

## Bird hit suspected in Air India flight from Chennai to Colombo

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CHENNAI

An Air India flight from Chennai to Colombo in Sri Lanka had a suspected a bird hit on Tuesday. After a check and clearance at Colombo, the airline operated the same aircraft from Colombo to Chennai.

Flight AI 273, carrying nearly 150 passengers, departed the Chennai airport around 12.55 a.m. and landed in Colombo at 1.55 a.m. As the crew suspected a bird strike, the engineers examined the aircraft in Colombo but found no damage, and the airline decided to operate the same aircraft for the return trip.

The flight, carrying 153 passengers, departed from Colombo around 3 a.m. and landed in Chennai around 4.30 a.m. After its arrival, engineers at the Chennai airport found that the engine blade had been damaged. The aircraft has now been grounded.

In a statement, Air India said that on October 7, the



**Investigation on:** After the flight arrived from Colombo, engineers at the Chennai airport found that the engine blade had been damaged, and the aircraft was grounded. FILE PHOTO

flight crew of AI273 operating from Chennai to Colombo, reported a suspected bird strike. After landing in Colombo, the engineers who inspected the aircraft found no damage, and the aircraft was cleared for operation. After damage was detected in Chennai, the flight was grounded for further inspections and to ascertain the cause of the damage. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains

our top priority, the statement added.

Officials of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said they carried out a runway inspection at Chennai to check if there was any bird carcass but did not find anything.

“Since the carcass has not been found yet, we are calling it a suspected bird hit. Further investigations will reveal more details regarding the incident,” an official added.



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## पीपीपी मॉडल का उत्कृष्ट नमूना एनएमआईए अदाणी समूह की कंपनी और सिडको ने मिलकर विकसित किया एयरपोर्ट

मुंबई। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बुधवार को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे (एनएमआईए) के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किया। इस हवाईअड्डे को अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स होल्डिंग्स लि. की सहायक कंपनी मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. और महाराष्ट्र नगर एवं औद्योगिक विकास निगम लि. (सिडको) ने मिलकर विकसित किया है। यह सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी मॉडल) का उत्कृष्ट उदाहरण है।

हवाईअड्डे के उद्घाटन के मौके पर अदाणी समूह के चेयरमैन गौतम अदाणी ने कहा कि यह केवल एक एयरपोर्ट नहीं बल्कि भारत को वैश्विक द्वार के रूप में स्थापित करने की दिशा में एक बेहतरीन कदम है। यह



इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर आज की जरूरत ही नहीं, बल्कि आने वाले दशकों की संभावनाओं का निर्माण करता है। आने वाली पीढ़ियों के लिए यह एयरपोर्ट सिर्फ यात्रियों को नहीं, बल्कि एक उभरती महाशक्ति की धड़कन, उसके सपने और उसकी आकांक्षाएं लेकर

चलेगा। अदाणी एयरपोर्ट्स होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड के निदेशक जीत अदाणी ने कहा कि नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा (एनएमआईए) भारत की विमानन यात्रा में एक मील का पत्थर है। यह आधुनिक तकनीक और यात्री अनुभव को एक साथ जोड़ता है।



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## ‘Navi Mumbai airport, a glimpse of developed India’

**ECONOMIC ENGINE.** The airport will establish Mumbai Metropolitan Region as Asia’s largest connectivity hub: Prime Minister

**Our Bureau**  
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The Navi Mumbai airport will play an important role in establishing Mumbai Metropolitan Region as the largest connectivity hub of Asia, Prime Narendra Modi said at its inauguration on Wednesday.

Calling the Navi Mumbai airport a glimpse of developed India, Modi said it will connect Maharashtra’s farmers to supermarkets in Europe and West Asia and enable exports of fruits and fish.

### SECOND AIRPORT

The inauguration ends Mumbai’s decade-long wait for the second airport bringing the city at par with global metropolises such as London and New York which have two or more airports.

Along with the Navi Mumbai airport launch, Modi also flagged off the final phase of Mumbai Metro’s third line, creating the largest underground rail network in India. An integrated common

mobility app offering single ticketing option across various services was launched on the occasion.

Modi, who presided over the ground-breaking ceremony of the Navi Mumbai airport in 2018, said his government was committed to building new airports and making air travel accessible to all.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Emphasising that the construction of new airports and the Udan (*Ude Deshka Aam Naagrik*) Scheme have provided convenience to citizens, the Prime Minister highlighted that India had now become the world’s third largest domestic aviation market.

He added that Indian airlines were expanding continuously, creating job opportunities in the aviation sector.

He also said the government plans to make India an aviation hub by the end of the decade. He emphasised that empowering the poor and middle class is a national priority.



**WORLD-CLASS GATEWAY.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat, Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu, CM Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar during a walkthrough before the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai airport

The Prime Minister highlighted that recent next-generation reforms in Goods and Services Tax (GST) had made several goods more affordable, further enhancing the purchasing power of the people.

Citing market data, he noted that this Navratri sea-

son broke multi-year sales records, with a record number of people purchasing scooters, bikes, televisions, refrigerators and washing machines.

In his speech, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis highlighted the efforts of the Prime Min-

ister in fast-tracking the Navi Mumbai airport project. He also said the airport will add one per cent to the State’s gross domestic product (GDP).

### SPIRIT OF NEW BHARAT

The Navi Mumbai airport is being developed as a public

private partnership project between the Adani Group and the City and Industrial Development Corporation. In the first phase, it will have one terminal and a single runway with a capacity to handle 20 million passengers per year.

Reflecting on its development, Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani said the company carried a dream to create a world-class gateway reflecting India’s ambition and Mumbai’s energy.

### WORLD RECORD

“In less than 50 months, with an investment of ₹20,000 crore, India’s largest green-field aviation project stands ready — built in a world record time. This is a testament to speed, scale and the spirit of a new Bharat,” Adani wrote in a LinkedIn post.

“By easing congestion in Mumbai and serving as a new economic engine, it will create a ripple effect of prosperity that empowers communities across the region, contributing to our journey towards a \$10 trillion economy,” Adani wrote.

# प्रधानमंत्री ने मुंबई में हवाई अड्डा सहित 31,850 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजनाओं की दी सौगात



प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी, महाराष्ट्र के गवर्नर आचार्य देवव्रत, केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू, मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, उप मुख्यमंत्री अजित पवार, उद्योगपति गौतम अदाणी व अन्य

## प्राची पिसाल

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बुधवार को 31,850 करोड़ रुपये की बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया। मोदी दो दिवसीय महाराष्ट्र के दौरे पर हैं। इनमें 19,650 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाले डीबी पाटिल अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा (नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा) का पहला चरण और आचार्य अत्रे चौक को कफ परेड से जोड़ने वाली 12,200 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली मुंबई मेट्रो की एक्वा लाइन का दूसरा चरण शामिल है।

नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा भारत पहला पूरा डिजिटाइज्ड हवाई अड्डा है और इसे मल्टीमोडल कनेक्टिविटी के लिहाज से तैयार किया गया है। अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड (74 फीसदी) और सिडको (26 फीसदी) के बीच सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) के तहत तैयार किया गया यह हवाई अड्डा 2,866 एकड़ में फैला है और इसमें दो रनवे की योजना है। हवाई अड्डा चार चरणों में पूरा किया जाएगा और इसकी कुल लागत 2.4 अरब डॉलर आंकी गई है। साल 2034 तक इसके पूरी तरह चालू होने की उम्मीद है।

प्रारंभिक टर्मिनल सालाना 2 करोड़ यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम होगा, जबकि इसके पूरी तरह चालू होने जाने पर यह 9 करोड़ यात्रियों और 32 लाख मीट्रिक टन तक कार्गो संभालने में सक्षम होगा।

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने कहा, 'यह हवाई अड्डा मुंबई क्षेत्र को एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी केंद्र बनाएगा। इससे किसानों और मछुआरों को वैश्विक बाजार तक तेजी से पहुंचने, छोटे कारोबार को बढ़ावा देने और निवेश आकर्षित करने में मदद मिलेगी।' नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापू राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा कि नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा भीड़ मुंबई हवाई अड्डे की भीड़ को कम करेगा और यात्री क्षमता भी 5 से बढ़कर 15 करोड़ हो जाएगी। इसके साथ ही, मुंबई दो अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे वाला भारत का पहला महानगर बन जाएगा।

कार्यक्रम में महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा राज्य की जीडीपी में 1 फीसदी की वृद्धि कर सकता है और यह भारत का पहला ऐसा हवाई अड्डा होगा जो वाटर टैक्सी से जुड़ा होगा। मार्गन स्टेनली के अनुसार, भारत के सकल घरेलू

उत्पाद में 13.7 फीसदी का योगदान देने वाले महाराष्ट्र का सकल घरेलू उत्पाद 536 अरब डॉलर है और 2030 तक इसके 1 लाख करोड़ डॉलर तक पहुंचने का अनुमान है।

37,270 करोड़ रुपये से बनी मुंबई मेट्रो की एक्वा लाइन कफ परेड से आरे जेवीएलआर तक 33.5 किलोमीटर लंबी है। इसमें 27 स्टेशन हैं, जहां से रोजाना 13 लाख यात्रियों को सेवा प्रदान की जाएगी। आरे और आचार्य अत्रे चौक के बीच पहले चरण का उद्घाटन अक्टूबर 2024 में किया गया था। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा, 'मेट्रो लाइन-3 का चरण 2बी मुंबई के बुनियादी ढांचे के लिए एक बड़ा कदम है और इससे दैनिक यात्रियों को बहुत लाभ होगा।'

उपमुख्यमंत्री अजित पवार ने कहा कि नई मेट्रो लाइन दक्षिण मुंबई और उपनगरों के बीच तेज और निर्बाध संपर्क सुनिश्चित करेगी, जिससे कफ परेड, गिरगांव और कालबादेवी जैसे प्रमुख व्यावसायिक क्षेत्र शामिल होंगे।

फडणवीस ने कहा कि राज्य का अगला ध्यान 76,220 करोड़ रुपये के वधावन बंदरगाह और वधावन में भारत के पहले अपतटीय हवाई अड्डे पर होगा। सरकार अपनी दीर्घकालिक विकास योजना के तहत वधावन के आसपास एक चौथी मुंबई बनाने की भी योजना बना रही है।

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने उल्लेख किया कि भारत का लक्ष्य इस दशक के अंत तक एक प्रमुख रखरखाव, मरम्मत और ओवरहाल (एमआरओ) केंद्र बनना है। इसके जरिये रोजगार के अवसर भी

पैदा होंगे। उड़ान योजना के तहत 625 मार्ग अब 90 हवाई अड्डों को जोड़ते हैं, जिससे 1.49 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों को फायदा होता है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत का हवाई अड्डा नेटवर्क 2014 में 74 हवाई अड्डों से बढ़कर 2024 में 159 हो गया है, जिससे यह दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू विमानन बाजार बन गया है।

प्रधानमंत्री ने मुंबई वन ऐप का भी उद्घाटन किया। यह मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र के लिए उपनगरीय रेलवे सहित 11 सार्वजनिक परिवहन ऑपरेटरों को एकीकृत करने वाला भारत का पहला सामान्य मोबिलिटी ऐप्लिकेशन है। यह ऐप उपनगरीय रेल, मेट्रो लाइन 1, 2ए और 7, 3, नवी मुंबई मेट्रो, मोनोरेल, बेस्ट, टीएमटी, एमबीएमटी, केडीएमटी और एनएमएमटी सहित 11 सार्वजनिक परिवहन ऑपरेटरों को एक साथ लाएगा।



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## PM sets Maha in motion with ₹31K cr infra blitz

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched infrastructure projects worth ₹31,850 crore during his two-day visit to Maharashtra. The highlights: The first phase of the ₹9,690 crore Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) and the second phase of the ₹12,200 crore Mumbai Metro Line 3.

### Navi Mumbai Airport: A digital 'lotus' to take flight

India's first fully digitised airport, NMIA has been designed for multi-modal connectivity and developed under a public-private partnership model between Adani Airport Holdings (74 per cent) and City & Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (26 per cent). Spread over 2,866 acres, the airport will be built in four phases at a total cost of \$2.4 billion and is expected to be fully operational by 2034.

The first terminal will handle 20 million passengers annually, eventually scaling to 90 million passengers and 3.2 million tonnes of cargo. Initially, NMIA will function with one runway and one terminal, later expanding to four runways, multiple terminals, and a dedicated cargo hub for perishables and express shipments.

Modi said the airport will turn the Mumbai region into "Asia's largest connectivity hub", helping farmers, small businesses, and exporters access global markets. Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said NMIA will ease congestion at the existing Mumbai airport, doubling passenger capacity and making Mumbai the first Indian city with two international airports.

Gautam Adani described the airport as "a lotus, a gateway to India's future". He called it a landmark in infrastructure and nation-building, completed in under 50 months with ₹20,000 crore. Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Devendra Fadnis said the project could boost the state's GDP by 1 per cent and will be the country's first airport connected by water taxi.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Adani group Chairman Gautam Adani during the inauguration ceremony of the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday

PHOTO: ANI/PTI

INDIA AIMS TO BECOME A GLOBAL MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OPERATIONS HUB BY DECADE'S END

Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

NMIA IS A TESTAMENT TO INDIA'S VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND THE POWER OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Gautam Adani  
Chairman, Adani group

### Aqua Line: South Mumbai's new lifeline

The ₹37,270 crore Aqua Line spans 33.5 kilometres from Cuffe Parade to Aarey with 27 stations, expected to serve 1.3 million passengers daily. Phase 2B, from Acharya Atre Chowk to Cuffe Parade, is now operational. Modi called it "a major step for Mumbai's infrastructure". Deputy CM Ajit Pawar said the line will drastically cut travel time between South Mumbai and the suburbs, connecting key business districts like Girgaon and Kalbadevi.

### Vadhvan Port, offshore airport next

Fadnis said Maharashtra's next push includes the ₹76,220 crore

Vadhvan Port and India's first offshore airport. The state plans to develop a "fourth Mumbai" in the region to anchor long-term growth.

### Expanding aviation, unified mobility

Modi noted that India aims to become a global maintenance, repair, and operations hub by decade's end. Since 2014, the number of airports has grown from 74 to 159, and Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik now links 90 airports through 625 routes. He also launched the Mumbai ONE App, India's first integrated mobility platform connecting suburban rail, Metro, monorail, and multiple bus operators across Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

## एयरपोर्ट व सेक्टरों की कनेक्टिविटी की रीढ़ बनेगी 36 किमी लंबी व 60 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 8 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को उत्तर भारत का एक प्रमुख हवाई अड्डा बनाने की दिशा में यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यौडा) ने एक और बड़ा कदम उठाया है। यमुना प्राधिकरण द्वारा बनाई जा रही 36 किलोमीटर लंबी और 60 मीटर चौड़ी यह सड़क न केवल एयरपोर्ट तक सुगम पहुंच सुनिश्चित करेगी, बल्कि क्षेत्र के औद्योगिक, आवासीय और ग्रामीण विकास को भी नई गति प्रदान करेगी। यह सड़क यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर एक वैकल्पिक मार्ग के रूप में काम करेगी, जिससे बिना एक्सप्रेस वे पर चढ़े ही एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचा जा सकेगा। इस परियोजना को यमुना प्राधिकरण की एक महत्वाकांक्षी पहल माना जा रहा है, जो क्षेत्र की कनेक्टिविटी और आर्थिक संभावनाओं को नई ऊंचाइयों तक ले जाएगी।

### बाधाएं हटते ही तेज हुआ निर्माण, रुस्तमपुर में शुरू हुआ काम

36 किलोमीटर लंबी इस सड़क के निर्माण में कई चुनौतियां थीं, खासकर भूमि अधिग्रहण से जुड़े विवाद। यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि तीन प्रमुख स्थानों, रुस्तमपुर (350 मीटर), दनकौर (500 मीटर) और दयानतपुर (2 किलोमीटर), पर भूमि संबंधी बाधाएं थीं, जो अब दूर हो चुकी हैं। रुस्तमपुर में निर्माण कार्य शुरू हो चुका है, जबकि दनकौर और दयानतपुर में जल्द ही काम शुरू होने की उम्मीद है।

यमुना प्राधिकरण के इस प्रयास से सड़क निर्माण में तेजी आई है। अधिकारियों का कहना है कि यह सड़क यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर चलते हुए एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंच को आसान बनाएगी। यह उन लोगों के लिए विशेष रूप से फायदेमंद होगी जो एक्सप्रेस वे की टोल फीस से बचना चाहते हैं या स्थानीय स्तर पर आवागमन करना चाहते हैं।

### सेक्टर 18, 20, 28, 32, 33 और 22ए को जोड़ेगी यह सड़क, निवेश को मिलेगा बढ़ावा

यह 60 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क यमुना प्राधिकरण के आवासीय सेक्टर-18, 20 और 22ए, औद्योगिक सेक्टरों को सीधे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से जोड़ेगी। इसके अलावा, इस मार्ग को हरियाणा के बल्लभगढ़ की ओर से आ रहे ग्रीनफील्ड एक्सप्रेस वे से भी जोड़ा गया है, जिससे क्षेत्र में लॉजिस्टिक्स और औद्योगिक यातायात को नई गति मिलेगी।



### क्षेत्रीय विकास में एक नया अध्याय

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पहले से ही उत्तर भारत के सबसे महत्वाकांक्षी प्रोजेक्ट्स में से एक है। इस सड़क के निर्माण से न केवल एयरपोर्ट की कनेक्टिविटी मजबूत होगी, बल्कि पूरे यमुना प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र में औद्योगिक, आवासीय और ग्रामीण विकास को गति मिलेगी। यह परियोजना क्षेत्र को एक नए आर्थिक हब के रूप में स्थापित करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगी।

यह सड़क न केवल यात्रियों के लिए सुविधाजनक होगी, बल्कि सेक्टरों में स्थित औद्योगिक इकाइयों के लिए भी गेम-चेंजर साबित होगी। यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी से निवेशकों का भरोसा बढ़ेगा, जिससे औद्योगिक गतिविधियों में तेजी आएगी और क्षेत्र में रोजगार के नए अवसर पैदा होंगे। यह सड़क क्षेत्र के विकास को एक नया आयाम देगी, जिससे यह क्षेत्र उत्तर भारत का एक प्रमुख औद्योगिक और लॉजिस्टिक्स हब बन सकता है।

### एयरपोर्ट से जेवर तक विस्तार, सर्वे शुरू

यमुना प्राधिकरण की योजना इस सड़क को नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से आगे जेवर शहर तक ले जाने की है। इसके लिए करीब 2 किलोमीटर के अतिरिक्त विस्तार की योजना बनाई गई है, जिसका सर्वे कार्य चल रहा है। यह विस्तार पूरा होने के बाद यह सड़क जेवर शहर और एयरपोर्ट टर्मिनल के बीच एक महत्वपूर्ण कड़ी बन जाएगी। इससे न केवल स्थानीय लोग बल्कि पर्यटक और व्यापारी भी आसानी से जेवर और एयरपोर्ट के बीच आवागमन कर सकेंगे।

### ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को भी मिलेगा लाभ, स्थानीय विकास को गति

इस सड़क का लाभ केवल एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंच तक सीमित नहीं रहेगा। आसपास के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों, जैसे दनकौर, दयानतपुर, रुस्तमपुर और पारोही, के निवासियों को भी इससे सीधा

लाभ मिलेगा। यह सड़क इन गांवों को एयरपोर्ट, औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों और सेक्टरों से जोड़ेगी, जिससे स्थानीय लोगों के लिए रोजगार और व्यापार के नए अवसर खुलेंगे। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बुनियादी ढांचे का विकास होने से इन गांवों का सामाजिक-आर्थिक स्तर भी ऊंचा उठेगा।

### कनेक्टिविटी होगी एयरपोर्ट की जीवनरेखा : सीईओ

यमुना प्राधिकरण के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) राकेश कुमार सिंह ने इस परियोजना को क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए एक मील का पत्थर बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर बन रही 60 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क की सभी बाधाओं को दूर कर लिया गया है और निर्माण कार्य शुरू हो चुका है। यह सड़क नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की जीवनरेखा साबित होगी। यह न केवल कनेक्टिविटी को बेहतर बनाएगी, बल्कि क्षेत्र में निवेश और औद्योगिक विकास को भी नई दिशा देगी।

### यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर एक नया वैकल्पिक मार्ग

यह 60 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर एक वैकल्पिक मार्ग के रूप में काम करेगी। यह उन लोगों के लिए विशेष रूप से उपयोगी होगी जो बिना टोल दिए या एक्सप्रेस वे की भीड़ से बचकर एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचना चाहते हैं। इस सड़क के बनने से यातायात का दबाव भी कम होगा, जिससे यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे और अन्य प्रमुख मार्गों पर भीड़भाड़ की स्थिति में सुधार होगा।

# पीएम मोदी बोले- हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाले भी अब हवाई जहाज से चल रहे

कहा, नया हवाई अड्डा मुंबई को बनाएगा एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब

मुंबई, राज्य ब्यूरो : प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने बुधवार को 19,650 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से निर्मित नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किया। यह 1,160 हेक्टेयर (2,866 एकड़) में फैला हुआ है। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि आज हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाले भी हवाई जहाज से चल रहे हैं। यह हवाई अड्डा मुंबई को एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब बनने में मददगार सिद्ध होगा। इससे महाराष्ट्र के किसान एवं लघु उद्योग सीधे पश्चिम एशिया, यूरोप और अमेरिका के बाजारों से जुड़ जाएंगे।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि नए हवाई अड्डों व उड़ान योजना ने हवाई यात्रा को आसान बनाया है और भारत को दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू विमानन बाजार बना दिया है। उड़ान (उड़े देश का आम नागरिक) योजना के कारण पिछले एक दशक में लाखों लोगों ने पहली बार हवाई जहाज की उड़ान भरी। उन्होंने कहा, '2014 में मैंने कहा था कि मेरा सपना है कि हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाला भी हवाई यात्रा कर सके। हमारी सरकार ने इस मिशन पर गंभीरता से काम शुरू किया और पिछले 11 वर्षों में देश में एक के बाद एक हवाई अड्डे बनते गए।' 2014 में भारत में 74 हवाई अड्डे थे, जो अब 160 से अधिक हैं। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि नया

and STEP (Short Term Employability Program)



नवी मुंबई में अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे और अन्य विकास परियोजनाओं के शुभारंभ के दौरान पीएम मोदी को स्मृति चिह्न देकर सम्मानित करते (बाएं से) महाराष्ट्र के उपमुख्यमंत्री अजीत पवार, सीएम देवेंद्र फडणवीस और उपमुख्यमंत्री शिंदे • प्रेस

हवाई अड्डा दो लाख रोजगार पैदा करेगा। सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) मॉडल पर आधारित यह देश की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा परियोजना है। इसे 'लोकनेता डी.बी. पाटिल नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा' कहा जाएगा।

हमारे लिए राष्ट्रनीति ही राजनीति : प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने महाराष्ट्र के महाविकास आघाड़ी गठबंधन को आड़े हाथों लेते हुए कहा कि हमारे लिए राष्ट्रनीति ही राजनीति है। लेकिन दूसरी तरफ ऐसी धारा भी है, जो राजनीति में विकास कार्यों में भी रुकावट डालती है। जिस मेट्रो-3 का उद्घाटन हुआ है, कुछ वर्ष पहले बनी एक सरकार ने उसका काम ही रोक दिया था। ये किसी पाप से कम नहीं है। प्रधानमंत्री ने अपने द्वारा उद्घाटित मुंबई की 34 किमी लंबी भूमिगत मेट्रो सेवा को विकसित

भारत की झलक बताते हुए कहा कि इस मेट्रो लाइन का निर्माण अनेक ऐतिहासिक इमारतों को नुकसान पहुंचाए बिना उनके नीचे से किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि जब सपनों को सिद्ध करने का संकल्प हो, तो ऐसे नतीजे मिलते ही हैं।

मेट्रो-3 के रूप में मुंबई को मिली तीसरी 'लाइफ लाइन' : मुंबई में चलने वाली मध्य एवं पश्चिम रेलवे की लोकल (उपनगरीय) ट्रेनों को अब तक मुंबई की 'लाइफ लाइन' कहा जाता था। बुधवार से 34 किलोमीटर लंबी मेट्रो-3 के रूप में मुंबई को तीसरी लाइफ लाइन मिल गई। तीन तरफ समुद्र से घिरी मुंबई का दिल दक्षिण मुंबई माना जाता है। अब लोकल ट्रेनों की दो लाइनों के मध्य बनाई गई भूमिगत मेट्रो-3 लाइन मुंबईवासियों के लिए एक बड़ी राहत लेकर आई है। मुंबई

## स्वदेशी अपनाएं देशवासी

पीएम ने देशवासियों से स्वदेशी वस्तुओं को अपनाने का पुरजोर आह्वान किया। उन्होंने सभी से आग्रह किया कि वे 'यही स्वदेशी है' मंत्र अपनाएं, ताकि यह मंत्र हर जगह गूंजे। लोग स्वदेशी सामान खरीदना व उपहार देना शुरू कर देंगे, तो अर्थव्यवस्था में पैसा वापस आएगा, जिससे विकास व रोजगार को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

के भीड़भाड़ भरे मध्य भाग में रहने वाले लोग इस मेट्रो का उपयोग कर दक्षिण मुंबई के कफ परेड तक सीधे पहुंच सकते हैं। एक स्थान पर यह मोठी नदी के नीचे से भी गुजरती है।

75,000 प्रशिक्षुओं को मिलेगा नए युग का कौशल प्रशिक्षण : प्रधानमंत्री ने युवाओं को उद्योग-संबंधित रोजगारोन्मुख प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए 'मुख्यमंत्री अल्पावधि रोजगारक्षम पाठ्यक्रम' की आनलाइन शुरुआत भी की। इसके अंतर्गत राज्य के 419 आइटीआई और 141 शासकीय तकनीकी विद्यालयों में कुल 2,506 बैच शुरू किए जाएंगे। इस वर्ष 75,000 प्रशिक्षुओं को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाएगा। अगले वर्ष से इसे एक लाख तक बढ़ाने का लक्ष्य है। मोदी ने 'मुंबई वन' एप भी लांच किया, जो यात्रियों को कई लाभ प्रदान करता है।

## सपना हुआ साकार, हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाले भी अब हवाई जहाज से चल रहे : मोदी

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प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने बुधवार को 19,650 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से निर्मित नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किया। यह 1,160 हेक्टेयर (2,866 एकर) में फैला हुआ है। उन्होंने नवनिर्मित हवाई अड्डे की विशेषता बताते हुए कहा कि यह विमानतल मुंबई को एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब बनने में मददगार सिद्ध होगा। इससे महाराष्ट्र के किसान एवं लघु उद्योग सीधे पश्चिम एशिया एवं यूरोप के बाजार से जुड़ जाएंगे। छोटे एवं लघु उद्योगों के लिए कई नए अवसर बनेंगे। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि आज हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाले भी हवाई जहाज से चल रहे हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि नए हवाई अड्डों और उड़ान योजना ने हवाई यात्रा को आसान बना दिया है और भारत को दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू विमानन बाजार बना दिया है। उनका सरकार का लक्ष्य इस दशक के अंत तक भारत को वैश्विक विमानन क्षेत्र के स्वरुखाव, मरम्मत व ओवरहाल (एमआरओ) केंद्र बनाना है। उन्होंने कहा कि उड़ान (उड़े देश का आम नागरिक) योजना के कारण पिछले एक दशक में लाखों लोगों ने पहली बार हवाई जहाज

यह नया अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा मुंबई को बनाएगा एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब

महाराष्ट्र के किसान और लघु उद्योग सीधे यूरोप के बाजार से जुड़ जाएंगे



नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे का अवलोकन करते पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी। एएनआइ

की उड़ान भरी और अपने सपने पूरे किए। उन्होंने कहा, '2014 में जब देश ने मुझे अवसर दिया था, तब मैंने कहा था कि मेरा सपना है कि हवाई चप्पल पहनने वाला भी हवाई यात्रा कर सके। हमारी सरकार ने इस मिशन पर गंभीरता से काम करना शुरू किया और पिछले 11 वर्षों में देश में एक के बाद एक हवाई अड्डे बनते गए।' मोदी ने कहा कि 2014 में भारत में केवल 74 हवाई अड्डे थे, लेकिन अब 160 से अधिक हैं। भारत दुनिया का सबसे युवा देश है और बड़े निवेश से रोजगार सृजन में मदद मिलती है। नए हवाई अड्डे का औपचारिक उद्घाटन से पहले प्रधानमंत्री ने उसका अवलोकन किया। यह भारत की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा परियोजना

है, जिसे सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) मॉडल के तहत विकसित किया गया है। इसका वास्तु राष्ट्रीय पुष्प कमल से प्रेरित है। यह देश का पहला हवाई अड्डा होगा जो वाटर टैक्सो से जुड़ा होगा।

**मेट्रो-3 के रूप में मुंबई को मिली तीसरी लाइफ लाइन :** मुंबई में चलने वाली मध्य एवं पश्चिम रेलवे की लोकल (उपनगरीय) ट्रेनों को मुंबई की 'लाइफ लाइन' कहा जाता है। बुधवार से 34 किमी लंबी मेट्रो-3 के रूप में मुंबई को तीसरी लाइफ लाइन मिल गई। अब लोकल ट्रेनों की इन दो नई लाइनों के मध्य बनाई गई भूमिगत मेट्रो-3 लाइन मुंबईवासियों के लिए एक बड़ी राहत लेकर आई है।



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# PM Modi Bats for Swadeshi Products to Empower India

Krishna Kumar

**Mumbai:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged all Indians to buy swadeshi products. He said if we adopt swadeshi, then the country will become powerful.

"I am exhorting you to adopt more swadeshi products; everyone should proudly say, 'I am proud to say this is swadeshi.' This should be the chant of every market, of every home; the clothes and the shoes you buy should be swadeshi. Everyone should buy swadeshi products; if people want to give a gift to some-

one, then it should be swadeshi. Imagine if the entire country adopts swadeshi; then how much India becomes powerful," said Modi.

He made these remarks in Mumbai after inaugurating the phase 1 of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), and the final phase of Mumbai Metro Line-3. The prime minister said that the Navi Mumbai airport would create more employment. The PM emphasised Mumbai has always been the country's financial capital and a vibrant metropolis, making it a target for terror strikes. He then asked the Congress party to tell the na-

tion who prevented India's military response after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks linked to Pakistan and accused the Congress-led UPA government (2004-14) of weakening the fight against terrorism when in power, because of which the country has paid a heavy price.

In contrast, the PM maintained, today's India gives a befitting response to terror attacks and strikes by entering



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Gautam Adani at the inauguration of Navi Mumbai International Airport

inside the home of enemies. "A Congress leader, who has also been Union home minister, has said that a country prevented India's military retaliation post-26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008. The entire country wanted a military response. The party should clarify."

He added, "It is because of this feature of the city that terrorists targeted it in 2008. If a top Congress leader, who has been a Union minister, is to be believed,

the then UPA government buckled under pressure of a foreign country against attacking Pakistan even though our defence forces were ready and the mood of the nation was to strike (the neighbouring country)," said the PM.

He was referring to former Union home minister P Chidambaram's remarks that he personally favoured military retribution against Pakistan following the attacks, but the UPA government decided to go by the foreign ministry's view to resort to diplomatic steps against Islamabad. Chidambaram noted world powers, includ-

ing the US, wanted India to not start a war with Pakistan.

The prime minister asked the Congress to tell the nation who prevented India's military response after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks linked to Pakistan and accused the party of weakening the fight against terrorism when in power. Modi said, "The Congress has to tell the nation who decided not to act against Pakistan and under pressure from which foreign powers. The Congress had failed take into account the feelings of Mumbaikars and the country."



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## ● NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPENS...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with specially abled children and visits the Magic of Abilities stall at the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday. Inaugurating the airport, the Prime Minister said the project as well as the new Mumbai Metro line reflect the much-cherished goal of Viksit Bharat

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating Phase 1 of the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday. "For us, every penny spent on infrastructure is the medium of providing facilities and enhancing capabilities of the citizens," the Prime Minister said

## PM opens Mumbai airport, says it reflects Viksit Bharat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
Mumbai, October 8

**ASSERTING THAT** "NATIONAL policy" is the foundation of his government's politics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated two mega infrastructure projects in Mumbai — Phase 1 of Navi Mumbai International Airport and Phase 2B of the underground Metro Line-3.

Describing the projects as those that reflect the "much cherished goal of Viksit Bharat", the Prime Minister underscored their potential to play a significant role in growth, development and employment generation. Modi also took a dig at the Opposition, saying their previous (MVA) government in Maha-

rastra had stalled such projects for political gain.

"*Hum un sansakaron mein pale-badhe hain jahan rashtraniti hi rajniti ka adhar hai* (We have been groomed in a culture where national policy forms the foundation of politics)," Modi said. "For us, every penny spent on infrastructure is the medium of providing facilities and enhancing capabilities of the citizens," he said.

"But on the other side, there has been a political stream that kept the benefits of politics above the facilities to people. These are the people who create hurdles in developmental work, indulge in scams and corruption, and derail the development projects. The country has suffered for decades," the Prime Minister said.

"The metro line that has been launched today is also a reminder of their deeds. I was part of this project's foundation laying ceremony and then it raised hopes of lakhs of families in Mumbai that now their troubles will be reduced. But, then the government that came for some time (MVA), stopped the work. They got into power but they wasted thousands of crores of the country's wealth," Modi said.

Modi recalled Mumbai's tryst with terrorism and targeted the then Congress-led UPA Government for its "weak" response to the November 2008 attacks and pointed to this year's Operation Sindoor as an example of his administration's "befitting" reply.



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## Thinking how to reach new airport? FPJ has got you covered from all sides

**T**he first flight from the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) is expected to take-off after around 45-60 days of inauguration, probably December, depending upon the completion of mobilising the security agencies. Once operational, flyers from across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region can travel to the airport via various land routes before the metro train and water taxi services commence. The Free Press Journal helps you navigate the route to reach the airport from Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad and surrounding areas.



### **From South Mumbai**

Colaba — Shahid Bhagat Singh Road — P D'Mello Road — Eastern Freeway — Atal Setu — JNPT Road — Uran Road — NMIA

### **From eastern suburbs**

Mulund — Mulund-Goregaon Link Road — Mulund-Airoli Road — Thane-Belapur Road — Satara Highway — NMIA

### **From Thane**

Thane — Airoli — Belapur Rd — Satara Highway — NMIA

### **From northern/western suburbs**

Andheri — Ghatkopar Link Road — Eastern Express Highway — Mankhurd Link Road — Vashi Creek Bridge — Satara Highway-NMIA

### **From Navi Mumbai (Airoli, Digha, Nerul)**

Palm Beach Road — Belapur — Ulwe — NMIA

### **From Raigad**

Sion-Panvel Highway — Uran Phata — Aamra Marg — NMIA

### **From Kalyan, Dombivli, Ambarnath and Badlapur**

Shilphata-Mahape Road — Thane-Belapur Road — Satara Highway — NMIA

Text: Raina Assainar & Dhairya Gajara



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## Now, name game for city airport

**FPJ News Service**

**MUMBAI**

With the state government deciding to name the Navi Mumbai International Airport after late local leader DB Patil, there is a demand to rename the domestic terminal of the Mumbai airport after freedom fighter Joseph Baptista, a member of the East Indian community, one of the original inhabitants of the city.

The East Indians have pointed out parallels in the story behind the acquisition of land for the two airports. The Navi Mumbai airport was constructed on land acquired from Agris, Kolis, and other castes. Similarly, the Mumbai airport was built on farmland belonging to East Indians who

are converts to Roman Catholicism from the same castes.

Baptista, popularly known as Kaka Baptista, an associate of Lokmanya Tilak, served as the city's mayor and as a lawyer in the Bombay High Court. Vicky Misquitta, of Mobai Gaothan Panchayat's Mumbai East Indian Bhumi Putra Rights project, said by renaming one of the two terminals of the airport after Baptista, the government can pay a fitting tribute to an unsung hero and acknowledge the contributions of the East Indian community to the city's development, including giving up their ancestral land for the airport and the University of Mumbai's Kalina campus.

"The East Indian community has a rich history, and their ancestral lands, including those at the Mumbai airport, are a testament to their significant contributions to the city as indigenous people of the city. The 7/12 extracts serve as proof of their ownership and connection to the land," said Misquitta.

Alphi DSouza, MGP chief, whose family once owned land where the Mumbai airport was built, said they commended the Navi Mumbai Agri community's efforts to name the Navi Mumbai airport after late DB Patil and urged the authorities to consider the immense value Kaka Baptista brought to the nation's struggle for independence.

## आधुनिक हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का पीएम ने किया उद्घाटन एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब बनेगा नवी मुंबई एयरपोर्ट, विमानन को नया रूप देगा



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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने बुधवार को भारत के सबसे आधुनिक और पर्यावरण अनुकूल हवाई अड्डों में शुमार नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किया। यह परियोजना देश के सबसे बड़े ग्रीनफील्ड प्रोजेक्ट्स में से एक है, जो आने वाले वर्षों में भारत की विमानन उद्योग को पूरी तरह बदलकर नया रूप देगी। इस मौके पर पीएम मोदी ने कहा कि नवी मुंबई एयरपोर्ट एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी हब बनेगा। इस अवसर पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कहा कि आज मुंबई का लंबे समय से चला आ रहा इंतजार समाप्त हो गया। अब मुंबई को अपना दूसरा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा प्राप्त हो गया है। यह हवाई अड्डा इस क्षेत्र को एशिया का सबसे बड़ा कनेक्टिविटी केंद्र बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा। पीएम मोदी ने कहा कि जब सपनों को साकार करने का दृढ़ संकल्प हो तथा देशवासियों तक तेजी से विकास का लाभ पहुंचाने की मजबूत इच्छाशक्ति हो, तो परिणाम अवश्य प्राप्त होते हैं। हमारी विमानन सेवा और इससे संबंधित उद्योग इसका प्रमुख उदाहरण हैं।

19,650 करोड़ की लागत से तैयार भारत की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड हवाई अड्डा परियोजना है। अड्डे को 1160 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्रफल के साथ, दुनिया के सबसे कुशल अड्डों में से एक के रूप में डिजाइन किया।

**सपने को वास्तविकता में बदलने देश में नए-नए हवाई अड्डों का निर्माण किया**

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पीएम मोदी ने कहा कि आपको याद होगा कि वर्ष 2014 में जब देश ने मुझे यह जिम्मेदारी सौंपी, तब मैंने कहा था कि मेरा सपना है कि चप्पल पहनने वाला व्यक्ति भी हवाई यात्रा कर सके। इस सपने को वास्तविकता में बदलने के लिए देश में नए-नए हवाई अड्डों का निर्माण आवश्यक था। हमारी सरकार ने इस लक्ष्य पर तत्परता से कार्य प्रारंभ किया। पिछले 11 वर्षों में देश में एक के बाद एक हवाई अड्डे विकसित होते रहे। वर्ष 2014 में हमारे देश में मात्र 74 हवाई अड्डे थे, जबकि आज भारत में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या 160 से अधिक हो चुकी है।

**मुंबई को एक  
अहम भूमिगत मेट्रो  
सुविधा भी मिली**

उन्होंने आगे कहा कि आज मुंबई को पूर्णतः भूमिगत मेट्रो सुविधा भी मिल गई है। इससे शहर में यातायात और सुगम होगा तथा लोगों का समय भी बचेगा। यह भूमिगत मेट्रो उमरते भारत का एक जीवंत प्रतीक है। मुंबई जैसे हलकल मरे शहर में, भूमि के नीचे तथा ऐतिहासिक भवनों को सुरक्षित रखते हुए इस शानदार मेट्रो का निर्माण किया गया है। मैं इससे जुड़े सभी श्रमिकों और अभियंताओं को हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ।

**2-2.30 घंटे का सफर मात्र 30-40 मिनट में पूरा होगा**

पीएम मोदी ने कहा कि जिस मेट्रो लाइन का उद्घाटन हुआ है, वह उन लोगों के कृत्यों की स्मृति भी तज्ज करता है। मैं इसके शिवाग्रस समारोह में सम्मिलित हुआ था। तब मुंबई के लाखों परिवारों में आशा जगी थी कि उनकी कठिनाइयां कम होंगी, लेकिन उसके बाद आई सरकार ने इस परियोजना को ही ठप कर दिया। उन्हें सत्ता प्राप्त हुई, लेकिन देश को हजारों करोड़ों रुपए का नुकसान हुआ तथा वर्षों तक असुविधा रहनी पड़ी। अब इस मेट्रो लाइन से 2-2.30 घंटे का सफर मात्र 30-40 मिनट में पूरा हो सकेगा। जहां मुंबई में प्रत्येक मिनट का मूल्यवान महत्त्व है, वहां 3-4 वर्षों तक इस सुविधा से वंचित रहना किसी पाप से कम नहीं है।

**आप सभी स्वदेशी का समर्थन करें**

इस मौके पर प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने जोरसटी पर भी तर्क की। उन्होंने कहा कि जोरसटी में हुए अगली पीढ़ी के सुधारों से, जिन वस्तुओं के दाम कम हुए हैं, उसके फलस्वरूप देशवासियों की आर्थिक क्षमता और मजबूत हुई है। आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि इस वर्ष नवरात्रि के दौरान बिक्री के कई नए रिकॉर्ड बन गए हैं। हमारी सरकार आगे भी ऐसे कदम उठाती रहेगी, जो देशवासियों के जीवन को सुगम बनाए और राष्ट्र को शक्ति प्रदान करे। लेकिन मैं आपसे एक अनुरोध भी करता हूँ कि स्वदेशी का समर्थन करें। उन्होंने कहा कि गर्व से कहो, हम स्वदेशी हैं। यह घर-घर और बाजार का मूल मंत्र बन जाना चाहिए।



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## हिंडन एयरपोर्ट जाने वाली रोड की चौड़ाई बढ़ेगी

गाजियाबाद। हिंडन सिविल टर्मिनल के गेट नंबर दो से जा रही सड़क को चौड़ा किया जाएगा। लोक निर्माण विभाग ने सर्वेक्षण पूरा करने के बाद प्रस्ताव शासन को भेज दिया है। 650 मीटर लंबी सड़क के चौड़ीकरण के बाद टर्मिनल आने-जाने वाले लोगों को राहत मिलेगी। हिंडन सिविल टर्मिनल से 16 शहरों के लिए उड़ान सेवा मिल रही है। आने वाले दिनों में टर्मिनल का विस्तार किया जाना है। वर्तमान में सड़क दो लेन की है, इसे चार लेन किया जाना है।

# ‘NMIA set to make Mumbai one of Asia’s biggest aviation hubs’

Navi Mumbai International Airport will connect Maharashtra farmers to supermarkets in Europe, Middle East; reduce export costs for SMEs: PM

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MUMBAI

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) and said the airport would play a major role in establishing the region as one of Asia’s largest connectivity hubs.

He also remarked that the new airport would connect Maharashtra’s farmers to supermarkets in Europe and the Middle East, enabling fresh produce, fruits, vegetables, and fishery products to reach global markets swiftly.

He noted that the airport would reduce export costs for nearby small and medium industries, boost investment, and lead to the establishment of new enterprises. The greenfield NMIA is built at a cost of about ₹19,650 crore.

It is expected to become



**Setting in motion:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurating phase one of the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday. AFP

operational in December this year. As the second international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, NMIA will work in tandem with Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) to ease congestion and elevate Mumbai to the league of global multi-airport systems. To be run by the Adani Group, the airport will handle 90 million passengers annually and 3.25 million metric tonnes of cargo. Among its unique

offerings is an Automated People Mover (APM), a transit system planned to connect all four passenger terminals, as well as a land-side APM linking the city-side infrastructure.

The airport will feature a dedicated storage for Sustainable Aviation Fuel, solar power generation of approximately 47 MW, and EV bus services.

NMIA will also be the first airport in the country to be connected by water taxis.



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## Adani taps SBI, Temasek, others for NMIA terminal

Airport entity in talks to raise ₹30,000 crore for Terminal-2 opening in 2029

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**NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:** The Adani Group is in talks with State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, Singapore's Temasek Holdings and Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group and Mizuho Financial Group to raise ₹30,000 crore for the second terminal of its Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), two people aware of the development said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated NMIA's first terminal on Wednesday, with the second terminal expected to welcome flyers four years from now. The fundraising effort by Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL), a unit of the Ahmedabad-based conglomerate, comes even as the group's brand-new airport is yet to see its first commercial flight.

AAHL will raise mainly debt, with some equity infusion by the promoters, the people cited above said on the condition of anonymity. About ₹10,000 crore (\$1.2 billion) is expected to be locked in within the next six months and the remainder in the



Terminal 1 of Navi Mumbai Airport was built at a cost of ₹19,464 crore—mostly debt—and can handle 20 mn passengers per annum.

next 12-18 months.

"It's debt, and mostly a mix of Indian and Japanese banks, that we are looking at, apart from equity infusion by promoters. Details are being finalized depending on how the revenue streams come into play post-operationalization of Navi Mumbai airport," the person said.

The Adani Group, SBI, HDFC Bank, MUFG and Mizuho did not respond to requests for comment. Temasek declined to comment.

The Adani Group plans to list AAHL, a subsidiary of group flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd, in two to three years. It operates eight airports in India, including the one in Navi Mumbai. The conglomerate hopes to acquire 3-4 additional airports in the next round of privatisation by the Indian government, said a

third executive aware of the group's plans. Terminal 1 was built at a cost of ₹19,464 crore—mostly financed by debt—and can handle 20 million passengers per annum. Terminal 2 is estimated to cost ₹30,000 crore and will be able to handle 30 million passengers per annum.

It will be spread over an area of 400,000 sq. m compared with the 234,000 sq. m Terminal 1. The second terminal is expected to be operational by 2029. Once all four terminals and two parallel runways are completed, the airport will be able to handle 90 million passengers.

The Indian government is expected to privatise about 11 state-run airports in the next one year through public-private partnerships, according to media reports. SBI was part of the consortium of banks that previously

lent to AAHL. The person cited earlier said the Adanis are mostly tapping "the same set of banks again," without identifying them.

In July 2025, AAHL was said to be in advanced talks to secure a \$150 million bilateral offshore loan from MUFG. The Japanese bank has previously provided loans to other Adani units. Mizuho Financial Group has reportedly financed Adani units involved in ports and airports.

In March 2022, when the financial closure of the first terminal of the Navi Mumbai airport project was announced, Adani Enterprises, the holding company of the group's airports business, said it had closed ₹12,770 crore (\$1.7 billion) with SBI underwriting the entire amount.

Apart from SBI, discussions are under way with HDFC Bank. The private sector bank has recently been roped in as one of the lenders at a group level, the second person added.

Advances by Indian banks to the Adani Group have risen sharply in the past two years at the expense of international banks and capital markets. With ₹1.36 lakh crore in long-term and working capital borrowings, domestic banks accounted for just under half of the Adani Group's debt as of 31 March 2025. This compares with 28% two years ago.

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## PM: Navi Mumbai airport a glimpse of Viksit Bharat

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**MUMBAI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused the Congress of weakening the fight against terrorism when it was in power as he inaugurated the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and called India's largest greenfield airport a "glimpse" of Viksit Bharat (developed India).

On the first day of his two-day trip to the country's financial capital, Modi also inaugurated the final leg of the Cuffe-Parade to Worli underground metro, part of the \$4 billion infra upgrade for Mumbai, and launched Mumbai One, an integrated ticketing app for 11 public transport services. Earlier in the day in Delhi, he told delegates at the India Mobile Congress that this was "the best time to invest, innovate and make in India".

Referring to a recent interview by former home minister P Chidambaram, he asked why the Congress had refrained from military action against Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

"Mumbai is not only India's financial capital but also one of its most vibrant cities... [the airport] will play a major role in establishing this region as one of Asia's largest connectivity hubs."

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PM Narendra Modi, CM Devendra Fadnis, and other dignitaries at the Navi Mumbai airport.

### What PM Modi said

**ON NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT**  
"Mumbai is not only financial capital but also one of India's most vibrant cities... [the airport] will play a major role in establishing this region as one of Asia's largest connectivity hubs."

**ON GST REFORMS**  
"I saw the figures during this Navratri, there was record sales of bikes, televisions, fridges... Whether poor or middle-class, empowering them strengthens the nation."

**ON BUYING SWADESHI**  
"I appeal to everyone to embrace 'Swadeshi'—buy Indian clothes, give Indian gifts. This keeps the money within India, provides work to our country's workforce."



emphasised that public interest and the deterrent effect of capital punishment must not be undermined. While the Shatrughan Chauhan judgment held that undue delay in executing death penalty has a "dehumanising effect" and laid down guidelines to safeguard convicts, including a minimum 14-day notice period before execution, the Centre has maintained that these guidelines are entirely "accused-centric" and require balancing with the interests of victims and society.

The plea was first filed against the backdrop of the Nirbhaya convict's petitions, which delayed their execution. On January 22, 2020, they were scheduled to hang, but the date was deferred due to pending pleas. Fresh death warrants were eventually issued, and the four convicts were executed simultaneously at Tihar Jail on March 20, 2020.

**NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT**  
"Even though our defence forces were ready and the mood of the nation was to strike [the neighbouring country]," the PM said.

"The Congress must tell the nation why it made this decision under foreign pressures, disregarding the sentiments of Mumbai and the nation. This weakness of Congress only emboldened terrorists," he said, contrasting it with his own government's Operation Shirdar launched after the April 22 Pahalgaon terror attack that killed 26 people.

Modi said the Congress's weakness compromised national security due to which India paid a heavy price and suffered loss of lives. "For us, nothing is more important than the safety and security of our nation and its citizens," Modi said.

In an interview last month, Chidambaram had said that India couldn't retaliate against Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai terror attack under international pressure and due to the stand of the ministry of external affairs at the time.

On November 26, 2008, 10 Pakistani terrorists launched a deadly attack across Mumbai, killing 175 people and injuring more than 300, in multiple attacks at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Taj Mahal Hotel, Oberoi Trident, Leopold Cafe and the Nariman House. One of the terrorists, Ajmal Kasab, was caught by Mumbai Police and faced trial. He was found guilty and executed.

Modi also lauded his government's record in infrastructure and aviation development.

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When he took over as PM in 2014, Modi said, he had announced that even a person wearing a "hawai chappal" (slippers) should be able to travel by "hawai jahaz" (aeroplane). That dream, he said, was getting realised.

In 2014, India had 74 airports and now there were 100 airports in the country, he pointed out. "Our target is to make India the global aviation MRO (maintenance repair and overhaul) hub by the end of this decade," he said.

The PM praised the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (Udan) project which gave wings to the aspiration of the common man to travel by air and made India the third-biggest market for aviation in the world. Indian aviation companies, he said, placed orders for over 1,000 aircraft which will result in jobs for pilots, crew, engineers, and allied staff. Mumbai's second airport, he added "will play a major role in establishing this region as one of Asia's largest connectivity hubs."

"Gati" (speed) and "pragati" (development) are hallmarks of a Viksit Bharat (developed India) where people's welfare is top most priority," he said.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport, constructed in the shape of the lotus, provided a glimpse of Viksit Bharat, the PM said.

"The airport is located on the land of Shivaji Maharaj. It is a symbol of culture and prosperity. Farmers and fisherfolk can now get access to global markets because of the airport," he added.

Modi, who landed at the Navi Mumbai airport on Wednesday afternoon, was received by Maharashtra governor Acharya Devrao, chief minister Devendra Fadnis, his two deputy chief ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, and junior aviation minister Murlidhar Mohol. After a walkthrough by industrialist Gautam Adani, whose company built the airport, Modi spoke for about 20 minutes, laying out his vision for a revival of swadeshi and using the opportunity to launch an attack on his political opponents.

The PM reiterated his appeal to the people to increasingly use swadeshi or 'Made In India' products. "I appeal to everyone to embrace Swadeshi—buy Indian clothes and shoes, give Indian gifts. This keeps the money within India and provides work to our country's workforce," he said.

Modi also spoke of the Goods and Services Tax reform. "I saw the

figures during this Navratri, there was record sales of scooters, bikes, televisions, fridges and washing machines," he said. "Whether poor, neo-middle class or middle class, empowering them today strengthens the nation. When these families receive facilities and respect, their capacity and contribution to the country increases."

### ARMY FITNESS RULES

the officials said, asking not to be named. This means the new rules will cover everyone from Agniveers to three-star army commanders, and will come into force on April 1, 2026. In the army, the two tests will be replaced by combined physical tests, held twice a year.

Physical fitness is paramount for soldiers to enable them to endure the rigours of military training and multi-domain operations. Strength, endurance and agility are crucial for combat readiness, allowing soldiers to react quickly and effectively in dynamic situations. A fit soldier is more capable, reliable and an effective asset to his unit, ultimately contributing to mission success. Commanders at all levels must also be role models for the rank and file and be capable of leading the team from the front at all times," stated an October 3 army letter, seen by HT.

The combined physical tests are an outcome of meticulous deliberation of existing tests, a series of in-house studies and standards followed by foreign armies, it added. Composite tables have been formulated for various age groups and gender by merging BPPT and PPT guidelines, the letter said. The tables lay down the standards expected of men and women in different age groups and the rating system.

The physical tests for those in the age group of 50 to 60 years will involve a 3.2-km brisk walk, and a certain number of sit ups and push-ups varying with age. Officers in the Indian Army pick up the two-star major general rank in their early 50s.

Even with modern warfare evolving towards increased digitisation, the human element remains critical to military mission, stated the letter on the new physical testing guidelines. Standards for those in the age group of 35 to 50 years include a 3.2-km run along with push-ups and sit ups, with those under 45 to be tested for their rope-climbing skills too, according to the letter. The new standards fall between bppt and ppt. The former involved a 5-km run in combat dress with 4.5-kg

## PM set to unveil airport, other works in Mumbai

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**MUMBAI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and the final phase of the Mumbai Metro 3 during his two-day visit to Mumbai, beginning on Wednesday, a statement by the Prime Minister's Office said on Tuesday.

PM Modi will also launch Mumbai One, a common mobility app for 11 public transport services.

PM Modi will also meet visit-



Narendra Modi

ing British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who will be in India on October 8-9 for his first official visit to the country on Thursday morning. After their bilateral meeting, they will

attend the CEO Forum at Jio World Center before heading to the Global Fintech Fest where they will deliver the keynote addresses.

The PMO statement said that PM Modi would arrive in Mumbai on Wednesday afternoon and head for the inauguration of the first phase of Navi Mumbai International Airport, India's largest greenfield airport, built at a cost of ₹19,650 crore.

The second international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, the new airport is

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### PM TO UNVEIL WORKS

designed to be among the most efficient in the world, spanning 1160 hectares. It will eventually handle 90 million passengers annually and 3.25 million metric tonnes of cargo.

The statement said Prime Minister Modi will subsequently inaugurate the final phase of Metro 3 (Cuffe Parade to Worli), an underground metro line built at a cost of ₹37,270 crore. He will also launch "Mumbai One", the integrated everyday mobility app for 11 public transport operators across Metro, Monorail, Suburban railways and Bus PTOS.

These include Mumbai Metro Line 2A & 7, Mumbai Metro Line 3, Mumbai Metro Line 1, Mumbai Monorail, Navi Mumbai Metro, Mumbai Suburban Railway, Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST), Thane Municipal Transport, Mira Bhayander Municipal Transport, Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Transport and Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport.

Besides, he will also inaugurate the Short Term Employability Programme (STEP), an initiative of the Maharashtra government's skills department to offer emerging technology courses to the youth through 400 industrial training institutes (ITIs) and 150 government technical high schools spread across the state.



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**NATIONAL POLICY FOUNDATION OF OUR POLITICS: MODI**

## PM opens Navi Mumbai airport, says reflects goal of Viksit Bharat

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ASSERTING THAT "national policy" is the foundation of his Government's politics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday inaugurated two mega infrastructure projects in Mumbai — Phase 1 of Navi Mumbai International Airport and Phase 2B of the underground Metro Line-3.

Describing the projects as those that reflect the "much cherished goal of Viksit Bharat", the Prime Minister underscored their potential to play a significant role in growth, development and employment genera-



PM Narendra Modi with (from left) Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat, industrialist Gautam Adani & CM Devendra Fadnavis at the opening of Navi Mumbai airport. **REPORTS, P13**

tion, Modi also took a dig at the Opposition, saying the previous (MVA) government in Maharashtra had stalled such

projects for political gain.

*"Hum un sanskaron mein pale-badhe hain jahan rashtraniti*

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*hi rajniti ka adhar hai* (We have been groomed in a culture where national policy forms the foundation of politics)," Modi said. "For us, every penny spent on infrastructure is the medium of providing facilities and enhancing capabilities of the citizens."

"But on the other side, there is a political stream that has kept the benefits of politics above facilities for people. These are the people who create hurdles in development work, indulge in scams and corruption, and derail development projects. The country has suffered for decades," the Prime Minister said.

"The Metro line, which has been launched today, is also a reminder of their deeds. It was part of this project's foundation-laying ceremony and it had raised the hopes of lakhs of families in Mumbai that their troubles would now be reduced. But then, the government that came for some time (MVA), stopped the work. They got into power but they wasted thousands of crores of the country's wealth," he said.

Modi recalled Mumbai's tryst with terrorism and targeted the then Congress-led UPA government for its "weak" response to

the November 2008 attacks and pointed to this year's Operation Sindoor as an example of his administration's "befitting" reply.

He attributed the recent GST reforms to the spurt in festival spending, while calling on consumers to opt for "swadeshi" products, and paid tribute to "Maharashtra's Lokneta" D B Patil by recalling his "dedicated service" to society and farmers.

On his two-day visit to Mumbai, Modi also launched Mumbai One App, India's first integrated common mobility platform, where commuters can access bus, metro, monorail and suburban rail services in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) through a single ticket.

Earlier Wednesday, shortly after his arrival, the Prime Minister took a virtual tour of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) spread across 1,600 acres and built at a cost of ₹ 19,650 crore with a current capacity of 20 million passengers per annum. Flights will become operational from December with Air India, Indigo Airlines and Akasa Air having already announced their plans to operate from NMIA.

Addressing a gathering at

NMIA, Modi said the airport "will play a major role in establishing the region as Asia's one of largest connectivity hub". "This is not just an airport. Through this airport, farmers in Maharashtra will get connected to the global markets in the Middle East and Europe and it will also attract investments and new businesses," he said.

Stating that the country had 74 airports in 2014, and 160 now, the Prime Minister said Indian aviation companies have placed orders of over 1,000 planes and that will lead to job creation not only for pilots, crew members and ground staff but also in maintenance, repairs and overhaul (MRO). "The goal is to establish India as a major MRO hub by the end of this decade," he said.

"In 2014 when I became PM, I had said even those wearing hawai chappals should be able to fly in airplanes. Over the years, air travel has become affordable for people," he said.

Speaking about the Metro rail network that connects South Mumbai with the suburbs, Modi said with the completion of this line, "a journey of two to two-and-a-half hours will be reduced to just 30 to 40 minutes".

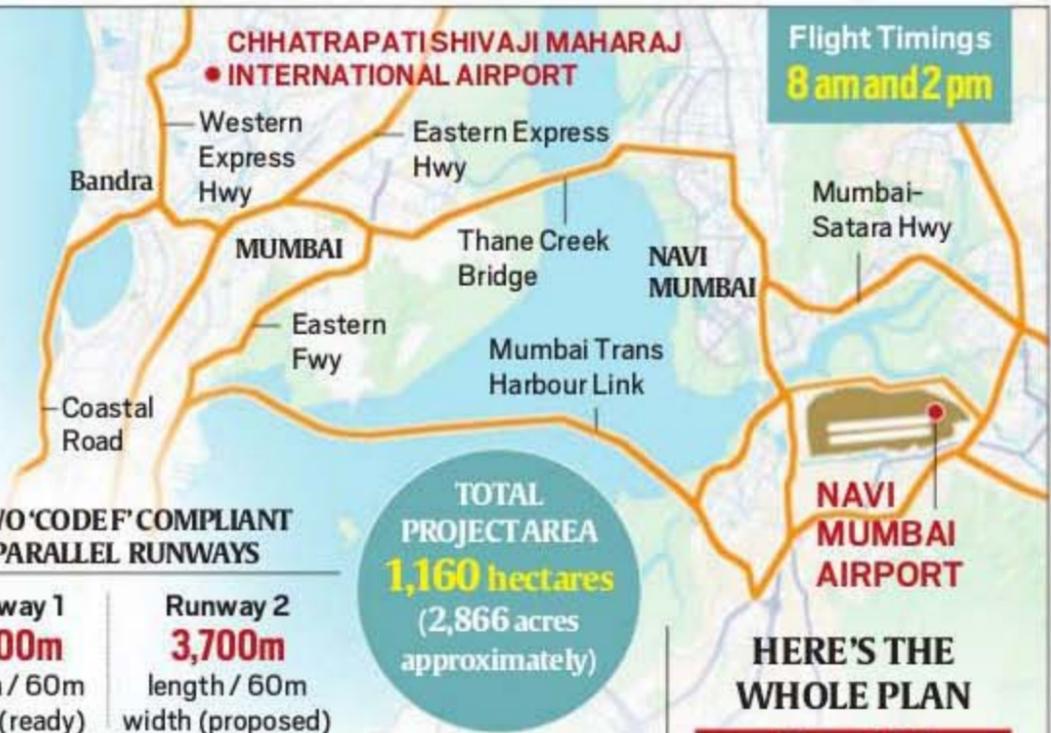
The PM also referred to the setbacks faced by the city, saying "the financial capital of the country and one of its most vibrant cities was targeted by terrorists in 2008 attacks. The then government in power sent a message of weakness and appeared to surrender before terrorism."

Asserting that his Government has always given a befitting response to terrorism as was evident in Operation Sindoor, the PM referred to a "recent revelation by a senior Opposition party leader". "After the Mumbai terror strike, the Army was ready to attack Pakistan and the entire nation supported such action. But the Government halted the military response due to pressure from a foreign country. The Opposition party should clarify who influenced this decision that undermined the sentiments of Mumbai and the nation," he said.

The airport launch was attended by Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat; CM Devendra Fadnavis; Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu; Union Ministers Ramdas Athawale and Murlidhar Mohol; and Japan envoy to India Keiichi Ono, among others.

# NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT UNVEILED

Navi Mumbai International Airport Private Limited is a Public-Private Partnership between Mumbai International Airport Ltd – a subsidiary of Adani Airports Holdings Ltd – holding 74% stake, and CIDCO holding 26% stake



**PROJECTED PASSENGER CAPACITY**

20 MPPA Initial phase | 90 MPPA Final phase

MPPA: Million Passengers Per Annum

**PROJECTED CARGO CAPACITY**

0.5 MMTPA Initial phase | 3.2 MMTPA Final phase

MMTPA: million metric tonnes annually

**3** Airlines  
Indigo, Akasa Air and Air India to operate from airport

## TIMELINE

- The seeds of NMIAL were sown in the late 2000s
- By 2007 Union Cabinet gave in-principle approval for a new greenfield airport in Navi Mumbai
- By 2018 groundwork was sufficient for CIDCO to float tenders for a private partner
- By August 2021 Adani Group formally took over the project
- By July 2022 CIDCO officially handed over 2,866 acres of core land to AAHL



The Navi Mumbai International Airport, a greenfield airport, is located in Ulwe, which is close to Panvel and about 37 km from South Mumbai.

## TERMINAL 1 AT A GLANCE

 <b>4</b> Entry gates	 <b>66</b> Check-in counters	 <b>22</b> Self-baggage drop	 <b>29</b> Aerobridges	 <b>10</b> Bus boarding gates	<b>3</b> CHECK-IN CENTRES—Alpha, Bravo and Charlie—managing all international and domestic clients
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Terminals to be connected with Automated People Mover\* through underground in phase 3

\*APM is a driverless train



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## It's a dream come true for Maharashtra: CM

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THE NAVI Mumbai International Airport, which will become operational from December this year, "is a dream come true", Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Wednesday.

"The NMIA was conceptualised way back in the 1990s. But there was just a board with no signs of a project during the Congress regime. When I became CM (2014), we sought clearances from the Centre which were pending for decades. In a single meeting, PM Narendra Modi resolved all the issues, paving way for the project," he said. "Along with NMIA, we have also now focussed on the country's first offshore international airport along with Rs 76,000 crore Wadhwan port project."

### DESIGN

■ Architecture inspired by Lotus — India's national flower — and designed by London-based Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA)

**12** sculptural feature columns — anchors that rise like unfurling petals

**17** mega columns — unseen pillars carrying the weight of the lotus roof canopies



Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "Under PM Modi's leadership, Maharashtra has received Rs 10 lakh crore for the infrastructure projects."

Deputy CM Ajit Pawar said,

"The infrastructure-led development... is integral for growth and employment." With NMIA, the state is further empowered to push development, growth and employment.

### INTEGRATED MOBILITY APP LAUNCHED BY PM

*Mumbai:* PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched 'Mumbai One', an Integrated Common Mobility App that will allow commuters to plan, book and pay for journeys across 11 public transport operators in the metropolitan region — making it India's first platform to unify ticketing and travel information across Metro, monorail, suburban rail and bus services. Citizens can use it from Thursday. **ENS**

Earlier on Wednesday, the CM held a meeting with the UK business delegation in Mumbai. "With bold reforms undertaken towards the ease of doing business, Maharashtra becomes the most

favoured destination for industrial investment and global trade," the CM said Wednesday. He was addressing the UK CEO delegations on promoting trade and business partnership. He appraised the delegation about state infrastructure, facilities, policies and plans ahead.

"As London has its identity in the UK, Mumbai means Maharashtra. And Maharashtra means India," he said. "The ease of doing business has simplified the process. The state government has set up a special war room to resolve the complex issues that arise in business partnership which is monitored monthly," he said. He drew attention to multiple sectors which hold promises for overseas investments in Maharashtra.

According to the CMO, the UK delegation has assured to collaborate with Maharashtra in AI and other sectors.





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## नोएडा हवाई अड्डे पर एक ही छत के नीचे सार्वजनिक परिवहन की मिलेगी सुविधा

बीस एकड़ में तैयार किया जा रहा है केंद्र, 1200 वाहनों को खड़े करने की होगी व्यवस्था

जनसत्ता संवाददाता  
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 8 अक्टूबर।

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे स्थित एक ही छत के नीचे सार्वजनिक परिवहन (ग्राउंड ट्रांसपोर्टेशन सेंटर) केंद्र का निर्माण अंतिम चरण में है। इस वर्ष के अंत तक वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें शुरू होने से पहले इसके पूरी तरह से तैयार होने का दावा किया जा रहा है।

हवाई अड्डे अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, जीटीसी को 20 एकड़ में टर्मिनल एक और दो के बीच एक 'मल्टीमॉडल हब' के रूप में विकसित किया जा रहा है। जो यात्रियों को विभिन्न परिवहन सुविधाओं से जोड़ेगा। इसका प्रारूप ज्यूरिख हवाई अड्डे पर आधारित है। पहले चरण में जीटीसी में 1200 से ज्यादा भूतल (सरफेस) कार पार्किंग, कैब और टैक्सी-वे और ई-वाहनों के लिए चार्जिंग प्वाइंट बनाए जा रहे हैं। जीटीसी को भविष्य में हाई-स्पीड

यूपी के मुख्यमंत्री योगी कर सकते हैं निरीक्षण



टर्मिनल भवन तकरीबन तैयार हो चुका है। 30 अक्टूबर से पहले इसके तक पूरी तरह तैयार होने का दावा किया गया है। उद्घाटन से पहले मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ इसका स्थलीय निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं। अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव (नागरिक उड्डयन) दीपक कुमार ने हाल में निर्माण स्थल का निरीक्षण किया।

रेल, रैपिड रेल, मेट्रो, बस, पाड टैक्सी और लाइट रेल से जोड़ने की योजना है। पूरी यह सभी सुविधाएं यात्री टर्मिनल से पैदल दूरी पर होंगी, ताकि संचालन के साथ ही मुसाफिरों को सुविधा मिल सके। बता

डीजीसीए का सर्वे पूरा होने के बाद अब जल्द ही हवाई अड्डे संचालन का लाइसेंस मिलने की उम्मीद है। यह हवाई अड्डे पहले चरण में 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों को सालाना संभाल सकेगा। दूसरे चरण में टर्मिनल और रनवे जुड़ने के बाद इसकी क्षमता सात करोड़ यात्रियों तक हो जाएगी, जिससे नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे देश का सबसे बड़ा विमानन केंद्र बन जाएगा। हवाई अड्डे का मुख्य

दें कि हवाई अड्डे पर नामचीन ईवी कैब, एप-आधारित टैक्सी सेवाएं, कार रेंटल, डीटीसी, यूपीएसआरटीसी, यूटीसी व हरियाणा रोडवेज की बसें जीटीसी से संचालित होंगी।

व्यावसायिक केंद्र, रेस्तरां भी होंगे



जीटीसी में इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ईंधन स्टेशन संचालित करेगा। जबकि इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लिमिटेड सीएनजी और पीएनजी की सुविधा प्रदान करेगी। यहां पर स्टेटिक कंपनी ईवी चार्जिंग व्यवस्था स्थापित कर रही है। पूरी तरह कार्यशील होने पर इसमें 4500 कारों, 3500 दोपहिया वाहन और 40 से अधिक बसें खड़ी हो सकेंगी। ऊपरी मंजिलों पर व्यावसायिक केंद्र, रेस्तरां और यात्री लाउंज भी होंगे।



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## Adani taps SBI, Temasek, others for NMIA terminal

Airport entity in talks to raise ₹30,000 crore for Terminal-2 opening in 2029

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The Adani Group is in talks with State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, Singapore's Temasek Holdings and Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group and Mizuho Financial Group to raise ₹30,000 crore for the second terminal of its Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), two people aware of the development said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated NMIA's first terminal on Wednesday, with the second terminal expected to welcome flyers four years from now. The fundraising effort by Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL), a unit of the Ahmedabad-based conglomerate, comes even as the group's brand-new airport is yet to see its first commercial flight.

AAHL will raise mainly debt, with some equity infusion by the promoters, the people cited above said on the condition of anonymity. About ₹10,000 crore (\$1.2 billion) is expected to be locked in within the next six months and the remainder in the



### TAKING WING

<b>TERMINAL-1</b> of NMIA was built at cost of ₹19,464 crore	<b>TERMINAL-2</b> aims for 30 mn passengers annually by 2029	<b>ADANI</b> may list the airport business in two to three years
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next 12-18 months. "It's debt, and mostly a mix of Indian and Japanese banks, that we are looking at, apart from equity infusion by promoters. Details are being finalized depending on how the revenue

streams come into play post-operationalization of Navi Mumbai airport," the person said. The Adani Group, SBI, HDFC Bank, MUFG and Mizuho did not respond to requests for comment. Temasek declined to comment.

The Adani Group plans to list AAHL, a subsidiary of group flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd, in two to three years. It operates eight airports in India, including the one in Navi Mumbai. The conglomerate hopes to acquire 3-4 additional airports in the next round of privatization by the Indian government, said a third executive aware of the group's plans.

Terminal 1 was built at a cost of ₹19,464 crore—mostly financed by debt—and can handle 20 million passengers per annum. Terminal 2 is estimated to cost ₹30,000 crore and will be able to handle 30 million passengers per annum.

It will be spread over an area of 400,000 sq. m compared with the 234,000 sq. m Terminal 1. The second terminal is expected to be operational by 2029. Once all four terminals and two parallel runways are completed, the airport will be able to handle 90 million passengers.

The Indian government is expected to privatize about 11 state-run airports in the next one

## Adani Group in talks with banks for ₹30,000 cr airport terminal

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year through public-private partnerships, according to media reports.

SBI was part of the consortium of banks that previously lent to AAHL. The person cited earlier said the Adanis are mostly tapping "the same set of banks again," without identifying them.

In July 2025, AAHL was said to be in advanced talks to secure a \$150 million bilateral offshore loan from MUFG. The Japanese bank has previously provided loans to other Adani units. Mizuho Financial Group has reportedly financed Adani units involved in ports and airports.

In March 2022, when the financial closure of the first terminal of the Navi Mumbai airport project was announced, Adani Enterprises, the holding company of the group's airports business, said it had closed ₹12,770 crore (\$1.7 billion) with SBI underwriting the entire amount.

Apart from SBI, discussions are under way with HDFC



Adani has initiated talks with Indian and Japanese banks. AFP

Bank. The private sector bank has recently been roped in as one of the lenders at a group level, the second person added.

Advances by Indian banks to the Adani Group have risen sharply in the past two years at the expense of international banks and capital markets. With ₹1.36 trillion in long-term and working capital borrowings, domestic banks accounted for just under half of the Adani Group's debt as of 31 March 2025. This compares with 28% two years ago. "The long wait of Mumbai

is over as the city has now got its second airport, which will also help Maharashtra's farmers get connected with super-markets in Europe and the US," Prime Minister Modi said after inaugurating the airport.

Incorporated in 2019, AAHL is India's largest private airport operator, with nearly one in every four air passengers in India passing through an Adani airport. It reported a 27% jump in revenue to ₹8,062 crore in FY25. Its Ebitda for the year rose by 43% year-on-year to ₹3,480 crore.

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# PM inaugurates Navi Mumbai International Airport, calls it a 'glimpse of Viksit Bharat'

## Phase one of the Rs 19,650 crore greenfield airport to handle 20 million passengers annually

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**NAVI MUMBAI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), calling it a milestone in India's infrastructure transformation and "a glimpse of Viksit Bharat," or developed India. The Prime Minister said the new facility will help position the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) as Asia's largest connectivity hub and ease congestion at the existing Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA).

Arriving aboard an aircraft that landed at the new facility around 2:40 pm, Modi unveiled the country's largest greenfield airport, constructed at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore. The project, located across 1,160 hectares, is designed to handle 20 million passengers annually in its first phase and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani during the inauguration of Phase 1 of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and launch of other development projects, in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

is expected to become operational in December 2025.

"The long wait of Mumbai is over," Modi said during the inauguration ceremony. "The city now has its second airport, which will not only improve

air traffic but also open new global markets for Maharashtra's farmers, connecting them with supermarkets in Europe and the US."

Calling the project a model for modern infrastructure, the

Prime Minister said the NMIA represents India's growing capability in aviation and logistics. "This is a project that carries a glimpse of Viksit Bharat," he remarked, adding that it would attract *Continued on P8*

### QUICK FACTS: NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NMIA)

**COST:** RS 19,650 CR | **SPREAD ACROSS:** 1,160 HECTARES | **DESIGN INSPIRATION:** Lotus — India's national flower; blending Indian heritage with sustainable, modern architecture

- » **FUTURE CAPACITY:** 4 runways, 4 terminals, 90 million passengers/year, 3.25 million tonnes cargo
- » **EMPLOYMENT IMPACT:** ~2 lakh jobs
- » **SPECIAL FEATURES:** India's first airport with water taxi, Automated People Mover (APM), Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) storage
- » **OFFICIAL NAME:** Loknete D B Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport
- » **DEVELOPER:** NMIAL (Adani Group 74%, CIDCO 26%)
- » **FIRST PHASE:** 1 runway, 1 terminal, 20 million passengers/year

**VISION:** Ease Mumbai airport congestion, boost trade, and transform MMR into Asia's largest air connectivity hub



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### PM inaugurates

fresh investments and generate employment in the region.

Highlighting India's rapid progress in aviation, Modi said that when his government took office in 2014, the country had 74 operational airports. "In the last 11 years, that number has risen to more than 160, connecting smaller cities and towns through the UDAN scheme and bringing air travel within the reach of lakhs of citizens," he noted.

Modi further said that Indian airlines have placed orders for over 1,000 new aircraft, reflecting the growing aspirations of the country's expanding middle class. The government, he said, is also working to turn India into a global hub for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) operations.

Before the formal ceremony, the Prime Minister took a walk-through of the terminal and reviewed key facilities at the site.

Addressing the gathering, Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, which holds a 74 per cent stake in the airport through Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL), said the new airport symbolises India's global ambitions.

"In an era where India ascends among the world's largest economies, we have built more than an airport — we have architected Bharat as a gateway and one of the world's most indispensable crossroads," Adani said. "This is infrastructure that does not just serve today's demand; it creates tomorrow's exponential possibilities."

The remaining 26 per cent stake in NMIAL is held by CIDCO, the Maharashtra govern-

ment's town planning and development agency.

According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the NMIA received its aerodrome licence on September 30, clearing the way for commercial operations.

NMIA is envisioned as part of a dual-airport system that will complement CSMIA. In its first two phases, the airport will operate with a single runway and terminal, handling 20 million passengers annually. When fully completed, it will have four runways and four terminals, with a total passenger capacity of 90 million per year and cargo handling capacity of 3.25 million metric tonnes, making it one of Asia's largest aviation hubs.

Inspired by India's national flower, the lotus, the airport's design combines traditional aesthetics with sustainable architecture. It includes provisions for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) storage, a dedicated cargo terminal for perishables and express shipments, and an Automated People Mover (APM) system connecting terminals and city-side infrastructure.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Tuesday said NMIA would also be the first airport in India connected by water taxi, offering multimodal connectivity options to commuters.

Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu said the airport will create nearly two lakh employment opportunities, directly and indirectly, and strengthen Mumbai's position as the aviation capital of India. "The NMIA will be a catalyst for growth and development, linking businesses, tourism, and logistics on an unprecedented scale," Naidu said.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief

Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, along with Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol and senior government officials.

The airport has been officially named 'Loknete D B Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport', after the late social activist D B Patil, who played a key role in ensuring fair compensation for families displaced by regional development projects.

With its modern design, sustainability focus, and multimodal connectivity, NMIA is expected to play a pivotal role in India's growing aviation network. As Modi noted, the airport represents both infrastructure advancement and the country's aspiration to become a global transportation and logistics hub.

"The foundation of a developed India lies in its ability to connect people, ideas, and opportunities," he said. "The Navi Mumbai International Airport is not just an addition to our infrastructure — it's a symbol of the new India taking flight."

# मुंबई: PM ने हवाई और मेट्रो सेवाओं की कड़ियां जोड़ीं

मोदी ने नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का किया उद्घाटन : मेट्रो लाइन-3 के अंतिम चरण के उद्घाटन के साथ कॉरिडोर हुआ पूरा



■ भाषा, मुंबई

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने बुधवार को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन किया। साथ ही प्रधानमंत्री ने नवी मुंबई स्थित कार्यक्रम स्थल से डिजिटल माध्यम से आचार्य अत्रे चौक और काफ परेड के बीच मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 के अंतिम चरण का भी उद्घाटन किया, जो शहर के ज़ुनिवादी होने के विकास में एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है। इस अवसर पर मोदी ने कहा कि नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा और भूमिगत मेट्रो से मुंबई में आवाजाही में सुगमता बढ़ेगी।

नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा कुल 1,160 हेक्टेयर में फैला है। 19,650 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से निर्मित यह नया हवाई अड्डा भारत की विमानन क्षमता को महत्वपूर्ण रूप से बढ़ाएगा और मुंबई के मौजूदा छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर भारी यातायात के बोझ को कम करेगा। औपचारिक उद्घाटन से पहले प्रधानमंत्री ने नवनिर्मित सुविधाओं का अवलोकन किया।



नवी मुंबई एयरपोर्ट के उद्घाटन के दौरान पीएम मोदी के साथ दिखे गौतम अदानी

## मेट्रो लाइन-3 कॉरिडोर पर आज से सेवा

मुंबई मेट्रो लाइन-3 की लंबाई कुल 10.99 किमी है। मुंबई मेट्रो रेल कॉर्पोरेशन (MMRC) ने घोषणा की है कि इस मेट्रो के फेज 2बी खंड के उद्घाटन के साथ, मुंबई का पहला पूर्ण भूमिगत मेट्रो कॉरिडोर गुरुवार से चालू हो जाएगा। यह कॉरिडोर 33.5 किमी का है, जो एक्च लाइन के रूप में जाना जाता है।

## मोदी ने मुंबई वन ऐप किया लॉन्च

मोदी ने मुंबई वन ऐप को भी शुरू किया, जो यात्रियों को कई सार्वजनिक परिवहन ऑपरेटर के लिए एकीकृत मोबाइल टिकटिंग सहित कई लाभ प्रदान करता है। उन्होंने महाराष्ट्र में कौशल, रोजगार, उद्यमिता और नवाचार विभाग की अल्पकालिक रोजगार दक्षता कार्यक्रम (स्टेप) पहल का भी उद्घाटन किया। यह कार्यक्रम 400 सरकारी आईटीआई और 150 सरकारी तकनीकी हार्ड स्कूलों में शुरू किया जा रहा है, जो रोजगार क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए उद्योग की आवश्यकताओं के साथ कौशल विकास को ढालने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है।

यह भारत की सबसे बड़ी ग्रीनफील्ड मॉडल के तहत विकसित किया गया है हवाई अड्डा परियोजना है, जिसे और यह मुंबई महानगर क्षेत्र का दूसरा सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा है।



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## PM calls out UPA's post-26/11 inaction



PM Narendra Modi with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis and Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani during the inauguration of Phase 1 of the Navi Mumbai International Airport in Navi Mumbai

TN RAGHUNATHA □ Mumbai

Hitting back at the Opposition for its vehement criticism of the Union Government's decision to declare ceasefire during Operation Sindoor, Prime Narendra Modi on Thursday accused the Dr Manmohan Singh-led UPA Government of not striking Pakistan after the Mumbai 26/11 terror attacks owing to pressure from a "foreign country".

The PM was speaking at an event after inaugurating the Navi Mumbai International Airport Phase

2B of the Mumbai Metro Line-3 and other development projects in Mumbai.

"The Opposition party (Congress) should clarify who influenced the UPA Government to halt the military response to Pakistan. A big Congress leader, who was the then home minister, has recently, in an interview, said that after the 26/11 our armed forces were ready to strike... The country also wanted that... If he is to be believed — under pressure from one country — it did not happen... The Congress Government

stopped the armed forces from attacking Pakistan," the PM said.

The PM said that the decision to "halt" military action against Pakistan after the 2008 Mumbai mayhem undermined the sentiments of Mumbai and the nation.

"The Congress' weakness emboldened terrorists and compromised national security, a cost the country paid with innocent lives," he added. PM Modi's comments against the Congress came in the context of a recent statement by Chidambaram.

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## PM calls out UPA's post-26/11 inaction

Chidambaram recently said, "The whole world descended on Delhi to tell us 'don't start a war' (against Pakistan)...Two or three days after I took over (Condoleezza Rice came) to meet me and the Prime Minister (then, Dr Manmohan Singh) ... to say 'please don't react'... The Prime Minister discussed this (retaliatory military action) even when the attack was going on... and the conclusion, largely influenced by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Foreign Service, was that we should not physically react to the situation".

In his speech after inaugurating the Loknete DB Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), PM Modi said that Mumbai's long wait had ended

with the city now receiving its second international airport. "The new airport will play a major role in establishing the region as one of Asia's largest connectivity hubs"

PM Modi — who also inaugurated the Phase 2B of the Mumbai Metro Line-3, stretching from Acharya Atre Chowk to Cuffe Parade constructed at an estimated cost of around ₹12,200 crore -said: "With this, I am dedicating the entire Mumbai Metro Line 3 (Aqua Line) - to the nation with a total cost of over ₹37,270 crore. This marks a major milestone in the city's urban transport transformation". The Prime Minister said that the country's commercial Capital had now received a fully underground metro, which will make travel easier and save time for commuters.

"The underground metro as a living

symbol of a developing India and noted that in a bustling city like Mumbai, this remarkable metro has been constructed underground while preserving historic buildings," the Prime Minister said, as he extended his congratulations to the workers and engineers involved in the project. Apart from the Navi Mumbai International Airport and Phase 2B of the Mumbai Metro Line-3, the Prime Minister also launched "Mumbai One" - Integrated Common Mobility App for 11 Public transport Operators (PTO) across Metro, Monorail, Suburban railways and Bus PTOs. He also inaugurated the Short-Term Employability Program (STEP), which 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.



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**सरकार ने उठाया बड़ा कदम, प्रशिक्षित सुरक्षा कर्मी रखेंगे पैनी नजर**

## झारखंड के चार एयरपोर्ट पर क्यूआरटी की तैनाती, सुरक्षा व्यवस्था होगी और मजबूत

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रांची. झारखंड के हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को और मजबूत करने की दिशा में राज्य सरकार ने महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाया है। स्पेशल ब्रांच ने राज्य के चार हवाई अड्डों पर क्विक रिएक्शन टीम की तैनाती करने का निर्णय लिया है। इन एयरपोर्ट्स में जमशेदपुर का सोनारी एयरपोर्ट, देवघर एयरपोर्ट, बोकारो एयरपोर्ट और दुमका एयरपोर्ट शामिल हैं। इन सभी स्थानों पर अब प्रशिक्षित पुलिसकर्मी हर समय सुरक्षा की निगरानी संभालेंगे।

एयरपोर्ट पर सिपाही से लेकर इंपेक्टर स्तर तक के 15 पुलिस पदाधिकारी और कर्मियों की प्रतिनियुक्ति की जाएगी। इस टीम को विशेष रूप से संवेदनशील परिस्थितियों में तेज प्रतिक्रिया देने के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा। आदेश

### क्यूआरटी की तत्काल तैनाती का निर्णय लिया

सूत्रों के अनुसार, हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाने का यह प्रयास केंद्रीय एविएशन सुरक्षा मानकों के अनुरूप है। देवघर एयरपोर्ट के संचालन शुरू होने के बाद एयर ट्रैफिक में वृद्धि हुई है, वहीं बोकारो और दुमका एयरपोर्ट में भी

आरसीएस योजना के तहत उड़ानों के चालू होने की तैयारी अंतिम चरण में है। इन सभी कारणों से सरकार ने सुरक्षा को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता देते हुए क्यूआरटी की तत्काल तैनाती का निर्णय लिया है।

### मनोनयन शीघ्र स्पेशल ब्रांच कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराएं

स्पेशल ब्रांच ने संबंधित जिलों के वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षकों, पुलिस अधीक्षकों और संबंधित वाहिनी के कमांडेंट को निर्देश जारी करते हुए कहा है कि वे इच्छुक पुलिसकर्मियों और पदाधिकारियों का मनोनयन

में स्पष्ट किया गया है कि यह तैनाती केंद्र सरकार की रीजनल कनेक्टिविटी स्कीम (आरसीएस-

शीघ्र स्पेशल ब्रांच कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराएं। इससे उन कर्मियों का ध्यान किया जा सकेगा जो एयरपोर्ट सुरक्षा से जुड़े विशेष प्रशिक्षण और कार्यों के लिए तैयार हों।

उड़ान) के तहत आने वाले हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को सुदृढ़ करने के उद्देश्य से की जा रही है।



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## PM inaugurates Navi Mumbai Airport, metro; to meet UK PM

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Mumbai, 8 October

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase-1 of the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday and launched the final phase of the fully underground Mumbai Metro Line-3 (Aqua Line) railway. He also launched 'Mumbai One', India's first integrated common mobility app for 11 public transport operators.

After his arrival in Navi Mumbai at 3pm on Wednesday, Mr Modi took a walk through tour of the newly-built Adani-owned Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) that is likely to be called Loknete DBPail Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA).

PM Modi while inaugurating the NMIA said: "In 2014, I had said it was my dream that even people wearing *hanvai chappals* (slippers) should be able to travel by air. To fulfill this, it was important to set up new airports across the country. In 2014, India had 74 airports. Now, we have more than 160



airports." "The inauguration of the new airport in Mumbai is an example of *Viksit Bharat*.

The airport's lotus-shaped structure reflects our heritage and culture. It will boost trade with other countries and enhance access to the global market. "The new airports and the UDAN scheme for affordable air travel have made air travel easier in the country," he added.

"Now, Mumbai has a new airport (NMIA), which will be Asia's largest connectivity hub. Mumbai's long wait has come to an end with the inauguration of this airport. Today, the city also has a fully underground metro to facilitate easy travel across Mumbai.

Launching an underground metro rail, with such careful construction in a city like Mumbai is a significant achievement," PM Modi said. During the inauguration of Phase 1 of NMIA, the PM met specially-abled children. The inauguration of Phase 1 of the airport and other connectivity projects is expected to strengthen Mumbai's position as a global hub of growth and opportunity.

The airport, designed to be among the most efficient in the world with 1160 hectare area, will handle 90 million passengers annually (MPPA) and 325 million metric tonnes of cargo. The NMIA will ease

the capacity constraints in the Mumbai region, strengthen connectivity and bring even greater economic and social benefits to the Indian economy, global airlines' grouping. IATA stated in an official statement.

The NMIA is expected to begin commercial operations in December though ticket sales are likely to start by the end of October.

Built at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore under a public-private partnership between Adani Airports and CIDCO, the NMIA has an annual passenger handling capacity of 9 crore passengers and an annual cargo handling capacity of 3.25 MMT.

## PM to Cong: Who took call not to hit Pak post-26/11?

Navi Mumbai: PM Modi said here on Wednesday that Congress should tell the nation who had caved in to foreign pressure and prevented India from mounting a military response to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

Referring to a recent interview of P Chidambaram, Modi said, without naming him, "A Congress neta, who has been Union home minister, has said India was ready to respond after 26/11, but because of the pressure exerted by some country, then Congress govt stopped India's armed forces from attacking Pakistan. Congress must say who it was who took the decision... and who trampled on the sentiments of the country and of Mumbai. The nation has the right to know."

By doing so, govt in 2008 sent out a message of weakness and of surrendering to terror, Modi said. "This strengthened terrorists and weakened national security." **TNN**

► 'Country paid price', P 24



PM Modi with Gautam Adani (C) and Maharashtra CM Fadnavis during the inauguration of Navi Mumbai int'l airport on Wednesday

### Best time to invest, innovate in India: Modi

In a pitch to boost investments in manufacturing, PM Modi said on Wednesday that it is the "best time to invest, innovate and make in India", which should be positioned as a "trusted partner" in the global supply chain.

Boosted by tech power, digital and internet have emerged as the backbone of the country, he said. "Cost of one GB wireless data in India is now lower than price of a cup of tea... India ranks among leading nations in per-user data consumption, signifying that digital connectivity is no longer a privilege or luxury but an integral part of everyday life," he told a gathering of domestic and global business captains while inaugurating the 2025 edition of India Mobile Congress. **P 18**

## Country paid price with loss of lives repeatedly, says PM

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Modi said, "(As a result), the country had to pay the price for it with loss of lives again and again." He made the remarks while addressing a gathering after inaugurating Phase One of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and the final stretch of Mumbai's underground Metro 3 line.

Modi said, "For our govt, nothing is more important than the security of the nation and its citizens. Today's India strikes back with strength. Aaj ka Bharat ghar mein ghus ke maarta hain (India strikes deep inside the enemy's own territory). The world has seen this during Operation Sindoor."

Chidambaram, who had taken over as home minister just days after the 26/11 attacks, told a channel recently that after the Mumbai terror attacks, "the whole world descended on Delhi to



'For our govt, nothing is more important than security of nation and citizens. Today's India strikes back with strength,' Modi said

tell us 'don't start a war.' He said then US secretary of state Condoleezza Rice had met him and then PM Manmohan Singh to say India should not react. Chidambaram has since said he has been misquoted. Congress neta Manish Tewari however was quoted as saying that Chidambaram's remarks "cannot be disregarded."

The PM's attack on Congress comes after the opposition party's repeated questioning of his govt on US president Trump's claim that he used the threat of tariffs to

get India and Pakistan to agree to a ceasefire in May.

Describing the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) as a "glimpse of Viksit Bharat" that will help make Mumbai region Asia's biggest connectivity hub, Modi said, "The long wait of Mumbai is over as the city has now got its second airport which will link Maharashtra's farmers and small industries to global markets." The airport project was first announced in the 1990s and had since faced numerous delays.

The inauguration event began with the PM's aircraft landing at the Navi Mumbai airport runway. The PM did a short walk through the new terminal 1 before addressing the gathering.

Modi said India's airports had doubled from 74 in 2014 to more than 160, and the UDAN scheme had enabled millions to fly for the first time. The PM said that

with the opening of the Navi Mumbai airport, the goal was to establish India as a major MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) hub by the end of the decade.

He inaugurated Phase 2B of Metro Line-3 from Acharya Atre Chowk to Cuffe Parade, marking completion of the 33.5-km Aqua Line from Aarey to South Mumbai. Terming it "a living symbol of a developing India," he praised the engineers who built it beneath the heritage precincts without disturbing historic structures.

Modi said the Metro 3 line reminded him of the "karnaamey" (devious acts) of the opposition which "likes to take development projects off the rails." He accused the former MVA govt of halting the project. "I participated in bhoompujan... At that time, lakhs of Mumbaiers had hoped that their (commuting) difficulties would be reduced."

# 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 month 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-Colombo route) without undergoing customs, security clearance, and other formalities again. —Manju V

**VIDEO**  
Scan for a first look at Navi Mumbai International Airport's design, interiors and infrastructure

8am to 8pm, and its runway will be able to handle 8-10 flights per hour, according to BVJK 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 teething 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 2023, Goa's Mopa Airport began operations by handling 16

## 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**

**PRE-EMBARKATION SECURITY GATES:**

- 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 aero-bridges
- 10 boarding gates for passenger coaches
- 1km Distance from curb side to the farthest boarding gate



**PARKING STANDS**

- 42 for airlines
- 23 for charter and private aircraft
- 7 for cargo

**NMIA TERMINAL 1**  
Area: 234,000 sq m



**PASSENGER CAPACITY**  
In million per annum

T1	20
T2	30
T3	20
T4	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>

**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.

domestic flights on its first day. In Nov 2018, the massive Istanbul Airport launched with only five daily domestic flights, despite having two runways and a terminal capable of handling 90 million passengers annually. That, however, will not be the case with the Navi Mumbai airport. The exact number of flights on Day 1 will be known closer to the launch date. If airlines follow through with their current plans, NMIA is poised to set a new benchmark by handling a significant volume of flights on its opening day. In May, IndiGo an-

nounced that on Day 1 of its operations at NMIA, it would operate 18 departures and 18 arrivals, connecting 15 domestic cities, with plans to add 15 international flights by Nov. Since NMIA is now scheduled to open in Dec, it is likely that IndiGo may begin with both domestic and international operations. In June, Akasa Air also announced plans to operate 15 daily domestic flights from Day 1. At the time, NMIA was expected to open by the end of Aug.

"The demand for air travel from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region is 70-75

million passengers per annum," said Arun Bansal, CEO of Adani Airport Holdings. The existing Mumbai airport handles about 55 million passengers annually. "Mumbai, as a region, is underserved due to capacity constraints. NMIA will help eliminate this congestion," Bansal said. In Phase 1, NMIA will operate with a single runway and one terminal building, designed to handle 20 million passengers per year, helping to bridge the gap left by the space-constrained Mumbai airport.

"The airport can handle about 20-22

flights per hour, and this capacity will be gradually scaled up from Dec over the following year. Terminal 1 is expected to become congested within 12-15 months of opening," he said.

The commissioning of NMIA will make Mumbai the first urban agglomeration in India to offer commercial air travel through two airports. While the current Mumbai airport handles around 900 flights daily, NMIA is expected to operate around 380 flights per day during Phase 1. Additionally, NMIA will house India's largest aircraft mainte-

## 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, Seewoods and Nerul stations. Services will also be provided from Targhar station, which is the closest rail link to the airport," said Yogesh Kaduskar, GM, Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport (NMMT), which will receive the plan 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 Nila of Central Railway (CR) said, "Work on the Targhar suburban railway station is in its final stages. All efforts are being made to complete the station before the airport becomes operational, enabling train halts 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." —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 Panvel. Portions of the existing Panvel City and Ulwe police station jurisdictions will be incorporated into the new police station, as per a Monday GR. 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 in July, creating an additional DCP post and reorganizing the existing Panvel and Vashi zones into three: Vashi, Panvel, 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 285 new posts to staff the immigration check-post at the new airport. —Vijay V Singh

nance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities, and aims to become a significant cargo hub.

## Calm to chaos: Honking turns KIA into noisy mess

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**Bengaluru:** Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), often hailed as one of India's best-managed airports, is fast becoming a hotspot of noise and chaos, thanks to incessant honking by cabs and private vehicles. What should be a zone of calm and efficiency has turned into a theatre of blaring horns, frayed tempers and civic indiscipline, leaving many passengers appalled.

"The sheer cacophony of vehicle horns at our airports should be a national meter to test how much our civic sense is improving. This is where we welcome the world, and all they hear is impatience," wrote Naresh (@TopDriverIndia) on X, adding the noise makes for a terrible first impression for international visitors.

Frequent flyer Udit Khandelwal echoed the sentiment. "At BLR airport, the horns are louder than jet engines. Forget 'Atithi Devo Bhava'— we're stuck at 'Horn Devo Bhava,'" he quipped. Another user joked that the airport felt like an audition for *Fast & Furious*:



**BLARING HORNS, FRAYED TEMPERS:** Officials say the root cause lies in the growing presence of unauthorised taxis at the arrival gates

Indian Drift, calling it a "symphony of chaos".

The noise, however, isn't merely about unruly driving — airport officials say the root cause lies in the growing presence of unauthorised taxis at the arrival gates. "Illegal taxis and private vehicles often park in no-parking zones to lure customers. They block authorised cabs that have pre-booked passengers, forcing regularised drivers to honk repeatedly in frustration. In many cases, unauthorised taxis themselves keep honking or shouting to attract passengers," said an airport source.

Rohan Srinivas, a corporate films agency founder, said:

"You can't even make a phone call outside the terminal without hearing a dozen horns. It's embarrassing when you're on a work call, and they hear this madness in the background." Siri Sankarshan, a techie, said: "It feels like we are on a highway wherein truck drivers are playing loud music through honking."

Some drivers, meanwhile, admit they feel compelled to honk due to poor traffic flow. "There's confusion, lack of lane discipline and no proper enforcement," said Naveen Gowda, a cab driver. "If we don't honk, we get stuck or lose customers, what are we supposed to do?" he added.



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## PM to throw open airport, Metro-3 final phase today



The Prime Minister will undertake a walkthrough of the newly built airport before inaugurating its first phase

**Mumbai:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport and flag off the final stretch of the underground Metro-3 (Aqua Line) corridor on Wednesday.

**The Prime Minister will also launch 'Mumbai One', an integrated common mobility app that brings together a dozen public transport operators (PTOs) under one digital platform.**

The Prime Minister will arrive in Navi Mumbai around 3 pm, where he will undertake a walkthrough of the newly built airport before inaugurating its first phase. The police have beefed up security arrangements for the VVIP visit.

A 1,756-strong force has been deployed across Navi Mumbai. DCP (zone-2) Amit Kale said the police deployment will consist of eight DCPs, 14 ACPs, 43 police inspectors, 222 assistant police inspectors and police sub-inspectors, and 1469 constables, besides specialised forces.

Built at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore, the airport's initial phase comprises a single runway and one terminal build-

### Happiest moment, say kin of Patil on airport opening eve

**Mumbai:** As the Navi Mumbai International Airport is set to be inaugurated on Wednesday, it will be the "happiest" occasion for the family of late Peasants and Workers Party (PWP) leader D B Patil, whose name it will bear.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnis last week made it clear that the airport will be named after Dinkar Balu Patil, who is credited with ensuring that project-affected persons in the region received rightful compensation when the planned city of Navi Mumbai came up. "When we heard about this, it was the happiest moment of our whole life, for my wife, son Anoop and all our family," Atul Patil, son of the late leader said on Tuesday.

"When chief minister Devendra Fadnis announced it officially that no name other than that of D B Patil will be used, and he had spoken to the Prime Minister and finalised it, our joy knew no bounds," Atul Patil said.

Besides championing the rights of the local people over their land and fighting for their compensation, Patil was also known for his efforts to stop female foeticide, said his son.

ding capable of handling 20 million passengers annually.

Commercial flight operations are expected to commence in Dec, finally bringing relief to the overburdened city airport and fulfilling a decades-long demand for a second aviation hub serving the metropolitan region.

He will also flag off the final phase of the Metro-3 corridor between Acharya Atre Chowk and Cuffe Parade,

which shall complete the 33.5-km underground route linking Aarey-JVLR to Cuffe Parade. The line will open to commuters from Oct 9, operating from 5.55 am to 10.30 pm.

The Mumbai One app will be a common platform for Metro lines 1, 2A, 7 and 3, monorail, Navi Mumbai Metro, the suburban railway and major bus undertakings — BEST, TMT, MBMT, KDMT, and NMMT.



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## Posing as customs, 3 T2 staffers extort flyers

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**Mumbai:** Three employees of Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL), including an executive officer, have been detained for allegedly extorting money from flyers at the city airport by posing as customs officials.

Sources said the three used to stop passengers arriving by international flights at T2 terminal's departure hall after they cleared customs checks, examine their baggage illegally and demand money and valuables. Fearing harassment, some flyers allegedly paid bribes or offered expensive gifts. The fraud was exposed after a passenger, who was not carrying any dutiable goods, filed a complaint about being harassed by them despite clearing customs checks. CCTV footage confirmed the allegation.

On Monday, the three were caught by Mumbai customs zone-3's air intelligence unit while trying to extort money from another flyer. Their homes were searched. Since impersonation and extortion fall outside customs' jurisdiction, the case was to be handed over to airport police. Plans for an FIR were underway.

"The prosecution of these three will serve as a deterrent against corruption and fraudulent activities by airport personnel," said an official.

## CAN THERE BE COASTAL RD-BKC-AIRPORT TUNNEL? FEASIBILITY FOR NEXT MEGAPROJECT BEING STUDIED

Bids have been invited to prepare a detailed project report and feasibility study for a tunnel road corridor to link the Sea Link at Worli with BKC's upcoming bullet train terminus and the airport's Terminal 2. **Manthan K Mehta** reports

**MOBILITY BLUEPRINT**  
The project is part of MMRDA's long-term mobility blueprint integrating road and rail systems. It aims to reduce travel bottlenecks and improve access to key business hubs. The Integrated Tunnel Road System will be developed in three phases

### TUNNEL PROJECT

**Alignment (Phase I)** | From Sea Link at Worli to BKC, connecting further to the bullet train terminus and T2



**Rationale** | To reduce congestion on Western Express Highway, Kalanagar Junction and BKC, while improving integration with the Coastal Road and metro corridors

Implementing agency **MMRDA**

**Development phases**  
**Phase I** | 16km Sea Link-BKC-Bullet Train-Airport loop (2+2 lanes). Consultant to prepare techno-economic feasibility report and DPR  
**Estimated cost** | ₹24,000cr

**Phase II** | 10km east-west connectivity (2+2 lanes)

**Phase III** | 44km north-south link (3+3 lanes) connecting major business districts with suburban areas and the airport for seamless citywide travel

### EXPECTED BENEFITS

- 20 minutes will be travel time between Worli and the airport
- Seamless integration with Coastal Road, Metro, MTHL and bullet train terminus
- Reduced vehicular pollution and fuel consumption
- Enhanced east-west and north-south connectivity

### Tender scope

- Consultant to examine alignment options, geotechnical conditions
- Status | Bids invited; submission schedule expected in coming weeks

For the future, a separate tunnel may be considered from Chembur to the BKC Bullet Train terminal. Mumbai is poised to truly become an international city —AN MMRDA OFFICIAL



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### **AI flight gets suspected bird hit**

CHENNAI, Oct 7: Suspected bird strike on Tuesday caused an “impact” on the engine blade of an Air India flight being operated between Chennai and Colombo and work is on to ascertain the exact cause of the damage, officials said.

The crew of the AI flight bound to Colombo from Chennai reported a suspected bird strike. On its landing in the Sri Lankan capital, engineers found no damage and green signalled the aircraft’s return journey to Chennai. Engineers here examined the engine again and found an “impact,” Air India authorities clarified. “The flight crew of AI 273 reported a suspected bird strike. After landing at Colombo, the engineers who inspected the aircraft found no damage, and the aircraft was cleared for operation,” an AI spokesperson said.—PTI

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## पायलट प्रशिक्षण में खामी मिलने पर इंडिगो पर 20 लाख का जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड़डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने इंडिगो एयरलाइन पर 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। यह कार्रवाई पायलट प्रशिक्षण में खामी पाए जाने के चलते की गई है। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की मूल कंपनी इंटरग्लोब एविएशन



लिमिटेड ने बुधवार को स्टॉक एक्सचेंजों को यह जानकारी दी है।

नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) और बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बीएसई)

को दी गई जानकारी में इंडिगो ने कहा कि यह जुर्माना कैटेगरी सी एयरोड्रोम पर पायलट प्रशिक्षण के लिए उचित सिमुलेटर का उपयोग करने में कथित विफलता से संबंधित है। डीजीसीए से कार्रवाई की सूचना 26 सितंबर को कंपनी को मिली। इंडिगो ने साफ किया कि वह वर्तमान में उचित अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष आदेश को चुनौती दे रही है। एयरलाइन ने इस बात पर भी जोर दिया कि जुर्माने का उसके वित्तीय, परिचालन या अन्य गतिविधियों पर कोई भौतिक प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा। कार्रवाई की जानकारी देर से देने के बारे में इंडिगो ने बताया कि यह अनजाने में हुआ तथा आदेश के विवरण को संप्रेषित करने में आंतरिक देरी के कारण ऐसा हुआ। एजेंसी



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## **DGCA fines IndiGo for lapses in pilot training**

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**Bengaluru:** The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has imposed a fine of ₹2 million on IndiGo for failing to use "qualified simulators" for pilot training at Category C airports, the company said on Wednesday. It said that it will contest the penalty, declared in DGCA's September 26 order. The airlines added that there is no material impact from the order on its financials. [#17185](#)

## **IndiGo starts flights from Mumbai to Copenhagen**

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**New Delhi:** IndiGo on Wednesday commenced flights from Mumbai to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Copenhagen is IndiGo's 44th international and 138th destination overall. The services to Copenhagen will be operated three times a week. [#17186](#)



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## **Air India enters into interline partnership with STARLUX Airlines**

Air India has entered into an interline partnership with Taiwan's STARLUX Airlines. "Through this partnership, Air India customers will be able to access Taipei via Air India's Southeast Asia gateways, namely Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, and Kuala Lumpur," the airline said. Under an interline agreement, passengers can book connecting flights across different airlines under a single itinerary. PTI



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**परेशानी** • विमानन कंपनियों के पास विमान कम

## एयरलाइंस क्षमता में कमी आने से किराया 11% बढ़ा

सुनयना चड्ढा | नई दिल्ली

देश की बड़ी एयरलाइंस ने क्षमता में कटौती की है। इसके चलते त्योहारी सीजन और सर्दियों की छुट्टियों में उड़ानों की संख्या घट गई। इससे यात्रियों को कई रूट्स पर फ्लाइट्स की कमी और ज्यादा किराये का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। जुलाई-सितंबर तिमाही में एयरलाइंस का प्रति किलोमीटर औसत टिकट मूल्य सालाना आधार पर करीब 2% बढ़ गया। सितंबर में त्योहारी सीजन की मांग बढ़ने पर 11% की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई। त्योहारों या लॉन्ग वीकेंड के दौरान टिकटों की कीमतें और भी बढ़ सकती हैं। दिवाली के आसपास अधिकतर रूट्स पर किराया या तो सामान्य से दोगुने से भी ज्यादा है या

**प्रमुख रूट्स पर सीटों की कमी, बुकिंग नहीं मिल रही**

टाटा ग्रुप के बेड़े में 4% कमी से 11 विमान घटे, यानी प्रतिदिन 1,650-2,000 सीटें कम हुईं। मार्च 2025 तक इंडस्ट्री में 133 विमान (15-17% बेड़ा) ग्राउंडेड रहे, जिससे लाखों सीटें प्रभावित हुईं। दिल्ली-मुंबई जैसे रूट्स पर सीटें उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। 16 अक्टूबर से कई रूट्स पर बुकिंग नहीं मिल रही है।

फिर सीटें ही उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। इस बीच, डीजीसीए ने हस्तक्षेप करते हुए, एयरलाइन कंपनियों से त्योहारी यात्रा के दौरान किराये में बढ़ोतरी को रोकने और उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़ाने का आग्रह किया है।

### कम उड़ानों के बावजूद स्थिर मांग से किराया बढ़ रहा

कम सीटें उपलब्ध होने के कारण, हवाई किराये में बढ़ोतरी दिख रही है। विमानों की सीट क्षमता 83% जैसे ऊंचे स्तर पर कायम है। ये कम उड़ानों के बावजूद स्थिर मांग को दर्शाता है। टाटा समूह की एयरलाइनों (एयर इंडिया, विस्तारा और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस) ने नए विमानों की आपूर्ति के बाद भी अपने बेड़े को 4% घटाकर 275 विमान कर दिया है। विश्लेषकों का कहना है कि कंपनी नए रूट जोड़ने के बजाय पुराने जेट विमानों को चरणबद्ध तरीके से हटा रही है। यात्रियों के लिए इसका अर्थ है टिकट की कीमतें बढ़ना।



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## एयर इंडिया का स्टारलक्स एयरलाइंस से इंटरलाइन करार

नई दिल्ली। टाटा समूह की विमान सेवा कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने ताइवान की स्टारलक्स एयरलाइंस से इंटरलाइन भागीदारी का करार किया है। एयर इंडिया ने बुधवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि इस समझौते से उसके यात्रियों के लिए एक ही टिकट पर एयर इंडिया और स्टारलक्स की उड़ानों से ताइपेई की यात्रा संभव हो सकेगी। यात्रियों के पास एयर इंडिया की उड़ान से हांगकांग, बैंकॉक, सिंगापुर, हो ची मिन्ह या क्वालालम्पुर जाकर वहां से स्टारलक्स की उड़ान से ताइपेई जाने का विकल्प होगा। इसके लिए उन्हें एक ही टिकट लेनी होगी। इन्हीं केंद्रों के माध्यम से स्टारलक्स के ग्राहक एयर इंडिया की उड़ानों से एक ही टिकट पर भारत आ सकेंगे। इंटरलाइन करार के तहत बुकिंग शुरू हो चुकी है।

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## हेलीकाप्टरों से चुनाव प्रचार की तैयारी में राजग का पलड़ा भारी

विद्या सागर • जागरण

पटना: बिहार में सियासी स्पर्धा अब जमीन पर ही नहीं, बल्कि आसमान में भी दिखेगी। पटना एयरपोर्ट चुनावी गतिविधियों का 'कमांड सेंटर' बनने जा रहा है। सुबह से लेकर शाम तक हेलीकाप्टरों की ट्रैफिक कई गुना बढ़ने वाली है। प्रचार की तीव्रता की जंग हवा में लड़ी जाएगी, तैयारी के लिहाज से फिलहाल राजग का पलड़ा भारी है। चुनाव आयोग ने मतदान की तिथि छह और 11 नवंबर तय की है।

एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के अनुसार, 10 अक्टूबर से प्रतिदिन 12 से 15 हेलीकाप्टरों की पार्किंग व उड़ान भरने का आग्रह प्राप्त हुआ है। क्षमता कुल 30 हेलीकाप्टरों की पार्किंग की है। सुबह आठ बजे से उड़ानें शुरू होंगी और शाम छह बजे तक लौट आएंगी।

राजग के प्रमुख घटक भाजपा के पास पांच से छह हेलीकाप्टर हैं, जिनसे प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी, अमित शाह और भाजपा के स्टार प्रचारक राज्यभर में ताबड़तोड़ चुनावी रैलियां करने वाले

12-15 हेलीकाप्टरों की पार्किंग व उड़ान का मिला आग्रह

भाजपा के पास 5-6, जदयू-2, कांग्रेस-3 और राजद के होंगे दो हेलीकाप्टर



प्रतीकात्मक

विमान में ले जा सकेंगे 10 लाख नकद, एक किलो सोने के आभूषण

चुनाव के दौरान हवाई जहाज से यात्रा करने वाले आम यात्रियों को कोई परेशानी नहीं होगी। एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के सूत्रों की माने तो आम यात्री पूर्व से निर्धारित 10 लाख रुपये नकद व एक किलोग्राम तक सोने के आभूषण लेकर यात्रा कर सकते हैं।

हेलीकाप्टर से आगमन पर भी सामान की होगी जांच

पटना एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार से हेलीकाप्टर से आने पर भी सामान की जांच की जाएगी। इसके लिए इनकम टैक्स की एक टीम एयरपोर्ट पर तैनात की गई है। हेलीकाप्टर से उड़ने से पहले और उतरने के बाद भी जांच की जाएगी। यह टीम नेताओं के साथ जाने वाले लगेज की भी जांच करेगी।

### औसत 2.10 लाख रुपये प्रति घंटे है हेलीकाप्टर का किराया

चुनाव के दौरान हेलीकाप्टर का किराया औसतन प्रतिघंटे 2.10 लाख रुपये है। हेलीकाप्टर सेवा प्रदान करने वाली कंपनी के अधिकारी के अनुसार दिन में कम से कम तीन घंटे के लिए बुकिंग की करना

अनिवार्य है। अर्थात 6.30 लाख रुपये के अतिरिक्त जीएसटी न्यूनतम बुकिंग चार्ज है। उसके बाद प्रति घंटे 2.10 लाख रुपये अतिरिक्त लगेंगे। किराया हेलीकाप्टर बुकिंग के दिवस पर भी निर्भर करेगा।

### जनसुराज और वीआइपी को भी हेलीकाप्टर की चाह

हेलीकाप्टर बुकिंग से जुड़े प्रवीण जैन ने बताया कि हर दल अपनी आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार बुकिंग के लिए संपर्क कर रहे हैं। जनसुराज और

वीआइपी के लोगों ने भी संपर्क किया है। शीघ्र ही डील संभव है। हमलोग अधिकतम 18 हेलीकाप्टर उपलब्ध करा सकते हैं।

हैं। मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार की जदयू के पास भी दो हेलीकाप्टर हैं, जो उनके प्रचार अभियानों को गति देंगे।

विपक्षी महागठबंधन राजद-कांग्रेस भी पीछे नहीं रहना चाहती। राजद के पास दो हेलीकाप्टर हैं, जो लालू-तेजस्वी की

जनसभाओं की संख्या बढ़ाएंगे। कांग्रेस के पास तीन हेलीकाप्टर हैं, जो राहुल गांधी की 'न्याय यात्रा' को उड़ान देंगे। सीमांचल में असदुद्दीन ओवैसी की एआइएमआइएम भी एक हेलीकाप्टर के सहारे अधिक से अधिक क्षेत्रों में

उपस्थिति दर्ज करने की कोशिश करेगी। चुनावों में हेलीकाप्टरों की संख्या केवल गिनती नहीं, बल्कि दलों की ताकत और रणनीतिक पहुंच को भी दर्शाती रही है। जैसे-जैसे मतदान की तिथियां निकट आएंगी, आसमान में उड़ानों का रंग

सियासी होता जाएगा। देखना दिलचस्प होगा कि हवाई उड़ानों से कौन-सा गठबंधन और दल जमीनी मुद्दों को ज्यादा से ज्यादा साधेगा, किसका असर होगा और कौन डैनों से बंधने वाली हवा में फंसा रह जाएगा।



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## पायलट प्रशिक्षण में चूक के लिए इंडिगो पर 20 लाख रुपये जुर्माना

**नई दिल्ली :** नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय ( डीजीसीए ) ने इंडिगो पर श्रेणी सी हवाई अड्डों पर पायलट प्रशिक्षण में चूक के लिए 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। इंडिगो की मूल कंपनी इंटसलॉब एविएशन ने बुधवार को शेयर बाजारों को सूचित किया कि एयरलाइन को डीजीसीए से आधिकारिक सूचना 26 सितंबर, 2025 को प्राप्त हुई थी। डीजीसीए ने कहा, यह उल्लंघन एयरलाइन द्वारा पायलट प्रशिक्षण के लिए योग्य सिमुलेटर का उपयोग करने में विफलता से संबंधित था, जो विमानन सुरक्षा नियमों के तहत अनिवार्य है। अपने जवाब में एयरलाइन ने कहा, इस जुर्माने का उसके वित्त, संचालन या व्यावसायिक गतिविधियों पर कोई महत्वपूर्ण प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा। कंपनी इस आदेश को उचित अपील प्रधिकारी के समक्ष चुनौती देने की प्रक्रिया में है। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज ( एनएसई ) पर इंडिगो के शेयर दिन के कारोबार में 33.50 रुपये या 0.59 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 5,630.50 रुपये पर बंद हुए। (आइएसएन)



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## एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच में कोई छेड़छाड़ नहीं: मंत्री

नई दिल्ली, रायटर: 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 एएआइबी की जांच पर उठ रहे सवालियों के बीच कही। अंतिम जांच रिपोर्ट का इंतजार

करें। हादसे में 260 लोगों की जान चली गई थी। विमान के पायलट दिवंगत कैप्टन सुमित सभ्रवाल के पिता पुष्कर राज समेत कुछ अन्य लोगों ने विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (की जांच पर सवाल उठाए। सभ्रवाल ने शिकायत में कहा था कुछ लोग उनके घर आए, कहा विमान उड़ने के बाद आपके बेटे ने प्लेन के इंजन से जुड़े फ्यूल स्विच बंद किए थे।



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## ■ British Airways to Add a New Delhi Flight in '26



**MUMBAI** British Airways will add a third daily flight between London Heathrow and Delhi in 2026, pending regulatory and capacity approvals, as part of its plan to expand operations in India. The announcement came during the UK government's "Britain Means Business" trade mission to India, led by Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The airline will also reintroduce its first cabin on Mumbai flights this month and deploy its latest club suite business class on all five Indian routes by the end of 2026. British Airways CEO Sean Doyle said the carrier sees strong growth potential in India as trade and travel ties deepen. — **Our Bureau**



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## DGCA penalises IndiGo for lapses in pilot training

**INTERGLOBE AVIATION, PARENT** of airline IndiGo, has been fined by the aviation regulator for failing to use "qualified simulators" for pilot training at Category C airports, the company said on Wednesday.

The directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) imposed a ₹20 lakh penalty in its September 26 order, which the company said it will contest. There is no material impact from the order on the airline's financials, operations or other activities, the company added.

—REUTERS



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## Fine imposed by DGCA on IndiGo over lapse in pilot training

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## British Airways to launch third daily London-Delhi flight

British Airways announced a third daily flight between London Heathrow and Delhi from next year, as it flew into the national capital with 130 top U.K. CEOs and senior government ministers on its chartered flight as part of a trade mission accompanying U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer here on a two-day visit. In a press statement, the airline said it will also look for further growth opportunities in the country as trade between the U.K. and India expands.



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## **IndiGo launches flights to Copenhagen from Mumbai**

IndiGo on Wednesday launched flights from Mumbai to Copenhagen in Denmark, its third destination in Europe this year, which it will serve thrice a week. In July, the airline made a big entry into western Europe with non-stop flights to Amsterdam and Manchester. Until July, it was only flying to Istanbul in Turkey and Tbilisi in Georgia within the continent. CEO Pieter Elbers termed the Copenhagen flight the airline's "strategic gateway" to the Nordic region.



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## ‘No dirty business’: Aviation minister clears air on Air India crash probe

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

CIVIL Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said there was no manipulation or dirty business involved in the probe being carried out by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) into the crash of the Air India plane at Ahmedabad. He refrained from specifying any time frame for the submission of the final probe report.

Responding to queries regarding the ongoing probe from newsmen after the launch of the book, *‘Above and Beyond – exploring the amazing world of aviation’*, penned by Shiv Kumar Mohanka, CISEF DIG, Hyderabad airport, Naidu said, “There is no manipulation or any dirty business happening with the investigations. It is a very clean and very thorough process that is being done according to the rules.”

The crash on June 12 this year resulted in the death of 260 people. The preliminary probe report which pointed to human error invited a volley of criticism from pilot organisations as well as the father of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, Pushkar Raj Sabharwal.

To a query on when the re-



port is likely to be out, the Minister said it would take some time. “We do not want to pressure them into issuing a hasty report.” He also called for patience from all until the final report is made public.

On the recent incident in which the Ram Air Turbine was auto deployed on the Air India Amritsar-Birmingham flight on October 4, Naidu said the DGCA was carrying out a thorough probe to identify the root cause of it. “Once we get to understand the root cause, then we are going to reach out to the stakeholders and the Original Equipment Manufacturers. We are going to do a thorough study on this,” he added.

## More airports to have Udan Yatri cafes, flybraries

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE pocket friendly Udan Yatri café, which permits the commoner to enjoy beverages and snacks at airports without burning a hole in one’s pocket, will be established at more airports in the country in future, said Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu.

Similarly, the Flybrary concept inside flights and airports, which facilitates free access to books, would also be extended, he said.

Delivering a talk after launching the book, *‘Above and Beyond – exploring the amazing world of Aviation’* authored by the DIG, CISEF, Hyderabad airport, Shiv Kumar Mohanka, Naidu said, “A cup of tea is available inside an airport for ₹10, while a cup of coffee or samosa is priced at ₹20. The prices at Udan Yatri café are even lesser than the cost of items at railway stations.”



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## AI 171 crash probe: Minister dismisses manipulation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi

As debates intensify over the investigation into the June 12 Air India Flight 171 crash, which claimed 260 lives, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu reassured that the probe is proceeding with utmost transparency and integrity.

Addressing concerns raised by pilot unions and family members of the victims, Naidu dismissed allegations of any "manipulation or dirty business" in the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau's (AAIB) ongoing inquiry. Speaking at a book launch event in the Capital, he said, "We must wait for the final AAIB report to understand exactly what happened. The investigation is a very clean and thorough process conducted strictly according to



The wreckage of the crashed Air India Flight 171

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the rules."

The minister also cautioned against rushing the process, emphasising that undue pressure to expedite the report could undermine its thoroughness.

The tragedy ranks among

India's deadliest aviation accidents.

The AAIB's preliminary report, released on July 12, highlighted a critical issue: fuel supply to both engines was cut off within a one-second interval, causing

confusion in the cockpit. Audio from the cockpit voice recorder revealed one pilot questioning the other about the fuel cut, with the latter denying responsibility.

However, the investigation has faced pushback. The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP), representing over 5,500 pilots, called for a judicial probe on September 22, alleging the current inquiry is "compromised." In addition, Pushkaraj Sabharwal, father of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal — one of the pilots on the ill-fated flight — has demanded a formal Government investigation.

He expressed distress over leaked information suggesting his son was under extreme psychological pressure and hinted at possible suicidal intentions, which he vehemently denied in a letter to officials.

## Civil Aviation Minister launches book by CISF officer

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
New Delhi

A new book titled "Above and Beyond - Exploring the Amazing World of Aviation", authored by Shiv Kumar Mohanka, DIG, CISF, was formally released on Tuesday by Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu.

Addressing the gathering, Ram Mohan Naidu said the book is like an encyclopedia of India's aviation sector, a rare and remarkable feat. "It is a special moment for me, as it's uncommon to come across a book that captures the entire length and breadth of aviation, from the airside to the terminal and the landside. DIG Mohanka has thoughtfully covered every agency and individual who contributes to making aviation what it is today. The title Above and Beyond beautifully embodies the spirit of India's aviation journey," he said.

Mohanka, a well-known expert in civil aviation, has captured his experiences in the sector for over three decades and has produced what he calls a "must-carry for all fliers," in the country. The 445-page book is a fascinating collection of facts and ideas, that will not only



excite you but will also make you wonder, how little you know of the various facets of flying.

For instance, did you know that our taste buds act differently at 35000 feet and therefore the food cooked for fliers get special herbs and spices to make it compatible. Did you know that not too

long into the future we shall witness vertical takeoff and landing? Do you know why Delhi airport's code is DEL while Chennai is not CHE but MAA and Itanagar is not ITA but HGI? How pregnancy or certain health conditions impact your flight experience, or what simple hacks can make air travel

smoother? Above and Beyond answers these everyday questions with insight and charm — blending aviation facts, personal anecdotes and expert perspectives from Mohanka's three-decade-long service in the CISF.

Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, Former Minister of Civil

Aviation, Government of India, also lauded the work, saying, "I believe this book will serve as the bible in aviation in India and beyond."

The book goes beyond the glamour of air travel, delving into the real experiences of passengers and the challenges that persist.

Based on a survey of 1,500

fliers, the author identifies 262 recurring issues, from service lapses to infrastructure gaps and simultaneously offering constructive insights into how India's aviation ecosystem can evolve further to meet global standards.

Above and Beyond traces the evolution of air travel — from the early days of limited access to today's era of mass connectivity.

It explores how advancements in safety, sustainability and service have democratized flying, turning what was once a luxury into a lifeline for millions.

Written in an accessible style, the book serves as both an informative guide and an inspiring read for aviation professionals, trainees and enthusiasts alike.

"Aviation is not just about planes and passengers - it's about people, precision and progress. Through this book, I wanted to demystify flying and share what happens behind the scenes — the unseen coordination, the discipline and the dreams that make every takeoff possible," said Mohanka, who is decorated with the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

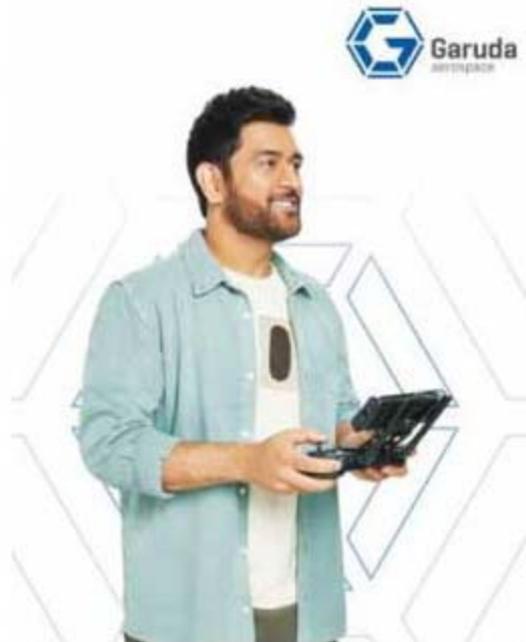
## MS Dhoni becomes certified drone pilot, strengthening ties with Garuda Aerospace

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
in Chennai

Garuda Aerospace, India's leading drone manufacturer, announced a significant milestone as its brand ambassador and investor, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, successfully completed his drone pilot training at the company's DGCA-approved Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) in Chennai. This achievement deepens Dhoni's engagement with Garuda Aerospace, marking his active participation in the future of aviation technology beyond his existing roles.

The rigorous training program, which blends comprehensive theoretical ground classes with hands-on practical sessions on simulators and actual drones, has now officially certified Dhoni to operate drones. This certification underscores the growing importance of skilled and safe drone operations in India's expanding drone ecosystem and reflects the company's mission to transform the nation's technological landscape.

Agnishwar Jayaprakash, Founder and CEO of Garuda Aerospace, praised Dhoni's dedication and quick mastery of drone piloting skills,



stating, "Having our brand ambassador and investor, MS Dhoni, personally undergo the training and get certified as a pilot is a monumental milestone for us. His unwavering belief in our mission to revolutionise the drone industry is a massive source of encouragement for the entire team."

Dhoni shared his enthusiasm about the accomplishment and his continued partnership with Garuda Aerospace. "I'm proud to have completed the DGCA Drone Pilot Certification Programme with Garuda Aerospace and look forward to being part of this exciting journey as the drone industry

evolves." Garuda Aerospace, which has trained over 2,500 pilots through its network of more than 300 Centres of Excellence in collaboration with leading educational institutions, is pioneering drone pilot education and certification in India. The company holds six DGCA approvals and is the first Indian drone startup to receive dual certifications for both drone manufacturing and pilot training.

As drone adoption accelerates across sectors, Garuda Aerospace's Drone-as-a-Service (DaaS) model ensures access to precise and reliable drone technology. Its "Train the Trainer" program further nurtures talent by certifying instructors who can guide the next generation of drone pilots. Recently, the company secured ₹100 crores in Series B funding at a \$250 million valuation, led by VCATS and the Narotam Sekhseria Family Office, signalling strong investor confidence in its vision and leadership.

With MS Dhoni now officially a certified drone pilot, Garuda Aerospace is poised to soar even higher, combining star power with cutting-edge innovation to propel India's drone industry into a new era.



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## बदला मौसम दिल्ली में भारी बारिश, 15 फ्लाइटों को डायवर्ट किया पत्रिका न्यूज नेटवर्क [patrika.com](http://patrika.com)

नई दिल्ली. राजधानी और एनसीआर में मंगलवार को मौसम ने एक बार फिर करवट ली। भारी बारिश और तेज हवाओं से दिल्ली की रफ्तार थम गई। कई इलाकों में पानी भर गया, जिससे जाम लग गया। इस दौरान दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट आ रही 15 फ्लाइटों को डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। आठ विमानों को जयपुर, 5 को लखनऊ और 2 को चंडीगढ़ भेजा गया। इसके बाद दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने एडवाइजरी जारी कर यात्रियों को घर से निकलने से पहले एयरलाइंस से जानकारी हासिल करने की सलाह दी।



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## Aviation Test

**W**hen the first flights take off from Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), India will cross a significant milestone. For decades, Mumbai's overstretched airport has embodied both the dynamism and dysfunction of Indian urban infrastructure: an essential economic artery struggling to keep pace with growth. The opening of a second, state-of-the-art airport promises to ease the strain - but it also exposes the gaps between ambition and execution that have long defined the country's infrastructure story.

The new airport, spread across more than a thousand hectares, will eventually handle 90 million passengers annually. This capacity expansion is not just welcome; it is essential. Indian aviation has grown at a blistering pace over the past few years, outstripping most regions globally. Airlines have placed record aircraft orders, and a surge in domestic and international travel has pushed existing infrastructure to the brink. In this sense, NMIA is less a bold leap than a necessary catch-up.

It is also a statement of intent. With two parallel runways, a fully digital backbone, and partnerships with leading carriers, the airport has been designed as a hub rather than a mere transit point. Its location between Asia, Europe, and the United States gives Mumbai a natural geographical advantage that few cities can claim. If leveraged well, NMIA could anchor a genuine South Asian hub, attracting connecting traffic that today flows through Dubai, Singapore or Doha.

But the runway to that vision is far from clear. The airport's location, some 40 kilometres from Mumbai's commercial heart, is both its strength and its Achilles heel. It offers room to expand, but reaching it currently involves a two-to-three-hour road journey from many suburbs.

A direct metro link, critical for seamless transfers between the old and new airports, will take years to materialise. Interim solutions like shuttle buses are unlikely to convince time-pressed passengers making tight connections. Once again, India is building core infrastructure first and planning last-mile connectivity later - a sequencing error that has repeatedly blunted transformative projects.

There are regulatory and operational hurdles too. India's airport security and transfer protocols remain cumbersome by international standards. Passengers moving between domestic and international flights often have to undergo fresh security checks, unlike at major global hubs.

Body scanners and modernised procedures could speed up throughput, but such reforms require both policy change and cultural shift. Without these, NMIA risks being a high-tech shell constrained by old rules.

For now, the new airport will relieve Mumbai's crushing congestion and give airlines space to grow. But turning it into a world-class hub will demand much more: faster connectivity, regulatory modernisation, and strategic alignment between government and carriers. NMIA is a promising beginning. Whether it becomes a global aviation gateway depends on what follows after the ribbon is cut.



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## Flights diverted

■ **NEW DELHI:** As many as 15 flights were diverted at Delhi airport on Tuesday because of heavy rain in the national capital, according to an official. The official said that of the 15 flights, 8 were diverted to Jaipur, 5 to Lucknow and 2 to Chandigarh. [PH](#)



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## ■ DGCA Fines IndiGo for Lapses in Pilot Training



**NEW DELHI** The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has imposed a fine of ₹20 lakh

on IndiGo for alleged lapses in pilot training at Category C aerodromes, airline's parent company, InterGlobe Aviation, informed the stock exchanges on Wednesday. The DGCA said the violation was related to the airline's failure to use qualified simulators for pilot training, which is mandatory under aviation safety rules. In its response, IndiGo said it is contesting the DGCA order before the appellate authority.

# Airfares soar 100% ahead of Diwali despite DGCA orders

## Airlines Asked To Deploy More Flights For Fete

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**Hyderabad:** Despite instructions from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to increase flight capacity and cap fares during the festive season, airfares skyrocketed by nearly 100% ahead of Diwali, leaving passengers frustrated.

Between Oct 17 and 18, just days before Diwali (Oct 21 and 22), ticket prices on several routes from Hyderabad to major cities such as Delhi, Kolkata, Nagpur, Patna, Guwahati, Jaipur, and Chandigarh nearly doubled compared to regular fares. For instance, routes such as Hyderabad-Nagpur and Hyderabad-Kolkata, which usually cost between ₹5,000 and ₹7,000, are now selling for ₹12,000 to ₹17,000. Similarly, flights between Hyderabad and Delhi, which typically cost ₹6,000 to ₹9,000, have surged to ₹9,000 to ₹19,000.

The DGCA is mandated by the ministry of civil aviation

### FARES BURN DIWALI TRAVEL PLANS

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- Despite this, airfares jumped nearly 100% ahead of Diwali (Oct 17-18)
- Surge seen on key routes from Hyderabad to Delhi, Kolkata, Nagpur, Patna, Guwahati, Jaipur, Chandigarh
- DGCA also directed airlines to add over 1,700 additional flights to meet festive demand
- DGCA in its statement earlier said it will maintain strict oversight on fares and capacity
- Passengers frustrated as sky-high airfares burn festive budgets during Diwali



to keep a watch on airfares, especially during the festive season, and take appropriate measures in case of a surge in prices. Accordingly, the DGCA took up the issue with airlines and asked them to augment flight capacities for the festive season by deploying additional flights to meet high demand. In response, airlines informed the DGCA that they are adding over 1,700 flights. "The DGCA will maintain rigorous oversight of

airline fares and flight capacities to protect passengers' interests during the festive season," said the statement.

"Diwali marks one of the peak travel seasons in India, resulting in an unprecedented surge in demand. It becomes difficult for airlines to restrict fares during this period, as majority of flights operate at full capacity," said Moez Meghani, founder of Max Travels and an expert in the travel industry.

## SCR to run 900 special trains

**Hyderabad:** Amid the festive rush, the South Central Railway (SCR) has announced the operation of over 900 special trains in Oct to cater to passengers travelling for Diwali and Chhath Puja.

These special services were being planned to connect destinations, including Santragachi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Raxaul, Guwahati, Dehradun, Dhanbad, Howrah, and Shirdi. In fact, fares in the special trains were also higher compared to regular services. TNN

He added that airfares follow a dynamic pricing model, which means ticket costs increase as seats fill up and the date of travel nears.

Passengers were shocked to see airfares double ahead of Diwali. "I usually pay ₹7,000 for a Hyderabad-Jaipur ticket, but this time, the fare shot up to ₹15,000," said Abhijit Agarwal, who works in a private bank. "When I tried to book a train ticket, most had a long waiting list," he added.