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Glitch affects 500 flights in Delhi airport

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The Delhi airport witnessed major disruptions on Friday after a software failure in the air traffic control (ATC) system brought operations to a standstill. A glitch in the automatic message switching system, which supports ATC data and flight plan processing, forced controllers to handle flight plans manually, causing delays and cancellations of nearly 500 flights. Arrivals were not affected and the issue was resolved late on Friday night. At the Shamshabad airport, 11 arrivals and 10 departures at Hyderabad were affected. The delays began with IndiGo flight 6E 6621 at 7.33 am.

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FLIGHT PLAN DELAYS REVIEWED; AAI ISSUES ORDERS

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In a statement, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) confirmed that the AMSS malfunction was detected on November 6, in its IP-based system at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. "The issue caused delays in processing flight plan messages. A review meeting chaired by the civil aviation secretary, with the AAI chairman and senior officials, was held immediately, and necessary directions were issued," AAI said.

The AAI added that the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually process flight plans to ensure safe and uninterrupted operations. "The AMSS system is now up and functional. Due to backlogs, there may be minor delays, but normal operations will resume soon. We regret the inconvenience caused to airlines and passengers," the statement said. Every aircraft must submit a flight plan before takeoff. The AMSS provides these details to the auto track system (ATS), which facilitates flight tracking.

800 flights delayed as tech glitch hits Delhi airport

Issue with flight plan system;
AAI says problem solved

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Technical problems with the Air Traffic Control (ATC) system threw operations at Delhi airport into chaos on Friday, delaying at least 800 domestic and international flights that impacted the travel plans of hundreds of fliers.

IndiGo, Air India, Air India Express, SpiceJet and Akasa Air among others said there were delays in their flights to and from the Indira Gandhi International Airport, the busiest in the country handling around 1,500 flight movements daily. At least 20 services were cancelled.

Some flights affected at
Bengaluru's KIA

The technical glitch at the Delhi airport led to delays in 14 arrivals and 9 departures at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. The flights saw an average delay of an hour, said an airport source, adding that no flights were cancelled.

The delays in Delhi — which also had a cascading effect on the arrival and departure of flights at other airports across the country — were due to a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data, according to the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

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Technical issue at Delhi airport delays 800 flights

Delhi airport, from Page 1

In a tweet on Friday night, the AAI said the technical glitch has been rectified. "The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI, which provides air traffic control and navigation services, posted on X.

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may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI, which provides air traffic control and navigation services, posted on X.

Earlier, the AAI had said air traffic controllers at the Delhi airport were processing flight plans manually. "Controllers are processing flight plans manually, leading to some delays.

Technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of all passengers and stakeholders," it said in an earlier post. Delhi International

Airport Ltd, which runs the IGI Airport, posted on X at 1.42 pm: "All airline operations at Delhi airport are currently delayed. Concerned authorities are working on resolving the issue at the earliest."

Officials said around 800 flights had been delayed, as air traffic controllers were unable to get flight plans automatically since Thursday evening due to the technical problem, prompting the controllers to prepare the flight plans manually with available data. This, officials said, is a time-consuming process, leading to delay of flights.

There were long queues at

boarding gates while a large number of people were forced to wait inside the airport terminals for flight updates. Flight tracking website Flightradar24.com indicated that the delay for departing flights was around 50 minutes at the airport. "Due to an ongoing technical issue with the AMSS, flights across all airlines at Delhi airport and some other airports in the northern region are currently experiencing delays," IndiGo posted on X.

Air India said a technical issue with the ATC in Delhi impacted flight operations across all airlines. SpiceJet said the disruption

was impacting flights across Delhi and several northern regions while Akasa Air said the technical issue with ATC system at the Delhi airport may lead to longer wait times at the airport and delays for some of its flights. A spokesperson of the busy Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai said airline operations at the airport might experience delays due to the issue with Delhi ATC. "Passengers are advised to connect with their respective airlines for updates on flight status and revised schedules. We regret the inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience and cooperation," the advisory issued by the CSMIA said.

(With inputs from Mumbai)



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Civil Aviation Minister Orders Probe into Delhi Airport Glitch

By Bureau

New Delhi: Civil aviation minister Anus Manohar Narain on Saturday announced a detailed investigation into the glitch in Delhi Airport's air traffic control.

While announcing a detailed root-cause analysis to be undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to prevent recurrence of such glitches in the future, he also instructed officials to plan for system advancements like additional ATIS back servers.



Union Minister of Civil Aviation Anus Manohar Narain (left) visits the ATIS Tower at Delhi airport on Saturday.

More than 80 flights were delayed and many cancelled on Friday as officials at Delhi's air traffic control towers lost their ability to use the automatic message switching system (AMSS), which is the key communication link between different airports and other airports, transmitting thousands of messages regarding flight plans of aircraft operating among others.

When systems like the AMSS and fire ratings, controllers have to follow manual procedures, like noting down flight details, calculating separation and coordinating through voice communication.

This significantly reduced the speed of operations at the airport, which is one of Asia's busiest, leading to a halt in flights per hour. The cascading effect resulted in delays at other airports. India's largest airline IndiGo had barely half of its flights on time.

The software of the system is made by the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), a government-owned firm, and was in the process of being phased out.

The status of air traffic controllers warned a Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee early this year about performance degradation in automation systems, citing laps and awareness particularly at high-traffic airports like Delhi and Mumbai.

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Normalcy returns to Delhi Airport

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, November 8

AIRLINE OPERATIONS AT the Delhi airport, the country's busiest, are back to normal, airport operator DIAL said on Saturday, a day after a glitch with the air traffic control system delayed more than 800 flights.

The technical problem with the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports the air traffic control's flight planning process, continued for over 15 hours from around 5:45 am on Friday, before the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said at

around 9 pm that the issue had been addressed.

The IGI Airport in the national capital, which has four runways, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily. "All flight operations are normal at Delhi Airport... passengers are advised to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest flight updates," DIAL said in a post on X.

Earlier in the day, Delhi International Airport (DIAL) had said the technical issue that affected the AMSS is gradually improving.

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Normalcy returns to Delhi airport

APART FROM OVER 800 flights that faced delays, some services were also cancelled on Friday, impacting hundreds of passengers.

The country's largest airline, IndiGo, on Saturday morning said the airport operator and Air Traffic Control (ATC) teams are working on a priority basis to fully restore systems and stabilise operations. "The situation is expected to be normalised over the next few

hours. During this period, some departure and arrival timings may continue to be adjusted," it said in a post on X in the morning.

Information available on the flight tracking website Flightradar24.com showed that over 500 flights were delayed at the airport, including arrivals and departures, on Saturday. Specific reasons for the delays could not be immediately ascertained, while the official said it was



also due to the backlog from Friday. "The OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) was engaged, and additional

staff were deployed to manually process flight plans for the Air Traffic Control system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations immediately. A team of ECIL officials and AAI personnel is still on site. The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI said.



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ATC glitch in Delhi hits Mumbai flights



While the technical glitch delayed hundreds of flights at Delhi's IGI Airport, it also affected operations at Mumbai, Lucknow, Jaipur, Varanasi and several other airports

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MUMBAI

Flight operations at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) were significantly disrupted on Friday following a major technical failure in the air traffic control (ATC) system located over 1,400 kilometres away in Delhi. The malfunction caused delays to hundreds of domestic and international flights and was not resolved until late in the evening.

The disruption led to cascading delays across India's air travel network, with Mumbai, a critical aviation hub, bearing the brunt of the impact. The problem originated from a failure in the ATC's Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), the essential software that automatically processes and transmits flight plan data to air traffic controllers. With the AMSS system down, controllers were forced to manually process every single departure and arrival, drastically slowing the pace of air-

craft movements.

"Controllers are processing flight plans manually, leading to some delays. Technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest," read a statement from the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

While the technical glitch delayed hundreds of flights at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, it also affected operations at Mumbai, Lucknow, Jaipur, Varanasi and several other airports.

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Over 800 flights hit by tech glitch at Delhi airport

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NEW DELHI: The Capital's airport was plunged into chaos on Friday when the backbone of air traffic communications was paralysed, disrupting close to 65% of all flights and leaving thousands of passengers stranded with delays stretching beyond 12 hours until authorities managed to restore systems late in the evening.

The Airports Authority of India said late on Friday it had restored the Automatic Message Switching System around 9pm, ending what experts described an "unprecedented" 30-hour outage that forced air traffic controllers at Indira Gandhi International Airport to manually process flight plans — a time-consuming procedure that created cascading delays across India's aviation network.

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outage on record, rippled through airports in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai—major hubs that connect to Delhi's 1,500 daily flights.

The system failure began at 3pm on Thursday but its impact became apparent only at 8:30pm, initially affecting 15 flights. By 5:45am on Friday, the disruption had escalated dramatically as the AMSS—the digital backbone that feeds crucial flight plan data to the Auto Track System used by air traffic controllers—stopped transmitting information automatically to controller screens.

Starting Friday, serpentine queues formed inside and outside Indira Gandhi International Airport as clueless passengers showed up only to be informed of inordinate delays. Some passengers faced delays of six to eight hours, while others watched their flights pushed back by over 12 hours. By 11pm on Friday, 978 flights had been affected in all.

Elaborating on the problems the outage created, an official aware of the matter explained that "since the air traffic controllers have not received flight plans automatically on their screens, they are now preparing flight plans manually using available data, a process that is slowing down operations and contributing to congestion at the airport."

A second official close to the matter said the system had experienced issues "intermittently in the last two days" before significantly impacting operations from Friday morning. The official had earlier said delays were expected to continue "through the night and also tomorrow."

In a statement, AAI said the IP-based AMSS system malfunctioned on Thursday, prompting an emergency review meeting led by the civil aviation secretary. Engineers from Electronics Corporation of India Limited worked alongside AAI personnel to restore operations, though officials warned that backlogs would cause lingering delays.

"We regret the inconvenience caused to airlines and passengers," AAI said, adding that the system is "now up and functional" but automated operations would take time to normalise.

AAI did not respond to requests for comment on what had caused the problem and why backup or redundancy systems, if any, failed to act.

The crisis, which officials speaking on condition of anonymity called the longest such

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Delhi airport: ATC glitch delays 800 flights; AAI addresses issue

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NEW DELHI: Delhi airport, the country's busiest airport, plunged into chaos on Friday, as more than 800 domestic and international flights were delayed due to the air traffic control system's technical issue, which was later addressed by the AAI.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) also said that due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon.

All airline operations at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) were impacted due to a technical issue in the Auto-

matic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data.

Sources said more than 800 flights were delayed, and at least 20 flights were cancelled.

The national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily.

The AAI, in a post on X at 8:56 pm, said it has addressed the "technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which caused delays in processing flight plan messages". The issue was detected in the IP-based AMSS system on November 6.

"The OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually pro-

cess Flight Plans for the Air Traffic Control system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations immediately.

"A team of ECIL officials and AAI personnel is still on site. The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI said in another post on X.

ECIL (Electronics Corporation of India Ltd) officials from Hyderabad came to the national capital to help in addressing the technical issue.

An enquiry will be conducted to find out the reasons that resulted in the technical issue, sources said.

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— A DAY AFTER 800 FLIGHTS FACED ATC GLITCH —

Delhi airport ops normal: DIAL

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Airline operations at the Delhi airport, the country's busiest airport, are normal now, airport operator DIAL said on Saturday, a day after a glitch with the air traffic control system delayed more than 800 flights.

The technical problem with the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports the air traffic control's flight planning process, continued for over 15 hours from around 5:45 am on Friday before the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said at around 9 pm that the issue had been addressed.



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» The Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital, which has four runways, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, which has four runways, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily.

All flight operations are normal, an official said.

"All flight operations are normal at Delhi Airport... passengers are advised to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest flight updates," DIAL said in a post on X. **Continued on P4**

nical issue on Thursday late afternoon, the outage with the system happened at around 5:45 am on Friday, following which air traffic controllers had to prepare flight plans manually, according to sources.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI), which provides navigation and other services, had also deployed additional manpower to prepare the flight plans manually, which is a time-consuming process.

On Friday evening, the AAI said it had addressed the "technical issue in the AMSS, which caused delays in processing flight plan messages".

The issue was detected in the IP-based AMSS system on November 6.

"The OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually process Flight Plans for the Air Traffic Control system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations immediately.

"A team of ECIL officials and AAI personnel is still on site. The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI had said.

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Flight operations at Delhi airport back to normal after tech glitch delayed over 800 flights

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 8 November

A day after flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) experienced major disruptions due to a technical issue in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) system, delaying more than 800 flights and stranding passengers, Delhi airport operator DIAL said on Saturday that flight operations at the country's busiest airport are back to normal.

"All flight operations are normal at Delhi airport," DIAL said in a passenger advisory on X. The Delhi airport operator also asked passengers to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest flight updates. Earlier this morning,



DIAL had said the technical issue which affected the AMSS was gradually improving. "Airline operations at Delhi Airport are returning to normal, and all concerned authorities are working diligently to minimise any inconvenience caused," it said on X.

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA),

which has four runways, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) said it has addressed the "technical issue in the AMSS, which caused delays in processing flight plan messages".

"Airports Authority of India successfully addressed a technical issue in the Automatic

Message Switching System at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, which had temporarily affected the processing of flight plan messages from 6th November, 2025," the Ministry of Civil Aviation said in a late night statement on Friday.

The OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually process Flight Plans for the Air Traffic Control system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations immediately.

According to a flight tracking website, Flightradar 24, 129 flights (53 arrivals and 76 departures) were delayed on Saturday morning as compared with the nearly 800 delays

on Friday.

The Delhi airport, in its statement this morning, said, "The technical issue which affected the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), that supports the Air Traffic Control flight planning process, is gradually improving.

Airline operations at Delhi Airport are returning to normal, and all concerned authorities are working diligently to minimise any inconvenience caused. Passengers are advised to stay in touch with their airlines for latest flight update."

IndiGo Airlines, which was among the other major airlines affected by the outage, also issued an advisory saying the flight operations are "progressively" being restored at the Delhi Airport.



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AAI resolves technical issue at IGI Airport, New Delhi

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) successfully resolved a technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, which had affected flight plan message processing since November 6, 2025. An urgent review led by Secretary Shri Samir Kumar

Sinha and AAI Chairman Shri Vipin Kumar identified and rectified the problem. AMSS has now returned to normal operation, with minor delays due to backlogged data expected to clear shortly. AAI expressed regret for any inconvenience and reaffirmed its commitment to operational safety and reliability.

Delhi airport snag delays flights

AMIYA KUMAR
KUSHWAHA

New Delhi: A snag in the air traffic control system at Delhi airport on Friday delayed the take-offs of at least 600 domestic and international flights, causing chaos and leaving many passengers stranded.

Later in the evening, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said the issue had been resolved, but normal operations might take some time.

According to flight-tracking website Flightradar24.com, 97 per cent of departing flights were delayed at the Indra Gandhi International Airport till 6pm, and the average delay was over an hour (62 minutes).

The website showed that 68 per cent of arrival flights were late, and the average delay was 46 minutes.

Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, SpiceJet and Akasa Air issued travel adviso-



Passengers wait outside the gate of an arrival terminal at Delhi airport on Friday. (PTI)

ries asking passengers to keep checking the latest updates on flights and contact the airlines in case of any difficulty.

Sources said Delhi airport handled around 1,300 flights on average daily.

The technical glitch at Delhi airport also affected flights at Mumbai, Lucknow and Jaipur airports.

The AAI, in a post on X at 10.08am, said flight operations at Delhi airport were facing delays because of a technical issue in the automatic message switching system (AMSS), which supports air traffic control data.

"Controllers are processing flight plans manually, leading to some delays. Technical

teams are working to restore the system at the earliest. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of all passengers and stakeholders," the AAI posted.

What is AMSS?

The AMSS feeds data to the auto-track system, which helps it to display flight plans for air traffic controllers (ATC).

The ATCs give information and instructions to pilots to help them take off and land safely and on time. By managing the flow of critical operational messages between airports and airline units engaged in handling flight services, the AMSS helps in the smooth arrival and departure of flights.

The snag in AMSS disrupted data transmission to the screens of ATCs, forcing them to make flight plans manually and resulting in the delay.

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Airport snag delays flights

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Delhi International Airport Ltd issued an advisory asking passengers to follow updates on revised flight schedules.

Airlines expressed regret for the inconvenience caused by the unforeseen disruption and said their cabin crew and on-ground staff were extending immediate assistance to passengers.

"Due to an ongoing technical issue with the Automatic Message Switching System that supports Air Traffic Control data, flights across all airlines at Delhi Airport and some other airports in the northern region are currently experiencing delays," IndiGo said in a post on X.

At Delhi airport, long queues were seen near boarding gates and hundreds of passengers had to wait inside the airport terminals for flight updates.

YouTuber Elvish Yadav, one of the affected passengers, took to X to vent his frustration. "Frustrating experience with IndiGo Airlines! Flight 6E0615 was supposed to depart at 1 pm, but now it's delayed again and departing at 3:35 pm! If you're in a hurry, you're out of luck! Such poor man-



Passengers queue up near the counters at Delhi airport on Friday

agement and lack of respect for passengers' time! #IndiGoAirlines @IndiGo6E."

A female passenger complained on social media about having to sit on the plane for three hours without any in-flight announcement, food, tea or coffee. A social media user complained that she missed an official meeting and a connecting flight and received no help or compensation.

Later in the evening, the AAI said the technical issue in the AMSS had been fixed.

"The AMSS systems are up and functional now. Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," the AAI said.



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Govt directs AAI to upgrade ATC system in three months

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New Delhi: Central govt has taken a "very stern" view of the air traffic control (ATC) software glitch at IGI Airport over Thursday and Friday that had delayed more than 800 flights and affected over a lakh passengers.

The cash-rich Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been directed to immediately upgrade the systems at busy airports so that they can handle the growing air traffic. What has particularly left top officials fuming is that there was no redundancy or backup in place when the "automatic message switching system" (AMSS) used by the airlines to file flights plans failed in Delhi.

AAI, which provides ATC services, gets 45.9% and 38.7% revenue share from the joint venture airports at Delhi and Mumbai, respectively. The state-run airport operator's profit in the financial year 2025 was over Rs 7,230 crore. "It has to pull up its socks and provide the best systems with adequate firewalls," fumed a top official.

The aviation ministry has asked AAI to ensure that the new "air traffic services message handling system" (AMHS) is in place within 90 days as the current AMSS software has seen glitches in the past too. Union aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu and secretary Samir Kumar Sinha were at the Delhi ATC along with a team of officials till 2am on Saturday and they went there again later in the evening.

Hugely overworked and stressed air traffic controllers (ATCOs) have for a long time been asking for something as basic as a tea/coffee vending machine in the tower as the canteen shuts down at night while ATC is a 24x7 service. This request was among those conveyed to Sinha and he is learnt to have agreed to the same immediately.

AAI has failed to ensure that the ATC up-



File photo

Current AMSS software saw glitches in past too

gradation, along with hiring of more controllers, keeps pace with the growth of air traffic in the country, said sources. For years, there have been talks of hiving off air navigation services from AAI to ensure ATC gets the attention it deserves.

ATCOs' Guild of India warned in July that "current systems, especially at major airports like Delhi and Mumbai, have experienced performance degradation, directly impacting operational efficiency and safety margins". Days after the AI-171 crash in Ahmedabad, it wrote to MPs on July 8 that "automation systems used in air navigation services (be) periodically reviewed and upgraded to meet future demands".

Meanwhile, AMSS was restored late on Friday night and IGI on Saturday posted on X that "all flight operations are normal".

"The minister has directed that a detailed root-cause analysis be undertaken to prevent the recurrence of such glitches in the future. He also instructed officials to plan for more system advancements, including additional or fallback servers to strengthen ATC operations," the ministry said late Saturday night.

Delhi airport's ATC glitch affects over 800 flights

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New Delhi: Delhi airport's aging air traffic control (ATC) software crashed Friday after a glitch the previous evening remained unresolved, delaying 800-odd departures and arrivals at India's busiest civil aviation facility by up to two hours. The ripple effect forced carriers to cancel around 100 flights across routes through the day.

Airports Authority of India, accused of going slow on the software upgrade necessary for operations at the scale of Delhi airport, said late Friday that the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) system was back to being fully functional. "Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be

70 flights delayed, 6 cancelled at SVPIA

Ahmedabad: A major technical snag in Delhi airport's ATC system that disrupted operations across India left passengers stranded at Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA). Seventy flights were delayed and six cancelled at SVPIA, following a breakdown in the Automatic Message Switching System that forced controllers in Delhi to handle flight plans manually. **THE P2**

normal soon," it said. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation ordered a probe into the AMSS glitch. Officials ruled out the possibility of a cyber attack triggering the chaos.

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Current AMSS software has seen glitches in the past too

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The old "automatic message switching system" (AMSS) used by airlines to file flight plans not just for arrivals and departures to and from IGIA, but also for aircraft overflying Delhi airspace, 24 hours in advance had a glitch on Thursday evening and konked off on Friday morning. Then all flight plan information had to be fed manually into the system. The new "air traffic services message handling system" (AMHS) is being installed. The current AMSS software has seen glitches in the past too.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a probe into the AMSS glitch. Officials have ruled out a cyber attack causing this chaos.

IGIA these days handles about 1,550 flights daily and hundreds of planes overfly Delhi airspace. The manual processing of feeding in this



Passengers wait outside the IGI Airport in New Delhi on Friday

mammoth data — which is also immune to errors — took four times longer than the automatic process. For a better part of Friday, tracking site Flightradar24 showed Delhi as the most disrupted airport in terms of delayed flights.

AAL, which provides air navigation services, said on X Friday night the AMSS issue was detected on Thursday. "Immediately, a (high level) review meeting was conducted and necessary directions were given to address the issues. The original equipment manufacturer was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually process flight plans

for ATC system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations. A team... is still on site.... the situation will be normal soon. We regret the inconvenience caused to airlines and passengers."

With aircraft not departing as per schedule, there was little space for arrivals too and they also got impacted. Delhi Airport issued a "passenger advisory," saying: "Flight operations at Delhi Airport are experiencing delays due to a technical issue in AMSS, which supports ATC data. Controllers are processing flight plans manually leading to some delays. Technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest."

IndiGo advised passengers travelling to and from Delhi on Friday to check "the latest flight status and arrive a little earlier than usual to allow additional time at the airport."

Air India warned of "delays and longer wait times at the airport and onboard aircraft."

Delhi ATC snag: 70 flights late, 6 cancelled at SVPI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: A major technical snag at Delhi airport's Air Traffic Control (ATC) on Friday led to chaos at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport in Ahmedabad, with at least 70 flights delayed throughout the day and six cancelled until 9.20pm.

The disruption, caused by a failure in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, forced air traffic controllers to process flight plans manually, triggering a domino effect across the country's flight operations.

"Controllers are processing flight plans manually, leading to some delays. Technical teams are working to restore the system at the earliest," the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said in a statement.

Flights connecting Ahmedabad with Delhi, Bengaluru, Goa, Kishangarh, Indore, Jaipur, Ranchi, Lucknow, Kolkata, Bhopal, Dehradun, Nagpur and Pune were among those hit, with delays ranging from 45 minutes to nearly three hours.

"People relying on international connectivity are among the worst affected. Due to Delhi airport's flight rotational delays, flights to other airports are also affected," said Manish Sharma, a travel operator in Ahmedabad.

The SVPI airport opera-



tor, in an official advisory, confirmed: "Flight operations at Ahmedabad airport have been affected by a technical issue with the AMSS at Delhi, which supports Air Traffic Control flight planning. The concerned authorities are actively working to resolve the issue."

Sanjay Arya, a passenger, said in a social media post, "There were long queues for check-in and baggage drop at the Ahmedabad airport's IndiGo counters at 6.35pm. Only three counters are operating. Passengers are standing for over 60 minutes."

IndiGo issued an advisory asking passengers to "check the latest flight status before starting their journey and arrive at the airport a little earlier than usual to allow additional time for travel formalities".

"With significant rotational delays resulting in the cancellation of numerous flights, many passengers learned of the situation only after arriving at the airport. Airlines with a higher volu-

me of cancellations set up extra counters to assist passengers seeking refunds or who were affected by the delays," an source in the airport said.

"Our flight from Nagpur is scheduled for late at night and includes a layover in Mumbai. I just learned that my connecting flight from Mumbai got cancelled," said Aditya Patel, who is returning to Gujarat with his wife and month-old daughter.

SpiceJet said its crew and ground staff were coordinating with airport authorities to minimize disruptions and resume normal operations.

Flight operations at Vadodara airport were also disrupted, with delays ranging from 1.5 to nearly 4 hours. Airport authorities said the system was restored later in the day, but flight schedules remained affected, with an Air India evening flight from Delhi running 30 minutes behind schedule.

AAI said late Friday that the AMSS system was back to being fully functional.

Passengers hit as 800 flights delayed at IGI due to system glitch

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New Delhi: State-run Airport Authority of India's (AAI) alleged sluggishness in upgrading air traffic control (ATC) software at the country's busiest airport — Delhi's IGI — led to well over 800 flights getting delayed by anywhere up to two hours on Friday, affecting thousands of passengers.

Airlines faced consequential delays across their networks as aircraft did not take off & land on time here and they cancelled about 100 flights till 6 pm to minimise the impact. While IGI was worst hit, other airports in northern region were also affected and so were Mumbai and many others.

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AMSS system was back and functional. "Due to backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," it said. Airlines, however, warn the ripple effect will be seen on scheduled flights over the weekend too.

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Delhi airport chaos: Cyberattack ruled out

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The AMSS system used by airlines to file flight plans not just for arrivals and departures to and from IGI, but also for aircraft overflying Delhi airspace, 24 hours in advance, had a glitch on Thursday evening and conked off on Friday morning. Then all flight plan information had to be fed manually into the system. The new "air traffic services message handling system" (AMHS) is being installed.

The current AMSS software has seen glitches in the past too. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a probe into the AMSS glitch. Officials have ruled out a cyberattack causing this chaos.

IGIA handles about 1,550 flights daily and hundreds of planes overfly Delhi airspace. The manual processing of filing in this mammoth data — which is also immune to errors — took four times longer than the automatic process.

AAI, which provides air navigation services, said on X Friday night the AMSS issue was detected on Thursday. "Immediately, a (high level) review meeting was conduc-

ted and necessary directions were given to address the issues. The original equipment manufacturer was engaged, and additional staff were deployed to manually process flight plans for ATC system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations." With aircraft not departing as per schedule, there was little space for arrivals too and they also got impacted.

Mumbai Airport, second busiest hub, and Jaipur said flights operations there were "affected" by Delhi AMSS snag and that "airline operations may experience delays."

Senior officials across airlines complain that Delhi ATC AMSS system had glitches in the past too. "We have been hearing about the new AHMS system but it has been taking too long to instal. In India, we have to file flight plans with different flight information regions (FIRs) — Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai — according to the region where a flight's operating. There should be a central flight plan submission FIR and also the new software should have been installed five years back," they said.

By Friday evening, AMSS was working intermittently.



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800 flights delayed at IGI airport due to glitch in system



NEW SYSTEM BEING INSTALLED

- > Current AMSS software at IGI, which suffered a malfunction on Thursday and Friday, witnessed glitches in the past too
- > After glitch, all flight plan info had to be fed manually into the system
- > New 'air traffic services message handling system' is being installed & DGCA has ordered a probe

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New Delhi: Delhi airport's aging air traffic control (ATC) software crashed on Friday after a glitch the previous evening remained unresolved, delaying 800-odd departures and arrivals at India's busiest civil aviation facility by up to two hours. The ripple effect forced carriers to cancel around 100 flights across routes through the day.

Airports Authority of India, accused of going slow on the software upgrade necessary for operations at the scale of Delhi airport, said late Friday that the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) system was back to being fully functional. "Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," it said. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation ordered a probe into the AMSS glitch. Officials ruled out the possibility of a cyber attack triggering the chaos. Several airlines warned that some of their flights scheduled for the weekend could feel the after-effect of Friday's mayhem.

With aircraft unable to land on time in Delhi, operations were affected in many other airports including Mumbai.

AMSS is used by airlines to file flight plans 24 hours in advance for arrivals and departures from Delhi as well as for

aircraft overflying Delhi airspace. With the automated system going on the blink, all flight plan information had to be fed manually into the database. A new Air Traffic Services Message Handling System (ATSMHS) is being installed.

Delhi airport currently handles about 1,550 flights daily and hundreds of aircraft overfly Delhi airspace. Manual processing of data, which isn't immune to errors, takes four times longer. For the better part of Friday tracking site Flightradar24 showed Delhi as the most disrupted airport in terms of delayed flights.

AAI wrote on X Friday night that the AMSS issue was detected on Thursday: "Immediately a review meeting was conducted and necessary directions were given to address the issues. The original equipment manufacturer was engaged and additional staff deployed to manually process flight plans for ATC system to ensure uninterrupted and safe air traffic operations... We regret the inconvenience caused to airlines and passengers," it said. "We have been hearing about the new AHMS system, but it is taking too long to install. In India, we need to file flight plans with different flight information regions (FIRs) — Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai — according to the region where a flight is operating," an official said.



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Chaos at IGI: 800+ flights delayed in system crash

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passengers. Airlines faced consequential delays across their networks as aircraft did not take off & land on time here and they cancelled about 100 flights till 6 pm to minimise the impact. While IGIA was worst hit, other airports in northern region were also affected and so were Mumbai and many others.

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functional. "Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays in the normal functioning of automated operations, but the situation will be normal soon," it said. Airlines, however, warn the ripple effect will be seen on scheduled flights over the weekend too.

The old "automatic message switching system" (AMSS) had a glitch on Thursday evening.



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दिवक्त

आगमन वाली उड़ानें विलंब से पहुंच रहीं, एयर ट्रैफिक में सुधार के लिए अभी कुछ और समय लगेगा

एयरपोर्ट पर समय सारिणी में अब भी आ रही दिक्कत

नई दिल्ली। आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के एटीसी की तकनीकी गड़बड़ी को शुक्रवार देर शाम दूर कर लिया गया। इसके बावजूद समय सारिणी में आई दिक्कत को ठीक करने में अभी कुछ और समय लगेगा।

शुक्रवार देर रात से शनिवार शाम तक प्रस्थान की दो तिहाई उड़ानें विलंबित रहीं। वहीं आगमन वाली कुछ उड़ानें अपने नियमित समय पर आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंची। करीब एक चौथाई उड़ानें देरी से उड़ान भर रही हैं। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि एयर ट्रैफिक में सुधार के लिए अभी कुछ और समय लगेगा। शुक्रवार देर रात के बाद एयर ट्रैफिक में सुधार

जुलाई में इस समस्या के बारे में बताया था लेकिन नहीं हुई कोई कार्रवाई : एटीसी गिल्ड

नई दिल्ली। एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स गिल्ड ऑफ इंडिया ने कहा कि एटीसी प्रणाली विफलता की घटना को रोका जा सकता था। हवाई यातायात नियंत्रकों ने जुलाई में भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) को इन समस्याओं और इसे अपग्रेड करने की आवश्यकता के बारे में सूचित किया था। लेकिन उनके सुझावों पर कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई। उन्होंने अहमदाबाद में एअर इंडिया बॉइंग 787 ड्रीमलाइनर दुर्घटना, जिसमें 260 लोग मारे गए थे, के बाद 8 जुलाई को सांसदों को भी पत्र लिखा था। इसमें इस बात पर जोर दिया गया था कि यह आवश्यक है कि हवाई नेविगेशन सेवाओं में उपयोग की जाने वाली स्वचालन प्रणालियों की समय-समय पर समीक्षा और इन्हें अपग्रेड किया जाए। एजेसी

होना शुरू हुआ लेकिन विमानों ने आधे से एक घंटे के विलंब से उड़ान भरी। कुछ उड़ान नियत समय पर आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से रवाना हुईं।

एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, शनिवार तड़के साढ़े चार बजे के बाद स्थिति कुछ सुधरी। उस समय विमान की आवाजाही कम होती है। सुबह

छह बजे से सात बजे के बीच प्रस्थान की उड़ानों का दबाव अधिक होता है। उस समय विमान के देर से उड़ान भरने का सिलसिला जारी रहा। दोपहर दो बजे के बाद फिर विमान के देर से उड़ान भरने लगे। शाम सात बजे तक प्रस्थान की 75 फीसदी उड़ानें विलंबित रहीं। धीरे धीरे विलंब होने के समय में कमी आने लगी। विमान के देरी से उड़ान भरने की औसत अवधि करीब 23 मिनट दर्ज की गई जो शुक्रवार के मुकाबले काफी कम है।

आगमन में काफी सुधार: शनिवार को प्रस्थान के मुकाबले आगमन वाले विमान के समय में काफी सुधार हुआ है। देश और विदेश से आईजीआई

एयरपोर्ट पर आने वाली अधिकांश उड़ानें तय समय से पहुंचीं। इससे यात्रियों को काफी सुविधा हुई। शुक्रवार देर रात से शनिवार शाम सात बजे के बीच आगमन की कुल उड़ानों की महज 27 प्रतिशत उड़ानें ही विलंब की चपेट में आईं।

विस्तृत विश्लेषण करने के निर्देश: नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रों के राममोहन नायडू ने अधिकारियों को एटीसी में तकनीकी खराबी के कारणों का विस्तृत विश्लेषण करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। साथ ही एटीसी को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए अतिरिक्त या फॉलबैक सर्वर सहित सिस्टम में और सुधार करने के भी निर्देश दिए। ब्यूरो



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दिल्ली हवाईअड्डे पर सामान्य हुई उड़ानों की आवाजाही

नई दिल्ली। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ानों की आवाजाही शनिवार को सामान्य हो गई। दिल्ली हवाईअड्डा संचालक डायल ने बताया कि यात्री उड़ान संबंधी ताजा अपडेट के लिए संबंधित एयरलाइनों के संपर्क में रहें। एक दिन पहले स्वर्चालित संदेश स्विचिंग प्रणाली में तकनीकी खामी के कारण 800 से अधिक उड़ानें विलंबित हुई थीं। >> अपना शहर

अब नेपाल में उड़ानें प्रभावित...नेपाल की राजधानी काठमांडौ के त्रिभुवन अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर शनिवार को रनवे के लाइट प्रणाली में खराबी आने से उड़ानें प्रभावित रहीं। दो घरेलू और तीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। >> पेज 22

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एटीसी की तकनीकी गड़बड़ी दुरुस्त, पर हवाई यातायात सामान्य होने में लगेगा समय दिल्ली से प्रस्थान की 75% उड़ानें लेट

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) एयरपोर्ट के एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) की तकनीकी गड़बड़ी भले ही शुक्रवार देर शाम दूर हो गई, लेकिन एयरपोर्ट की समय सारिणी को सुचारु होने में अभी समय लगेगा। शुक्रवार मध्य रात्रि से शनिवार शाम तक प्रस्थान की 75 प्रतिशत उड़ानें विलंबित रहीं। आगमन की उड़ानों में सुधार नजर आ रहा है, लेकिन यहां भी करीब एक चौथाई विमान देरी से लैंड हुए। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि हवाई यातायात पूरी तरह दुरुस्त होने में अभी थोड़ा इंतजार करना पड़ेगा। बता दें, आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से हर रोज करीब 1500 उड़ानें संचालित होती हैं। इनमें आधी आगमन व आधी प्रस्थान से जुड़ी होती हैं।

यह समस्या आटोमैटिक मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (एमएसएस) के विफल होने के कारण आई, जिससे स्वचालित संदेश प्रवाह रुक गया। शुक्रवार मध्य रात्रि के बाद एयर ट्राफिक में सुधार तो हुआ, लेकिन विलंब का सिलसिला जारी रहा। आधा से एक घंटा विलंब की स्थिति प्रस्थान की उड़ानों में कायम रही।



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर इंतजार करते यात्री। उड़ानों में विलंब के कारण यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी हुई • फाइल फोटो

परेशान हुए यात्री : राहुल नामक यात्री ने शुक्रवार देर रात एक्स पर पोस्ट करते हुए कहा कि इंडिगो की कई उड़ानों में देरी देखने को मिली। यात्रियों को चेक-इन में दिक्कतों व शेड्यूल में बदलाव से जूझना पड़ा। हरीश नामक एक अन्य यात्री ने भी कहा कि पिछले कुछ दिनों से एयरपोर्ट पर बेहद खराब स्थिति देखने को मिल रही है। वडोदरा के कई यात्रियों की फ्लाइट देर रात छूटने के कारण सभी परेशान रहे।

हालांकि, कुछ अपवाद भी रहे, जिसमें तय समय पर विमान ने उड़ान भरी। तड़के साढ़े चार बजे के बाद स्थिति सुधरी, लेकिन तब विमानों का आवागमन कम होता है। शनिवार सुबह छह बजे से सात बजे के बीच जब प्रस्थान की उड़ानों का दबाव अधिक होता है, तब समय सारिणी फिर बिगड़ने लगी।

दोपहर दो बजे के बाद फिर समय सारिणी पर दबाव नजर आने लगा। शाम सात बजे तक प्रस्थान की 75 प्रतिशत उड़ानें विलंबित रहीं और औसत अवधि करीब 23 मिनट दर्ज की गई। यह शनिवार के मुकाबले काफी कम है, लेकिन अभी इसमें सुधार की काफी गुंजाइश है।

अधिकांश विमान तय समय से

- औसत विलंब 23 मिनट रहा, आगमन के समय में काफी सुधार
- 27 प्रतिशत विमान देरी से लैंड हुए, औसत विलंब पांच मिनट रहा

पहुंचे: प्रस्थान के मुकाबले आगमन के समय में शनिवार को काफी सुधार दर्ज किया गया। दिल्ली से विभिन्न गंतव्यों से आने वाली अधिकांश उड़ानें तय समय से पहुंचीं। शुक्रवार मध्य रात्रि से शनिवार शाम सात बजे के बीच आगमन की कुल उड़ानों की महज 27 प्रतिशत ही विलंबित रहीं। अच्छी बात यह है कि आगमन में औसत विलंब करीब पांच मिनट ही रहा। इसे संतोषप्रद कहा जा सकता है।

प्रेट्र के अनुसार, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने कहा कि एमएसएस शनिवार दोपहर तक पूरी तरह से स्वचालित मोड में काम करने लगा था और इस समस्या के कारण शनिवार को कोई फ्लाइट रद्द नहीं की गई। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राम मोहन नायडू ने अधिकारियों को तकनीकी समस्या के कारणों का विस्तार से विश्लेषण करने और एटीसी आपरेशन को मजबूत करने के लिए अतिरिक्त या बैकअप सर्वर सहित सिस्टम में और सुधार करने का निर्देश दिया है।

एटीसी की पुरानी प्रणाली पर लंबे समय से चिंता जता रहा गिल्ड >> पेज 8
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एएमएसएस में आई थी तकनीकी समस्या दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर 36 घंटे बाद धीरे-धीरे से सुधर रहे हालात, डीजीसीए ने शुरू की जांच

एजेसी ► नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली में एयरपोर्ट पर लगभग 36 घंटे पहले हुई बड़ी तकनीकी खराबी के बाद शनिवार को हालात में सुधार देखा गया। शनिवार को कुल 129 उड़ानें (53 आगमन और 76 प्रस्थान) देरी से चल रही हैं। गुरुवार शाम को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) सिस्टम में तकनीकी दिक्कत आ गई थी। यह समस्या ऑटोमैटिक मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (एएमएसएस) में आई, जो उड़ानों की योजना (फ्लाइट प्लानिंग) से जुड़ा एक अहम हिस्सा है।

जीपीएस सिग्नल की गड़बड़ी भी कारण



एयरपोर्ट का एटीएस टॉवर

नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने इन घटनाओं का संज्ञान लेते हुए जांच शुरू कर दी है। इस मामले में प्रायलटों ने बताया कि यह गड़बड़ी दिल्ली से 60 नॉटिकल मील (लगभग 110 किमी) की सीमा में ज्यादा दिखाई दी। यह बात सामने आ रही है कि जीपीएस सिग्नल की गड़बड़ी भी एक बड़ा कारण है।

465 जीपीएस
स्पूफिंग की
घटनाएं हुईं

नवंबर 2023 से फरवरी 2025 के बीच 465 जीपीएस स्पूफिंग की घटनाएं भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा क्षेत्र (अमृतसर और जम्मू) में दर्ज की गईं। जीपीएस स्पूफिंग एक साइबर हमला है।



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एटीसी की तकनीकी गड़बड़ी दूर, दूसरे दिन भी उड़ानें प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली, प्र.सं/एजेसी। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण (एटीसी) प्रणाली में तकनीकी खराबी के दूसरे दिन शनिवार दोपहर तक उड़ानें प्रभावित रहीं। हालांकि, शाम तक परिचालन धीरे-धीरे सामान्य हो गया।

उड़ानों पर नजर रखने वाली वेबसाइट फ्लाइटरेडार24.डी.टी.के.एम के अनुसार, शनिवार को हवाई अड्डे पर आगमन और प्रस्थान सहित पांच सौ से अधिक उड़ानों के परिचालन में देरी हुई। केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि अस्ल कारणों की जांच कराई जा रही है, जिससे भविष्य में ऐसी स्थिति दोबारा न बने।

दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) के अनुसार, शनिवार सुबह से उड़ानें धीरे-धीरे सामान्य होने लगीं। देश के सबसे व्यस्त दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे में चार रनवे हैं और यहां रोजाना 1,500 से अधिक उड़ानें संचालित होती हैं। शुक्रवार सुबह करीब पौने छह बजे ऑटोमैटिक मैसेज रिवॉचिंग सिस्टम में आई खराबी के कारण उड़ान योजना प्रक्रिया ठप हो गई थी। यह समस्या रात लगभग नौ बजे तक बनी रही। डायल ने शनिवार को

एयर इंडिया की लंदन उड़ान छह घंटे देरी से उड़ी

मुंबई। मुंबई से लंदन जाने वाली एयर इंडिया की उड़ान तकनीकी खराबी के कारण शनिवार सुबह निर्धारित समय से छह घंटे देर से उड़ान भर सकी। इससे यात्रियों को असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ा। एयर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआई 129 शनिवार सुबह 6.30 बजे लंदन के लिए उड़ान भरने वाली थी लेकिन उड़ान से पहले जांच के दौरान विमान में तकनीकी खामियां पाई गईं। इसके बाद उड़ान को एक बजे रवाना किया गया।

अपने आधिकारिक एक्स हैंडल पर कहा कि हवाई अड्डे का संचालन अब सामान्य हो रहा है और अधिकारी यात्रियों की असुविधा को न्यूनतम करने के लिए लगातार प्रयासरत हैं। वहीं, इंडिगो एयरलाइंस ने एक बयान में कहा कि एटीसी और हवाई अड्डा संचालन दल प्राथमिकता के आधार पर प्रणाली को पूरी तरह स्थिर करने में जुटे हुए हैं। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के अनुसार, तकनीकी खामी को अब पूरी तरह ठीक कर लिया गया है।



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Critical system restored at IGI; 500 flights hit by delays

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NEW DELHI: Cascading delays affected over 500 flights arriving or departing the national Capital on Saturday, a day after the country's busiest airport was plunged into chaos when a critical communications system went offline.

The Air Message Switching System — the digital backbone that feeds crucial flight plan data to controllers — was fully restored to automatic mode by Saturday afternoon, officials said, nearly 48 hours after the system stopped transmitting information automatically to controller screens on Thursday afternoon. The system was partly restored late on Friday.

The government said in a statement on Saturday that the technical glitch, which occurred on the afternoon of November 6 and continued into the morning of November 7, led to the cancellation of 46 flights. There were no flight cancellations on Saturday, the ministry said.

"It was around 7pm on Friday that we restored the system. However, it remained under observation for about two hours there-



Passengers at the Delhi airport.

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after," a senior ministry official said, asking not to be named.

Civil aviation minister Ram-mohan Naidu visited the airport around 10pm on Friday along with civil aviation secretary Sanir Kumar Sinha, Airports Authority of India chairman Vipin Kumar and other senior officials to review the situation.

The minister returned to the air traffic control tower on Saturday evening to review normalised operations and appreciate the teams that worked overnight to resolve the glitch.

"While the system has been functioning smoothly since then, there are cascading delays, mostly in departing flights," another official confirmed, adding that operations were expected to normalise by midnight Saturday.

The airport, which handles about 1,550 flights daily, saw around 65% of them delayed on Friday. Over 500 flights, mostly departures, continued to face delays on Saturday as the backlog worked through the system.

According to Flightradar24 data, departures were delayed by

an average of 39 minutes, with 85% of flights affected till 10.30pm.

"From the onset, teams from the Airports Authority of India, Air Navigation Services and Electronics Corporation of India Limited worked round the clock to identify and rectify the issue," the ministry said in a statement. "ECL promptly deputed additional manpower to assist in the restoration process. During this period, ATC staff efficiently managed flight operations manually to ensure passenger safety and minimise inconvenience."

The government did not clarify on what caused the glitch in the first place or why no backups were in place.

An airport official said: "The minor delay had a multiplier effect and affected flight schedules, but the situation was managed efficiently. The air traffic controllers displayed the highest level of sincerity and patience."

Naidu directed that a detailed root-cause analysis be undertaken to prevent a recurrence. He also instructed officials to plan for system advancements, including additional or fallback servers.

ATC system glitch at Delhi fixed; snag had delayed over 500 flights

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A day-long glitch in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) system at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in Delhi resulted in significant delays for over 500 flights arriving and departing from the national capital, triggering a cascading impact that disrupted air traffic across the country on Friday.

Between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m., over 383 departures and 163 arrivals at IGI were delayed for more than 45 minutes, according to flight tracking website [flightradar24](https://www.flightradar24.com).

The airport handles an average of 63 aircraft movements (landings and departures) per hour, adding up to around 1,500 movements a day.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) that manages air traffic across the coun-



People waiting outside the arrivals' gate at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

try said in a post on X that there was a "technical issue in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS), which supports Air Traffic Control data". The AMSS system contains flight plans as well as weather data. The AMSS system has been procured from Spanish company Indra, according to sources.

As a result, Air Traffic Controllers were process-

ing flight plans manually by collecting details such as call sign, flight route, departure and destination from pilots over radio telephony.

Later in the evening, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said that the system glitch was fixed but a large backlog of flights meant that it would take some time for normalcy to return.

While the glitch primari-

ly impacted departures from the airport in the morning hours, flights arriving into the city also started seeing delays later due to the lack of parking space occupied by departing aircraft. The disruption further caused a ripple effect across airports, as several aircraft departing from Delhi failed to reach their destinations on time, in turn delaying subsequent departures from those airports. A government official dismissed speculation that the issue was due to a cyber attack, adding that the glitch occurred when an update to the AMSS was being carried out.

With Delhi-Mumbai being the busiest route in the country, at least 121 departures and arrivals at Mumbai airport were delayed by over 45 minutes till 8 p.m. The data is based on information from [flightradar.com](https://www.flightradar.com).

STATE TO APPLY FOR AIRPORT SITE CLEARANCE SOON

Eye on industrial growth, TN's Hosur airport plan set to take off

Land development plan ready, govt preparing documents for submission

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WITH AN aim at infrastructure and industrial expansion, the Tamil Nadu government will apply for site clearance for the proposed greenfield airport in Hosur in the next two weeks, officials said.

According to officials, the project, spanning across 2,000 acres in Krishnagiri district, is being fast-tracked so that the land acquisition process can begin before the Assembly elections next year. The planned facility, designed to handle 30 million passengers annually, will serve Hosur's fast-growing industrial belt and the southern peripheries of Bengaluru.

"Two levels of approval are needed from the Centre, site clearance and in-principle approval. We're moving quickly because these take time," a senior official said. The state has identified land in the Berigai-Bagalur belt, chosen for its sparse habitation and favourable terrain, avoiding the densely populated Belagondapalli region near the old Taneja airstrip.

Even as the Krishnagiri district administration finalised the land development plan, the government is preparing documents for submission to the Civil

Aviation Ministry. "The Collector's report is expected in two weeks. From there, the land acquisition order could take about three months," the official said, adding that they expect minimal protests since less than 10 habitation clusters are affected.

Changing the balance

Hosur has long been Tamil Nadu's industrial gateway to Karnataka, but its geography has also been a political and economic paradox. Barely 40 km from Bengaluru's Electronic City, Hosur has grown in the shadow of the tech capital — feeding it with labour, goods, and manufacturing capacity — while reaping little from its aviation and logistics infrastructure. The new airport aims to change that balance.

Officials said that the project's proximity to the Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) will give it access to both Hosur and southern Bengaluru.

"The airspace around Krishnagiri is controlled by HAL, and we've written to the Defence Ministry seeking relaxation of airspace restrictions," an official said. The state must also obtain an NOC from Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL), which holds rights restricting new airports

• A strategic frontier



within 150 km until 2033 under its concession agreement with the Union government.

Notably, Fairfax Financial Holdings, the majority stakeholder in BIAL, has shown interest in partnering with Tamil Nadu for the Hosur and Chennai airports.

Fairfax Chairman Prem Watsa met Chief Minister M K Stalin in April, signalling a potential thaw in the long-standing airspace impasse.

Industrial hub

To understand why the project matters, one must look at what Hosur means for Tamil Nadu. A small highway stop in the 1970s, Hosur's transformation began when the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) established its first industrial estate. Over decades, it became home to over 3,000 MSMEs and some of India's biggest manufacturing and electronics firms, including

TVS Motors, Ashok Leyland, Ather Energy, Tata Electronics, Ola Electric, Titan Watches, Rolls-Royce JV IAMPL, and TEAL (Aerospace and Defence).

Hosur's industrial matrix now spans automotive, aerospace, precision engineering, electronics and green energy. "Hosur is the next big growth centre, especially for EV and electronics," Vishnu Venugopalan, IAS officer and then managing director of Guidance Tamil Nadu, told *The Indian Express* last year, adding that the town's industries are tightly integrated into global supply chains.

Hosur's appeal also lies in its lower cost of living compared to Bengaluru. With rentals a fraction of the latter's rates and a growing professional population, it is poised to become a spillover city for those priced out of Bengaluru.

Political significance

The airport project also carries political symbolism. With the 2026 elections ahead, CM Stalin is keen to project Hosur as Tamil Nadu's next economic crown jewel, complementing Chennai's industrial corridors in Sriperumbudur and Oragadam.

For investors and industries, Hosur represents a rare convergence of policy, geography, and timing. If all goes as planned, the Berigai-Bagalur airfield could soon see its first flights by the end of the decade.





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दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर स्वचालित प्रणाली पूर्ण रूप से हुई बहाल

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 8 नवंबर।

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण (एटीसी) की संदेश प्रणाली में आई तकनीकी खराबी को दुरुस्त किए जाने के बाद शनिवार दोपहर से पूरी तरह स्वचालित रूप में काम करने लगा है। इस समस्या को दूर करने के बाद इस वजह से न तो कोई उड़ान रद्द हुई और न ही देरी हुई।

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने सामान्य परिचालन की समीक्षा करने के बाद

भविष्य में ऐसी गड़बड़ियों को रोकने के लिए मूल कारणों का विश्लेषण करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू ने अधिकारियों को एटीसी संचालन को और सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए अतिरिक्त सर्वर समेत प्रणाली में और सुधार संबंधी योजना तैयार करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। दिल्ली स्थित आइजीआइ हवाई अड्डे पर संदेश प्रणाली में गुरुवार को आई तकनीकी खराबी के कारण उड़ानों के आवागमन में देरी हुई। प्रणाली को ठीक करने में भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण समेत अन्य एजेंसियों की टीम ने समस्या को दूर करने के लिए लगातार जुटे रहे।

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30 घंटे रही दिक्कत, अब उड़ानें समय पर

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■ नई दिल्ली: IGI एयरपोर्ट पर सिस्टम में शुक्रवार सुबह 8 बजे आई तकनीकी खामी से उड़ानों का शेड्यूल ऐसा बिगड़ा कि सामान्य होने में 30 घंटे से अधिक समय लग गया। शनिवार सुबह भी 200 फ्लाइट डिले हो गईं।

हैदराबाद की टेक्निकल टीम ने मदद की, तब शाम को हालात सामान्य हो गए। दिल्ली अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड ने X पर लिखा, सभी उड़ानों का संचालन सामान्य है। यात्री उड़ानों



शनिवार सुबह 200 उड़ानें डिले रही, शाम में हालात सुधरे।

के लेटेस्ट अपडेट के लिए एयरलाइनों के संपर्क में रहें। वहीं, केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू दिल्ली एटीसी टावर पहुंचे। त्वरित समाधान के लिए हालात की समीक्षा की। ▶▶ पेज 4

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■ नई दिल्ली : आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइटों के शेड्यूल की प्लानिंग करने वाले ATC के ऑटोमैटिक मेसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (AMSS) में आई खराबी शुकवार से पहले गुरुवार दोपहर को भी आई थी, तब इसे किसी तरह शुरू कर लिया गया था। हालांकि बाद में दोबाग सिस्टम फेल होने पर इसे संभालने में 30 घंटे से भी ज्यादा का समय लग गया।

एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि इस सिस्टम में गड़बड़ी आने के बाद यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को पहली प्राथमिकता देते हुए इसके लिए एक विशेष वॉर रूम की तरह कंट्रोल रूम बनाया गया।

जिसमें एटीसी के इस AMS सिस्टम को सही करने के लिए एक्सपर्ट की एक अलग से टीम बनाई गई। टीम ने दिन-रात मेहनत करते हुए इसे सुधारने का काम किया। वहीं सूत्रों ने बताया कि यह समस्या शुकवार सुबह से शुरू नहीं हुई थी। असल में इससे एक दिन पहले गुरुवार दोपहर को भी दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एटीसी के इस स्विचिंग सिस्टम में खराबी आई थी। उस वक्त यह किसी

गुरुवार दोपहर को बंद हो गया था काम करना, किसी तरह किया था शुरू

क्या हुआ था...

- गुरुवार देर रात भी आई गड़बड़ी, फिर शुकवार सुबह हुआ ठप
- AMS सिस्टम को ठीक करने के लिए बनाई गई थी स्पेशल टीम

तरह शुरू हो गया, लेकिन इसके बाद गुरुवार देर रात करीब दो बजे इसने फिर से काम करना बंद कर दिया। जो बाद में शुकवार सुबह करीब 8 बजे आकर पूरी तरह से ठप हो गया। इस वक्त एयर ट्रैफिक का पीक टाइम चल रहा था। इससे दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से टेक

ऑफ करने वाली उड़ानों की कतारें लगना शुरू हो गईं। जिसे सही करने में शुकवार रात करीब नौ बजे तक का वक्त लग गया।

200 फ्लाइट्स हुईं डिले : देश के सबसे व्यस्त आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर ATC में आई खराब की वजह से शनिवार सुबह भी हालात पूरी तरह से सामान्य नहीं हो सके थे। दरअसल, इस बीच दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट समेत देश के अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर फ्लाइटों का इतना अधिक बैकलॉग हो गया कि इसे सामान्य करने में शनिवार शाम तक का वक्त एयर ट्रैफिक का पीक टाइम चल रहा था। इस वजह से करीब 200 फ्लाइट डिले हुईं।

सर्वर से हुई छेड़छाड़ !

मामले में सूत्रों का यह भी कहना है कि एटीसी के इस सिस्टम के फेल होने के पीछे चाइनीज एंगल भी हो सकता है। जिसमें इस सर्वर के 15-20 दिन पहले किसी तरह चाइनीज सर्वर से कनेक्ट करने की कोशिश की गई थी। हालांकि, इस मामले में अभी तक यह साफ नहीं हो सका है कि क्या ऐसा किसी ने जानबूझकर किया या फिर यह तकनीकी खामी की वजह से हुआ। क्योंकि, इसी सर्वर में अब जाकर खराबी आई। एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के एक अधिकारी ने एटीसी के इस सर्वर को चाइनीज सर्वर से कनेक्ट करने की कोशिश करने से इकार किया है।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर लाइब्रेरी शुरू

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली:

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी की तरफ से जगह की कमी के बावजूद पैसंजर्स के लिए पहले मोबाइल चाइंग स्टेशन, फिर लैपटॉप चार्जिंग स्टेशन और अब लाइब्रेरी की सुविधा शुरू की गई है। 4 दिन पहले ही पैसंजर्स के लिए अलग से बुक लाकर लाइब्रेरी की सुविधाएं शुरू की गई हैं। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों ने अपने घरों से किताबें लाकर डोनेट किया। हालांकि, कुछ पैसंजर्स को यह

किताबें इतनी पसंद आई कि वह किताब अपने साथ ही ले उड़े। कर्मचारियों ने सोचा था कि वह अलग-अलग किताबों को एक श्रृंखला यहां पर रखेंगे, ताकि पैसंजर्स जिन्हें कई बार फ्लाइट की टाइमिंग में फेरबदल के कारण लंबे समय तक इंतजार करना पड़ता है, वह खुद को बोर महसूस न करें। इसके बाद भी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों ने कहा कि जल्द ही कई अन्य मोटिवेशनल किताबें भी वह लाकर रखेंगे। खुशी है कि वह पैसंजर्स के लिए छोटी-छोटी सुविधाएं शुरू कर चुके हैं।

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एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने कहा, गड़बड़ी हुई ठीक

20 घंटे बाद उड़े एयरपोर्ट से विमान

नई दिल्ली, 8 नवम्बर (प्रदीप कुमार सिंह/नवोदय टाइम्स): इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर 20 घंटे से भी अधिक समय तक चली लंबी जहोजहद के बाद एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) के ओटोमेटिक मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (एएमएसएस) में आई तकनीकी खराबी को दूर कर लिया गया है।

वीरवार देर रात से शुरू हुई तकनीकी गड़बड़ी के चलते शुक्रवार को इस तकनीकी खराबी के वजह से करीब 1007 फ्लाइट्स के पैसेंजर्स को डिले की वजह से

■ डायल ने भी विमान परिचालन सामान्य होने की बात कही



परेशान होना पड़ा था। इन 1007 फ्लाइट्स में करीब 573 प्रस्थान और 295 आगमन वाली फ्लाइट्स थीं। शुक्रवार देर रात एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया द्वारा तकनीकी खराबी को दुरुस्त करने की बात कही गई थी। हालांकि शनिवार सुबह करीब 200 फ्लाइट्स डिले हुईं। एयरपोर्ट का संचालन करने वाली दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) का कहना है कि एयरपोर्ट पर स्थिति अब सामान्य है। विमानों का परिचालन सही समय पर हो रहा है।

संबंधित खबरें पेज-3 पर

उच्चस्तरीय बैठक के बाद उठाया गया कदम

आईपी-आधारित एएमएसएस प्रणाली में समस्या होने की जानकारी प्राप्त होने के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा ने एएआई के अध्यक्ष विपिन कुमार, एएआई के सदस्य (हवाई नेविगेशन सेवा) एम सुरेश और वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के साथ तत्काल समीक्षा बैठक की। इसमें समस्या के मूल कारण की पहचान करने एवं उसमें सुधार लाने के लिए तुरंत निर्देश जारी किये गये। इसके साथ ही इसमें मूल उपकरण निर्माता को शामिल किया गया और उड़ान योजनाओं को मैन्युअल मोड में लाने के लिए अतिरिक्त लोगों को तैनात किया गया। इस बीच इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया और एएआई के अधिकारियों की एक टीम प्रणाली की स्थिरता एवं प्रदर्शन की निगरानी के काम पर तैनात रही। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि लंबित डेटा के कारण कुछ समय तक मामूली देरी हो सकती है लेकिन एएमएसएस अब सामान्य कार्य क्षमता पर कार्य कर रहा है।

...तो टाली जा सकती थी दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर ब्लैक डे की घटना

एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स गिल्ड ऑफ इंडिया ने जुलाई में ही लिखा था पत्र

एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया को सिस्टम की खराब स्थिति व अपग्रेड की जरूरत बताई थी



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रात करीब 11:55 बजे जारी की गई एडवाइजरी

शनिवार सुबह डायल की तरफ से कहा गया कि उड़ान संचालन की स्थिति में धीरे-धीरे सुधार हो रहा है तथा एयरलाइन परिचालन सामान्य हो रहा है। संबंधित अधिकारी यात्रियों की असुविधा को कम करने की दिशा में काम कर रहे हैं। वहीं दोपहर होते होते दोबारा जारी एडवाइजरी में बताया गया कि हालात अब पूरी तरह सामान्य हैं। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों की मानें तो यह तकनीकी समस्या छह नवंबर मध्य रात्रि से ही शुरू हो गई थी जिससे उड़ान संदेशों की प्रक्रिया अस्थायी रूप से प्रभावित हो गई थी। इससे घरेलू एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय दोनों उड़ानों में बहुत देरी हुई। शुक्रवार सुबह 6 बजे के बाद तो स्थिति ने विकराल रूप ले लिया। इससे एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ा।

सिस्टम की चैन ठप हो सकती हैं। गिल्ड ने कहा था कि अब समय आ गया है कि एयर नेविगेशन सर्विसेज के इन ऑटोमेशन सिस्टम को रिव्यू करने के साथ अपग्रेड किया जाना चाहिए क्योंकि एयर ट्रैफिक तेजी से बढ़ रहा है।

एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया के अनुसार देर रात एएमएसएस सिस्टम में आई तकनीकी खामी को दूर कर दिया गया था। फिलहाल, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड और एएआई की टीम एटीसी में रहकर सिस्टम की निगरानी कर रही है। एएमएसएस सिस्टम दोबारा चालू और सामान्य रूप से काम कर रहा है। हालांकि बैकएंड में कुछ मैसेज प्रोसेसिंग का

एएमएसएस फेल होने से क्यों पड़ा इतना बड़ा असर

एएमएसएस का काम: उड़ान योजनाओं को ऑटोमेटिक रिवच करता है। पायलट से एटीसी तक डेटा (ऊंचाई, मौसम) तुरंत पहुंचाता है। सभी मौसम केंद्रों का डेटा एकीकृत करता है (एटीआईएस सिस्टम)।

नॉर्मल स्पीड: सेकेंडों में प्रोसेस। दिल्ली जैसे हवाई अड्डे पर प्रति घंटे 60-70 उड़ानें।

फेलियर प्रभाव

मैन्युअल प्रोसेस: हर प्लान को हाथ से चेक फीड। 10-20 गुना समय लगता है।
चेन क्रिएशन: देरी स्लॉट, मिस कनेक्टिंग, उड़ानें प्रभावित।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के हिसाब से ही सिस्टम अपग्रेड

पत्र में कहा गया था कि भारत को अब अपने सिस्टम को अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों तक लेकर जाना होगा। गिल्ड ने यूरोप के यूरो कंट्रोल और अमेरिका के फेडरल एविएशन एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के सिस्टम का हवाला भी दिया था। बताया गया था कि इन देशों में मौजूद सिस्टम न केवल एडवांस टेक्नॉलजी का है, बल्कि एआई से खतरों की पहचान व रियल-टाइम डेटा शेयरिंग के साथ ही स्मार्ट कॉन्फ्लिक्ट डिटेक्शन सिस्टम पर भी काम करता है।

समय से सिस्टम अपग्रेड हो जाता तो नहीं होते ऐसे हालात

एक्सपर्ट्स का कहना है कि अगर वक्त पर टेक्निकल इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर को अपग्रेड किया गया होता तो शायद शुक्रवार को आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर ऐसे हालात पैदा नहीं होते। कहा जा सकता है कि ये सिर्फ एक टेक्निकल ग्लिच नहीं बल्कि सिस्टम की लापरवाही का नमूना था।

नई दिल्ली, 8 नवम्बर (प्रदीप कुमार सिंह/नवोदय टाइम्स): विश्व के नौवें व्यस्ततम व देश के सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट में शुमार इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को हुई ब्लैक डे की घटना टाली जा सकती थी यदि एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने लंबे समय से चल रही समस्या पर जरा भी ध्यान दिया होता। शुक्रवार को एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) का ऑटोमेटिक मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (एएमएसएस) क्रैश होने की वजह से उत्पन्न हालात से न सिर्फ लाखों यात्री हलकान हुए बल्कि फ्लाइट संचालन में हुई देरी का असर देश के तमाम एयरपोर्ट पर पलाइंट ऑपरेशन पर भी पड़ा। चौंकाने वाली बात यह है कि यह एक ऐसी गड़बड़ी थी जिसकी चेतावनी महीनों पहले एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया को एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स गिल्ड ऑफ इंडिया की तरफ से दी गई थी।

इस पर यदि समय रहते ध्यान दिया जाता तो सैकड़ों फ्लाइट और लाखों यात्रियों को बेवजह परेशान नहीं होना पड़ता। गौर करने वाली बात यह भी है कि एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स के संगठन की मांग पर जब एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया तो एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स गिल्ड ऑफ इंडिया ने इसके संबंध में पार्लियामेंट स्टैंडिंग कमेटी को भी एक लेटर लिखा था। 8 जुलाई 2025 में लिखे गए इस लेटर में साफ साफ बताया गया था कि एटीसी सिस्टम आज की स्थिति में काफी पुराना हो चुका है। सूत्रों के अनुसार ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स गिल्ड ऑफ इंडिया के लिखे पत्र में बताया गया था कि दिल्ली और मुंबई जैसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट पर इस्तेमाल हो रहे ऑटोमेशन सिस्टम में लगातार स्लो परफॉर्मेंस और लैग की प्रॉब्लम आ रही है। ये वही सिस्टम हैं जो देश के एयर ट्रैफिक को मैनेज करते हैं। यानी अगर इनमें किसी भी तरह का कोई ग्लिच आ जाए तो पूरी एविएशन



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दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ान परिचालन धीरे-धीरे सामान्य हो रहा: डायल

■ यातायात नियंत्रण प्रणाली में गड़बड़ी से 800 से अधिक उड़ानों में हुई थी देरी

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली स्थित देश के सबसे व्यस्ततम हवाई अड्डे इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीएआई) पर विमान परिचालन शनिवार सुबह धीरे-धीरे सामान्य हो रहा है। इससे एक दिन पहले हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण प्रणाली में गड़बड़ी के कारण इस हवाई अड्डे पर 800 से अधिक उड़ानों में देरी हुई थी। हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण की उड़ान योजना प्रक्रिया में सहयोग करने वाले ऑटोमैटिक मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम (एएमएसएस) में तकनीकी समस्या शुक्रवार सुबह लगभग पौने छह बजे से 15 घंटे से अधिक समय तक जारी रही। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने शुक्रवार रात लगभग नौ बजे कहा कि समस्या का समाधान कर लिया गया है।

इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे में चार रनवे हैं और यह प्रतिदिन 1,500 से अधिक उड़ानों का संचालन करता है। यह देश का सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डा है। दिल्ली



हवाई अड्डे की संचालक कंपनी डायल ने शनिवार सुबह कहा कि एएमएसएस को प्रभावित करने वाली तकनीकी समस्या में धीरे-धीरे सुधार हो रहा है। उसने एक्स पर लिखा, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर विमानों का संचालन सामान्य हो रहा है और सभी संबंधित अधिकारी हर प्रकार की असुविधा को कम करने के लिए पूरी लगन से काम कर रहे हैं। शुक्रवार को 800 से अधिक उड़ानों में देरी के अलावा कुछ सेवाएं रद्द भी कर दी गई हैं जिससे सैकड़ों यात्री प्रभावित हुए। देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने शनिवार सुबह कहा कि हवाई अड्डा संचालक और वायु यातायात नियंत्रण (एटीसी) के दल प्रणाली को पूरी तरह से बहाल करने और संचालन को स्थिर करने के लिए प्राथमिकता के आधार पर काम कर रही हैं।

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Flight operations at Delhi airport return to normal: DIAL

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

Flight operations at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) are now normal, the airport authority said on Saturday, following 36 hours of disruptions caused by a technical glitch in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) flight planning system.

The malfunction led to widespread delays across more than 900 flights, while several others were cancelled, affecting hundreds of passengers. However, the incident has reignited concerns over India's aviation safety infrastructure - issues that were highlighted over two months ago by a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.

Following the technical snag, Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu has directed that a detailed



Union Minister of Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu visiting the ATC Tower to review operations after the technical glitch in the ATC messaging system at Delhi airport

PTI

root-cause analysis be undertaken to prevent recurrence of such glitches in the future. He along with senior officials had visited the airport to take stock of the situation. He also instructed officials to plan for more system advancements,

including additional or fallback servers to strengthen ATC operations.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, 129 flights were delayed, as per a flight tracking website, Flightradar 24. Among these 129 flights, 53 were arrivals,

while 76 were departures.

The average delay for arrivals was reported as five to 10 minutes, and for departures, it was around 19 to 25 minutes. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) on Saturday morning said the technical

issue that affected the AMSS is gradually improving. In an advisory issued at 11:55 hours, IGI Airport confirmed that all flight operations were now normal. "All flight operations are normal at Delhi Airport. Passengers are advised to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest flight updates," DIAL said in a post on X. The chaos began around 3 pm on Thursday, when a malfunction in the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) disrupted the flow of crucial flight plan data to the Auto Track System (ATS) — a core part of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) network.

The AMSS is responsible for automatically feeding flight plan information to ATC screens, and its failure forced controllers to process flight plans manually. The IGI airport in the national capital, which has four runways, handles more than 1,500 flight movements daily.



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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 300 उड़ानें लेट

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को 300 से ज्यादा उड़ानों में देरी हुई। एयरपोर्ट के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल सिस्टम में तकनीकी खराबी की वजह से एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स

■ ऑटोमैटिक एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल सिस्टम में तकनीकी खराबी

यानी एटीसी को फ्लाइट्स का शेड्यूल नहीं मिल पा रहा है। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में बताया गया है कि

एटीसी के ऑटोमैटिक मैसेज स्विच सिस्टम (एएमएसएस) में गड़बड़ी आई है। यह प्लेन के शेड्यूल यानी टेकऑफ और लैंडिंग की जानकारी देता है। एटीसी अधिकारी पहले से मौजूद डेटा के मुताबिक मैनुअली फ्लाइट शेड्यूल तैयार कर रहे हैं। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट लेट होने का असर बाकी एयरपोर्ट्स पर भी दिखा। दिल्ली से वहां आने-जाने वाली फ्लाइट भी लेट हुईं। हालात कब तक सामान्य होंगे, अभी इस बारे में दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ने कोई जानकारी नहीं दी है।



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STATESMEN

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Tech glitch at Delhi airport leads to flight delays at Kolkata

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Kolkata, 7 November

A massive technical glitch in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) system at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) on Friday morning threw flight schedules across the country into disarray.

The glitch severely affected operations at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBI), Kolkata airport as well. Over 150 flights were delayed at IGI, and the cascading impact was felt at NSCBI, where dozens of departures and arrivals were rescheduled, leaving passengers stranded and frustrated.

Sources at the Kolkata airport said that since Friday morning, flights between Kolkata and Delhi — one of the busiest routes in the country — have been operating behind schedule, with delays ranging from 45 minutes to over two hours.

"Several flights from Delhi are landing late, which is affecting turnaround times for departures from Kolkata," an airport official said. "The congestion at the terminals has also increased, with waiting areas packed beyond capacity," the official added.

The chaos began early in the day after a malfunction was detected in Delhi's automatic message switching system (AMSS), which transmits crucial flight plan data to the Auto Track System (ATS) used by air traffic controllers. The disruption forced authorities to manage flights manually, resulting in long queues both in the skies and on the tarmac. Airlines, including Air India, IndiGo, Vistara, and SpiceJet issued advisories urging passengers to check their flight status before heading to the airport.

An IndiGo spokesperson said: "A technical issue with

the ATC system in Delhi is impacting flight operations across several northern airports, including Kolkata. We regret the inconvenience and appreciate passengers' patience." Air India, in a statement on X, described the situation as "an unforeseen disruption beyond our control" and confirmed that both cabin and ground staff were assisting travellers at airports.

SpiceJet also warned passengers of potential delays and advised them to reconfirm flight timings through official channels. Kolkata airport officials echoed similar concerns, saying that the terminal witnessed "extraordinary footfall" through the day as incoming passengers from delayed Delhi flights converged with those awaiting departures. "The crowd is immense. Announcements are being made continuously, and staff has been deployed to assist elderly passengers," said an

airport staff member.

Meanwhile, an unrelated incident added to the tense atmosphere near the airport. A state-run bus travelling from Asansol to Kolkata caught fire near Gate No. 1 of the airport on Friday morning, triggering panic among commuters. Eyewitnesses said smoke began billowing from the engine before flames engulfed the front of the vehicle. All passengers managed to evacuate safely before firefighters and airport police arrived at the scene to douse the blaze. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

Airport authorities have urged passengers to maintain contact with their respective airlines for real-time updates on flight schedules. As the ATC glitch in Delhi continues to affect air traffic in several northern regions, normal operations are expected to resume only after the system is fully restored.



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800 flights delayed at Delhi airport due to system glitch

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New Delhi: Delhi airport's aging air traffic control (ATC) software crashed on Friday after a glitch the previous evening remained unresolved, delaying 800-odd departures and arrivals at India's busiest airport — Delhi's IGI — by up to two hours. The ripple effect forced carriers to cancel around 100 flights across routes through the day.

Airports Authority of India, accused of going slow on the software upgrade necessary for operations at the scale of Delhi airport, said that the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) system was back to being fully functional. "Due to some backlogs, there may be some delays ... but the situation will be normal soon," it said. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation ordered a probe.

ATC Guild had warned of slow systems

The Air Traffic Controllers' Guild had on July 8 warned that "current systems, especially at major airports like Delhi & Mumbai, have experienced performance degradation, including slowness and system lag".



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Day after chaos, ops back to normal at Delhi airport

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

Flight operations at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport returned to normal today after a glitch impacted over 800 flights yesterday.

In a post on X, the airport authorities said, "All flight operations are normal at the Delhi airport. The passengers are advised to stay in touch with their respective airlines for flight updates. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Civil Aviation have sought a detailed

report to determine the root cause of the failure."

The impending threat to operations was flagged by a Parliamentary Standing Committee chaired by JD(U) MP Sarjay Kumar Jha in its report tabled in both Houses of Parliament on August 20. The committee had noted that "the pace of technological upgradation in India's critical air traffic control infrastructure has failed to keep pace with the exponential growth in air traffic and airspace complexity". — TNS



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■ 40 airports hit ■ US transportation secy Duffy warns of 20% cuts *Over 1K flights cut in US shutdown fallout*

Washington, Nov. 8: More than 1,000 flights were canceled across the United States on Friday after the Trump administration ordered reductions to ease strain on air traffic controllers working without pay amid a federal government shutdown.

Forty airports were slated for the cuts, including major hubs in Atlanta, Newark, Denver, Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles.

With Republicans and Democrats in a bitter standoff, particularly over health insurance subsidies, federal agencies have been grinding to halt since funding lapsed on October 1.



Travellers wait in queues at a security checkpoint at George W. Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas, on Friday.

— AFP

Many government employees, including vital airport staff, are either working without pay or furloughed at home, waiting for the now nearly six-week crisis to end.

The flight reductions are taking effect gradually, starting at four per cent and rising to 10 per cent next week if Congress still hasn't reached a funding deal.

More than 1,000 flights scheduled for Friday were canceled, according to tracking website FlightAware. The most affected airports late Friday were Reagan National in Washington, Denver International and Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta, according to data analysed by AFP.

US transportation secretary Sean Duffy on Friday warned that airlines could be forced to cut up to 20 per cent of flights if the ongoing government shutdown does not end soon. The warning came as US airlines scrambled to cope with unprecedented government-imposed reductions. — Agencies



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Naidu orders probe into IGI ATC glitch

New Delhi: Following a major technical glitch in the air traffic control (ATC) system at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport that disrupted flight operations on Friday, Union civil aviation minister Rammohan Naidu ordered remedial measures and a detailed probe into the incident. In a late-evening statement, the civil aviation ministry said that the system was "fully restored to automatic mode by Saturday afternoon" and confirmed that no flight cancellations occurred today owing to the issue. M. Naidu directed the Electronics Corporation of India Limited to deploy additional technical staff to expedite restoration efforts. To minimise passenger inconvenience, he also instructed that more ATC personnel be stationed at Airport to support manual operations during the downtime.

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DAINIK BHASKAR

JAIPUR

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एयरलाइंस की वादाखिलाफी, 26 अक्टूबर से फ्लाइट्स का विंटर शेड्यूल लागू, जयपुर से नहीं जोड़े गए शहर कागजी फ्लाइट्स; रायपुर, रांची, कोलकाता, वाराणसी सहित 8 शहरों के लिए शेड्यूल लिया, लेकिन आज तक उड़ान शुरू नहीं

जयपुर। एयरलाइंस ने 26 अक्टूबर से फ्लाइट्स का विंटर शेड्यूल लागू किया था, जिसमें नए शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू करने का वादा किया गया था, लेकिन अब तक ये फ्लाइट्स शुरू नहीं हुई हैं। एयरलाइंस द्वारा शेड्यूल तय करने और डीजीसीए से अप्रुवल लेने के बावजूद इन रूटों पर उड़ानें शुरू नहीं की गई हैं। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार, इन आठ फ्लाइट्स के शुरू होने से जयपुर 6 नए शहर नागपुर, वाराणसी, रांची, पटना, रायपुर और गाजियाबाद से जुड़ सकता था। ये फ्लाइट्स 26 अक्टूबर से शुरू होनी थीं, लेकिन करीब 10 दिन बाद भी उड़ानें शुरू नहीं हुई हैं। आठ नई फ्लाइट्स शुरू होतीं, तो संख्या 75 से बढ़कर 83 फ्लाइट्स प्रतिदिन तक पहुंच सकती थी।



शेड्यूल हुई, उड़ी नहीं ये फ्लाइट्स



- एयर इंडिया की जयपुर-दिल्ली AI-4030, रात 10:55 बजे
- एयर इंडिया की जयपुर-गाजियाबाद IX-1203, सुबह 11:50
- एयर इंडिया की जयपुर-कोलकाता IX-1546, रात 8:45
- इंडिगो की जयपुर-रायपुर 6E-6069, सुबह 7:55 बजे
- जयपुर-पटना 6E-6206, सप्ताह में 4 दिन सुबह 9:15 बजे
- जयपुर-रांची 6E-6206, सप्ताह में 3 दिन सुबह 9:15 बजे
- जयपुर-वाराणसी फ्लाइट 6E-6107, दोपहर 1:05 बजे
- जयपुर-नागपुर 6E-6115, शाम 5:40 बजे प्रस्तावित।



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Pilot cannot be blamed for AI flight crash: SC

Seeks Centre's response and agrees to take up the matter on November 10

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The Supreme Court on Friday said no blame could be attributed to the pilot of the Air India flight to London that crashed in Ahmedabad in June this year, claiming 260 lives

It said: "Whatever is the cause of the tragedy, the pilot is not the cause."

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was hearing a petition filed by Pushkar Raj Sabharwal — the father of Commander Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots of the ill-fated flight — seeking a judicially monitored committee headed by a former judge of the apex court to conduct a probe into the crash.

The plea, filed by Sabharwal with the Federation of Indian Pilots, contended that the preliminary investigation into the crash was profoundly flawed.

"It is extremely unfortunate that this accident took place and he lost his son... But he should not carry this burden that his son is being accused or blamed... We will clarify; nobody can blame him for anything"

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayana, representing the petitioners, contended that his clients sought an impartial investigation as the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) probe was not independent. He asked the bench to direct a judicially monitored probe under Rule 12 of the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, which mandates impartiality in accident investigations.

Hearing the counsel, the bench said: "It is extremely unfortunate that this accident took place and he lost his son...

But he should not carry this burden that his son is being accused or blamed... We will clarify; nobody can blame him for anything."

Sankaranarayana cited an article carried by the Wall Street Journal based on information from the AAIB investigation.

"We are not bothered about what a foreign press... Your suit should have been against WSJ in an American court," the bench said.

The counsel said on August 3, respondent number 3, who did the preliminary investigation, sent two officers to the house of his client, who is now 91.

He said officers told his client that therefore his son had depression, while criticising the conduct of the investigators.

The bench noted that India was a country of 142 crore people. "None of them have any belief that there was any fault with the pilot. Whatever is the cause of the tragedy, the pilot is not the cause," the bench said.

Upon hearing submissions, the court sought a response from the Central government and agreed to take up the matter, along with a related plea, on November 10.

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चीन ईस्टर्न की दिल्ली से शंघाई के लिए फ्लाइट आज से

बीजिंग: चीनी एयरलाइन चीन ईस्टर्न रविवार से दिल्ली-शंघाई के बीच फ्लाइट शुरू करने जा रही है। यह उड़ान कोलकाता से ग्वांगझू के लिए इंडिगो की उड़ान आरंभ होने से कुछ दिन पहले शुरू हो रही है, जोकि पांच वर्षों के अंतराल के बाद दोनों देशों के बीच हवाई सेवाओं की बहाली का प्रतीक है। चीन ईस्टर्न की फ्लाइट दिल्ली से रात आठ बजे रवाना होगी और सोमवार सुबह शंघाई पहुंचेगी। यह फ्लाइट शंघाई से दोपहर 12:30 बजे निकलेगी और शाम छह बजे दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। यह फ्लाइट वैकल्पिक दिनों में संचालित होगी। भारत के शंघाई में महावाणिज्य दूत प्रतीक माथुर ने कहा कि उड़ान सेवाओं की बहाली से बेहतर संपर्क का नया युग शुरू होगा। (प्रेट्र)



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जयपुर से बेंगलुरु की फ्लाइट रद्द

**यात्रियों को दूसरी उड़ानों
में किया एडजस्ट**

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से फ्लाइट संचालन इन दिनों प्रभावित हो रहा है। कई उड़ानें या तो देरी से रवाना हो रही हैं या रद्द करनी पड़ रही हैं। गुरुवार को जयपुर से बेंगलुरु जाने वाली ईडिगो एयरलाइन की फ्लाइट को रद्द कर दिया गया। यह फ्लाइट रात 9.55 बजे जयपुर से बेंगलुरु के लिए रवाना होती है। एयरलाइन ने संचालन संबंधी कारणों के चलते उड़ान रद्द करने का निर्णय लिया। फ्लाइट रद्द होने से यात्रियों को अस्सुविधा का सामना करना पड़ा। एयरलाइन प्रबंधन ने प्रभावित यात्रियों को अन्य उपलब्ध उड़ानों में एडजस्ट करने की व्यवस्था की है। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से हाल के दिनों में मौसम और तकनीकी कारणों से कई फ्लाइट्स के संचालन पर असर पड़ा है।

It's the year(end) of the dragon for travel sector

● China hot new destination ahead of holiday season

SUGANDHA MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, November 8

THE INAUGURAL KOLKATA-GUANGZHOU IndiGo flight on October 26 was packed, as have been the rest since direct flights between India and China resumed. With China Eastern's Delhi-Shanghai service beginning Sunday and IndiGo's daily Delhi-

NEIGHBOUR CALLING

■ After five-year gap, flights once again operating, at full capacity



■ IndiGo started Kolkata-Guangzhou flight on Oct 26; China Eastern's Delhi-Shanghai service to begin Sunday

■ IndiGo is also starting its daily flights between Delhi and China's Guangzhou from November 10



■ SOTC Travel's itineraries now combine Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Zhangjiajie

■ EaseMyTrip preparing to launch specially curated China tour packages



■ Yatra sees uptick in searches, advance enquiries for cultural, leisure hotspots

Guangzhou flights from November 10, the travel sector is gung-ho about the new destination, made accessible just

ahead of holiday season.

"China has made a strong comeback on the travel map, emerging once again as a des-

tinuation of high interest among Indian travellers," said Rajeev Kale, president & country head, holidays, MICE & visa,

Thomas Cook India.

After a five-year suspension, flights between India and China are once again operat-

ing—at full capacity—signalling strong pent-up demand and renewed curiosity over one of Asia's most diverse and dynamic destinations.

Flight services between the two sides were suspended during the pandemic in 2020, and remained shut consequently due to border skirmishes.

In October last year, the two sides firmed up a disengagement pact, after which a series of measures were undertaken to repair ties, including resumption of flights and the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

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Year(end) of the dragon for travel

THE RETURN OF connectivity marks a significant step toward rebuilding travel and tourism exchanges.

Air India, too, is preparing to relaunch services before the end of the year. At the time of writing, the average return fares stood at around ₹28,000 for IndiGo's route and ₹60,000 for China Eastern's Delhi-Shanghai service. With 60 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and a blend of heritage and modernity, China is attracting Indian travellers seeking both cultural depth and contemporary experiences.

"Our expanded China portfolio has been curated to showcase the destination's diversity—from the historical treasures of Beijing and Xi'an to the vibrance of Shanghai and the scenic beauty of Zhangjiajie and Guilin. Alongside leisure, China's exceptional infrastructure and growing event ecosystem position it as a key market for corporate meetings and



incentives," said Kale of Thomas Cook India.

Agreeing with this, SD Nandakumar, president and country head, holidays and corporate tours at SOTC Travel, added: "The resumption of travel to China has reignited demand across leisure, business, and MICE segments. China continues to captivate Indian travellers with its cultural richness and iconic landmarks. Our itineraries now combine marquee destinations such as Shanghai and Beijing with experiential locales like Chengdu, Chongqing, and the Avatar-inspired Zhangjiajie mountains."

Other platforms are see-

ing parallel interest. A senior spokesperson at EaseMyTrip said, "With the resumption of flight connectivity between India and China, there has been an early uptick in demand, mainly from business travellers and students. The gradual reopening of routes has encouraged more movement for professional and academic purposes, signalling a cautious but steady return of traffic."

EaseMyTrip is preparing to launch specially curated China tour packages spanning leisure, business, and MICE travel. "Each package will provide convenience, value and a seamless travel experience," the spokesperson said. "With China emerging as both a cultural and commercial hub, we aim to meet the diverse needs of travellers."

The company expects pricing stability as capacity builds. "Airlines and hotel rates are largely back to pre-pandemic levels," the

spokesperson added. "As schedules expand, we anticipate further price stabilisation, creating a more consistent and value-driven environment for travellers."

At Yatra Online, too, the outlook is upbeat. "We are seeing early signs of growing curiosity among Indian travellers toward Chinese destinations," said Bharatt Malik, senior vice-president, air and hotel business. "There's a visible uptick in searches and advance enquiries for cultural and leisure hotspots such as Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The easing of visa processes and better connectivity are helping revive confidence." Malik added that China could become "a trending outbound destination for Indians, particularly around festive and holiday periods like the New Year". He said Yatra is exploring curated travel packages, highlighting "China's blend of modern cityscapes, rich heritage, and culinary appeal".



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दिल्ली-शंघाई उड़ान आज से

बीजिंग, एजेंसी। चीनी एयरलाइन चाइना ईस्टर्न रविवार से दिल्ली-शंघाई उड़ान शुरू करेगी। इससे कुछ दिन पहले इंडिगो ने कोलकाता से ग्वांगझू के लिए उड़ान शुरू की थी।

दोनों देशों के बीच पांच साल के अंतराल के बाद उड़ान सेवाएं फिर से शुरू हो रही हैं। चाइना ईस्टर्न की उड़ान दिल्ली से रात आठ बजे रवाना होगी। यह शंघाई से 12:30 बजे रवाना होगी और शाम 6 बजे तक दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। यह एक दिन के अंतराल पर संचालित होगी। इंडिगो 10 नवंबर से दिल्ली से ग्वांगझू के लिए दैनिक उड़ानें शुरू करेगी।

{ U.S. GOVT } CONGRESSIONAL PARALYSIS OVER FEDERAL BUDGET

Hundreds of flights cut as US shutdown drags on

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WASHINGTON: Hundreds of flights were cancelled across the United States on Friday after the Trump administration ordered reductions to ease strain on air traffic controllers working without pay amid congressional paralysis over the federal budget.

The 40 airports selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for reductions span more than two dozen states and include hubs such as Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami and Newark.

With Republicans and Democrats in a bitter standoff over spending priorities, including healthcare, Congress has ground to a standstill, leaving the entire federal funding spigot closed.

Vast numbers of government employees, including vital airport staff, are either working without pay or furloughed at home, waiting for the now nearly six-week crisis to end.

The flight reductions were to take effect gradually over the coming days, starting at 4% and rising to 10% next week if Congress still hasn't reached a funding deal.

More than 815 flights have been called off nationwide, according to FlightAware.

The most affected airports were Chicago O'Hare, Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta, Denver and Dallas-Fort Worth, according to data analyzed by AFP.

"This is frustrating. We don't need to be in this position," American Airlines CEO Robert Isom told CNBC.

The upheaval means ordinary Americans are now directly feel-



Travellers wait in line at a security checkpoint at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas on Friday. AFP

ing the impacts of the Washington fight, where the funding shutdown began October 1, increasing pressure on both parties.

The Senate was expected to try for the 15th time on Friday to approve a short-term, House-passed funding measure that would reopen the government—but the vote was expected to fail like the previous 14.

US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy blamed Democrats, saying they should vote to reopen the government. "If Democrats are going to go home this weekend, and they've kept the government shut down, that's shameful," Duffy told reporters at Reagan National Airport.

However, Republicans control Congress and Democrats have said they will refuse to sign off on the majority party's budget plans, including severe healthcare cuts.

The flight reduction measures come as the country enters its busiest travel time of the year, with the Thanksgiving holiday just weeks away.

American Airlines said in a statement that its scheduled reduction amounted to 220 flight cancellations each day.

Delta Air Lines said it was cutting about 170 flights scheduled for Friday, while broadcaster CNN reported Southwest Airlines axed around 100 flights set for that day.

It is unclear when the reduced flights could end. Airlines, unions and the travel industry have urged Congress to end the shutdown, which on Wednesday became the longest on record.

The cuts could include up to 1,800 flights and about 268,000 seats combined, according to one estimate.

चीनी एयरलाइंस की दिल्ली उड़ान आज से फिर



■ **भाषा, बीजिंग:** चीन की एयरलाइन चाइना ईस्टर्न रविवार से दिल्ली से शंघाई के लिए अपनी उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने जा रही है। इससे कुछ दिन पहले, 'इंडिगो' ने कोलकाता से ग्वांगझू के लिए उड़ान शुरू की थी। दोनों देशों के बीच लगभग पांच साल के अंतराल के बाद उड़ान सेवाएं फिर से शुरू हो रही हैं।

चाइना ईस्टर्न के मुताबिक, उड़ान रविवार को रात 8 बजे दिल्ली से रवाना होगी और सोमवार को शंघाई पहुंचेगी। वहीं, वापसी की उड़ान शंघाई से दोपहर 12:30 बजे चलेगी और शाम 6 बजे दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। यह सेवा हर दूसरे दिन संचालित होगी।

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चीनी एयरलाइन 'चाइना ईस्टर्न' रविवार से दिल्ली से शंघाई के लिए उड़ान शुरू करेगी

बीजिंग, 8 नवम्बर (एजेंसी): चीनी एयरलाइन 'चाइना ईस्टर्न' रविवार से दिल्ली-शंघाई उड़ान शुरू करेगी। इससे कुछ दिन पहले, 'इंडिगो' ने कोलकाता से ग्वांगझू के लिए उड़ान शुरू की

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की योजना बना रहे हैं, ने कहा कि उड़ान सेवाओं के फिर से शुरू होने से बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी का एक नया युग शुरू होगा और सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती अर्थव्यवस्था

भारत, और शंघाई के नेतृत्व वाले पूर्वी चीन क्षेत्र के व्यापारिक केंद्र के बीच लोगों के बीच मजबूत संबंधों को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

उन्होंने बताया कि इससे भारत को तेजी से विकसित हो रहे पूर्वी चीन क्षेत्र से कनेक्टिविटी में मदद मिलेगी, जिसमें ए.आई. हब हांगझोऊ और चीन की 'कपड़ा राजधानी' कहे जाने वाले केकियाओ के व्यापारिक केंद्र भी शामिल हैं। इंडिगो 10 नवंबर से दिल्ली से ग्वांगझू के लिए अपनी दैनिक उड़ानें शुरू करेगी।



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China eastern launches Delhi-Shanghai flights

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■ Beijing

Chinese airline China Eastern is set to begin its Delhi-Shanghai flight from Sunday, days after IndiGo's flight to Guangzhou from Kolkata, marking the resumption of the flight services between the two countries after a gap of five years.

The China Eastern flight will leave Delhi at 8 PM and arrive in Shanghai early Monday. It will leave Shanghai at 12:30 PM and reach Delhi by evening 6 PM. The flight will operate on alternate days. India's Consul General in Shanghai, Pratik Mathur, who plans to greet

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the passengers coming from Delhi by the China Eastern flight, said that the resumption of the flight services will usher in a new age of greater connectivity and encourage stronger people-to-people ties between India, the fastest growing economy, and the business hub of the eastern China Region led by

Shanghai. This will help to bring India closer to the fast-growing Eastern China Region, which also includes the AI hub of Hangzhou and trading hubs, he told. IndiGo will begin its daily flights from Delhi to Guangzhou from November 10.

The airline has formally kicked off the resumption of flights on October 26, operating the Kolkata to Guangzhou flight.

The flight services between the two sides were suspended following the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. They were not restored in view of the over-four-year border face-off in eastern Ladakh, which ended in October last year.



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सुरक्षा : चेक-इन-लगेज में नहीं रखने की चेतावनी पावर बैंक पर बैन के बाद उड़ानों में अब ब्लूटूथ ईयरबड्स पर सख्ती

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ताइपे आग लगने के जोखिम के चलते उड़ानों में पावर बैंक पर लगे प्रतिबंध के बाद अब एयरलाइनों ने एक और लोकप्रिय इलेक्ट्रॉनिक डिवाइस ब्लूटूथ ईयरबड्स पर सख्ती शुरू कर दी है। ताइवान की तीन प्रमुख एयरलाइंस ईवीए एयर, यूएनआइ एयर और टाइगरएयर ने शुरुआत करते हुए चेतावनी दी है कि अब एपल एयरबड्स सहित किसी भी ब्लूटूथ ईयरबड को चेक-इन लगेज में नहीं रखा जा सकता। न्यूजीलैंड एविएशन ने तो चेक-इन लगेज से भी इन्हें पूरी तरह बैन कर दिया है।



चार्जिंग केस है वजह

एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि इन ईयरबड्स के चार्जिंग केस में लिथियम-आयन बैटरी होती है, जो लगातार चार्ज रहती है और शॉर्ट सर्किट की स्थिति में आग का खतरा बढ़ा सकती है।

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US airlines cancel 1,000 flights amid shutdown order

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Washington, 8 November

Anxious travelers across the US felt a bit of relief Friday as airlines mostly stayed on schedule while still cutting more than 1,000 flights largely because of the government shutdown.

Plenty of nervousness remained, though, as more canceled flights are coming over the next week to comply with the Federal Aviation Administration's order to reduce service at the nation's busiest airports.

The order is in response to air traffic controllers - who haven't been paid in nearly a

Senators work through weekend as shutdown talks stall

Washington: Senators are working through the weekend for the first time since the government shutdown began more than a month ago, hoping to find bipartisan resolution that has so far eluded them as government workers have gone unpaid, airlines have been forced to cancel flights and SNAP benefits have been delayed for millions of Americans. As the weekend session was set to begin Saturday, it was unclear if Republicans and Democrats could make any headway toward reopening the government and breaking a partisan impasse that has now lasted 39 days.

month as the shutdown drags on - calling out of work in higher numbers as they deal with financial pressure.

While it's left some passengers

making backup plans and reserving rental cars, the flights canceled Friday represented just a small portion of overall flights nationwide. Passengers

still faced last-minute cancellations and long security lines at the 40 airports targeted by the slowdown including major hubs in Atlanta, Dallas, Denver and Charlotte, North Carolina. Airlines expect limited disruptions this weekend and stressed that international flights are not expected to be affected. But if the shutdown persists much longer, and more controllers call out of work after they miss their second paycheck on Tuesday, the number of cancellations could jump from the initial 10 per cent reduction of flights to 15 percent or 20 per cent, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said on Fox News on Friday.

None has blamed pilot for AI plane crash, SC tells dad

Says Move Forum Concerned Over Fgn Media Reports

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday told the nonagenarian father of the commander of ill-fated Air India flight, which crashed at Ahmedabad killing all aboard except one passenger, that the interim report did not put blame on pilot's error, a perception wrongly created by "nasty and motivated" reports in Wall Street Journal (WSJ) and foreign media.

When the counsel for the pilot's father said he wanted a fair and impartial probe into the June 12 air crash, a bench of CJI-designate Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "If you want to challenge the ongoing probe, you should challenge the Rules which permitted the constitution of the committee that is inquiring into the accident. You have not done that." The bench said, "The interim report made no



SC told the father that if he wanted to challenge the probe, he should challenge the rules that permitted setting up the investigating panel

insinuation against the pilot. It just reproduces the conversation recorded in the cockpit voice recorder which reveals that one pilot asking the other whether he switched off the fuel supply and the other is denying it. The interim report does not apportion blame on the pilot. So, where is the cause of action for this petition?"

Senior advocate G Sankaranarayanan said a report in WSJ claiming the pilot had erred has caused immense agony to the father. SC said the father must seek remedial measures before the forum concerned and not through a writ petition before SC.

Senior advocate G Sanka-

ranarayanan said there was a report in Wall Street Journal quoting Indian authorities and claiming that the crash was due to pilot error which has caused immense pain and agony to the father.

The bench said, "We are not bothered about what Wall Street Journal or foreign media reported." Sankaranarayanan said the father is bothered by it. The bench said, "Then file a petition against WSJ and other foreign media for insinuating against the pilot. These kinds of nasty and motivated reports in foreign media are aimed at showing India in a bad light."

The counsel then went on

to describe how the inquiry officials visited his client's house and kept asking about the marital life of the pilot and were insinuating that because of the domestic issues he could have committed suicide, which is far from truth.

The bench said, "No Indian believes or talks about pilot error or mistake as a cause of the June 12 crash. If you are aggrieved by the foreign media reports, then take appropriate remedial measures before the forum concerned, not a writ petition before the SC."

On Sep 22, the SC had sought responses from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau (AAIB) and the Centre seeking details of steps taken to conduct an independent, impartial and expeditious probe into the crash of Air India's June 12 London-bound flight.

However, even then it had told NGO 'Safety Matters Foundation' that its demand to make public details of the flight data recorder could have serious consequences for the grieving relatives of the pilots.



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Up to 3hr delay for 20 flights

Chennai: At least 20 flights were delayed at Chennai airport due to a glitch in deriving data for air traffic controller at New Delhi international airport on Friday. Manual entry of data in Delhi had a cascading effect and disrupted operations in airports across the country. Flights were delayed by up to three hours, starting on Friday when an Indigo aircraft departed to Guwahati an hour late at 6.45am, due to delayed arrival. A commotion-like situation arose as passengers complained that airlines did not inform them of reasons for delay. **TNN**



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Pilots vs regulator over allowing longer Air India flying hours

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CONTENTIOUS EXEMPTION

INDIA'S aviation regulator is flying straight into legal turbulence. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the very agency meant to safeguard flight safety, now stands accused of undermining it. By granting Air India a rare relaxation in pilot duty-hour limits for its Europe-bound Boeing 787 flights, the regulator has set off a storm of outrage and possibly a contempt of court battle.

The DGCA insists the concession, allowing pilots to fly up to 10.5 hours instead of 10, and stretching the Flight Duty Period (FDP) from 13 to 14 hours, is temporary and unavoidable. With Pakistan's airspace closed, it says, Air India's longer routes need flexibility. But pilot associations have launched an all-out offensive, calling the move unsafe, unlawful, and contemptuous of court directions.

"If the watchdog starts bending its own safety rules, who's really flying the plane, the regulator or the airline?" a senior pilot asked pointedly.

Under the exemption, effective for Air India's winter schedule, the DGCA has cleared longer hours for nine European routes. It says no training flights will be included and pilots will get an extra hour of rest. Air India must also file monthly fatigue reports. But pilot unions dismiss this as eye-wash, a bureaucratic cover for commercial expediency.

The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP), representing over 6,000 aviators, has accused the DGCA of "blatant violation" of its own affidavit to the Delhi High Court. In that February 19 affidavit, the regulator promised a phased rollout of new fatigue norms, the CAR 2024 with full enforcement by July this year. The High Court had accepted that assurance, making it binding. Any deviation, the court noted, could be challenged. The FIP now says DGCA's latest order breaks that commitment.

"This exemption is unjustified, unsafe, and contemptuous of judicial directions. Air India pilots are flying well below monthly limits. There's no 'extreme circumstance'

DGCA is being accused of undermining flight safety aspects, and prioritising commercial convenience

here that justifies relaxing safety caps," said FIP president Captain CS Randhawa.

He pointed out that Air India even has surplus pilots on flexible contracts. "Why risk fatigue when you can roster an extra crew?" he questioned.

THE RISK FACTOR

Fatigue has long been one of aviation's most quietly dangerous factors, impairing judgement and reaction times, often invisibly. The new Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) introduced under CAR 2024 were meant to fix this, using scientific data to limit flying and duty hours while mandating minimum rest periods. Pilot unions argue that the

DGCA's selective leniency tears apart that safety framework.

"Every minute added to a pilot's duty is a minute taken away from alertness. By allowing Air India this leeway, DGCA signals that fatigue science can be set aside for operational comfort. That's a dangerous precedent," said one ALPA-India representative.

The regulator's defence rests on operational necessity. Officials claim that with Pakistan's airspace still closed and winter winds lengthening flight times, the relaxation helps maintain punctuality without disrupting schedules. Yet pilot groups insist this explanation doesn't stand up to scrutiny. The DGCA could have instead mandated three-pilot operations for longer sectors, a standard international practice to offset fatigue on extended flights.

THE LEGAL QUESTION

Did the DGCA defy a court-backed assurance? The Delhi High Court had explicitly recorded that the regulator "shall be bound" by its February affidavit. It also noted that

any breach would give petitioners the right to move court again. The FIP plans exactly that, a fresh contempt plea asserting that DGCA's action violates the court's own directions. Randhawa said the FIP will move the high court in the coming days. "The draft has been finalised," he told *The Tribune*.

The issue runs deeper than one airline or one winter schedule. Can safety rules meant to prevent human error be treated as flexible clauses of convenience?

Pilot associations say they have lost faith in the regulator's independence. "DGCA's job is to protect lives, not timetables. Once you start treating safety norms as negotiable, you are no longer regulating, you are facilitating," said Randhawa.

As the row escalates, one question echoes through the cockpit and courtroom alike: was this truly an operational necessity or has the DGCA allowed commercial convenience to climb in to the pilot's seat?

The answer will decide whether this episode is a technical footnote or a landmark moment exposing cracks in India's aviation safety oversight.