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AAI launches safety training, holds slot allocation conference

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA: The Airports Authority of India (AAI), regional headquarters (Eastern Region), has launched a week-long Safety Management System (SMS) training programme for safety managers, which began on Monday at the city's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport.

The programme, scheduled from September 8 to 12, is being attended by 25 participants representing airports across the country. It aims to strengthen the implementation of SMS at AAI-operated airports in line with global aviation safety standards.

The inaugural session was jointly conducted by Nivedita Dubey, regional executive director (eastern region), and PR Beuria, airport director, NSCBI Airport. In her address, Dubey underlined the role of safety management systems in proactively identifying and mitigating risks in airport operations. She stressed that continuous

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training and capacity building of safety managers are essential to enhance passenger safety and sustain AAI's adherence to international practices.

Beuria welcomed the participants and expressed optimism that the training would equip safety managers with improved tools and knowledge to elevate operational safety across airports.

The programme will cover modules such as safety policy, risk management, safety assurance, safety promotion, and international regulatory requirements. Sessions are being conducted by senior

faculty members and safety experts. On the same day, the slot allocation conference for domestic flights for the upcoming winter schedule 2025 was inaugurated virtually by Vipin Kumar, chairman, AAI, and Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, director general, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The inaugural address was delivered by Sharad Kumar, member (operations), AAI.

The conference was attended by representatives of airlines and other stakeholders at NSCBI Airport. Deliberations focused on ensuring smooth operations, optimal slot utilization, and enhanced passenger convenience.

Locally, the event was graced by Beuria and Dubey. Other dignitaries present included Vikram Kumar Singh, regional director, BCAS, and Amit Gupta, director, DGCA.

The slot allocation conference provides a platform to coordinate flight schedules, balance demand with capacity, and streamline air traffic movement across airports in India.



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THE STATESMAN

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AAI holds national training for airport safety managers in city

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In the wake of the recent Air India crash that has renewed concerns over aviation safety in the country, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday launched a nationwide training programme for airport safety managers in Kolkata to strengthen risk management and align with global safety standards.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has launched a nationwide training programme for airport safety managers to strengthen safety practices in line with global aviation standards. The weeklong Safety Management System (SMS) training, hosted by AAI's regional headquarters (eastern region), began Monday at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. The course will run through 12 September and includes 25 participants from airports across the country.

The initiative was inaugurated by Nivedita Dubey, regional executive director (eastern region), and Dr. P R Beuria, airport director of NSCBI Airport.

Dubey, in her opening remarks, underscored the importance of safety management systems in ensuring proactive identification and mitigation of risks in airport operations. She said continuous capacity building among safety managers is essential for improving passenger safety and for maintaining AAI's adherence to international best practices. "Safety management is not only about responding to incidents but about anticipating risks before they occur," Dubey said. "This will equip our safety leaders with the knowledge and tools to strengthen our systems nationwide." Mr Beuria said he was confident that the training would have a measurable



impact across India's airports. "The learnings from this program will help enhance operational safety standards, which are at the core of our responsibility as aviation professionals," he said. The training covers modules on safety policy, risk management, safety assurance, safety promotion and global regulatory requirements.

The sessions are being conducted by senior faculty members and aviation safety experts with years of field experience. The SMS framework, adopted globally under standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), requires airports and airlines to build proactive systems to identify hazards and manage safety risks systematically. AAI has been steadily expanding such programs to align with ICAO's guidelines and improve consistency across its network of airports.

Officials said the Kolkata event is part of a broader effort by AAI to foster a strong safety culture across India's aviation ecosystem.

"This effort reflects AAI's unwavering commitment to passenger safety and operational excellence," Dubey said. "It is our responsibility to ensure that every flight takes off and lands under the safest possible conditions."

AAI operates more than 130 airports across India and manages air navigation services nationwide.



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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10 सितंबर से शुरू होगी नांदेड़ की उड़ान

साहिबवाबाद (गाजियाबाद)।
हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से नांदेड़ जाने
वालों के लिए यह राहत की
खबर है। स्टार एयर इस रूट
पर 10 सितंबर से दोबारा
संचालन शुरू कर रहा है।
नांदेड़ के लिए शुरू हो रहे इस
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यूपी के लोगों को राहत मिलेगी।
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की ओर से नांदेड़ एयरपोर्ट का
सर्वे किया गया था। रनवे पर
कमियां पाई गई थीं। इसके बाद
से ही डीजीसीए द्वारा फ्लाइट
बंद करने के आदेश दिए थे।
ऐसे में दो सप्ताह से हिंडन
एयरपोर्ट से नांदेड़ की उड़ान
नहीं भरी जा रही थी। व्यूरो



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BANGALORE MIRROR

BANGALORE

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Hoax mail about explosives rattles B'luru airport

A hoax email claiming the presence of four RDX-based explosives at Kempegowda International Airport's Terminal-2 triggered a security scare on Saturday morning, prompting the Airport Police to register another threat case.

The complaint was filed by Ruban Raj, Deputy Terminal Manager at Bangalore International Airport Limited, stating that the email was received around 9.30 am. The sender, identified as thozhar_leelavathy@outlook.com, claimed explosives were hidden inside terminal washrooms and included various political and personal references, signing off as "Islamic Jihad Committee-Coimbatore."

Following the alert, airport authorities immediately activated the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) and carried out thorough checks with bomb squads and sniffer dogs. Operations resumed normally after security clearance confirmed the email as a hoax.

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JAIPUR

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आपके काम की खबरें

एयरपोर्ट : आज से बीकानेर, 12 से हिसार के लिए डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट

जयपुर | जयपुर से दो नए शहरों की एयर कनेक्टिविटी शुरू होने वाली है। इनका संचालन अलायंस एयर द्वारा किया जाएगा। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार मंगलवार से जयपुर-बीकानेर-जयपुर के लिए डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट शुरू होगी। फ्लाइट संख्या 9आई-833 जयपुर से शाम 5:15 बजे रवाना होगी और 6:30 बजे बीकानेर पहुंचेगी। वापसी में 9आई-834 शाम 6:55 बजे बीकानेर से रवाना होकर रात 8:10 बजे जयपुर आएगी। ये सप्ताह में दो दिन मंगल और गुरुवार को संचालित होगी। वहीं 12 सितंबर से जयपुर-हिसार-जयपुर के बीच सीधी उड़ान शुरू होगी। 9आई-859 जयपुर से सुबह 11:10 बजे रवाना होगी। दोपहर 12:10 बजे हिसार पहुंचेगी। वापसी में 9आई-860 हिसार से शाम 5:35 रवाना होकर 6:40 बजे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेगी। फ्लिहाल ये सप्ताह में सिर्फ एक दिन शुक्रवार को होगी।



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Bengaluru airport receives another hoax bomb threat

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bengaluru police have registered a case against an unknown person for sending an email about a bomb being placed inside Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

The threat email was received on September 6 and was later declared a hoax following a search operation.

The police registered an FIR on September 7 following a complaint by Rubin Raj, Deputy Terminal Manager at T2, who received the email on September 6. The email stated that four RDX-based Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) had been placed inside the washrooms of T2.



The sender of the email has been identified as thozhar_leelavathy@outlook.com. The sender claimed to be a member of an obscure organisation called the Islamic Jihad Committee, Coimbatore, but began the email with ‘Ganapati Baba Mohriya’ (sic).

The sender shared a cryptic message, stating, “Decode Before Evacuating: Nivetha Pethuraj Weds Udhayandihi”, and also demanded that the charges against two peo-

ple—Jaffar Sadiq and Kiruthiga Udhayanidhi—be dropped immediately.

The sender has been booked under section 125 (rash or negligent act that endangers human life or the personal safety of others), 353(1) (statements that cause public mischief), and 351(4) (criminal intimidation through anonymous or concealed communication) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Hoax bomb threats have become a common occurrence at the Bengaluru airport, according to an airport source. “However, despite how common they are, a strict protocol is followed for each threat. But a case is not always registered,” he said.



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GREATER KASHMIR

SRINAGAR

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Unlabeled meat in ice-boxes seized outside Srinagar Airport

Inter-departmental coordination yields swift action

Zehru Nissa
Srinagar, Sep 7

It looked like a scene straight from a thriller movie – the Food Safety authorities received information from the alert officials at the Srinagar Airport. They set out and laid a naka at the airport gate, and caught a consignment of meat that appeared to be in contravention to the law in more ways than one. The meat was packed in ice-boxes, had no labels on it, and was being brought in the aircraft, which obviously was a break in the cold chain.

Speaking about the seizure, Yameen ul Nabi, Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety, said that Sales Tax Officials at Air Cargo division of Srinagar Airport shared intelligence about a meat consignment. "We received the vehicle number and seized the meat supply outside of the airport," he said. He added that the meat was being brought in by a meat



distributor from Aali Kadal area of Downtown Srinagar.

"Food Safety is everyone's concern, and today, another department alerted us about suspected violations of food safety protocols," Nabi said. Over the past months, the Food Safety Division of J&K Drug and Food Control Organisation has been working closely to coordinate raids and seizures of suspicious food items. The coordinated efforts have yielded huge consignments of unsafe meat, paneer, sweets, color-laced

edibles, among others.

Assistant Commissioner Food Safety told Greater Kashmir that the meat distributor on whose name the consignment was being brought in does not have a cold-storage facility. "He has freezers only, and we have registered a case, while also sending samples for testing," he said.

The operation set off when Sales Tax officials flagged an undocumented shipment of meat arriving on a commercial flight. Recognizing the potential health risks,

they alerted the Food Safety Department, resulting in a successful seizure. This is the first time a meat consignment via air-cargo has been seized, the officials said.

The meat was being transported in a load carrier, which was another point of meat contamination due to a disruption in cold chain.

The meat quantity was reported to be 340 kgs. Food Safety officials said that the facility from where the trader was operating has been sealed, while his license has also been suspended. "After we receive the results of the samples that we are sending for testing (from the seized consignment), we will initiate action as per law and FSSAI protocols," he said. The Food Safety department has impressed upon the Food Business Operators in J&K to ensure they source fresh and healthy meats or frozen meats with clear information on source, type, and maintaining the cold chain.



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Kathmandu airport closed; IndiGo, A-I suspend flights

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AMID THE deterioration in Nepal's security situation, Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport was closed for commercial flights, leading to several cancellations, including those by Indian airlines.

The airport, the main gateway into the Himalayan country, was closed because of smoke from fires set by protesters, *Reuters* reported. Local reports said the army was deployed there.

Indian carriers IndiGo and Air India announced the suspension of their flights to and from Kathmandu and said they were closely watching the situation.

Flight tracking data shows the airport closure appears to have taken effect at around 2 pm. At the time, a few flights — in-



Smoke rises in the area of Tribhuvan airport. *Reuters*

cluding two of IndiGo and one of Air India — were awaiting clearance to land, but were made to hold south of the city before being denied permission to land.

IndiGo posted on X: "In view of the prevailing situation in #Kathmandu, the airport has

been closed for operations.. all flights to and from Kathmandu stand suspended as of now.."

Air India stated: "We are closely monitoring the situation and will share updates... the safety of our passengers and crew remain top priority..."



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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NGT notice to Centre, state on Puri airport plan, seeks reply within 4 wks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Cuttack

ACTING on a petition alleging large-scale violation of environmental laws for establishment of the proposed Shree Jagannath International Airport at Puri, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to both the Centre and state government.

The bench comprising Judicial Member Arun Kumar Tyagi and Expert Member Dr Afroz Ahmad has also issued notice to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ministry of Civil Aviation, state Commerce and Transport department, Forest and Environment department, collector and DFO of Puri. They have been directed to file their responses within four weeks. The next hearing is scheduled for October 10.

A group of residents of Puri, led by one Surendra Tapasu, have approached the seeking an

immediate halt to the ongoing construction activities for the airport. They alleged large-scale ecological violations, including indiscriminate tree felling and construction in an ecologically sensitive zone without mandatory clearances.

Advocates Sankar Prasad Pani and Ashutosh Padhy appearing for the petitioners, sought an interim stay on all ongoing work, including the construction of the approach road, boundary wall and stockyard until the matter is fully adjudicated. The petition also called for an independent expert committee to assess the damage caused by the project and its potential long-term impact on the coastal ecosystem.

The petition challenged the legality of the construction in Sipasarubali Mouza, arguing that it lacks Environmental Clearance (EC), Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance, and Forest Clearance (FC).



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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SC likely to hear GMR's plea today against eviction order

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court is likely to take up on Wednesday an appeal filed by GMR Group challenging a Delhi High Court order that directed it to vacate a 2.4-acre property in Pushpanjali Farms being used as a residence for its CMD since 2020.

The group, which owns DIAL that runs Delhi airport, moved SC Monday following last week's HC verdict asking chairman G M Rao to hand over the sprawling property. Noting the lease deed wasn't registered, HC allowed an eviction suit by Onkar Infotech, the new owner, seeking possession.

While DIAL leased out the property from Indus Sor Urja and carried out modifications, Urja sold the property to Onkar Infracon in 2024 for Rs 115 crore, paying Rs 9 crore in stamp duty by way of a registered sale deed, HC noted.

The new owner asked the tenant to vacate, but GMR Group opposed

the notice, arguing the premises stood covered under Delhi Land Reforms Act, protecting the tenant from eviction. It claimed the lease was unregistered as talks were ongoing between the previous landlord and the company to purchase it.

HC rejected DIAL's stand that the eviction suit wasn't maintainable, observing "the land in question which is being used only for the residential purpose of DIAL CMD will not come under the definition of DLRA as the same is not being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes. The lease being unregistered cannot be evidence for ascertaining the time period of the lease. The defendants were month-to-month tenants and the lease deed stood terminated vide notice on Aug 7, 2024."

It said the CMD would be liable to be evicted by termination of the lease deed by giving a notice 15 days prior to the eviction, "which has been done in this case".



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

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Delhi-Kathmandu skies closed, travel cancellations trickle in

Air India, IndiGo, Nepal Airlines, and SpiceJet suspend flights; MEA advises Indian citizens in Nepal to stay indoors

DEEPAK DATTA & ANSHARA SRIVASTAVA
New Delhi, 9 September

India on Tuesday advised its citizens to defer travel to Nepal until the situation stabilises, after violent protests forced Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to resign. Flights between Delhi and Kathmandu were cancelled by Air India, IndiGo, Nepal Airlines and SpiceJet as demonstrators clashed with police and vandalised government buildings.

According to aviation analytics firm Cirium, 208 flights per week were scheduled between India and Kathmandu in September. Indian carriers on the route include Air India, IndiGo, Air India Express, and SpiceJet.

Air India operates 84 flights a week on the India-Kathmandu sector, IndiGo 50, while Air India Express and SpiceJet each run 14 weekly services, Cirium noted.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said: "In view of the developing situation in Nepal, Indian citizens are advised to defer travel there until the situation has stabilised."

Amid the unrest, airlines cancelled multiple services to and from Kathmandu. A spokesperson for Air India said: "In view of the current situation prevailing in Kathmandu, the following flights AI 2231/2232, AI 2219/2220, AI 217/218 and AI 211/212 operating on the Delhi-Kathmandu-Delhi route have been cancelled today. We are closely monitoring the situation and will share further updates. At Air India, the safety of our passengers and crew remains our top priority."

IndiGo posted on X that Kathmandu airport had been closed and "all flights to and from Kathmandu stand suspended as of now". It added that affected passengers could opt for alternative flights or claim refunds, while the airline was "closely monitoring developments and coordinating with local authorities to resume operations at the earliest".

Nepal Airlines also cancelled its services, while SpiceJet said in a post on X: "Due to the prevailing situation in Kathmandu, our flights to and from Kathmandu stand cancelled for September 10, 2025. The information will be communicated to all passengers via SMS/email on their registered contact details."

While the immediate impact on demand was unclear, travel portals said cancellations had begun trickling in after protests broke out



Security check underway at Indo-Nepal border on the outskirts of Siliguri on Tuesday

and Nepal closed its borders to tourists.

India is Nepal's largest source of tourists.

Portals said refund processing had begun and travel to the Himalayan nation was expected to recover once peace was restored. "We are closely monitoring the situation in Nepal following the recent developments and the advisory issued by the Indian government," Bharat Malik, senior vice-president, flights and hotel business at Yatra Online.

"We will be working with our airline partners to support customers who have upcoming bookings and will continue to act in their best interest, offering support and flexibility as needed," he added.

The MEA advised Indian citizens currently in Nepal to remain indoors, avoid public gatherings and exercise caution. Nationals were also urged to follow safety guidance issued by Nepalese authorities and stay in touch with the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu.

"In case of any assistance required, please call the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, on the following helpline numbers: 977-980 860 2881; 977-981 032 6134," it said. India expressed grief over the loss of lives in Nepal and said it hoped the crisis would be resolved peacefully.

AP gov't reaches out to Indian embassy as citizens stranded

Several Indian nationals are stranded in Kathmandu and other cities of Nepal amid curfew imposed in the country's major cities. Andhra Pradesh government officials sought help of the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu to ensure the safety of 30 people stranded on the outskirts of Nepal's capital, including former Information Commissioner of India Madabhushi Sridharacharyulu, officials at the Andhra Pradesh Bhawan in New Delhi said. Help was also sought for a few families staying at a five star hotel. The hotel management shifted to a guest house after reports that agitators were likely to target hotels during the night. Agitators had set Kathmandu's Hilton Hotel on fire. According to a PTI report, former prime minister Shree Bahadur Deuba's son is believed to have a major share in the hotel. AS REPORTS



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DAINIK BHASKAR

JAIPUR

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फ्लाइट यात्रियों को चंडीगढ़ ले गई, लगेज जयपुर ही रह गया



जयपुर | जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से चंडीगढ़ गई फ्लाइट के यात्रियों के लगेज जयपुर में ही रहने का मामला सामने आया है। अब इन्हें अगली फ्लाइट से चंडीगढ़ भेजा जाएगा। मामला इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट 6ई-7516 का है। यह शुक्रवार दोपहर 1:45 बजे जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ रवाना हुई थी। दोपहर 3:10 बजे चंडीगढ़ पहुंची। जहां 30 यात्रियों को लगेज नहीं मिला। इसके बार एयरलाइंस प्रबंधन ने बताया कि पेलोड रिस्ट्रिक्शंस के चलते लगेज छोड़ना पड़ा। इस फ्लाइट में कई आर्मी अधिकारी यात्रा कर रहे थे, जिन्हें परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

इधर, शुक्रवार देर शाम तकनीकी खराबी से मुंबई के लिए उड़ान नहीं भरने वाला विमान शनिवार देर रात 10:50 बजे रवाना हो सका। मामला एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआई-622 का है। फ्लाइट में मुंबई जाते समय खराबी आ गई थी। इससे फ्लाइट मुंबई रवाना नहीं हो सकी। शनिवार दोपहर एयरलाइंस की टेक्निकल टीम ने जयपुर पहुंचकर फ्लाइट को ठीक किया। इसके बाद शनिवार देर रात 10:50 बजे खाली विमान दिल्ली रवाना हुआ।



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THE DAILY GUARDIAN

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Air India Mumbai-Delhi flight performs go-around, lands safely on second attempt

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

An Air India flight from Mumbai to Delhi on Monday performed a go-around after an initial aborted landing but safely touched down on its second attempt, an official stated.

"Flight AI2910 operating from Mumbai to Delhi on 8 September, discontinued with landing and performed a routine go-around at Delhi as per standard protocols. The aircraft landed safely

in its second attempt, and all passengers and crew have disembarked. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains top priority," An Air India Express Spokesperson said in a statement.

Earlier on Friday, Air India Express flight 1028, which was operating from Delhi to Indore, made a priority landing at Indore Airport after the pilot detected a technical snag, an Air India spokesperson confirmed.

On Sunday, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson wrote letters to employees, highlighting the airline's progress in performance, customer experience, and network growth, while reaffirming the company's commitment to transparency and cultural transformation.

"Like all airlines, we faced a variety of operational scenarios--some of which were under our control, and some that were not," the CEO wrote, referring to



Representative image

the crisis the airline faced following the AII71 plane crash in Ahmedabad earlier this year.

"When the spotlight was on us, it was crucial to offer timely, clear and accurate information and the right context," he wrote in the letters disseminated via e-mail.

He acknowledged that Air India had deliberately been "more transparent than usual in reporting incidents and events, however small."

While this had temporarily increased news coverage, he emphasised that in the context of Air India's scale and size, the incidence rate was "entirely normal."

"This transparency will, over time, help build trust. In the short term, though, it naturally resulted in an uptick of news coverage, and with more than 1,200 departures every single day--nearly one every minute--across the Air India Group, it could seem like a lot.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

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SpiceJet expects to restart ops of 10 grounded planes by April 2026

NEW DELHI, PTI: SpiceJet, which flew into the red in the June quarter, expects to restart operations of 10 grounded aircraft by April 2026 as more than half of its fleet remains on the ground due to various issues.

At the end of the June quarter, the no-frills airline had just 21 operational planes out of the 56-strong fleet. Out of the operational aircraft, 8 were Boeing 737-800s, 6 Q400s, 3 Boeing 737-700 and 1 each of Boeing

737-900 and Boeing 737 Max, according to an investor presentation. A total of 35 planes were on the ground at the end of the quarter.

In the presentation after announcing the June quarter results, SpiceJet said it will “unground about 10 aircraft by April 2026, including 4-5 in early winter to cater for the peak demand”. On September 5, the airline reported a net loss of Rs 238 crore in the three months ended June.



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MUMBAI

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Made full payment of \$24 mn to Credit Suisse as part of settlement: SpiceJet

PTI
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet on Monday said it has completed the full payment of USD 24 million to Credit Suisse, fulfilling the terms of the settlement reached more than three years ago.

On the date of the execution of the settlement agreement in May 2022, the total claim of Credit Suisse/SR Technics was USD 41.77 million, which the parties agreed to settle for USD 24 million in a structured payment plan, according to a release.

Credit Suisse is a leading investment bank and financial services provider.

The release said the settlement marks the closure of a



long-standing liability that pre-dates the tenure of the airline's current promoter and added that the liability arose before the current promoter took over the airline and was linked to legacy commercial arrangements.

"The completion of this payment is another important step in our continued efforts to put legacy issues firmly behind us. This settlement not only brings closure to an old liability but also demonstrates our resolve and ability to meet commitments despite a challenging operat-

ing environment," the airline's Chief Business Officer Debojyoti Maharshi said.

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दूसरे प्रयास में उतर सका विमान

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। मुंबई से दिल्ली आने वाला एयर इंडिया का विमान सोमवार रात तकनीकी कारणों से रनवे पर पहली बारी में लैंडिंग नहीं कर सका। लगभग 10 मिनट बाद पायलट ने दोबारा प्रयास किया और विमान को सफुल उतार लिया।

विमान में मौजूद यात्रियों को बताया गया कि यह परेशानी तकनीकी खराबी के कारण आई थी। पूरे मामले की जांच की जा रही है। एयर इंडिया का विमान संख्या एआई-2910 शाम 5:44 बजे मुंबई से रवाना हुआ था और इसे रात 8 बजे दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर उतरना था। पहले प्रयास में तकनीकी दिक्कत आने

एयरपोर्ट का चौथा रनवे 16 से हो सकता है शुरू

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट का चौथा रनवे 16 सितंबर से एक बार फिर विमानों की उड़ाने के लिए खुल सकता है। इस पर चल रहा मरम्मत कार्य लगभग पूरा हो चुका है। सोमवार को इस रनवे पर हुए कार्य का निरीक्षण करने के बाद डायल की तरफ से इस बाबत रिपोर्ट तैयार की गई है। यह रिपोर्ट जल्द ही डीजीसीए को भेजी जाएगी और उनसे अनुमति मिलने के बाद रनवे संख्या 28/10 से विमानों की उड़ान शुरू हो सकती है। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर रनवे की मरम्मत का काम बीते कई महीनों से चल रहा था।

के बाद पायलट ने दूसरे प्रयास में सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई। इधर, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का रनवे आरडब्ल्यू 10/28 अपग्रेड होने के बाद 16 सितंबर से फिर से उड़ान संचालन के लिए खोला जा

सकता है। इस रनवे को जून से तीन महीने के लिए बंद किया गया था। यहां इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम को अपग्रेड किया जा रहा है, ताकि यह सीएटी-थर्ड मानक के अनुरूप बन सके। इससे घने कोहरे में भी विमान सुरक्षित रूप से उतर सकेंगे।



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हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से तीन उड़ानें रद्द रहीं

ट्रांस हिंडन। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर क्षमता से अधिक यात्रियों और विमानों की भीड़ होने के कारण उड़ानें लगातार रद्द हो रही हैं। सोमवार को भी तीन उड़ानें रद्द की गईं, जबकि कई दो घंटे से अधिक देरी से उड़ीं। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट से वर्तमान में 16 शहरों के लिए करीब 25 उड़ानें चल रही हैं। कंपनी की साइट के मुताबिक नांदेड़, आदमपुर और किशनगढ़ की उड़ानें सोमवार को रद्द की गईं हालांकि, इसकी सूचना पहले ही यात्रियों को दे दी गई थी।



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700 Indians stranded after airport in Nepal capital shuts down

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Nearly 700 Indian passengers were left stranded after the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu shut down for flights on Tuesday due to safety concerns following protests across Nepal.

“Four out of the six flights scheduled to bring back passengers from Kathmandu were cancelled after the airport was closed around 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Nearly 700 air travellers are stranded. We are seized of the matter and in touch with airlines and the Ministry of External Affairs,” a senior government official told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

IndiGo and Air India announced that its flights for the day had been cancelled. IndiGo and SpiceJet announced their flights on Wednesday were also being cancelled.

A passenger scheduled to fly back on IndiGo’s 2

IndiGo, Air India and SpiceJet announced that their flights on Wednesday were also being cancelled

p.m. flight said the airline and airport abandoned them at the boarding gate.

“The airline staff told us to go through immigration after we reached the boarding gate, effectively asking us to leave the airport staff. We found our baggage thrown around near the baggage reclaim area. But leaving the airport would be foolhardy right now,” Preeti Choudhury told *The Hindu*.

She said plumes of smoke could be seen outside the airport possibly from tear gas shells used to disperse protesters. IndiGo and Air India aircraft were seen hovering over the airport and then returning without landing. Military trucks were seen arriving on the apron and at least one helicopter took off.



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MUMBAI

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Probe into AI A320 incident reveals damage to jet, airport infrastructure

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NEW DELHI: An Air India Airbus A320 with 182 people on board sustained damage after veering off the runway while landing at Mumbai airport in heavy rain on July 21, before recovering to the centreline and taxiing to the bay, a preliminary investigation report by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) stated.

The AAIB, which is probing the incident, said that Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and Flight Data Recorder (FDR) data of the aircraft were being analysed, along with the tech log, pre-departure report (PDR), weather data and damage reports. The report released on Monday evening said that even while no person on board was injured, the aircraft and airport infrastructure suffered damage.

The incident took place after the flight departed Cochin at



The damaged cowling of the Air India Airbus A320.

7.30am with a take-off weight of 67.7 tonnes and 8,500kg of fuel on board. According to the preliminary report, the aircraft, operating as AI 2744 from Cochin, touched down on the right edge of Runway 27 at 9.27 am and rolled into the grassy shoulder and continued along the grass before rejoining the paved surface near the runway

AAIB IS ANALYSING RECORDINGS FROM THE COCKPIT, DATA OF THE AIRCRAFT, THE WEATHER DATA, DAMAGE REPORTS, TECH LOGS, ALONG WITH PRE-DEPARTURE REPORTS

intersection. Despite the excursion, the aircraft later taxied under its own power to the bay and parked normally.

The investigators noted that weather conditions were poor at the time of landing. Visibility was reported at 1,200 metres with thunderstorms and rain over the airfield. Meteorological data confirmed scattered clouds at low levels and cumulonimbus activity, the report said.

The initial assessment revealed main wheels 2, 3, and 4 were found deflated. Besides this, the engine 2's cowling was damaged, with foreign objects ingested into its bypass section, grass was lodged in both main and nose landing gears, as well as in the belly area of the aircraft and that the aft cargo panel fairing was also damaged, the reports said.

The investigators also specified in the report that the runway excursion caused collateral damage at the airport: three runway edge lights, two taxiway lights and two exit signboards, were damaged and had to be repaired before the runway was reopened.

The report stated that both pilots had valid medical clearances and licences, and their duty times complied with flight duty time limitations. Breath-analyser (alcohol) tests conducted before and after the flights were found to be negative.



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SpiceJet expects to restart ops of 10 grounded planes by April 2026

NEW DELHI: SpiceJet, which flew into the red in the June quarter, expects to restart operations of 10 grounded aircraft by April 2026 as more than half of its fleet remains on the ground due to various issues.

At the end of the June quarter, the no-frills airline had just 21 operational planes out of the 56-strong fleet. Out of the operational aircraft, 8 were Boeing 737-800s, 6 Q400s, 3 Boeing 737-700 and 1 each of Boeing 737-900 and Boeing 737 Max, according to an investor presentation.

A total of 35 planes were on the ground at the end of the June quarter. The carrier had 25 planes in operation out of the 61 at the end of March 2025.

In the presentation after announcing the June quarter results, SpiceJet said it will



“unground about 10 aircraft by April 2026, including 4-5 in early winter to cater for the peak demand”. On September 5, the airline reported a net loss of Rs 238 crore in the three months ended June, whereas it had a profit of Rs 150 crore in the year-ago period.

The budget carrier, which had been facing multiple headwinds, raked in a total income of Rs 1,190.56 crore in the June quarter, lower than Rs 2,067.21 crore recorded in the same period a year ago.

Noting that it has secured

maintenance and overhaul slots to accelerate the restoration of its grounded fleet, SpiceJet, in the presentation, said a “total of 19 engines were dispatched to engine shops across the globe, including 7 engines for Boeing 737 NG aircraft, 6 engines for Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, and 6 engines for Q400 aircraft”.

Among other efforts, the airline has secured lease agreements for 10 Boeing 737 aircraft on damp lease and those will be inducted from October. Generally, in a damp lease, the lessor provides the aircraft, along with the maintenance, but not the crew and insurance. “Discussions underway for additional inductions of narrow-body and wide-body aircraft during October and November 2025,” it said in the presentation submitted to BSE. P11



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Kedarnath pilgrimage becomes dearer

Pilgrimage to Kedarnath will now be costlier as helicopter service fares have surged by 45.86%. The Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) approved the hike, effective September 15. Its CEO Ashish Chauhan stated, "The fare increase was necessitated by reduced daily shuttle flights and limited seats from Gupkashi, Sersai, and Phata." Bookings for the second phase of services, which resume after earlier suspensions due to accidents, will open on Wednesday on the IRTC website. New standard operating procedures for safety, drafted by a 10-member committee, will also govern operations, ensuring safer aerial journeys to the revered shrine.





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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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SpiceJet dues

■ **NEW DELHI:** Low-cost carrier SpiceJet said on Monday that it has fully repaid \$24 million to UBS-owned Credit Suisse, fulfilling the terms of the settlement agreement signed in May 2022. *Reuters*



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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Put off trips to Nepal, says MEA; airlines cancel flights

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The ministry of external affairs issued an advisory on Tuesday asking Indian citizens to postpone travel to neighbouring Nepal till the situation there stabilises.

"Indian citizens presently in Nepal are advised to shelter in their current places of residence, avoid going out onto the streets and exercise due caution. They are also advised to follow local safety advisories from Nepal authorities as well as the embassy of India in Kathmandu," says a post on the MEA's official X handle.

Three Kathmandu-bound flights were diverted to Lucknow and a fourth to Delhi after unrest and arson in the capital city forced Nepalese authorities to shut Tribhuvan International Airport. IndiGo operated two of these flights, and FlyDubai and Thai Lion Air one each.

IndiGo subsequently suspended its flights to and from Nepal till further notice. "If your travel is impacted, you may conveniently opt for an alternate flight or claim a refund by visiting our website. We are closely monitoring the developments and coordinating with local authorities to resume operations at the earliest," it said.

Air India is offering passengers with confirmed bookings for travel to and from Kathmandu until Sept 11 a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges. SpiceJet cancelled flights to Nepal scheduled for Tuesday while AI Express suspended its Bengaluru-Kathmandu flight for Wednesday.

Nepal aviation authorities issued a notice to airmen about Kathmandu airport being shut.



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CHENNAI

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Trichy gets direct flight to New Delhi

Trichy International Airport has added New Delhi as the sixth domestic destination to be connected as Indigo airlines has announced a direct flight starting from Sept 16. The flight, an A320 (Airbus Neo), a narrowbody aircraft with 186 economy class seats will depart New Delhi by 2.10pm to reach Trichy by 5.15pm, and depart Trichy by 6am to reach New Delhi by 9.15am. Introductory fares have are between ₹6,268 and ₹6,890.