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Air traffic in Mumbai surges as carriers re-route flights

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NEW DELHI: Air traffic controllers in Mumbai are operating with heightened vigilance as flights through the city's airspace have surged by over 60% following escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, multiple officials said, even as scores of more flights were scrapped on Thursday.

Twenty-four airports across northern India remain closed for civil aviation until at least Saturday morning, with Delhi and Dehradun now serving as the only operational northernmost airports in the country. The closures, which have led to widespread flight cancellations, came after India's targeted strikes on Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir early on Wednesday,

which was followed by attempts by Pakistani forces to strike India, which Indian officials said were thwarted by air defences.

The closure has forced airlines to cancel over 250 flights. IndiGo alone has cancelled more than 165 flights, while Air India has scrapped approximately 65 services since Wednesday.

The Mumbai Flight Information Region (FIR), which typically handles about 750 international overflights daily, is now managing approximately 1,200, pushing the total daily traffic in Mumbai's airspace beyond 3,000 flights when combined with the airport's 900+ movements and domestic overflights.

"The entire northern international traffic of the country is funnelling through Mumbai's airspace," said a pilot who recently operated in the region.



The re-routing follows India's decision on Wednesday to shut down 25 international flight routes that would allow aircraft to enter Pakistani airspace via India.

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"Despite ten planes keying in together, the communication on the frequency is smooth. It is chaotic flying on the route as it is

new to the pilots, however the ATCOs have been calm and composed."

This dramatic rerouting fol-

lows India's decision on Wednesday to shut down 25 international flight routes that would allow aircraft to enter Pakistani airspace via India, part of broader restrictions affecting airports across five states including major facilities such as Srinagar, Amritsar, Jammu, Leh, and Chandigarh.

Mumbai's L301, the northernmost international overflight route over the Arabian Sea, now bears the brunt of the diverted traffic, while the N571 route has seen a 40% increase in flights. Route L639, which runs close to Karachi's airspace, was among those closed on Wednesday.

"Senior officials have been working extra hours to ensure the increased traffic is managed smoothly. Staffing levels have also been increased for every duty shift," said an official famil-

iar with the situation.

Controllers are also likely to be employing "over-the-shoulder monitoring"—a supervisory technique where experienced controllers observe their colleagues in real time to ensure safety during the high-traffic period, a former AAI official said, sharing insights on what typically happens during such periods.

Indian authorities have requested officials in Oman to reroute flights away from the congested L301 route while proactively redirecting departures from Pune, Nagpur, Kolkata, and Hyderabad to prevent further overcrowding, a third person said, asking not to be named.

The flight disruptions have dramatically extended journey times for both international and regional carriers.

Pakistani carriers face similar challenges. Pakistan International Airlines' Islamabad-Kuala Lumpur service (PK894) has increased from 5 hours 39 minutes to 8 hours 19 minutes, while its Lahore-Kuala Lumpur flight (PK898) now requires nearly 9 hours compared to the previous 5-hour journey.

Long-haul operations have been particularly affected.

Air India has rerouted most of its transatlantic services, adding both distance and complexity to operations. Routes to North America, which previously passed efficiently over Pakistan and into Central Asia, now divert south and west before looping north, necessitating fuel stops en route. The airline has designated Vienna and Copenhagen as primary refuelling points for these flights.



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Flights suspended at 32 airports till May 15

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 9

AMID THE major escalation in tensions with Pakistan over the past three days, India has announced temporary closure of 32 airports across northern and western India for civil aircraft operations till 5:29 am India time on May 15, according to a series of Notices to Airmen issued on Friday by aviation authorities.

Following India's precision strikes at nine locations in Pakistan early Wednesday, New Delhi had announced the closure of around 25 airports — close to the India-Pakistan border or housed at key Indian Air Force bases — initially till Saturday 5:29 am in order to keep civilian air traffic away from potential harm.

But with tensions escalating, the temporary closure of airports has been extended at least till May 15 morning, and a few more airports have been added to the list.

Barring a few, the majority of

these airports are located at defence airfields, with some seeing only a handful of commercial flights a day. Flight tracking data showed hardly any civilian aircraft activity north of Delhi and in much of Rajasthan and Gujarat, where sensitive airports close to the India-Pakistan border and Air Force stations are located. The affected airports include Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Ambala, Ludhiana, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Uttarlai, Rajkot, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Dharamshala, Bathinda, Patiala, Pathankot, Shimla, Kishangarh, Hindon, Porbandar, Mundra, and Kandla.

"All civil flight activities at these airports will remain suspended during this period. The Airports Authority of India has also extended the temporary closure of 25 segments of Air Traffic Service routes within the Delhi and Mumbai Flight Information Regions due to operational reasons," the Ministry of Civil Aviation said late Friday.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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PASSENGER FLIGHTS FROM SHUT AIRPORTS WILL NOT OPERATE TILL MAY 15



NEW DELHI : The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has extended the closure dates for 24 airports which had been shut for civilian operations after Operation Sindoor. They will remain closed upto May 14 now instead of the previous closure of May 10, as per the revised NOTAM (Notice to Airmen), issued by AAI, says a statement released by the Civil Aviation Ministry. However, multiple airlines announced to the public they would commence operations only after 5.29am of May 15 (a day later) in light of the revised directives issued by the Government to airlines. Indigo and Air India have released statements in this connection.

24 airports shut down

A statement from the Civil Aviation Ministry said this revised closure applies to the following 24 airports:

- Srinagar, Jammu (J&K)
- Amritsar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bhatinda, Halwara and Pathankot (Punjab)
- Bhuntar, Shimla & Kangra-Gaggal (Himachal)
- Kishangarh (Rajasthan)
- Leh (Ladakh)
- Mundra, Jamnagar, Hirasar, Porbandar, Keshod, Kandla & Bhuj (Gujarat)
- Jaisalmer, Jodhpur & Bikaner (Rajasthan)

(In addition to these airports, a few air force airfields too have been shut)



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32 airports in north and west India to stay closed till May 15

Saurabh Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: Thirty-two airports will remain temporarily closed for civil flight operations till 5.29 am on May 15, the DGCA said in a statement early Saturday morning. These airports are: Adhampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awantipur, Bathinda, Bhuj, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Halwara, Hindon, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra (Gaggal), Keshod, Kishangarh, Kullu Manali (Bhuntar), Leh, Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathankot, Patiala, Porbandar, Rajkot (Hirasar), Sarsawa, Shimla, Srinagar, Thoise and Uttarlai.

"The Airports Authority of India (AAI) and relevant aviation authorities have issued a series of Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) announcing the temporary closure of 32 airports across northern and western India for all civil flight operations, effective from May 9, 2025, to May 14, 2025 (which corresponds to 5.29 am on May 15, 2025), due to operational reasons. All civil flight activities at these airports will remain suspended during this period," the DGCA statement said.

AAI has also extended the temporary closure of 25 segments of Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes within the Delhi and Mumbai Flight Information Regions (FIRs) due to operational reasons. "As per NOTAM G0555/25 (which replaces G0525/25), the 25 route segments will remain unavailable from ground level to unlimited altitude until 5.29 am on



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May 15," it said.

DGCA has accordingly advised "airlines and flight operators to plan alternative routings as per current air traffic advisories. The temporary closure is being managed in coordination with relevant ATC units to ensure safety and minimise disruption."



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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Demand for naming Dibrugarh Airport after Dr Bhupen Hazarika



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, May 8: The Dibrugarh Press Club, Greater Dibrugarh Press Club, and Dibrugarh Sahitya Sabha have urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to name the Dibrugarh Airport at Mohanbari after cultural icon Dr Bhupen Hazarika.

In a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, the organizations mentioned that naming of the Dibrugarh Airport after Dr Bhupen Hazarika, would be a fitting tribute to his lega-

cy and would stand as a source of pride and inspiration for generations to come. It will also reinforce Assam's cultural and historical identity in the national and global landscape, they added.

The organizations submitted the memorandum through the District Commissioner here on Wednesday. They have also submitted copies of the memorandum to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and the Union Minister for Civil Aviation.



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AMAR UJALA

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एयरपोर्ट और स्टेडियम उड़ाने की फर्जी धमकी

नई दिल्ली। भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव के बीच पाकिस्तानी छलकपट का सहारा ले रहे हैं। शुक्रवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट और अरुण जेटली स्टेडियम को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी पाकिस्तान की ओर से भेजे गए। जांच में सब फर्जी पाया गया। जांच में पता चला कि आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट को यह धमकी एक्स पर पाकिस्तानी सेना के कथित आधिकारिक हैंडल से दी गई थी। वहीं डीडीसीए को धमकी भरा ईमेल 11:20 बजे मिला था। ब्यूरो

अज्ञात एयरपोर्ट की फोटो लगा दी गई धमकी : सोशल मीडिया एक्स पर पोस्ट में किसी अज्ञात एयरपोर्ट पर आग लगी फोटो लगाकर कहा गया, दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट को तुरंत खाली कर दो, इसे राख में बदल दिया जाएगा। इधर, डीडीसीए ने तुरंत मामले की सूचना जिला पुलिस को दी गई जांच में बम की धमकी अफवाह निकली।



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Civilian flight ops at 24 airports to remain suspended till May 15

Rohit Vaid

New Delhi

The Centre has extended the suspension of civilian flight operations at 24 airports till May 15 following continued hostilities with Pakistan.

Accordingly, a 'Notice to Airmen' (NOTAM) issued on Friday, covering the affected Flight Information Regions (FIRs) extended the suspension period from May 10 to 11.59 pm May 15, 2025.

The airports are located across various States and Union Territories, including Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat. As per the NOTAM, the suspension will be applicable at airports such as Leh, Jammu, Srinagar, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Jodhpur, Shimla and Rajkot, among others.

AIRLINES' STATEMENT

Air India, in a statement, said that following the notification from aviation authorities its flights to and from such stations were being cancelled "till 0529 hrs IST on 15 May, pending further updates." "Customers holding valid tickets for travel during this period will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations," it said. IndiGo said that in accordance with the latest directives, all flights to and from the airports concerned will remain cancelled until "0529 hours on May 15."



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

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Closure of 24 airports extended till May 15

BCAS orders stringent protocols for airlines, ports, cargo handlers

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 9 May

In the wake of rising India-Pakistan tensions, the government on Friday extended the closure of 24 airports across northern and western India from May 10 to May 15. These airports are in cities that include Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Jodhpur, Ludhiana, and Shimla. The airports have been shut since India conducted Operation Sindoor, which targeted multiple terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir on May 7.

According to the sources in the aviation industry, the extension will require airlines to cancel nearly 1,200 additional flights scheduled to and from these 24 airports. On May 7, 850 services were cancelled.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has ordered airlines, airports, and air cargo handlers to enforce "stringent" protocols. This includes physical screening of consignments, deploying cargo escorts, ensuring strict access control, and maintaining heightened vigilance for shipments from "high-risk" areas.

"These measures have been imple-



Security personnel check premises of Birsa Munda Airport during high alert in Ranchi on Friday

PHOTO: PTI

mented by the BCAS to ensure safety and security in the country. While they will be time-consuming, we will physically check each and every package to ensure there is nothing illegal or dangerous," CK Govil, president, Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACAAI), told *Business Standard*.

"We will make sure there is no pilferage during this process, as both the sender and receiver should not be inconvenienced in any way," added Govil, who is also the chief managing director of Activair Airfreight India.

In a directive to aviation stakeholders

on Thursday, the BCAS had stated that a "physical search" of cargo consignments must be conducted to detect the possible presence of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), incendiary devices (IIDs), and prohibited items.

All regulated agents and aircraft operators — domestic or foreign — must ensure that there are "appropriate security controls" in place before any cargo or mail is loaded onto a commercial plane, the aviation security regulator had mentioned.

Operators are required to verify the contents of each consignment against shipping documents and conduct a thorough visual inspection to detect signs of tampering, it added.

Cargo from "high-risk" areas must undergo multiple layers of screening, including x-ray with multi-view capabilities, physical searches, explosive trace detection (ETD), and explosive detection dogs (EDD). "Enhanced percentage of ETD checks for cargo consignments" has specifically been mandated.

The BCAS emphasised stricter "access control" to cargo premises and continuous surveillance at both cargo and General Aviation (GA) terminals. "Sterility of the cargo security hold areas shall be maintained at all times to prevent any unauthorised interference," the regulator mentioned. Additionally, security personnel must escort cargo and mail until loading, and staff involved in cargo handling are to receive "on the job awareness training". In light of persistent risks, supervisors and security coordinators have been told to "exercise ample vigilance and supervision", according to the BCAS.

These measures will remain in force till May 18.

भारत-पाक संघर्ष से रोजाना घरेलू हवाई यातायात का 11 प्रतिशत प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली, 9 मई (एजेंसियां)। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव बढ़ने के साथ ही देश के 24 हवाई अड्डों के बंद होने से रोजाना घरेलू हवाई यातायात का कम से कम 11 प्रतिशत प्रभावित हुआ है। यह जानकारी शुक्रवार को जारी एक डेटा से मिली है। इंडस्ट्री डेटा के अनुसार, डेली एवरेज डोमेस्टिक फ्लाइट्स अप्रैल में 3,265 से घटकर 8 मई तक 2,907 रह गईं। फ्लाइटरेडार24 डेटा के अनुसार, 9-10 मई को करीब 670 एयरलाइन रूट प्रभावित होंगे। इसमें बंद किए गए 24 हवाई अड्डों पर 334 इनकमिंग और 336 आउटगोइंग फ्लाइट्स शामिल हैं।

श्रीनगर, चंडीगढ़, अमृतसर, जम्मू व लेह के हवाई अड्डे सबसे अधिक प्रभावित रूट हैं। अन्य प्रभावित हवाई अड्डों में पटियाला, भुंनर, पठानकोट, बीकानेर, जैसलमेर, मुंद्रा, केशोद और राजकोट शामिल हैं। इंडस्ट्री डेटा के अनुसार, दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, कोलकाता और चेन्नई सहित कई शहरों में भी विमानों के आगमन में देरी हो रही है। फ्लाइटरेडार24 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, इन



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हवाई अड्डों से विमानों के प्रस्थान में अधिक व्यवधान आ रहा है।

इस बीच, दिल्ली में इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा शुक्रवार को ऑपरेशनल रहा। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डीआईएएल) ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है। हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और कड़ी सुरक्षा के कारण कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। कृपया नवीनतम अपडेट के लिए अपनी

एयर इंडिया ने की यात्रियों से एयरपोर्ट पर तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचने की अपील

नई दिल्ली। भारत-पाकिस्तान में तनाव बढ़ने के बीच एयर इंडिया ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे एयरपोर्ट पर निर्धारित प्रस्थान समय से कम से कम तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचें। सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में, एयरलाइन ने कहा कि एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा उपायों को बढ़ाने के लिए नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के आदेश के मद्देनजर, भारत भर के यात्रियों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे अपने-अपने एयरपोर्ट पर निर्धारित प्रस्थान से कम से कम तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचें ताकि सुचारू चेक-इन और बोर्डिंग सुनिश्चित हो सके। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि चेक-इन प्रस्थान से 75 मिनट पहले बंद हो जाता है। यह सलाह पाकिस्तान द्वारा जम्मू और पश्चिमी सीमा के पास कई सैन्य स्टेशनों को निशाना बनाकर किए गए हवाई हमलों के बाद आई है, जिन्हें भारत की एयर डिफेंस सिस्टम द्वारा सफलतापूर्वक विफल कर दिया गया था। ड्रोन और मिसाइलों से किए गए हमले के प्रयास ने जम्मू और कश्मीर, पंजाब और राजस्थान के कई इलाकों में ब्लैकआउट और सायरन बजा दिया। अधिकारियों ने निवासियों से घर के अंदर रहने और सतर्क रहने का आग्रह किया।

एयरलाइन से संपर्क करें।

डीआईएएल ने कहा कि हम किसी भी असुविधा को कम करने के लिए सभी हितधारकों के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं। लो-कॉस्ट एयरलाइन इंडिगो को 500

से अधिक उड़ानें रद्द होने का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। एयरलाइन ने एक्स पोस्ट में कहा कि आपकी सुरक्षा सर्वोपरि है और हम आपकी यात्रा को आसान बनाने में मदद करने के लिए यहां हैं।



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HYDERABAD

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90 flights from Hyd spiked, tourists put off or cancel plans

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HYDERABAD, MAY 8**

More than 90 flights that operate between Hyderabad and northern cities like Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh and Chandigarh have been cancelled until 5.29 am on May 10 due to airspace restrictions. The cancellations have come after a notification from aviation authorities and major airlines including Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet have suspended services.

These routes are especially busy during the summer season as many people travel to hill stations and tourist spots in the north.

On an average, Air India operates around 11 flights to Srinagar, 10 to Amritsar, 14 to Leh and around 4-5 to Jammu and 12 to Chandigarh from Hyderabad. IndiGo operates 10 flights to Srinagar, 11 to Amritsar, 11 to Leh and seven to Jammu.

In their travel advisories, airlines have asked passengers to check their flight status and have offered easy options for rebooking or refunds.

Air India in its advisory stated that flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot are cancelled until May 10 until 5.29 am. IndiGo also shared its advisory stating that flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Amritsar and Chandigarh are cancelled until the given time.

The cancellations have also had an impact on travel agencies. Anuradha Chetti, CEO of RT Tours and Travels (Hyderabad), said there has been a disruption due to the ongoing situation.

"Most of our clients who had booked tickets to Srinagar, Leh, Jammu and

AIRPORTS BAR VISITOR ENTRY, FLIERS TO REPORT 3 HOURS EARLY

New Delhi, Mumbai, May 8: The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday banned entry of visitors to the terminal building of airports and also made secondary ladder point checking compulsory for all flights as part of enhanced security arrangements.

Ensuring 100 per cent serviceability of all CCTVs at airports and "deployment of in-flight security officers in flights based on prioritisation/randomisation" are among the other directions.

Among other measures, the aviation security watchdog has called for thorough scrutiny of PNR, passenger and cargo manifest as well as full search of aircraft and catering services.

Airlines have asked passengers to arrive at the airports three hours before flight time to allow for enhanced checks and to ensure smooth check-in and boarding. "Check-in closes 75 mins before departure," Air India said. Akasa Air announced similar measures.

Amritsar have chosen to reschedule their trips after 15 to 20 days later, instead of cancelling them completely," she said. A few travellers, mainly corporate employees, have booked new tickets for travel after May 10, especially on May 11 and 12.

She said that a few schools had planned excursions to these northern destinations but have now postponed their trips or changed their plans.

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Several flights cancelled at Delhi airport due to closure of airspace

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Several flights scheduled for arrival and departures from Delhi Airport were cancelled on Thursday due to the closure of airspace, said airport sources.

These 90 cancelled flights include 46 domestic departures and 33 domestic arrival flights while it included five international departure and six international arrival flights. These cancelled flights were scheduled between 8 am and 2 pm.

This comes in the aftermath of the Indian Armed Forces' Operation Sindoor against Pakistan. As per the central government, 21 airports in North and North-western India will remain shut till May 10.

Several major cities across northern India have been placed on high alert. As part of heightened security measures, several airports across India have been shut down until further notice.

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announced the cancellation of flight operations to and from six airports in northern India, following airport closures implemented amid heightened security in the wake of Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

In its travel advisory posted on social media platform X, SpiceJet stated that Leh, Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Kandla, and Dharamshala airports are currently shut, and all flight operations to

and from these cities remain suspended till 5:29 am IST on May 10.

Earlier, IndiGo cancelled its flight operations in 11 cities across north, north-western, and central India until May 10, following aviation authorities' directives regarding airport closures.

IndiGo in its travel advisory stated that Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Gwalior, Kishangarh, and Rajkot are

the affected cities where flight operations have been cancelled till 5:29 am IST on May 10.

The Delhi Airport also issued an advisory for travellers after India carried out precise strikes overnight against nine targets in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) to take down terror infrastructure on Wednesday.

After India executed Operation Sindoor in which nine terror sites deep inside Pakistan were destroyed, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets on the night of May 7. The military targets were engaged in Northern and Western India, including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles.

These were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems. The debris of these attacks is now being recovered from a number of locations that prove the Pakistani attacks.



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49 flights cancelled over two days at KIA

BENGALURU, DHNS: Owing to the shutdown of over 20 airports across the country, a total of 49 flights have been cancelled at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru, over the past two days.

On Wednesday, 29 flights — 15 arrivals and 14 departures — were cancelled, while on Thursday, 20 flights — 11 arrivals and nine departures — were called off.

Over 2,500 passengers were affected on Thursday alone.



देश के 32 हवाई अड्डे 15 मई तक बंद

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : श्रीनगर और चंडीगढ़ समेत देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी हिस्सों में कम से कम 32 हवाई अड्डों को 15 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया है। इससे पहले भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर इन हवाई अड्डों को 10 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया था।

एयरलाइनों ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि 15 मई तक हवाई अड्डों के अस्थायी रूप से बंद होने के कारण उनकी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। सूत्रों ने कहा कि 15 मई की सुबह पांच बजे तक 29 मिनट तक कम से कम 32 हवाई अड्डों को नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया है।

एअर इंडिया ने एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि कई हवाई अड्डों के बंद रहने के बारे में विमानन अधिकारियों की अधिसूचना के बाद जम्मू, श्रीनगर, लेह, जोधपुर, अमृतसर, चंडीगढ़, भुज, जामनगर और राजकोट के लिए कंपनी की उड़ानें 15 मई को सुबह पांच बजे तक 29 मिनट तक रद्द की जा रही हैं। इस अवधि के दौरान यात्रा के लिए वैध टिकट रखने वाले ग्राहकों को पुनर्निर्धारण शुल्क पर एक बार छूट दी जाएगी या टिकट रद्द करने पर पूर्ण धन वापसी की पेशकश की जाएगी। इंडिगो ने पोस्ट किया कि अधिकारियों के नवीनतम निर्देशों के अनुसार, 15 मई को सुबह पांच बजे तक 29 मिनट तक 10 गंतव्यों के लिए सभी उड़ानें रद्द



पटना में जयप्रकाश नारायण अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सीआइएसएफ ने यात्री के सामान की जांच की • फाइल

- भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर उठाया कदम
- हवाई अड्डे बंद होने के कारण एयरलाइनों ने उड़ानें रद्द की

हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाई गई

देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा के कड़े इंतजाम किए गए हैं और कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। एयरलाइनों ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे अपनी उड़ान के निर्धारित प्रस्थान से पहले ही हवाई अड्डों पर पहुंच जाएं। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में देश के सबसे बड़े और व्यस्ततम हवाई अड्डे आइजीआइए ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि परिचालन सामान्य है। हालांकि, हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और सुरक्षा उपायों के कारण कुछ उड़ानों के कार्यक्रम और सुरक्षा जांच समय पर असर पड़ा है।

रहेगी, क्योंकि हवाई अड्डे अस्थायी रूप से बंद हैं। पटना से चंडीगढ़ और गाजियाबाद के बीच शुक्रवार को भी विमानों का परिचालन नहीं हुआ। सुबह सवा नौ बजे आने वाली इंडिगो की विमान संख्या 6ई6394 चंडीगढ़ से उड़ान नहीं भर सकी। इसी फ्लाइट को पटना से

इन हवाई अड्डों को नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद किया गया

प्रभावित हवाई अड्डों में आदमपुर, अंबाला, अमृतसर, अवतीपुर, बठिंडा, भुज, बीकानेर, चंडीगढ़, हलवारा, हिंडन, जम्मू, जैसलमेर, जामनगर, जोधपुर, कांडला, कांगड़ा (गंगल), केशोद, किशनगढ़, कुल्लू मनाली (भुंतर) और लेह हैं। नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय के अनुसार, लुधियाना, मुंद्रा, नलिया, पटानकोट, पटियाला, पोरबंदर, राजकोट (हीरासर), सरसावा, शिमला, श्रीनगर, थोइस और उत्तरलाई को भी नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया है।

भुवनेश्वर जाना था, फिर यह विमान वापस यहां आता। लिहाजा, पटना-भुवनेश्वर-पटना का परिचालन भी नहीं हो सका। इसी प्रकार अपराह्न 4:25 बजे गाजियाबाद से आने वाली एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट संख्या आइएक्स-1519 वहीं से रद्द कर दी गई।

सतर्कता

भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर उठाया कदम, हवाई अड्डे बंद होने के कारण एयरलाइनों ने उड़ानें रद की

देश के 24 हवाई अड्डे 15 मई तक नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद

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हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाई गई

देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा के कड़े इंतजाम किए गए हैं और कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। एयरलाइनों ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे अपनी उड़ान के निर्धारित प्रस्थान से पहले ही हवाई अड्डों पर पहुंच जाएं। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में देश के सबसे बड़े और व्यस्ततम हवाई अड्डे आइजीआइए ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि परिचालन सामान्य है। हालांकि, हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और सुरक्षा उपायों के कारण कुछ उड़ानों के कार्यक्रम और सुरक्षा जांच समय पर असर पड़ा है।

के लिए वैध टिकट रखने वाले ग्राहकों को पुनर्निर्धारण शुल्क पर एक बार छूट दी जाएगी या टिकट रद करने पर पूर्ण धन वापसी की पेशकश की जाएगी। इंडिगो ने पोस्ट किया कि अधिकारियों के नवीनतम निर्देशों के अनुसार, 15 मई को सुबह पांच बजकर 29 मिनट तक 10 गंतव्यों के लिए

इन्हें बंद किया गया

प्रभावित हवाई अड्डों में पंजाब के अमृतसर, लुधियाना, पटियाला, बटिंडा, हलवारा और पटानकोट, हिमाचल प्रदेश के भुंतर, शिमला और कांगड़ा-गंगल, केंद्र शासित प्रदेश चंडीगढ़, जम्मू-कश्मीर के श्रीनगर और जम्मू, लद्दाख के लेह, राजस्थान के किशनगढ़, जैसलमेर, जोधपुर और बीकानेर तथा गुजरात के मुंद्रा, जामनगर, हीरासर, पोरबंदर, केशोद, कांडला और भुज शामिल हैं।

सभी उड़ानें रद रहेंगी, क्योंकि हवाई अड्डे अस्थायी रूप से बंद हैं।

पटना से चंडीगढ़ और गाजियाबाद के बीच शुक्रवार को भी विमानों का परिचालन नहीं हुआ। सुबह सवा नौ बजे आने वाली इंडिगो की विमान संख्या 6ई6394 चंडीगढ़ से उड़ान नहीं भर सकी। इसी फ्लाइट को

आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 138 उड़ानें रद, 61 में देरी

जासं, नई दिल्ली: 'शुक्रवार को भी आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 138 उड़ानें रद कर दी गईं, जबकि 61 उड़ानों में देरी दर्ज की गई। रद उड़ानों में नौ अंतरराष्ट्रीय और 129 घरेलू उड़ानें शामिल हैं। रद की गई उड़ानों में (नौ अंतरराष्ट्रीय, 129 घरेलू) शामिल हैं। ज्यादातर उड़ानें जम्मू, श्रीनगर, लेह समेत 10 शहरों की हैं। इसके अलावा अलग-अलग शहरों से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों को निलंबित भी किया गया है। 61 उड़ानों (29 अंतरराष्ट्रीय, 31 घरेलू) में देरी हुई।

पटना से भुवनेश्वर जाना था, फिर यह विमान वापस यहां आता। लिहाजा, पटना-भुवनेश्वर-पटना का परिचालन भी नहीं हो सका। इसी प्रकार अपराह्न 4:25 बजे गाजियाबाद से आने वाली एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट संख्या आइएक्स-1519 वहीं से रद कर दी गई।

FLYING FROM CSMIA TO COST MORE FROM MAY 16

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority has accepted Mumbai International Airport Ltd proposal to hike user development fee for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)

March 18 FPJ was first to report about hike plan

Up to ₹745

Charge per embarking passenger at non-major airports



Considering scale of operations and infrastructure usage at CSMIA, it's reasonable to recover portion of aggregate revenue requirement from the levy

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority

Proposal made on March 17

Airport sought to introduce ₹325 fee for domestic travellers

It suggested to increase levy from ₹187 to ₹650 for international flyers

More about user development fee

Levy provides for passenger amenities, services and facilities

Purpose Development, management, maintenance, operation, expansion of facilities

May 7 Proposal approved by Airports Economic Regulatory Authority

Tried to balance hike with 35% cut in landing, parking charges for airlines, says airport operator

No fee difference based on terminal, it clarifies

Text: Dhairya Gajara



Mumbai airport monsoon-ready

Mumbai airport on Thursday concluded its scheduled runway maintenance, making the facility monsoon-ready. In a six-hour operation, it inspected both the runways and restored them to optimal condition. From 11am to 5pm, more than 3,000 runway lights were inspected apart from other key works.



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MUMBAI

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Arrive at airports 3 hours before departure: Airlines

New Delhi: Air India and Indigo has issued a nationwide travel advisory asking passengers to arrive at airports at least three hours before their scheduled departures. The advisory follows a directive from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security to implement enhanced security protocols at airports in the country. Check-in counters will now close 75 minutes prior to departure.

As a result of heightened military activity, commercial flight operations have been disrupted, particularly in regions close to the border. Airports in Jodhpur, Amritsar, Leh, Jammu, and Kashmir have seen cancellations and delays, with travel agents

X blocks 8,000 accounts

Social media platform X has begun blocking access to more than 8,000 accounts in India, following executive orders from the Indian government that include threats of substantial fines and jail time for the company's local employees if non-compliance continues. The directive impacts a wide range of accounts, including those operated by international news organizations and prominent users. X (formerly Twitter) said it was complying to avoid a broader shutdown of its platform in India but strongly criticised the lack of transparency behind the government's move. "This is not an easy decision," the company said in a statement posted on its Global Government Affairs account. "However, keeping the platform accessible in India is vital to Indians' ability to access information."

expressing uncertainty about when normal operations might resume.

Passengers are advised to check regularly with airlines and

airport authorities, and to allow additional time for travel as heightened security measures are expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future.



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9 MAY 2025

Six Gujarat airports shut, flights at Ahmedabad airport too affected

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AHMEDABAD

Flight operations at six airports across Gujarat were suspended on Thursday amid heightened national security following India's Operation Sindoor. The affected airports — Rajkot, Keshod, Bhuj, Kandla, Jamnagar, and Porbandar — are expected to resume services from Saturday, May 10.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in

Ahmedabad remained operational throughout the day, although several flights experienced delays and cancellations. More than 10 flights were cancelled, and over two dozen schedules were disrupted.

The temporary shutdown of the six civilian airports led to the cancellation of approximately 430 flights across Gujarat, particularly in Rajkot, Jamnagar, and Bhuj. An advisory issued by Air India confirmed the

suspension of flights to and from Bhuj, Jamnagar, Rajkot, as well as Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, and Chandigarh until the morning of May 10.

"Flights might be affected due to nationwide airport closures and airspace restrictions," stated a notice issued by Ahmedabad airport, advising passengers to check with their respective airlines for real-time updates.

Indigo Airlines reported the highest number of cancellations, with around 160 flights affected.

Across the country, flight operations were impacted at over 180 airports. High-alert restrictions have been imposed in northern regions including the Kashmir Valley, Srinagar, Leh, Jammu, and Amritsar, where airports have been closed until further notice. However, military and security operations at these airports continue without interruption. In Gujarat, civilian airports at Surat, Vadodara and Bhavnagar remained functional as well.



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Flights from Gwalior airport suspended till May 9

FP News Service

GWALIOR

Services at Gwalior's Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Airport were suspended for all civilian and commercial flights until May 9, following heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. The high alert was also declared in the nearby regions. According to authorities, the airport shares its runway with the Maharajpura airbase, from where India launched its Balakot airstrike in February 2019. Gwalior Airport director Kashinath Yadav requested passengers to follow the issued guidelines and cooperate to prevent any inconvenience.

The Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Airport was inaugurated last year in March by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The very airport holds the record for fast pace completion within 16 months.



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

10 MAY 2025

देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ी

सतर्कता

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) के निर्देश पर देश भर के सभी हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बढ़ा दी गई है। एयरपोर्ट आने वाले यात्रियों की दोहरी जांच की जा रही है।

बीसीएस के निर्देश पर एयरपोर्ट परिसर पहुंचने वालों की औचक जांच भी की जा रही है। यात्रियों को छोड़ने व लेने आने वाले वाहनों की भी चेकिंग की जा रही। उधर, शुक्रवार को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 129 घरेलू और 9 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द रहीं। सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर 24 से अधिक हवाई अड्डों को

हर विमान की गंभीरता से निगरानी

बीसीएस ने गुरुवार रात को देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बढ़ाने के निर्देश दिए थे। इसके बाद दिल्ली, मुंबई, जयपुर, अहमदाबाद समेत देश के सभी हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा के अतिरिक्त इंतजाम किए गए हैं। एयरपोर्ट से उड़ने वाले हर विमान पर नजर रखी जा रही। प्राइवेट जेट से लेकर माइक्रो लाइट एयरक्रॉफ्ट की निगरानी हो रही। कुछ एयरपोर्ट पर अतिरिक्त सीसीटीवी कैमरे भी लगाए गए हैं।

पूरी तरह से बंद रखा गया है। पहलगाम हमले के बाद से सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर विमान कंपनियों ने 10 मई की सुबह साढ़े पांच तक अपनी उड़ान सेवा को रद्द किया था लेकिन अब विमानन कंपनियों ने 10 मई की मध्य रात्रि तक उड़ान सेवा को रद्द कर दिया है।

इंडिगो की तरफ से जानकारी दी गई कि श्रीनगर, जम्मू, अमृतसर, लेह,

चंडीगढ़, धर्मशाला, बीकानेर, जोधपुर, किशनगढ़ और राजकोट की उड़ान सेवा अब 10 मई की रात 23:49 मिनट तक रद्द रहेगी।

बाकी विमानन कंपनियां भी समय सीमा को बढ़ाने जा रही हैं। सूत्रों का कहना है कि मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए 10 मई के बाद भी उड़ान सेवा को स्थगित किए जाने के आसार हैं।



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गृह मंत्री ने हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा का जायजा लिया

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने शुक्रवार को पाक के साथ लगती भारत की सीमा और देश के हवाई अड्डों पर मौजूदा स्थिति की समीक्षा की। बैठक में केंद्रीय गृह सचिव गोविंद मोहन, खुफिया ब्यूरो के निदेशक तपन डेका व बीएसएफ, सीआईएसएफ एवं नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के महानिदेशक शामिल हुए।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि गृहमंत्री अमित शाह ने भारत एवं पाकिस्तान की सीमा पर सुरक्षा संबंधी स्थिति की समीक्षा करने के अलावा देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों का भी जायजा लिया। सीमा सुरक्षा बल भारत-पाक सीमा की सुरक्षा करता है तथा केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल



अमित शाह ने मौजूदा हालात पर शीर्ष अफसरों संग बैठक की

(सीआईएसएफ) देश के हवाई अड्डों, मेट्रो नेटवर्क आदि महत्वपूर्ण प्रतिष्ठानों की सुरक्षा का जिम्मा संभालता है। सूत्रों का कहना है कि सीमा पर बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर यह बैठक काफी महत्वपूर्ण है। पाकिस्तान ने एलओसी के अलावा जम्मू की तरफ अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा पर भी गोलाबारी की है। इसका बीएसएफ ने मुंहतोड़ जवाब दिया है। इसके अलावा इंटरनेशनल बार्डर - आईबी की तरफ से घुसपैठ की भी कोशिश हो रही है।



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दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 148 विमानों ने उड़ान नहीं भरी

संकट

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच युद्ध जैसे हालात के बीच दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे से शुक्रवार को तकरीबन 148 घरलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को रद्द कर दिया गया।

रद्द उड़ानों में सर्वाधिक उड़ानें दस शहरों पंजाब, राजस्थान और जम्मू एंड कश्मीर राज्यों को जाने वाली घरलू उड़ानें हैं। हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था भी बढ़ा दी गई है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ने यात्रियों से अपील की है कि वह यात्रा करने से पहले अपनी फ्लाइट की स्थिति जरूर जांच लें।



नई दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से शुक्रवार को कई विमानों का परिचालन नहीं होने के कारण यात्री परेशान नजर आए। • सोनू मेहता

Closure of 32 airports extended till May 15 amid border conflict

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NEW DELHI: The Union government has extended the temporary closure of 32 airports in northern and western parts of the country for civil aircraft operations by four days till May 15, according to a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) issued on Friday, with the development coming amid major escalation in tension with Pakistan over the past few days.

The notice issued by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said the airports would remain closed until 5.29am on May 15.

Earlier, 24 airports, which are either located close to Pakistan borders or are situated near key defence bases, were closed for civilian flights till May 10.

The affected airports, according to the NOTAM, include Adampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awantipur, Bathinda, Bhuj, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Halwara, Hindon, and Jammu. Other airports are Jaisalmer, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra (Gaggal), Keshod, Kishangarh, Kullu Manali (Bhuntar), and Leh.

The DGCA release said Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathankot, Patiala, Porbandar, Rajkot (Hir-



Security personnel keep vigil at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel airport in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

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asar), Sarsawa, Shimla, Srinagar, Thoise and Uttarlai are the remaining airports to be shut.

The AAI has also extended the temporary closure of 25 segments of Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes within the Delhi and Mumbai Flight Information Regions (FIRs) due to "operational reasons". "The 25 route segments will remain unavailable from ground level to unlimited altitude until 2359 UTC on 14th May 2025 (which corresponds to 0529 IST on 15th May 2025)," DGCA said.

Earlier, 24 airports across different states and UTs were shut

following Indian armed forces' precision strikes at nine terrorist targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) as part of Operation Sindoor in the early hours on May 7. The operation was in retaliation to the April 22 attack by Pakistan-linked terrorists in Pahalgam, killing 26 civilians. "Following a notification from aviation authorities on continued closure of multiple airports in India, Air India flights to and from the following stations — Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Bhuj, Jamnagar and Rajkot — are being

cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 15 May, pending further updates," Air India said in a post on X.

Customers holding valid tickets for travel during this period would be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations, the airline added.

Low-cost airline IndiGo, too, informed its passengers about the extension of airports' closure, saying all flights to and from 10 destinations — Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharmsala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Kishangarh and Rajkot — are cancelled till 5.29am on May 15 due to temporary airport closures. It added that bookings made on or before May 8 are eligible for change/cancellation fee waiver for travel until May 22, 2025, to and from the 10 aforementioned airports. Airlines also asked passengers to report early for their flights in wake of heightened security measures, including 100% pre-boarding secondary checks for flyers. The step has been taken after the security wing of civil aviation ministry — Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) — on Thursday issued an advisory, mandating stricter security protocols at airports across the country amid

escalating tensions with Pakistan.

The new security measures, effective until May 18, bar visitors from entering airport buildings and suspend the sale of visitor tickets. Additional passenger and baggage checks will be conducted at boarding gates for all flights, on top of the regular security screenings. "In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers across India are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least 3 hours prior to scheduled departure to ensure smooth check-in and boarding. Check-in closes 75 mins before departure," Air India said on X.

Meanwhile, the Delhi airport said that due to changing airspace dynamics and enhanced security protocols, some flight schedules and processing times may be affected. "Passengers are advised to: Follow updates and instructions provided by their respective airlines; Comply with hand baggage and check-in luggage regulations; allow extra time for security checks due to heightened measures; cooperate with airline and security personnel for smooth facilitation," it posted on X.



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{ OVER 200 FLIGHTS DELAYED } NORTHERNMOST AIRPORT STILL OPEN TO CIVILIANS BESIDES DEHRADUN

IGI airport sees 130+ cancellations, extra security, elaborate checking



Fliers check their flight schedules at T3 on Friday.

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NEW DELHI: As many as 138 flights at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport were cancelled between 5am and 2.30pm on Friday due to airspace restrictions amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, officials said.

Security has also been beefed up at the airport, which is one of the two northernmost operational passenger airports, with additional security measures put in place — as mandated by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) late on Thursday night. The other airport is Dehradun.

Notably, IGIA is the only major

airport in north India that is operational after the civil aviation ministry on Thursday informed that 24 airports were so far closed for civil flight operations. Airports in a few neighbouring cities such as Dehradun, Lucknow, and Jaipur, among others, are also functioning as of now.

Besides the cancelled flights — 129 domestic and nine international — over 200 flights were delayed at the airport, data from the website FlightRadar24 showed.

The cancelled international flights were on the routes connecting Delhi to Almaty, Tashkent and Jeddah. However, one flight from Delhi to Addis Abbas was cancelled due to a technical reason,

the official said.

“Delhi airport operations remain normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and strengthened security measures, there may be impact to some flight schedules and longer processing times at security checkpoints,” the Delhi airport said in a statement.

Meanwhile, airlines asked passengers to reach the airport at least three hours before the scheduled time.

“In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers across India are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least three hours prior to scheduled departure to

ensure smooth check-in and boarding. Check-in closes 75 minutes before departure,” Air India said on X. A similar statement was issued by Akasa Airlines.

On Thursday, over 90 flights were cancelled at IGI Airport, with over 200 delayed.

BCAS has instructed that operational airports ramp up security measures and carry out additional checks.

It also directed to include secondary ladder point checking (SLPC) at all airports. Further, the entry of visitors in the terminal has been stopped and additional security checks of vehicles and passengers outside the terminal will also be carried out, the directions mentioned.



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Flying out of city to be costlier from May 16

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MUMBAI: Starting May 16, flying out of Mumbai will cost more, with the revised User Development Fee (UDF) approved by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA). A UDF is a fee levied on passengers to fund the development, maintenance and modernisation of airport infrastructure.

According to the revised UDF, departing domestic passengers will have to pay ₹175 each, a nominal increase of ₹55. This section of travellers comprises 75% of the total passenger air traffic at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport.

The revised UDF for international passengers has been rationalised with a differential rate for economy and business-class travellers. Departing international passengers in economy class will pay ₹615 each, while departing international passengers in business class will be charged ₹695 per passenger.

The Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) had submitted a higher levy structure, said AERA, which "after a comprehensive due diligence has arrived at a significantly lower Aggregate Revenue Requirement that would result in a nominal increase of 21.65% over the existing



T2 Mumbai airport HT PHOTO

Revised User Development Fee

DOMESTIC

Embarking: ₹175
Disembarking: ₹75

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY CLASS

Embarking: ₹615
Disembarking: ₹260

BUSINESS CLASS

Embarking: ₹695
Disembarking: ₹304

airport charges."

MIAL anticipates 229 million passengers over the next five years. The authority did not respond to HT's requests for a comment on the revised UDF.



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Airport sees cancellation of 138 flights

NEW DELHI: As many as 138 flights to and from the Delhi airport were cancelled by various airlines on Friday, according to a source.

In the wake of rising tensions between India and Pakistan, security measures have also been enhanced at airports. As a result of the closure of the airports, many flights have been cancelled.

A total of 66 domestic departures and 63 arrivals, as well as 5 international departures and 4 arrivals, were cancelled between 5 am and 2 pm on Friday, the source said. "Delhi airport operations remain normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and heightened security measures, some flight schedules and security processing timings may be impacted," DIAL said in a post on X on Friday. **MPOST**



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At least 24 air-ports closed for flights till May 15

NEW DELHI: At least 24 air-ports in northern and western parts of the country, including Srinagar and Chandigarh, have been shut for civilian flights till May 15, sources said on Friday.

Earlier, these airports were closed for civilian flights till May 10 in view of the military conflict between India and Pakistan.

The sources said at least 24 airports have been closed for civilian flights till 05:29 hours of May 15.

The airports include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishengarh, Patiala, Shimla, Dharamsala, and Bathinda.

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Airport closures extended

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

The Centre on Friday extended the closure of 24 airports in northern and western parts of the country until May 15 leading to major disruptions in air travel. Airports including Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishengarh, Patiala, Shimla, Dharamsala, Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Leh, Bikaner, Pathankot, Jammu, Jamnagar, Porbander and Bhuj are among others, which have been temporarily closed for civilian flights.

Several airlines have also issued travel advisories for passengers and asked for them to remain updated on airport closures and enhanced security protocols. Air India in a post on X on Friday stated, "Following a notification from aviation authorities on continued closure of multiple airports in India, Air India flights to and from the following stations — Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Bhuj, Jamnagar and Rajkot — are being cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 15 May, pending further updates."

Air India also said customers holding valid tickets for travel during this period will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations.

In a post on X, IndiGo said in accordance with the latest directives from the relevant authorities, all flights to and from 10 destinations will remain cancelled until 0529 hours on May 15 due to temporary airport closures.

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Airports closed till May 15

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"Delhi airport operations remain normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and heightened security measures, some flight schedules and security processing timings may be impacted," Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) said in a post on X on Friday.

DIAL operates IGIA, which is the country's largest and busiest airport. DIAL also advised passengers to be prepared for additional time at security checkpoints and cooperate with airline and security staff for smooth processing.

With security being stepped up at the airports, airlines have asked passengers to reach the airport three hours before departure of domestic flights in the wake of stepping up of checks and other security measures at the airports. "Delhi airport operations remain normal."

Mumbai airport operator MIAL, in a post on X said that in view of enhanced security measures, passengers may experience longer wait times at the airport.

"We recommend arriving well in advance to ensure a smooth travel experience," it added.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has earlier instructed all airlines and airports across the country to enhance security measures. "In view of the recent attack in Pahalgam and subsequent surcharged security scenario, it is necessary to enhance security measures at all the civil aviation installations like airports, airstrips, airfields, air force stations, helipads, flying schools, aviation training institutes... So that no untoward incident takes place in the country," BCAS said in an advisory on Thursday. As part of stepping up security arrangements, the agency has made Secondary Ladder Point Checking (SLPC) compulsory for all flights at all airports.

Generally, it refers to checking passengers and their hand baggage just before boarding a flight. This is in addition to the primary security checks. Besides, the entry of visitors to the terminal building of the airports and the sale of visitor entry tickets have been banned.

The military conflict between India and Pakistan has intensified. Under Operation Sindoor, armed forces had carried out strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Wednesday in retaliation against the Pahalgam terror attack that had killed at least 26 people last month.

Mumbai Airport: Steep hike in UDF for international flying

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

Passengers flying in and out of the Mumbai International Airport will have to shell out up to ₹695 as a user development fee from May 16 following the airport tariff regulator airports economic regulatory authority of India (AERA) allowing the airport operator to revise the fee.

Earlier, a charge of ₹120 per departing domestic passenger was levied till August 2024 in the form of development fees while international passengers pay ₹187 as UDF.

As per the new tariff order, which will be applicable for the fourth traffic control period (FY 2024-2029), each embarking domestic passenger will pay ₹175 as User Development Fee (UDF) and ₹75 for disembarking while an embarking international business class passenger will have to shell out ₹695 as against ₹615 by the international embarking economy class passenger, as per AERA.

Each disembarking international business and economy class passenger will have to pay ₹304 and ₹260, respectively.

The AERA has the mandate to determine all tariffs for major airports in the country.

An airport which has or is designated to have a capacity of 3.5 million passengers per annum or above falls in the category of major airports.

AERA said it has decided to set the User Development Fee (UDF) for domestic passengers at the rate of ₹175 per departing domestic passenger, which will remain constant throughout the Fourth Control



Period, adding the UDF has been set nominally at ₹175 for domestic air passengers who comprise 75 per cent of the total passenger air traffic at CSMI Airport, "underscoring the commitment to protect passenger interests, ensure affordability, and foster growth in the domestic aviation sector."

It also said that the adjustment (two tied UDF for business class in international travel) aligns with the "User Pays" princi-

ple and reflects the enhanced passenger experience and expanded facilities available and used by international travellers.

The landing and parking charges for the airlines have also been rationalised downwards and kept at reasonable levels, considering competitive airport charges at similar airports to ensure that airline operations are not unduly burdened, and that operational efficiency is maintained, according to the airport tariff regulator.

AERA also said that after a comprehensive review of stakeholder inputs and based on its analysis, prudence check and due diligence of the MYTP of the airport operator, it has arrived at a yield per Passenger (YPP) of ₹442 per departing passenger for MIAL for the Fourth Control Period, which was then suitably apportioned between landing and parking charges, UDF and other airport charges.

UDF now has been determined for both embarking and disembarking passengers as a significant portion of the airport infrastructure including aero bridges, travelers, conveyor belt, and arrival facilities inside the terminal building are also being used by both embarking and disembarking passengers, it said.

Therefore, distributing the overall UDF charges between embarking and disembarking passengers in a suitable proportion of their actual usage of airport facilities would lead to an equitable distribution of the tariff burden amongst the users of the airport and would also spread out the costs amongst all airport users, AERA said.

The tariff so determined by airports economic regulatory authority of India airports economic regulatory authority of India (AERA) matches this yield per departing passenger, it said, adding an important issue included in the tariff proposal of MIAL for the fourth control period was the demolition and re-construction of Terminal T1 with 20 MPPA capacity in accordance with the Master Plan of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport.



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हवाई अड्डों पर कड़े सुरक्षा प्रबंध

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा के कड़े प्रबंध किए गए हैं और हवाई क्षेत्र से संबंधित प्रतिबंधों के कारण कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि विमानन कंपनियों ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे अपनी उड़ान के निर्धारित प्रस्थान से काफी पहले हवाई अड्डे पर पहुंचें। भारत-पाकिस्तान में बढ़ते तनाव के बीच, नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो ने सभी उड़ानों के लिए 'सेकेंडरी लैंडर पॉइंट चेकिंग' अनिवार्य कर दी है, हवाई अड्डों के टर्मिनल भवनों में आगंतुकों पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है और समग्र रूप से सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी है। दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) ने कहा, 'दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है। हालांकि, हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और सुरक्षा उपाय बढ़ाने के कारण कुछ उड़ानों का कार्यक्रम प्रभावित हो सकता है। 'डायल' राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआईए) का संचालन करता है, जो देश का सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डा है।

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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

DELHI

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दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे ने कहा है कि उसका परिचालन सामान्य है और हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों समेत कड़ी सुरक्षा के कारण कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) ने सुरक्षा व्यवस्था बढ़ा दी है।

इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का संचालन करने वाली दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) ने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स पर

एक पोस्ट में कहा कि हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है, जबकि हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और कड़ी सुरक्षा के कारण कुछ उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। डायल ने कहा कृपया नवीनतम अद्यतन के लिए अपनी विमानन कंपनी से संपर्क करें। हम सभी से आग्रह करते हैं कि वे केवल आधिकारिक स्रोतों पर ही भरोसा करें और असत्यापित जानकारी साझा करने से बचें। हम किसी भी असुविधा को कम करने के लिए सभी हितधारकों के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं।



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THE STATESMAN

KOLKATA

9 MAY 2025

Drone, UAV flights banned in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh after Pakistan's failed attempt to target IAF stations

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, 8 MAY

Authorities on Thursday banned flying of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles by the general public and tourists across Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh after the Indian Armed Forces foiled Pakistan's attempt to target Srinagar, Jammu, and Awantipura IAF stations with drones and missiles on Wednesday night.

An official said the Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems neutralised these attempts.

Leh DM Santosh Sukhadeve on Thursday prohibited drone and UAV flights in the region under Section 163 of the BNSS, even as restrictions were already in force in various J&K districts.



The DM cited credible inputs and security concerns over the potential misuse of drones and UAVs by anti-social elements.

In view of the likelihood of threats to public safety, security installations, and the general public, the Superintendent of Police, Leh, vide letter No. CRB/Crime/2025-10071-74, dated. 08.05.2025, requested issuing orders prohibiting drone/UAV flights

by the public and tourists, the DM said.

The DM has ordered that any person spotting a drone or UAV flying in violation of this order shall immediately report it to the Police Control Room (PCR), Emergency

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Response Support System (ERSS), or the nearest police and civil authorities.

Any violation of this order shall attract strict legal action under relevant laws, he warned.

It is worth mentioning

that the Jammu IAF station, near the Pakistan border, was targeted by a drone in June 2021 when two 2-kg Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were dropped, damaging a building.

The Air Traffic Control (ATC) and helicopters were the intended targets, but the IEDs fell elsewhere.

Pakistani agencies have been using drones to supply arms, ammunition, narcotics, and fake currency to terrorists across the Line of Control (LoC), the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir, and the neighbouring Punjab.

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KOLKATA

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27 airports closed

**AMIYA KUMAR
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New Delhi: The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday instructed all airlines and airports across the country to enhance security measures, sources said, while the government added the airports in Kishangarh (Rajasthan), Bhuntar (Kullu) and Ludhiana to the list of such closed facilities.

According to sources, the ministry of civil aviation has closed 27 airports, including Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Patiala, Shimla, Kangra-Gaggal, Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Halwara, Pathankot, Jammu, Leh, Mundra (Adani), Jamnagar, Hirasar (Rajkot), Porbandar, Keshod, Kandla and Bhuj.

The airports were closed by a notice to airmen (NOTAM).

According to sources, the BCAS has instructed that all airports undergo secondary



A soldier keeps vigil at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad on Thursday.
(PTI)

ladder point security checks or pre-boarding checks.

Air India has urged its passengers to reach airports at least three hours prior to the scheduled departure to ensure smooth check-in and boarding.

"Check-in closes 75 minutes before departure," Air India posted on X.



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DELHI

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Security stays tight at Delhi airport; 138 flights cancelled, 200 delayed



TRAVEL PLANS GO HAYWIRE

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid escalating Indo-Pak tension, flight operations continued to be impacted at Indira Gandhi International Airport. At least 129 domestic flights and nine international flights were cancelled on Friday. Strengthened security measures came into force, which were mandated by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on Thursday night. According to FlightRadar24, over 200 flights were delayed.

An airport official said that of the 129 cancelled domestic flights from 5 am to 2.30 pm, 66 were departures and 63 arrivals. Out of the nine international flights, four were arrivals and four departures. The international flights cancelled on Friday were on the routes connecting Delhi to Almaty, Tashkent and Jeddah. However, one flight from Delhi to Addis Ababa was cancelled due to a technical reason.

Since Wednesday, after Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, 24 airports in the country were shut down for operations due to airspace

restrictions. Most of the cancelled flights were scheduled for these 24 airports.

Delhi Airport has asked passengers to follow hand baggage and check-in baggage regulations and check with airlines for real-time updates. "Delhi Airport operations remain normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and strengthened security measures, there may be an impact on some flight schedules and longer processing times at security checkpoints," it said in a statement.

Airport authorities advised passengers to stay updated with guidance from their respective airlines, adhere to hand baggage and check-in luggage regulations, arrive early to accommodate potential delays at security checks, cooperate with airline and security staff for smooth facilitation, and check flight status through their airline or the official airport's website.

Meanwhile, airlines asked passengers to reach the airport at least three hours prior to departure due to enhanced security arrangements.



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AHMEDABAD

9 MAY 2025

Airport security at highest level: Pre-boarding checks for flyers

New Delhi: The govt has stepped up security at all Indian airports and flights to the highest level with immediate effect, with Bureau of Civil Aviation (BCAS) on Thursday mandating secondary ladder point security check, or pre-boarding check, for all passengers at all airports across the country, **reports Saurabh Sinha.**

Additionally, visitor entry to terminal buildings has been prohibited. Airport operators have been ordered to ensure all CCTV cameras are operational.

Air marshal deployment will be aligned accordingly. Intensive checking of vehicles and persons will be undertaken at the approach to airport terminals/installations and parking areas. Proper checking of IDs of passengers and staff before entering the airport — apart from random checking of passenger baggage — will be conducted. There will be strict on-ground monitoring of operations of micro-lite aircraft, aero models, para gliders, unmanned aerial systems, and drones; deployment of additional security guards at aircraft, and thorough scrutiny of PNR, passenger and cargo manifest. **P5**



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AHMEDABAD

9 MAY 2025

All airports including A'bad on high alert

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Following Operation Sindoor, five airports across Gujarat were shut down for civilian traffic. According to sources privy to the development, all airports in India are on high alert, which includes the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport in Ahmedabad as well.

"This means that there will be an additional layer of

security check that all passengers will have to undergo just ahead of boarding the flight. Such common practices are followed on Republic Day and Independence Day as well. Passengers are advised to allocate extra time to reach the airport to comply with protocols and avoid delays in catching their flights," a source told TOI.

Amid airspace restrictions and airport shutdowns, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel In-

ternational Airport (SVPIA) in Ahmedabad witnessed the cancellation of 16 flights — eight arrivals and eight departures — on Wednesday. The disruptions primarily affected three flights to and from Chandigarh, two to Srinagar, and one each to Keshod, Kishangarh and Bhuj.

Air India tweeted, "In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers across In-

dia are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least three hours prior to scheduled departure. Check-in closes 75 mins before departure."

Among the arrivals, the cancelled flights included two from Srinagar, three from Chandigarh and one each from Keshod, Amritsar and Kishangarh. A Delhi-bound flight was cancelled, as was one arrival from Gatwick. A round trip to Najaf was also scrapped.



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CHENNAI

9 MAY 2025

10 flights cancelled at city airport

At least 10 flights – five arrivals and five departures – were cancelled at Chennai airport on Thursday for air-space restrictions, inclement weather at destinations and operational reasons. Cancelled departures include flights to Hindon (Ghaziabad), Mumbai, Chandigarh, and Shivamogga, operated by Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, and SpiceJet. Similarly, inbound flights from Mumbai, Chandigarh, Shivamogga, and Hindon were also called off. Airport authorities and airlines advised passengers to check with their airlines for updated schedules. The restrictions are in place until further notice, prioritising passenger safety. TNN



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MUMBAI

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► **Security for cargo, P 13**

High security for airport cargo too

► **From P 1**

In view of the recent attack in Pahalgam and subsequent surcharged security scenario, it is necessary to enhance security measures at all civil aviation installations like airports, airstrips, airfields, Air Force stations, helipads, flying schools, aviation training institutes, so that no untoward incident takes place in the country. Accordingly, utmost precautions need to be taken by all the stakeholders," the order said.

All checks for anything/person entering an aircraft are being raised to highest level. Govt ordered "strict monitoring of non-scheduled flight ops...and enhanced security measures and surveillance at cargo & general aviation terminals".



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MUMBAI

9 MAY 2025

Pre-monsoon airport runway maintenance completed

Mumbai: Mumbai airport on Thursday said that it has successfully concluded the scheduled pre-monsoon runway maintenance work in the six hours from 11 am to 5 pm when the airport was closed to flight operations.

The work completed included maintenance of pavement and electrical substation; rubber removal on the runway, surface marking and major drain cleaning work, said Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL).

“A dedicated team thoroughly inspected over 3,000 runway lights for signs of wear and tear. Drain pits and chambers along the runway strip, as well as critical lighting, IT, and navigational aid cables, were inspected for integrity,” it added. The annual runway maintenance is undertaken to optimise the airport’s operational efficiency. A notice to airmen was issued to stakeholders, allowing flight schedules to be planned and minimising inconvenience to passengers. TNN

With 27 airports shut, diverted flights set to get even longer

TROUBLE IN THE AIR

Date	Domestic Flights	Domestic Passengers
May 6	3,267	4.8 lakh
May 7	2,960 	4.4 lakh 
Change	minus 9.4% ↓	minus 7.3% ↓
Date	Int'l arriving flights	Int'l arriving passengers
May 6	585	92,128
May 7	586	88,402
Change	minus 0.17% ↓	minus 4% ↓
Date	Int'l departing flights	Int'l departing passengers
May 6	599	1,14,863
May 7	594	1,13,267
Change	minus 0.8% ↓	minus 1.4% ↓

(Data source: Aviation ministry)

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New Delhi: Flights between north India and parts of west India and the west may get even longer in case of diversions after 27 airports were closed, as of Saturday morning. Rajkot was among the diversion/alternate airports for single aisle aircraft taking the longer route to and from the west after the closure of Pakistan airspace on April 24.

"Now the diversion airports are more distant, like Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Goa. So, in case of diversion, aircraft will have to fly for a longer distance both while headed there and then when resuming their journey to north India," said a senior pilot.

Airports that have been closed — till Saturday morning as of now — are Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bhatinda, Halwara, Pathankot, Bhuntar, Shimla, Gaggal, Dharamsala, Kishanganj, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Mundra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Keshod, Bhuj, Gwalior and Hindon.

With almost all airlines, and not just Indian, now bypassing Pakistan airspace, air traffic between the east and

west has shifted to the Mumbai side, leading to congestion. "Whenever Pakistan escalates the conflict, aircraft will get little farther away routes (from Pakistan airspace) in the Indian airspace. This will lead to slightly longer routes. But the big difference will be when an en route flight diverts to now further away airports in India," said a pilot.

Meanwhile, Indian carriers have pulled out their aircraft from the 27 closed airports. "The aircraft were flown out as ferry flights (without passengers). Crew stationed there has also been brought to Delhi or other places by trains. As of now, given the way Pakistan is brazenly acting, we don't know when normalcy will return and these airports will open. So, we couldn't have had our crew stuck there," said a senior official of an airline.

IndiGo, for instance, flew out four aircraft from Chandigarh, and the crew stationed there travelled to Delhi by train. More international long-haul flights to and from India are now adding stops. United New York (EWR)-Delhi flight will now take a stopover at Frankfurt for a few days. All airlines are monitoring the situation very closely.

From May 16, flyers to pay more for tickets as user fee for Mumbai airport hiked

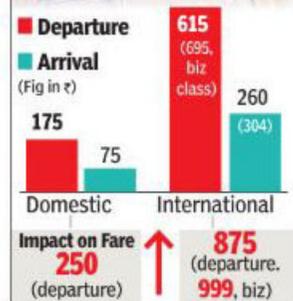
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Mumbai: Airfares on domestic and international flights operating to and from Mumbai airport are set to cost more from May 16, as the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) has approved a hike in User Development Fee (UDF). Like taxes and fuel surcharges, UDF is embedded in the cost of the airline ticket.

Earlier, a "Development Fee" of Rs 120 per departing domestic passengers was levied till Aug 2024, the AERA order said. Currently, only the international departing passenger pays a UDF, levied at Rs 187.

"The UDF will be levied on tickets booked on May 16 and thereafter," clarified an aviation source. The UDF le-

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vy will be applicable for flights booked from May 16, 2025, to March 31, 2029.

► Domestic return, P 2

Domestic return airfare to increase by ₹250, int'l ₹875

► From P 1

On the domestic front, a UDF of Rs 175 will be levied on passengers booked on flights departing from Mumbai, and a fee of Rs 75 on those arriving in Mumbai. For international flights, the UDF fee is split further based on the class booked. International departing economy class passengers will pay a UDF of Rs 615, while those arriving will pay Rs 260. For international business class passengers, the fee is Rs 695 and Rs 304 for embarking and disembarking passengers, respectively.

With this, the cost of one domestic ticket to and from Mumbai will go up by Rs 250, international economy return tickets will increase by Rs 875, and for business class, the hike will be Rs 999. However, if you already booked air tickets on flights departing or arriving in Mumbai post-May 16, you do not have to pay this UDF. Those booking air tickets in the next week will also be exempt.

Levying a UDF for airport facilities is a common practice worldwide, though most airports limit it to departing passengers.

AERA, in its tariff order, stated: "UDF now has been determined for both embarking and disembarking passengers as a significant portion of the airport infrastructure, including aero bridges, travelers, conveyor belts, and arrival facilities inside the terminal building, are also being used by both embarking and disembarking passengers. Therefore,

UDF ON BOOKINGS FROM MAY 16



► Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) termed demolition and reconstruction of Mumbai airport Terminal 1 with 20m passengers per annum (MPPA) capacity an "important issue"

► AERA asked Mumbai airport operator to "review in consultation with the date of demolition of T1 and start of reconstruction of T1 and to accordingly take further action in the matter in coordination with all stakeholders so that no inconveniences are caused to passengers and airlines"

► Airlines trade body, the International Air Transport Association, opposed Mumbai airport operator's decision to move 150 takeoff and landing slots from Mumbai to the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of T1

distributing the overall UDF charges between embarking and disembarking passengers in a suitable proportion of their actual usage of airport facilities would lead to an equitable distribution of the tariff burden amongst the users of the airport and would also spread out the costs amongst all airport users." Airports such as Delhi and Thiruvananthapuram also levy a UDF on arriving passengers.

The Mumbai airport operator, in their tariff proposal submitted to AERA for the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) during 2024-29, entailed an increase of 675% in the prevailing airport

charges. "However, AERA, after carrying out a thorough examination of the said proposal, has arrived at a significantly lower ARR that would result in a nominal increase of 21.65% over the existing airport charges. This adjustment will enable the airport operator to meet essential capital expenditure requirements, maintain operational efficiency, and ensure service quality," it said.

Based on its calculations, AERA arrived at a Yield per Passenger (YPP) of Rs 442 per departing passenger for MIAL and distributed this between domestic and international departing and arriving passengers.



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

10 MAY 2025

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ट्रेनों में भारी भीड़, बसों को री-शेड्यूल और रूट किया गया डाइवर्ट

कंपनियों ने 10 मई तक सभी फ्लाइट की रद्द

सिम्बरन

नई दिल्ली। ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के बाद भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के कारण दिल्ली में परिवहन सेवाओं पर असर पड़ा है। सुरक्षा के लिहाज से दिल्ली से अन्य राज्यों में जाने वाले फ्लाइट, ट्रेन और बसों को रद्द कर दिया गया है। सभी एयरलाइंस ने 10 मई को 5.30 बजे तक सभी हवाई अड्डों पर आने जाने वाली उड़ाने रद्द कर दी हैं।

बसें और फ्लाइट सेवा जो चल रही हैं उनके किराए में इजाफा कर दिया गया है। कई फ्लाइट, ट्रेन और बसों को री-शेड्यूल और उनका रूट डाइवर्ट किया गया है। ऐसे में जो ट्रेन चल रही हैं उनमें यात्रियों की भारी भीड़ है। ऐसे में लोग ट्रेन में खड़े होकर या नीचे बैठकर सफर करने को मजबूर हैं।

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फ्लाइट टिकट और बस किराया बढ़ा

राजकोट, पोरबंदर, ग्वालियर तक ट्रेन से सफर करने के लिए यात्रियों को परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। ट्रेन कई घंटे की देरी से चल रही है। साथ ही, ब्लैकआउट के चलते ट्रेनों को रास्ते में रोक रोककर चलाया जा रहा है। इन इलाकों में बस यात्रियों को अधिक कीमत चुकानी पड़ रही है।

10 मई को 5.30 बजे तक सभी हवाई अड्डों पर आने-जाने वाली उड़ाने रद्द करने वाली कंपनियों में इंडिगो एयरलाइन्स ने श्रीनगर, जम्मू, अमृतसर, लेह, चंडीगढ़, धर्मशाला, बीकानेर, जोधपुर, किरानगढ़ और राजकोट के लिए उड़ाने रद्द की है। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने अमृतसर, ग्वालियर, जम्मू, श्रीनगर और हिंडन की उड़ाने रद्द की है। स्पाइसजेट ने भी मौजूदा स्थिति का हवाला देते हुए श्रीनगर, जम्मू, लेह, धर्मशाला, कांडला और अमृतसर के लिए उड़ाने रद्द की है।

फ्लाइट टिकट की कीमतों में दोगुना से तीन गुना तक आया उछाल

दिल्ली से	वर्तमान	पहले
जम्मू	5,504-14,697	4,716-25,782
श्रीनगर	4,453-7,498	4,970-17,990
लेह-	26,748	4,926-18,089
चंडीगढ़	4,333-42,685	3,036-22,016
अमृतसर	30,201-35,178	2,968-19,439
धर्मशाला	5,939-6,449	4,506-24,670
शिमला	3,146	7,875-13,891
जोधपुर	11,357-27,313	4,352-20,597
पोरबंदर	9,600-14,796	9,600- 24,614
हिंडन	13,780-40,367	10,423-18,099

(नोट: फ्लाइट टिकट बुकिंग एप के अनुसार)



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यात्रियों को उड़ान से तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचने की सलाह

बंगलूरु। कर्नाटक के बंगलूरु में केम्पेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे ने शुक्रवार को सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर यात्रियों को उड़ानों के तय प्रस्थान से तीन घंटे पहले हवाईअड्डे पहुंचने को कहा है। सलाह के मुताबिक, पाकिस्तान पर भारत के लक्षित हमलों के बाद देशभर में सुरक्षा चेतावनी के मद्देनजर सभी हवाईअड्डों पर गहन और विस्तृत जांच की जा रही है। ऐसे में यात्री अपनी सुविधा के लिए सहज चेक-इन, सुरक्षा और बोर्डिंग के लिए प्रस्थान से कम से कम तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचें। एजेंसी



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BANGALORE

9 MAY 2025

Foreign airlines fly around curbs

Most foreign airlines are avoiding Pakistan airspace in view of the high tensions between Indian and Pakistan, and to comply with airspace curbs. India has closed its airspace for Pakistan airlines from April 30 while Pakistan barred Indian carriers from using its airspace. German major Lufthansa Group on Thursday said it is continuing to monitor the current developments closely. "Due to the current situation, the airlines of the Lufthansa Group are avoiding the airspace of Pakistan until further notice. This will result in longer flight times on some routes to Asia, including, but not limited to, India." Lufthansa operates 64 weekly flights to 5 Indian cities. British carrier Virgin Atlantic said it has been closely monitoring developments and that they had made the decision to avoid Pakistani airspace, "resulting in some pre-planned rerouting of our London to Delhi flights". Virgin Atlantic has 35 weekly flights connecting Indian cities. "Safety and security are always our highest priorities and we continuously assess and adjust our operations accordingly," British Airways said in a statement. The airline has 56 weekly flights to India.

— PTI

नागरिक विमानों को ढाल बना रहा पाकिस्तान

पाकिस्तान की हर हरकत पर सरकार की नजर, भारतीय सेना दे रही मुंहतोड़ जवाब

भास्वर कुमार और अर्चिस मोहन
नई दिल्ली, 9 मई

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव बढ़ता दिख रहा है। देर शाम जम्मू, सांबा और पठानकोट के ऊपर पाकिस्तानी ड्रोन देखे गए जिन्हें भारतीय सेना ने हवा में ही नष्ट कर दिया। इससे पहले भारत ने घोषणा की कि उसने पाकिस्तान के चार वायु रक्षा क्षेत्रों को अपने सशस्त्र ड्रोनों से निशाना बनाया और रडार प्रणाली को तबाह कर दिया है। इस बीच भारतीय सेना ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान नागरिक विमानों को ढाल के रूप में इस्तेमाल कर रहा है और वह मंदिर, गुरुद्वारा और चर्च जैसे पूजा स्थलों को भी निशाना बना रहा है।

संवाददाता सम्मेलन में विदेश सचिव विक्रम मिश्री ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने पूजा स्थलों को निशाना बनाया जो पाकिस्तान की एक और घटिया हरकत है। विंग कमांडर व्योमिका सिंह ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने 8 और 9 मई की दरमियानी रात को भारतीय सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने के लिए देश के हवाई क्षेत्र का उल्लंघन किया। सिंह ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान ने भारत के सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने के लिए गुरुवार रात लेह से लेकर सर क्रीक तक 36 जगहों पर 300 से 400 ड्रोन भेजे जिन्हें भारतीय सेना ने मार गिराया। पाकिस्तान ने भारतीय सैन्य ठिकानों को निशाना बनाने, वायु रक्षा प्रणालियों और खुफिया जानकारी इकट्ठा करने के लिए तुर्किये के ड्रोन का इस्तेमाल किया। कल रात



रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने सीमा पर बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर शुक्रवार को चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ और तीनों सेनाओं के प्रमुखों के साथ बैठक की।

फोटो: पीटीआई

पाकिस्तान द्वारा की गई ये उकसावे वाली और आक्रामक कार्रवाई भारतीय शहरों और नागरिक बुनियादी ढांचे के अलावा कुछ सैन्य ठिकानों को निशाना बनाकर की गई। जिसका भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों ने करारा जवाब दिया। भारत ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने पूजा स्थलों को निशाना बनाया और उन पर गोलाबारी की। इसमें गुरुद्वारे, चर्च और मंदिर शामिल हैं। यह पाकिस्तान की बेहद घटिया हरकत है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सुरक्षा स्थिति का जायजा लेने के लिए शीर्ष रक्षा प्रतिष्ठानों के साथ एक उच्च स्तरीय बैठक की अध्यक्षता

की। भारत और पाकिस्तान में बढ़ते तनाव के बीच मोदी ने आगे की रणनीति बनाने के लिए रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार (एनएसए) अजीत डोभाल, तीनों सेनाओं के प्रमुखों और चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ के साथ बैठक की।

इससे पहले रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने शीर्ष सैन्य नेतृत्व के साथ बैठक कर सुरक्षा की व्यापक समीक्षा की। बताया जा रहा है कि सुरक्षा संबंधी बदलते हालात से जुड़े हर पहलू पर बैठक में चर्चा की गई। बैठक में प्रमुख रक्षा अध्यक्ष जनरल अनिल चौहान, थलसेना

प्रमुख जनरल उपेन्द्र द्विवेदी, एयर चीफ मार्शल एपी सिंह, नौसेना प्रमुख एडमिरल दिनेश के त्रिपाठी और रक्षा सचिव राजेश कुमार सिंह शामिल हुए।

गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने पाकिस्तान के साथ लगती भारत की सीमा और देश के हवाई अड्डों पर मौजूदा स्थिति की शुक्रवार को समीक्षा की। सूत्रों ने बताया कि शाह ने भारत एवं पाकिस्तान की सीमा पर सुरक्षा संबंधी स्थिति की समीक्षा करने के अलावा देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों का भी जायजा लिया।

केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जेपी नड्डा ने भारत-पाकिस्तान में जारी सैन्य संघर्ष के बीच देश के अस्पतालों के स्वास्थ्य प्रबंध की समीक्षा की। सूत्रों ने कहा कि नड्डा और उनकी टीम ने देश भर के अस्पतालों और स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों की तैयारी का आकलन किया।

मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (सीआईआई) ने सोमवार से शुरू होने वाला अपना दो दिवसीय सालाना आम बैठक टाल दिया। सरकार ने व्यापारियों और थोक विक्रेताओं को आवश्यक खाद्य वस्तुओं की जमाखोरी न करने की चेतावनी देते हुए शुक्रवार को कहा कि देश में घरेलू मांग की पूर्ति के लिए पर्याप्त खाद्य भंडार मौजूद है। केंद्रीय खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्री प्रहलाद जोशी ने एक सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में कहा, 'देश में खाद्य भंडार के बारे में दुष्प्रचार फैलाने वाले संदेशों पर विश्वास न करें। हमारे पास पर्याप्त खाद्य भंडार है।'

■ संबंधित खबरें: पृष्ठ 7

संसेक्स-निप्टी में गिरावट

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण शुक्रवार को बेंचमार्क सूचकांक में एक फीसदी से ज्यादा की गिरावट आई। पिछले दो कारोबारी सत्रों के दौरान काफी हद तक शांत प्रतिक्रिया के बाद संसेक्स 1.1 फीसदी या 880 अंक गिरकर 79,454 पर बंद हुआ। निप्टी 50 भी 1.1 फीसदी या 266 अंक फिसलकर 24,008 पर बंद हुआ।

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आईपीएल स्थगित होने से बढ़ी चिंता

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के कारण इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग (आईपीएल) के के बाकी बचे मैचों को एक हफ्ते के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया है। इससे विज्ञापन उद्योग अनिश्चितता से जूझ रहा है। कुछ विज्ञापन एजेंसियों ने आईपीएल से जुड़े नए विज्ञापनों पर काम रोक दिया है।

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मालवाहक विमानों की सुरक्षा के निर्देश

दीपक पटेल

भारत-पाकिस्तान के बढ़ते तनाव और आतंकी ठिकानों को नष्ट करने के लिए शुरू किए गए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) ने विमानन कंपनियों, हवाईअड्डों और एयर कार्गो का प्रबंधन करने वालों को 'सख्त' नियमों का पालन करने का आदेश दिया है। इसमें सभी वस्तुओं की जांच, कार्गो एस्कॉर्ट तैनात करना, पहुंच पर सख्त नियंत्रण सुनिश्चित करना और 'अधिक जोखिम' वाले क्षेत्रों से भेजे जा रहे सामानों पर कड़ी निगरानी रखना शामिल है।

एयर कार्गो एजेंट्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएआई) के अध्यक्ष सी के गोविल ने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को बताया, 'ये उपाय देश में सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए बीसीएस द्वारा लागू किए गए हैं। इन पर अमल करने में समय लगेगा क्योंकि हमें यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रत्येक पैकेज की गहन जांच करनी होगी कि उसमें कुछ भी अवैध या खतरनाक चीजें न हों।'

एक्टिवएयर एयरक्रैफ्ट इंडिया के मुख्य

प्रबंध निदेशक गोविल ने कहा, 'हम यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि इस प्रक्रिया के दौरान कोई चोरी न हो, क्योंकि सामान भेजने वालों और जिन्हें ये सामान मिला है उन दोनों को किसी भी तरह की असुविधा नहीं होनी चाहिए।'

सरकार ने शुक्रवार को देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी क्षेत्रों के 24 हवाईअड्डों को 10 मई की सुबह 5.29 बजे से 15 मई की सुबह 5.29 बजे तक बंद रखने का फैसला किया है। इन हवाईअड्डों में श्रीनगर, जम्मू, अमृतसर और जोधपुर शामिल हैं। 7 मई को भारत द्वारा पाकिस्तान और पाकिस्तान के कब्जे वाले जम्मू कश्मीर में कई आतंकी ठिकानों को खत्म करने के लिए शुरू किए गए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के बाद से ये हवाईअड्डे बंद हैं।

विमानन उद्योग के सूत्रों के अनुसार, दोनों देशों के बीच बनी तनाव की स्थिति के कारण विमानन कंपनियों को 10 मई से 15 मई के बीच इन 24 हवाईअड्डों से आने-जाने वाली लगभग 1,200 अतिरिक्त उड़ानें रद्द करनी होंगी। 7 मई को 850 उड़ानें पहले ही रद्द कर दी गई थीं जिन्हें 7 मई से 10 मई के बीच उड़ान भरनी थी।



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IAG orders 71 large jets from Boeing, Airbus

IAG SA announced its biggest order yet for widebody jets, doubling down on long-haul demand with a \$10 billion fleet investment that aims to help sustain its earnings momentum. The company is buying 32 Boeing Co. 787-10 aircraft for British Airways and 21 Airbus SE A330neo planes for its Aer Lingus, Iberia or Level brands. There's a top-up option for as many as 10 additional Boeing 787s and up to 13 additional Airbus A330neos. IAG also disclosed a previous purchase of planes that it had placed in March.

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DAINIK BHASKAR

DELHI

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देश की एयरलाइंस को रोजाना करीब 30 करोड़ का नुकसान

बिजनेस संवाददाता | नई दिल्ली

पाक के साथ बढ़ते तनाव के कारण सीमावर्ती 24 एयरपोर्ट से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। एचएसबीसी की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारतीय विमान कंपनियों ने प्रतिदिन लगभग 320 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। इस स्थिति के चलते एयरलाइंस को रोजाना 30 करोड़ का घाटा हो रहा

है। इंडिगो की क्षमता में 8.5 फीसदी, एयर इंडिया में 18 फीसदी और स्पाइसजेट में 26 फीसदी की कमी आई है। इंडिगो के लिए अनुमानित दैनिक राजस्व नुकसान 16.6 करोड़ रुपए, एअर इंडिया के लिए 10.5 करोड़ रुपए और स्पाइसजेट के लिए 2.3 करोड़ रुपए है। इंडिगो ने 170, एअर इंडिया समूह ने 115 और स्पाइसजेट ने 35 उड़ानें रद्द की हैं।

इंडियन होटल्स को रोज 1.5 करोड़ का नुकसान

रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि होटल उद्योग भी दबाव महसूस कर रहा है, जिसमें इन बाउंड अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटन में गिरावट के कारण इंडियन होटल्स कंपनी को 1 से 1.5 करोड़ और वेंटिव हॉस्पिटैलिटी को 5 करोड़ का संभावित दैनिक एबिटा का नुकसान हो रहा है।



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90 flights to Delhi cancelled

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With 27 airports shut in the wake of India's anti-terror operation against Pakistan, the Delhi airport saw the cancellation of 90 flights, including five international departures and six arrivals by various airlines on Thursday. Sources said all can-



celled flights had destinations that are closed at the moment. Among the cancelled flights were 46 domestic departures and 33 arrivals between 8 am to 2 pm. "All operations across Delhi Airport's terminals and its four runways are proceeding as usual. However, changing airspace conditions have impacted

some flights," DIAL said in a post on X. Sources said that there was no congestion at Delhi airport at present, and all landings and takeoffs are as per schedule. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport, said that it is working closely with all stakeholders to minimise any disruptions to flight schedules.



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HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Air Travel Flies into Heavy Turbulence

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Mumbai | New Delhi: Air travel across the country continued to be disrupted owing to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, with hundreds of flights cancelled, travel demand falling even as security was significantly ramped up at key airports.

At New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), 63 domestic arrivals and 66 departures were cancelled till 2.30 pm Friday.

A day before, 360 flights were affected—roughly 8% of India's daily scheduled departures under normal conditions, according to an executive from a leading online travel agency (OTA), who asked not to be named. The disruptions coincide with a sharp 23% week-on-week drop in flight searches for the travel period May 5–8, compared to April 20–May 2, the OTA added.

The situation follows a wave of airspace restrictions and the closure of more than 25 airports after Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindoor - retaliatory strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to last month's Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people.

"With around 25+ airports closed and widespread flight cancellations due to ongoing airspace restrictions, we understand the uncertainty and inconvenience this has caused travelers...We are offering full refunds—including convenience fees—without any deductions to all affected passengers," said Alope Bajpai, Group CEO of ixigo.

A senior official from a no-frills carrier, speaking on condition of anonymity, added that the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan are already causing visible disruptions to air travel.

"Five airports in northern India have been shut down, and we are seeing a cascading effect across the aviation network. Leisure travel is being directly impacted, with cancellations and postponements rising as travellers react to the uncertainty. Business travel is also being hit, as companies scale back immediate travel plans to the region," the executive said.

IndiGo, India's largest airline, is reported to have cancelled 509 flights for the duration of the NOTAM period. However, sources familiar with the matter said the scale of disruption, while significant, is not unprecedented.





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Delta, Korean Air buy 25% Of WestJet in \$550 million deal



DELTA AIR LINES and Korean Air Lines will spend \$550 million acquiring a stake in Canadian carrier

WestJet, adding to the broader consolidation among airlines globally.



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एयर इंडिया ने बंद की तेल अवीव की विमान सेवा

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने तेल अवीव के लिए विमान सेवा 25 मई तक के लिए बंद कर दी है। तेल अवीव एयरपोर्ट पर चार मई को हुए मिसाइल हमले के बाद कंपनी ने आठ मई तक के लिए सेवा को बंद किया था। मालूम हो कि एयर इंडिया एकमात्र भारतीय विमान कंपनी है जिसकी तेल अवीव के लिए सीधी उड़ान है। कंपनी ने कहा है कि 25 मई तक टिकट कराने वालों को टिकट रद्द कराने पर पूरा पैसा मिलेगा।



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अमृतसर-श्रीनगर से विमानों का संचालन बंद

नई दिल्ली। भारत-पाक में तनावनी के बीच अमृतसर स्थित श्री गुरु रामदास इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से सभी तरह के विमानों का संचालन 15 मई तक स्वगित रहेगा। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने आदेश जारी कर बताया कि अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों का संचालन 15 मई को साढ़े षांच बजे तक बंद रहेगा। इसी तरह श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट से भी विमानों का संचालन 15 मई तक बंद रहेगा। गौरतलब है कि सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर यह कदम उठाया गया है।



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Four international arrivals, five international departures, 63 domestic arrivals and 66 domestic departures have been cancelled amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan | PARVENDI

ADVISORY SAYS

- 1 Stay updated with guidance from respective airlines, reads the advisory
- 2 Adhere to hand baggage and check-in luggage regulations
- 3 Arrive early to accommodate potential delays at security checks
- 4 Cooperate with airline and security staff for smooth facilitation
- 5 Check flight status through their airline or the official Delhi Airport website

Over 130 domestic, int'l flights cancelled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS many as 138 domestic and international flights to and from Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport (IGI) have been cancelled for the day amid fresh tensions between India and Pakistan. The cancellations were a result of the closure of multiple airports across the country in view of the rising tensions and heightened security.

According to the airport officials, the cancelled flights include four international arriv-

als, five international departures, 63 domestic arrivals and 66 domestic departures. Owing to the uncertainty, the Delhi airport has issued an advisory for passengers. The airport authority asked passengers to reach the airport early to ensure that security checks can be done on time.

They added that passengers should check their flight status before leaving their houses. "Delhi Airport operations re-

main normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and strengthened security measures, there may be an impact on some flight schedules and longer processing times at security checkpoints," said the advisory. "We urge all passengers to rely solely on official sources for accurate information and refrain from sharing unverified content," the advisory added. Several airlines, including Air India, Akasa Air and Indigo, is-

sued statements to passengers requesting them to arrive three hours early after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) directed all airlines and airports across India to enhance safety protocols.

"In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least three hours prior to scheduled departure to ensure smooth check-in and boarding." Air India wrote on X.





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तीसरे दिन 148 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द

■ NBT न्यूज, एयरपोर्ट: भारत-पाकिस्तान के बढ़ते तनाव और गोलीबारी के बीच लगातार अस्थायी रूप से बंद हुए कई शहरों के एयरपोर्ट के कारण राजधानी दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट्स रद्द होने का सिलसिला लगातार तीसरे दिन भी जारी है। आज शुक्रवार को भी 148 से ज्यादा उड़ानें कैंसल हुईं हैं। दोपहर 2:30 बजे तक कैंसल होने वाली उड़ानों की संख्या 138 पहुंच चुकी थी। बाकी और उड़ानें धीरे-धीरे शाम तक कैंसल होने लगीं।

जो उड़ानें कैंसल हुईं हैं, उनमें लगभग एक दर्जन फ्लाइट इंटरनेशनल थीं।

जिसमें से 5 डिपार्ट और 4 अराइवल की हैं। इसके अलावा डोमिस्टिक डिपार्ट की 66 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से कैंसल हो चुकी हैं। गुरुवार को इसकी संख्या 46 थी। वहीं दूसरे शहरों से आने वाली 63 उड़ानें भी रद्द की जा चुकी हैं। गुरुवार को इसकी संख्या केवल 38 थी।

एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार, फिलहाल यह स्थिति बनी रह सकती है। जब तक दूसरे एयरपोर्ट और अस्थायी रूप से बंद रहेंगे, तब तक आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों में इस तरह की दिक्कतें होंगी। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने कई बार एडवाइजरी जारी करते हुए कहा है कि लोग अपने-अपने एयरलाइन से संपर्क करके अपनी यात्रा सुनिश्चित करें। एयरपोर्ट पर सामानों की जांच में भी सहयोग करें, इसलिए एक्स्ट्रा समय लेकर एयरपोर्ट के लिए निकलें।



जब तक दूसरे एयरपोर्ट बंद रहेंगे, तब तक इसी तरह की दिक्कतें बने रहने के आसार



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

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138 घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर विभिन्न एयरलाइन ने शुक्रवार को आने-जाने वाली 138 उड़ानें रद्द कर दीं। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर हवाई अड्डों पर भी सुरक्षा उपाय बढ़ा दिए गए हैं।

'ऑपरेशन सिद्धूर' के मद्देनजर देश के विभिन्न भागों में लगभग 27 हवाई अड्डे बंद हैं। इस अभियान के तहत सशस्त्र बलों ने पहलगांम आतंकवादी हमले के जवाब में बुधवार को पाकिस्तान और पीओके में आतंकवादी ठिकानों पर हमले किए। हवाई अड्डों के बंद होने के परिणामस्वरूप कई उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। सूत्र ने बताया कि शुक्रवार को सुबह पांच बजे से अपराह्न दो बजे के बीच कुल 66 घरेलू प्रस्थान और 63



■ ऑपरेशन सिद्धूर को लेकर देश में 27 हवाई अड्डे बंद

आगमन तथा 5 अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रस्थान और चार आगमन उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। 'डायल' ने शुक्रवार को एक पोस्ट में कहा, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है। हालांकि, हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और सुरक्षा उपायों के कारण कुछ उड़ानों का कार्यक्रम और सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया का समय प्रभावित हो सकता है।'



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ATC briefly loses radar access again at Newark

The air traffic controllers directing planes into the Newark, New Jersey, airport lost their radar on Friday morning for the second time in two weeks.

The federal aviation administration (FAA) said the radar at the facility in Philadelphia that directs planes in and out of Newark airport went black for 90 seconds at 3.55 am (local time) on Friday.

That's similar to what happened on April 28.

That first radar outage had led to hundreds of flights being cancelled or delayed at the Newark airport over the past two weeks after the aviation administration slowed down traffic at the airport to ensure safety.

Several controllers also went on trauma leave after that outage, worsening the existing shortage.

The FAA said earlier this week it is installing new fiber optic data lines to carry the radar signal between its facilities in Philadelphia and



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New York. Officials said some of the lines connecting those two facilities are outdated copper wire.

Transportation secretary Sean Duffy announced a multi-billion-dollar plan on Thursday to replace the nation's ageing air traffic control system to prevent problems like this from happening and give controllers modern technology.

Officials developed the plan to upgrade the system after a deadly mid-air crash in Jan between a passenger jet and an Army helicopter killed 67 people in the skies over Washington DC. AP

A'bad-US airfares drop as visa rush slows

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Ahmedabad: If you have ever dreamt of flying to the United States but were grounded by sky-high airfare, this summer might just be your moment, provided you have a valid visa to the American land.

A sharp dip in travel demand, especially among students, coupled with visa woes for tourists and foreign education aspirants, has led to a dramatic fall in airfare prices from Ahmedabad to the US, offering a golden window for globetrotters, according to industry players.

For travel booked on May 8 for a round trip between June 8 and 21, the cost of a one-stop, 19-hour flight between Ahmedabad and the US is now pegged at approximately Rs 85,000. That breaks down to just Rs 42,500 one-way — nearly or less than half of what flyers paid last year. Compare that with the jaw-dropping summer 2024 fares that reached up to Rs 2.2 lakh for a ro-

“Leisure travel remains strong, with 15-day tourist packages selling well for those with valid visitor visas. Such tourists benefit from the lower airfares to the US currently



Virendra Shah |
TRAVEL EXPERT

“Student travel numbers this season are expected to be low due to visa issues and limited appointment slots. Airfares are likely to increase towards July-end when peak season for the fall intake starts



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und trip. “This is a steep decline as compared to last year. It will benefit tourists who plan to visit the US this year. However, there is a marked 35-40% decline in group tour bookings to the US, thanks to visa issues and unavailability of slots for visitor visas. Moreover, the uncertainty around policies of the new govt, more people are refraining from making travel plans to the US,” said Manish Sharma, owner of a travel company from Ahmedabad.

Visa woes have deterred many visitors from going to

the US. An overall reduced intake has impacted airfares. Virendra Shah, a travel expert, said, “A combination of factors including changing visa policies amidst geopolitical shifts have caused fewer flyers to visit the US. With the US govt’s stricter immigration stance tightening the pipeline for students and tourists, the once-bursting outbound traffic from India has notably thinned. Fewer visa approvals mean fewer fliers, and airlines are responding by slashing prices to fill up seats. Due to stricter policies, people are

rethinking their travel plans.”

According to travel industry players, flights to the US from not just Ahmedabad, but also Mumbai and Delhi, are seeing a similar trend. “Due to visa issues, fewer students are going this time around as compared to last year. Moreover, student visits will begin from July-end onwards for the fall intake and therefore, the current airfares will certainly be less,” said Bhavin Thaker, foreign education consultant.

Additionally, improved air connectivity between India and the US has played a key role in the reduction of fares. With more one-stop options and streamlined connections through international hubs, flyers now enjoy better schedules and competitive pricing. This fare drop comes as an unexpected relief for leisure travellers, business professionals and even Indian Americans planning to visit family back home.

■ Jammu ■ Srinagar ■ Leh ■ Amritsar ■ Chandigarh ■ Patiala ■ Halwara ■ Pathankot ■ Ludhiana ■ Bhuntar ■ Bhatinda ■ Shimla ■ Dharamshala ■ Gaggal ■ Jodhpur ■ Bikaner ■ Jaisalmer ■ Kishangarh ■ Jamnagar ■ Rajkot ■ Mundra ■ Porbandar ■ Kandla ■ Keshod ■ Bhuj ■ Gwalior ■ Hindon

Flights halt across north, north-west India

Air travel across the northern and north-western region came to a halt on Wednesday as over 300 flights were cancelled and airports, including Srinagar, Leh, Amritsar, Jaisalmer, Rajkot, temporarily shut down operations after the Indian Armed Forces gave a calibrated military response to the Pahalgam massacre

At least 140 flights were cancelled at the Delhi Airport since Wednesday. These included 65 arrivals and 66 departures, two international departures along with two international arrivals cancellations

Flight cancellations

Re-booking and refunds

- Air India, which has cancelled flights to Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot, is offering a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations
- Regional carrier Star Air said its flights to/from Nanded, Hindon, Adampur, Kishangarh and Bhuj were cancelled for the May 8 & 9
- Indigo has announced that it will continue its support by extending the full waiver of change and cancellation fees for travel to/from Srinagar until May 22, for bookings made on or before April 22

- Several travel advisories were shared by airlines, airport authorities on Wednesday. Those travelling to these specific places, and otherwise, were advised to contact their airlines for the latest updates
- Air India, SpiceJet, Akasa Air also cancelled their services to multiple locations
- In a statement, SpiceJet shared on social media, "Due to airport closures and heightened security, Leh, Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Kandla and Dharamshala airports are currently closed"

In continuation to our earlier update and in wake of the prevailing situation, flights to/from Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, and Jodhpur stand cancelled for the day.

#TravelAdvisory
Air India flights to and from the following stations - Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot - are being cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 10 May following a notification from aviation authorities on closure of these airports.

All operations across Delhi Airport's terminals and its four runways are proceeding as usual. However, changing airspace conditions have impacted some flights. Passengers are advised to contact their respective airlines for the updated flight information.

TRAVEL HALT LEADS TO SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES

@Piyush537
@Indigo6E Please help us urgently. Our 11 AM flight 6E-648 from Leh to Mumbai was cancelled today. We're a family stuck here with no idea what to do next. Our vacation ends today and we were supposed to be back home. The situation is tense and we're very worried. Please guide us.

@Aditya_LG
Was at Mumbai airport. Had an important court date. Flight canned last moment. Hope all this is worth it. India First!

@amandadenthitme
My parents are so glad that I came back a day before all this happened because whatever flights I was getting had a layover at Srinagar and Amritsar, and a day after my flight Indigo cancelled all the flight take offs in Srinagar, Amritsar and other places.

@adi2068
What about passengers with onward international flights? My flight from Jodhpur has been cancelled but I had an onward flight from Mumbai later in the day.

'Logon ko abhi bas ghar rehna hai jab tak sab shaant nahi ho jaata'

Amid cancellations, hotels came to the rescue of guests. "It has been unanimously decided that guests whose outbound flights have been cancelled due to the current situation will be offered complimentary stays at the same hotels where they have been staying in Ladakh," shared Rigzin Wangmo Lachic, the President of All Ladakh Hotel & Guest House Association (ALHAGHA) in a statement.

Tour operators share that after the shutdown of airports, travellers are choosing to cancel their bookings. "I had travel groups for Ladakh and Himachal and they're both cancelled now. Logon ko abhi safety ki hai apni, travel koi nahi karna chah raha. Leh, Kashmir, Manali, Shimla, Amritsar, Rajasthan, these are prime locations for travel but we are either rescheduling or giving refunds to

our customers. Logon ko abhi bas ghar rehna hai jab tak sab shaant nahi ho jaata," says Muzamil Nazir, a travel agent. Sourabh Tiwari, another travel agent, adds, "All my bookings are from foreign tourists and most of them cancelled their bookings to the country. A group from Australia has

now postponed their visit to Aug-September, baaki 50% toh cancellations hi ho gayi hain. Foreign tourists Rajasthan jaata hai zyada aur Varanasi but abhi Rajasthan nahi ja payenge. Indian tourists north mein travel karta hai summer mein. For now, it seems unsure whether they'll be willing to travel."

#TalkingPoint

A few travellers have chosen to postpone their trips, depending on how the situation evolves. However, the overall sentiment around travel remains strong, and we are continuously monitoring the situation to ensure our travellers stay informed and supported throughout

- Hari Ganapathy, Co-founder, Pickyourtrail



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AMAR UJALA

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यात्रियों को उड़ान से तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचने की सलाह

बंगलूरु। कर्नाटक के बंगलूरु में केम्पेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे ने शुक्रवार को सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर यात्रियों को उड़ानों के तय प्रस्थान से तीन घंटे पहले हवाईअड्डे पहुंचने को कहा है। सलाह के मुताबिक, पाकिस्तान पर भारत के लक्षित हमलों के बाद देशभर में सुरक्षा चेतावनी के मद्देनजर सभी हवाईअड्डों पर गहन और विस्तृत जांच की जा रही है। ऐसे में यात्री अपनी सुविधा के लिए सहज चेक-इन, सुरक्षा और बोर्डिंग के लिए प्रस्थान से कम से कम तीन घंटे पहले पहुंचें। एजेंसी



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Foreign airlines fly around curbs

Most foreign airlines are avoiding Pakistan airspace in view of the high tensions between Indian and Pakistan, and to comply with airspace curbs. India has closed its airspace for Pakistan airlines from April 30 while Pakistan barred Indian carriers from using its airspace. German major Lufthansa Group on Thursday said it is continuing to monitor the current developments closely. "Due to the current situation, the airlines of the Lufthansa Group are avoiding the airspace of Pakistan until further notice. This will result in longer flight times on some routes to Asia, including, but not limited to, India." Lufthansa operates 64 weekly flights to 5 Indian cities. British carrier Virgin Atlantic said it has been closely monitoring developments and that they had made the decision to avoid Pakistani airspace, "resulting in some pre-planned rerouting of our London to Delhi flights". Virgin Atlantic has 35 weekly flights connecting Indian cities. "Safety and security are always our highest priorities and we continuously assess and adjust our operations accordingly," British Airways said in a statement. The airline has 56 weekly flights to India.

— PTI

नागरिक विमानों को ढाल बना रहा पाकिस्तान

पाकिस्तान की हर हरकत पर सरकार की नजर, भारतीय सेना दे रही मुंहतोड़ जवाब

भास्वर कुमार और अर्चिस मोहन
नई दिल्ली, 9 मई

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव बढ़ता दिख रहा है। देर शाम जम्मू, सांबा और पठानकोट के ऊपर पाकिस्तानी ड्रोन देखे गए जिन्हें भारतीय सेना ने हवा में ही नष्ट कर दिया। इससे पहले भारत ने घोषणा की कि उसने पाकिस्तान के चार वायु रक्षा क्षेत्रों को अपने सशस्त्र ड्रोनों से निशाना बनाया और रडार प्रणाली को तबाह कर दिया है। इस बीच भारतीय सेना ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान नागरिक विमानों को ढाल के रूप में इस्तेमाल कर रहा है और वह मंदिर, गुरुद्वारा और चर्च जैसे पूजा स्थलों को भी निशाना बना रहा है।

संवाददाता सम्मेलन में विदेश सचिव विक्रम मिश्री ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने पूजा स्थलों को निशाना बनाया जो पाकिस्तान की एक और घटिया हरकत है। विंग कमांडर व्योमिका सिंह ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने 8 और 9 मई की दरमियानी रात को भारतीय सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने के लिए देश के हवाई क्षेत्र का उल्लंघन किया। सिंह ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान ने भारत के सैन्य प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाने के लिए गुरुवार रात लेह से लेकर सर क्रीक तक 36 जगहों पर 300 से 400 ड्रोन भेजे जिन्हें भारतीय सेना ने मार गिराया। पाकिस्तान ने भारतीय सैन्य ठिकानों को निशाना बनाने, वायु रक्षा प्रणालियों और खुफिया जानकारी इकट्ठा करने के लिए तुर्किये के ड्रोन का इस्तेमाल किया। कल रात



रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने सीमा पर बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर शुक्रवार को चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ और तीनों सेनाओं के प्रमुखों के साथ बैठक की।

फोटो: पीटीआई

पाकिस्तान द्वारा की गई ये उकसावे वाली और आक्रामक कार्रवाई भारतीय शहरों और नागरिक बुनियादी ढांचे के अलावा कुछ सैन्य ठिकानों को निशाना बनाकर की गई। जिसका भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों ने करारा जवाब दिया। भारत ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान ने पूजा स्थलों को निशाना बनाया और उन पर गोलाबारी की। इसमें गुरुद्वारे, चर्च और मंदिर शामिल हैं। यह पाकिस्तान की बेहद घटिया हरकत है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सुरक्षा स्थिति का जायजा लेने के लिए शीर्ष रक्षा प्रतिष्ठानों के साथ एक उच्च स्तरीय बैठक की अध्यक्षता

की। भारत और पाकिस्तान में बढ़ते तनाव के बीच मोदी ने आगे की रणनीति बनाने के लिए रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार (एनएसए) अजीत डोभाल, तीनों सेनाओं के प्रमुखों और चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ के साथ बैठक की।

इससे पहले रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने शीर्ष सैन्य नेतृत्व के साथ बैठक कर सुरक्षा की व्यापक समीक्षा की। बताया जा रहा है कि सुरक्षा संबंधी बदलते हालात से जुड़े हर पहलू पर बैठक में चर्चा की गई। बैठक में प्रमुख रक्षा अध्यक्ष जनरल अनिल चौहान, थलसेना

प्रमुख जनरल उपेन्द्र द्विवेदी, एयर चीफ मार्शल एपी सिंह, नौसेना प्रमुख एडमिरल दिनेश के त्रिपाठी और रक्षा सचिव राजेश कुमार सिंह शामिल हुए।

गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने पाकिस्तान के साथ लगती भारत की सीमा और देश के हवाई अड्डों पर मौजूदा स्थिति की शुक्रवार को समीक्षा की। सूत्रों ने बताया कि शाह ने भारत एवं पाकिस्तान की सीमा पर सुरक्षा संबंधी स्थिति की समीक्षा करने के अलावा देशभर के हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बढ़ाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों का भी जायजा लिया।

केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जेपी नड्डा ने भारत-पाकिस्तान में जारी सैन्य संघर्ष के बीच देश के अस्पतालों के स्वास्थ्य प्रबंध की समीक्षा की। सूत्रों ने कहा कि नड्डा और उनकी टीम ने देश भर के अस्पतालों और स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों की तैयारी का आकलन किया।

मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (सीआईआई) ने सोमवार से शुरू होने वाला अपना दो दिवसीय सालाना आम बैठक टाल दिया। सरकार ने व्यापारियों और थोक विक्रेताओं को आवश्यक खाद्य वस्तुओं की जमाखोरी न करने की चेतावनी देते हुए शुक्रवार को कहा कि देश में घरेलू मांग की पूर्ति के लिए पर्याप्त खाद्य भंडार मौजूद है। केंद्रीय खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्री प्रहलाद जोशी ने एक सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में कहा, 'देश में खाद्य भंडार के बारे में दुष्प्रचार फैलाने वाले संदेशों पर विश्वास न करें। हमारे पास पर्याप्त खाद्य भंडार है।'

■ संबंधित खबरें: पृष्ठ 7

संसेक्स-निपटी में गिरावट

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण शुक्रवार को बेंचमार्क सूचकांक में एक फीसदी से ज्यादा की गिरावट आई। पिछले दो कारोबारी सत्रों के दौरान काफी हद तक शांत प्रतिक्रिया के बाद संसेक्स 1.1 फीसदी या 880 अंक गिरकर 79,454 पर बंद हुआ। निपटी 50 भी 1.1 फीसदी या 266 अंक फिसलकर 24,008 पर बंद हुआ।

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आईपीएल स्थगित होने से बढ़ी चिंता

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के कारण इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग (आईपीएल) के के बाकी बचे मैचों को एक हफ्ते के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया है। इससे विज्ञापन उद्योग अनिश्चितता से जूझ रहा है। कुछ विज्ञापन एजेंसियों ने आईपीएल से जुड़े नए विज्ञापनों पर काम रोक दिया है।

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मालवाहक विमानों की सुरक्षा के निर्देश

दीपक पटेल

भारत-पाकिस्तान के बढ़ते तनाव और आतंकी ठिकानों को नष्ट करने के लिए शुरू किए गए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) ने विमानन कंपनियों, हवाईअड्डों और एयर कार्गो का प्रबंधन करने वालों को 'सख्त' नियमों का पालन करने का आदेश दिया है। इसमें सभी वस्तुओं की जांच, कार्गो एस्कॉर्ट तैनात करना, पहुंच पर सख्त नियंत्रण सुनिश्चित करना और 'अधिक जोखिम' वाले क्षेत्रों से भेजे जा रहे सामानों पर कड़ी निगरानी रखना शामिल है।

एयर कार्गो एजेंट्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएआई) के अध्यक्ष सी के गोविल ने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को बताया, 'ये उपाय देश में सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए बीसीएस द्वारा लागू किए गए हैं। इन पर अमल करने में समय लगेगा क्योंकि हमें यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रत्येक पैकेज की गहन जांच करनी होगी कि उसमें कुछ भी अवैध या खतरनाक चीजें न हों।'

एक्टिवएयर एयरक्रैफ्ट इंडिया के मुख्य

प्रबंध निदेशक गोविल ने कहा, 'हम यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि इस प्रक्रिया के दौरान कोई चोरी न हो, क्योंकि सामान भेजने वालों और जिन्हें ये सामान मिला है उन दोनों को किसी भी तरह की असुविधा नहीं होनी चाहिए।'

सरकार ने शुक्रवार को देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी क्षेत्रों के 24 हवाईअड्डों को 10 मई की सुबह 5.29 बजे से 15 मई की सुबह 5.29 बजे तक बंद रखने का फैसला किया है। इन हवाईअड्डों में श्रीनगर, जम्मू, अमृतसर और जोधपुर शामिल हैं। 7 मई को भारत द्वारा पाकिस्तान और पाकिस्तान के कब्जे वाले जम्मू कश्मीर में कई आतंकी ठिकानों को खत्म करने के लिए शुरू किए गए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के बाद से ये हवाईअड्डे बंद हैं।

विमानन उद्योग के सूत्रों के अनुसार, दोनों देशों के बीच बनी तनाव की स्थिति के कारण विमानन कंपनियों को 10 मई से 15 मई के बीच इन 24 हवाईअड्डों से आने-जाने वाली लगभग 1,200 अतिरिक्त उड़ानें रद्द करनी होंगी। 7 मई को 850 उड़ानें पहले ही रद्द कर दी गई थीं जिन्हें 7 मई से 10 मई के बीच उड़ान भरनी थी।



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IAG orders 71 large jets from Boeing, Airbus

IAG SA announced its biggest order yet for widebody jets, doubling down on long-haul demand with a \$10 billion fleet investment that aims to help sustain its earnings momentum. The company is buying 32 Boeing Co. 787-10 aircraft for British Airways and 21 Airbus SE A330neo planes for its Aer Lingus, Iberia or Level brands. There's a top-up option for as many as 10 additional Boeing 787s and up to 13 additional Airbus A330neos. IAG also disclosed a previous purchase of planes that it had placed in March.

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देश की एयरलाइंस को रोजाना करीब 30 करोड़ का नुकसान

बिजनेस संवाददाता | नई दिल्ली

पाक के साथ बढ़ते तनाव के कारण सीमावर्ती 24 एयरपोर्ट से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। एचएसबीसी की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारतीय विमान कंपनियों ने प्रतिदिन लगभग 320 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। इस स्थिति के चलते एयरलाइंस को रोजाना 30 करोड़ का घाटा हो रहा

है। इंडिगो की क्षमता में 8.5 फीसदी, एयर इंडिया में 18 फीसदी और स्पाइसजेट में 26 फीसदी की कमी आई है। इंडिगो के लिए अनुमानित दैनिक राजस्व नुकसान 16.6 करोड़ रुपए, एअर इंडिया के लिए 10.5 करोड़ रुपए और स्पाइसजेट के लिए 2.3 करोड़ रुपए है। इंडिगो ने 170, एअर इंडिया समूह ने 115 और स्पाइसजेट ने 35 उड़ानें रद्द की हैं।

इंडियन होटल्स को रोज 1.5 करोड़ का नुकसान

रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि होटल उद्योग भी दबाव महसूस कर रहा है, जिसमें इन बाउंड अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटन में गिरावट के कारण इंडियन होटल्स कंपनी को 1 से 1.5 करोड़ और वेंटिव हॉस्पिटैलिटी को 5 करोड़ का संभावित दैनिक एबिटा का नुकसान हो रहा है।



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90 flights to Delhi cancelled

DC CORRESPONDENT
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With 27 airports shut in the wake of India's anti-terror operation against Pakistan, the Delhi airport saw the cancellation of 90 flights, including five international departures and six arrivals by various airlines on Thursday. Sources said all can-



celled flights had destinations that are closed at the moment. Among the cancelled flights were 46 domestic departures and 33 arrivals between 8 am to 2 pm. "All operations across Delhi Airport's terminals and its four runways are proceeding as usual. However, changing airspace conditions have impacted

some flights," DIAL said in a post on X. Sources said that there was no congestion at Delhi airport at present, and all landings and takeoffs are as per schedule. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport, said that it is working closely with all stakeholders to minimise any disruptions to flight schedules.



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HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Air Travel Flies into Heavy Turbulence

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Mumbai | New Delhi: Air travel across the country continued to be disrupted owing to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, with hundreds of flights cancelled, travel demand falling even as security was significantly ramped up at key airports.

At New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), 63 domestic arrivals and 66 departures were cancelled till 2.30 pm Friday.

A day before, 360 flights were affected—roughly 8% of India's daily scheduled departures under normal conditions, according to an executive from a leading online travel agency (OTA), who asked not to be named. The disruptions coincide with a sharp 23% week-on-week drop in flight searches for the travel period May 5–8, compared to April 20–May 2, the OTA added.

The situation follows a wave of airspace restrictions and the closure of more than 25 airports after Indian armed forces launched Operation Sindoor - retaliatory strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to last month's Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people.

"With around 25+ airports closed and widespread flight cancellations due to ongoing airspace restrictions, we understand the uncertainty and inconvenience this has caused travelers...We are offering full refunds—including convenience fees—without any deductions to all affected passengers," said Alope Bajpai, Group CEO of ixigo.

A senior official from a no-frills carrier, speaking on condition of anonymity, added that the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan are already causing visible disruptions to air travel.

"Five airports in northern India have been shut down, and we are seeing a cascading effect across the aviation network. Leisure travel is being directly impacted, with cancellations and postponements rising as travellers react to the uncertainty. Business travel is also being hit, as companies scale back immediate travel plans to the region," the executive said.

IndiGo, India's largest airline, is reported to have cancelled 509 flights for the duration of the NOTAM period. However, sources familiar with the matter said the scale of disruption, while significant, is not unprecedented.





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Delta, Korean Air buy 25% Of WestJet in \$550 million deal



DELTA AIR LINES and Korean Air Lines will spend \$550 million acquiring a stake in Canadian carrier

WestJet, adding to the broader consolidation among airlines globally.



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एयर इंडिया ने बंद की तेल अवीव की विमान सेवा

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने तेल अवीव के लिए विमान सेवा 25 मई तक के लिए बंद कर दी है। तेल अवीव एयरपोर्ट पर चार मई को हुए मिसाइल हमले के बाद कंपनी ने आठ मई तक के लिए सेवा को बंद किया था। मालूम हो कि एयर इंडिया एकमात्र भारतीय विमान कंपनी है जिसकी तेल अवीव के लिए सीधी उड़ान है। कंपनी ने कहा है कि 25 मई तक टिकट कराने वालों को टिकट रद्द कराने पर पूरा पैसा मिलेगा।



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अमृतसर-श्रीनगर से विमानों का संचालन बंद

नई दिल्ली। भारत-पाक में तनावनी के बीच अमृतसर स्थित श्री गुरु रामदास इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से सभी तरह के विमानों का संचालन 15 मई तक स्वगित रहेगा। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने आदेश जारी कर बताया कि अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों का संचालन 15 मई को साढ़े षांच बजे तक बंद रहेगा। इसी तरह श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट से भी विमानों का संचालन 15 मई तक बंद रहेगा। गौरतलब है कि सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर यह कदम उठाया गया है।



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Four international arrivals, five international departures, 63 domestic arrivals and 66 domestic departures have been cancelled amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan | PARVENDU

ADVISORY SAYS

- 1 Stay updated with guidance from respective airlines, reads the advisory
- 2 Adhere to hand baggage and check-in luggage regulations
- 3 Arrive early to accommodate potential delays at security checks
- 4 Cooperate with airline and security staff for smooth facilitation
- 5 Check flight status through their airline or the official Delhi Airport website

Over 130 domestic, int'l flights cancelled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS many as 138 domestic and international flights to and from Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport (IGI) have been cancelled for the day amid fresh tensions between India and Pakistan. The cancellations were a result of the closure of multiple airports across the country in view of the rising tensions and heightened security.

According to the airport officials, the cancelled flights include four international arriv-

als, five international departures, 63 domestic arrivals and 66 domestic departures. Owing to the uncertainty, the Delhi airport has issued an advisory for passengers. The airport authority asked passengers to reach the airport early to ensure that security checks can be done on time.

They added that passengers should check their flight status before leaving their houses. "Delhi Airport operations re-

main normal. However, due to evolving airspace conditions and strengthened security measures, there may be an impact on some flight schedules and longer processing times at security checkpoints," said the advisory. "We urge all passengers to rely solely on official sources for accurate information and refrain from sharing unverified content," the advisory added. Several airlines, including Air India, Akasa Air and Indigo, is-

sued statements to passengers requesting them to arrive three hours early after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) directed all airlines and airports across India to enhance safety protocols.

"In view of an order by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on enhanced measures at airports, passengers are advised to arrive at their respective airports at least three hours prior to scheduled departure to ensure smooth check-in and boarding." Air India wrote on X.





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तीसरे दिन 148 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द

■ NBT न्यूज, एयरपोर्ट: भारत-पाकिस्तान के बढ़ते तनाव और गोलीबारी के बीच लगातार अस्थायी रूप से बंद हुए कई शहरों के एयरपोर्ट के कारण राजधानी दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट्स रद्द होने का सिलसिला लगातार तीसरे दिन भी जारी है। आज शुक्रवार को भी 148 से ज्यादा उड़ानें कैंसल हुईं हैं। दोपहर 2:30 बजे तक कैंसल होने वाली उड़ानों की संख्या 138 पहुंच चुकी थी। बाकी और उड़ानें धीरे-धीरे शाम तक कैंसल होने लगीं।

जो उड़ानें कैंसल हुईं हैं, उनमें लगभग एक दर्जन फ्लाइट इंटरनेशनल थीं।

जिसमें से 5 डिपार्ट और 4 अराइवल की हैं। इसके अलावा डोमिस्टिक डिपार्ट की 66 से ज्यादा फ्लाइट आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट से कैंसल हो चुकी हैं। गुरुवार को इसकी संख्या 46 थी। वहीं दूसरे शहरों से आने वाली 63 उड़ानें भी रद्द की जा चुकी हैं। गुरुवार को इसकी संख्या केवल 38 थी।

एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार, फिलहाल यह स्थिति बनी रह सकती है। जब तक दूसरे एयरपोर्ट और अस्थायी रूप से बंद रहेंगे, तब तक आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों में इस तरह की दिक्कतें होंगी। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने कई बार एडवाइजरी जारी करते हुए कहा है कि लोग अपने-अपने एयरलाइन से संपर्क करके अपनी यात्रा सुनिश्चित करें। एयरपोर्ट पर सामानों की जांच में भी सहयोग करें, इसलिए एक्स्ट्रा समय लेकर एयरपोर्ट के लिए निकलें।



जब तक दूसरे एयरपोर्ट बंद रहेंगे, तब तक इसी तरह की दिक्कतें बने रहने के आसार



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

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138 घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें रद्द

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर विभिन्न एयरलाइन ने शुक्रवार को आने-जाने वाली 138 उड़ानें रद्द कर दीं। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच बढ़ते तनाव के मद्देनजर हवाई अड्डों पर भी सुरक्षा उपाय बढ़ा दिए गए हैं।

'ऑपरेशन सिद्धूर' के मद्देनजर देश के विभिन्न भागों में लगभग 27 हवाई अड्डे बंद हैं। इस अभियान के तहत सशस्त्र बलों ने पहलगांम आतंकवादी हमले के जवाब में बुधवार को पाकिस्तान और पीओके में आतंकवादी ठिकानों पर हमले किए। हवाई अड्डों के बंद होने के परिणामस्वरूप कई उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। सूत्र ने बताया कि शुक्रवार को सुबह पांच बजे से अपराह्न दो बजे के बीच कुल 66 घरेलू प्रस्थान और 63



■ ऑपरेशन सिद्धूर को लेकर देश में 27 हवाई अड्डे बंद

आगमन तथा 5 अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रस्थान और चार आगमन उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं। 'डायल' ने शुक्रवार को एक पोस्ट में कहा, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है। हालांकि, हवाई क्षेत्र की बदलती परिस्थितियों और सुरक्षा उपायों के कारण कुछ उड़ानों का कार्यक्रम और सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया का समय प्रभावित हो सकता है।'



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ATC briefly loses radar access again at Newark

The air traffic controllers directing planes into the Newark, New Jersey, airport lost their radar on Friday morning for the second time in two weeks.

The federal aviation administration (FAA) said the radar at the facility in Philadelphia that directs planes in and out of Newark airport went black for 90 seconds at 3.55 am (local time) on Friday.

That's similar to what happened on April 28.

That first radar outage had led to hundreds of flights being cancelled or delayed at the Newark airport over the past two weeks after the aviation administration slowed down traffic at the airport to ensure safety.

Several controllers also went on trauma leave after that outage, worsening the existing shortage.

The FAA said earlier this week it is installing new fiber optic data lines to carry the radar signal between its facilities in Philadelphia and



The first radar outage on April 28 led to many flights being cancelled or delayed at Newark airport over the past two weeks

New York. Officials said some of the lines connecting those two facilities are outdated copper wire.

Transportation secretary Sean Duffy announced a multi-billion-dollar plan on Thursday to replace the nation's ageing air traffic control system to prevent problems like this from happening and give controllers modern technology.

Officials developed the plan to upgrade the system after a deadly mid-air crash in Jan between a passenger jet and an Army helicopter killed 67 people in the skies over Washington DC. AP

A'bad-US airfares drop as visa rush slows

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Ahmedabad: If you have ever dreamt of flying to the United States but were grounded by sky-high airfare, this summer might just be your moment, provided you have a valid visa to the American land.

A sharp dip in travel demand, especially among students, coupled with visa woes for tourists and foreign education aspirants, has led to a dramatic fall in airfare prices from Ahmedabad to the US, offering a golden window for globetrotters, according to industry players.

For travel booked on May 8 for a round trip between June 8 and 21, the cost of a one-stop, 19-hour flight between Ahmedabad and the US is now pegged at approximately Rs 85,000. That breaks down to just Rs 42,500 one-way — nearly or less than half of what flyers paid last year. Compare that with the jaw-dropping summer 2024 fares that reached up to Rs 2.2 lakh for a ro-

“Leisure travel remains strong, with 15-day tourist packages selling well for those with valid visitor visas. Such tourists benefit from the lower airfares to the US currently



Virendra Shah |
TRAVEL EXPERT

“Student travel numbers this season are expected to be low due to visa issues and limited appointment slots. Airfares are likely to increase towards July-end when peak season for the fall intake starts



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und trip. “This is a steep decline as compared to last year. It will benefit tourists who plan to visit the US this year. However, there is a marked 35-40% decline in group tour bookings to the US, thanks to visa issues and unavailability of slots for visitor visas. Moreover, the uncertainty around policies of the new govt, more people are refraining from making travel plans to the US,” said Manish Sharma, owner of a travel company from Ahmedabad.

Visa woes have deterred many visitors from going to

the US. An overall reduced intake has impacted airfares. Virendra Shah, a travel expert, said, “A combination of factors including changing visa policies amidst geopolitical shifts have caused fewer flyers to visit the US. With the US govt’s stricter immigration stance tightening the pipeline for students and tourists, the once-bursting outbound traffic from India has notably thinned. Fewer visa approvals mean fewer fliers, and airlines are responding by slashing prices to fill up seats. Due to stricter policies, people are

rethinking their travel plans.”

According to travel industry players, flights to the US from not just Ahmedabad, but also Mumbai and Delhi, are seeing a similar trend. “Due to visa issues, fewer students are going this time around as compared to last year. Moreover, student visits will begin from July-end onwards for the fall intake and therefore, the current airfares will certainly be less,” said Bhavin Thaker, foreign education consultant.

Additionally, improved air connectivity between India and the US has played a key role in the reduction of fares. With more one-stop options and streamlined connections through international hubs, flyers now enjoy better schedules and competitive pricing. This fare drop comes as an unexpected relief for leisure travellers, business professionals and even Indian Americans planning to visit family back home.

■ Jammu ■ Srinagar ■ Leh ■ Amritsar ■ Chandigarh ■ Patiala ■ Halwara ■ Pathankot ■ Ludhiana ■ Bhuntar ■ Bhatinda ■ Shimla ■ Dharamshala ■ Gaggal ■ Jodhpur ■ Bikaner ■ Jaisalmer ■ Kishangarh ■ Jamnagar ■ Rajkot ■ Mundra ■ Porbandar ■ Kandla ■ Keshod ■ Bhuj ■ Gwalior ■ Hindon

Flights halt across north, north-west India

Air travel across the northern and north-western region came to a halt on Wednesday as over 300 flights were cancelled and airports, including Srinagar, Leh, Amritsar, Jaisalmer, Rajkot, temporarily shut down operations after the Indian Armed Forces gave a calibrated military response to the Pahalgam massacre

At least 140 flights were cancelled at the Delhi Airport since Wednesday. These included 65 arrivals and 66 departures, two international departures along with two international arrivals cancellations

Flight cancellations

Re-booking and refunds

- Air India, which has cancelled flights to Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot, is offering a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations
- Regional carrier Star Air said its flights to/from Nanded, Hindon, Adampur, Kishangarh and Bhuj were cancelled for the May 8 & 9
- Indigo has announced that it will continue its support by extending the full waiver of change and cancellation fees for travel to/from Srinagar until May 22, for bookings made on or before April 22

- Several travel advisories were shared by airlines, airport authorities on Wednesday. Those travelling to these specific places, and otherwise, were advised to contact their airlines for the latest updates
- Air India, SpiceJet, Akasa Air also cancelled their services to multiple locations
- In a statement, SpiceJet shared on social media, "Due to airport closures and heightened security, Leh, Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Kandla and Dharamshala airports are currently closed"

In continuation to our earlier update and in wake of the prevailing situation, flights to/from Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Bikaner, and Jodhpur stand cancelled for the day.

#TravelAdvisory
Air India flights to and from the following stations - Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot - are being cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 10 May following a notification from aviation authorities on closure of these airports.

All operations across Delhi Airport's terminals and its four runways are proceeding as usual. However, changing airspace conditions have impacted some flights. Passengers are advised to contact their respective airlines for the updated flight information.

TRAVEL HALT LEADS TO SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES

@Piyush537
@Indigo6E Please help us urgently. Our 11 AM flight 6E-648 from Leh to Mumbai was cancelled today. We're a family stuck here with no idea what to do next. Our vacation ends today and we were supposed to be back home. The situation is tense and we're very worried. Please guide us.

@Aditya_LG
Was at Mumbai airport. Had an important court date. Flight canned last moment. Hope all this is worth it. India First!

@amandadenthitme
My parents are so glad that I came back a day before all this happened because whatever flights I was getting had a layover at Srinagar and Amritsar, and a day after my flight Indigo cancelled all the flight take offs in Srinagar, Amritsar and other places.

@adi2068
What about passengers with onward international flights? My flight from Jodhpur has been cancelled but I had an onward flight from Mumbai later in the day.

'Logon ko abhi bas ghar rehna hai jab tak sab shaant nahi ho jaata'

Amid cancellations, hotels came to the rescue of guests. "It has been unanimously decided that guests whose outbound flights have been cancelled due to the current situation will be offered complimentary stays at the same hotels where they have been staying in Ladakh," shared Rigzin Wangmo Lachic, the President of All Ladakh Hotel & Guest House Association (ALHAGHA) in a statement.

Tour operators share that after the shutdown of airports, travellers are choosing to cancel their bookings. "I had travel groups for Ladakh and Himachal and they're both cancelled now. Logon ko abhi safety ki hai apni, travel koi nahi karna chah raha. Leh, Kashmir, Manali, Shimla, Amritsar, Rajasthan, these are prime locations for travel but we are either rescheduling or giving refunds to

our customers. Logon ko abhi bas ghar rehna hai jab tak sab shaant nahi ho jaata," says Muzamil Nazir, a travel agent. Sourabh Tiwari, another travel agent, adds, "All my bookings are from foreign tourists and most of them cancelled their bookings to the country. A group from Australia has

now postponed their visit to Aug-September, baaki 50% toh cancellations hi ho gayi hain. Foreign tourists Rajasthan jaata hai zyada aur Varanasi but abhi Rajasthan nahi ja payenge. Indian tourists north mein travel karta hai summer mein. For now, it seems unsure whether they'll be willing to travel."

#TalkingPoint

A few travellers have chosen to postpone their trips, depending on how the situation evolves. However, the overall sentiment around travel remains strong, and we are continuously monitoring the situation to ensure our travellers stay informed and supported throughout

- Hari Ganapathy, Co-founder, Pickyourtrail