

हवाई अड्डों पर स्वचालित सुरक्षा जांच ट्रे लगेंगी

दीपक पटेल

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भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) यात्रियों की सुरक्षा जांच में इस्तेमाल होने वाली ट्रे स्वचालित रूप से चलाने वाली मशीनें 165 करोड़ रुपये में खरीद रहा है। इसमें जीएसटी शामिल नहीं है। यह कदम केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह के उस निर्देश के कुछ हफ्ते बाद उठाया गया है, जिसमें उन्होंने सभी एयरपोर्ट पर ऑटोमैटिक ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम (एटीआरएस) शुरू करने का निर्देश दिया था।

शाह ने 8 जुलाई को हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा और यात्रियों की सुविधाओं को परखने के लिए समीक्षा बैठक बुलाई थी। इसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि मानव संसाधन लागत कम करने के लिए पूरे देश के हवाई अड्डों पर एटीआरएस लगाया जाना चाहिए। उन्होंने यह भी निर्देश दिया कि ऐसे मानक तय हों कि नए हवाई अड्डों पर एटीआरएस व्यवस्था डिजाइन का ही हिस्सा हो।

बिज़नेस स्टैंडर्ड को मिली जानकारी के अनुसार सरकार द्वारा संचालित एएआई ने 21 जुलाई को 52 एटीआरएस लेन खरीदने



एएआई ने शुरू की 165 करोड़ रुपये में 52 एटीआरएस लेन खरीदने की प्रक्रिया

के लिए टेंडर जारी किया था, जो मौजूदा बैगेज एक्स-रे मशीनों के साथ काम करेंगी। बोली जमा करने की अंतिम तारीख 22 अक्टूबर है। एएआई 52 एटीआरएस लेन की आपूर्ति से लेकर संचालन तक का काम संभालने वाली कंपनी की तलाश कर रहा है। इस करार में एक साल की ऑनसाइट वारंटी और उपकरण सहित सात साल का पूरा रखरखाव भी शामिल है। टेंडर के अनुसार आपूर्तिकर्ता ही पूरे सिस्टम के संचालन और रखरखाव के लिए एएआई के कर्मचारियों को प्रशिक्षण भी देगा।



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AAI launches ₹165 crore airport security tray automation push

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 9 October

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated a ₹165 crore procurement process to automate the movement of trays used for passenger security checks, it is learnt.

While major privately run airports such as New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad already have such automatic tray retrieval system (ATRS) in place, many of the 137 AAI-operated ones do not.

October 22 is the deadline to bid for the 52 ATRS lanes for which the government-run AAI had issued a tender.

The AAI is seeking a company to supply, install, integrate, test, and commission the 52 ATRS lanes. The contract also includes a one-year onsite warranty and seven years of comprehensive maintenance, including spare parts.

By automating tray movement, ATRS can increase passenger throughput at security checkpoints and reduce waiting time around the baggage-screening process, AAI officials said. "The system is not replacing the X-ray machine or the security officer. Instead, it automates the movement of



The supplier of the automatic tray retrieval system will also have to train AAI personnel to operate and maintain it

trays around the screening machine. This allows security personnel to concentrate on examining baggage rather than manually moving or collecting trays," an official said.

AAI did not respond to *Business Standard's* queries.

According to the tender, reviewed by this newspaper, the supplier will also have to train AAI personnel to operate and maintain the system. The AAI, it is learnt, has estimated the total cost of procuring, installing, and maintaining 52 ATRS lanes to be ₹164.8 crore: ₹98.9 crore for supply and installation, and ₹65.9 crore for seven years of maintenance.

The tender does not say which airports will receive the 52 systems. The AAI has described the locations only as

"various airports". The ₹52 figure refers to security-screening lanes, and not airports, so one airport could receive several lanes. According to AAI officials, the airport-wise deployment will become clear only after the AAI finalises the procurement and identifies where the systems will be installed.

The tender adds eight reject-lane tray holding stations should be provided for trays containing baggage that requires additional examination. Each ATRS lane will have two analyst workstations for security personnel to examine X-ray images, and as many recheck workstations for secondary examination of baggage.

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KOLKATA

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Cabs parked outside the international terminal of the Calcutta airport on Wednesday.
Pictures by Bishwarup Dutta

City airport wishlist to woo Europe flights

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: More stores in the security hold area, mishti outlets showcasing Bengal's sweets to international travellers, better lighting and signage, and cleaner, brighter washrooms are among the key improvements needed at Calcutta airport's international section to attract airlines to launch direct flights to Europe, officials of international airlines operating from the city said.

Union civil aviation minister K. J. Somaiya earlier this week said that the Centre would discuss the possibility of starting direct flights from Calcutta to London and other European cities with airlines operating in India, following a request from chief minister Suvenudh Adhikari.

Airline officials said the international section would need to offer facilities and amenities comparable with those in the domestic area.

"To start with, I think the facilities and amenities at Calcutta airport's international section should be on a par with the domestic area. At present, the international departure section looks dull, dimly lit and lifeless," said an airline official.

More retail

The official said the number of stores in the security hold area of the international section is far lower than in the domestic area. "There are only a handful of food and beverage outlets in the security hold area of the international section. There are no mishti stores."

Both Indian and foreign travellers often look to buy mishti at the airport before boarding, but are unable to do so.

"Passengers are often reluctant to buy mishti from outside and carry it because they are not sure whether security



The airport car park, where painting and maintenance work is being carried out

personnel will allow it in hand baggage. Many ask us to get Bengali mishti from the stores in the domestic section's security hold area. International passengers are not allowed access to the domestic area, so our staff have to go and buy the sweets for them," the official said.

Airport sources said rigid clauses in tenders for commercial space, coupled with high rates, have hindered brands from opening outlets.

The closure of the duty-free stores has added to the problem. Metro had earlier reported that the airport's duty-free shops were shut after the Airports Authority of India (AAI) did not extend the contract with the agency operating the facility. A new agency has been awarded the tender, but the necessary customs clearance is awaited, airport officials said.

"The new agency has started installing the infrastructure and we expect the customs clearance soon," an airport official said.

Brighter spaces

Airline officials also said the international section needs better lighting and more prominent signage.

"The illumination seems inadequate compared with

the domestic section. In the domestic departure area, just after entering the terminal through gates 3A and 3B, there is a large display board showing advertisements and information about several programmes at the airport. A similar board could be installed in the international section to give the area a brighter look," an airline official said.

Better washrooms

The condition of the washrooms, which had earlier been criticised for being smelly, wet and poorly maintained, has improved following renovations. However, passengers and airline officials said there is still room for improvement.

"There are still gunkha stains in the washbasins at times. The lighting could also be brighter. The condition of the washrooms has definitely improved, but they are still not comparable with those at Mumbai or Delhi airports," said a frequent flier.

Airport sources said some basic facilities in the international section, including money changers, are still missing. The agency providing luggage-wrapping services also left the airport a few days ago.

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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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LGBI airport completes 5 years under AAHL

ANN SERVICE

PALASBARI, Oct 8: Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) on Thursday completed five years of commercial operations under Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), marking a period of expansion in air connectivity and passenger-handling capacity in the Northeast.

AAHL took over the operations of the airport on October 8, 2021. Since then, the airport has expanded its connectivity to various parts of the country and international destinations, strengthening Guwahati's position as an aviation hub for the Northeast.

A major development during the period was the commissioning of the new Terminal 2 in February this year. The terminal has increased the airport's annual passenger-handling capacity to 13.1 million. The airport handled 7.01 million passengers in 2025.

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metric tonnes of bamboo in its architecture and design. The Arrival Village at the terminal also reflects the cultural and architectural traditions of the Northeast. The terminal has been included in the 2026 Prix Versailles World's Most Beautiful Airports list.

The airport's expanding connectivity is expected to support tourism, trade, business and investment in Assam and other north-eastern States. It also facilitates the movement of time-sensitive commodities such as tea, fruits, flowers, food products and pharmaceuticals to markets across the country and abroad.

The airport has also undertaken initiatives relating to rainwater harvesting, wa-

ter conservation, waste management and energy efficiency as part of its sustainability measures.

The airport said its operations are supported by a large workforce comprising airport staff, airline partners, CISF personnel, ground-handling agencies, engineering and maintenance teams, fire and safety personnel, house-keeping, customer service and cargo staff.

With the completion of five years of operations under AAHL, LGBI Airport said it would continue to focus on improving connectivity, passenger facilities and operational capabilities, while strengthening Guwahati's role as a gateway to the Northeast.



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AMAR UJALA

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जेवर अब नरेंद्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट

लखनऊ। उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने शुक्रवार को नोएडा के जेवर



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की। कैबिनेट बैठक में उन्होंने इस पर मुहर लगाई। सीएम ने इस फैसले को पीएम मोदी के सार्वजनिक जीवन में 25 वर्ष पूरे होने पर प्रदेश के विकास में उनके मार्गदर्शन और योगदान के सम्मान का प्रतीक बताया। कैबिनेट ने पीएम के सार्वजनिक जीवन के 25 वर्ष पूरे होने पर अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव भी पारित किया गया। योगी ने कहा कि पीएम की सेवा, समर्पण और राष्ट्र प्रथम की भावना से संचालित यात्रा जनसेवा से जनकल्याण और जनभागीदारी से जन विश्वास की यात्रा है। व्यूरो



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UP Cabinet approves proposal to name Jewar airport after PM Narendra Modi

Our Bureau
New Delhi

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a proposal to name the Noida International Airport at Jewar the "Narendra Modi International Airport Noida Jewar".

According to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the State is emerging as a major aviation and industrial hub under the Prime Minister's guidance.

Adityanath addressed the media at Lok Bhavan, alongside both Deputy Chief Ministers and representatives of National Democratic Alliance (NDA) allies.

The Council of Ministers also passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 25 years as head of government.

The Chief Minister said that before 2017, the State was associated with insecur-

ity and poor living conditions, but is now recognised for good governance, investment and development.

In June, the airport began domestic commercial operations, becoming the third airport in the National Capital Region.

Furthermore, IndiGo operated the inaugural services, with the first flight arriving from Lucknow and the first departure heading to Bengaluru.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the airport in March.

Its first phase comprises one runway and one passenger terminal, with the capacity to handle 12 million passengers annually.

Upon full development, the airport's annual passenger handling capacity is expected to increase to 70 million. The airport's passenger terminal covers around 138,000 sq metres, while its 3,900-metre runway can ac-

commodate wide-body aircraft.

ECONOMIC HUB

Meanwhile, the airport is envisioned as an aerotropolis, with manufacturing, information technology, hospitality, cargo, agriculture and aviation services developing around it to support employment and economic activity across western Uttar Pradesh.

Its integrated cargo terminal, developed through Air India SATS Airport Services Pvt Ltd, has an initial annual handling capacity of 200,000 tonnes. Expansion plans envisage increasing this capacity to 2.5 million tonnes.

A significant part of the cargo capacity is expected to serve western Uttar Pradesh's agricultural economy, providing farmers and agribusinesses with access to domestic and international markets.



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GMR Airports deputy CEO & executive director Riols resigns

GMR Airports (GAL) has said Alexis Benjamin Riols has resigned as the deputy CEO and executive director after the company's copromoter Group ADP withdrew his nomination. In a regulatory filing late Thursday, GAL said the nomination was withdrawn owing to Group ADP's organisational changes. "Group ADP has nominated a replacement for Riols,

which shall be taken up for approvals in due course and intimated separately," it said. He has resigned with effect from Thursday. Riols continues to be on the firm's board as non-executive, non-independent director, the filing said. In his resignation letter, Riols said he was tendering his resignation with immediate effect due to other professional commitments.



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Noida's Jewar airport to be renamed after PM Modi

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar', Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said. Briefing reporters after a Cabinet meeting in Lucknow, Adityanath said the state Cabinet was grateful to Prime Minister Modi for the airport, which he described as a major gift to Uttar Pradesh. "The Cabinet has approved a proposal to name it Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar," the chief minister said. Citing infrastructure development, Adityanath said 42 national highways spanning 2,483 km had been built at a cost of ₹60,000 crore. He also cited the proposed 1,000-acre PM MITRA textile par. १११

जेवर हवाई अड्डे का नया नाम नरेंद्र मोदी इंटरनैशनल एयरपोर्ट

मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में मंत्रिपरिषद की बैठक में फैसला

बीएस संवाददाता

उत्तर प्रदेश की योगी सरकार ने जेवर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का नाम प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नाम पर रखने का फैसला किया है। यह निर्णय मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई मंत्रिपरिषद की बैठक में लिया गया।

इसके साथ ही प्रदेश सरकार औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण में भवन निर्माण की प्रक्रिया को आसान करने के लिए मॉडल भवन विनियम-2026 लागू करेगी। इस खरीद सीजन में 65 लाख टन धान खरीद करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है। प्रदेश सरकार ने उज्ज्वला योजना के लाभार्थियों को दो चरणों में दीवाली व होली पर मुफ्त दो एलपीजी सिलिंडर देने का भी फैसला किया है। साथ ही प्रदेश के 18 बड़े शहरों में 1,725 इलेक्ट्रिक बसें चलाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। उत्तर प्रदेश में 3.82 लाख आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं व सहायिकाओं को हर साल एक अतिरिक्त साड़ी देने का भी फैसला लिया गया है। इस बैठक में उप मुख्यमंत्री केशव प्रसाद मौर्य तथा ब्रजेश पाठक, वित्त मंत्री सुरेश खन्ना, ऊर्जा एवं नगर विकास मंत्री अरविंद कुमार शर्मा, औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री नंदगोपाल गुप्ता नंदी और खाद्य एवं रसद मंत्री मनोज पांडे उपस्थित थे।

धान क्रय केंद्र खुलेंगे

खाद्य एवं रसद मंत्री मनोज पांडेय ने बताया कि मंत्रिपरिषद ने धान क्रय केंद्र खोले जाने के साथ ही पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में 15 अक्टूबर से 15 फरवरी और पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश में 1 नवंबर से 28 फरवरी, 2027 तक धान की खरीद का फैसला लिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि 8 क्रय एजेंसियों



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कौशल प्रशिक्षण व रोजगार केंद्र बनेंगे

उत्तर प्रदेश को ग्लोबल मैनपावर हब के तौर पर विकसित किए जाने के उद्देश्य से कौशल प्रशिक्षण एवं रोजगार केंद्र स्थापित किए जाएंगे। इसके लिए प्रदेश के सभी 75 जिलों को जोड़ते हुए 9 जोन में कौशल प्रशिक्षण एवं रोजगार का एकीकृत तंत्र विकसित किया जाएगा। इस पूरी परियोजना को निजी क्षेत्र की मदद से संचालित किया जाएगा जिस पर 1,725 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश होगा। पहले चरण में लखनऊ, कानपुर, गोरखपुर, गौतमबुद्ध नगर और झांसी में कौशल प्रशिक्षण एवं रोजगार केंद्र स्थापित किए जाएंगे। मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई मंत्रिपरिषद की बैठक में सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल कौशल प्रशिक्षण एवं रोजगार क्षेत्र (एसवीपीएसटीपीजेड) विकास योजना को मंजूरी दी गई।

द्वारा 4,500 क्रय केंद्रों के माध्यम से 65 लाख टन धान खरीद का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है। पिछली बार उत्तर प्रदेश ने देश भर में सबसे ज्यादा 62 लाख टन धान की खरीद की थी।

मॉडल भवन विनियम-2026 लागू करने की मंजूरी

प्रदेश में औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरणों के अंतर्गत भवन निर्माण और भूखंडों के मानचित्र अनुमोदन की प्रक्रिया को सरल, पारदर्शी एवं व्यवस्थित बनाने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाते हुए मंत्रिपरिषद ने मॉडल भवन विनियम-2026 लागू किए जाने के

प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दी है। औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री नंद गोपाल गुप्ता नंदी ने बताया कि इस फैसले से प्रदेश में नियोजित शहरी विकास, निर्माण गतिविधियों, रियल एस्टेट क्षेत्र और निजी निवेश को प्रोत्साहन मिलने की उम्मीद है। उन्होंने कहा कि मॉडल भवन विनियम-2026 तैयार करने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश के साथ गुजरात, दिल्ली, महाराष्ट्र, ओडिशा और तमिलनाडु के भवन विनियमों का अध्ययन किया गया।

एक अन्य फैसले में मंत्रिपरिषद ने इटावा जिले में औद्योगिक कॉरिडोर परियोजना विकसित करने के लिए तहसील भरथना के ग्राम ढकपुरा

स्थित भूमि औद्योगिक कॉरिडोर परियोजना के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यूपीडा) को हस्तांतरित करने के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दी है।

उज्ज्वला योजना के तहत दो मुफ्त सिलिंडर की मंजूरी

मंत्रिपरिषद की बैठक में प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना के लाभार्थियों को वित्तीय वर्ष 2026-27 में दो निःशुल्क एलपीजी सिलिंडर उपलब्ध कराने के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दी गई। उज्ज्वला योजना के तहत योगी सरकार पिछले वित्तीय वर्षों में दो चरणों में (होली व दीपावली पर) लाभार्थियों को निःशुल्क सिलिंडर रिफिल उपलब्ध कराती रही है। विगत वर्ष की तरह चालू वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 में भी योजना से जुड़े लाभार्थियों को दो निःशुल्क एलपीजी सिलिंडर रिफिल दिए जाएंगे।

बड़े शहरों को 1,725 एसी बसों की सौगात

शहरी यातायात को सुगम बनाने के लिए राजधानी लखनऊ, वाराणसी, आगरा व कानपुर सहित उत्तर प्रदेश के 18 बड़े शहरों में 1,725 एसी इलेक्ट्रिक बसें चलाई जाएंगी। प्रदेश की नगरीय परिवहन व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने के लिए ग्रॉस कॉस्ट कॉन्ट्रैक्ट (जीसीसी) मॉडल पर 1,725 वातानुकूलित इलेक्ट्रिक बसों के संचालन फैसला लिया गया। योजना के अंतर्गत आगरा, अलीगढ़, अयोध्या, बरेली, फिरोजाबाद, गाजियाबाद, गोरखपुर, झांसी, कानपुर, लखनऊ, मथुरा-वृंदावन, मेरठ, मुरादाबाद, प्रयागराज, शाहजहांपुर, सहारनपुर, वाराणसी और नोएडा (जेवर सहित) में बसें संचालित की जाएंगी। इनमें 9 मीटर और 12 मीटर लंबाई की वातानुकूलित इलेक्ट्रिक बसें शामिल होंगी।

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पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी के नाम से जाना जाएगा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की कैबिनेट की बैठक में लगी मुहर

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प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी • की
अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई
कैबिनेट की बैठक में इसका नाम
'नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट
नोएडा, जेवर' रखने के प्रस्ताव पर
मुहर लग गई। साथ ही नरेन्द्र मोदी
के सरकार प्रमुख (सीएम और
पीएम) के रूप में 25 वर्ष पूरे होने
पर कैबिनेट ने अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव भी
पारित किया। लोकभवन में
आयोजित कैबिनेट की बैठक में 39

प्रस्ताव पास हुए।

उप में पहले से दो पूर्व
प्रधानमंत्रियों के नाम पर एयरपोर्ट
हैं। लखनऊ में चौधरी चरण सिंह
अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट है, जबकि
वाराणसी में लाल बहादुर शास्त्री
अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट है। अब तीसरा
एयरपोर्ट वर्तमान पीएम मोदी के
नाम पर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट नोएडा
होगा। लाल बहादुर शास्त्री देश के
दूसरे और चौधरी चरण सिंह पांचवें
पीएम थे। उल्लेखनीय है कि प्रदेश
में अब पांच अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट
हैं। दो अन्य में कुशीनगर और
अयोध्या का महर्षि वाल्मीकि
अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा है। योगी
ने कहा कि पीएम मोदी की यात्रा
केवल सत्ता और शासन तक सीमित
नहीं, बल्कि जनसेवा से जनकल्याण
और जनभागीदारी से जनविश्वास
तक पहुंचने की यात्रा है।

नाम बदलने और एयरपोर्ट
बेचने वाली सरकार को जनता
बदलने जा रही : अखिलेश
जास, बलिष्ठा : सपा अध्यक्ष अखिलेश
यादव ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि नाम
बदलने और एयरपोर्ट बेचने वाली
सरकार को जनता बदलने जा रही है।
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बदल कर नरेन्द्र मोदी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई
अड्डा दिए जाने के प्रस्ताव पर उन्होंने
कहा कि जिन्हें लगता है कि मूल्य के बाद
लोग याद नहीं रखेंगे, वह अपने
जीवनकाल में ही परियोजनाओं से अपना
नाम जोड़ने की कोशिश करते हैं। हमें
नाम से कोई आपत्ति नहीं है, लेकिन नाम
बदलने वाले सीएम को जनता बदलने जा
रही है। अखिलेश सपा सरकार में मंत्री
रहे स्व. राम गोविंद चौधरी की तेरहवीं
पर सिकंदरपुर के गोसाईपुर पहुंचे थे।

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राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण • लखनऊ

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जेवर अब पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी के नाम से जाना जाएगा। मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई कैबिनेट की बैठक में इसका नाम 'नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट नोएडा, जेवर' रखने के प्रस्ताव पर मुहर लग गई है। साथ ही, नरेन्द्र मोदी के सरकार प्रमुख (मुख्यमंत्री व प्रधानमंत्री) के रूप में 25 वर्ष पूरे होने पर कैबिनेट ने अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव भी पारित किया। कैबिनेट की बैठक में 39 प्रस्ताव पास हुए।

मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने दोनों उपमुख्यमंत्रियों केशव प्रसाद मौर्य व ब्रजेश पाठक और राजग के सहयोगी दलों के नेताओं के साथ पत्रकार वार्ता कर इन निर्णयों की जानकारी दी। इस दौरान उन्होंने वर्ष 2017 से पहले के प्रदेश की बदहाली और असुरक्षा का जिक्र करते हुए मौजूदा सरकार के कार्यकाल में बुनियादी ढांचे, रोजगार, कृषि, स्वास्थ्य और औद्योगिक विकास

नरेन्द्र मोदी के 25 वर्ष के नेतृत्व पर प्रदेश कैबिनेट ने पारित किया अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव

मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रधानमंत्री की जनसेवा से जनकल्याण तक की यात्रा को बताया मिसाल



योगी आदित्यनाथ

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में हुए बदलावों को गिनाया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि सात अक्टूबर को प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने सरकार के प्रमुख के रूप में निरंतर और समर्पित सार्वजनिक सेवा के 25 वर्ष पूरे किए। यह भारतीय लोकतांत्रिक इतिहास का गौरवपूर्ण अध्याय है। उनकी यात्रा केवल सत्ता

और शासन तक सीमित नहीं, बल्कि जनसेवा से जनकल्याण और जनभागीदारी से जनविश्वास तक पहुंचने की यात्रा है। सेवा, समर्पण और राष्ट्र प्रथम की भावना इसके मूल में रही है। प्रधानमंत्री काशी से निर्वाचित जनप्रतिनिधि हैं और प्रदेश की धरती से देश का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं। वर्ष 2014 में काशी आगमन पर उन्होंने कहा था कि 'मुझे मां गंगा ने बुलाया है।' इसके बाद काशी के विकास, आध्यात्मिक पुनर्जागरण और प्रदेश के समग्र विकास के बीच नया संबंध बना। केंद्र-प्रदेश की डबल इंजन सरकार के समन्वय से नई कार्यसंस्कृति विकसित हुई। योगी ने अयोध्या में राम मंदिर निर्माण और रामलला की प्राण प्रतिष्ठा व काशी विश्वनाथ धाम के पुनर्विकास का उल्लेख किया। कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री के नेतृत्व और मार्गदर्शन में प्रदेश सरकार 'विकसित उत्तर प्रदेश, विकसित भारत-2047' के संकल्प को पूरा करने के लिए पूरी ऊर्जा, निष्ठा और प्रतिबद्धता के साथ काम करती रहेगी।



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FLY91 plans Navi Mumbai base for two aircraft

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REGIONAL AIRLINE FLY91 plans to base at least two aircraft at Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) in the coming months as it looks to strengthen its presence in the Mumbai market. The airline will launch services to Sindhudurg and Jalgaon in the third quarter of the current financial year.

Manoj Chacko, managing director of FLY91, said an airport with sufficient capacity offers a new airline the opportunity to expand its network. "One can't ignore Mumbai. It's a great catchment area for us and the cities we cater to," he said, drawing a parallel with the airline's strategy at Manohar International Airport in Goa. Dates for the launch of the Sindhudurg and Jalgaon services have not yet been announced.

FLY91 has also announced flights connecting Navi Mumbai and Goa, with the onward Goa-Agatti service allowing passengers to travel from Mumbai to Agatti without disembarking or changing aircraft in Goa. The service has been generating considerable interest, Chacko said.

Beyond Navi Mumbai, the airline plans to strengthen links between its existing destinations, with each station potentially connected to three or four other cities. Trichy, Madurai and Mangaluru, along with other destinations are on its expansion radar.



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Jewar airport in UP to be renamed as Narendra Modi International Airport

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THE UTTAR PRADESH Cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar', Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said.

Briefing reporters after a Cabinet meeting here, Adityanath said the state Cabinet was grateful to Prime Minister Modi for the airport, which he described as a major gift to Uttar Pradesh.

"The Council of Ministers of Uttar Pradesh expresses its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for gifting the state the Noida International Airport at Jewar. The Cabinet has approved a proposal to name it Narendra Modi Inter-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the state Cabinet was grateful to Prime Minister Modi for the airport

national Airport, Noida-Jewar," the chief minister said.

The airport was set to emerge as Uttar Pradesh's largest airport and a major aviation hub in the country, he said.

Adityanath said the state

Cabinet also expressed its appreciation for Modi's visionary leadership, inspiring guidance and unwavering and continued commitment to the state.

"The Council of Ministers

reiterates its resolve to work continuously with full dedication, energy and commitment to realise the vision of a developed UP and a developed India by 2047," he said.

The CM said the Cabinet once again expressed its appreciation for the PM's leadership.

PM Modi had laid the foundation stone of the greenfield Noida International Airport at Jewar on November 25, 2021. He officially inaugurated its Phase-I on March 28, 2026. Commercial flights started from June 15.

Developed as the second international airport for the Delhi-NCR region under a public-private partnership between the UP government and Zurich Airport International AG, it aims to heavily boost regional logistics and connectivity.



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प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के नाम पर होगा नोएडा एयरपोर्ट

लखनऊ, विशेष संवाददाता। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट अब नरेंद्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के नाम से जाना जाएगा। मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई कैबिनेट की बैठक में यह प्रस्ताव पारित किया गया।

प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के सार्वजनिक जीवन में 25 वर्ष पूरे होने के अवसर

पर लिए गए इस निर्णय को मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रधानमंत्री के प्रति प्रदेश सरकार के सम्मान का प्रतीक बताया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट प्रधानमंत्री की ओर से प्रदेश को मिली बड़ी सौगात है। यह आने वाले समय में प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था, उद्योग, पर्यटन को नई ऊंचाई देगा।

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देश में कई एयरपोर्ट प्रधानमंत्रियों के नाम पर



नोएडा, विशेष संवाददाता। यूपी सरकार ने नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का नाम बदलकर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नाम पर कर दिया है। यह पहला ऐसा एयरपोर्ट है, जिसका भूमि पूजन और शुभारंभ प्रधानमंत्री ने ही किया। इसके अलावा देश में कई एयरपोर्ट पूर्व प्रधानमंत्रियों के नाम पर हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने 25 नवंबर 2021 को जेवर में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के

पालम, अमौसी हवाई अड्डे के नाम भी बदले

- वर्ष 1986 में पालम एयरपोर्ट का नाम बदलकर इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट किया गया।
- पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री राजीव गांधी के नाम पर वर्ष 2005 में हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट का नामकरण हुआ। उनके निधन के चार वर्ष बाद यह एयरपोर्ट उनके नाम पर किया गया।
- वर्ष 2008 में लखनऊ के अमौसी हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदलकर चौधरी चरण सिंह एयरपोर्ट किया गया।
- वाराणसी के हवाई अड्डे का नाम आधिकारिक तौर पर अक्टूबर 2005 में बदलकर लाल बहादुर शास्त्री हवाई अड्डा किया गया।

निर्माण के लिए भूमि पूजन किया था। उन्होंने ही 28 मार्च 2026 को इसका उद्घाटन किया।

फिलहाल नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर एक

रनवे के जरिये उड़ान सेवाएं संचालित हो रही हैं। पहला चरण कुल 1334 हेक्टेयर में बनकर तैयार हुआ है। इस एयरपोर्ट पर कुल पांच रनवे होंगे, जोकि

मोदी के नाम पर ट्रेन और स्टेडियम भी

- दिल्ली-मेरठ के बीच भारत की पहली रैपिड रेल सेवा का नाम 'नमो भारत' रखा गया।
- रेलवे ने भुज-अहमदाबाद के बीच शॉर्ट-डिस्टेंस इंटरसिटी रेल सेवा का नाम 'नमो भारत रैपिड रेल' किया।
- गुजरात के मोटेरा स्थित दुनिया के सबसे बड़े क्रिकेट स्टेडियम का नाम नरेंद्र मोदी स्टेडियम किया गया।
- अहमदाबाद नगर निगम के एमईटी मेडिकल कॉलेज का नाम बदलकर नरेंद्र मोदी मेडिकल कॉलेज किया गया था।
- गुजरात के गांधीनगर में राज्य पंचायत परिषद के प्रशिक्षण संस्थान का नाम पीएम मोदी के नाम पर रखा गया।

लगभग 4752 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्रफल में बनेंगे, सभी पांचों रनवे बनने के बाद यह एशिया का सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट बन जाएगा।

UP cabinet nod to rename Jewar airport after Modi

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LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Friday passed a resolution to rename the Noida International Airport in Jewar as Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar chief minister Yogi Adityanath announced after chairing the cabinet meeting.

Once implemented, it will become the first airport to be named after a sitting Prime Minister. Other airports — Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport, Lucknow; and Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, Varanasi — are all named after former PMs.

Adityanath said the cabinet also extended greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for completing a total of 25 years as the head of the government, first in Gujarat and then at the Centre.

"The state cabinet is grateful to the Prime Minister for gifting the Noida International Airport to Uttar Pradesh, which is the



PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the airport at Jewar in 2021.

HT PHOTO

state's largest airport and going to become India's largest aviation hub. In the coming years, this airport will take the state's economy, industry, tourism and global connectivity to new heights. With this sentiment, the state cabinet is adopting the resolution recommending renaming of the airport as the Narendra Modi International

Airport," Adityanath said in a press conference at Lucknow.

Later, in response to a question, minister for finance Suresh Khanna said the cabinet's resolution would be followed by due process to rename the airport.

Deputy chief ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, along with Adityanath's ministerial colleagues representing the BJP allies — Sanjay Nishad of NISHAD party, Om Prakash Rajbhar of Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party, Ashish Patel of Apna Dal (Sonelal) party, and Anil Kumar of Rashtriya Lok Dal — were present at the cabinet's meeting.

Developed as the second international airport for the Delhi-NCR region under a public-private partnership between the UP government and Zurich Airport International AG, it aims to heavily boost regional logistics and connectivity.

PM Modi had laid the foundation stone of the greenfield Noida International Airport at Jewar on November 25, 2021.

He officially inaugurated its Phase-I on March 28, 2026.

Commercial flights started from June 15.

Adityanath said Modi completing 25 years in public service on October 7 added a "glorious chapter to India's democratic history". He also listed the state government's achievements and the projects launched under the BJP-led state government.

Taking a jibe at the UP government, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said the Uttar Pradesh administration is naming things after the Prime Minister because their "own chair" is about to be snatched away.

Speaking to reporters at an event in Deoria, Yadav said, "This Chief Minister is known for changing names. They are naming things after the Prime Minister because their own chair is about to be snatched away. Those who are leaving want to put someone else's name so that they leave a mark. The double-engine government has not done any work for the public. People who are leaving only want to leave their name as a reminder."



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INDIA CONDEMNS HOUTHI ATTACKS ON TWO AIRPORTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

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NEW DELHI: India on Thursday condemned Houthi-claimed attacks on two airports in Saudi Arabia that killed three people and injured more than 30 others, and reiterated its position that the targeting of civilian infrastructure is completely unacceptable.

This was the second time in recent weeks that the Indian side expressed concern over the targeting of Saudi Arabia by Yemen's Houthi rebels. New Delhi denounced an attempted drone attack on the holy city of Makkah in mid-September, calling for the early restoration of peace and stability in the region.

A statement from the external affairs ministry condemned attacks over the past few days that targeted Abha international airport and King Khalid international airport in Riyadh, resulting in civilian deaths and injuries.

"The targeting of civilian infrastructure is completely unacceptable. We express our deepest condolences to the families of those who have lost their loved ones," the statement said. "We express solidarity and stand with the people and government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

Three civilians were killed and 36 injured in the Houthi-claimed attacks on the airports, according to the Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA).

The airports were targeted in two separate attacks on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Two women, a Moroccan and an Algerian, were killed and 28 others injured in the attack on Abha international airport. The attack on King Khalid international airport killed a Sudanese national and injured eight others.

Saudi-backed Yemeni forces from the country's globally recognised government are fighting the Houthi rebels, who have seized a swathe of territory near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait, which connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.

THE HINDU

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U.P. okays move to rename Jewar airport after Modi

Cabinet passes resolution to thank PM for 'gifting' State its largest airport; Adityanath lauds Modi for helping U.P. emerge as a 'model of world-class infrastructure', and initiatives such as PM-Kisan

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar after Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Announcing the decision, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath thanked the PM for "gifting" Uttar Pradesh its largest airport at Jewar, which he said is poised to "become the nation's largest aviation hub in the future".

"Therefore, the Council of Ministers has also passed a resolution to rename Noida International Airport as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar'," said Mr. Adityanath.

Mr. Modi had laid the foundation stone of the greenfield Noida International Airport at Jewar on



The Cabinet has cleared a proposal to change Jewar airport's name to Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar. FILE PHOTO

November 25, 2022. He inaugurated its Phase-I on March 28. Commercial flights started on June 15.

'World-class infra'

The CM also praised Mr. Modi for helping U.P. emerge as a model of world-class infrastructure. "Thanks to the visionary thinking of the Honourable

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a new model of world-class infrastructure and connectivity. Forty-two national highways, spanning 2,483 kilometres, have been constructed in the state at a cost of approximately ₹60,000 crore," said Mr. Adityanath.

He added that the Delhi-Saharanpur-Dehradun, Delhi-Meerut and Kanpur-Lucknow Expressways had been completed, adding that the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namo Bharat rapid rail system, built at a cost of ₹30,000 crore, had begun operations, along with metro network expansion in Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Meerut, Ghaziabad and Noida-Greater Noida.

Highlighting welfare measures, the CM said more than three crore farmers in U.P. had received over ₹1 lakh crore under the Pradhan Mantri (PM)-Kisan Samman Nidhi.

Mr. Adityanath also thanked the PM for initiatives such as including loan waivers for 86 lakh small and marginal farmers, over ₹3.30 lakh crore in sugarcane payments and housing for more than 65 lakh poor families.



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UP Cabinet passes proposal to rename Noida airport as Narendra Modi International Airport

Bhupendra Pandey
Lucknow, October 9

THE UTTAR Pradesh government passed a proposal to rename Noida International Airport as 'Narendra Modi International Airport' in a Cabinet meeting on Friday morning. CM Yogi Adityanath said the decision was taken to mark completion of 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public life and express the state government's gratitude for his "guidance and contribution" to the state's development.

"The Noida International Airport is a major gift to Uttar Pradesh from the Prime Minister," said Adityanath. "In the coming years, this airport will take the state's economy, industry, tourism and global connectivity to new heights. With this very sentiment, the Cabinet has



Flights from the airport currently connect passengers to five destinations across the country. EXPRESS

passed the proposal."

The Cabinet passed a congratulatory resolution. On October 7, Modi completed 25 years as head of a government.

The airport, which was inaugurated by Modi in March, is the second international airport in the National Capital Region. Commercial operations

kicked off in June.

Flights from NIA currently connect passengers to five destinations across the country: Amritsar, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Jammu and Navi Mumbai. By the end of this year, international flight operations are expected to begin.

Designed and built by an

arm of Zurich Airport International AG, the airport opened after a nearly two-year delay. The initial phase includes a single runway and passenger terminal capacity handling up to 12 million passengers annually. The second phase is expected to be operational in 2031-32. Adityanath described NIA as the state's largest airport and said it will be developed into one of the country's major aviation hubs, strengthening connectivity with the expressways built across the state.

The CM said the PM's 25-year journey in public life had been guided by the principles of "service, dedication and nation first". "It is not merely a journey of power or governance, but one from public service to public welfare and from public participation to public trust," he said.

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JANSATTA

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‘अभी हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदला है, कुछ दिन बाद उसे बेच देंगे’

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 9 अक्टूबर।

उत्तर प्रदेश के देवरिया जनपद में शुक्रवार को समाजवादी पार्टी (सपा) के मुखिया और पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने नोएडा में जेवर हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदलने को लेकर भाजपा पर निशाना साधा। इस दौरान उन्होंने कहा कि ‘डबल इंजन’ फेल हो चुका है। देश बेचने वाले के नाम पर एक हवाई अड्डे का नाम रखा गया है, कुछ दिन बाद उसे भी बेच दिया जाएगा।

अखिलेश यादव लार क्षेत्र के रक्सा गांव में पूर्व विधायक सुरेश यादव की श्रद्धांजलि सभा को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि यह मुख्यमंत्री नाम बदलने के लिए जाने जाते हैं। वे



अखिलेश यादव

चीजों का नाम प्रधानमंत्री के नाम पर इसलिए रख रहे हैं क्योंकि उनकी अपनी कुर्सी छिनने वाली है। जो लोग जा रहे हैं, वे किसी और का नाम रखना चाहते हैं ताकि वे अपनी छाप छोड़ सकें, कि देखो, हमने ‘डबल इंजन’ सरकार के लिए इतना बड़ा काम किया। ‘डबल इंजन’ सरकार के पास जनता के लिए कोई काम नहीं है। जो लोग जा रहे हैं, वे बस याद के तौर पर अपना नाम छोड़ना चाहते हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि जो पीड़ित है वही पीड़ीए है। दो महीने बाद चुनाव की घोषणा होनी है। इस बार परिणाम बदलेगा। यूपी में फिर समाजवादी सरकार बनेगी। सरकार नौकरी मांगने वालों को ई रिक्शा खरीदने की सलाह दे रही है।



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UP's Jewar airport to be renamed after PM Modi

New Delhi: The Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar', chief minister Yogi Adityanath said. Briefing reporters, Adityanath said the state cabinet was grateful to the Prime Minister for the airport, which he described as a major gift to Uttar Pradesh.

PTI

Jewar Airport to be renamed Narendra Modi Int'l Airport

Airport to complement IGI, ease NCR's growing passenger load

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Greater Noida, October 9

The Noida International Airport in Jewar will be renamed Narendra Modi International Airport after the Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a proposal to this effect on Friday. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath announced the decision at a press conference following a cabinet meeting chaired by him.

The renaming proposal comes as the airport prepares to play a larger role in meeting the growing aviation demand in the National Capital Region (NCR). Located in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, the greenfield airport is expected to improve connectivity for passengers from Noida, Greater Noida and other parts of western Uttar Pradesh.

The airport's first phase has been designed to handle around 12 million passengers annually. Spread across more than 1,300 hectares, the project is also expected to support cargo operations, attract investment and generate employment opportunities as its capacity expands.

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TERMINAL THEATRE

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of the airport's development plan is the integration of multiple transport options. A ground transportation centre is being developed to facilitate passenger movement between the airport and different

parts of the region.

The proposed facilities include metro connectivity, high-speed rail links, bus services, taxis and parking for private vehicles.

The airport is expected

to complement Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport and help distribute the growing passenger load across the NCR. Improved road and rail connectivity will be crucial to ensuring convenient access for travellers from Delhi and neighbouring districts.

Plans also envisage linking the airport with the proposed Delhi-Varanasi high-speed rail corridor, although the connectivity project will depend on further development and implementation.

Environmental sustainability is another key focus of the airport project. Its development plans include measures to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency, with the stated ambition of achieving net-zero emissions.

The cabinet's approval marks a key step in the proposed change of name. The airport is expected to emerge as an important aviation and economic hub for Uttar Pradesh, with its long-term impact depending on the expansion of passenger services, transport infrastructure and supporting commercial activity.



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KOLKATA

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Bomb threat email triggers security sweep at airport

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Kolkata, October 8

Security agencies launched a precautionary search at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport on Thursday after an email warning of a bomb at the facility was received by the authorities.

**THE THREAT PROMPTED
OFFICIALS TO ACTI-
VATE THE AIRPORT'S
ESTABLISHED SECU-
RITY PROTOCOL, WITH
PERSONNEL CARRYING
OUT CHECKS ACROSS
THE PREMISES**

The threat prompted officials to activate the airport's established security protocol, with personnel carrying out checks across the premises to rule out the presence of any explosive or suspicious object. Officials said the verification process was under way and details about the origin of the email were yet to be ascertained.

The latest alert comes amid a series of similar threats received by Kolkata airport in recent months, most of which have subsequently turned out to be hoaxes after exhaustive searches.

In February, a bomb threat note discovered aboard an IndiGo flight bound for Shillong from Kolkata led to the evacuation of passengers and a detailed inspection. No suspicious material was found and the aircraft was later cleared for departure.

Further details on Thursday's alert are awaited.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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Yogi: Jewar int'l airport to be renamed after Modi

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Friday passed a resolution to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar as 'Narendra Modi International Airport.' "The Council of Ministers expresses its gratitude to PM Narendra Modi for gifting the state Noida International Airport at Jewar. It has approved a proposal to name it Narendra Modi International Airport," Yogi said.

The cabinet also passed a resolution to mark PM Modi's 25 years of public service as the head of a government (starting

his tenure as Gujarat chief minister in 2001).

The airport, inaugurated in March 2026, was developed by the Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, a subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich Airport International AG, in association with the Noida International Airport Limited, which is the implementing agency on behalf of the UP government.

Yogi said that UP took pride in PM Modi representing the state as an MP.

The state is scheduled to go to elections next year. The state is grappled with administrative inefficiency and a lack of basic amenities, reports said.





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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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जेवर एयरपोर्ट मोदी के नाम से जाना जाएगा



■ **NBT रिपोर्ट**, लखनऊ: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जेवर अब 'नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट' के नाम से जाना जाएगा। सीएम योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में शुक्रवार को हुई कैबिनेट की बैठक में नामकरण को मंजूरी दी गई। कैबिनेट ने कुल 39 प्रस्तावों पर मुहर लगाई जो मौजूदा सरकार के किसी एक कैबिनेट बैठक में सर्वोधिक है। सीएम ने कहा नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पीएम की ओर से यूपी को मिली बड़ी सौगात है।



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THE PIONEER

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Jewar airport to be named after PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Lucknow

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar as 'Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar', Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said.

Briefing reporters after a Cabinet meeting, Adityanath said the State Cabinet was grateful to Prime Minister Modi for the airport, which he described as a major gift to Uttar Pradesh.



"The Council of Ministers of Uttar Pradesh expresses its gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for gifting the state the Noida International Airport at Jewar. The Cabinet has approved a proposal to name it Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar," the chief minister said.

The airport was set to emerge as Uttar Pradesh's largest airport and a major aviation hub in the country, he said. Adityanath said the State Cabinet also expressed its appreciation for Modi's visionary leadership, inspiring guidance, and unwavering, continued commitment to the state. The CM said the Cabinet once again expressed its appreciation for the PM's leadership.

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Jewar airport to be named after PM Modi

PM laid the foundation stone of the Greenfield Noida International Airport at Jewar on November 25, 2021. He officially inaugurated its Phase-I on March 28, 2026. Commercial flights started on June 15.

Developed as the second international airport for the Delhi-NCR region under a public-private partnership between the UP Government and Zurich Airport International AG, it aims to significantly boost regional logistics and connectivity.

UP Govt Renames Noida Airport After PM Modi

Decision Taken To Mark 25 Years Of His Public Life, Says CM

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Noida: Nearly four months after flight operations began from Noida International Airport, the state cabinet on Friday renamed it Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath said the decision was taken to mark the completion of 25 years of the PM's public life.

While the renaming will not affect the airport's IATA code DXN, it will require changes to official name displays, branding and booking-related information.

"Noida International Airport is a major gift to UP from the PM. In the coming years, this airport will take the state's economy, industry, tourism and global connectivity to new heights. With this very sentiment, the cabinet has passed the proposal," the CM said.

Yogi also credited the PM for UP's industrial growth, its development as a major IT hub and the expansion of social welfare schemes to cover



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crores of beneficiaries. He said under Prime Minister's leadership and guidance, the state govt will continue working with full energy, sincerity and commitment to realise the resolve of 'Viksit Uttar Pradesh, Viksit Bharat-2047'.

Referring to Modi's links with UP, the CM said the PM was an elected representative from Kashi. He recalled the PM's 2014 visit to Kashi, when

he had said that "Maa Ganga has called me". Since then, he said, the relationship between Kashi and the PM had gone beyond political representation, with a new bond emerging between the development of Kashi, its spiritual renaissance and the overall development of UP.

PM completed 25 years as the head of a govt on Oct 7, beginning with his tenure as

Gujarat chief minister in 2001. "This is a glorious chapter in Indian democratic history. This 25-year journey has been guided by the spirit of service, dedication and nation first," Yogi said.

Jewar MLA Dhirendra Singh said renaming the airport "is a tribute to the visionary leadership that has transformed Jewar from a predominantly rural region into an emerging global aviation and industrial destination".

While Noida International Airport did not comment on the issue, Yamuna Authority and Noida International Airport Limited CEO RK Singh said they will ensure compliance with govt order.

The foundation stone of the airport, developed by Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, a subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich Airport International AG, was laid by PM on Nov 25, 2021, and domestic flight operations began on June 15 this year after he inaugurated it. International flight operations are expected to commence in Dec this year.

Saudi says a pilot among 3 who died in attacks on Riyadh airport

Saudia Aircraft Hit; Several People Of Different Nationalities Hurt

Beirut: An airline pilot was among three Saudi citizens killed in attacks targeting Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and a Saudia aircraft, the kingdom's civil aviation authority said Friday. Several people "of different nationalities" were wounded.

The attacks Thursday were the deadliest in Saudi Arabia since the kingdom and allied forces in neighbouring Yemen launched a major military offensive against Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels last weekend. They also marked a significant escalation on the latest front in the Iran war. UN Special Envoy Hans Grundberg was scheduled to brief the Security Council on developments in Yemen later Friday.

By Friday afternoon, at least 124 flights to and from Riyadh had been cancelled after hundreds more were cancelled a day earlier, according to flight-tracking site FlightA-



Smoke and flames rise from King Khalid Airport in Riyadh Thursday

ware. Air India, FlyDubai, Lufthansa Group and Pakistan International Airlines were among the airlines that suspended flights to and from Riyadh and other Saudi airports for next few days.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency has expanded its guidance on Saudi airspace, noting the Houthis' ability to strike targets deeper inside the kingdom, including Riyadh, and a "greater focus on aviation infrastructure." The latest guidance adds that

"recurrent missile and drone attacks, together with the activation of air-defence systems, create an increased risk of misidentification of civil aircraft, as well as risks associated with missile and drone overflights, interception activity and falling debris."

The first attack Thursday targeted airport facilities, while the second struck the aircraft, the Saudi statement said. It did not identify those responsible, though the Houthis claimed to have targeted the

airport with a ballistic missile.

Among the dead was Capt. Hamoud Ali Alkalthami, the Saudia Group said in a statement. It appeared to be the first confirmed attack on the Saudi national carrier since the new offensive began. A separate Saudia Group statement said one of its aircraft was damaged while it was on the ground, with no passengers on board. The aviation statement also said the injuries to citizens and people of other nationalities "ranged from minor to serious."

Meanwhile, the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis said it had destroyed three rocket launch platforms used by the rebels to threaten regional security. Residents in Yemen's capital of Sanaa heard heavy explosions overnight into Friday as intense fighting between the Houthis and Saudi-led forces continued. Aneeq al-Asbahi, spokesperson for the Houthi-run health ministry, said on X that two of the overnight strikes on Sanaa by the Saudi-led coalition injured six people, including a child. Saudi authorities have not confirmed the strikes on Sanaa. REUTERS



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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AI, AI Exp, Akasa Air hike fuel surcharges

NEW DELHI, Oct 8: Air India, Air India Express and Akasa Air on Thursday announced a hike in fuel surcharges for domestic and international flights with effect from October 9 amid soaring jet fuel prices.

Air India said aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices have witnessed significant volatility in recent months, driven largely by geopolitical developments and sustained pressure on global energy markets. "The latest increase in fuel prices has further elevated operating costs for airlines, with fuel continuing to account for a substantial proportion of overall airline expenditure," the statement said. Akasa Air said the sustained increase in ATF prices has led to the increase in fuel surcharges. Akasa Air had introduced fuel surcharges for domestic and international flights in March. The surcharges for domestic services was withdrawn and has now been re-introduced.

The fuel surcharge revision comes days after the country's largest airline, IndiGo, hiked its surcharges.

ATF accounts for around 40 per cent of an airline's operational costs. For domestic flights, the revised fuel surcharges range from Rs 400 to Rs 1,200, depending on the distance. Fuel surcharges for international flights vary from USD 55 to USD 215, depending on the region and country. – PTI

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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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एक्सप्लेनर

विमानन कंपनियों ने यात्रियों पर बढ़ाया बोझ

? देश में आखिर हवाई यात्रा क्यों हुई महंगी?

■ पश्चिम एशिया के संकट और एटीएफ की कीमतों में लगी आम जानिए... क्यों एअर इंडिया, अकासा और इंडिगो ने बढ़ाए फ्यूल चार्ज?

घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए 400 से 600 रुपये और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 1,000 से 10,000 रुपये तक सरचार्ज तय

यदि आप आने वाले दिनों में देश या विदेश यात्रा की योजना बना रहे हैं, तो आपकी जेब पर अतिरिक्त बोझ पड़ने वाला है। इंडिगो के बाद अब एअर इंडिया, एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस और अकासा एयर ने घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज बढ़ा दिया है या नया शुरू कर दिया है। यह नया फेरबदल 9 अक्टूबर से प्रभावी हो चुका है।

सरकारी तेल कंपनियों के अनुसार, 1 अक्टूबर 2026 से घरेलू एयरलाइंस के लिए एटीएफ (विमानन ईंधन) की कीमतें 16 रुपये प्रति लीटर बढ़ गई हैं। यह 121 रुपये से बढ़कर अब 137 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गई है, जो अगस्त में 5 रुपये और सितंबर में 6.28 रुपये की बढ़ोतरी की तुलना में कहीं अधिक है।

अचानक क्यों बढ़ाया गया सरचार्ज

अक्टूबर में एटीएफ की कीमत में 13% की भारी बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई। ईंधन की लागत पिछले एक दशक के अपने सबसे ऊंचे स्तर पर है। लगातार बढ़ते दबाव को आंशिक रूप से पाटने के लिए एयरलाइंस ने सरचार्ज बढ़ाने का फैसला किया है। किसी भी एयरलाइन के कुल परिचालन खर्च का लगभग 40% हिस्सा केवल विमान ईंधन पर खर्च होता है। इस्राइल-अमेरिका और ईरान के बीच शुरू हुए तनाव के कारण वैश्विक स्तर पर कच्चे तेल की आपूर्ति खुरी तरह प्रभावित हुई है। इसी वजह से तेल महंगा हो गया है।



दूरी के आधार पर फ्यूल सरचार्ज

विमानन कंपनियां ने फ्यूल सरचार्ज को दूरी आधारित बना दिया है। एअर इंडिया ने घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए 500 किमी तक के लिए फ्यूल सरचार्ज 400 रुपये कर दिया है, जो पहले 299 रुपये था। अकासा एयर ने 500 किमी तक 375 और 501 से 1,000 किमी के लिए 600 रुपये का चार्ज तय किया है। इंडिगो ने 500 किमी के लिए 375 रुपये और 1000 किमी तक के लिए 600 रुपये सरचार्ज तय किया है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर कितना बढ़ा बोझ?

विमानन कंपनियों ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर सरचार्ज बढ़ा दिया है। इंडिगो के अंतरराष्ट्रीय चार्ज क्षेत्रों के अनुसार अलग-अलग हैं, जिसमें 500 किमी तक के सार्क गंतव्यों के लिए 1,000 रुपये, 500 किमी से ऊपर के सार्क सेक्टर के लिए 3,000 रुपये, दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया, जोसोसो, मध्य पूर्व, उत्तर और पूर्व एशिया के लिए 5,500 रुपये, अफ्रीका के लिए 6,000 रुपये तथा यूरोप के लिए 10,000 रुपये तय किए गए हैं।

यात्रियों पर इसका क्या असर होगा?

6 अक्टूबर या उसके बाद नई उड़ानें बुक करने वाले यात्रियों को किराए में अपडेटेड चार्ज दिखाई देंगे। यह चार्ज हर उड़ान सेक्टर पर लागू होता है, इसलिए आने-जाने की यात्रा में यह दो बार जुड़ेगा। यह बुकिंग के समय टिकट के किराए में अपने आप जुड़ेगा। पिछले महीने की तुलना में अब हवाई टिकट महंगे मिलेंगे। डोंगस डेस्क



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Airlines seek release of funds arising from VAT relief on ATF

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Airlines have sought the release of funds arising from the relief on value added tax (VAT) on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF). Oil marketing companies are withholding these funds to recover losses incurred from selling ATF at reduced prices in June this year, they alleged.

KEPT OUT OF LOOP

The withholding of funds has added to their financial pressure, said airline sources, adding that they plan to approach the Centre to secure their release as jet fuel prices rise again. The carriers said OMCs had not informed them at the time of the June sales that the losses would subsequently be recovered by withholding VAT refunds.

According to the sources, had such a recovery plan been communicated in advance, airlines would have increased fares then to ac-

count for the non-availability of VAT refunds. However, recovering those costs now would mean passing on the burden arising from June's fuel sales to passengers travelling today. That would be unfair to passengers, they said, especially when they are facing higher fuel surcharges already.

Nevertheless, the carriers said their dire financial situation could leave them with little choice but to increase fares and truncate flight operations.

THE BACKSTORY

OMCs held domestic ATF prices steady through May and June to limit the impact of higher fuel costs on airlines. On June 1, it was officially revealed that domestic jet fuel sales were resulting in under-recoveries of about ₹30 per litre for OMCs. At that time, a temporary VAT reduction relief measure was provided at two major aviation hubs.

Consequently, Delhi



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lowered the levy from 25 per cent to 7 per cent, while Maharashtra reduced it from 18 per cent to 7 per cent, both for six months. Besides, on June 3, the Union Cabinet cleared budgetary support of up to ₹10,000 crore for an ATF Price Stabilisation Fund. The arrangement envisaged interest-free advances to OMCs to enable stable fuel pricing for airlines joining the scheme.

businessline reported in July that the scheme had lapsed as no domestic carrier had entered into the required MoU with OMCs.

With fuel costs rising again, Civil Aviation Minis-

ter K Ram Mohan Naidu told reporters on October 6 that the government was examining a revival of the scheme.

Naidu said changes to the framework could be considered after consultations with airlines and OMCs. The Ministry was discussing fuel surcharges and airfares with both sides to arrive at a middle ground, he said.

THE AFTEREFFECT

On the other hand, rising fuel prices prompted airlines to levy higher fuel charges on passengers ahead of the festival season. IndiGo's revised fuel charges came into effect for new bookings on October

6. These range from ₹375 to ₹1,300 on domestic routes and from ₹1,000 to ₹10,000 on international services. According to the airline, ATF prices rose by more than 14 per cent over the previous month, pushing fuel costs to among the highest levels recorded in the past decade.

Air India and Air India Express also revised their fuel surcharges for new bookings from October 9. Their domestic one-way charges range from ₹400 to ₹1,200, based on the distance flown.

Similarly, Akasa Air introduced domestic fuel charges ranging from ₹375 to ₹1,150 from October 9.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Indian Airlines flagged the industry's financial difficulties in a September 25 letter seeking government intervention. Accordingly, it proposed a cost-plus mechanism for domestic ATF pricing, a fixed-rate excise levy and an extension of tax and airport-charge relief.

चुनावी साल में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के नाम से साधा विकास व सियासत का संतुलन

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ग्रेटर नोएडा, 9 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। उत्तर प्रदेश में आगामी विधानसभा चुनाव की तैयारियों के बीच योगी सरकार ने जेवर स्थित नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के नामकरण को लेकर बड़ा राजनीतिक और प्रतीकात्मक संदेश देने की कोशिश की है।

- प्रधानमंत्री के नाम पर होगा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, योगी मंत्रिमंडल में प्रस्ताव पारित
- मोदी के 25 साल के सार्वजनिक जीवन को सम्मान देने के साथ पश्चिमी यूपी में विकास की राजनीति को धार देने की कोशिश
- एयरपोर्ट को प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था, रोजगार व वैश्विक कनेक्टिविटी से जोड़कर सरकार ने गिनाई उपलब्धियां

शुक्रवार को मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ की अध्यक्षता में हुई कैबिनेट बैठक में एयरपोर्ट का नाम 'नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट' करने का प्रस्ताव पारित किया गया। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के सार्वजनिक जीवन के 25 वर्ष पूरे होने के अवसर पर लिए गए इस फैसले को सरकार ने उनके नेतृत्व, मार्गदर्शन और उत्तर प्रदेश के विकास में योगदान के प्रति सम्मान और कृतज्ञता से जोड़ा है। हालांकि, नाम परिवर्तन का प्रस्ताव अभी पारित हुआ है, इसलिए इसे नामकरण की प्रक्रिया का अहम कदम माना जा रहा है। जेवर एयरपोर्ट केवल एक बड़ी आधारभूत संरचना परियोजना नहीं है, बल्कि पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश की आर्थिक संभावनाओं, औद्योगिक निवेश, रोजगार और अंतरराष्ट्रीय कनेक्टिविटी से जुड़ा महत्वाकांक्षी केंद्र भी है। ऐसे में इसका नाम प्रधानमंत्री के नाम पर रखने के फैसले के राजनीतिक और विकास संबंधी दोनों मायने हैं। आगामी विधानसभा चुनाव के मद्देनजर सरकार इस निर्णय के जरिए विकास परियोजनाओं को प्रधानमंत्री के नेतृत्व और केंद्र-प्रदेश के समन्वय से जोड़कर पेश करना चाहती है। साथ ही, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में यह संदेश देने का प्रयास भी दिखाई देता है कि क्षेत्र में हो रहे बड़े निवेश और बुनियादी ढांचे के विस्तार के पीछे केंद्र और



राज्य सरकार की साझा भूमिका है।

विकास परियोजना को प्रधानमंत्री की विरासत से जोड़ने की कोशिश

मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने कैबिनेट के फैसले की जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट उत्तर प्रदेश को प्रधानमंत्री की ओर से मिली बड़ी सौगात है। उनके मुताबिक, यह परियोजना आने वाले समय में प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था, उद्योग, पर्यटन और वैश्विक संपर्क को नई ऊंचाई देगी। सरकार ने नामकरण प्रस्ताव को प्रधानमंत्री के 25 वर्षों के सार्वजनिक जीवन और उत्तर प्रदेश के विकास के प्रति उनकी प्रतिबद्धता के सम्मान के रूप में प्रस्तुत किया है। राजनीतिक दृष्टि से देखें तो किसी बड़ी परियोजना का नामकरण उसके विकास संबंधी महत्व के साथ एक प्रतीकात्मक पहचान भी बनाता है। प्रधानमंत्री के नाम से एयरपोर्ट को जोड़कर सरकार इस परियोजना की पहचान राष्ट्रीय नेतृत्व के साथ स्थापित करना चाहती है। इससे जेवर एयरपोर्ट को केवल स्थानीय या क्षेत्रीय परियोजना के बजाय राष्ट्रीय विकास की बड़ी तस्वीर के हिस्से के रूप में प्रस्तुत करने में मदद मिल सकती है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रधानमंत्री के सार्वजनिक जीवन को यात्रा को 'सेवा, समर्पण और राष्ट्र प्रथम' की भावना से जोड़ते हुए 'जनसेवा से जनकल्याण और जनभागीदारी से जनविश्वास' तक पहुंचने की बात कही। इसी क्रम में कैबिनेट ने प्रधानमंत्री के सम्मान में अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव भी पारित किया। इससे स्पष्ट है कि एयरपोर्ट का नामकरण व्यापक राजनीतिक संदेश का हिस्सा है, जिसमें विकास, नेतृत्व और जनकल्याण

को एक साथ रखने का प्रयास किया गया है।

पश्चिमी यूपी में विकास, निवेश और रोजगार का बड़ा प्रतीक है जेवर

जेवर एयरपोर्ट का महत्व इसलिए भी बढ़ जाता है क्योंकि इसके आसपास यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र में औद्योगिक, लॉजिस्टिक्स, आवासीय और अन्य निवेश परियोजनाएं विकसित हो रही हैं। एयरपोर्ट के संचालन और विस्तार के साथ इस क्षेत्र में परिवहन, माल ढुलाई, पर्यटन, कारोबार और रोजगार के नए अवसर पैदा होने की उम्मीद है। इसके प्रभाव का दायरा गौतमबुद्ध नगर से आगे पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश और राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र तक पहुंच सकता है।

सरकार के लिए यह परियोजना अपनी विकास नीति को सामने रखने का एक प्रमुख आधार भी है। एक्सप्रेस वे, मेट्रो, नमो भारत, डेडिकेटेड फ्रेट कॉरिडोर और औद्योगिक गलियारों का उल्लेख करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री ने उत्तर प्रदेश में बुनियादी ढांचे के विस्तार को अपनी सरकार की प्रमुख उपलब्धियों में शामिल किया। जेवर एयरपोर्ट को इसी कड़ी में प्रदेश के भविष्य के बड़े विमानन केंद्र के रूप में प्रस्तुत किया जा रहा है। चुनावी परिप्रेक्ष्य में इस फैसले का एक अहम पहलू क्षेत्रीय अपेक्षाओं से भी जुड़ा है। पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में जमीन अधिग्रहण, मुआवजा, स्थानीय रोजगार और विकास परियोजनाओं में हिस्सेदारी जैसे मुद्दे महत्वपूर्ण रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट का नाम बदलने से इन सवालों का अपने आप समाधान नहीं होगा, लेकिन सरकार इसे क्षेत्र के विकास के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता के प्रतीक के तौर पर पेश कर

सकती है। स्थानीय स्तर पर परियोजना से मिलने वाले वास्तविक लाभ, रोजगार और बुनियादी सुविधाओं का विस्तार ही इस संदेश की विश्वसनीयता तय करेंगे।

नामकरण के साथ चुनावी संदेश, लेकिन कसौटी पर रहेंगे जमीनी परिणाम

आगामी विधानसभा चुनाव से पहले इस फैसले को केवल नाम बदलने की प्रशासनिक कवायद मानना अधूरा होगा। इसके जरिए योगी सरकार ने प्रधानमंत्री के 25 वर्षों के सार्वजनिक जीवन को सम्मान देने के साथ अपनी विकास-केंद्रित राजनीति को भी रेखांकित किया है। केंद्र और प्रदेश की सरकारों के बीच समन्वय, बड़े निवेश और आधुनिक परिवहन सुविधाओं को एक साझा उपलब्धि के रूप में सामने रखना इस संदेश का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने अपने संबोधन में 2017 के बाद प्रदेश में कानून-व्यवस्था, सुशासन, निवेश और बुनियादी ढांचे में आए बदलावों का उल्लेख किया। किसानों, गरीबों, महिलाओं, युवाओं और स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं से संबंधित योजनाओं के आंकड़ों के साथ एयरपोर्ट का नामकरण भी प्रधानमंत्री के नेतृत्व में प्रदेश की विकास यात्रा के व्यापक आख्यान से जोड़ा गया। इस तरह सरकार ने एक ओर प्रधानमंत्री के प्रति सम्मान व्यक्त किया, तो दूसरी ओर अपने कार्यकाल की उपलब्धियों को भी जनता के सामने रखने का अवसर बनाया। हालांकि, नामकरण का राजनीतिक असर केवल घोषणा से तय नहीं होगा। जेवर और आसपास के क्षेत्रों के लोगों के लिए एयरपोर्ट से मिलने वाला रोजगार, स्थानीय कारोबार को लाभ, बेहतर सड़क संपर्क, किसानों की समस्याओं का समाधान और परियोजना के विस्तार से पैदा होने वाले अवसर अधिक निर्णायक होंगे। सरकार का संदेश तभी व्यापक जनसमर्थन में बदल सकेगा, जब विकास का लाभ स्थानीय लोगों तक स्पष्ट रूप से पहुंचेगा। कुल मिलाकर, 'नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट' नामकरण का प्रस्ताव प्रधानमंत्री के सार्वजनिक जीवन के 25 वर्ष पूरे होने के सम्मान, जेवर परियोजना के राष्ट्रीय महत्व और आगामी विधानसभा चुनाव से पहले विकास की उपलब्धियों को राजनीतिक रूप से रेखांकित करने की कोशिश के रूप में देखा जा सकता है। यह फैसला सरकार की राजनीतिक प्राथमिकताओं का संकेत देता है, जबकि इसकी दीर्घकालिक सफलता एयरपोर्ट के प्रभावी विकास और क्षेत्र के लोगों को मिलने वाले ठोस लाभों पर निर्भर करेगी।



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Air India ups fuel surcharges for flights

NEW DELHI, PTI: Air India and Air India Express on Thursday announced a hike in fuel surcharges for domestic and international flights with effect from October 9, amid soaring jet fuel prices.

Air India said ATF prices have witnessed significant volatility in recent months, driven largely by geopolitical developments and sustained pressure on global energy markets.

For domestic flights, the revised fuel surcharges range from Rs 400 to Rs 1,200, depending on the distance. Fuel surcharges for international flights vary from \$55 to \$215, depending on the region and country.

Separately, Akasa Air will start levying fuel surcharges for domestic flights as well as increase surcharges for international services from October 9. Depending on distance, the surcharges will vary from Rs 375 to Rs 1,150 for domestic flights and in the case of overseas services, the revised surcharge is Rs 2,500.



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एअर इंडिया ने घरेलू उड़ानों पर छात्रों को दी 10 प्रतिशत छूट

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: एअर इंडिया ने कालेजों, इंटरशिप और सेमेस्टर ब्रेक के लिए यात्रा करने वाले विद्यार्थियों के लिए एक विशेष स्टूडेंट प्रोग्राम की घोषणा की है। इसके तहत 20 अक्टूबर तक वन-वे और राउंड-ट्रिप घरेलू उड़ानों के बेस फेयर पर 10 प्रतिशत की छूट दी जा रही है।

पात्र विद्यार्थियों को सालभर 10 किलो अतिरिक्त बैगेज अलाउंस मिलेगा और प्लान बदलने पर बिना किसी शुल्क के एक बार यात्रा की तारीख में बदलाव करने की सुविधा दी जाएगी। एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट या एप से बुकिंग करने पर कन्वीनियंस फीस में 50 प्रतिशत की कटौती होगी, जबकि यूपीआइ से भुगतान करने पर प्रोमो कोड के जरिये प्रति यात्री एक हजार रुपये तक की अतिरिक्त बचत भी की जा सकती है।

योजना का लाभ उठाने के लिए यात्रा की तारीख को छात्र की उम्र 12 वर्ष होनी चाहिए और उसका किसी मान्यता प्राप्त स्कूल, कालेज या विश्वविद्यालय में न्यूनतम एक वर्ष के फुल टाइम कोर्स में नामांकित होना अनिवार्य है।



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Akasa, AI fares up

ANI

NEW DELHI

Air India and Air India Express have revised fuel surcharges from October 9, ranging from ₹400 to ₹1,200 on domestic flights and \$55 to \$215 on international routes. Akasa Air has introduced surcharges of ₹375 to ₹1,150 on domestic flights and ₹2,500 on select international routes for new bookings from October 9. IndiGo revised its charges



from October 6, citing rising aviation fuel prices. "The continuous rise in the fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade," IndiGo said.



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UAE: Flydubai co-pilot took two Tel Aviv flights to familiarise himself with route, was inspired by 9/11

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DUBAI/CAIRO: An Omani flydubai co-pilot had intended to seize a Dubai-Tel Aviv flight and crash it into a terminal at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport on September 30 in a suicide attack before he was thwarted by the captain, the UAE attorney general said on Friday.

Attorney General Hamad Saif al Shamsi's statement did not appear to implicate flydubai in any wrongdoing, and contained the most detailed account yet from prosecutors about what they believe to have happened. Flydubai was not

immediately available for comment.

The plan was inspired by the September 11, 2001, attacks on the US, UAE public prosecutors think, as a result of their criminal investigation launched on October 1.

It found the suspect had used two previous flights to Tel Aviv to "familiarise himself with the flight route and the airport", the state news agency WAM reported. It is the first public confirmation of the co-pilot's 9/11 inspiration.

The aircraft was in Saudi airspace when the co-pilot attacked the captain with a crash axe, typically kept in the

cockpit for use during emergencies.

The incident caused the airliner to plunge 16,000 feet (4,900 meters) in 30 seconds before the attacker was overwhelmed and two other pilots who were on board landed the aircraft safely in Saudi Arabia. The suspect was transferred to the UAE, flydubai's home country.

Investigators examined flydubai's recruiting procedures and found the suspect had met all professional and security requirements, including holding a pilot's licence and providing a certificate of good conduct.

"However, none of the procedures revealed any indications of his extremist views or his intention to carry out a terrorist plot," Al Shamsi added.

He said the 29-year-old had worked for airlines in different countries including Oman Air before joining flydubai in January 2026.

The investigation found there were signs of the suspect drifting towards "extremism and terrorism" as early as 2017, while he was studying in Australia.

Royal Air Maroc has said that he underwent three months of training there in 2025, but that his application to

work for the airline afterwards was rejected.

UAE officials have not identified the suspect; however, a person with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters he had been identified as Hammam al-Hammami, an Omani national.

Al Shamsi said the suspect had told investigators he had prepared psychologically and physically for the attack by viewing material promoting terrorism and taking boxing lessons.

Saudi Arabia has launched a separate safety investigation into flight FZ1073, sources told Reuters.



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EU aviation agency widens Saudi Arabia airspace alert

Reuters

Brussels, October 9

THE EUROPEAN Union Aviation Safety Agency EASA said on Friday it recommended airlines not to operate in additional portions of Saudi airspace after Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis attacked Riyadh airport.

In an updated conflict zone information bulletin for Saudi Arabia airspace, initially issued on September 30, the EU regulator said recent attacks had demonstrated the ability and intent of the Houthis to strike targets deeper inside Saudi territory, including the capital. EASA added a further area in north-western Saudi Arabia into the advisory.

Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authority said earlier on Friday that three Saudi nationals were killed and several people were injured in two attacks on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh on Thursday.

"These recurrent missile and drone attacks, together with the activation of air-defence systems, create an increased risk of misidentification of civil aircraft, as well as risks associated with missile and drone overflights, interception activity and falling debris," EASA said.

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FLY91 ramps up hiring as regional airline expands

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Less than three years after starting operations, Goa-based regional airline FLY91 is expanding its workforce as it prepares to add aircraft and open new stations. Its employee count is expected to cross 1,000 over the next two years, from about 550 currently, Manoj Chacko, founder, managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of FLY91, said in an interview.

The airline, which operates

six ATR 72-600 turboprops across 13 stations, is hiring across cockpit crew, cabin crew, engineering, technicians, flight dispatch and airport operations.

These smaller, propeller-driven aircraft are designed for shorter journeys and smaller airports, allowing FLY91 to connect cities that may not have enough demand or suitable infrastructure for larger narrow-body jets. It competes with regional carriers such as Star Air and Alliance Air, while IndiGo also operates turboprops on some regional routes.

"We are at about 550 people across 13 stations," said Chacko. He said the airline is adequately staffed in its core functions for the next two years of planned growth, with incremental hiring linked to aircraft induction and the opening of new stations.

The airline has advertised for captains, trainee and transition captains, cabin crew, flight dispatchers, aircraft maintenance engineers and other airport roles.

"We should be crossing a thousand in the next two years but again like I said, you know,



CEO Manoj Chacko says FLY91's employee count is expected to cross 1,000 over the next two years, from about 550 currently.

we are going to be extremely prudent about how the hiring is going to happen," he said.

Chacko said each aircraft requires about 25 additional employees, excluding technicians, taking the requirement to around 30 people per aircraft. New stations add another 10-14 employees, depending on the number of flights and shifts.

At a projected 70 employees per aircraft, FLY91's staffing level would be lower than the employee-to-aircraft ratios at

larger Indian airlines. IndiGo had 69,000 employees and 441 aircraft at the end of FY26, or about 156 employees per aircraft. The comparison is not like-for-like, given differences

in fleet mix, network, international operations and scale.

"FLY91's hiring plan looks reasonable if it follows fleet expansion. At management's stated target of 70 employees per aircraft, a workforce of 1,000-1,100 would require around 15-16 aircraft. The targets are therefore consistent, but hiring substantially ahead of aircraft entering service would put pressure on costs," said Jainam Shah, aviation

analyst at Equirus Securities.

FLY91 has already added Tirupati and Navi Mumbai as part of its expansion and expects to add around five or six stations a year while increasing frequencies on existing routes.

The airline has ordered 40 ATR 72-600 aircraft, with deliveries scheduled to begin from 2027. Before those aircraft arrive, it plans to acquire aircraft from the existing market, taking its fleet to around 12-14 aircraft by late next year. Its longer-term plan is to take the fleet to about 60 aircraft over five years.

The expansion comes as FLY91 works to improve its financial position. Just UDO Aviation Pvt. Ltd, which operates FLY91, reported operating revenue of about ₹127 crore and a net loss of ₹67.6 crore in fiscal year 2025 (FY25), its first full financial year of operations.

About 55% of its revenue came from the government's regional connectivity scheme, UDAN, according to its financials.

Its FY26 financial results are yet to be filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

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AI Express, AI, Akasa Air hike fuel surcharges amid rising ATF costs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

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Air India and Air India Express on Thursday announced hiking fuel surcharges for domestic and international flights, while Akasa Air raised the surcharge for overseas flights due to soaring jet fuel costs.

The hike in fuel surcharges from October 9 will push airfares higher as airlines look at ways to partially offset the rising operational costs.

Air India and Air India Express, which previously revised fuel surcharges in April, have increased them by Rs 101 to Rs 301 for domestic flights. For international services, the hike ranges from \$5 to \$15.

Akasa Air has re-introduced the fuel surcharge for domestic services and increased it for international flights. The airline, which introduced the surcharges in March, later withdrew them for domestic flights.

In a statement on Thursday, Air India said Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices have witnessed significant volatility in recent months, driven largely by geopolitical developments and sustained pressure on global energy markets.

"The latest increase in fuel prices has further elevated operating costs for airlines, with fuel continuing to account for a substantial proportion of overall airline expenditure," the



statement said.

For domestic flights, Air India and Air India Express have revised fuel surcharges ranging from Rs 400 to Rs 1,200, depending on the distance.

Fuel surcharges for international flights vary from \$55 to \$215, depending on the region and country.

According to the statement, the two airlines will levy Rs 400 and Rs 600 as fuel surcharges for distances of 0-500 kilometre and 501-1,000 km, respectively. The amount will be Rs 850 for 1,001-1,500 km and Rs 1,200 for 1,501 km and above.

With respect to international routes, the fuel surcharge will be \$55 for West Asia/ Middle East and \$135 for Europe, including the UK. The fuel surcharge will be \$210 for Australia and \$215 for North America.

Akasa Air said in a statement that sustained increases in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, driven by ongoing geopolitical developments in the Middle East, have led to higher fuel surcharges.

Depending on distance, the surcharges will vary from Rs 375 to Rs 1,150 for domestic flights and in the case of overseas services, the revised surcharge is Rs 2,500.

For 0-500 km, Akasa Air will levy a fuel surcharge of Rs 375 and Rs 600 for the distance of 501-1,000 km. The fuel surcharge will be Rs 900 and Rs 1,150 for the distance of 1,001-1,500 km and 1,501 km and above, respectively.

For international routes, Akasa Air has revised the fuel surcharge to Rs 2,500.

In March, Akasa Air introduced fuel surcharges ranging from Rs 199 to Rs 1,300 for domestic and international flights.

"ATF constitutes a significant component of airline operating costs, and the continued increase in fuel prices has placed sustained pressure on airline operating costs across the industry." In view of the prevailing fuel price environment, Akasa Air has taken a measured approach to partially offset the impact," Akasa Air said.



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छात्रों को एयर इंडिया की सौगात घरेलू उड़ानों में किराए पर 10% छूट

नई दिल्ली, 9 अक्टूबर (नवोदय टाइम्स): हवाई सफर करने वाले छात्रों के लिए एयर इंडिया ने विशेष ऑफर पेश किया है। एयरलाइन घरेलू उड़ानों के बेस फेयर पर 10 प्रतिशत की सीधी छूट दे रही है। यह सीमित अवधि का ऑफर 20 अक्टूबर 2026 तक की जाने वाली वन-वे और राउंड-ट्रिप टिकट बुकिंग पर लागू होगा। इस पहल से कॉलेज आने-जाने, सेमेस्टर ब्रेक, इंटरशिप और कैंपस प्लेसमेंट के लिए यात्रा करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को राहत मिलेगी।

एयर इंडिया के स्टूडेंट प्रोग्राम के तहत किराये में छूट के अलावा छात्रों को अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं भी दी जा रही हैं। पात्र विद्यार्थी निर्धारित बैगज सीमा

स्टूडेंट आईडी दिखाना अनिवार्य
ऑफर का लाभ उठाने के लिए छात्र की उम्र यात्रा की तारीख को कम से कम 12 वर्ष होनी चाहिए। साथ ही, विद्यार्थी का किसी मान्यता प्राप्त स्कूल, कॉलेज या विश्वविद्यालय में कम से कम एक वर्ष के पूर्णकालिक पाठ्यक्रम में नामांकन होना जरूरी है। एयरपोर्ट पर चेक-इन के दौरान छात्रों को वैध स्टूडेंट पहचान पत्र, एडमिशन लेटर या स्टूडेंट वीजा जैसे मान्य दस्तावेज दिखाने होंगे। दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत नहीं करने पर एयरलाइन के नियमों के अनुसार अतिरिक्त शुल्क और लागू कर वसूले जा सकते हैं।

के अतिरिक्त 10 किलोग्राम सामान ले जा (शेष पृष्ठ 11 कालम 1 पर)

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सकेंगे। इसके साथ ही यात्रा की तारीख में बदलाव होने पर एक बार बिना अतिरिक्त शुल्क के टिकट बदलने की सुविधा भी मिलेगी।

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एयरलाइन की वेबसाइट या मोबाइल ऐप के जरिए टिकट बुक करने पर कन्वीनियंस फीस में 50 प्रतिशत की छूट दी जा रही है। वहीं, यूपीआई से भुगतान करने पर निर्धारित प्रमो कोड का इस्तेमाल कर प्रति यात्री 1,000 रुपये तक की अतिरिक्त बचत की जा सकती है।

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Air India, Akasa hike fuel surcharges as ATF prices soar

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Air India, Air India Express and Akasa Air have increased or introduced fuel surcharges on domestic and international flights from 9 October, joining IndiGo in passing on part of the burden of rising aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices to passengers.

The latest revisions come three days after IndiGo announced its second fuel surcharge hike since March. With ATF accounting for around 40 per cent of an Indian airline's operating costs, the sharp increase in jet fuel prices has added to cost pressures across the aviation industry.

The ongoing West Asia conflict, which began in late February following US and Israeli attacks on Iran, has disrupted global crude oil supplies and pushed energy

prices higher. ATF prices in Delhi have climbed from around Rs 110 per litre to approximately Rs 137 per litre, including a 13 per cent increase in October alone.

Air India and Air India Express have increased their domestic fuel surcharges to Rs 400–Rs 1,200, against the earlier range of Rs 299–Rs 899. The revised charges are based on flight distance and represent increases of approximately 33 per cent to 60 per cent across the five distance categories.

For flights covering up to 500 km, the surcharge has risen 34 per cent to Rs 400. Journeys between 501 km and 1,000 km will attract a charge of Rs 600, up 50 per cent from the earlier Rs 399.

For flights covering 1,001–1,500 km, the surcharge has increased 55 per cent to Rs 850. The charge for the 1,501–2,000 km category has risen 60 per cent



to Rs 1,200, while flights exceeding 2,000 km will attract a surcharge of Rs 1,200, up 33 per cent from Rs 899.

The latest move marks the Air India group's second revision of domestic fuel surcharges since March, when it initially introduced a flat charge of Rs 399 per ticket. The airline subsequently shifted to a distance-based system in April.

The Air India group has also revised fuel surcharges

on international routes, increasing charges from the levels introduced in July.

Passengers travelling to North America and Australia will now pay \$215, compared with \$200 earlier, an increase of 7.5 per cent. The surcharge for Europe, including the UK, has risen 8 per cent to \$135 from \$125, while the charge for West Asia and the Middle East has increased 10 per cent to \$55 from \$50.

However, the revised international charges remain below the peak levels imposed in April. The surcharge for North America and Australia is around 23 per cent below its April peak of \$280, while the Europe charge is approximately 34 per cent lower than the earlier peak. The West Asia surcharge, by contrast, is 10 per cent higher than its April level.

Explaining the decision, the Air India group said fluctuations

in ATF prices, driven by geopolitical developments and pressure on global energy markets, had increased operating expenses. The airline group added that fuel continued to account for a substantial share of overall airline expenditure.

Akasa Air has introduced a distance-based fuel surcharge for domestic flights, replacing its earlier system that linked charges to flight duration.

Under the revised structure, passengers will pay Rs 375 for flights covering up to 500 km, Rs 600 for journeys between 501 km and 1,000 km, and Rs 900 for flights between 1,001 km and 1,500 km. Flights covering 1,501 km and above will attract a surcharge of Rs 1,150.

The airline has also introduced a uniform international fuel surcharge of Rs 2,500 on flights between India and Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Thailand and Vietnam.



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Air India and Air India Express up fuel surcharge **Cite rise in ATF prices amid ME conflict**

#NEW DELHI

Flyers will have to shell out more for plane tickets as Air India and Air India Express have announced an increase in fuel surcharges on domestic and select international routes due to the rise in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices amid the continuing Middle East conflict. The Tata Group airlines have followed leading domestic carrier IndiGo in increasing the fuel surcharge.

"ATF prices have remained volatile in recent months amid geopolitical developments and sustained

pressure on global energy markets. The latest increase has pushed up airline operating costs, with fuel accounting for a substantial share of overall expenditure," the Tata Group airlines said.

Air India and Air India Express have revised their one-way domestic fuel surcharge, with the levy ranging from Rs 400 to Rs 1,200 depending on the flight distance.

The revised surcharge will be Rs 400 for flights up to 500 km, while journeys between 501 and 1,000 km will attract a Rs 600 surcharge. **IANS**



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Air India Express to add 5 routes from KIA

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Air India Express will launch five new routes from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) as part of its Winter Schedule 2026, beginning Oct 25.

The airline will introduce daily flights connecting Bengaluru with Madurai, Coimbatore, Jodhpur and Goa (Mopa). It will also launch a daily international service to Kathmandu. The new routes are part of Air India Express' largest winter schedule, which will see the airline operate 585 daily flights, including up to 150 international ones.



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Airfares soar as train services hit; slight rise in last-minute bookings

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New Delhi: The unprecedented clamp-down in Delhi in the wake of CJP protest, including cancellation of several trains to the city, saw a "slight increase" in last-minute bookings on flights to and from Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) for this weekend. Airfares on some routes saw a surge, too.

Travel industry insiders said the shift could become more pronounced if the agitation and the restrictions on movement continue longer as the festive season begins Monday with Navratri.

"There has been a slight increase in bookings on Delhi flights for this weekend. It is too early to say anything for sure in terms of train and bus passengers moving to air as the weekend flights in the pre-festive season were pretty full and the fares were anyway high," said an airline official.

A senior official of a leading online travel agency (OTA) said: "Till Friday night, we didn't see a major spike in spot fares

A TRAVEL AGENT SAYS

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from Lucknow, Prayagraj and other parts of UP. Only spot fares on Varanasi-Delhi route for Saturday were higher by 15% over a month back. So far, there is no substantial increase in flight demand."

OTA sites showed Varanasi-Delhi one-way fares starting at Rs 6,200 and going up to Rs 14,000 Saturday — higher than usual.

The big worry for airlines and Delhi airport is passengers, crew members and other staff being able to reach IGIA in time due to the feared large-scale disruption of metro service and

impacted traffic movement.

If the protest continues for a longer duration and pushes up demand for air travel, then airfares — which are anyway higher due to spiralling operating costs from higher jet fuel prices and a crashing rupee — will soar further, according to travel industry stakeholders.

Airfares from Amritsar surged sharply Friday, with some flights touching Rs 8,000 against the usual one-way fare of around Rs 4,000. Fares for the Saturday flight from Ludhiana saw fluctuations throughout the day, soaring as high as Rs 12,987 before falling to Rs 4,301 at 8 pm.

"Those with onward travel plans, especially international flights, have limited choices and are having to buy expensive tickets to avoid further cancellations or missing their connections," said Dalip, a travel agent in Amritsar. There was no big change in flight and cab fares from Chandigarh to Delhi till Friday evening.

(With inputs from Chandigarh, Amritsar and Ludhiana)

Aviation after flydubai scare

SHEKHAR SINGH

AN aircraft can have a locked cockpit door, multiple security checks, trained pilots and detailed emergency procedures, yet none of these safeguards can completely prepare an airline for a situation in which the emergency begins inside the cockpit itself.

That is the uncomfortable question facing the aviation industry after the flydubai incident, in which an Indian captain was allegedly attacked by his co-pilot, leaving the Boeing 737 in a rapid descent before the situation was brought under control.

An altercation took place in the Dubai to Tel Aviv flight on September 30. Captain Smit Machchhar was injured but managed to open the cockpit door, after which passengers and crew members intervened. A flydubai crew member travelling on the flight also helped in regaining control of the aircraft.

The aircraft was diverted to Tabuk in Saudi Arabia and landed safely. Saudi Arabia has launched an air-safety investigation under the ICAO framework, while the UAE is conducting a criminal probe. The investigations will establish what happened inside the cockpit.

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

For Indian aviation, the incident comes at a time when airlines are adding aircraft, recruiting pilots and expanding both domestic and international operations. It therefore raises a question that is difficult to ignore: how well prepared is the system if the person creating the emergency is not an intruder, but someone who is already authorised to fly the aircraft?

India is not without safeguards. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has detailed procedures for cockpit access and manning. When one of the two pilots leaves the cockpit during a non-critical phase of flight, a cabin crew member is required to enter and occupy the observer seat. The cockpit door has



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to remain locked and the cabin crew member remains there until the pilot returns.

The procedure is an additional layer of protection. But it is primarily designed around a different risk, ensuring that one pilot is not left alone in the cockpit and preventing unauthorised access. The flydubai episode puts the spotlight on what happens when both pilots are already inside and the problem develops between them.

NEED FOR A CONSTANT REVIEW

Dr Vandana Singh, chairperson of Aviation Cargo, Federation of Aviation Industry in India (FAII), believes the incident is a reminder that aviation safety and security cannot be treated as a set of rules that are checked and left alone.

The industry, she says, needs to keep reviewing cockpit security, access procedures, crew preparedness and emergency response, particularly for situations that develop suddenly.

"Technology and standard operating procedures are important enablers, but trained crew, effective communication and sound human judgement remain critical when an emergency unfolds," Singh says.

That human element has featured in several

of aviation's most serious cockpit-related incidents. The Germanwings tragedy in 2015 remains the most prominent example. The co-pilot of Flight 9525 locked the captain out of the cockpit and deliberately initiated a descent that ended with the aircraft crashing in the French Alps, killing all 150 people aboard. The accident prompted regulators and airlines worldwide to revisit cockpit access, pilot medical assessments and the balance between medical confidentiality and aviation safety.

India introduced additional cockpit-manning safeguards after an incident involving an Air India flight in 2010, when the commander was locked out of the cockpit while the co-pilot struggled to control the aircraft. The DGCA subsequently required a cabin crew member to be present in the cockpit when one of the pilots leaves during non-critical phases of the flight.

India's rules also place emphasis on pilot medical fitness. DGCA's revised medical requirements, in force from July 2025, require the flight crew to meet prescribed physical and mental fitness standards and hold valid medical assessments. The regulations provide for action where a pilot is found medically unfit to safely perform flying duties. Yet medical certification can only establish a pilot's fitness at the time of assessment. It cannot predict every situation that may develop afterwards.

That creates a difficult balance for airlines. Should pilot assessments become more frequent? How should airlines deal with warning signs that emerge between medical examinations? And how can genuine safety concerns be addressed without making pilots reluctant to report medical or personal problems because they fear professional consequences?

The cabin crew becomes an important part of that equation. In the flydubai incident, the crisis required intervention beyond the two pilots. That raises a practical question: how often are cabin crews trained for a situation in which the emergency is inside the flight deck?