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## *Navi Mumbai International Airport inaugurated*

GUWAHATI, Oct 8: Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), one of India's most ambitious infrastructure projects and a defining milestone in the nation's aviation journey, stated a press release.

"The Navi Mumbai International Airport is a project that exemplifies the vision of a developed India," said the Prime Minister after inaugurating the airport.

"It is built on the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and its design, resembling a lotus flower, makes it a living symbol of culture and prosperity. This new airport will connect Maharashtra's farmers directly with the international supply chain, including supermarkets in Europe and the Middle East. This means that the farmers' freshest produce — fruits, flowers, vegetables, and the products of our fisherfolk — will be able to reach the global market rapidly. For the small and micro-scale industries in the area, this infrastructure will reduce logisti-



cal costs. It is set to attract increased investment, fostering the creation of new industries and ventures. I extend my heartiest congratulations to all the people of Maharashtra and Mumbai on the establishment of this airport," Modi said.

The Prime Minister viewed the airport master plan and was also shown the various tech aspects of the terminal.

NMIA has been developed as a landmark public-private

partnership (PPP) between Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), a subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), and the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO). The project represents a major stride in India's infrastructure-building vision, reflecting the government's agenda of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

"In an era where India ascends among the world's larg-

est economies, we have built more than an airport — we have architected Bharat as a gateway and as one of the world's most indispensable crossroads," said Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group.

Envisioned as part of a dual-airport system for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), NMIA will complement Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA). With an initial ca-

capacity of 20 million passengers per annum (MPPA), the airport will eventually expand to manage 90 MPPA, making it one of the largest passenger-handling airports in India.

"NMIA is a landmark in India's aviation journey, uniting cutting-edge technology, sustainability, and a passenger-first experience," said Jeet Adani, director, Adani Airport Holdings Ltd.

Designed as a multimodal hub, NMIA will be seamlessly connected to the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, Navi Mumbai, and Mumbai Metro, suburban rail networks, and planned waterways. This integration will reduce travel times, enhance regional connectivity, and strengthen cargo and passenger movement across the vast hinterland of western India.

Inspired by the Lotus, India's national flower, NMIA's architecture blends cultural heritage with world-class design and sustainability features, creating an airport that is both rooted in Indian identity and aligned with future aspirations, the release added.

## Female elephant electrocuted at Titabar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Oct 8: An adult female elephant, about six to seven years old, was electrocuted at the Dholi Samaguri Tea Estate in Titabar co-district of Jorhat district on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Forest department source said that a herd of elephants had entered the premises of a quarter of the tea garden, which was empty, and most likely the elephant had bit into the 220-volt wire of the submersible pump installed at the site and got electrocuted. The source, however, added that it was yet to be confirmed whether the animal had bitten the wire or the wire was already live.

The source stated that the garden employees informed the Forest department in the early morning today and by the time the Forest department team reached the spot, the herd of jumbos had left the area.

According to the local people, a herd of elephants num-



bering over 50 has been causing havoc in the paddy fields of the villages and also at the garden areas of Titabar along the historic Dhodar Ali and at Dholi during night time.

The jumbos have likely come out from Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary off Mariani town, under the Mariani range of Jorhat Forest Division.



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# Poacher killed in encounter in Orang

### CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Oct 8: The staff of the Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve on Tuesday midnight foiled an attempt of rhino poaching by an organized gang of criminals with fire arms. A notorious poacher was also killed in the fierce encounter with the patrolling forest guards.

According to the Park authorities, on receiving a se-

cret input of entry of a gang of poachers on Tuesday night, the forest guards were alerted. Subsequently, at around 12.30 midnight, the on-duty forest staff under the Rahmanpur anti-poaching camp saw some lights. When the forest guards confronted the people in the opposite side, they were fired upon. The forest team also fired back in retaliation. The exchange of fire stopped

when a heavy rainfall started. The shower and the dense canopy restricted the forest team in further search operations. However, the same was started once the sun came out in the morning. After several hours of search with elephants, the bullet-ridden body of a poacher was recovered. Six live rounds of ammunition, one axe, an iron pipe used as the silencer of the fire arm,

one mobile handset and dry food stuff were recovered from the spot.

Later the slain poacher was identified as Khalilur Rahman (42), a resident of Bhabapur village, a few kilometres from the southwestern boundary of the Park. A notorious poacher, Rahman was arrested with arms and ammunition by Dalgaoon police in May last year.



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## मदुरै एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की धमकी, सुरक्षा बढ़ाई



मदुरै। मदुरै हवाईअड्डे को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिलने के बाद सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, एयरपोर्ट डायरेक्टर को धमकी भरा ईमेल मिला था। सूचना मिलते ही एयरपोर्ट डायरेक्टर एम. मुथुकुमार ने जिला कलेक्टर और पुलिस आयुक्त को इस बारे में सूचित किया। इसके बाद सीआईएसएफ और पुलिस की संयुक्त टीमों ने सघन तलाशी अभियान चलाया, पर कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। एजेसी



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## TODAY'S PICK.

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### GMR Airports (₹90.69): **BUY**

**Akhil Nallamuthu**

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The stock of GMR Airports appreciated 3.5 per cent on Thursday. It bounced off the support band of ₹85.50-86.50, strengthening the same. The price has also moved above both 21- and 50-day moving averages. The chart shows that the trend has been positive since March, and the stock has been forming higher lows. The above factors show that the probability of a rally from the

current level is high. While there might be a price correction to ₹88 from the current level, eventually, the stock can rise to ₹100. So, buy the stock at ₹90.65 and accumulate at ₹88. Place a stop-loss at ₹84. When the price hits ₹94, revise the stop-loss to ₹90. When the stock touches ₹97, tighten the stop-loss further to ₹94. Exit at ₹100.

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Note: The recommendations are based on technical analysis. There is a risk of loss in trading.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

JAIPUR

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# खाने की व्यवस्था नहीं करने और होटल में रुकवाने की मांग पर कर्मचारियों से उलझे यात्री एयरलाइंस की हवाई सूचना: यात्रियों को मैसेज दुबई फ्लाइट 14 घंटे लेट, एयरपोर्ट पर कहा- रद्द है

जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से सफर करने वाले यात्रियों की परेशानियां खत्म होने का नाम ही नहीं ले रही। स्पाइसजेट एयरलाइंस ने जयपुर-दुबई एसजी-57 फ्लाइट के यात्रियों को 14 घंटे देरी का मैसेज भेजा। शाम को यात्री एयरपोर्ट पहुंचे तो उन्हें फ्लाइट रद्द होने की सूचना दी। कई यात्री तो सुबह ही एयरपोर्ट पहुंच गए थे।

दरअसल यह फ्लाइट सुबह 9:30 बजे जयपुर से दुबई जाती है, लेकिन एयरलाइंस ने संचालन कारणों का हवाला देते हुए फ्लाइट को रात 11:40 बजे रिशेड्यूल कर दिया। कई यात्री सुबह ही एयरपोर्ट पहुंच गए। एयरलाइंस ने उन्हें फ्लाइट के रात 11:40 बजे उड़ान भरने की जानकारी दी। काफी देर तक एयरलाइंस ने यात्रियों को स्टे तो दूर खान-पान भी उपलब्ध नहीं कराया। शाम को फ्लाइट रद्द कर दी गई। कई यात्रियों को मैसेज नहीं मिला तो वे एयरपोर्ट पहुंच गए। यात्रियों ने एयरलाइंस कर्मचारियों के सामने विरोध जताया। उधर, सुबह पहुंचे यात्री होटल में रुकवाने की मांग को लेकर एयरलाइंस कर्मियों उलझ गए। सीआईएसएफ और एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने बीच-बचाव कर मामला शांत कराया।

## कोलकाता की उड़ान 30 मिनट होल्ड पर रही



सोमवार देर रात इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट 6ई-114 कोलकाता से जयपुर पहुंची। रात 9:15 बजे फ्लाइट ने लैंडिंग के लिए अप्रोच किया, लेकिन खराब मौसम के चलते लैंडिंग नहीं हो सकी। पायलट ने दोबारा टेकऑफ किया। फ्लाइट आधे घंटे होल्ड पर रही। दूसरे प्रयास में रात 9:50

बजे सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हो सकी। एविएशन एक्सपर्ट कुंवर विजयराज सिंह बताते हैं कि लो विजिबिलिटी फ्लाइट के लैंडिंग और टेक ऑफ में सबसे बड़ी परेशानी है। दिल्ली, मुंबई जैसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट्स पर ये एक सामान्य घटना है। क्योंकि अनसेफ लैंडिंग या टेक ऑफ पर डीजीसीए की मनाई है। जयपुर में 11 व 14 सितंबर और 6 अक्टूबर को लैंडिंग-टेकऑफ में परेशानी आई।

• **7 डोमेस्टिक फ्लाइट डायवर्ट:** दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार को मौसम खराब होने से 7 डोमेस्टिक और 1 इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट जयपुर डायवर्ट की गईं।

## NMIA takes off: Modi hails it as Asia's biggest connectivity hub

**Dhairya Gajara & Raina Assainar**

NAVI MUMBAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the much-awaited Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) on Wednesday, seven years after laying its foundation stone. This phase cost Rs19,646 crore. While he described the new airport as Asia's biggest connectivity hub, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis claimed that the airport will increase the state's gross domestic product (GDP) by 1%.

He landed at the airport at 2.45pm and declared the airport open through a digital toran being put up at the entrance of the terminal building and later walked through the spanky building accompanied by governor Acharya Devvrat, CM Fadnavis, Deputy CMs Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde, Union civil aviation minister KRM Naidu, minister of state Murlidhar Mohol and industrialist Gautam Adani whose company has executed the project in collaboration with CIDCO.

After inaugurating India's first twin-aviation hub, the PM said that the airport establishes its role as Asia's largest connectivity hub. He added that the new airport will connect Maharashtra's farmers and fisherfolk directly with the international supply chain, including supermarkets in Europe and the Middle East.

"It is set to attract increased investment, fostering the creation of new industries and



Farooq Sayed

### MODI GIFTED MARUT SAKHA

Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar presented a replica of Marut Sakha, India's first-ever aircraft attributed to Shivkar Bapuji Talpade. Talpade is believed to have built and flown the unmanned aircraft in 1895 – eight years before the Wright Brothers. However, there is no documented photographic or scientific evidence to confirm that the aircraft achieved sustained or controlled flight.

ventures. Mumbai's long wait ends here. NMIA bears the reflection of Vikas Bharat. It is a lotus blooming on the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj," he said.

NMIA has been envisioned as part of a dual-airport system for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and will complement Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) at Sahar.

Fadnavis recalled that the airport was conceptualised in the 1990s and till a very long time there was only a board pulled up with the airport's name, without any actual construction. He claimed that PM Modi started reviewing the airport's development and got seven out of eight permissions

in the first meeting, which were pending for 10 years.

Naidu highlighted that Mumbai's domestic air passenger traffic and international air passenger traffic have increased by 70% since 2014. He also announced that the ministry is aiming at increasing the annual air passenger traffic from 5 crore to 15 crore. He mentioned that the focus is now on the country's first off-shore airport near the Vadhaven Port in Palghar.

"India's financial capital Mumbai is now also the aviation capital with the country's first double airports. Now the airlines will not have to struggle to find a slot at the Mumbai airport as NMIA is here with new opportunities," he added.

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# 'New airport a glimpse of Viksit Bharat'

**PM Modi inaugurates Navi Mum airport, final leg of Metro 3, attacks opposition ahead of civic polls**

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**MUMBAI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who inaugurated the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday, billed the project, India's largest greenfield airport, as one offering a "glimpse of Viksit Bharat".

On the first of his two-day Mumbai visit, Modi also inaugurated the final leg of the Cuffe-Parade to Worli underground metro, part of the \$4 billion infra upgrade for Mumbai that comes ahead of crucial civic polls. He also launched Mumbai One -- an integrated ticketing app for 11 public transport services including metro lines and city bus services of Mumbai (BEST), Thane, Mira-Bhayander, Kalyan-Dombivli and Navi Mumbai.

"Every rupee spent on infrastructure is a means to enhance citizens' convenience. However, there has also been a political tendency in the country that prioritizes power over public welfare—those are the people who obstruct development work," he said.

Modi, who landed at the Navi Mumbai airport on Wednesday afternoon, was received by Maharashtra governor Acharya Devvrat, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, his two deputy chief ministers and civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu.

After a walkthrough given by Gautam Adani whose company has built the NMIA, Modi spoke for about 20 minutes, about his government's initiative to

expand the reach of aviation in the country. When he had taken over as prime minister in 2014, Modi said, he had announced that even a person wearing a Hawai chappal should be able to travel by *hawai jahaz* (airplane). That dream, he said, was getting realised. In 2014, India had 74 airports and now there are 160 airports in the country, he pointed out.

"Our target is to make India the global aviation MRO (maintenance repair and overhaul) hub by the end of this decade," he said.

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

He also used the occasion to lay out his vision for a revival of "swadeshi" (locally made) and used the opportunity to launch an attack on his political opponents.

Referring to a recent interview by former home minister P Chidambaram wherein he had said that India couldn't retaliate against Pakistan after the 2008 terror attacks due to international pressure and due to the stand of the ministry of external affairs at the time, Modi asked why the Congress had refrained from a military action against Pakistan.

"Mumbai is not only India's financial capital but also one of its most vibrant cities. In 2008, terrorists targeted the city and the Congress government showed its weakness by not attacking those who were



**PM Modi inaugurated the first phase of the airport on Wednesday. He was accompanied by chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu.** SATISH BATE/HT PHOTO



**Gautam Adani (R), whose company has built the NMIA, gave the PM a walkthrough of the airport.** SATISH BATE/HT PHOTO

behind the attack... The Congress must tell the nation who made this decision under foreign pressure, disregarding the sentiments of Mumbai and the

nation. This weakness of Congress only emboldened terrorists," he said, contrasting it with his own government's Operation Sindoor launched after the

Pahalgam terror attack.

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

Modi also spoke of the GST rationalisation recently effected by his government. "I saw the figures during this Navratri, there was record sales of scooters, bikes, televisions, fridges and washing machines," he said. "Whether poor, neo-middle class or middle class, empowering them today strengthens the nation. When these families receive facilities and respect, their capacity and contribution to the country increase."

**NMIA features**

- Commercial operations to start in December with 40% international traffic
- Initial operations for 12 hours, 8am to 8pm
- 8–10 aircraft movements per hour
- IndiGo, Air India and Akasa have confirmed operations from the airport
- The airport has been raised to 8.5 metres to withstand a 100-year flood or cloudburst
- 47 megawatt solar power generation on site
- Electric vehicles for airside operations
- Rainwater harvesting and wastewater reuse
- Forecourt gaming zone
- Digital art installations

## { SIDELIGHTS }

### PM Modi's mark

When Manmohan Singh inaugurated T2 of the Mumbai airport in 2014, he travelled to the inaugural function by road. Prime Minister Modi, however, landed at the NMIA in his official Boeing 777, which is operated by the Indian Air Force (IAF), and inaugurated phase one of the 1160-hectare airport.

### Warm welcome

Differently-abled children greeted the Prime Minister at the airport with flowers and national flags. Modi personally engaged with them and acknowledged their greetings, which drew warm applause.

### Heat takes a toll

The massive canopy erected for the inauguration turned stifling in the afternoon heat, with inadequate cooling arrangements. Even VVIPs were seen fanning themselves, while at least three attendees were

### Applause for DB Patil reference

In his address, Modi paid tributes to DB Patil, a farmer leader who had shaped the land acquisition story of Navi Mumbai.

"On this grand occasion, I remember Maharashtra's son and public leader, DB Patil. The dedication with which he worked for society and farmers is an inspiration for all of us. His life will con-

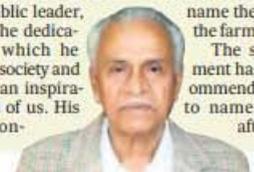
rushed to MGM Hospital, Vashi, after suffering dehydration.

### No room for black

Black clothes were a strict no-no due to apprehensions about visitors displaying black clothes as a mark of protest against the PM. The police refused entry to all those who were dressed in black t-shirts, trousers or blazers. Some CIDCO and Adani Group employees who were dressed in black had to change into white before they were granted entry.

### No longer just a board

Speaking at the inaugural function, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis recalled how those travelling from Mumbai to Pune used to see a board of the upcoming airport for several years. It was only after Modi took over that eight crucial permissions were granted very quickly, paving the way for the new airport.



to inspire those who serve society," Modi said. The reference drew strong applause from local representatives, underscoring the political and emotional resonance of their demand to name the airport after the farmer leader. The state government has already recommended the Centre to name the airport after Patil.

## Cocaine worth ₹21 crore seized at airport, two held

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**MUMBAI:** Authorities have seized 2.17 kg of cocaine, valued at ₹21.78 crore in the grey market, from a male passenger who arrived from Freetown, Sierra Leone, at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) on Tuesday. The contraband was allegedly concealed inside a package of dates.

The Mumbai unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested the passenger and, subsequently, another person who was allegedly the intended recipient of the contraband.

The DRI had been tipped off about the passenger and found the cocaine concealed in the dates. Officials found that the dates had small, black pellets inside them, inserted after the seeds had been carefully extracted. The pellets, in turn, contained a white powdery substance, officials said.



The contraband was concealed inside a package of dates, DRI sources told HT.

Testing of the powdery substance confirmed that it was cocaine. In a swift follow-up operation, the DRI officials apprehended the intended recipient of the narcotics at the airport.

The contraband was seized under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and both passengers were arrested.

An investigation is underway to uncover the network behind the drug trafficking, the officials said.

In a separate operation, the DRI on Friday arrested two women passengers who arrived at the Mumbai airport from Thailand, and were found in possession of cocaine worth ₹79 crore. The contraband was concealed in 22 packages in their baggage.

# Adani taps SBI, Temasek, others for NMIA terminal

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

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

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

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



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

next 12-18 months.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# 'Navi Mumbai airport reflects strides towards Viksit Bharat'

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**MUMBAI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated on Wednesday that the Navi Mumbai International Airport is a project that reflects strides towards 'Viksit Bharat', and the new airport will help farmers in Maharashtra connect to the markets of the Middle East and Europe.

PM Modi, who inaugurated Phase I of Navi Mumbai International Airport built at a cost of around ₹19,650 crore, said new airports and the UDAN Yojana have made air travel easier while making India the world's third-largest domestic aviation market.

"Today, Mumbai welcomed its second international airport, marking a significant milestone in its journey to becoming Asia's premier connectivity hub. This new airport is set to play a pivotal role in enhancing regional and global connectivity. Additionally, Mumbai inaugurated its first fully underground metro



PM Narendra Modi with Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis during the phase I inauguration of Navi Mumbai International Airport. HT PHOTO

system, a transformative development that will greatly ease travel and save commuters valuable time. This state-of-the-art metro stands as a proud testament to India's progress and its commitment to modern infrastructure development," PM Modi said.

He said the inauguration of Phase I of Navi Mumbai International Airport and other connectivity projects will strengthen the city's position as a global hub of growth and opportunity.

"Navi Mumbai International Airport is a project which reflects 'Viksit Bharat'... With this

new airport, farmers in Maharashtra will be connected to the markets of the Middle East and Europe. This will attract investment and new businesses to the area. I congratulate the people of Maharashtra on the inauguration of this airport," PM Modi said.

"A Viksit Bharat is one where there is both momentum and progress, where public welfare is paramount and government schemes make life easier for every citizen. Over the past 11 years, we have been tirelessly working with this same unwavering commitment across the country," he added.

The Prime Minister said until 2014, there were only 74 airports in the country. However, this number has now surpassed 160.

"The construction of airports in smaller cities has provided people with the option to travel by air. To make air travel more affordable, the UDAN Yojana was introduced. Over the past decade, many individuals have experienced flying for the first time thanks to these efforts," he said.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport is India's largest Greenfield airport project, developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and the second international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

# Adani taps banks to build ₹30k cr airport terminal

Apart from Indian banks, the group is in talks with MUFG and Mizuho Financial

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**NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:** The Adani Group's brand-new airport in Navi Mumbai is not even operational but the conglomerate is already going about raising funds for its second terminal, which is expected to start functioning four years from now.

The group plans to raise ₹30,000 crore to build the second terminal and has initiated discussions with Indian and Japanese banks as well as the Singapore government's investment company Temasek. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first terminal of Navi Mumbai International Airport on Wednesday.

Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL), a unit of the Ahmedabad-based conglomerate, will raise mainly debt, with some equity infusion by the promoters, said two people aware of the funding plan. About ₹10,000 crore (\$1.2 billion) is expected to be locked in within the next six months and the remainder in the



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

next 12-18 months.

Apart from Indian banks led by the State Bank of India, the group is in talks with at least two Japanese financiers—Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) and Mizuho Financial Group, one person said.

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

Terminal 1 of Navi Mumbai Airport was built at a cost of ₹19,464 crore—mostly debt—and can handle 20 million passen-

gers per annum. Terminal 2 is estimated to cost ₹30,000 crore and will be able to handle 30 million passengers per annum.

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

The Adani Group plans to list AAHL, a subsidiary of group flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd, in 2-3 years. It operates eight airports in India, including the one in Navi Mumbai. The conglomerate hopes to acquire 3-4 addi-

tional airports in the next round of privatization by the Indian government, said a third executive aware of the group's plans.

The Indian government is expected to privatize about 11 state-run airports in the next year through public-private partnerships, according to media reports. SBI was part of the consortium of banks that previously lent to AAHL. The person cited earlier said the Adanis are mostly tapping "the same set of banks again," without identifying them.

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

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

Apart from SBI, discussions are under way with HDFC Bank. HDFC has recently been roped in as one of the bankers at a group level, the second person said.

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

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

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MUMBAI

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

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

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

It is expected to become



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

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

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

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

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



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MY VIEW | PEN DRIVE

## Even our airports seem to exist in multiple centuries

RAHUL JACOB



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A couple of years ago, as I went through security check at Bengaluru's swanky international terminal, complete with wall gardens and food franchises of companies owned by celebrity chefs from the West, my computer bag was taken aside for inspection. The CISF person said my massage ball, made of rubber with spikes, could be used as a weapon; I would have to check it in. I appealed to his supervisor. He gravely agreed with his colleague's assessment. Rather than go back to the check-in counter, I suggested the supervisor and his team use it as a massage ball.

A fortnight ago, a security-check guard found a tennis ball in my backpack and examined it with a thoroughness that would have befitted a hand-grenade. After recording my tennis ball, flight details and seat number in the airport's 'pat down register,' which sounded like it might double for #me-too complaints, he waved me through.

To paraphrase Jane Austen, even in the

age of Digital India, it is a truth almost universally acknowledged that a functionary in possession of a good government job often yearns for a register and a rubber stamp. The paradox is that some of our international terminals today look like Muskian-landing sites for travel to Mars. Physically and metaphysically, they belong to wealthier countries, but process reforms seem unable to catch up. We have among the quickest immigration queues in the world and baggage-claim belts that are loaded efficiently in comparison with, say, Heathrow airport, but ever so often, the long arm of Indian bureaucracy pulls us back to the 20th century.

Bengaluru's Terminal 2 is an anthropological laboratory of these contradictions. The 'Dyson Airblade Wash and Dry short hand dryer,' a one-stop handwashing and drying apparatus, is so high-tech that many passengers prefer to use paper towels rather than risk the ferocious blowback at the wash basin that can make one's trousers look as if one is incontinent. Airport seating includes plush leather furniture in such wild colours that it might be a WeWork space. There are palm chandeliers that could double as eco-friendly Christmas decorations. As with Mumbai airport, the range of contemporary

art is bewildering. What I mistook to be a giant cockroach, embalmed in silver from the age of dinosaurs, turned out to be a misshapen tree.

Yet, even in a city famous as a global capability centre, necessitating backpacks full of electronic gadgets, the same diktats to 'Remove chargers' apply. In no other international airport that I transit through does this hold true. While our security-scan trays are world-beating in size, the rule that a laptop and its charging apparatus must go

through a scanner in a tray separate from one's bag is also confusing. It is almost a quarter century since Richard Reid, a Briton, failed to detonate a bomb in his shoe, resulting in the quip that he was successful in robbing travellers and security personnel alike of millions of man-hours. Our obsession with chargers in backpacks also amounts to a waste of time on par with the stamping of baggage

tags in Indian airports years ago. In Delhi's T3, meanwhile, CISF personnel seem to miss the old days so much that they insist you carry your boarding pass so they can stamp it (twice), a practice not followed by their colleagues in Mumbai or Bengaluru.

India's Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme is emblematic of our ability to be in two centuries simultaneously. The digital form requires one's Aadhaar number and every detail of one's passport. OTPs requested and received, one uploads

all this data, but it feels as if Digital India's infrastructure is trying to subject us to an AI-generated aptitude test—or perhaps *sarkari* systems don't speak to each other. Once enrolled, one is warmly greeted at the e-gate, where "there is always someone to help," says Kavita Vij, a former hospitality executive, who adds that her 33-year-old visually and fine-motor challenged son has always been helped

empathetically by immigration officials.

It all works brilliantly—until it doesn't. Fingerprint machines in India never recognize my fingers. Returning from Sri Lanka recently, I found myself trapped between glass panels for at least ten minutes while distressed officials rushed about getting keys to open the gates because the software had malfunctioned. When I humbly bragged that my faint fingerprints might be the result of too many hours spent switching grips while playing tennis, I was told it was because I was "old." A week later, the scanners at US immigration had no trouble, though, with my age.

Maybe airports don't like my standing in queues playing management consultant, grandiosely devising schemes to reduce human intervention. On Tuesday, I briefly short-circuited the boarding process in Bangkok, which I had been silently critiquing because the airline staff were not using the boarding pass scanners properly and manually checking instead. I had absent-mindedly handed them my (twice-stamped) boarding pass from Delhi's T3 while I was glued to a riveting book on Apple. I may talk a good game, but I am not quite ready for the 21st century myself.

### QUICK READ

We have speedy baggage-claim belts and among the quickest immigration queues in the world, but every now and then, the long arm of Indian bureaucracy pulls us back to the 20th century.

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

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

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

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



2014, India had 74 airports. Now, we have more than 160 airports."

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

"Now, Mumbai has a new airport (NMIA), which will be Asia's largest connectivity hub. Mumbai's long wait has come

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

among the most efficient in the world with 1160 hectare area, will handle 90 million passengers annually (MPPA) and 3.25 million metric tonnes of cargo.

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

The NMIA is expected to begin commercial operations in December though ticket sales are likely to start by the end of October. Built at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore under a public-private partnership between Adani Airports and CIDCO, the NMIA has an annual passenger handling capacity of 9 crore passengers and an annual cargo handling capacity of 3.25 MMT.

Later, the PM inaugurated Phase 2B of the Mumbai Metro Line-3 underground railway, constructed at a cost of Rs 12,200 crore.



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THE TELEGRAPH

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# Modi flags off Navi Mumbai airport

AMIYA KUMAR  
KUSHWAHA

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the first phase of Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), describing it as a “glimpse of Viksit Bharat” that would help make the Mumbai region Asia’s biggest connectivity hub.

The first phase of the NMIA, also the country’s largest greenfield airport, has been built at a cost of ₹19,650 crore and is set to be operational in December. An aircraft carrying Modi landed at the new airport, the second one in the Mumbai region, around 2.40pm. Spread across 1,160 hectares, the airport will have one terminal and one runway in the first phase with an annual passenger handling capacity of 20 million.

At the event, Modi targeted



The newly inaugurated Phase 1 of Navi Mumbai International Airport. (@NarendraModi via PTI)

the Congress over the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, appearing to refer to former home minister P. Chidambaram’s recent comment that India had considered retaliating but eventually chose restraint under international pressure.

Without naming Chidambaram, Modi said: “According to the Opposition leader, the government halted the military response due to pressure

from a foreign country.”

Modi said the Congress’s “weakness emboldened terrorists and compromised national security, a cost the country paid with innocent lives”.

The Navi Mumbai airport has been developed under the public-private partnership model. The NMIA will work in tandem with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to ease congestion and elevate Mumbai to the league of global multi-airport systems.

The NMIA is managed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd — a joint venture of Mumbai International Airport Ltd, a subsidiary of Adani Airports Holdings Ltd that has a 74 per cent stake, and the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd, which holds 26 per cent.

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

**'Party Weakened Terror Fight, National Security'**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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

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**FLYING HIGH:** PM Modi with Gautam Adani (C) and Maharashtra CM Fadnis at the inauguration of Navi Mumbai int'l airport on Wednesday

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right to know." Centre in 2008 sent out a message of weakness and of surrendering to terrorism, he said.

"This weakness of Congress strengthened terrorists and weakened national security, and the country had to pay the price for it with loss of lives again and again," Modi said.

Modi made these remarks while addressing a public gathering after inaugurating Phase One of the Navi Mum-

bai International Airport and the final stretch of Mumbai's underground Metro 3 line.

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

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## Modi: Airports doubled since 2014, millions flew first time under UDAN

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

The PM's attack on Congress comes after the opposition party's repeated ques-

tioning of his govt on US president Donald Trump's claim that he used the threat of tariffs to get India and Pakistan to agree to a ceasefire in May.

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Modi inaugurated Phase 2B of Metro Line-3 from Acharya Atrre Chowk to Cuffe Parade, marking completion of the 33.5-km Aqua Line from Aarey to South Mumbai. Describing it as "a living symbol of a developing India," he praised the engineers who

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### Opens Navi Mum airport, Metro-3 final stretch, '1 app for all transport'

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► **'Long wait is over', P 4**

## Mumbai's long wait is over, says PM as he opens NMIA

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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### Work of DB Patil inspiring: Modi

**Navi Mumbai:** While there was no official announcement at Wednesday's event on naming NMIA after DB Patil, PM Modi paid tribute to him in his speech. "The attitude of service with which the son of Maharashtra, 'Loknete' DB Patil worked for society and for farmers is inspiring for all," he said.

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Modi inaugurated Phase 2B of Metro Line-3 from



Pics: Agencies



(Clockwise) PM Modi took a walk through Terminal 1 of NMIA; a Metro 3 train ready to go all the way up to Cuffe Parade; the new airport; and the PM with Divyang children



**VIDEO**

Mumbai joins likes of New York, Paris, London, Tokyo with second international airport. Scan to see

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"karnaamey" (devious acts) of the opposition which "likes to take development projects off the rails." He accused the former MVA govt of halting the project. "I participated in the bhoompujan for Metro 3. At that time, lakhs of Mumbaikars had hoped that their (commuting) difficulties would be reduced. But the govt that then came to office for some time stopped work on the project altogether. They got power, but the nation suffered a loss of thousands of crores and there was prolonged inconvenience for citizens for several years... In a city where every minute counts, Mumbaikars

were deprived of this facility for 3-4 years. This is nothing short of 'paap' (sin)," he said.

The metro will cut a 2-2.5 hour journey to 30-40 minutes, he said.

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## अकासा एयर की सह संस्थापक का इस्तीफा

नई दिल्ली। अकासा एयर की सह-संस्थापक एवं अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन की वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष नीलू खत्री ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। खत्री ने इस्तीफा क्यों दिया, इसके कारणों का तत्काल पता नहीं चल सका है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि हाल के दिनों में एयरलाइन कंपनी में कुछ कार्यकारी स्तर के कर्मचारियों की छंटनी हुई है। हालांकि, अभी कंपनी की ओर से इस बारे में कोई बयान जारी नहीं किया गया है। एजेंसी

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## ‘Draft leasing rules may deter aircraft lessors’

**Our Bureau**  
New Delhi

India’s draft aircraft leasing rules may deter global lessors from leasing aircraft to domestic airlines, caution [aviation](#) legal experts.

The cautionary note comes after the Centre enacted the Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Act, 2025, to align with the Cape Town Convention (CTC).

Speaking to *businessline*, Mansi Singh, Partner at BTG Advaya, cited that one of the most contentious aspects of the draft rules is the priority given to a broad set of domestic claims over registered international interests.

“Essentially, an aircraft cannot be exported from India unless the lessor clears a host of outstanding dues, such as unpaid wages of airline employees, airport oper-



ator charges, route navigation and facilitation charges, fuel charges and GST payable in relation to the leasing of the aircraft,” she said.

Under the earlier regulations, Irrevocable Deregistration and Export Request Authorisation (IDERA), lessors were required to clear only those dues that were directly related to the aircraft.

### **DEFAULT NOTIFICATION**

Besides, these dues were limited to the three months preceding the default notification.

According to Poonam Verma Sengupta, Partner at JSA Advocates and Solicit-

ors, the draft rules remove the three-month cap and mandate the payment of such dues in full before repossession.

This aspect, she said, could delay repossession for lessors as aircraft cannot be exported until all claims are first verified and settled.

### **PROMPT POSSESSION**

“It also adds unnecessary costs for lessors and conflicts with India’s Cape Town Convention commitments, particularly Article 13, which emphasises the creditor’s right to prompt possession of aircraft,” she said.

The draft rules, Sengupta pointed out, risk undermining investor confidence unless they are rebalanced.

Mark Martin, CEO of Martin Consultancy, underscored the importance of aligning India’s aviation leasing framework with international standards, warning that legal uncertainty could

undermine the country’s ambitions in global aviation finance.

“Bringing India’s leasing processes in line with global norms is essential if we want to attract serious international investment and improve our compliance standing under the Cape Town Convention,” Martin said.

He acknowledged that the passage of the Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Act, 2025, was a major milestone, but cautioned that legislation alone was not enough. “The law is a step in the right direction, no doubt. But its success ultimately depends on how effectively it’s implemented on the ground and how consistently regulators cooperate to uphold its intent.”

Martin argued that the current draft rules risked undermining those efforts by introducing ambiguity and financial unpredictability for lessors.



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## सुविधा • कुल 45 जोड़ी विमानों का ऑपरेशन दीपावली-छठ पर स्पाइसजेट की सात जोड़ी विमान सेवा शुरू

नई दिल्ली | दीपावली और छठ को देखते हुए स्पाइसजेट ने 7 जोड़ी नई फ्लाइट शुरू की है। इनमें दो जोड़ी मुंबई के लिए है। एक-एक जोड़ी दिल्ली, हैदराबाद, बंगलुरु, अहमदाबाद और गुवाहाटी के लिए है। दिल्ली-पटना-दिल्ली की फ्लाइट 10 अक्टूबर से शुरू होगी। वहीं अहमदाबाद-पटना-अहमदाबाद और हैदराबाद-पटना-हैदराबाद की फ्लाइट 11 अक्टूबर से शुरू होगी। 7 जोड़ी फ्लाइटों के

शुरू होने के बाद पटना एयरपोर्ट से 45 जोड़ी विमानों का ऑपरेशन होगा। फेस्टिवल सीजन को देखते हुए और एयरलाइंस भी नई फ्लाइट शुरू करने वाली है। अभी भी पटना से देवघर, जयपुर, भोपाल के लिए सीधे उड़ान नहीं है। पटना से दिल्ली के लिए विमानों की संख्या 15 बढ़कर 16 हो गई है जबकि मुंबई के लिए 4 से बढ़कर 6, बंगलुरु के लिए 8 और हैदराबाद के लिए विमान हो जाएंगे।

### स्पाइसजेट की नई 7 जोड़ी फ्लाइट

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3453	पटना-गुवाहाटी	12:40 बजे दिन	2:35 बजे दोपहर
874	अहमदाबाद-पटना	11:15 बजे दिन	1:45 बजे दोपहर
875	पटना-अहमदाबाद	2:20 बजे दोपहर	4:20 बजे शाम
200	मुंबई-पटना	2:00 बजे दोपहर	4:40 बजे शाम
201	पटना-मुंबई	5:20 बजे शाम	7:55 बजे रात
988	मुंबई-पटना	3:45 बजे शाम	6:15 बजे शाम
989	पटना-मुंबई	7:00 बजे शाम	9:40 बजे रात
876	हैदराबाद-पटना	5:10 बजे शाम	7:15 बजे रात
877	पटना-हैदराबाद	8:00 बजे रात	10:05 बजे रात
473	दिल्ली-पटना	7:40 बजे रात	9:10 बजे रात
478	पटना-दिल्ली	9:50 बजे रात	11:10 बजे रात
531	बंगलुरु-पटना	7:45 बजे रात	10:30 बजे रात
532	पटना-बंगलुरु	11:10 बजे रात	रात 2:10 बजे



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## Civil Aviation Minister Naidu launches book by CISF official

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

The launch saw the presence of the entire top brass of the CISF, including former DGs Sheel Vardhan Singh, Ramesh Chandra, Rajesh Ranjan, and O.P. Singh, as well as senior IPS officers Amit Garg, Praveer Ranjan, and Jose Mohan, who attended to support their colleague's work. Their participation reflected the institutional pride in Mo-



hanka's achievement and the relevance of the book to both the aviation and security domains.

Speaking at the event, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu described the book as "like an encyclopedia of India's aviation sector," noting that it captures the full spectrum of aviation activity — from the air-

side to terminal operations and the landside. He also outlined the government's plans to make air travel more affordable and comfortable, highlighting efforts to strengthen regional connectivity, improve passenger services, and develop modern airport infrastructure. He announced that the book would be included in

community libraries at all airports, enabling trainees, professionals, and passengers to access it.

Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, former Minister of Civil Aviation, praised the book as a potential "bible for aviation in India and beyond." In a personal moment, he shared anecdotes from his student days with Mohan-

ka, recalling their friendship and expressing pride in seeing his classmate's work receive national attention.

In his remarks, Mohanka spoke about how Indian aviation has taken a tremendous leap over the last decade, moving from a limited-access mode of travel to a mass, affordable, and safety-driven ecosystem. He said the transformation has been both technological and cultural, involving airport modernization, private sector participation, enhanced security systems, and the growing expectations of passengers. He added that this rapid evolution also brings new challenges, from cybersecurity to infrastructure demands, which require better awareness

across all stakeholders.

Spanning 445 pages, "Above and Beyond" draws on Mohanka's three decades of experience in the CISF, offering an insider's view of how India's aviation ecosystem works.

The book covers airport design and operations, passenger experience, crew resource management, security protocols, emergency response systems, and future challenges such as AI and cybersecurity. It incorporates findings from a survey of 1,500 passengers, identifying 262 recurring issues, from infrastructure gaps to service challenges, and offers practical insights on how India's aviation sector can align more closely with global standards.



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## **Air India ties up with STARLUX**

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** Air India has entered into an interline partnership with Taiwan-based STARLUX Airlines, further enhancing travel options for customers across Asia.

Through this partnership, Air India customers will be able to access Taipei via Air India's Southeast Asia gateways namely, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur.

On the other hand, STARLUX customers will enjoy seamless connections to Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru via shared gateways in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City and Kuala Lumpur. The interline agreement between the two carriers enables single-ticket itineraries.



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## More flights between India, UK coming up

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Prime Minister Keir Starmer's India visit to unlock opportunities for British businesses in India, has also spelt a take-off for the aviation sector.

"It comes as British Airways has today confirmed it will introduce a third daily flight between Delhi and London Heathrow in 2026, subject to regulatory and capacity approval, and will look for further growth opportunities in the country as trade between the UK and India increases," said Business and Trade Secretary Peter Kyle.

"Our ties with India were established over 100 years ago and today we have around 2,500 British Airways colleagues based there. We've been steadily increasing capacity between India and the UK over the years and we're now operating 56 direct services from five Indian cities each week," said Sean Doyle, Chairman and Chief Executive of British Airways.

"The Free Trade Agreement with India will boost economic momentum between our two countries and British Airways really sits at the centre of that activity, acting as an enabler for increased trade. We will develop our own network alongside increased economic activity so the FTA for our business is very good news. As the airline that offers the biggest network of any European carrier into the North Atlantic, we also help connect India to the US and beyond, so when you add this factor into the mix, there's a lot to be excited about for our two connected economies," he said.

According to Boyle, Manchester Airport will also launch a new direct route to Delhi operated by IndiGo, adding to its existing Mumbai service and making it the only UK airport outside London with connections to both cities.

"The expansion is expected to generate over £50 million



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer (C) walks with Britain's Business Secretary Peter Kyle (L) and Sean Doyle, Chief Executive of British Airways, on the tarmac at Heathrow Airport, as they leave for India on Tuesday. PHOTO: AFP

in annual exports, £25 million in tourism income, and 450 new jobs, while boosting productivity and research collaboration across the North," he said.

"We are proud to connect the North to the world

and today's announcement means people and businesses across the region will now have direct access to both India's financial centre and its capital," noted Manchester Airport Managing Director Chris Woodroffe.



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## अकासा की सहसंस्थापक ने दिया कंपनी से इस्तीफा

नई दिल्ली : विमानन कंपनी अकासा एयर की सहसंस्थापक और कंपनी की सीनियर वाइस प्रेसिडेंट नीलू खत्री ने अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया है। गुरुवार को एक बयान में एयरलाइन ने पुष्टि करते हुए कहा कि खत्री ने अपने पेशेवर सफर को एक नई दिशा देने के लिए कंपनी छोड़ने का फैसला किया है। हालांकि, कंपनी ने ज्यादा जानकारी नहीं दी है। खत्री सात अगस्त 2022 से उड़ान शुरू करने वाली अकासा एयरलाइन की कार्यकारी समिति में भी शामिल रही हैं। (प्रेट्र)



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### जयपुर में अंतिम समय में इंडिगो की दो फ्लाइटें रद्द

जासं, जयपुर : जयपुर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर बुधवार को यात्रियों को काफी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की दो फ्लाइटें अंतिम समय में रद्द कर दी गईं। इनमें से एक फ्लाइट, जो जयपुर से उदयपुर जाने वाली थी, तकनीकी कारणों से रद्द की गई। दूसरी फ्लाइट, जयपुर से इंदौर जाने वाली थी, संचालन कारणों से उड़ान नहीं भर सकी।



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## Akasa Air co-founder Khatri resigns

**AKASA AIR'S CO-FOUNDER** and Senior Vice President for international operations Neelu Khatri has put in her papers, marking a high-level exit at the three-year-old airline.

In a statement on Thursday, the airline confirmed that Khatri has decided to move on from the company to pursue a new direction in her professional journey. Specific details were not disclosed.

Earlier in the day, sources told PTI that Khatri has resigned from the airline.

Khatri is among the founding team of Akasa Air, which started flying on August 7, 2022. She is also one of the executive committee mem-

bers of the airline.

Apart from Khatri, Akasa Air has five other co-founders — Aditya Ghosh, Anand Srinivasan, Belson Coutinho, Bhavin Joshi and Praveen Iyer.

Vinay Dube is the founder and CEO of the airline.

In recent times, there have been some executive-level exits at the carrier. In August, the airline announced completion of fund-raising from investors, including Premji Invest and Claypond Capital.

Dube, in a message to the staff, said that after an incredible journey of five years, Khatri will be moving on from the airline to embark on a new adventure in her career. **PTI**



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## अकासा एयर की सह-संस्थापक ने इस्तीफा दिया

नई दिल्ली। अकासा एयर की सह-संस्थापक और वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष (परिचालन) नीलू खत्री ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। गुरुवार को कंपनी ने पुष्टि की कि खत्री ने अपनी पेशेवर यात्रा को नई दिशा देने के लिए कंपनी छोड़ने का फैसला किया है। खत्री अकासा एयर की संस्थापक टीम में शामिल रही हैं। वह एयरलाइन कंपनी की कार्यकारी समिति की सदस्य भी हैं।



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## डीजीसीए ने इंडिगो पर 20 लाख का जुर्माना लगाया

### शिकंजा

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। विमानन नियामक नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने पायलटों के प्रशिक्षण में कोताही बरतन के मामले में इंडिगो पर 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। डीजीसीए ने 26 सितंबर को ये जुर्माना लगाया जिसका खुलासा विमान कंपनी ने बुधवार को किया।

डीजीसीए के अनुसार पायलटों के प्रशिक्षण के लिए सी श्रेणी के बेहतर सिमुलेटर का इस्तेमाल न करने के कारण ये जुर्माना लगाया गया है। सी श्रेणी के एयरपोर्ट चुनौती से भरे होते हैं जहां पायलट को विमान को उड़ान भरने से लेकर लैंडिंग तक में विशेष महारथ

### दिल्ली-लंदन रूट पर और विमानों का संचालन होगा

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एयर इंडिया दिल्ली-लंदन रूट पर 26 अक्टूबर से अतिरिक्त विमानों का संचालन करेगी। कंपनी अभी इस रूट पर एक सप्ताह में 24 विमान सेवाओं का संचालन होता था। अब इसे बढ़ाकर 28 कर दिया गया है। अतिरिक्त विमान सेवा शुरू होने से कुल 1196 सीटें बढ़ जाएंगी। कंपनी ने कहा कि मांग बढ़ने के कारण ये फैसला लिया गया है।

हासिल होनी चाहिए। सी श्रेणी के सिमुलेटर इसी तरह की चुनौतियों से निपटने की तैयारियों का अहम हिस्सा होते हैं। इंडिगो ने कहा है कि वे डीजीसीए के आदेश को चुनौती देगी।



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## डीजीसीए ने इंडिगो पर लगाया 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्वा। नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय ( डीजीसीए ) ने इंडिगो पर 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। पायलट प्रशिक्षण में कथित खामियों के लिए इंडिगो की मूल कंपनी इंटरग्लोब एविएशन लिमिटेड पर यह जुर्माना लगाया है। कंपनी इस फैसले को चुनौती देने की योजना बना रही है। कंपनी ने एक रेगुलेटरी फाइलिंग बताया कि 26 सितंबर को डीजीसीए से जुर्माने के संबंध में नोटिस मिला है। एयरलाइन पर पायलट प्रशिक्षण में कथित खामियों के लिए एयरलाइन पर 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया गया है। यह जुर्माना श्रेणी C एयरपोर्ट पर पायलट प्रशिक्षण के लिए योग्य सिमुलेटर का उपयोग करने में कथित विफलता के लिए लगाया गया है। विमानन कंपनी ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि डीजीसीए के इस आदेश को उपयुक्त अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष चुनौती देने पर विचार किया जा रहा है।



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## Akasa co-founder Khatri exits after ₹1,200 cr funding

Ex-IAF officer's departure is the first from the founding team since the carrier's 2022 launch.

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One of the nine co-founders of Akasa Air has left the privately-owned airline, marking the first high-profile departure at the carrier, which began flying in 2022. The airline announced on Thursday the resignation of its senior vice president of International Operations, Neelu Khatri, as per an official company statement. The company, in a statement, said Khatri decided to pursue a new professional direction.

Akasa Air has not yet announced a replacement for her. The move marks the first high-profile departure from the founding team of India's youngest major carrier, launched in 2022.

Incidentally, the exit comes weeks after the airline secured fresh funding from Bengaluru's billionaire circles. Khatri holds less than 1% in SNV Aviation Pvt. Ltd, the holding company of Akasa Air.

Mumbai-based Akasa Air, officially SNV Aviation Pvt. Ltd, was co-founded by nine aviation veterans, including chief executive officer Vinay Dube, chief commercial

officer Aditya Ghosh, chief operating officer Belson Coutinho, chief financial officer Ankur Goel and operations specialists like Khatri, Anand Srinivasan, Bhavin Joshi and Praveen Iyer.

The exit comes hot on the heels of Akasa's August 2025 fundraising triumph; a ₹1,200 crore injection led by Premji Invest (Azim Premji's family office) and Claypond Capital (healthcare billionaire Ranjan Pai's vehicle), alongside 360 ONE Asset Management and additional Jhunjhunwala commitments.

Till the time of going to press, Khatri did not respond to *Mint's* messages.

Khatri, a former Indian Air Force Wing Commander with over 25 years of experience in aviation and aerospace, joined Akasa at its inception in 2020. She held senior leadership positions, including president of Honeywell Aerospace India. Her LinkedIn profile mentions roles as managing director, BluOrange Synergies; executive director - International Sales and business development, Pipavav Defence and Offshore Engineering Ltd; head Defence and Security Advisory Services, KPMG.

For an extended version of the story, go to [livemint.com](https://www.livemint.com).



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The plea alleges that MRO firm Air Works is holding components citing unpaid dues. REUTERS

## Go First files plea against Air Works

**B**ankrupt airline Go First has filed a fresh plea before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Delhi, seeking the release and disclosure of several aircraft components, primarily small tyres and wheels, that it claims are being withheld by maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) firm Air Works India (Engineering) Pvt. Ltd, a subsidiary of the Adani Group.

The plea, filed by the airline's liquidator Dinkar Venkatasubramanian, alleges that the MRO firm continues to hold back the components citing unpaid dues. While some of the assets belong to the airline, others belong to its lessors. After a brief hearing on Thursday, the Delhi NCLT issued a notice to Air Works and sought its response to the plea.

"Let notice be issued to the respondents for filing their response and appearance. Notice be issued by all means and proof of service be filed. List the matter on 20 November," the tribunal directed. During the hearing, Divakar Maheshwari, counsel for the liquidator, asked the tribunal to direct Air Works "to return the products and goods, which are lying in their custody illegally."

KRISHNA YADAV

ALLEGES FAVOUR TO BIHAR DURING POLLS | 'IS THIS NOT DISCRIMINATION?'

## North Bengal crisis: CM questions Rs 18K airfare from Bagdogra to Kol

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**KOLKATA:** Questioning alleged discrimination in airline pricing, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday asked as to why airfare for Kolkata-bound passengers from Bagdora was hiked arbitrarily in the aftermath of the disaster in North Bengal.

Banerjee also alleged that flight fare to Bihar was not hiked keeping in mind Bihar elections. The Chief Minister also questioned why the Central government permitted such a disparity in airfare. Expressing strong discontent over airfare hikes, Banerjee asked why flights from Bagdogra to Kolkata were priced at Rs 18,000 even after the catastrophe in North Bengal. Banerjee returned to Kolkata on Wednesday afternoon after visiting the affected regions of North Bengal, meeting the families displaced by the calamity and launching emergency support measures.



FILE PIC

### Highlights

- » 'When there is a disaster, why are people trying to return to Kolkata from Bagdogra being charged Rs 18,000? And those who aren't getting direct flights and have to travel via New Delhi are being made to pay Rs 42,000 to Rs 45,000. Is this not discrimination?'
- » 'The state government has already arranged 45 Volvo buses and brought more than 1,000 tourists from the disaster-hit North Bengal'

» 'During Chhath Puja in Bihar, a decision was made not to raise airfares because of elections. I'm happy about that. Many people here in our state also perform Chhat Puja. Airfare to Kolkata from Bagdogra was hiked to Rs 18,000. But why this step-motherly treatment towards Bengal?'

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She further alleged that the decision was taken not to

increase flight fares to Bihar during Chhath Puja keeping in mind Bihar elections. Banerjee held the BJP-led government at the Centre responsible for the disparity in airfares.

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Airfare to Kolkata from Bagdogra was hiked to Rs 18,000. But why this step-motherly treatment towards Bengal?" she questioned.

"Those passengers who are going via Delhi are forced to pay Rs 42,000 to Rs 45,000. Is it not discrimination?" she asked further. She stated that her government has already arranged 45 Volvo buses and brought

more than 1,000 tourists from the disaster-hit North Bengal. She gave a detailed account on how the state government carried out the ongoing relief and rehabilitation works.

The Chief Minister on Wednesday said she will again visit landslide-hit Darjeeling next week to personally supervise the ongoing relief and rehabilitation work.



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## India-UK FTA: Air India, IndiGo expand UK ops

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TWO of India's leading carriers — Air India and IndiGo — are aggressively expanding their operations between India and the United Kingdom (UK).

On Thursday, both airlines announced plans to increase the frequency of flights on the route amid strengthening trade and diplomatic ties between the two nations in the backdrop of UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's first official visit to India.

Air travel between the two regions has consistently been strong, and connectivity is set to expand soon following the recently concluded India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). This agreement also provides an opportunity to increase their presence in the key European market, where overseas carriers hold approximately a 70% market share.

Air India said on Thursday that it would be expanding its services to the UK as part of its Northern Winter 2025 schedule, adding a fourth daily flight between Delhi and London (Heathrow), effective 26 October 2025. The additional flight increases Air India's frequency from 24x weekly to 28x weekly this Winter, adding 1,196 seats each way per week between Delhi and London (Heathrow).



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## डी.जी.सी.ए. ने इंडिगो पर लगाया 20 लाख रुपए का जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली, 9 अक्टूबर (एजेंसी): नागर विमानन नियामक डी.जी.सी.ए. ने पायलट प्रशिक्षण में कथित खामियों के लिए इंडिगो पर 20 लाख रुपए का जुर्माना लगाया है। कंपनी इस फैसले को चुनौती देने की योजना बना रही है। इंडिगो ने बताया कि उसे



26 सितंबर को नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डी.जी.सी.ए.) से जुर्माने के संबंध में नोटिस मिला है। कंपनी सूचना के अनुसार 20 लाख रुपए का जुर्माना 'श्रेणी सी हवाई अड्डों पर पायलट प्रशिक्षण के लिए योग्य 'सिमुलेटर' का उपयोग

करने में कथित विफलता' के लिए लगाया गया है। आमतौर पर श्रेणी 'सी' के हवाई अड्डों की पहुंच और परिचालन स्थितियां चुनौतीपूर्ण होती हैं।

विमानन कंपनी ने कहा कि वह इस आदेश को उपयुक्त अपीलित प्राधिकारी के समक्ष चुनौती देने पर

विचार कर रही है। इंडिगो ने कहा आंतरिक संप्रेषण संचार में देरी के कारण जुर्माने की जानकारी देने में इतना समय लग गया। एयरलाइन कंपनी ने कहा कि डी.जी.सी.ए. के आदेश के कारण उसकी वित्तीय स्थिति, परिचालन या अन्य गतिविधियों पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा।



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## भारत के लिए सीधी उड़ानों की बहाली एक सकारात्मक कदम : चीन

बीजिंग, 9 अक्टूबर (एजेंसी) : चीन ने वीरवार को पांच साल के अंतराल के बाद भारत के साथ सीधी उड़ानें बहाल किए जाने को सकारात्मक कदम बताया।

चीन ने कहा कि इससे पता चलता है कि दोनों देश द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को मजबूत करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग के बीच बनी सहमति पर 'ईमानदारी से काम' कर रहे हैं। चीन के आठ दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय अवकाश के बाद विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता गुओ जियाकुन ने पहली प्रेस वार्ता को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि उड़ानें अक्टूबर के अंत तक पुनः शुरू हो जाएंगी। भारत ने दो अक्टूबर को घोषणा की थी कि चीन के लिए सीधी उड़ानें 26 अक्टूबर से फिर से शुरू होंगी।





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## रनवे से उतरकर झाड़ियों में घुसा प्राइवेट जेट

फर्रुखाबाद। फर्रुखाबाद की मोहम्मदाबाद हवाई पट्टी पर एक निजी जेट विमान रनवे से फिसलकर झाड़ियों में जा घुसा। गनीमत रही कि सभी यात्री और दोनों पायलट सुरक्षित बच गये। जिलाधिकारी आशुतोष कुमार द्विवेदी ने कहा, "एक निर्माणाधीन फैक्ट्री के प्रबंध निदेशक को ले जा रहा निजी जेट उड़ान भरते समय नियंत्रण खो बैठा और पास की झाड़ियों में जा गिरा। सौभाग्य से सभी यात्री सुरक्षित हैं और किसी के घायल होने की सूचना नहीं है। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि जेट सर्विस एविएशन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड का यह विमान पूर्वाह्न लगभग साढ़े 10 बजे उड़ान भरते समय नियंत्रण खो बैठा और रनवे से फिसलकर पास की झाड़ियों में जा घुसा। उन्होंने बताया कि जेट विमान में जिले के औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में निर्माणाधीन एक बीयर फैक्ट्री के प्रबंध निदेशक सवार थे।



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## Direct flights with India positive move: China

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China on Thursday described the resumption of direct flights with India after a five-year hiatus as a positive step, saying it demonstrated that both countries are 'faithfully acting' on the understandings reached between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping to strengthen bilateral ties.

Speaking at a media briefing, the first since the Chinese Foreign Ministry resumed its regular schedule following the eight-day national holidays, spokesperson Guo Jiakun said the flights would resume by the end of October.

India had announced on October 2 that direct flights to China would resume from October 26. "This is the latest move that demonstrates how the two countries are faithfully acting on the important common understanding between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Tianjin on Aug 31," Guo said in response to a question.

Modi and Xi had met on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin and welcomed the positive momentum and steady progress in bilateral relations since their last meeting at Kazan, Russia, in October 2024. Guo said China stands ready to work with India to view and manage bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, to be friends, good neighbours and partners who support each other's success. He used a

metaphor of a "cooperative pas de deux (dance) of the dragon and the elephant" to emphasise the shared responsibilities of China and India in promoting peace, prosperity and greater deliverables for the people of both countries and for Asia at large. Chinese airlines such as Air China, which previously operated flights between the two countries, have not yet announced formal plans for resumption.

Indian carrier IndiGo and China Eastern will be the first two airlines to resume direct flights between the two countries, people familiar with the development had said. IndiGo had said in a statement that it plans to operate daily flights from Kolkata to Guangzhou from October 26. "Subject to regulatory approvals, IndiGo will also introduce direct flights between Delhi and Guangzhou shortly," it said.

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

The Ministry of Civil Aviation had said India and China would resume direct air services by the end of October.

"This follows continuous technical-level engagement between civil aviation authorities as part of broader efforts to normalise bilateral ties," it said. "The move will greatly enhance air connectivity, support people-to-people exchanges and contribute to the strengthening of economic collaboration between the two countries," it added.



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## भारत के लिए सीधी उड़ानों के संबंधों में होंगे सुधार : चीन

बीजिंग, (एजेंसी): चीन ने बृहस्पतिवार को पांच साल के अंतराल के बाद भारत के साथ सीधी उड़ानें बहाल किये जाने को सकारात्मक कदम करार दिया। चीन ने कहा कि इससे पता चलता है कि दोनों देश द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को मजबूत करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और राष्ट्रपति शी चिनफिंग के बीच बनी सहमति पर 'ईमानदारी से काम' कर रहे हैं। चीन के आठ दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय अवकाश के बाद विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता गुओ जियाकुन ने पहली प्रेस वार्ता को संबोधित करते हुए

### ● पीएम मोदी और राष्ट्रपति शी चिनफिंग के बीच बनी सहमति पर 'ईमानदारी से काम' कर रहे हैं

कहा कि उड़ानें अक्टूबर के अंत तक पुनः शुरू हो जाएंगी। भारत ने दो अक्टूबर को घोषणा की थी कि चीन के लिए सीधी उड़ानें 26 अक्टूबर से फिर से शुरू होंगी।

गुओ ने एक सवाल के जवाब में कहा, "यह

नवीनतम कदम दर्शाता है कि किस प्रकार दोनों देश 31 अगस्त को तियानजिन में राष्ट्रपति शी चिनफिंग और प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के बीच बनी महत्वपूर्ण आम समझ पर ईमानदारी से काम कर रहे हैं।"

मोदी और चिनफिंग ने तियानजिन में शंघाई सहयोग संगठन (एससीओ) शिखर सम्मेलन के इतर मुलाकात की थी और अक्टूबर 2024 में रूस के कज़ान में अपनी पिछली बैठक के बाद से द्विपक्षीय संबंधों में सकारात्मक और लगातार हो रही प्रगति का स्वागत किया था।

गुओ ने कहा कि चीन, भारत के साथ मिलकर द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को रणनीतिक और दीर्घकालिक परिप्रेक्ष्य में देखने और प्रबंधित करने तथा अच्छे पड़ोसी और साझेदार बनने के लिए तैयार है, जो एक-दूसरे की सफलता के लिए सहयोग करें।

उन्होंने दोनों देशों के लोगों और समग्र एशिया के लिए शांति, समृद्धि और बेहतर परिणाम प्राप्त करने में चीन और भारत की साझा जिम्मेदारियों पर जोर देते हुए "डूंगन और हाथी के सहयोगात्मक संबंध" के रूपक का प्रयोग किया।



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## IndiGo to start Del-Manchester service, up no. of direct flights

**London:** IndiGo will launch daily flights between New Delhi and Manchester. The new direct service was announced at the start of the trade mission to India led by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

This comes just months after IndiGo picked Manchester airport for its first ever long-haul route into Europe, launching direct flights between Mumbai and Manchester in July. It means that from Nov there will be nine direct flights a week between Manchester and India.

There will be five flights a week from Mumbai to Manchester, and four a week from Delhi to Manchester.

Until now there were three direct flights from Mumbai to Manchester. The Manchester airport is now the only UK airport outside London to have direct services to both Mumbai and Delhi.

### 5 FLIGHTS A WK FROM MUM, 4 FROM DELHI

They will all operate from Manchester's state-of-the-art £1.3 billion Terminal 2.

The two routes are expected to generate increased exports worth more than £33.5 million a year, £26 million in tourism income from Indian visitors, 500 new jobs, and more than £26 million of productivity savings for UK businesses.

Chief secretary to the UK Treasury James Murray said: "Manchester airport has recently had a large amount of investment which has enabled Terminal 2 to be renovated and expanded, and on the basis of the extra capacity IndiGo chose Manchester airport."

British Airways on Wednesday confirmed it will introduce a third daily flight between Delhi and London Heathrow in 2026, subject to regulatory and capacity approval.

The airline will look for further growth opportunities in India as trade between the UK and India increases. — *Nami Canton*