AAI completes airspace design for Navi Mumbai, Noida airports

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NEW DELHI

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This achievement underscored AAI's expertise in managing complex airspace configurations, especially for airports situated near some of the busiest aviation hubs in the country, said a press release issued by the AAI. This milestone is pivotal in enhancing operational efficiency at these new airports, paving the way for future growth in one of the world's most dynamic aviation markets. As India's Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP), AAI is entrusted with the management of Air Navigation Services across the nation, including at the upcoming airports at Navi Mumbai and Noida (Jewar). The AAIs airspace as well as the flight procedure design team has meticulously crafted the airspace and Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs) for the Navi Mumbai and Noida International (Jewar) Airport projects.

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Darbhanga airport's CAT-I lighting system to be completed by March 10: AAI

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DARBHANGA: The delay in commissioning the CAT-I lighting system at Darbhanga airport continues to impact flight operations, especially during low-visibility conditions in winter due to fog, officials said.

"Though the system has been installed, it has not yet been commissioned because the landing chart has not been published, and the necessary power supply is not yet available", according to a reply given by the General Manager (Operations) of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to RTI activist Mukesh Jha.

"As of now, the project has achieved 78% physical progress and 68% financial progress. Sufficient manpower and machinery will be deployed to ensure the project's completion by March 10, 2025", according to AAI's GM (Operation) Sanjay Dularey.

The installation of the CAT-I lighting system at Darbhanga airport was hampered due to multiple technical and administrative hurdles.

As per the AAI's response, the CAT-I lighting system is being set up under the Modernisation of Airfield Infrastructure (MAFI) project by the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The project has faced several challenges since its inception. Initially, the design had to be revised due to inadequate bearing capacity at the site, leading to an expansion in the project's scope and, consequently, delays. Further, waterlogging in the low-lying area caused work to halt for 20-25 days. Additionally, a land dispute involving local villagers obstructed alignment work for 15-20 days. The issue was resolved only after state government intervention, but the phased acquisition of land further delayed the project.

The AAI is closely monitoring the situation to ensure that the RCC boundary wall work is completed by the revised project deadline, it said.

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For accomplishment the objective AAI collaborated with M/s Boeing India which provided invaluable support through comprehensive simulation and conflict analysis. Shri Vipin Kumar, Chairman, AAI, said that "In the context of the on-going strategic partnership between the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Boeing India, experts from Boeing collaborated with the AAI Flight Procedure Design team to assess and confirm the arrival and departure protocols for the new airports being developed in Jewar (Noida) and Navi Mumbai.

The joint efforts have facilitated the safe and efficient integration of operations at these new airports with existing operations in Delhi IGI and Mumbai CSMIA airports. The anticipated increase in air traffic in both terminal areas will be managed in a way that conserves fuel and track miles for airlines, while also alleviating the workload for air traffic controllers and maintaining safe separation between aircraft at neighbouring international airports.

Airport has an app to answer your queries

Developed By AAI To Help Fliers Navigate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Did you know that Chennai airport has a dedicated mobile phone application? It's not officially launched yet but the beta version is available for downloading online, can be handy for frequent, occasional and first-time flyers.

Do you know the vantage point to get a clear view of the airside at the airport? It is the security hold area, says the app. Developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the app can serve as a one-stop guide to get all travel-related queries answered. Flyers need not depend on the airlines to check their flight status,

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as the real-time status of the flights, which is displayed at the airport, can now be viewed on their phone screens. The actual status of the departing flight, whether boarding is still underway or the gates are closed, and even the first and final call details, will be available on the app.

Non-frequent flyers can check the arrival and departure guide, and

baggage rules on the app. Another interesting feature of the app is that it can virtually guide you to any specific spot in the airport—be it the eateries, shops, check-in counters, or ticket counters—if the Bluetooth on your phone is switched on. "The entire airport with all its amenities and features has been mapped in the application, and you can browse and

Left luggage facility coming up in under-construction plaza

Chennai: Travellers visiting Chennai by air with plans to explore the city for a day or two can heave a sigh of relief as the airport will soon have a left luggage room to drop their excess baggage. It will be part of the plaza under construction outside Terminal 1, which is expected to be completed by April this year. Though the airport had such a facility earlier, it was permanently closed due to multiple construction activities on the frontage of the airport premises over the last few years. "With the plaza nearing completion, the cloakroom facility will be made available again," said an official. After many queries from flyers, Chennai airport authorities decided to resume the service. "The tenders will be floated soon," added the official.

walk up to any spot without seeking assistance from anybody," said an airport official.

Krishnarajan V, a frequent flyer, said he recently stumbled upon the app accidentally and found the navigational features interesting. "Despite travelling often, I still struggle sometimes to locate a facility, but this app gives a bird's-eye view of all

three terminals. When more people start using the app, the general queries on X tagging Chennai Airport will come down as almost all the queries are addressed here," he said.

The airport authorities are constantly updating it with additional features, and a website version is also on the anvil. Both will be officially launched soon, added the official.

Plan for 5 cafes, parking lots, EV stns at Juhu airport stayed

Mumbai: After complaints from residents and allegations of irregularities, Airports Authority of India has "stayed" plans for 5 restaurants, 2 parking lots, and 2 electric vehicle charging stations at Juhu airport. AAI had leased out the spaces through a tender. The locals say the plans could cause safety and fire hazard besides traffic woes, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar.**

"It is requested to keep the work of 'licence for running restaurant-cum-hangout format at Juhu airport (area ad measuring 400 sq mts)' in abeyance with immediate effect due to administrative reasons till further orders. Kindly comply with the directions strictly," an order by Sudhir Jagdale, Juhu airport director, said.

'SAFETY, FIRE HAZARD'

➤ MLA Ameet Satam says **AAI must first take BMC nod** for its restaurant & other plans

➤ AAI plans **can cause fire & safety hazard, besides traffic issues,** complain locals

➤ Architect P K Das, in his letter to AAI, **says the site meant only for public parking, rules can't be flouted**

Local BJP MLA Ameet Satam, who complained to AAI, said that since the restaurants, which were ready to open last month, will cater to the general public and not airport passengers, AAI must take all approvals from BMC, the city's principal planning authority.

▶ **'Only public parking', P 5**

Site at Juhu airport reserved for public parking: Architect

▶ **From P 1**

The restaurants face the busy S V Road. Satam said, "Residents have objected to the random construction of five restaurants without any BMC approval. All BMC approvals must be taken before any such restaurant is constructed and opened to the general public. It must also be verified if the plot is reserved for parking, and if it is, how restaurants can operate on it."

In his letter to AAI, the BJP MLA said, "AAI has earmarked half the parking lot land for EV charging stations, thus reducing the space for parking and causing inconvenience in the area due to illegal parking on the road. We wish to divert all auto, tempo, bus parking on the road to the parking lot as there is a dearth of parking space in the city, and the parking space has been reduced to half due to the proposed electric vehicle charging facility, which is not the need of the hour. We request you to cancel this proposal for a charging station and dedicate the entire space for parking. You may develop the parking lot further by going underground as well as vertically and then dedicate a space for an EV charging facility in the expanded parking lot, but not now."

Noted architect P K Das,

AAI has given a stay to restaurants constructed at Juhu airport

who is a member of the Juhu Beach Monitoring Committee appointed by Bombay High Court, said in a letter to AAI that construction or development activity other than for public parking purposes is strictly restricted as per the prevailing Development Control Regulations (DCR) for lands reserved in the Development Plan (DP) for parking.

"Also, as per the Juhu Beach Development plan that is approved by the HC and SC, the site is reserved exclusively for public parking. These plans must not be violated or utilised for any other use or purpose. I also urge you to kindly not undertake any construction or development works on both the parking lot lands to house any other functions or activity other than public parking," Das said in his letter to AAI.

Checks done, Noida & Navi Mumbai airports set to start ops soon

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Paving the way for flight operations to begin at the much-awaited second airports of Mumbai MMR and Delhi NCR in a few months, Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Friday said it has completed the airspace design and flight procedures for both Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) and Noida International Airport (NIA). The state-run air navigation service provider has done this in collaboration with Boeing India. Both airports are expected to be inaugurated this April and operations will begin soon thereafter.

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BENGALURU

DKS to HDK: Get Mekedatu nod before airport

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Large and Medium Scale Irrigation DK Shivakumar reiterated that Union Minister and rival HD Kumaraswamy should get the approval for the Mekedatu project, which was planned for the drinking water needs of Bengaluru.

He made the comments at his Sadashivanagar residence in Bengaluru on Thursday. He was referring to Kumaraswamy claiming credit for the in-principle nod for a second airport in Bengaluru.

"Kumaraswamy said that he would secure permission for Mekedatu in a single day. Let him fulfill that promise before boasting about anything else. When he was in power, he didn't take any steps to further the cause of the second airport. We have taken a step now," Shivakumar said.

Mekedatu, Kannada for "goat's leap" is a multi-purpose project under which a balancing reservoir would be built near the gorge which is home to the confluence of Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers in Ramanagara district bordering Chamarajanagar district.

The project would provide 4.75 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (tmcft) of drinking water to Bengaluru and generate 400 MegaWatt of power besides.

GANDHINAGAR

Dholera airport to handle int'l cargo

Upcoming Dholera airport may start operations later this year exclusively by handling international air cargo operations through freighter flights/ passenger flights. Dholera International Airport Company Limited(DIACL) intends to commence international air cargo oeprations in initial phase from June/July 2025. Dholera airport is located around two hours away from the city of Ahmedabad. The works for construction of a greenfield expressway to Dholera airport and Dholera are progressing in advanced stages. DIACL has already invited tenders from the contractors for operation and management of international cargo terminal & ground handling services at Dholera Airport for a period of 7 years. Bids shall open in the month of March this year. DIACL has stated that it intends to commence international air cargo operations in initial phase from June/July 2025.

Corporate Communications Directorate

एयरपोर्ट पर बार-बार कैंसल नहीं होगी फ्लाइट

दरभंगा। उत्तर बिहार के दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट पर बार-बार फ्लाइट कैंसल होने का झंझट खत्म होने वाला है। मार्च से दरभंगा हवाई अड्डा पर कैट-आई लाइटिंग सिस्टम की सुविधा मिलने लगेगी। इससे कोहरे व कम दृश्यता में भी विमानों का संचालन हो सकेगा। एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने कहा कि 10 मार्च से दरभंगा हवाई अड्डा पर कैट-आई का काम पूरा हो जाएगा।दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट पर यह सिस्टम इंस्टॉल किया जा चुका है।

Flight services hit as thick fog engulfs Coimbatore airport

Mumbai-Coimbatore Air India flight hovers over airport for nearly 30 minutes in the morning owing to poor visibility; six flights delayed and one flight diverted; operations now back to normal

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

An Air India Airbus A321-211 aircraft with a carrying capacity of 182 passengers from Mumbai to Coimbatore circled over the Coimbatore International Airport for nearly 30 minutes before making a safe landing on Friday morning. This was necessitated due to poor visibility as thick fog had engulfed the airport and surrounding areas for an hour.

Flight AI609 took off

The domestic flight circled mid-air over Coimbatore International Airport before making a safe landing on Friday. M. PERIASAMY

from Mumbai at 6.35 a.m. on Friday and was scheduled to land in Coimbatore at 8.25 a.m. However, it landed at 9.00 a.m.

An IndiGo Airbus A321-251NX aircraft from Delhi, which departed at 5.35 a.m. and was scheduled to land in Coimbatore at 8.15

a.m., was diverted to Kochi and later flown to Coimbatore around 10 a.m.

Six flights scheduled to depart from the Coimbatore International Airport to Chennai (6E339, 6E554), Hyderabad (6E939), Bangalore (6E475), Mumbai (AI608), and Delhi (6E2276) between 7.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. on Friday were delayed. Coimbatore Airport Director G. Sambath Kumar said dense fog and poor visibility were to blame. Air operations resumed once the fog cleared.

Guwahati airport introduces upgrades

To enhance passenger experience, Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati has introduced several upgrades, expanding the passenger area by 700 sqm to accommodate growing passenger numbers. Authorities said the number of departure gates have also been increased from five to seven. Entry and exit into the airport and parking area has been optimised. "To further enable seamless travel experience, LGBI Airport has created a traffic free lane on the kerbside. Retail and F&B outlets have been curated to provide a vibrant experience."

Noida International Airport partners with Uttarakhand Transport Corporation for seamless religious tour

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Noida International Airport (NIA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Uttarakhand Transport Corporation (UTC) today to provide seamless bus services to key destinations in Uttarakhand including religious spots. This strategic partnership will ensure direct connectivity between NIA and major Uttarakhand cities, including Dehradun, Rishikesh, Haridwar, and Haldwani, once the airport begins commercial operations. The airport's strategic location along the Yamuna Expressway ensures smooth road access to Delhi-NCR, Noida, and Western Uttar Pradesh, making it a key gateway for North India.

Speaking on the collaboration, a senior official of the Uttarakhand Transport Corporation said, "By integrating road and air transport, we aim to provide travelers with efficient, reliable transport options while promoting tourism and economic growth in Uttarakhand."

Christoph Schnellmann, CEO of Noida International Airport, highlighted the initiative's broader impact: "This partnership will not only enhance passenger convenience but also drive tourism and economic growth by improving accessibility to key destinations." Swami Paramatmananda, Mahamandaleswar of Panchayeti Mahanirbani Akhada, said monks of several Akhada have urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi for hessel free journey for pilgrims and travellers to reach religious sites. "These initiative will really help holy pilgrimages. This kind of initiatives should be implemented for others airport also," he said. As one of India's most ambitious

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Chamber of commerce in West Burdwan, MPs welcome Jindal's plan to develop Andal airport

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DURGAPUR, 7 FEBRUARY

Various chamber of commerce and industries of West Burdwan welcomed the fresh proposal of Sajjan Jindal to takeover stake in the country's first and only private sector airport, Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport in Andal and the Durgapur Aerotropolis projects and convert it into an international airport along with setting up an industrial park in the adjoining township.

On the first day of Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) in Kolkata, industrialist Sajjan Jindal proposed to pick up a stake in the Bengal Aerotropolis Private Limited (BAPL), in which the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) holds 26 per cent stake and Changi Airports of Singapore also have 33 per cent stake. He is keen to acquire a majority of the remaining stake of the company.

It is a dream of chief minister Mamata Banerjee to convert Andal airport from a domestic airport to an international one and her government has sent several letters to the Union civil aviation ministry in the past few years.

V K Dhall, president of South Bengal Federation of Commerce and Industry, said: "It is really nice and exciting proposal which directly affects us."

Sandeep Bhalotia, vice-president of West Bengal Refractory Manufacturers Association, said: "I welcome the announcement as this will impact a lot for the socio economic development of the region, especially south Bengal and adjoining Jharkhand state."

New investments and world class companies may come and create the various business opportunities and a new era of growth and development leading to a win-win situation for all, he added.

Hotel and chain of restaurants owner and also the chairman of Asansol Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA), Kabi Dutta has welcomed the proposal and said that it will further boost tourism, hospitality, health, Information Technology (IT), real estate, education sector in the surrounding areas of South Bengal.

Both the two sitting MPs, Shatrughan Sinha of Asansol and Kirti Azad of Burdwan – Durgapur have welcomed the move by Sajjan Jindal to develop Andal airport and the township.

Airport meeting

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta: A meeting was held at Calcutta airport on Friday to discuss operational details in the event of a US flight with Indian deportees landing in the city.

"Calcutta is in the list of major airports in India where a US aircraft carrying deportees can land. The meeting was held to plan how to handle the situation," a senior airport official said on Friday. "However, till now, there was no news of any US flight with deportees coming to Calcutta," he said.

The foreigners' registration office (FRRO) has been made the nodal agency for handling deportees. The meeting was attended by officials from FRRO, Calcutta airport, police and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) among others.

It was decided that if any US aircraft landed with deportees, it would be taken to a remote parking bay. "The deportees would undergo medical check-ups," he said.

B'luru's 2nd airport may come up in Nelamangala, or Kanakapura Road

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Bengaluru: City's second airport is likely to come up at either Nelamangala or Kanakapura Road, with the state govt narrowing down from an initial list of seven potential sites. While state industries minister MB Patil remained noncommittal, **TOI** has learnt that these two locations have been shortlisted for the project.

With Tamil Nadu's planned airport in Hosur adding urgency, officials are keen to finalize the location and secure the Union govt's approval at the earliest.

According to official sources, 4,400 acres of open land have been identified at both shortlisted sites, each located 30-35km from Bengaluru.

> 66 Two sites have been shortlisted, one in the south and one in north, but I cannot disclose the exact locations at this stage. I will discuss it with the CM before making an announcement. We require at least 3,500 acres for the second airport
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"With Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) projecting passenger footfall to reach 90 million by 2033, a decision was made to propose these two locations to the Union civil aviation ministry at the earliest," an official said.

BIAL could be invited to set up new airport

Home minister G Parameshwara had pushed for Vasantha Narsapura near Dabaspet as an option, but sources suggest it is now lower in priority. The site is considered more suitable for Tumakuru than Bengaluru due to its proximity to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

The state govt believes a second airport in Nelamangala or Kanakapura Road would better serve passengers travelling from Bengaluru's southern and western areas. To fast-track the project, it is also considering inviting BIAL to develop the second airport, which would allow it to bypass the non-compete clause in place until 2033.

Illegal hoardings removed at airport

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: In a major crackdown on unauthorised advertisement hoardings, HYDRAA began removing illegally installed unipoles across the city on Friday.

The operation targeted large hoardings set up without official permissions or payment of govt fees, starting with key locations along the Shamshabad airport route. The removal drive was conducted in coordination with municipal authorities, ensuring compliance with urban planning regulations.

Hydraa initially focused on dismantling major hoardings obstructing public spaces, with plans to expand the drive further. Officials already conducted a review meeting with municipal bodies from the city's outskirts to identify unauthorised advertisement structures.

Following the meeting, officials surveyed unipoles that lacked proper approvals and launched the removal operation on Friday, prioritising high-traffic zones such as the airport corridor.

Authorities emphasised that this initiative is part of a broader effort to regulate outdoor advertising, ensuring compliance with municipal norms and preventing unauthorized structures from cluttering public spaces.

FLIGHT FROM HYD TO PRAYAGRAJ DELAYED

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A SpiceJet flight from Hyderabad to Prayagraj was delayed for several hours due to technical issues.

The flight was supposed to take off at 10.30 am.

Actor Vijay Deverakonda and senior IAS and IPS officers, were among the passengers.

According to the sources, passengers who had paid around ₹20,000 for their tickets, expressed anger over the long delay and lack of clear updates from the airline The flight finally took off at 5.30 pm, said airport officials said.

Passenger dies on flight to Malaysia

Chennai: A 41-year-old Malaysian air passenger who complained of chest pain mid-air died on Friday even as the flight she was travelling in made an unscheduled landing here following the 'medical emergency', officials at the city airport said. The woman, a Malaysian citizen, complained of uneasiness when the flight from Muscat (Oman) was flying over the airspace here and the pilots immediately contacted the city airport for a landing. It was headed to Kuala Lumpur.

NMIAL yet to apply for DGCA licence: RTI

Bhalchandra Chorghade
NAVI MUMBAI

The Navi Mumbai International Airport Limited (NMIAL) is yet to apply for a license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), an RTI response has revealed, raising concerns about regulatory preparedness ahead of the airport's scheduled opening. When contacted, NMIAL refused to comment on the matter.

Environmental watchdog NatConnect Foundation's director, B N Kumar, filed an RTI query with the DGCA seeking details on measures to mitigate bird strike risks at the airport. DGCA Deputy Director and Chief Public Information Officer Dhusar Kumar Mondal responded, "No information is available as this office has not yet received the licensing application."

Expressing astonishment, Kumar pointed out that despite trial flights already being conducted and the airport expected to commence operations in less than three months, NMIAL has not yet completed this crucial regulatory step. He also sought confirmation on whether a committee had been appointed to study bird flight patterns and their presence around the airport.

Environmentalists have raised concerns over the fate of local wetlands, which serve as key habitats for flamingos and other avian species. While NMIAL has assured that biodiversity in the airport's periphery will be protected, activists argue that CIDCO has failed to maintain the city's wetlands, including the DPS Flamingo Lake.

Kumar emphasised that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study and the half-yearly compliance reports submitted by NMIAL to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) clearly state that wetlands around the airport will be preserved as per recommendations from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).

However, he accused CIDCO of neglecting its responsibility, citing its failure to keep intertidal water channels open at DPS Flamingo Lake despite a high-level government committee's recommendation to declare it a Conservation Reserve.

The NMIAL reports extensively discuss biodiversity management within a 10-km radius of the airport, stating that BNHS recommendations will be implemented by both CIDCO and the airport project. However, activists remain sceptical, urging authorities to ensure environmental commitments are upheld.

लखनऊ से पांच महीने दिन की उड़ानें बंद रहेंगी

■ ज्ञान प्रकाश

लखनऊ। लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट का रनवे सुबह से शाम तक आधुनिकीकरण और मरम्मत के लिए पांच महीने बंद रखा जाएगा। रनवे बंदी की अवधि सुबह 10 से शाम 6 तक रखी गई है। डीजीसीए से किसी भी वक्त मंजूरी मिल सकती है। प्रमुख एयरलाइंस ने समर शेड्यूल में बदलाव शुरू कर दिया है। मार्च में दिन के वक्त एयरलाइंस की वेबसाइट पर उड़ानें शो नहीं हो रही हैं।

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Five Air India crew members detained at Zurich airport

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Five crew members of Air India were recently put in a detainee cell at the Zurich airport, Switzerland, on the grounds that they were not carrying an authorised crew member certificate (CMC) – a substitute for a visa for flight crew.

Some of them were confined in a cell for detainees for an unspecified duration, according to sources in the airline crew.

A source said the crew members were allowed to step out only to use the toilet and barred from using mobile phones until local

The cell in which Air India crew members were detained at the Zurich airport, Switzerland. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

airline staff intervened.

Air India's official sources said crew members were shifted to a transit hotel and that at least four of them are still in Zurich. The incident occurred be-

cause the crew did not carry a valid CMC. The five had arrived in Zurich on two different flights over the past one week.

'Rules changed'
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Air India cabin crew detained in Zurich

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Five crew members of Air India were recently detained at the Zurich airport for not carrying an authorised crew member certificate (CMC), which serves as a substitute for a visa for flight crew.

The five of them arrived in Zurich on two flights over the past one week. Four of them did not carry the CMC, while the fifth one arrived with an invalid CMC, sources in the airline said.

Some of the crew members were confined in a small detainee cell for an unspecified period. They were only allowed to step out to use the toilet and were barred from using their mobile phones until local airline staff intervened and got them help, the sources added.

Official sources in Air India said the crew members were later shifted to a transit hotel, with at least four of them still in Zurich.

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Kuala Lumpur flight makes emergency landing as flyer dies

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A flight bound for Kuala Lumpur made an emergency landing at the city airport on Friday afternoon after a 41-year-old woman passenger collapsed and died.

The flight had departed from Muscat around 9 a.m. During the course of the journey, the woman reportedly felt uneasy and fell unconscious. "There was no doctor on board and it was decided to land the flight at Chennai airport to attend to the passenger. Subsequently, the ATC [Air traffic control] was informed and the flight reached the airport at

The flight had departed from Muscat around 9 a.m. During the journey, the woman passenger reportedly felt uneasy and fell unconscious

2 p.m. However, the doctor at the airport who examined her declared her dead," a source said.

The flight took off from Chennai airport around 4.30 p.m. The body of the passenger was shifted to the Government Hospital in Chromepet for a post-mortem, he added.