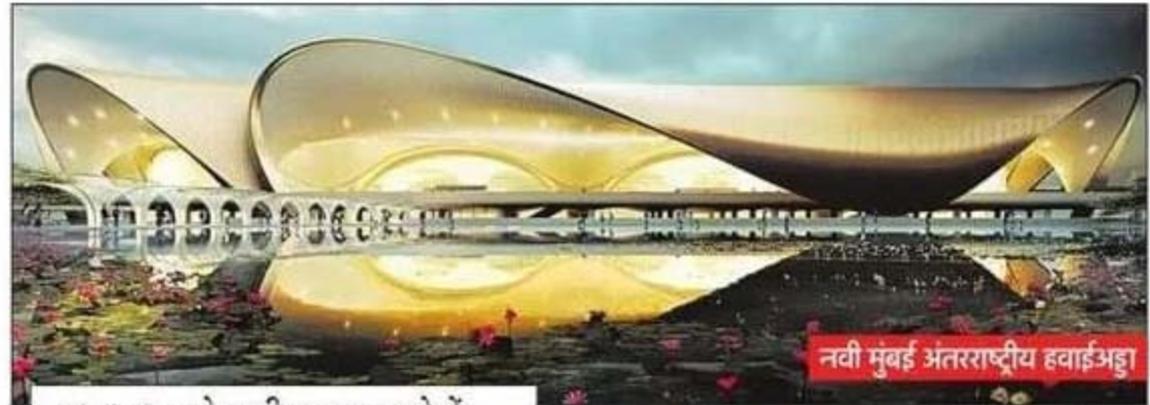
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पीएम आज देंगे नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे की सौगात

मेट्रो-3 समेत कई परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन व लोकार्पण करेंगे

मुंबई। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी बुधवार को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन करेंगे। इसके अलावा वे महानगरवासियों को भूमिगत मेट्रो-3 एक्वा लाइन की सौगात देंगे। प्रधानमंत्री 8 व 9 अक्टूबर को महाराष्ट्र में रहेंगे और कई विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और लोकार्पण करेंगे।

प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय के मुताबिक, पीएम मोदी बुधवार को दोपहर 3 बजे नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे का निरीक्षण करने के बाद इसका उद्घाटन करेंगे। साथ ही, प्रधानमंत्री मुंबई में मेट्रो-3 एक्वा लाइन के साथ विभिन्न परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और लोकार्पण करेंगे और जनसभा को संबोधित करेंगे। ब्युरो



नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा

19,650 करोड़ की लागत... करोड़ों लोगों के जीवन में लाएगा बदलाव

नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा करोड़ों लोगों के जीवन में सकारात्मक बदलाव लाने के लिए तैयार है। 19,650 करोड़ की लागत से तैयार भारत की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड हवाईअड्डा परियोजना है। 1160 हेक्टेयर में फैले परिसर की सालाना 90 मिलियन यात्रियों (एमपीपीए) और 3.25 मिलियन मॉट्रिक टन कार्गो को संभालने की क्षमता है। एनएमआईए देश का पहला हवाईअड्डा होगा, जो वाटर टैक्सी से जुड़ा होगा।

इनकी भी करेंगे शुरुआत : ■ पीएम मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 के चरण 2बी का उद्घाटन करेंगे, जिसका निर्माण लगभग 12,200 करोड़ से किया गया है। साथ ही, 37,220 करोड़ की लागत से बनी संपूर्ण मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 (एक्वा लाइन) का लोकार्पण करेंगे।

■ पीएम मेट्रो, मोनोरेल, उपनगरीय रेलवे और बस पीटीओ के 11 सार्वजनिक परिवहन ऑपरेटरों (पीटीओ) के लिए एकीकृत कॉमन मॉबिलिटी एप मुंबई वन लॉन्च करेंगे। ■ महाराष्ट्र में कौशल, रोजगार, उद्यमिता और नवाचार विभाग की अल्पकालिक रोजगार कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन करेंगे। यह 400 सरकारी आईटीआई और 150 सरकारी तकनीकी उच्च विद्यालयों में शुरू किया जाएगा।

Navi Mumbai and Jewar airports are growth runways for aviation sector: Min

TAKING OFF. Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu added that the Centre plans to develop 350 airports across the country by 2047

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The upcoming mega airport projects at Navi Mumbai and Jewar (Noida International Airport) will enhance connectivity and drive the growth of India's aviation sector, said Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu.

Speaking to *businessline*, Naidu said that the Navi Mumbai Airport, followed by NIA, will mark a new growth trend in India, where megacities will be served by the two airports.

"Mumbai will become the first megacity in India to op-



Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu REUTERS

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) to over 155 MPPA.

The Minister said that, as per current timelines, the Jewar airport's construction

istic plan to develop the next generation of airports in the country," he said.

"Under this initiative, we will focus on the needs of

passengers and the kind of connectivity (flights per week) we expect."

According to the minister, under this plan, the Centre will classify airports into three distinct categories such as 'mega, medium, and small'.

"These categories will define what facilities and conveniences travellers should expect at each type of airport. Our ultimate goal is to provide affordable facilities like 'Udan Yatri Cafe' and digital facilities like DiGiYatra at all the airports in the country," he said.

"Each airport category

will have different technical specifications to keep costs low while maintaining safety as the top priority."

At present, airports in India are categorised as major and non-major.

The major airports have the distinction of handling over 3.5 million passengers annually, whereas non-major airports serve fewer than 3.5 million passengers each year.

HUB AIRPORTS

Additionally, Naidu said that the initiative will lead to better coordination between regional and hub airports, and vice versa.

"The creation of hubs requires strong backend integration with airports in tier-I and tier-II cities," he said.

Most airports cannot have direct international connectivity, so the concept of hub airports is very important for India," he added.

A hub airport synergises both domestic and international operations, enabling passengers to transit between them seamlessly.

Additionally, the hub requires well-synchronised flight connectivity to regional airports, as well as strong metro, road, and highway links.

erate on a twin-airport model," he said.

"Aviation growth has been restrained due to capacity constraints in megacities such as Mumbai. The commissioning of NMIA, followed by Jewar, will ease this bottleneck and usher in enhanced connectivity and growth," Naidu added.

The mega infrastructure project will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 8.

PASSENGER HANDLING

Notably, NMIA will complement Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), starting with a capacity of 20 million passengers per annum (MPPA), and eventually scaling up to 90 MPPA.

Together, the dual-airport system will raise the overall passenger capacity of the

phase is expected to be completed by October-end.

"After the construction phase, regulatory testing and trials will take place before licensing is completed," Naidu said, adding that the airport is expected to be operational by year-end.

MORE AIRPORTS

The Minister also stated that the Centre plans to develop a total of 350 airports across the country by 2047.

In the past 11 years, India has more than doubled its airport count from 74 to 163.

businessline was the first to report that the Centre has exceeded its five-year airport infrastructure investment target by 105 per cent, with ₹96,843 crore in capital expenditure against a projected ₹91,637 crore during FY19-20 to FY24-25.

"We are working on a hol-

Navi Mumbai airport gears up for inauguration

With an art wall, Mumbai's second terminal has earned itself the tag of a museum at an airport. The Navi Mumbai airport will display digital screens that will showcase India's art, craft, and culture. The airport will have a digital art programme and will serve as a platform for emerging artists, as well as for content collaboration. Flight operations will begin in December, with both domestic and international operations from day one



Accommodation & entertainment

- Dedicated kids' play zones
- Immersive digital tunnels with interactive screens and kinetic installations showcasing the heritage of Maharashtra
- 80-room transit hotel
- Lounges with a capacity of 500 passengers

Features & facilities

Check-in counters 66	Self baggage drops 22
Aerobridges 22	Bus boarding gates 10

F&B and retail

- Artisanal tea concept, casual dining, food hall with Indian and international cuisines
- 1,800 sq m of duty-free area
- Retail space will cover 5,000 sq m
- Immersive experience zones

Aviation contributes \$53.6 billion to India's economy and supports 7.7 million jobs. Navi Mumbai airport will ease capacity constraints in the Mumbai region, strengthen connectivity, and bring greater economic and social benefits to the Indian economy

SHELDON HEE
International Air Transport Association
Vice-President, Asia Pacific region

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी आज देंगे नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का तोहफा

सुशील मिश्र
मुंबई, 7 अक्टूबर

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी आज नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन करेंगे, मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 के अंतिम चरण को राष्ट्र को समर्पित करेंगे और देश के पहले एकीकृत कॉमन मोबिलिटी ऐप मुंबई वन का शुभारंभ करेंगे। इसके अलावा, प्रधानमंत्री राज्य के 419 आईटीआई और 141 तकनीकी संस्थानों में 2,506 बैचों के माध्यम से नए अल्पकालिक रोजगारपरक पाठ्यक्रमों की पहल का भी शुभारंभ करेंगे।

नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे के निकट परिसर में आयोजित होने वाले इस कार्यक्रम में राज्यपाल आचार्य देवव्रत, मुख्यमंत्री देवेन्द्र फडणवीस, उपमुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे, उपमुख्यमंत्री अजित पवार, केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किंजरापू राममोहन नायडू, केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले, विधान सभा अध्यक्ष एडवोकेट राहुल नावेंकर, कौशल, रोजगार,

उद्यमिता और नवाचार मंत्री मंगल प्रभात लोढ़ा, लोक सभा सदस्य श्रीरंग बारणे, जनप्रतिनिधि और विभिन्न गणमान्य व्यक्ति शामिल होंगे।

नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा
भारत के विमानन क्षेत्र में एक नए युग की शुरुआत करने वाला नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, देश की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा परियोजना होगी। इस हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण सिडको प्राधिकरण और नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड द्वारा सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) के तहत किया गया है। नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण पर 19,647 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश किया गया है और यह 1,160 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में फैला हुआ है। यह हवाई अड्डा सालाना 2 करोड़ यात्रियों और 5 लाख टन कार्गो को संभालने में सक्षम होगा। अंतिम चरण में, यह हवाई अड्डा 9 करोड़ यात्रियों और 32.5 लाख टन कार्गो की क्षमता वाला एक विश्व स्तरीय केंद्र बन जाएगा। इस हवाई अड्डे में दो समानांतर कोड-एफ रनवे



, तेज विकास टैक्सी वे, एक अत्याधुनिक कार्गो टर्मिनल, 47 मेगावॉट सौर ऊर्जा उत्पादन और इलेक्ट्रिक बस सेवा शामिल है। यह देश का पहला हवाई अड्डा भी होगा जो वाटर टैक्सी से जुड़ा होगा। दिसंबर 2025 में इस हवाई अड्डे से घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू हो जाएंगी और नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा भारत के

आधुनिक, हरित और विश्व स्तरीय विमानन बुनियादी ढांचे का प्रतीक होगा।

मेट्रो लाइन-3 (एक्वा लाइन) के अंतिम चरण का उद्घाटन

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 33.5 किलोमीटर लंबी पूर्णतः भूमिगत मेट्रो लाइन-3, आचार्य अत्रे

चौक-कफ परेड मार्ग के अंतिम चरण का उद्घाटन करेंगे। जो मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र में परिवहन में क्रांति लाएगा। कुल 27 स्टेशनों वाली यह लाइन प्रतिदिन 13 लाख यात्रियों को सेवा प्रदान करेगी। हर पांच मिनट में चलने वाली आठ डिब्बों वाली ये ट्रेनें प्रति घंटे 72,000 यात्रियों को ले जाएंगी। साइंस सेंटर से कफ परेड तक 10.99 किलोमीटर लंबे इस खंड का निर्माण 12,195 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से किया गया है। यह मंत्रालय, उच्च न्यायालय, आरबीआई, शेर बाजार और मरीन ड्राइव जैसे वित्तीय और सांस्कृतिक स्थलों को जोड़ेगा।

मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन 3 कुल 37,276 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली परियोजना है, जिसका क्रियान्वयन केंद्र सरकार, महाराष्ट्र सरकार, जेआईसीए और एमएमआरसीएल की संयुक्त साझेदारी में किया जा रहा है। यह मुंबईवासियों को एक विश्व स्तरीय, हरित और पर्यावरण-अनुकूल सार्वजनिक परिवहन प्रणाली प्रदान करने की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।

मुंबई वन - भारत का पहला एकीकृत कॉमन मोबिलिटी ऐप

मुंबई महानगर में यात्रियों को निर्बाध और सुचारु यात्रा अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी भारत के पहले एकीकृत कॉमन मोबिलिटी ऐप, मुंबई वन का अनावरण करेंगे। यह ऐप उपनगरीय रेलवे, मेट्रो लाइन, मोनोरेल, बेस्ट, टीएमटी, एनएमएमटी, केडीएमटी, एमबीएमटी, नवी मुंबई मेट्रो आदि सहित 11 सार्वजनिक परिवहन ऑपरेटरों से जुड़ा होगा।

मुंबई वन के माध्यम से यात्रियों को मिलेगा सुविधाओं का तोहफा

एक ही क्यूआर कोड से आप मेट्रो, बस, ट्रेन और मोनोरेल यात्रा के लिए टिकट प्राप्त कर सकेंगे। इसमें त्रिभाषी इंटरफेस (मराठी, हिंदी, अंग्रेजी) होगा। वास्तविक समय पर ट्रेन, बस की जानकारी और यात्रा योजना बनाई जा सकती है। यात्री के स्थान को साझा करने की सुविधा के साथ-साथ आपातकालीन स्थिति में संचार प्रणाली भी उपलब्ध है।

मुंबई स्थित राजभवन में दोनों नेताओं के बीच होगी बातचीत

राज्य ब्यूरो, मुंबई: ट्रंप टैरिफ की पृष्ठभूमि में वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था की उथल-पुथल के बीच भारत-ब्रिटेन साझेदारी के एक नए युग की शुरुआत करने जा रहा है। इसके लिए, प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी गुरुवार को मुंबई में ब्रिटिश प्रधानमंत्री सर कीएर स्टार्मर से मिलकर दोनों देशों के समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम 'विजन 2035' को आगे बढ़ाने पर बातचीत करेंगे। इससे पहले प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी बुधवार को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे और मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 के एक हिस्से का उद्घाटन करेंगे। यह मुंबई में परिवहन व्यवस्था को आधुनिक और सुविधाजनक बनाने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम माना जा रहा है। स्टार्मर आठ और नौ अक्टूबर को अपनी पहली दो दिवसीय आधिकारिक भारत यात्रा पर हैं। वह गुरुवार सुबह मुंबई स्थित राजभवन में भारत के प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी से बातचीत के बाद मीडिया को बयान देंगे। यात्रा के दौरान दोनों प्रधानमंत्री 'विजन 2035' के अनुरूप भारत-ब्रिटेन व्यापक रणनीतिक साझेदारी के विभिन्न पहलुओं में प्रगति का जायजा लेंगे। यह विजन व्यापार और निवेश, प्रौद्योगिकी और नवाचार, रक्षा क्षेत्र, जलवायु और ऊर्जा, स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा और लोगों के बीच संबंधों के प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों और पहलों पर केंद्रित एक समयबद्ध 10-वर्षीय रोडमैप है।

● प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी आज नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे और मुंबई मेट्रो-3 का करेंगे उद्घाटन

● स्टार्मर आठ और नौ अक्टूबर को अपनी पहली दो दिवसीय आधिकारिक भारत यात्रा पर हैं



नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे के अंदर का दृश्य, मोदी आज करेंगे उद्घाटन ● आइएनएस

हिंदी फिल्म स्टूडियो व फुटबाल मैच में भी शामिल होंगे स्टार्मर

इस दौरान ब्रिटिश प्रधानमंत्री सर कीएर स्टार्मर मुंबई में एक हिंदी फिल्म स्टूडियो एवं एक फुटबाल मैच में भी शामिल होंगे। कीर स्टार्मर बुधवार को सुबह 5.40 बजे मुंबई पहुंचेंगे। उनके रुकने की व्यवस्था गेटवे आफ इंडिया के ठीक सामने स्थित होटल ताज महल पैलेस में की गई है। दोपहर तक होटल में ही विश्राम करने के बाद स्टार्मर मुंबई के उपनगर अंधेरी में स्थित यशराज स्टूडियो में जाएंगे। इस स्टूडियो की स्थापना फिल्म निर्माता-निर्देशक यश चोपड़ा ने 1970 में की थी। स्टूडियो में करीब एक घंटा रहेंगे। दोपहर बाद 2.45 बजे कूपरेज फुटबाल ग्राउंड में स्टार्मर प्रीमियर लीग फुटबाल मैच देखने पहुंचेंगे।

23-24 जुलाई 2025 को मोदी की लंदन यात्रा के दौरान उनकी यहां के प्रधानमंत्री स्टार्मर के साथ बैठक हुई थी। उस दौरान दोनों देशों ने नए भारत-यूके 'विजन 2035' पर चर्चा एवं समझौता किया था।



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Heavy vehicle ban to ease new airport inauguration

Raina Assainar

NAVI MUMBAI

Movement of heavy and multi-axle goods vehicles has been prohibited across Navi Mumbai on October 8 in view of the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The restriction will remain in effect between 6am and 10pm, according to an official notification issued by the Navi Mumbai traffic department.

The ban covers the entry, movement, and parking of all types of heavy vehicles within the Navi Mumbai Police Commissionerate limits to prevent traffic congestion during the high-profile event, which is expected to draw several VIPs, VVIPs, and large crowds.

"To ensure smooth traffic

movement and avoid congestion during the inauguration ceremony, all heavy goods vehicles are prohibited from entering or passing through Navi Mumbai on October 8," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic) Tirupati Kakade, who issued the notification.

Kakade added that the restrictions will not apply to essential and emergency service vehicles such as police vehicles, fire brigades, ambulances, government vehicles, passenger transport buses, and vehicles related to the inauguration ceremony.

The traffic department has also announced detailed road regulations, parking, and security measures for the day and appealed to citizens and transport operators to cooperate to ensure the event proceeds smoothly.



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HINDUSTAN

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लड़ाकू विमान की लैंडिंग के बाद उड़ानें रद्द

प्रयागराज, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को वायुसेना के एक लड़ाकू विमान की एहतियाती लैंडिंग के बाद सभी उड़ानें ठप कर दी गईं। दोपहर 12 बजे से लेकर देर रात तक एयरपोर्ट पर अफरातफरी का माहौल बना रहा।

भुवनेश्वर जाने वाले यात्री विमान में

बैठ चुके थे और उड़ान भरने की तैयारी चल रही थी, तभी अचानक उड़ान रद्द होने की सूचना दी गई। इससे यात्री परेशान हो गए।

मंगलवार सुबह 9 बजे हैदराबाद से 178 यात्री प्रयागराज पहुंचे थे। इसके बाद इसी विमान से 165 यात्री साढ़े 11 बजे प्रयागराज से हैदराबाद के लिए

रवाना हुए। नई दिल्ली से विलासपुर जाने वाली फ्लाइट में 70 यात्रियों ने सफर किया। वहीं भुवनेश्वर से सुबह 9:40 बजे 77 यात्रियों को लेकर विमान प्रयागराज में उतरा। दोपहर तक कुल 488 यात्रियों की आवाजाही पूरी हो चुकी थी। इसके बाद भुवनेश्वर जाने वाले सीट बेल्ट बांध चुके थे।



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PM arrives in Mumbai today: Navi Mumbai Airport, Metro inauguration to meeting Starmer

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will arrive in Mumbai on Wednesday on a two-day visit that will cover inauguration of infrastructure projects to fintech to diplomacy. While he will inaugurate two major infrastructure projects – the Navi Mumbai International Airport and Phase 2B of the fully underground Mumbai Metro Line-3 connecting South Mumbai on Wednesday, the PM will attend the Global Fintech Fest at BKC with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday.

At Navi Mumbai, PM Modi will undertake a walkthrough of the newly built Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) at 3 pm. Around 3.30 he will inaugurate the NMIA and also launch and dedicate various projects in Mumbai, including the final phase of Metro Line-3.

According to a PMO release, "On Thursday (October 9) PM will host Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Keir Starmer in Mumbai at 10 am. Around 1:40 pm, PMs of both countries will attend the CEO Forum at Jio World Centre, Mumbai. Thereafter, around 2:45 pm, both of them will attend the 6th edition of the Global Fintech Fest. They will also deliver keynote addresses at the fest."

PM Modi's two-day visit to Mumbai and neighbouring Navi Mumbai assumes greater significance as it marks the Centre-state commitment to Mumbai's makeover and it also comes ahead of the crucial elections for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the country's largest civic body.

During his visit, Modi will also launch "Mumbai One" – an integrated common mobility app for 11 public transport operators (PTO) across Metro, Monorail, suburban railways and bus operators. The PM will also inaugurate the Short-Term Employability Programme (STEP), a pioneering initiative by the Department of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation in Maharashtra. The programme will be rolled out across 400 government ITIs and 150 government technical high schools, marking a major step in aligning skill development with industry requirements to enhance employability.

मोदी नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे का आज करेंगे उद्घाटन

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी बुधवार को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे और मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन के एक हिस्से का उद्घाटन करेंगे, जिसे वित्तीय



राजधानी में परिवहन को आसान बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका का पत्थर माना जाता है। करीब 19,650 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से निर्मित नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (एनएमआईए) का पहला चरण भारत की सबसे बड़ी 'ग्रीनफील्ड' हवाई अड्डा परियोजना है, जिसे सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) के तहत विकसित किया गया है। मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र के लिए दूसरे अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के तौर पर एनएमआईए छत्रपति शिवाजी

महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (सीएएमआईए) के साथ मिलकर काम करेगा ताकि भीड़भाड़ को कम किया जा सके और मुंबई को वैश्विक बहु-हवाई अड्डा

प्रणालियों की श्रेणी में शामिल किया जा सके। दुनिया के सबसे कुशल हवाई अड्डों में से एक के रूप में डिज़ाइन किये गये और 1160 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में बने इस हवाई अड्डे की सालाना नौ करोड़ यात्रियों (एमपीपीए) और 32.5 लाख मीट्रिक टन सामान को वहन करने की क्षमता होगी। इसकी अनूठी पेशकशों में एक ऑटोमेटेड पीपुल मूवर (एपीएम) पारगमन प्रणाली है जो सुचारू अंतर-टर्मिनल स्थानांतरण के लिए सभी चार यात्री टर्मिनलों को जोड़ेगी।



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HOW TO REACH THE NEW AIRPORT

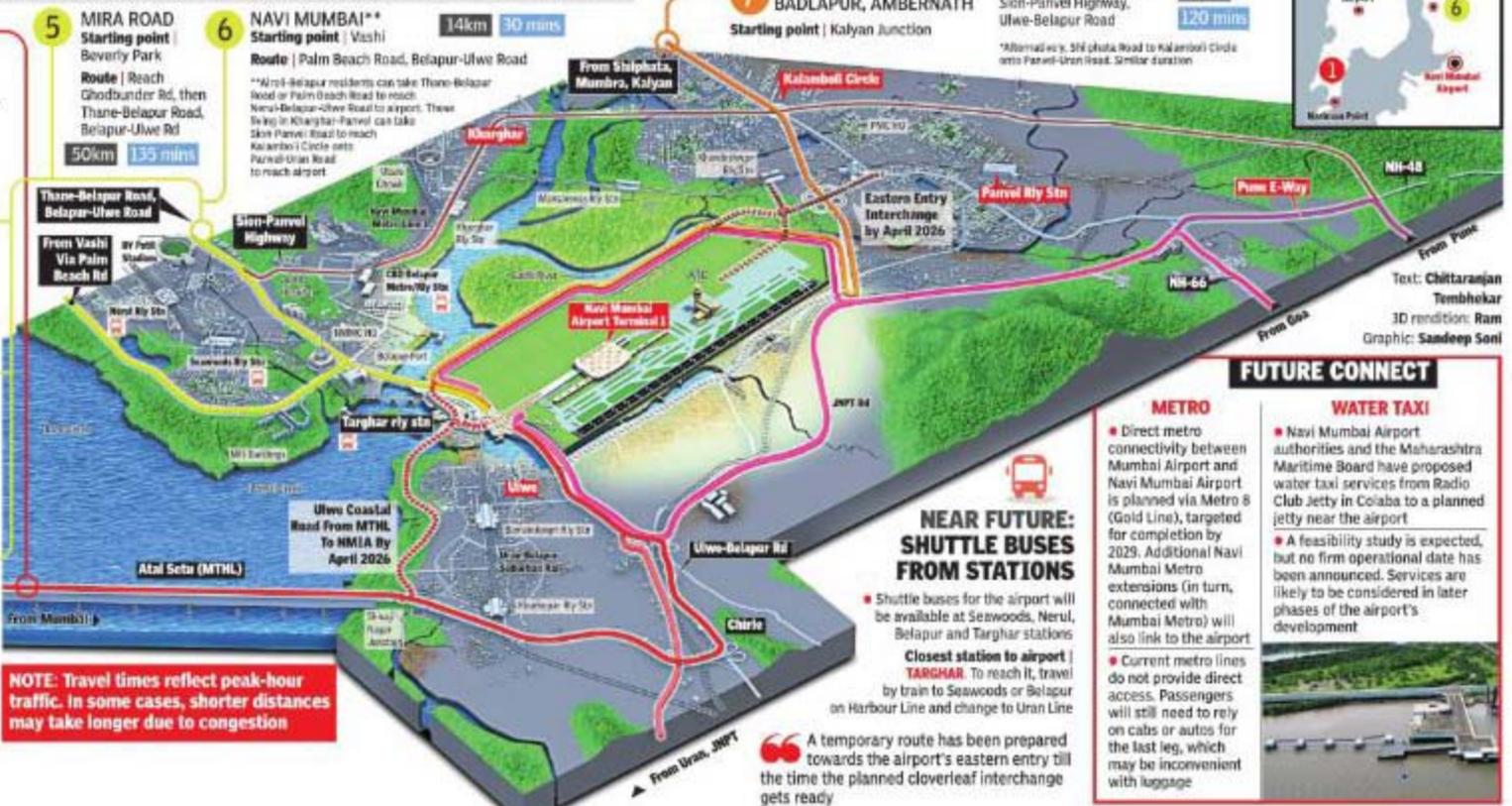
Immediate easy access to the airport from anywhere in MMR will be by road

- 1 REGION**
ISLAND CITY
Starting point | Worli
Route | Reach Freeway, then Atal Setu, finally Ulwe-Belapur Road (connects to airport)
Distance | Time
35km | 70 mins
- 2 EASTERN SUBURBS**
Starting point | Powai
Route | Reach Eastern Express Highway, Vashi Bridge, Belapur-Ulwe Road
34km | 70 mins
- 3 THANE**
Starting point | Viviana Mall
Route | Eastern Express Highway, Mulund-Airoli Road, Thane-Belapur Road, Belapur-Ulwe Road
34km | 60 mins
- 4 WESTERN SUBURBS***
Starting point | Goregaon (Oberoi Mall)
Route | Western Express Highway, JVL, Eastern Express Highway, Vashi Bridge, Thane-Belapur Road, Belapur-Ulwe Road
45km | 95 mins

- 5 MIRA ROAD**
Starting point | Beverly Park
Route | Reach Ghodbunder Rd, then Thane-Belapur Road, Belapur-Ulwe Rd
50km | 135 mins

- 6 NAVI MUMBAI****
Starting point | Vashi
14km | 30 mins
Route | Palm Beach Road, Belapur-Ulwe Road
**Navi-Belapur residents can take Thane-Belapur Road or Palm Beach Road to reach Nerul-Belapur-Ulwe Road to airport. Those living in Kharghar-Panvel can take Sion-Panvel Road to reach Kharaveli Circle and Panvel-Ulwe Road to reach airport

- 7 KALYAN, DOMBIVLI, BADLAPUR, AMBERNATH**
Starting point | Kalyan Junction
37km | 120 mins
Route* | Shilphata Road, Sion-Panvel Highway, Ulwe-Belapur Road
*Alternate route: SH Shilphata Road to Kharaveli Circle and Panvel-Ulwe Road. Similar duration



NOTE: Travel times reflect peak-hour traffic. In some cases, shorter distances may take longer due to congestion

FUTURE CONNECT

- METRO**
 Direct metro connectivity between Mumbai Airport and Navi Mumbai Airport is planned via Metro 8 (Gold Line), targeted for completion by 2029. Additional Navi Mumbai Metro extensions (in turn, connected with Mumbai Metro) will also link to the airport
- WATER TAXI**
 Navi Mumbai Airport authorities and the Maharashtra Maritime Board have proposed water taxi services from Radio Club Jetty in Colaba to a planned jetty near the airport
- A feasibility study is expected, but no firm operational date has been announced. Services are likely to be considered in later phases of the airport's development

NEAR FUTURE: SHUTTLE BUSES FROM STATIONS

- Shuttle buses for the airport will be available at Seawoods, Nerul, Belapur and Targhar stations
- Closest station to airport | TARGHAR** To reach it, travel by train to Seawoods or Belapur on Harbour Line and change to Uran Line

A temporary route has been prepared towards the airport's eastern entry till the time the planned cloverleaf interchange gets ready



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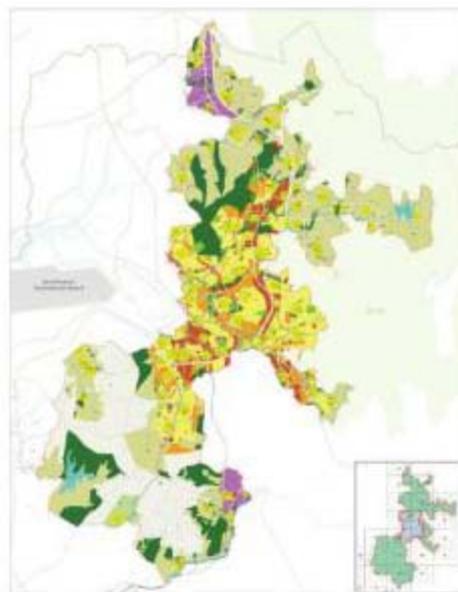
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NAINA AND NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Twin Engines Driving Navi Mumbai's Future Growth



As Navi Mumbai prepares to welcome the highly anticipated Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), a parallel transformation is underway in the surrounding region known as NAINA—the Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area. These two monumental projects are deeply intertwined, with their growth trajectories closely linked, promising to reshape the so-

cio-economic landscape of Navi Mumbai and the greater Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

Together, Navi Mumbai International Airport and NAINA are set to rewrite the future of Navi Mumbai—creating a dynamic, economically vibrant, and sustainable urban region. The airport brings global connectivity, while NAINA provides the physical and social infrastructure necessary for growth, making their interdependence the foundation for Mumbai's next chapter of expansion.

NAINA: A Planned City for the Airport's Influence Zone

Spanning approximately 225 square kilometers comprising 94 villages, NAINA was conceived by CIDCO to be a sustainable, planned urban development aimed at accommodating the spillover of population and economic activities from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. It covers parts of Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Uran, and adjacent talukas, envisioning a city designed to foster balanced residential, commercial, and industrial growth.

NAINA's master plan incorporates robust infrastructure, integrated transport networks, green spaces, and economic zones to create a livable, modern urban hub. Central to this vision is the Navi Mumbai International Airport, which anchors the region's development.

NMIA: The Catalyst for NAINA's Growth

The NMIA project, with an expected annual passenger capacity exceeding 90 Million by 2037, is set to alleviate congestion at Mumbai's existing airport and emerge as a major aviation and cargo hub. Its strategic location in Ulwe—within the heart of the NAINA region—positions it as the primary catalyst for economic dynamism in the area.

By providing world-class air connectivity, NMIA is attracting diverse industries, including logistics, manufacturing, IT services, and export-oriented units, all eager to capitalize on improved access to global markets.



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Navi Mumbai International Airport to Open New Horizons for Job Creation

The new airport is being hailed not only as an aviation milestone but also as a major generator of employment in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. With operations expected to scale up in phases, the airport is likely to transform Navi Mumbai and its surrounding areas into a bustling hub of opportunity.

Direct Jobs at the Airport

NMIA will directly employ thousands of people across operations, management, and passenger services. From ground staff, air traffic controllers, baggage handlers, and maintenance crews to security, fire and rescue services, and administrative teams, the airport will become a large workplace in itself. Retail shops, food courts, lounges, and airport hotels are expected to employ even more. Once fully operational, the airport could provide over appx. 60,000 direct jobs within its premises by 2037.

Indirect Jobs Through Supporting Industries

Beyond the terminals and runways, a much wider network of jobs will be created in industries that support airport functioning. Construction workers, logistics operators, cargo handlers, catering suppliers, and IT professionals are already finding opportunities through the development phase. Warehousing, cold chain, and freight forwarding facilities linked to NMIA's cargo operations are set to generate thousands of additional roles in the logistics sector.

Induced Jobs Boosting the Local Economy

The ripple effect of NMIA will be felt across Navi Mumbai and Raigad. With more passengers and businesses coming in, there will be a surge in demand for hotels, restaurants, taxis, retail outlets, and real estate developments. Service industries ranging from housekeeping to entertainment will benefit, creating what economists call "induced employment" – jobs born out of increased spending and activity in the region.

Navi Mumbai Airport Set to Redraw Real Estate Map of the Region: From Satellite City to Global City

Navi Mumbai Airport Set to Redraw Real Estate Map of the Region: From Satellite City to Global City Navi Mumbai, once envisioned as a satellite extension of Mumbai, is now poised to stand on its own as a global economic and residential hub.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport will not only ease congestion at Mumbai's main airport but also anchor a new era of balanced urban development, modern infrastructure, and world-class real estate growth.

With CIDCO's master planning, government backing, and private sector participation, the city is ready for take-off – and its real estate market is already soaring.

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), the city's skyline is changing at an unprecedented pace. What was once a cluster of planned residential nodes is fast evolving into a global business district, powered by

world-class infrastructure, upcoming metros, and a surge in private investments.

The airport, located at Ulwe in Panvel, is not just reshaping air connectivity – it is transforming the real estate geography of Navi Mumbai, triggering a wave of development that extends from Belapur and Kharghar to Ulwe, Dronagiri, and Talaja.

A New Growth Engine for Maharashtra's Real Estate

For decades, Mumbai's property market has been saturated – high prices, limited land, and congestion. The Navi Mumbai airport is reversing that trend by creating new, affordable and well-connected urban frontiers.

Real estate analysts predict that property values in nodes near the airport could rise by significantly over the next five years as infrastructure projects reach completion and passenger operations begin.

Hotspots of Growth: From Kharghar to Dronagiri

Ulwe & Dronagiri — The Airport Core Zone

The areas directly adjoining NMIA – Ulwe, Pushpak Nagar, and Dronagiri – are seeing the sharpest spike in demand. CIDCO's push for residential, commercial, and hospitality projects in these zones has led to a construction surge.

Developers are marketing projects as "airport view" or "aerocity-linked" properties, and land rates in Ulwe have tripled since 2018.

CIDCO's upcoming Aerocity – near NMIA – will house premium offices, hotels, exhibition centers, retail, and logistics hubs. This will transform Ulwe from a quiet suburb into a vibrant 24x7 commercial district on par with BKC.

Kharghar & Belapur — From Residential to Corporate Hubs

Kharghar, known for its planned residential layout, is emerging as the next corporate and educational hub. The upcoming International Education City and Medical City planned by the Government of Maharashtra are expected to attract global universities and healthcare institutions.

Belapur, the administrative heart of Navi Mumbai, is likely to become the new CBD once metro and road connectivity link it seamlessly with NMIA.

Talaja & Kalamboli — The Industrial-Logistics Corridor

Located along the JNPA-NMIA corridor, Talaja and Kalamboli are poised to benefit from integrated freight and logistics parks. With expressway access and metro connectivity planned by CIDCO, these nodes are attract-

Commercial Real Estate: The Aerocity Effect

The NMIA Aerocity – being developed as Maharashtra's next big business address – will feature:

- Grade-A office towers and co-working spaces,
- 5-star hotels, convention centres, and retail promenades,
- MRO and aviation-linked industries, and
- Integrated logistics and cargo hubs linked to JNPA port.

Real estate experts compare the Aerocity project to Delhi's GMR Aerocity near IGI Airport, which became a high-value business zone within five years of operation.

This development is expected to pull corporate tenants from congested Mumbai, making Navi Mumbai a preferred commercial destination.

ing warehousing, industrial, and affordable housing projects – crucial for the working population that will serve the airport and Aerocity.

Property buyers who once hesitated to move across the harbour now see Navi Mumbai as an equally premium, better-planned alternative to Mumbai Island City.

Middle-Class and Upper-Middle-Class Buyers Leading the Surge

Renowned developers are coming with projects which feature smart homes, integrated townships, and green-certified buildings, appealing to professionals and young families priced out of Mumbai.

Affordable Housing Still Within Reach

While premium prices are climbing near Ulwe, several nodes like Talaja Phase II, Dronagiri, and Kamothe continue to offer affordable options for first-time buyers. CIDCO's housing schemes and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana projects are helping balance market affordability with growth.





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CIDCO: The Force Behind Maharashtra's Mega Transformations



Vijay Singhal, IAS
Vice Chairman & Managing Director

In the heart of Maharashtra's development revolution stands a quiet but formidable agency – the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO). Over the past five decades, CIDCO has evolved from a planning authority into a master builder of modern Maharashtra, delivering transformational projects like the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), the Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area (NAINA), and numerous urban infrastructure marvels that have made the state a national model for planned development.

Today, CIDCO isn't just constructing buildings – it's laying the foundation for sustainable urban futures, economic corridors, and smart cities that will define Maharashtra's progress for decades to come.

With the upcoming NMIA operational phase, the expansion of NAINA, and new initiatives like Medical city, Education city, Logistics park, Aerocity, International corporate park, CIDCO is now stepping into its role as a future city maker – not just for Navi Mumbai, but for all of Maharashtra.

CIDCO's vision aligns with the broader goals of Mumbai 3.0 – to decentralize growth from the island city, create new economic centers, and develop sustainable urban ecosystems across the region.

NMIA: India's Next World-Class Aviation Gateway

CIDCO's crown jewel is undoubtedly the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) – a ₹16,000 crore project that, once completed, will be among

the largest greenfield airports in the world. CIDCO played a central role in:

- Land acquisition and rehabilitation of over 3,500 project-affected families through one of India's most successful resettlement models.
- Designing and overseeing supporting infrastructure including the Ulwe Coastal Road, MTHL connectors, and metro links to the airport.
- Acting as the nodal agency to coordinate with national and international stakeholders including Adani Airports, DGCA, MoCA, and AAI.

CIDCO's execution strategy for NMIA has earned praise for its speed, scale, and commitment to sustainability – ensuring the airport becomes not just a transit hub, but a regional economic engine.

NAINA: Maharashtra's Smart Growth Corridor

- To harness the growth potential of the airport and expand Navi Mumbai's footprint in a structured way, CIDCO launched NAINA (Navi Mumbai Airport Influence Notified Area). Spread across 1,500 square kilometers, NAINA is envisioned as India's largest planned urban zone, accommodating:
- Smart residential townships
 - Industrial and logistics parks
 - Knowledge and education hubs
 - Green and recreational zones

CIDCO has prepared 11 detailed development plans (DPs) under NAINA and has already started infrastructural works in several nodes. With NMIA as the anchor, NAINA is expected to support over 20 lakh residents and 3 lakh jobs in the next two decades.

Driving Economic and Social Transformation

- CIDCO's projects aren't just about concrete and steel – they are creating economic lifelines and social empowerment platforms:
- CIDCO's investment in multimodal connectivity – highways, rail, metro, sea links – is making Navi Mumbai and the surrounding regions attractive for industries, investors, and global companies.
 - Through its land monetization and town planning strategies, CIDCO has raised resources efficiently without overburdening the public exchequer.
 - By emphasizing inclusive development, CIDCO has ensured that project-affected persons and weaker sections are integrated into the growth narrative.





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“Maha Mumbai” Going to be a global aviation hub

Navi Mumbai is on the cusp of a historic transformation. Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) once fully functional, the region is set to emerge as India's first true aerropolis – a self-sustained ecosystem of education, healthcare, logistics, corporate hubs, and world-class connectivity.



Global-Scale Hubs Around NMIA

1. International Education City

A sprawling campus cluster will host leading global universities, research centers, and innovation hubs, positioning Navi Mumbai as a magnet for international students and intellectual capital. The Edu City aims to nurture future-ready skills while attracting foreign collaborations in higher learning.

2. International Medical City

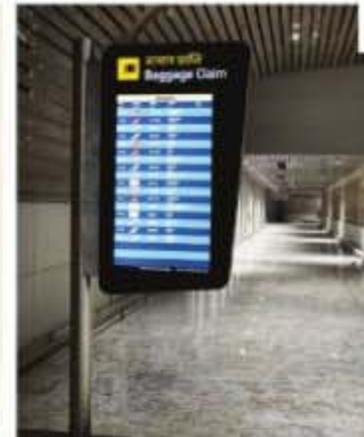
The proposed medical hub will bring together super-specialty hospitals, medical research institutes, biotech labs, and wellness centers. Strategically located near NMIA, the Medical City is expected to place Navi Mumbai on the world map for medical tourism and advanced healthcare.

3. International Logistics Park

Leveraging its proximity to JNPA Authority (India's largest container port) and NMIA's state-of-the-art cargo facilities, the Logistics Park will serve as a gateway for global trade and e-commerce. Warehousing, cold storage, and integrated supply chains will make Navi Mumbai a logistics powerhouse.

4. International Corporate Park

Designed on the lines of global financial districts, the Corporate Park will offer Grade-A office spaces, IT towers, and headquarters for multinational companies. The project aims to decentralize business growth from South Mumbai and foster a new hub for corporate investments.



Navi Mumbai Airport to Offer Seamless Cab and Transit Access for Passengers

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) is not just setting benchmarks in aviation and infrastructure, but also in ensuring a seamless, tech-enabled ground transit experience for millions of passengers. As part of its passenger-first approach, NMIA is deploying an integrated, digital-friendly cab and transport system aimed at providing smooth last-mile connectivity from the airport to various parts of Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and beyond. NMIA aims to set a national benchmark for stress-free, accessible airport transit.

- One-Tap Booking via NMIA Mobile App
- Green Mobility and Local Cab Services
- Security and Passenger Safety
- Advanced Air Traffic and Flight Operations
- Digitally Enabled Airport Ecosystem



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A Landmark Milestone in Maharashtra's Journey to Global Prominence

DEVENDRA FADNIS,
Chief Minister

Today marks a historic milestone in Maharashtra's development journey with the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport. This landmark project stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to creating world-class infrastructure and realizing our vision of transforming Maharashtra into a global aviation and economic hub.

With this inauguration, Mumbai becomes India's first metropolitan region to have two full-fledged international airports – a rare distinction that underscores Maharashtra's leadership in innovation, planning, and execution.

This achievement places Mumbai among a select league of global cities such as London, New York, and Tokyo, which operate successful multi-airport systems to meet the demands of modern aviation and urban expansion. This reflects our state's forward-looking approach to connectivity, urban growth, and global competitiveness.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport will redefine air travel by decongesting the existing Mumbai airport and offering state-of-the-art facilities to millions of passengers. Beyond enhanced connectivity, it will act as a powerful engine of regional growth, generating thousands of employment opportunities and driving sustainable urban transformation across Maharashtra.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all stakeholders – government agencies, private partners, and citizens – whose dedication and collaborative spirit have made this ambitious dream a reality.

As we open the doors to this new gateway of progress, we reaffirm our commitment to building a prosperous, globally connected Maharashtra. Our government shall continue to add many more such feathers to the state's cap, reinforcing Maharashtra's leadership in India's growth story. Together, let us soar to new heights!

Maharashtra Opens a New Chapter with Navi Mumbai International Airport

The inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport marks a new era of growth and opportunity for Maharashtra. It is a matter of immense pride that our state continues to lead India's development story through visionary projects that combine world-class infrastructure with inclusive progress.

This airport is not just a symbol of engineering excellence – it is a reflection of Maharashtra's spirit of determination and teamwork. It will bring together communities, connect people to possibilities, and unlock vast potential for trade, tourism, logistics, and employment across the region.

By easing congestion at the existing Mumbai airport and offering state-of-the-art facilities, the Navi



Eknath Shinde,
Deputy Chief Minister

Mumbai International Airport will ensure smoother connectivity and become a driving force for balanced regional development. It will transform Navi Mumbai, Panvel, and surrounding areas into vibrant economic zones, generating thousands of livelihoods and improving quality of life.

I congratulate all the agencies, planners, and workers whose relentless efforts and dedication have brought this vision to life.

This landmark project reaffirms our collective resolve to build a strong, prosperous, and globally connected Maharashtra – a state that continues to set new benchmarks of progress for the entire nation.

Together, let us embrace this new chapter of development and prosperity.

Navi Mumbai International Airport: Bridging Maharashtra to Global Destinations

The inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport marks a transformative moment in Maharashtra's journey of growth and modernization. This state-of-the-art facility is not just an infrastructure achievement but a powerful catalyst for economic expansion and regional development. By easing the load on Mumbai's existing airport, it will ensure smoother air traffic management while offering seamless global connectivity to businesses and travelers alike.

This airport reflects Maharashtra's forward-thinking approach to development – combining technology, sustainability, and economic opportunity. It will attract global investors, strengthen trade and logistics, and create thousands of direct and indirect employ-



Ajit Pawar,
Deputy Chief Minister

ment opportunities, particularly in and around Navi Mumbai, Raigad, and the extended metropolitan region.

The project also demonstrates the power of collaboration and good governance, showcasing how visionary planning and coordinated execution can deliver world-class outcomes for citizens.

As this new gateway to India opens its doors, it will position Maharashtra as a preferred destination for global enterprises and tourists, reinforcing our status as the growth engine of India.

Let us together embrace this new era of connectivity, opportunity, and prosperity – as Maharashtra continues to lead the nation's march toward a more vibrant and globally competitive future.



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Cidco is a nodal agency appointed by Government of Maharashtra for development of Navi Mumbai International Airport project. Navi Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (NMIAL) is a special purpose vehicle established for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the greenfield inter-

national airport project at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra. NMIAL is a Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), a subsidiary of Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL), which holds the majority stake of 74 percent, while the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO), a Government of Maharashtra undertaking, holds the remaining 26 percent.

Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) (IATA: NMI; ICAO: VANM), is set to become

one of the busiest and most significant aviation hubs in India. Located in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, NMIA is strategically positioned to cater to the burgeoning air traffic demands of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Western India. Spanning over 1,160 hectares (2,866 acres), on completion, NMIA is designed to handle 90 million passenger per annum (MPPA). The airport will feature two parallel runways, state-of-the-art terminal buildings, and advanced cargo facilities, ensuring seamless passenger experience and efficient

cargo handling. NMIA is set to be a greenfield airport with sustainable and eco-friendly infrastructure, incorporating renewable energy sources and green building practices. The fluid and futuristic design is influenced by the Lotus, India's national flower.

In the initial phase, NMIA will have the capacity to manage 20 MPPA and 0.5 million metric tonnes of cargo annually. NMIA is committed to setting new benchmarks in operational efficiency, sustainability, and passenger satisfaction. With its modern infrastructure and strategic location, NMIA is poised to become a prominent gateway to India and a significant player in the global aviation industry.

Navi Mumbai International Airport

The hub that will shape the future of Indian business





NMIA To Have International Ops From Day One

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The Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) is readying for a steep climb after take-off in Dec, with both domestic and international flights scheduled from the very first day of operations. Airlines are likely to operate 50-60 flights, including arrivals and departures, on launch day. Although the airport will be inaugurated on Wednesday, commercial passenger services at Terminal 1 will commence only in Dec. A few weeks prior to that, NMIA will become active online, with airline websites and travel portals adding an 'NMI' option in their dropdown menus for booking tickets to and from Mumbai. The existing Mumbai airport operates under the IATA code BOM. During its first months of operations, NMIA will function from

Immigration, customs before security check

Unlike Mumbai Airport, international passengers at NMIA's Terminal 1 will clear immigration and customs first, followed by the pre-embarkation security check. This is the standard procedure at most airports around the world. At Mumbai Airport, however, since security is integrated for both domestic and international passengers, travellers undergo the security check first and then proceed to immigration. This setup gives passengers the option to return and check in any items that are not cleared during the cabin baggage screening. Meanwhile, NMIA is working to streamline transfers for its transit passengers. Discussions are underway with the government to allow ramp transfers. If approved, this would enable passengers to move directly from one international flight to another (for example, a traveller booked on a London-Navi Mumbai-Columbo route) without undergoing customs, security clearance, and other formalities again.—Manja V



Video: Scan for a first look at Navi Mumbai International Airport's design, interiors and infrastructure.

ties to fly, and its runway will be able to handle 100 flights per hour, according to BVJR Sharma, CEO of NMIA.

Typically, when new greenfield airports are launched globally, airlines and operators begin cautiously with a limited number of flights to manage potential testing issues. But in the case of NMIA, both airlines and the airport operator are aiming for an ambitious start, with a large flight schedule planned from day one.

For example, in Jan 2025, Goair's Mopa Airport began operations by handling 10 domestic flights on its first day. In Nov

NEW AIRPORT TARGETS 10 FLIGHTS PER HR AFTER DEC TAKEOFF

ENTRY	4 vestibules with 6 passenger processing e-gates each	24 total e-gates
CHECK-IN	3 islands for check in	88 counters in all
	22 self-baggage drop counters	
SELF-SERVICE CHECK-IN	25 out-side terminal	50 counters inside terminal
SECURITY	12 automatic tray retrieval system (ATRS) lanes for domestic, 5 for international	
	5 doorframe metal detectors per two ATRS	
	2 can be used interchangeably for both domestic and international	
BOARDING	29 zero-bridges	1km Distance from curb side to the farthest boarding gate
	10 boarding gates for passenger coaches	



PARKING STANDS	42 for airlines	23 for charter and private aircraft	7 for cargo
NMIA TERMINAL 1	Area: 234,000 sq m		
PASSENGER CAPACITY	T1: 20	T2: 30	T3: 20
	T4: 20		
	Total 90		



About half the size of Mumbai Terminal 2 (450,000 sq m) and Navi Mumbai Terminal 2 (400,000 sq m), which will come up in 2029.

NEED BKC-NMIA TUNNEL: SHINDE
By CM Eknath Shinde has directed MMRDA to examine the feasibility of connecting the new airport to BKC through a tunnel. "The existing routes are likely to become insufficient because air traffic at Navi Mumbai Airport will increase. It will be necessary to seamlessly connect this airport with the national highway, suburban railway, metro and water transport network," he said on Monday.

Shuttle buses to run from 3 Navi Mum stns initially

A plan is being prepared to facilitate shuttle bus services from select railway stations in Navi Mumbai to the new airport. "Initially, shuttle services will be available from Belapur, Seawoods and Neral stations. Services will also be provided from Dargapur station, which is the closest rail link to the airport," said Yogesh Kadiykar, GM, Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport (NMMT), which will receive the plant from nodal authority CIDCO and the airport's operator. "Once we receive the plan outlining the required pick-up and drop-off points, we will implement shuttle services."

CPRO Swapnil Saha of Central Railway (CR) said, "Work on the Targhar suburban station is in its final stages. All efforts are being made to complete the station before the airport becomes operational, enabling train hops and quick transfers for passengers via NMMT shuttle buses." A CIDCO official said, "Once Targhar station is operational, commuters will be just about 1km away from the airport. However, due to security restrictions, passengers—especially those carrying luggage—will not be permitted to walk the distance and will need to use shuttle services. Coordination with CR is underway to ensure the station is ready by late Oct or Nov, ahead of the airport's launch." He said if there is a delay in the station becoming operational, passengers will need to disembark at Bhandup station, about 2.5 km from the airport, and complete the remaining distance using bus, taxi or auto-rickshaw.—George Mendonca

New airport to get its own police station

The state govt has approved the establishment of a dedicated Navi Mumbai International Airport Police Station in Panel Porties of the existing Panel City and 100 police station jurisdictions will be incorporated into the new police station, as per a Monday CR. A budget of Rs 5.14 crore for infrastructure and 100 personnel have been sanctioned. In anticipation of rising law and order demands, the govt had earlier restructured the Navi Mumbai Police Commissionerate to create an additional DCP post and reorganizing the existing Panel and Vashi zones into three: Vashi, Panel, and Belapur. The move was prompted by the area's growing population, increased vehicular traffic and the expected impact of the airport's operations. Previously, the govt had sanctioned 200 new posts to staff the immigration check-post at the new airport.—Vijay V Singh

15cr tons earth moved for NMIA, P9



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कोलंबो जा रहे विमान से टकराया पक्षी

चेन्नई। एअर इंडिया के विमान से पक्षी टकरा गया। विमान चेन्नई से कोलंबो की उड़ान पर था, पर दुर्घटना का पता चेन्नई लौटने के बाद चला। विमान में 158 यात्री सवार थे। सभी सुरक्षित हैं। सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर विमान की अगली उड़ान को रद्द कर दिया गया।

एअर इंडिया के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, चेन्नई से कोलंबो जा रहे विमान एआई 273 के चालक दल ने पक्षी के टकराने

की सूचना दी थी। कोलंबो में उतरने के बाद विमान के निरीक्षण में इंजीनियरों को कोई नुकसान नहीं दिखा और विमान को वापस कोलंबो से चेन्नई उड़ान की मंजूरी दे दी गई। चेन्नई में उतरने के बाद इंजीनियरों ने इंजन के ब्लेड पर नुकसान देखा और विमान को उड़ान भरने की अनुमति देने से इन्कार कर दिया। इसके बाद 137 यात्रियों को वैकल्पिक विमान से कोलंबो भेजा गया। एजेसी



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‘No manipulation in AI’s Ahmedabad crash probe’

Our Bureau
New Delhi

Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Tuesday stated that there was no manipulation in the investigation into the crash of the Air India flight AI-171 at Ahmedabad.

The Minister was responding to questions regarding allegations made by the father of Captain Rohit Sabharwal against the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)’s investigation into the air tragedy on June 12.

In a letter to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Pushkaraj Sabharwal alleged that AAIB officials had spread “innuendos” against his son. He further claimed that Captain Sabharwal was being framed for the crash.

Responding to the allegations at a book launch event

here, the Minister said, “There is no manipulation or dirty business happening in the investigation. It is a very clean and very thorough process that we are doing according to the rules that we have been set up.”

‘TRANSPARENT PROBE’

According to Naidu, the AAIB is the authority responsible for investigating aircraft accidents.

“They (AAIB) keep a very thorough, transparent and independent approach, not influenced by anyone, but just considering the facts,” he said.

On the timeline of the probe, Naidu said, “It will be too early to comment on the preliminary report, also because that’s not the final report. AAIB has placed the facts in the report, whatever is known. To find what exactly has happened, we have to wait till the final report.”



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Domestic fight turns fatal in Peenya

A 26-year-old woman, who had been fighting for her life after being hit with a rolling pin in front of her two children by her husband over a trivial matter in Chokkasandra near Peenya, succumbed to her injuries a week later.

The deceased, identified as Preeti Singh of Madhya Pradesh, worked in a private company where her husband, Chotelal Singh (27), was employed as a helper. Police said the incident occurred on September 24, when Chotelal picked a quarrel with his wife after she returned home for lunch. Enraged when she delayed giving him water, he attacked her with a rolling pin, striking her severely on the head and body. Preeti collapsed with serious injuries and slipped into a coma, after which Chotelal

rushed her to a hospital in T Dasarahalli. In an attempt to cover up his crime, he falsely told doctors that his wife had fallen from a building.

However, the couple's two children informed their mother's employer about the attack. The employer lodged a complaint at Peenya Police Station. Police detained Chotelal the following day for questioning, during which he confessed to the assault. He was arrested, produced before court on the same day, and remanded to judicial custody. Despite receiving treatment for several days, Preeti did not recover and passed away on October 2. Following her death, police altered the charge from assault to murder. Police said further investigation is underway. **BMB**



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Airbus A320 ends Boeing 737 reign



**A320
milestone**

- It marks a major moment in the 40-yr transatlantic rivalry
- Boeing's 737 programme has been hit by crashes and regulatory limits

REUTERS

Prague, 7 October

Europe's Airbus broke a major commercial barrier on Tuesday when its A320 family of planes overtook the Boeing 737 to become the most-delivered jetliner in history.

Boeing's decades-old record fell as a jet was delivered overnight to Saudi carrier Flynas, bringing deliveries to 12,260 since the A320 began service in 1988, according to benchmark data from UK-based consultancy Cirium, used across the industry. Airbus did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the data, tracked by aircraft supply analyst Rob Morris.

Airbus is already the world's largest plane-maker by total annual deliveries, but the shattered ceiling in the narrow-body market caps a 40-year transatlantic battle for market share after early disagreements over strategy and the share of jobs between partner nations, France, Germany, Spain and Britain.

Airbus engineers in Toulouse, France, gambled on introducing fly-by-wire computer controls for the first time to a mainstream airliner, a pioneering technology that faced resistance from unions and some carriers but later became widely accepted. Airbus is now expanding production in the US and China.

Boeing set the standard for narrow-body aircraft production with its popular 737, first introduced in the 1960s, but plunged into crisis following fatal accidents in 2018 and 2019.



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Naidu: No dirty business in A-I crash probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 7 October

Civil Aviation Minister K Ramnohan Naidu on Tuesday said there is "no manipulation or dirty business" happening in the investigation into the Air India (A-I) plane crash that killed 260 people on June 12. His assertion comes against the backdrop of concerns expressed in certain quarters about the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) probe into the fatal crash.

Naidu said everyone has to wait for the final AAIB's final probe report to know what exactly happened.

"There is no manipulation, or there is no dirty business, happening in the investigation. It is a very clean and very thorough process that we are doing according to the rules," he said.

The minister also said it will take some time for the final AAIB report into the crash and added, "We don't want to pressure them into coming up with some history report".

DGCA to study A-I RAT deployment: Minister

Civil Aviation Minister K Ramnohan Naidu also said that regulator DGCA will conduct a thorough study to find the root cause that led to the uncommanded Ram Air Turbine (RAT) deployment in an Air India Boeing Dreamliner plane last week. The incident involved the aircraft VT-ANO operating the flight AI17 from Amritsar to Birmingham on October 4. The RAT was deployed seconds before the landing at Birmingham, and the aircraft landed safely.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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कोलंबो फ्लाइट से पक्षी टकराया, हरी झंडी के बाद चेन्नई लौटी तो अगली फ्लाइट रद्द की

भास्कर न्यूज़ | चेन्नई

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नागपुर: कॉकपिट में खराबी, आधा घंटे बाद नागपुर लौटी अहमदाबाद फ्लाइट: नागपुर से अहमदाबाद के लिए उड़ी इंडिगो की फ्लाइट कॉकपिट में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण 30 मिनट बाद नागपुर लौट आई। इंजीनियरों ने जांच के बाद विमान को अनुपयुक्त घोषित कर दिया। इसके चलते उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई। विमान में 78 यात्री और चार क्यू मेंबर थे।



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FIP seeks DGCA inspection of Boeing 787's electric systems

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The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) has written to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) seeking a comprehensive investigation of the electric systems of all Boeing 787 aircraft currently operating in India.

The president of FIP, Captain CS Randhawa said on Monday that the incident in which an Air India flight from Amritsar to Birmingham had its Ram Air Turbine (RAT) deployed during its final approach should be investigated properly. RAT is only deployed after "total failure of all three hydraulic systems", said the FIP president.

"We have written an email to Manish Kumar, who is in charge of air safety in DGCA, and we have marked the copies to DG DGCA, DG AAIB and the Secretary of Civil Aviation. The incident occurred on the 4th of October on a Boeing 787 aircraft. Reg-

istration was Victor Tango Alpha November Oscar (VT-ANO)", Captain CS Randhawa told ANI.

He said that the Birmingham-bound flight had everything "running properly", despite that, RAT was deployed while the aircraft was just 500 feet in the air, a thing he has never seen happen in over 5 decades of aviation experience.

"The aircraft has been grounded by Air India for further investigations. Now I would just like to put one point across that the Ram Air Turbine mainly deploys when there is a total failure of all three hydraulic systems, total electrical system failure or both engine failures, and there are some other things which can deploy it. This can be deployed only when the aircraft is in the air, not on the ground", he said.

Expressing surprise over the incident, he added, "To date, I have never heard of a RAT getting deployed on any aircraft where everything is

normal. This is the first time I'm hearing in my 50 years of aviation experience. Now, this incident should be taken very seriously."

Captain Randhawa further speculated over the AI 171 crash in Ahmedabad in June this year. He said that he is "quite convinced" that the crash which killed 260 people, including 241 people on the aircraft, and left only 1 survivor, happened due to "electric failures". He however reiterated that the truth will be known only after the report comes out, probably in December, according to him.

"We are quite convinced that it could be an electrical problem that has led to the crash of 171. Ultimately, when the report comes, we will come to know. And I have heard that maybe by end of December, the AAIB will come out with the report. We have been requesting that the electrical systems of all Boeing 787s flying in the country be tested", he said.



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जयपुर में 35 मिनट आसमान में चक्कर लगाता रहा इंडिगो का विमान

जयपुर: कोलकाता से जयपुर पहुंची इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट सोमवार रात एयरपोर्ट पर रनवे के निकट पहुंचने के बाद भी लैंड नहीं कर सकी। फ्लाइट निर्धारित समय करीब 15 मिनट देरी से पहुंची थी। पायलट ने वापस टेक ऑफ किया और करीब 35 मिनट तक विमान आसमान में चक्कर काटता रहा। फ्लाइट में 60 यात्री मौजूद थे। एटीसी की मदद से विमान को सफलतापूर्वक हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया और यात्रियों ने राहत की सांस दी। (जासं)

एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच में कोई छेड़छाड़ नहीं : राममोहन नायडू

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने कहा, सभी को अंतिम जांच रिपोर्ट का इंतजार करना चाहिए

जून में हुए भयानक हादसे में मारे गए विमान पायलट सुमित सभरवाल के पिता ने जांच पर उठाए थे सवाल

नई दिल्ली, राबटर: केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने जोर देकर कहा है कि जून में हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच में किसी तरह की गड़बड़ी या छेड़छाड़ नहीं हो रही है। यह जांच नियमों के मुताबिक साफ और निष्पक्ष तरीके से की जा रही है। नायडू ने यह बात विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) की जांच पर उठ रहे सवालों के बीच कही। उन्होंने कहा कि असली वजह जानने के लिए अंतिम जांच रिपोर्ट का इंतजार करें।

इस हादसे में 260 लोगों की जान चली गई थी। मंत्री का यह बयान तब आया है, जब उक्त विमान के पायलट दिवंगत कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल के पिता पुष्कर राज सभरवाल समेत कुछ अन्य लोगों ने विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) की जांच पर सवाल उठाए। सभरवाल ने अपनी आधिकारिक शिकायत में कहा था कि कुछ लोग उनके



राममोहन नायडू।



जून में हुए विमान हादसे में 260 की मौत हुई थी। फाइल

जयपुर में लैंडिंग फेल, 35 मिनट चक्कर लगाता रहा विमान

जासं, जयपुर : कोलकाता से जयपुर पहुंचा इंडिगो का विमान सोमवार रात एयरपोर्ट पर रनवे के निकट पहुंचने के बाद भी लैंड नहीं कर सकी। विमान निर्धारित समय करीब 15 मिनट देरी से पहुंचा था। पायलट ने वापस टेक ऑफ किया और करीब 35 मिनट तक विमान आसमान में चक्कर काटता रहा। एटीसी की मदद से विमान को सफलतापूर्वक हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया और यात्रियों ने राहत की सांस दी। उधर, प्रयागराज एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को हवाई यातायात पूरी तरह से बाधित हो गया। दिन के पीने 12 बजे वायुसेना के एक लड़ाकू विमान में तकनीकी खराबी आने पर उसकी आकरमिक लैंडिंग हुई। इसके बाद वायुसेना ने एहतियातन शाम पांच बजे तक के लिए रनवे को ब्लाक कर दिया।

घर आए और कहा कि विमान उड़ने के बाद आपके बेटे ने प्लेन के इंजन से जुड़े फ्यूएल स्विच बंद किए थे, जिसकी वजह से हादसा हुआ।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री नायडू ने कहा कि यह जानने के लिए कि वास्तव में क्या

हुआ था, सभी को एएआइबी की अंतिम रिपोर्ट का इंतजार करना होगा।

उन्होंने कहा कि जांच प्रक्रिया नियमों के मुताबिक चल रही है। अंतिम रिपोर्ट आने में अभी कुछ समय लगेगा। एएआइबी इस पर बहुत ही पारदर्शी और

वर्मिघम में हुई गड़बड़ी पर रिपोर्ट तलव डीजीसीए ने बर्मिघम में एअर इंडिया के विमान 787 ड्रीमलाइनर की लंदन में आपात लैंडिंग से संबंधित रिपोर्ट तलव की है। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने इसकी पुष्टि की और कहा कि हम इस मामले की गहन जांच कर रहे हैं। बता दें कि एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट संख्या एआइ117 बीते शनिवार को अमृतसर से बर्मिघम की उड़ान पर थी। विमान बर्मिघम में उतरने ही वाला था कि तभी उसके दोनों इंजन बंद हो गए। इसके चलते विमान का इमरजेंसी एनर्जी सिस्टम, जिसे रेम एयर टर्बाइन (रेट) कहा जाता है, सक्रिय हो गया और विमान को सुरक्षित उतारा जा सका। सामान्यतया, रेट उस स्थिति में स्वतः सक्रिय हो उठता है जब विमान के दोनों इंजन फेल हो जाए या इलेक्ट्रिकल, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक या हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम काम करना बंद कर दे। भारतीय पायलट संघ के मुताबिक उस समय विमान 500 फीट की ऊंचाई पर था। प्राथमिक जांच में विमान के सभी इलेक्ट्रिकल और हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम सामान्य पाए गए।

स्वतंत्र तरीके से जांच कर रहा है। हम उन पर कोई दबाव नहीं डालना चाहते, जिससे वे जल्दबाजी में कोई रिपोर्ट तैयार करें। इसलिए इस रिपोर्ट को पूरा करने में जितना जरूरी समय लगेगा, वह उतना समय लेंगे।

विंटर शेड्यूल में नई उड़ान मिलने की उम्मीद

जागरण संवाददाता, कानपुर: विंटर शेड्यूल में शहर को नई उड़ान मिलने की उम्मीद है। सांसद रमेश अवस्थी ने उड्डयन मंत्री से कोलकाता और अहमदाबाद की उड़ान की मांग की थी। इस पर आश्वासन मिला था। इसलिए माना जा रहा है कि विंटर शेड्यूल में नई उड़ान की मांग पूरी हो सकती है। इसी महीने के आखिरी सप्ताह में उड़ानों का विंटर शेड्यूल लागू होगा।

अभी शहर से दिल्ली और मुंबई के लिए नियमित उड़ानें हैं। बेंगलुरु की सप्ताह में तीन दिन और हैदराबाद की चार दिन उड़ान की सुविधा मिलती है। उद्यमी कोलकाता की उड़ान की मांग लंबे समय से कर रहे हैं। सांसद रमेश अवस्थी ने उड्डयन मंत्री से कोलकाता और अहमदाबाद की उड़ान की मांग की थी।

सांसद रमेश अवस्थी ने कहा कि विंटर शेड्यूल में नई उड़ान की उम्मीद है। मंगलवार को एक बार फिर उड्डयन मंत्री से बात

- अहमदाबाद और कोलकाता की उड़ान की उठाई गई थी मांग
- इसी महीने के आखिरी सप्ताह में आएगा नया शेड्यूल



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करेंगे। शहर को कोलकाता या अहमदाबाद की एक उड़ान की मांग याद दिलाएंगे। बेंगलुरु की उड़ान भी नियमित करने की मांग करेंगे। उन्होंने उम्मीद जताई है कि विंटर शेड्यूल में नई उड़ान मिलने की पूरी उम्मीद है। हवाई अड्डा निदेशक संजय कुमार का कहना है कि अभी तक किसी नई उड़ान की जानकारी नहीं है। शहर को और उड़ाने दिलाने का प्रयास हो रहा है।

नया टर्मिनल बना, लेकिन उड़ानें सीमित

शहर से उड़ानें विभिन्न कारणों से चालू होने के साथ बंद भी होती रहीं। इससे शहरवासियों को निराशा हुई। 1970 में एयरफोर्स के अधीन बने चक्रेरी स्थित एयरपोर्ट से पहली हवाई यात्रा सेवा की शुरुआत हुई थी। यहां से पहली उड़ान दिल्ली के लिए चली थी। इसके बाद से अब तक कई बार उड़ानें चालू और बंद हुईं। मई 2023 में 150 करोड़ से अहिरवां चक्रेरी में बने नए टर्मिनल भवन का लोकार्पण केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया और मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने किया था। इसके बाद यहां से दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु की हवाई यात्रा की शुरुआत हुई। नया टर्मिनल बनने से लोगों को लगा कि अब विमानन कंपनियों और भी शहरों के लिए यात्रा की सुविधा शुरू करेंगी, लेकिन ऐसा नहीं हो सका है।



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Airbus A320 flies past Boeing 737 as most-delivered jet in history

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EUROPE'S AIRBUS BROKE a major commercial barrier on Tuesday when its A320 family of planes overtook the Boeing 737 to become the most-delivered jetliner in history.

Boeing's decades-old record fell with the handover of an A320neo model overnight to Saudi carrier Flynas, bringing total deliveries to 12,260 since the A320 series entered service in 1988, according to benchmark data from UK-based aviation analytics firm Cirium.

Airbus and Boeing did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the

data, tracked by leading aircraft supply analyst Rob Morris.

Demand for the industry's workhorse A320 and 737 jets has surged in recent years, as economic growth led by Asia brought tens of millions of new middle-class travellers into the skies. Together, Boeing and Airbus have delivered more than 25,000 of these jets, originally designed to serve major hubs but later widely adopted by low-cost carriers, which Airbus courted after Boeing cut output during a downturn in demand post-9/11.

Already the world's largest planemaker by annual deliveries, Airbus now claims the top spot for cumulative narrow-

SKY IS THE LIMIT

- Airbus overtakes Boeing as A320 deliveries hit 12,260 with latest Flynas handover
- A320 & 737 deliveries top 25,000 as air travel booms
- Rising Asian middle class fuels record demand for jets

■ Post-9/11 shifts helped Airbus gain edge as Boeing slowed output

body deliveries, capping a 40-year transatlantic battle for market share after early disagreements over strategy and the share of jobs among partner



nations, France, Germany, Spain and Britain.

Launched in 1984, the A320 emerged at a time when Airbus's future was far from

assured, following the rocky introduction of two wide-body jets. The aircraft first flew in 1987 and entered service the following year.

Engineers in Toulouse, France, took an ambitious step by introducing fly-by-wire computer controls to a mainstream airliner - a pioneering move that met resistance from unions and some carriers but ultimately became an industry standard. The brainchild of Airbus co-founder Roger Betelle, its development was shaped by arguments over whether to prioritise US airline demands for a jet in the new 150-seat market, supported by the French, or continue focusing on wide-bodies, backed by Lufthansa.

The project narrowly escaped collapse when French President François Mitterrand and German Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl, unaware they had chosen the same intermediary - Bavarian politician Franz-Josef Strauss - asked him to mediate their dispute by drafting letters between them. The episode is recounted in Airbus: The First 50 Years, a history commissioned by Airbus but never published, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters.

It was also nearly derailed by doubts over investment from European governments. British PM Margaret Thatcher told parliament in 1984: "I do not want another Concorde on my hands", referring to cost overruns on the Anglo-French supersonic jet. Boeing has long criticised such support.



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No dirty biz happening in AI crash probe: Naidu

CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER K Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday said there is "no manipulation or dirty business" happening in the investigation into the Air India plane crash that killed 260 people on June 12.

His assertion comes against the backdrop of concerns expressed in certain quarters about the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) probe into the fatal crash.

Naidu said everyone has to wait for the final AAIB's final probe report to know what exactly happened.

"There is no manipulation, or there is no dirty business, happening in the investigation. It is a very clean and very thorough process that we are doing according to the rules..." he said.

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Nashik gets 2 daily flights to Delhi

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NASHIK

The long-standing demand of Nashik residents for improved air connectivity with the national capital has finally been fulfilled. Following sustained efforts by MP Rajabhau Waje, the Union Civil Aviation Ministry has approved two daily flights between Nashik and Delhi.

Waje met ministry officials and the Union Minister several times to explain the commercial and civic benefits of expanding the route. He also raised the issue in the Lok Sabha on Aug 21 through a starred question, pressing for increased flight frequency to meet passenger demand.

Currently, only a morning service operates from Nashik's Ozar Airport to Delhi. Under the new schedule, an additional evening flight from Delhi to Nashik will depart at 6.25pm, providing much-needed convenience to traders, entrepreneurs, government officials, professionals, and students. Experts said the timing would also benefit tourists visiting Nashik.

"My heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Civil Aviation

Service begins after MP Rajabhau Waje's efforts with Civil Aviation Ministry; evening flight added for travellers' convenience

and IndiGo Airlines for starting the new Nashik-Delhi flight. I am confident that Nashik people will make this flight a success with a huge response," Waje said.

He presented data showing a steady rise in passenger traffic between Nashik and Delhi, which helped persuade ministry officials and civil aviation companies to support the expansion. Both the ministry and airlines, he said, showed a positive attitude towards increasing connectivity.

During the Aug 21 Lok Sabha session, Waje drew attention to the limited number of flights, the inconvenience caused to passengers, and the need for coordination over night slots. His intervention, he said, aimed to ensure that Nashik receives better aviation facilities in line with its growing economic and civic importance.

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TRAVEL CHAOS | Flights, trains to Delhi, Ayodhya, and Varanasi are fully booked, forcing travellers to cancel plans or resort to costly alternatives

Diwali rush: Ahmedabad flyers face ₹25K airfares, packed trains

FPJ News Service

AHMEDABAD

With Diwali just days away, the festive excitement across Gujarat is being overshadowed by an unprecedented travel rush. Ahmedabad, one of the busiest transit hubs in western India, is witnessing skyrocketing airfares and fully booked trains, leaving holidaymakers scrambling for last-minute options.

What was once a routine Rs4,500 one-way flight from Ahmedabad to Delhi has now soared to as high as Rs25,000, making even short domestic trips a luxury. Travel agents say bookings have surged since July, with almost all northbound flights and trains packed to capacity. The Diwali travel period, which begins around October 18, has triggered a wave of panic among



travellers who waited too long to book.

"The festive rush started much earlier this year," said Jayesh Patel, a leading Ahmedabad-based travel consultant. "Almost every flight to Delhi, Varanasi, or Ayodhya is overbooked, and fares are nearly five times higher than normal. Those who booked early were lucky. For everyone else, this Diwali trip will be an expensive affair."

According to airline data, the one-way airfare from Ahmedabad to Delhi now ranges between Rs11,300 and Rs24,649. Tickets to Ayodhya are around Rs18,000, while fares to Varanasi have touched Rs22,000. Popular destinations like Dehradun and Kolkata are also seeing steep hikes, with fares exceeding Rs21,000. Even relatively short flights to Mumbai and Pune are being sold at nearly double their

usual rates.

However, those hoping for a cheaper alternative by rail are finding little relief. The city's major trains connecting to Delhi, Ayodhya, Varanasi, and Kolkata are running full, with waiting lists stretching into hundreds. The Ashram Express, Yoga Express, and Kamakhya Express are showing 'regret' status, while the Rajdhani Express to Delhi has a waiting list of 225 passengers. Trains to Haridwar and Kolkata, too, have long queues, with more than 180 passengers waiting for confirmation.

"People are desperate to travel home for Diwali, and even Tatkal tickets are selling out within minutes," said Rita Mehta, a travel booking agent. "The demand this year is much higher than 2023. Many families are cancelling plans because neither flight tickets nor train seats are available at

reasonable prices."

Experts attribute the surge to an early festive start, rising fuel costs, and post-pandemic travel enthusiasm. Travel insiders say that many airlines and ticketing agents block seats in advance and release them later depending on market demand. "Last year, this backfired, and prices dropped at the last minute. But this year, bookings are steady and prices are unlikely to fall," Patel explained.

With both skies and tracks jam-packed, travellers from Ahmedabad are facing tough choices. Many are resorting to overnight buses or road trips to reach northern destinations. For now, though, it seems Diwali travel from Ahmedabad is not just about lights and celebrations—it's also about patience, planning, and paying a premium to get home on time.



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सुरक्षित लैंडिंग के बाद वापसी रद्द

एयर इंडिया की कोलंबो से चेन्नई आ रही फ्लाइट से टकरा गया पक्षी

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एयर इंडिया की कोलंबो-चेन्नई फ्लाइट में बर्ड हिट की घटना सामने आई, जिसके बाद एयरलाइन को अपनी वापसी उड़ान रद्द करनी पड़ी। हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरणों के मुताबिक, विमान में उस समय 158 यात्री सवार थे। विमान ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की और सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित रूप से बाहर निकाला गया। अधिकारियों के अनुसार बर्ड हिट का पता लैंडिंग के बाद चला। घटना के बाद विमान को उड़ान भरने से रोक दिया गया और एयर इंडिया के इंजीनियरों **शेष पेज 5 पर**



एयर इंडिया का बयान

इंजन ब्लेड पर प्रभाव के निशान

एयर इंडिया के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि 7 अक्टूबर को एआई 273 फ्लाइट के चालक दल ने चेन्नई से कोलंबो के लिए उड़ान के दौरान संभावित बर्ड स्ट्राइक की सूचना दी। कोलंबो में लैंडिंग के बाद इंजीनियरों ने विमान का निरीक्षण किया और कोई क्षति नहीं पाई, जिसके बाद इसे संचालन के लिए मंजूरी दे दी गई। यहाँ विमान निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार एआई 274 फ्लाइट के रूप में कोलंबो से चेन्नई के लिए रवाना हुआ। लेकिन चेन्नई में स्टीन पोस्ट-फ्लाइट जांच के दौरान इंजीनियरों ने इंजन ब्लेड पर प्रभाव के निशान देखे। इसके बाद विमान को अतिरिक्त निरीक्षण और बुकसान के कारण का पता लगाने के लिए वाउंड कर दिया गया है।

एयर इंडिया की कोलंबो...

ने उसकी विस्तृत जांच की। सुरक्षा कारणों से एयरलाइन ने वापसी उड़ान को रद्द करने का निर्णय लिया। एयरलाइन ने प्रभावित यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए एक अन्य विमान की व्यवस्था की, जिसके जरिए 137 यात्री बाद में कोलंबो के लिए रवाना हुए।



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कोलंबो से आ रहा विमान पक्षी से टकराया

चेन्नई, एजेंसी। एयर इंडिया का कोलंबो-चेन्नई विमान मंगलवार को पक्षी से टकरा गया, जिसके कारण विमान को अपनी वापसी यात्रा रद्द करनी पड़ी। एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। इस विमान में 158 यात्री यात्रा कर रहे थे।

विमान ने कोलंबो से चेन्नई के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों

ने बताया कि विमान जब चेन्नई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने वाला था, तभी उसके इंजन से पक्षी टकरा गया, जिससे विमान के इंजन से आवाज आने लगी। इसके बाद पायलट ने विमान को चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट पर उतार लिया। विमान की लैंडिंग सुरक्षित तरीके से हो गई। फिलहाल विमान की आगे की यात्रा रद्द कर दी गई है।

Fly out of 'fully digital' NMIA from Dec

NMIA will be an "anxiety-free airport", Adani Group officials said, with state-of-the-art digital facilities like online check-in and baggage drop services, digitised immigration process, pre-booking for vehicle parking slots, queuing time monitors and virtual queuing. Commercial operations will commence in December, tapping into a pent-up demand of 15-20 million passengers

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NAVI MUMBAI: The Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), set for inauguration tomorrow, will be India's first fully digital airport, with facilities for pre-booking vehicle parking slots and online check-in, baggage drop and immigration services, chief executive officer (CEO) of Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) Arun Bansal said during an interaction with journalists.

"Queuing time monitors will tell passengers how long they need to wait, while virtual queuing will allow them to block a slot and head straight to security when their turn arrives," he said.

Commercial operations at the 1,160-hectare airport will take off in December, following the inauguration and a 45-60 day period for security sweeps, customs, immigration, and end-to-end testing, Bansal said.

"There is a pent-up demand of 15-20 million passengers and we will do everything to capture traffic," the CEO said. "Mumbai is the financial capital, and unlike Delhi, which grew because there was no other option, here we will have two runways and the ability to retain international passengers."

Tapping demand

Several airlines have already expressed strong interest in operating flights from NMIA, while IndiGo, Air India, and Akasa have confirmed operations, officials said. Slot allocation is expected to saturate quickly at around 20 million passengers, underscoring the scale of demand in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), they added.

The airport will initially operate for 12 hours daily, from 8am to 8pm, with 8-10 aircraft movements per hour. "After the initial phase, ATC (air traffic control) will take a call on extending operations," Bansal said.

Commercial operations will start in December with about 40% international traffic and eventually move towards 75%, in line with global hubs, Bansal said. The airport will host the country's largest maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility, with five handlers onboarded, he noted.

"With Mumbai's cargo infrastructure under strain, NMIA will absorb general aviation and cargo operations. The entire hangar from Mumbai airport will move here," Bansal said.

The CEO clarified that terminal one of Mumbai airport will not be demolished immediately.



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Terminal 1 will have 88 check-in counters and 75 kiosks.

"It will continue to serve the city until at least 2029, and demolition will only be undertaken once the second terminal at NMIA is ready," he said.

Passenger amenities

Bansal described NMIA as an "anxiety-free airport," with automation and digital systems built in from day one. The airport will also feature paperless operations, kiosks to pre-order multiple items for single-point delivery, and food delivery at the gate.

"We are experimenting with AI-enabled baggage tracking in Ahmedabad, and here, you will be able to get a message on your phone telling you, for example, that your bag is number 20 on

the carousel," he said.

BVJK Sharma, project CEO of the Adani Group, said the terminal buildings, inspired by India's national flower, lotus, blend futuristic architecture with operational efficiency.

"NMIA has been designed with resilience and convenience in mind. Walking distance from any gate will be a maximum of 500 metres. The airport has been raised to 8.5 metres to withstand a 100-year flood or cloudburst, and precautions have been taken against bird strikes," he said.

The airport, engineered to withstand extreme weather events, will be among the most sustainable airports globally, with 47 megawatt solar power

generation, electric vehicles for airside operations, rainwater harvesting, wastewater reuse and automated people movers. It will also have 102 retail outlets and food and beverage zones for flyers while non-travellers will have access to a forecourt gaming zone and digital art installations.

"We've designed NMIA to be future-proof, in terms of capacity and climate resilience," Bansal said. The airport will be developed in five phases, scaling from 20 million passengers per annum in phase I and II (2024-25) to 90 million by phase V (2040). All four terminals will be linked via a 10 km automated people mover, officials said.



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Take Atal Setu from Sewri to Chirle via Amar Marg
Coastal road from Worli to Sewri once it is ready

Amenities at Terminal 1

88 check-in counters	75 kiosks	12 security gates
12 ATR lanes	6 e-gates	42 commercial stands
16 buggies for pregnant women and children	7 cargo stands	23 general aviation bays

Rail linkages

- Suburban rail access via Targhar and Khandeshwar stations

Metro connectivity

- Line 8 linking Mumbai airport to NMIA
- Navi Mumbai metro line 1 via a 3-km under-construction extension
- 34-km Airport Express metro line with 20 stations

Water terminal

- Being developed in Panvel creek, for passenger and cargo movement by sea

Link NMIA to city via tunnel: Shinde

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MUMBAI: Deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde, who heads the urban development department, on Monday asked MMRDA to examine the feasibility of connecting Navi Mumbai International Airport to Mumbai through a tunnel and to submit a detailed report on the proposal. The minister held a meeting of senior officers of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), where MMRDA chief Sanjay Mukherjee

and other senior officers were present.

At present, connectivity with the new airport—Phase 1 of which will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday—is a major issue. The City Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) is in charge of executing the Sahar Airport-to-NMIA metro.

The airport will be developed in four phases, and a large number of vehicles will

travel to and from Mumbai to the airport. Therefore, seamless connectivity to national highways, suburban railways, metro networks, and waterways will be essential, a press note issued by Shinde's office said.

Shinde held another meeting with MahaRail officials, and representatives of the High-Speed Rail Corporation constructing the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor. He asked officials to exam-

ine if the proposed bullet train station at Mhatardi in Thane district could be connected to Thane railway station, Kopar railway station and the Takolga metro station. MahaRail gave a detailed presentation on the proposed master plan, the press note said.

Mhatardi station, near Diva, will serve as an important junction on the bullet train route and will eventually become an integrated transport hub. It will connect bullet trains with the suburban railway network, metro, buses, and highways.





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No manipulation or dirty business in AI 171 crash probe: Aviation Minister

SUKALP SHARMA
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IN THE wake of questions being raised on the investigation and the preliminary report into the crash of Air India flight AI 171 by pilot associations and the father of one of the pilots of the ill-fated aircraft, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said Tuesday that there was no "manipulation" or "dirty business" happening in the probe that is being conducted by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB).

"There is no manipulation, or there is no dirty business happening in the investigation. It is a very clean and very thorough process that we are doing, according to the rules that have been set up. We are going to ensure that the commitment will be maintained," Naidu said. The minister added that the AIB keeps a "thorough, transparent, and independent" approach, and that it would be better to wait for the final report, instead of commenting on the preliminary report.

"It will be too early to comment on the initial or preliminary report because that is not the final report. And what AIB has done is to place the facts through the



Civil Aviation Minister
K Ram Mohan Naidu

(preliminary) report, whatever is known. To find, whatever happened, we need to wait for the final report," Naidu said.

The interim report, which was released a month after the June 12 crash of the Boeing 787-8 in Ahmedabad which left 260 people dead, came under criticism from various sections, particularly pilots, as many interpreted it as hinting at pilot action as the primary cause of the crash. About two weeks ago, pilot grouping Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) wrote to the Ministry of Civil Aviation demanding that the central government initiate a judicial investigation through a court of inquiry.

Pushkar Raj Sabharwal, the 91-year-old father of Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots of the ill-fated aircraft, had alleged that the preliminary report and selective leaks have tarnished his son's reputation and adversely affected his own health. He termed the report as "deficient, diversionary and discrepant".



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Airbus A320 ousts Boeing 737 as most-delivered jetliner in history

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EUROPE'S AIRBUS broke a major commercial barrier on Tuesday when its A320 family of planes overtook the Boeing 737 to become the most-delivered jetliner in history.

Boeing's decades-old record fell as a jet was delivered overnight to Saudi carrier Flynas, bringing deliveries to 12,260 since the A320 began service in 1988, according to benchmark data from UK-based consultancy Cirium, used across the industry.

Airbus did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the data, tracked by aircraft supply analyst Rob Morris.



Airbus launched the A320 aircraft in 1984. *Fik*

Between them Boeing and Airbus have delivered more than 25,000 such jets, originally designed to feed large hubs and later widely adopted by low-cost carriers, which Airbus courted after Boeing cut output during a downturn in demand post-9/11.

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Airbus is already the world's largest planemaker by total annual deliveries, but the shattered ceiling in the narrow-body market caps a 40-year transatlantic battle for market share after early disagreements between partner nations, France, Germany, Spain and Britain. The A320 was launched in 1984 when many

questioned whether Airbus would last another decade after painfully launching two wide-body jets. It first flew three years later. Airbus engineers in Toulouse, France, gambled on introducing fly-by-wire computer controls for the first time to a mainstream airliner, a pioneering technology that faced resistance from unions and some carriers but later became widely accepted.

Airbus is now expanding production in the US and China.

Boeing set the standard for narrow-body aircraft production with its popular 737, first introduced in the 1960s, but plunged into crisis following fatal accidents in 2018 and 2019. The company is gradually restoring output under regulatory limits.



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एयर इंडिया दुर्घटना जांच में हेराफेरी की आशंका निराधार: नागर विमानन मंत्री

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने मंगलवार को स्पष्ट किया कि 12 जून को हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच निष्पक्ष और पारदर्शी तरीके से की जा रही है। इस दुर्घटना में 260 लोगों की मृत्यु हुई थी।

उनका यह बयान वायुयान दुर्घटना अन्वेषण ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) द्वारा इस हादसे की जांच को लेकर कुछ हलकों में व्यक्त की गई चिंताओं की पृष्ठभूमि में आया है। नायडू ने कहा कि वास्तव में क्या हुआ था, यह जानने के लिए सभी को एएआईबी की अंतिम जांच रिपोर्ट का इंतजार करना होगा।

मंत्री ने यहां एक पुस्तक विमोचन कार्यक्रम से इतर कहा कि जांच में कोई हेराफेरी या कोई गड़बड़ी नहीं हो रही है। यह एक बहुत ही साफ-सुथरी और गहन प्रक्रिया है, जिसे हम नियमों के अनुसार कर रहे हैं। मंत्री ने यह भी



कहा कि दुर्घटना पर एएआईबी की अंतिम रिपोर्ट आने में कुछ समय लगेगा। देश में हुए सबसे भीषण विमान हादसों में से एक में, 12 जून को अहमदाबाद से लंदन के लिए उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद एअर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई171 दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गई, जिसमें 241 यात्रियों सहित कुल 260 लोगों की जान चली गई।

एएआईबी ने 12 जुलाई को जारी अपनी प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट में कहा था कि विमान के दोनों इंजनों की ईंधन आपूर्ति एक सेकेंड के अंतराल में बंद हो गई, जिससे उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद कॉकपिट में भ्रम की स्थिति पैदा हो गई।



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India seeks details from Boeing after emergency system glitch

New Delhi: India's air safety regulator has sought more information from Boeing Co. after an emergency power system unexpectedly activated on an Air India 787 Dreamliner flying from Amritsar to Birmingham on Saturday, a government official with direct knowledge of the matter said. The crew of the aircraft detected the deployment of the emergency power system during the final approach, Air India said on Sunday.

REUTERS

कोलंबो-चेन्नई एयर इंडिया की उड़ान से पक्षी टकराया

चेन्नई, 7 अक्टूबर (एजेंसी) : एअर इंडिया की कोलंबो-चेन्नई उड़ान से मंगलवार को एक पक्षी टकरा गया, जिसके कारण एयरलाइन को अपनी वापसी यात्रा रद्द करनी पड़ी। हवाईअड्डा अधिकारियों ने यह बताया कि विमान में 158 यात्री सवार थे।

■ सुरक्षित लैंडिंग मगर वापसी यात्रा रद्द



अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान सुरक्षित उतर गया और सभी यात्रियों को विमान से सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया है। हवाईअड्डे पर उतरने के बाद विमान से पक्षी के टकराने का पता चला। विमान को रोक दिया गया है और एअर इंडिया के इंजीनियरों ने व्यापक जांच की। एयरलाइन के अधिकारियों ने इस घटना के कारण विमान की वापसी यात्रा रद्द कर दी। एयरलाइन ने 137 यात्रियों के लिए एक अन्य विमान की व्यवस्था की, जो बाद में कोलंबो के लिए रवाना हो गए।

इंडिगो विमान उड़ान भरते ही वापस लौटा

नागपुर : नागपुर से अहमदाबाद के लिए रवाना हुआ इंडिगो का एक विमान मंगलवार सुबह उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद हवाई अड्डे पर लौट आया। हवाई अड्डे के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी दी। अधिकारी ने इस बारे में कोई विवरण नहीं दिया कि विमान किस वजह से वापस लौटा। इंडिगो की ओर से प्रतिक्रिया का इंतजार है।



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DGCA PROBES AIR INDIA RAT DEPLOYMENT INCIDENT

ASHOKERAJ in New Delhi

India's civil aviation watchdog, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has launched a probe into a potentially serious safety incident involving an uncommanded deployment of the Ram Air Turbine (RAT) on an Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft during its approach to Birmingham, UK.

The incident occurred on October 4 aboard flight AI117, which was operating from Amritsar to Birmingham. The aircraft, registered VT-ANO, experienced the unexpected deployment of its RAT — a critical emergency component designed to provide power during engine or electrical system failure — when it was around 400-500 feet from landing.

A senior DGCA official told The Pioneer and confirmed that although the pilot did not report any abnormalities during landing, the deployment triggered automatic fault detection by the Aircraft Health Monitoring (AHM) system. It identified a fault with the Bus Power Control Unit (BPCU), a crucial part of the aircraft's electrical power management system, potentially causing the RAT to deploy.



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PM to inaugurate Navi Mumbai Airport on Oct 8

T N RAGHUNATHA
in Mumbai

The Air India One carrying Prime Minister Narendra Modi will land at Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) at 2.40 pm on October 8, marking the inauguration of the NMIA and placing Mumbai in the league of cities having twin airports.

Being constructed at a cost of ₹19,647 crore, the new state-of-the-art airport is spread over 1,160 hectares. The first phase of the NMIA will handle two crore passengers annually and five lakh tons of cargo. Once it is fully operational, the airport will have four terminals with a total capacity of nine crore passengers per year and 3.25 million tons of cargo annually. The NMIA will become operational from December 2025. The Prime Minister is expected to arrive at the NMIA at 2.40 pm October 8. He will remain at the new airport for nearly two hours. His itinerary includes a tour of the terminal building, followed by an address to dig-



Workers installing a banner on a flyover leading to Navi Mumbai International Airport

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nitaries and guests.

Ahead of the formal inauguration of the NMIA, the Air India One — operated by Indian Air Force — made a trial landing at the new airport located at Ulwe in Raigad district on October 1.

On that day, the VVIP aircraft made a successful landing at the NMIA at around 10.30 am from Delhi and returned to the national capital at around 2 pm.

The NMIA has been devel-

oped by the Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd (NMIAL), which is a special-purpose vehicle formed by the Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) and City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO).

The CIDCO was the nodal agency for the project. Located in Ulwe in the adjoining Raigad district, the NMIA — a Greenfield airport — will serve as the second

international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), operating alongside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) of Mumbai.

The distance between the CSMIA and NMIA is around 40 km. The Adani group, which has 74 per cent stake each stake in both CSMIA and NMIA, is addressing connectivity. With the Commissioning of NMIA, Mumbai will become a twin-

airport model along the lines of Dubai's DXB-DWC, London's Heathrow-Gatwick, and New York's JFK-Newark pairs. As per the fact-sheet released by the at Navi Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (NMIAL) on Monday, the new airport — built to global standards — will have 66 check-in counters, 29 aerobridges, premium CIP lounges, and an 80-room transit hotel.

At the new airport terminal, 12 sculptural columns rise like unfurling petals, while 17 massive hidden pillars support the sprawling roof canopy — blending art and engineering into a stunning but unique Indian design statement.

Located around 37 km from South Mumbai, the new airport has two Code F-compliant parallel runways, each 3.70 km long and 60 metre-wide, and will host 5 passenger terminals. In comparison, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)'s 09/27 main runway is 3.45 kms long — and has 2 passenger terminals. Beginning with Phases I and

II, the NMIA Terminal 1 (234,000 sq mts) will cater to 20 million passengers annually, followed by Phase III with Terminal 2 (400,000 sq mts) and handling a total of 50 million travellers.

The Phases IV and V, still to be commissioned, to provide adequate leg-room, shall catapult its capacity to 90 passengers per year in less than a decade.

The NMIA has been named as Loknete D B Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport. The airport has been named after farmers' leader and social activist late Dinkar Balu Patil, who had led several protests by farmers and landowners surrounding Panvel tehsil in Raigad district when the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) acquired land some decades ago. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) had designated the code 'NMI' to the new airport.

The NMIA received the Aerodrome License from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on September 30.



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DGCA probes uncommanded RAT deployment on Air India dreamliner to Birmingham

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in New Delhi

India's civil aviation watchdog, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has launched a probe into a potentially serious safety incident involving an uncommanded deployment of the Ram Air Turbine (RAT) on an Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft during its approach to Birmingham, UK. The incident occurred on October 4 aboard flight AI117, which was operating from Amritsar to Birmingham.

The aircraft, registered VT-ANO, experienced the unexpected deployment of its RAT — a critical emergency component designed to provide power during engine or electrical system failure — when it was around 400-500 feet from landing. A senior DGCA official, told The Pioneer and confirmed that although the pilot did not report any abnormalities during landing, the deployment triggered automatic fault detection by the Aircraft Health Monitoring (AHM) system. It identified a fault with the Bus Power Control Unit (BPCU), a crucial part of the aircraft's electrical power management system, potentially causing the RAT to deploy. A Ram Air Turbine (RAT) is a small, propeller-driven device that uses the force of oncoming air to generate emergency hydraulic and/or electrical power in the event of system failures, such as dual engine or electrical power loss.

RATs are not normally deployed during routine flights and their uncommanded activation, especially during approach and

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landing, is considered a significant anomaly.

Air India confirmed in a statement on October 5 that the aircraft landed safely and that "all electrical and hydraulic parameters were found normal." However, the airline did not disclose how many passengers or crew were aboard at the time. "The maintenance actions for uncommanded RAT deployment recommended by Boeing have been carried out, and no discrepancies were observed," the DGCA official said. The aircraft has since been released back into service, but a detailed investigation is underway. In a strongly worded letter dated October 5, the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) expressed concern over repeated electrical system issues on Boeing 787 aircraft. Referring to the Birmingham incident, the pilots' body said: "The Aircraft Health Monitoring has picked up a fault of the Bus Power Control Unit which may have caused the auto deployment of RAT. There have been numerous incidents on B787 aircraft."

The FIP urged both the DGCA and Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) to conduct a comprehensive inspection of the electrical systems of all Boeing 787s operating in India. This includes the 33 Dreamliners currently operated by Air India, as well as those leased by IndiGo.

The pilots' body also cited

ANOTHER AIR INDIA FLIGHT GROUNDED AFTER TECHNICAL SNAG AT KOLKATA AIRPORT

New Delhi: An Air India international flight enroute from San Francisco to Bengaluru was grounded and eventually cancelled at Kolkata Airport on October 5 after a technical snag was detected during a routine transit stop. The aircraft, flight AI-176, had landed at Kolkata at 4:21 AM for refuelling and was scheduled to depart for Bengaluru shortly after.

According to airport sources, the Boeing 777 aircraft (registration VT-ALX) developed a technical issue while parked at Bay No. 115. The issue could not be resolved in time, and at around 7:35 AM, the airline officially declared the aircraft AOG (Aircraft on Ground), leading to the cancellation of the flight.

The flight was carrying 260 passengers and 20 crew members. All passengers were safely offloaded and taken to the international arrival hall to complete immigration and customs formalities. By 8:30 AM, they were moved to the baggage reclaim area, where the airline arranged hotel accommodation.

Air India stated that all affected passengers were provided with immediate assistance, including refreshments and transportation. Some passengers were rebooked on other flights as per their individual travel needs. Others were given the option of a full refund or complimentary rescheduling. This incident adds to ongoing operational challenges faced by Air India, with similar technical issues reported in the past months. While no safety threat was posed, the disruption caused delays and inconvenience to passengers.

growing frustration over what they allege is a lack of thorough post-crash scrutiny, referring to the Air India 171 crash on June 12, which killed 260 people just minutes after take-off. While DGCA checked fuel control switches post-crash, the FIP says a full electrical system audit was not performed. As of now, Boeing has not issued any official comment on the uncommanded RAT deployment aboard the Air India Dreamliner. The uncommanded deployment of a RAT is considered a serious event under international aviation safety protocols, as it suggests potential vulnerabilities in aircraft

systems — especially if not triggered by an actual emergency. With the Dreamliner forming the backbone of long-haul international operations for Indian carriers, this incident could have broader implications for both Air India's fleet maintenance protocols and DGCA's oversight measures.

The incident has once again thrown a spotlight on the safety oversight of high-tech aircraft like the Boeing 787 in India. As the DGCA proceeds with its investigation, both airlines and passengers will be closely watching the findings — and the regulator's subsequent actions.

बारिश से बिगड़ा उड़ान संचालन, करीब 70 से 80 फीसदी उड़ानें हुई प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : राजधानी दिल्ली में लगातार हो रही बारिश ने मंगलवार को हवाई सेवाओं की रफ्तार पर असर डाला। कई उड़ानों में देरी की स्थिति बनी रही और देर रात तक मौसम में सुधार न होने के कारण बुधवार को भी उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित रहने की आशंका जताई जा रही है। आगमन में विलंबित उड़ानों में औसतन करीब आधा घंटा विलंब दर्ज किया गया। वहीं प्रस्थान में करीब 40 मिनट का औसत विलंब दर्ज किया गया। वर्षा के कारण दिल्ली के लिए आ रही कई उड़ानों को डाइवर्ट करना पड़ा। इसमें काठमांडू, पटना, रांची, मुंबई, गुवाहाटी, हैदराबाद, श्रीनगर, जोधपुर, गोवा, सिलिगुड़ी, दुबई, गोवा व बंगलुरु की उड़ानें शामिल रहीं। दिन में पीने चार से शाम पांच बजे के बीच कुल 14 उड़ानें डाइवर्ट हुईं।

इन्हें लखनऊ, चंडीगढ़, जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डाइवर्ट किया गया। बाद में मौसम सुधरने के बाद ये उड़ानें नई दिल्ली पहुंचीं। वहीं दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे यात्रा पर



निकलने से पहले अपनी फ्लाइट की स्थिति (स्टेटस) अवश्य जांच लें। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के अनुसार, भारी बारिश और प्रतिकूल मौसम के चलते रनवे और टैक्सीवे पर संचालन में चुनौतियां बढ़ी हैं। यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए एयरपोर्ट पर विशेष इंतजाम किए गए हैं और ऑन-ग्राउंड टीम सभी एयरलाइनों व संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ लगातार समन्वय में काम कर रही हैं। एयरपोर्ट प्राधिकरण ने कहा कि दिल्ली में मौसम की प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों के कारण उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित हो सकता है। यात्रियों से अनुरोध है कि संभावित देरी से बचने के लिए एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचने के लिए दिल्ली मेट्रो जैसे वैकल्पिक परिवहन साधनों का इस्तेमाल करें और अतिरिक्त समय लेकर घर से निकलें। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस ने भी अपनी एडवाइजरी जारी करते हुए यात्रियों को आगाह किया है कि अगले 24 घंटों में गरज-चमक के साथ भारी बारिश की संभावना है, जिससे हवाई यातायात प्रभावित हो सकता है। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि संचालन को सुचारू बनाए रखने की पूरी कोशिश की जा रही है, लेकिन यात्रियों को अपने रजिस्टर्ड मोबाइल नंबर या ईमेल पर मिलने वाले अपडेट पर नजर रखनी चाहिए। इंडिगो ने यात्रियों से आग्रह किया कि वे यात्रा से पहले वेबसाइट या मोबाइल ऐप पर उड़ान की स्थिति चेक करें और ट्रैफिक व जलभराव की संभावना को देखते हुए अतिरिक्त समय लेकर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचें।



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Inspect all Boeing 787s: Pilots to Air India

New Delhi: India's leading body of pilots has asked the civil aviation regulator to inspect all Boeing 787 Dreamliners operating in the country for electrical issues after one of the planes abruptly deployed an emergency power system midair over the weekend.

The device, a small propeller that acts as a backup generator and which is known as the ram air turbine, or RAT, normally would be activated when an aircraft's engines lose power, its hydraulic systems register critically low pressure or its electrical systems fall.

However, the RAT engaged unexpectedly on Saturday aboard Air India flight 117 from Amritsar moments before it landed safely in Birmingham.

The Federation of Indian Pilots, which represents about 6,000 pilots, asked for the investigation on Sunday evening.

Air India, owned by the Tata Group, said in a statement that an initial inspection following the weekend incident found that "all electrical and hydraulic parameters were normal" and that the aircraft landed safely.

The midair deployment of the emergency device has reignited concerns in India over the safety of the Dreamliner.



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Delhi-Pune flights run five hours late

Pune: Around 300 flyers on two IndiGo flights — Delhi to Pune and Pune to Delhi — faced significant delays and frustration on Monday, with passengers of Delhi-Pune flight enduring a three-hour wait inside the aircraft before deboarding.

The Delhi-Pune flight took off around 7pm, after a delay of around five-and-a-half hours. IndiGo sources confirmed a technical problem. The ripple effect of this delay impacted the return flight from Pune to Delhi, which was scheduled for a 4:40 pm departure, eventually took off at 9:35 pm. TNN



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DGCA finds no discrepancy, assigns official for 'detailed' probe into RAT deployment

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Days after an Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner suffered an 'uncommanded' deployment of its Ram Air Turbine (RAT) during a flight from Amritsar to Birmingham, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Monday said all Boeing-recommended maintenance checks had been carried out and "no discrepancy had been observed".

A senior official said the aircraft had been cleared for service. But the regulator added the matter "required detailed probe", and an officer from the DGCA's Directorate of Air Safety (Northern Region) had been assigned for probe.

The official further said that Boeing had also issued a

'Fleet Team Digest' summarising earlier instances of such occurrences.

According to the regulator, on October 4, Air India's B787-8 aircraft operating flight AI-117 saw a RAT unlock message and automatic deployment at around 400 feet during landing.

Meanwhile, in an email sent to the DGCA on Sunday, the Federation of Indian Pilots' said the malfunction occurred when the RAT deployed automatically at around 500 ft while approaching Birmingham.

The Aircraft Health Monitoring has picked up a fault of the Bus Power Control Unit, which may have caused the auto deployment of RAT. The DGCA's earlier post-crash inspections were superficial and failed to look at the larger electrical issues, it added.