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लेह एयरपोर्ट बनेगा देश का पहला भू-तापीय और सौर ऊर्जा संचालित हवाई अड्डा

लेह के कुशोक बकुला रिनपोछे हवाई अड्डे का बड़े पैमाने पर नवीनीकरण किया जा रहा है। इससे यह भारत का पहला हवाई अड्डा बन जाएगा जो भूतापीय और सौर ऊर्जा दोनों का उपयोग करेगा।

नए घरेलू टर्मिनल के जुलाई तक खुलने की उम्मीद है। 640 करोड़ रुपये की इस परियोजना के साथ चार नए विमान पार्किंग वे के लिए अतिरिक्त 100 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया गया है। यह सतत विमानन की दिशा में एक बड़ा मील का पत्थर माना जा रहा है। एयरपोर्ट निदेशक एवं महाप्रबंधक ए. उमाशंकर के अनुसार निर्माण अंतिम चरण में है। यह टर्मिनल भारत की सबसे बड़ी भू-तापीय हीटिंग और कूलिंग प्रणाली से लैस होगा। संवाद

KIA arrival relief: Valet parking to ease P4 pickup delays queues

Chief Secretary orders valet retrieval from P4 to curb chaos, regulate taxis and ease passenger complaints at Bengaluru airport arrivals

In a relief to passengers arriving at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh has directed airport officials to introduce a valet parking service for private car owners whose vehicles are parked at P4. Under the proposed arrangement, cars parked in P4 can be brought to the arrival lanes within four minutes, easing congestion at Terminal 1.

The direction was issued during an on-site review when the Chief Secretary assessed passenger grievances linked to the airport's recently implemented parking and vehicle registration system. Her visit followed a rise in complaints from travellers over delays, confusion and crowding at arrival gates.

Officials informed her that passenger feedback received by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) showed a 100 per cent surge in complaints since the new system came into force. Most concerns centred on long vehicle queues, unregulated pickups and a lack of clarity for passengers and drivers. BIAL officials explained that the four pick-up points in front of the Terminal 1 arrival terminal, each with three lanes, together form 12 lanes designed to handle around 30

cars every 90 seconds. In practice, nearly 100 vehicles were entering the area at once, creating bottlenecks that took up to 10 minutes to clear.

Airport authorities noted that at most airports, private white-board vehicles are allowed limited free access for pick-ups, while commercial yellow-board vehicles are regulated and allotted dedicated zones. Commercial operators are required to pay an aggregator fee per ride, and parking is not permitted within 100 metres of the arrival gate.

After complaint spike, BIAL revamps arrivals with valet parking, taxi zoning, shuttles, staff support and stricter vehicle regulation to cut queues, waiting times and confusion at Terminal 1 for passengers

To streamline arrivals, officials said BIAL has created a 1,000-car parking facility for registered app-based taxi services. Inter-terminal shuttle buses are operating every five minutes, and six specially equipped vehicles with hydraulic wheelchair facilities are available for senior citizens.

A transport desk has been set up at the terminal to guide passengers on the revised parking and pick-up system. As part of the transition, 20 BIAL staff members have been deployed along the walkway to assist passengers. Clear signage has been installed to guide travellers to parking areas and shuttle points. Free shuttle services have been added to make transfers more convenient.

App-based taxi services such as Namma Yatri and Rapido have been shifted to P4 instead of P1 and P2. Vehicles meeting mandatory safety and compliance requirements, including police verification, fitness certificates, AIS-140 tracking devices, functional panic buttons and verified documents through the VAHAN platform, will be registered via KSTD-DC and permitted regulated access. Officials said 900 licences have already been issued, with more to be provided soon. — BMB



Officials review live traffic data as complaints spike, highlighting bottlenecks caused by unregulated vehicle entry and overcrowded arrival lanes at peak hours



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मुंबई जा रही फ्लाइट 6 घंटे लेट हुई, एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों ने किया हंगामा

एक्विशन रिपोर्टर | जयपुर

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से मुंबई जाने वाली स्पाइसजेट एयरलाइंस की एसजी-651 फ्लाइट 6 घंटे से अधिक लेट होने पर परेशान यात्रियों ने टर्मिनल-2 पर हंगामा किया। ये फ्लाइट जयपुर से शाम 6:15 बजे मुंबई जाती है। शुक्रवार को एयरलाइंस ने संचालन कारणों के चलते एनवक्त पर फ्लाइट का शेड्यूल बदल दिया। बाद में फ्लाइट देर रात 12:30 बजे मुंबई के लिए रवाना हुई। सर्दी में मुंबई जाने वाले करीब 110 से अधिक यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान होते रहे।

उदयपुर जाने वाली फ्लाइट रद्द

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को भी उदयपुर की फ्लाइट चौथे दिन रद्द रही। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार उदयपुर की फ्लाइट शुक्रवार को लगातार चौथे दिन रद्द रही। इंडिगो एयरलाइन की फ्लाइट 6ई-7465 जयपुर से सुबह 6:55 बजे उदयपुर जाती है। वापसी में फ्लाइट 6ई-7718 उदयपुर से सुबह 9:20 बजे जयपुर आती है। इंडिगो द्वारा संचालन कारणों से लगातार फ्लाइट रद्द की जा रही है। ऐसे में पहले से फ्लाइट में बुकिंग करा चुके यात्री परेशान हो रहे हैं।

• एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की पुणे की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-2712 करीब पौने 2 घंटे लेट रवाना हुई। ये फ्लाइट जयपुर से दोपहर 12:40 बजे पुणे जाती है, जो शुक्रवार को दोपहर 2:30 बजे पुणे रवाना हो सकी।



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CS reviews new cab pickup rules at KIA

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Secretary (CS) Shalini Rajaneesh on Friday visited the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to address mounting passenger complaints over the airport's new pick-up system.

Following a review of the airport premises, she directed Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) to introduce a valet-based system for private cars parked at P4. This is to ensure vehicles can be brought to the arrival lanes within four minutes.

Shalini also called for changes in the operations of the Karnataka State Tourism Development at the airport. The current agreement, which only allows KSTDC to operate Sedan cars, will be modified to

allow other car types to operate at government-approved rates. And if required, provisions will be made to issue additional licenses to KSTDC.

BIAL has also been directed to work with the BMTC to find a viable solution for the reduced bus bays for BMTC at Terminal 1, the chief secretary told *DH*. During the review meeting with BIAL, officials explained that the four pick-up zones with three lanes each—12 lanes in total—outside Terminal 1 arrivals are designed to handle around 30 cars every 90 seconds.

However, until recently, nearly 100 vehicles were entering the space at a time, taking up to 10 minutes to clear. This mismatch led to chaos, artificial congestion and a sharp spike in passenger grievances,

the BIAL management informed the CS, adding that the airport had reported a 100% surge in complaints concerning the same issue through its feedback system.

Officials acknowledged that there was no effective mechanism to regulate the entry of private and commercial vehicles, worsening the bottleneck.

The chief secretary was informed that, as per norms followed at national and international airports, private vehicles (white board) are allowed free access for pick-ups, while commercial vehicles (yellow board) are regulated and assigned dedicated zones. Commercial operators are required to pay an aggregator fee per trip.

"The new parking and pick-

up system at BLR Airport was thoughtfully introduced to address long-standing operational challenges at the arrival kerb—including unmanaged halts and congestion—and to deliver a safer, more orderly and dependable arrival experience for all passengers," a BIAL spokesperson said.

BIAL has also cited Bureau of Civil Aviation Security guidelines, which prohibit parking facilities within 100 metres of the arrival gate. This stretch is to be declared a no-honking zone, with the police directed to take immediate action against violators.

Around 20 BIAL staff have been deployed along walkways to assist passengers, including with luggage, and new signage has been installed.



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अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर वीडियो रिकार्डिंग उपकरण लगाने की सिफारिश

नई दिल्ली, आइएनएस : किसी घटना या दुर्घटना के बाद एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स (एटीसी) की कार्रवाई का विश्लेषण करने में जांचकर्ताओं की मदद के लिए विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) ने देश के सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर एटीसी टावरों के अंदर वीडियो रिकार्डिंग उपकरण लगाने की सिफारिश की है।

यह कदम बीते वर्ष दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हुई रनवे दुर्घटना की एएआइबी की जांच के बाद उठाया गया है, जब एरियाना अफगान एयरलाइंस का एक विमान इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर एक अनधिकृत रनवे पर उतर गया था। विमानन दुर्घटना नियामक ने कहा कि इससे सुरक्षा निगरानी बढ़ेगी।

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यह कदम पिछले साल नवंबर में दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हुई एक रनवे दुर्घटना की एएआइबी की जांच के बाद उठाया गया है, जब एरियाना अफगान एयरलाइंस का एक विमान इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर एक अनधिकृत रनवे पर उतर गया था। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के अधीन आने वाले विमानन दुर्घटना नियामक ने कहा कि इस कदम से सुरक्षा निगरानी और घटना के बाद की जांच में काफी मजबूती आएगी।

एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, सिफारिश की गई है कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर

- ▶ पिछले साल दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हुई दुर्घटना की जांच के बाद की सिफारिश
- ▶ एरियाना अफगान एयरलाइंस का विमान अनधिकृत रनवे पर उतर गया था

स्थित एटीसी टावरों में ऐसे सिस्टम लगे होने चाहिए जो वीडियो रिकार्डिंग के साथ-साथ कंट्रोल रूम के भीतर होने वाले बैकग्राउंड कम्युनिकेशन को भी रिकार्ड कर सकें। एएआइबी के अनुसार, यह डाटा असामान्य या उच्च जोखिम वाली स्थितियों के दौरान घटनाओं को री कंस्ट्रक्ट करने और नियंत्रकों के निर्णय लेने की प्रक्रिया को समझने में महत्वपूर्ण होगा। इस तरह की रिकार्डिंग को एएआइबी और डीजीसीए दोनों द्वारा जांच के लिए उपलब्ध कराया जाना चाहिए। एएआइबी ने कहा कि उसने नवंबर की घटना में शामिल फ्लाइट क्रू और एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर्स के प्रारंभिक बयान पहले ही दर्ज कर लिए हैं। रनवे में हुए बदलाव की घटना की जांच जारी है।



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खराब मौसम का असर: जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से इंडिगो की दो फ्लाइट रद्द, कई उड़ानें लेट

नवज्योति, जयपुर। खराब मौसम और परिचालन संबंधी कारणों के चलते जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित रहा। गुरुवार सुबह इंडिगो की दो अहम धरेलु फ्लाइट्स रद्द कर दी गई, जिससे यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। जयपुर से सुबह 5.50 बजे चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली इंडिगो फ्लाइट को रद्द कर दिया गया। इसके अलावा सुबह 6.55 बजे जयपुर से उदयपुर के लिए रवाना होने वाली इंडिगो फ्लाइट भी निरस्त रही। वहीं उड़ानों में देरी का सिलसिला भी जारी रहा। इंडिगो की जयपुर से कोलकाता जाने वाली फ्लाइट, जो



सुबह 7.35 बजे रवाना होनी थी, तय समय पर उड़ान नहीं भर सकी और इसे सुबह करीब 8.55 बजे रवाना किया गया। इसके अलावा स्पाइसजेट की जयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट के यात्रियों को भी रात में परेशानी झेलनी पड़ी। यह फ्लाइट रात 12.50 बजे निर्धारित थी, लेकिन करीब साढ़े तीन घंटे की देरी के बाद तड़के 4.10 बजे मुंबई के लिए रवाना हो सकी।

Customs seize drugs worth ₹3.16 crore at Mopa airport

BANGKOK FLYER ARRESTED WITH CONTRABAND

THE GOAN | NETWORK

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The seizure of over 9 kg of hydroponic weed at Manohar International Airport in Mopa has once again exposed Goa's vulnerability to international drug trafficking routes linked to tourist destinations.

Acting on specific intelligence, the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Goa Customs intercepted a passenger arriving from Bangkok via Tashkent on January 7 and recovered 9.036 kilograms of hydroponic weed (cannabis) concealed in the passenger's checked-in baggage.

The contraband, valued at approximately Rs 3.16 crore in the illicit market, was found hidden beneath clothes, indicating deliberate attempts to evade detection.

The substance tested positive for drugs using the NDPS field testing kit, following which the consignment was seized and the passenger arrested under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS)



The hydroponic weed seized at Manohar International Airport, Mopa.

Act, 1985.

While the arrest marks a significant seizure, investigators are now focusing on the larger trafficking network, including the source of the drugs, the use of indirect international routes such as Bangkok-Tashkent-Goa, and the intended local distribution channels.

Officials said further investigation is underway to determine whether the passenger was acting as a courier for an

organised syndicate.

The seizure comes amid repeated concerns over Goa being used as an entry point for high-value narcotics, particularly hydroponic cannabis, which is increasingly linked to nightlife and tourism circuits.

Customs officials said the department remains committed to intensifying surveillance and enforcement as part of the government's "Nasha Mukh Bharat" campaign.

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Flight services resume at Cooch Behar airport after week-long suspension; uncertainty looms

SHASHIKESH ROY

COOCH BEHAR: Flight services at Cooch Behar airport, which remained suspended for nearly a week without any official explanation, resumed on Thursday, offering temporary relief to stranded passengers. The sudden disruption had caused significant inconvenience, particularly as tickets for the nine-seater aircraft operating on the route are usually booked well in advance due to high demand and limited seating capacity.

India One Air, the operator of the Cooch Behar-Kolkata route, has already announced that it will continue services only until January 31, triggering widespread dissatisfaction among residents and regular flyers. Although flights resumed on Thursday for the

Takeaways

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Confirming the resumption, Cooch Behar airport official Shubhashish Paul said: "The first flight of the new year operated on Thursday. The airline has not informed us of any



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further suspension of services, so flights are expected to continue for now. However, passengers have faced considerable hardship due to the sudden halt in operations."

Airport sources revealed that the agreement between India One Air and the authorities under the Central govern-

ment's UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme is set to expire on February 22. While the airline currently receives government subsidies under the scheme, there is uncertainty over whether the agreement will be renewed, as the operator has already issued a notice expressing its intention to discontinue flights.

In the meantime, preliminary discussions have reportedly begun with another carrier, Jet Wings, which has proposed to operate a 42-seater aircraft on the route. A special inspection team is expected to assess airport infrastructure before any final decision is taken on the commencement of new services.

Passengers, however, remain concerned over the lack of clarity and consistency in air connectivity to the region.



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AP Cabinet approves Dagadarthi greenfield airport at Nellore

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ Amaravati

In a significant boost to Andhra Pradesh's aviation and industrial infrastructure, the State Cabinet has approved the Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport project in Nellore district. With this approval, Dagadarthi will become Andhra Pradesh's 8th airport, reinforcing the State's vision of creating a future-ready, multi-modal logistics and industrial network, officials said.

Strategically located, the Dagadarthi airport enjoys excellent connectivity to National Highway corridors, two major ports — Krishnapatnam Port and Ramayapatnam Port — and multiple industrial clusters, including KRIS City and IFFCO SEZs. This unique locational advantage posi-

tions the airport as a critical enabler for manufacturing, exports, agri-logistics, and services-led growth in southern Andhra Pradesh.

The project has already received in-principle clearance from the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Government of India, and the Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued to invite private participation for development, operation, and maintenance under a long-term concession framework.

Planned over multiple phases, the airport will be developed on 1,332.80 acres, with Phase-I designed to handle 1.4 million passengers per annum, and scalable up to 15 million passengers annually in the long term. The master plan also provides for a future cargo facility, aligning with the region's growing industrial output and port-led trade potential.



The Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport is envisaged as more than an aviation asset — it is a catalyst for regional transformation.

By integrating air connectivity with ports, highways, and industrial zones, the project is expected to reduce logistics costs for exporters and manufacturers, attract new investments in industry, warehousing, and services, generate employment across construction, aviation, logistics, and allied sectors, and strengthen Andhra Pradesh's position as a preferred destination for business and investment.

With the Cabinet's approval, Andhra Pradesh continues to demonstrate its commitment to speed, scale, and certainty in infrastructure development - laying the foundation for sustained economic growth and enhanced global connectivity.

After slew of complaints, govt orders BIAL to tweak airport parking rules

Operator Told To Make Changes In One Week

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The govt has directed Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) to modify its recently introduced parking and pick-up regulations at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), asking that vehicles be allowed to come up to the arrival gates to reduce hardship for passengers.

The decision was taken Friday following a visit by chief secretary Shalini Rajnoesh, after widespread complaints from passengers and taxi operators over long walking distances and restricted vehicle access.

While broadly accepting BIAL's justification for the new parking system, the govt intervened on what it termed "specific" issues, including passengers being forced to walk long distances to reach parked vehicles, restrictions on yellow-board taxis and reduction of bus bays. "On Friday... it was decided that BIAL will make modifications to the existing parking rules to ease the troubles of passengers. The modifications will have to be completed within one week," an official said.

Shalini told TOI: "The state govt is satisfied with the resolution of BIAL and has agreed to certain modifications based on our mutual discussions. Specifically, while agreeing to have passengers' private vehicles parked in P4, the vehicles should come to



File photo

SHRUNK: Earlier this week, the transport minister visited KIA TI to assess the parking situation & slammed the takeover of bus bays

the arrival gates and passengers should not be walking all the way to the parking lot."

BIAL had earlier defended its decision to restrict vehicles from arrival gates, stating it was aimed at reducing "artificial congestion". According to the airport operator, nearly 100 cars were entering the arrival area at a time and taking up to 10 minutes to clear after picking up passengers.

On passenger facilitation, Shalini said the govt has also asked Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to operationalise the help desk at Terminal 1. "The help desk at TI was not operational on account of renovations," she explained.

Addressing concerns raised by yellow-board vehicle operators and taxi drivers, the chief secretary said the matter was discussed, with instructions given to KSTDC to simplify the registration process. "I have spoken to both BIAL and the KSTDC managing director to bring parity for all service providers," she said.

Unresolved issue

However, the issue of shrinking bus bays at the airport—particularly those allocated to BMTC Vayu Vajra services—remains unresolved. The matter had earlier drawn sharp criticism from transport minister Ramalinga Reddy. On this front, Shalini said discussions are on. "We have

connected the BMTC MD with the BIAL CEO. It will be resolved soon," she said.

The chief secretary's intervention followed strong remarks by Reddy, who came down heavily on BIAL after receiving multiple complaints from cab drivers and passengers over the new parking and pick-up rules.

On Wednesday, the transport minister visited TI to assess the situation first-hand. During the inspection, he observed that a portion of the bus bays earmarked for BMTC airport buses had been taken over, triggering strong criticism from him and adding to the pressure on airport authorities to review the changes.

Vayu Vajra expansion plan stalls

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Bengaluru: Bangalore International Airport Ltd's decision to reduce the number of bus bays at Terminal 1 (T1) of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has forced Bangalore Metropolitan Corporation (BMTc) to reconsider its plan to expand the popular Vayu Vajra airport bus service.

BMTc had proposed adding 50 more buses on new airport routes, but officials now say the plan may be put on hold because of acute space constraints at T1. "When there is no space to operate, what is the point of adding new buses?" a BMTc official said, warning that air passengers may increasingly be pushed towards taxis, a far more expensive alternative.

The number of bus bays at T1 was reduced from 14 to just seven after an entire row was removed and allotted to a private taxi operator. This has created serious operational challenges for



BAY CUT @KIA T1

BMTc, which currently operates 156 Vayu Vajra buses on 22 routes, connecting various parts of the city to the airport. Officials said nearly 80% of airport bus passengers board Vayu Vajra buses at T1, which also generates the bulk of BMTc's airport-related revenue. Since the reduction in bus bays, daily ridership has dropped by more than 1,000 passengers, resulting in a revenue loss of Rs 3-4 lakh every day.

BMTc runs airport bus services to distant suburbs such as Attibele and Jigani, located more than 65km from the airport. The maximum fare on these routes is Rs 430 per passenger, making Vayu Vajra a significantly cheaper alternative to taxis.

"The earlier 14-bay layout allowed buses to be parked comfortably. Now everything has been squeezed into a single row," a senior BMTc official said, adding: "We'd handle 532 departures using two rows. With only one row now, congestion builds up very quickly."

According to officials, buses are now forced to depart within minutes of arriving at the terminal to avoid pile-ups, unlike earlier when they could wait longer for passengers. This has led to many passengers missing buses of their choice and opting for taxis instead.

"We are being forced to compete with taxi operators, who have reached an agreement with BIAL," the BMTc official said.

BIAL has not yet issued a statement on the issue, but the move has drawn criticism online. "This is a retrograde step. They should focus on increasing public transport infra around KIA," said S Shekar, adding a "cars-only" approach is worsening congestion in the city.

Major solar project in Bidar lost over land acquisition

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Bengaluru: The govt has failed to convince farmers in Aurad taluk of Bidar district to part with land for a proposed 500Mw solar park, forcing the Centre and state to scrap the big-ticket renewable energy project that was first proposed in 2023.

Officials of Karnataka Renewable Energy Development (KREDL), nodal agency for renewable energy projects in the state, said the govt could secure the consent of farmers for only about 200 acres, against the required 2,000 acres for the park.

While four villages in Aurad taluk were initially identified for the project, farmers opposed the compensation package, which was on par with what KREDL had offered during the launch of the Pavagada solar park in 2018. Farmers argue that those rates do not reflect current land values and local requirements.

The project was originally proposed in Kalaburagi district but was later shifted to Bidar at the request of the state govt. In Aug 2025, replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Shripad Yesso Naik, minister of state for new and renewable energy, confirmed

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LAND LOCKED: The govt could secure farmers' consent for only 200 acres of the 2,000-acre park

the cancellation of the project, stating: "The Bidar solar park was subsequently cancelled as the state govt was unable to identify land."

Reiterating the Centre's stand, Pralhad Joshi, Union minister for new and renewable energy, told TOI: "The Centre is keen on the project as it aims to increase the nation's capacity in solar power, but the lack of cooperation from the state govt has meant that Karnataka will lose out on 30% of the assistance for the project."

Joshi said the country has seen a sharp rise in solar capacity over the past decade, with installed capacity growing from 3 gigawatts in 2014 to over 130 gigawatts, while Karnataka's installed solar capacity stood at 10,642 megawatts

as of Nov 2025.

However, district in-charge minister Eshwar Khandre blamed the central govt for the impasse, arguing that compensation offered to farmers was inadequate despite the availability of land.

"While farmers in neighbouring Maharashtra are getting Rs 50,000 per acre per year, the Centre is offering Karnataka farmers Rs 30,000 per acre per year on lease for the project," Khandre said. "Even for outright purchase, the compensation does not meet local farmers' requirements. But we are still hopeful since negotiations are continuing between farmers and relevant agencies."

KREDL officials said attempts were made to shift the project from Bidar to Madhugiri in Tumakuru district, but those efforts failed to generate sufficient response from farmers there as well.

Meanwhile, KREDL indicated that it would not seek central financial assistance (CFA) from the ministry of new and renewable energy in the current funding cycle. "Due to the non-cooperation of stakeholders and demands for higher compensation, we will explore CFA during the next round of funding," a KREDL spokesperson said.



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N Mum airport takes steps for mobile network

Mumbai: Navi Mumbai International Airport, which began operations on Dec 25 said it rolled out a set of interim and structural measures to address mobile network and internet connectivity issues inside the terminal as it prepared for large-scale passenger operations.

It said it proposed that telecom service providers be charged for in-building solution infrastructure at rates aligned with those applicable at Mumbai International Airport Ltd. It has taken interim steps. "Login instructions for Wi-Fi access are prominently displayed across flight information display screens and other digital information platforms within the terminal. In addition, physical standees outlining clear, step-by-step instructions are installed at key locations such as arrival halls, departure zones and terminal circulation areas," NMIAL said.

— Manju V

■ All passengers stable ■ DGCA, AAIB teams to visit site

Aircraft crashlands in Odisha's Rourkela, 2 pilots among 6 hurt

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A nine-seater charter aircraft made a forced landing near Jalda, about 10 km from Rourkela in Odisha, on Friday, leaving six people injured. Officials said all the injured are stable and undergoing treatment.

The aircraft, which was flying from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela, was carrying four passengers—two men and two women—and two pilots. All six were shifted to J.P. Hospital and Rourkela Government Hospital and are under close medical observation.

Rourkela superintendent of police Nitesh Wadhvani said arrangements have been made to airlift the injured to higher medical facilities if



The ill-fated charter aircraft that made forced landing in agricultural land in Odisha's Rourkela on Saturday. — PTI

required. The site of the incident has been secured and security personnel deployed.

Clarifying the incident, Bhubaneswar airport director Prasanna Pradhan said the aircraft did not crash but made a forced landing shortly

before reaching Rourkela. "The aircraft took off from Bhubaneswar at 12.27 pm. At 1.14 pm, Rourkela Air Traffic Control received a May Day call, which was approved. The pilot informed ATC that he was landing the aircraft in

agricultural land. The last communication was received at 1.17 pm, after which contact was lost," he said.

Mr Pradhan added that a team of officials of Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is scheduled to reach Rourkela on Sunday to conduct an on-the-spot inquiry.

According to official sources, a team from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to carry out a preliminary assessment.

Sundargarh collector Subhankar Mohapatra said a thorough investigation would be conducted to determine the cause of the incident, including possible technical faults in the aircraft.

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ओडिशा के राउरकेला में हादसा

भुवनेश्वर। ओडिशा में राउरकेला के पास शनिवार को एक विमान की क्रैश लैंडिंग में पायलट समेत 6 लोग घायल हो गए। हादसा उस वक्त हुआ जब इंडिया वन एयरलाइंस की उड़ान सी-208 भुवनेश्वर से राउरकेला जा रही थी। पायलट ने आपात स्थिति को देखते हुए में डे कॉल भेजी थी। बौजू पटनायक अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के निदेशक प्रसन्ना प्रधान ने बताया कि नौ सीटर विमान में चार यात्री व दो पायलट थे। हादसे की जांच के आदेश दिए गए हैं। एजेंसी



राउरकेला से करीब 10 किमी दूर जाल्दा के पास दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान। विमान के कैप्टन नवीन समेत दो घायलों की हालत गंभीर है। एजेंसी



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स्पाइसजेट की चूक, कंपनी भरेगी मुआवजा समेत हर्जाना शराब की बोतल टूटने पर यात्री का बैग किया था दुबई पुलिस ने सीज

**आयोग ने बैग संभालने में
कंपनी की मानी चूक, देने
होंगे दो लाख रुपये**

उन्हें बैग नहीं मिला तो उन्होंने आयोग में शिकायत की।

कंपनी की तरफ से आयोग को बताया गया कि यात्री के एक बैग में दो शराब की बोतल रखी हुई थी। शराब की बोतल टूटने पर शराब बैग के अंदर फैल गई थी। इसके चलते दुबई पुलिस ने बैग को सीज कर लिया। शिकायतकर्ता ने बताया कि बैग में दो महंगी शराब की बोतल, जूते, आभूषण के साथ ही अन्य सामान था। आयोग ने माना कि बैग में रखा सामान सही सलामत पहुंचाने की जिम्मेदारी स्पाइसजेट की थी।

बैग में रखी शराब की बोतल टूटना कंपनी की चूक है। अगर दुबई पुलिस ने बैग सीज किया था तो यह कंपनी की जिम्मेदारी थी उस बैग को वहां से छुड़वाकर लेकर आना था। शिकायतकर्ता तय नियमों के अनुसार शराब की बोतल लेकर आ रहा था। कंपनी की तरफ से आयोग में कहा गया कि शिकायतकर्ता के बैग का वजन करीब 12 किलो था। ऐसे में उन्हें सिर्फ 18 हजार रुपये का ही मुआवजा दिया जा सकता है।

आयोग ने माना कि बैग न मिलने से शिकायतकर्ता को नुकसान होने पर एक लाख रुपये नौ प्रतिशत की दर से दें। इस राशि पर ब्याज कंपनी को बैग सौंपने वाले दिन से माना जाएगा। शिकायतकर्ता को हुई मानसिक परेशानी पर एक लाख रुपये का मुआवजा और कानूनी प्रक्रिया पर हुए खर्च के लिए 22 हजार रुपये देने होंगे।

गुरुग्राम। स्पाइसजेट की चूक से बैग में रखी दो शराब की बोतल टूटने पर दुबई पुलिस द्वारा बैग सीज करने पर कंपनी यात्री को मुआवजे के साथ दो लाख रुपये देगी। इसमें से एक लाख रुपये बैग में रखे सामान की है। यात्री को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचने पर पता चला था कि उनका एक बैग दुबई ही रह गया है। कंपनी ने यह आदेश जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग के अध्यक्ष संजीव जिंदल ने दिया है।

सेक्टर-12 के मियांवाली कॉलोनी निवासी लोकेश मंगला ने आयोग में दायर की याचिका में बताया कि वह अपनी पत्नी के साथ 13 फरवरी 2023 को दुबई से स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट से वापस दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर आए थे। उन्होंने दुबई में कंपनी को चार बैग दिए थे। जब वह दिल्ली पहुंचे तो उन्हें सिर्फ तीन ही बैग वापस दिए गए।



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कोलकाता, मुंबई फ्लाइट घंटों लेट, चंडीगढ़ और उदयपुर की उड़ान रद्द

जयपुर। एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट का संचालन गड़बड़ा गया। जिसकी वजह से करीब 400 से अधिक यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। गुरुवार को इंडिगो की दो फ्लाइट रद्द रहीं। इसमें जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ की 6ई-7742, जो जयपुर से सुबह 5:50 बजे चंडीगढ़ जाती है। वहीं जयपुर से सुबह 6:55 बजे उदयपुर जाने वाली 6ई-7465 फ्लाइट शामिल है। इन शहरों में खराब मौसम और संचालन कारणों के चलते एयरलाइंस ने दोनों फ्लाइट रद्द की गई है।

ऐसे में इन शहरों के लिए जाने वाले यात्रियों को जबरदस्त परेशान होना पड़ा। इसी प्रकार इंडिगो की कोलकाता की फ्लाइट 6ई-207 1.20 घंटे लेट हुई। ये फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 7:35 बजे कोलकाता जाती है, जो सुबह 8:55 बजे कोलकाता के लिए रवाना हो सकती। वहीं स्पाइसजेट की मुंबई फ्लाइट एसजी-251 के यात्री भी बुधवार रात को एयरपोर्ट पर परेशान हुए। दरअसल फ्लाइट जयपुर से रात 12:50 बजे मुंबई जाती है। लेकिन फ्लाइट 3.20 घंटे लेट गुरुवार अल सुबह 4:10 बजे मुंबई रवाना हुई।



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हवाई हादसों को रोकने के लिए एएआईबी का सुझाव

नई दिल्ली। हवाई हादसों की जांच करने वाली संस्था एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) ने सुझाव दिया है कि देश में टरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट्स पर मौजूद सभी एटीसी टावर्स के अंदर की गतिविधियों की वीडियो रिकॉर्डिंग होनी चाहिए, जिससे कोई हादसा होने पर जांचकर्ता एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोलर्स (एटीसी) की गतिविधियों की जांच कर पाएं। यह कदम पिछले साल नवंबर में दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हुई एक रनवे घटना की एएआईबी की जांच के बाद उठाया गया है, जब एरियाना अफगान एयरलाइंस द्वारा संचालित एक विमान राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर एक अनाधिकृत रनवे पर उतर गया था।

ओडिशा में विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त, पायलट समेत छह लोग घायल



विमान से रिस रहे ईंधन पर नियंत्रण करने का प्रयास करती दमकल टीम ● जगहरण

जगहरण संवाददाता, राउरकेला (सुंदरगढ़) : ओडिशा में भुवनेश्वर से राउरकेला आ रहे 12 सीटर एक निजी विमान की तकनीकी खराबी के कारण खेत में आपात लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। इस दौरान इंडिया वन एयर कंपनी का कैप्टन 208 श्रेणी का विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया। हादसे में दोनों पायलट समेत छह लोग घायल हो गए। विमान में चार यात्री सवार थे।

विमान शनिवार अपराह्न 1.40 बजे दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुआ। लैंडिंग के दौरान विमान का दाहिना विंग पास के एक पेड़ की डाल से टकराने के कारण टूट गया। इसके बाद विमान

जमीन से टकराते हुए करीब 100 मीटर तक घिसटता चला गया। हादसे में नोएडा निवासी पायलट कैप्टन नवीन कडंगा और कैप्टन तरुण श्रीवास्तव के अलावा यात्रियों में राउरकेला के सुशांत कुमार विश्वाल, सुंदरगढ़ की अनिता साहू तथा भुवनेश्वर के सुनील अग्रवाल व सबिता अग्रवाल घायल हो गए।

नागरिक दंडविन निर्देशालय ने एक बयान जारी कर कहा कि दोपहर 1.18 बजे विमान का संपर्क कोलकता एटीसी रडार से टूट गया, था। पायलटों की सतर्कता से विमान में सवार सभी लोगों को जान बच गई। हादसे की जांच की जाएगी।



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737-Max 10 in 2nd phase of testing

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THE FEDERAL AVIATION Administration has approved Boeing's largest variant of its best-selling 737 MAX jet, the MAX 10, to move to the second phase of flight testing on the plane's long-delayed certification campaign, according to a source familiar with the programme. The company and FAA declined to comment.

Boeing executives have previously said they expect to finish certification this year for the MAX 7 and 10, the smallest and largest variants of the popular single-aisle jet. The company has more than 1,200 orders for the MAX 10 in its backlog, according to aviation data analytics firm Cirium.



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INDIGO LOSES APPEAL AGAINST DGCA ORDER

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IndiGo on Friday said an appellate authority has rejected its appeal against regulator DGCA's penalties on two sen-

ior executives of the airline for alleged failure to use qualified simulators for pilot training at certain airports.

In September last year, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a

fine of Rs 20 lakh each on the Director Flight Operations and Director Training of IndiGo.

The DGCA Appellate Authority, through an order dated January 7, has dismissed the appeal. "The matter has

been disposed of by reinstating the penalty of Rs 20 lakh each on the Director Flight Operations and Director Training of the company," IndiGo's parent InterGlobe Aviation said in a filing to BSE.



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AKASA AIR JOINS IATA

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Akasa Air has joined global airlines' grouping International Air Transport Association (IATA) as a member. IATA represents over 360 airlines, including Indian carriers Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo and SpiceJet.

In a release on Friday, Akasa Air said it became an IATA member after completing IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) which is mandatory for the membership.

"We are excited to welcome Akasa Air as an IATA member. India's aviation potential is huge, with the industry supporting 7.7 million jobs and USD 53.6 billion in economic contribution," Regional Vice President for Asia-Pacific for IATA Sheldon Hee said.



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राउरकेला में विमान की आपात लैंडिंग

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। भुवनेश्वर से राउरकेला जा रहा इंडिया वनएयर के विमान (कारवां 208) को शनिवार दोपहर आपात स्थिति में उतारना पड़ा। विमान में दो पायलट और चार यात्री सवार थे। घटना के बाद ओडिशा सरकार ने तुरंत कार्रवाई करते हुए संबंधित नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) को सतर्क किया। डीजीसीए ने घटना की जांच शुरू कर दी है।

संतुलन बिगड़ने से हादसा : ओडिशा के वाणिज्य एवं परिवहन मंत्री विभूति भूषण जेना ने बताया, 'विमान कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ान भर रहा था, तभी उसमें अचानक दबाव गिरा और संतुलन बिगड़ गया, जिससे दुर्घटना हुई। भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाएं न हों, इसके लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाएंगे।'

बड़ा हादसा टला : डीजीसीए ने बताया कि राउरकेला पहुंचने से करीब



राउरकेला में शनिवार को खेत में आपात लैंडिंग के बाद पहुंचे दमकल कर्मचारी। • प्रे

आठ नॉटिकल मील पहले तकनीकी कारणों से पायलटों ने जालदा के पास एक जगह पर विमान की इमरजेंसी (फोर्स) लैंडिंग कराई। पायलटों की सूझबूझ से बड़ा हादसा टल गया और सभी लोगों की जान बच गई। सभी घायलों को इलाज के लिए राउरकेला

के अस्पतालों में भेजा गया। इस समय तीन यात्रियों का इलाज जेपी अस्पताल में चल रहा है, जबकि दो पायलट और एक यात्री का इलाज राउरकेला सरकारी अस्पताल में किया जा रहा है। सभी खतरे से बाहर हैं। इस हादसे में किसी की मौत नहीं हुई है।

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Plane crash lands in Odisha, 6 injured

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BHUBANESWAR: Six people, including two crew members and four passengers were injured, on Saturday when a nine-seater private aircraft made a forced landing on a field near Odisha's Rourkela city, allegedly due to a technical issue, people familiar with the matter said. Meanwhile, the state police has formed a specialised investigation team to probe the incident.

State commerce and transport minister BB Jena said the incident took place around 10 km from the city at Jalda when the aircraft, operating under the UDAN scheme, was flying from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela. "A nine-seater private flight carrying passengers met with an accident. Passengers have sustained injuries..." he said.

Speaking to news agency ANI, Jena said, "We have spoken to the DGCA, which has begun an investigation into the incident..."

A statement released by the carrier, IndiaOne Air, said: "An aircraft operated by IndiaOne Air Pvt



Firefighters douse a fire after a private aircraft crash landed in Rourkela, Odisha, on Saturday.

PTI

Ltd, VT-KSS (Cessna Grand Caravan 208B EX), operating as flight I7102, departed Bhubaneswar at approximately 12:25 pm today. Shortly after take-off, the flight crew reported a technical issue and prudently declared a "Mayday" call in accordance with established safety procedures. Acting decisively and professionally, the pilots carried out a forced landing in an open area near Kansor, approximately 15-20 km short of Rourkela at about 13:20 PM."

It added: "The airline is working closely with the aviation regulators and the Odisha State Government to provide all necessary assistance and support to the passengers and crew..."

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) confirmed safety of the passengers. "All the six occupants (two pilots and four passengers) have been admitted to the ICU of JP Hospital, Rourkela. The condition of five persons is stable while one is under observa-

tion," it said in a statement.

While the cause of the crash landing is not known, Biju Patnaik International Airport director Prasanna Pradhan said a team from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is on its way to Rourkela to ascertain the reason of accident. "In the Mayday message, the pilot informed that he is landing on a field," Pradhan said.

Rourkela SP Nitesh Wadhvani identified the injured passengers as Susanta Kumar Biswal, Anita Sahoo, Sunil Agarwal and Sabita Agarwal. The pilots, Captain Naveen and Captain Tarun, were also injured, with Naveen sustaining a head injury. He added that an SIT would probe the incident. "The team will examine the equipment to identify any technical issues or faults. Experts will assess the situation in detail."

In a post on X, chief minister Mohan Charan Majhi said: "I have directed that the best medical services be provided to those injured in this incident. I am personally monitoring the situation..."

With inputs from PTI

Nine-seater aircraft crash-lands on field in Odisha; all six aboard safe

The Hindu Bureau

BHUBANESHWAR/ NEW DELHI

A nine-seater passenger aircraft made a forced landing on a vacant agricultural field near Rourkela in Odisha on Saturday after the pilots detected a technical glitch. The airline confirmed that all six on-board, including the two pilots, are safe.

The flight from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela was operated by an Ahmedabad-based private regional airline, IndiaOne Air.

The airline had bagged several routes under the Central government's regional connectivity scheme to bring air connectivity to tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

The aircraft involved in the accident was a Cessna Grand Caravan, which sustained extensive damage, particularly to its nose and main fuselage or aircraft body.



Close call: Firefighters dousing a fire after a small passenger aircraft crashed in Rourkela, Odisha on Saturday. PTI

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) will investigate the accident, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said in a press statement.

“The flight crew reported a technical issue after about 50 minutes of flight and prudently declared a “Mayday” call in accordance with established safety procedures. The pilots carried out a forced land-

ing in an open area near Kansor, approximately 15-20 km short of Rourkela about 13:20 p.m.,” the airline said in a press statement.

A forced landing is an emergency landing made by an aircraft when continuing the flight is no longer possible due to a serious problem, such as a mechanical failure, engine trouble, fuel issues, or oth-

er technical emergencies.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi wrote on X that he was personally monitoring the situation. “I have instructed that the best possible medical care be provided immediately to those injured in this incident,” he wrote.

Locals rush to site

When the aircraft crash-landed, the locals immediately rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers, who were taken to Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Rourkela, and another private hospital. “Passengers are safe. We have secured the accident site by cordoning it off for an investigation,” said Sundargarh Collector Subhankar Mohapatra.

Rourkela Superintendent of Police Nitesh Wadhvani said officials are keeping a close watch on the health condition of all the occupants.



Firefighters at the crash site in Rourkela on Saturday. EXPRESS

Nine-seater aircraft crashes during landing in Odisha's Rourkela, 6 injured

Sujit Bisoyi

Bhubaneswar, January 10

A NINE-SEATER aircraft operating on the Bhubaneswar-Rourkela route met with an accident while landing at the Rourkela Airport Saturday.

According to officials, four passengers and two crew members were on board the aircraft at the time of the mishap and all occupants are reported to be safe. The passengers sustained minor injuries and were admitted to a local hospital, officials said.

The reason behind the crash is yet to be assessed as officials said they are looking into the details. State commerce and transport minister Bibhuti Jena said all passengers are stable, details. State commerce and transport minister Bibhuti Jena said all passengers are stable. "The captain detected technical issues minutes after the aircraft took off and the mishap occurred while he tried to land at a place 10 km from Rourkela," Jena said, adding that the state government will send a team to the spot to assess the situation.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said he has directed that the best medical care be provided to the injured and said he is personally monitoring the situation.

"I am deeply saddened to learn about the plane crash that occurred in Rourkela. The news that all passengers are safe by the grace of Lord Jagannath is reassuring. I have directed that immediate best medical services be provided to those injured in this incident. I am personally monitoring the

situation. I am praying at the feet of Lord Sri Jagannath for the swift recovery of all," noted Majhi on X.

A press release from the Directorate of Aviation said that an India One Air aircraft was flying from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela. "Departed at 12:27 hours. It had two pilots and 4 passengers. 8 nautical miles short of reaching Rourkela, the aircraft force-landed at a place near Jalda. Pilots have ensured the landing due to which lives have been saved. Receiving the information, the district administration has reached and shifted the injured pilots and passengers to medical facilities at Rourkela. Currently, 3 passengers are treated at J.P. Hospital and two pilots + 1 pax are treated at RGH,



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Aircraft crash-lands near Odisha's Rourkela, 6 hurt

ROURKELA/BHUBANESWAR/MUMBAI: At least six persons were injured when a nine-seater aircraft made an emergency crash landing near Rourkela in Odisha on Saturday, officials said.

The incident took place around 10 km from the city at Jalda, when the aircraft, operating under the UDAN scheme, was flying from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela.

The crew had issued a 'Mayday' call to the nearby airport before landing in an open area.

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Aircraft

"A nine-seater private flight carrying passengers met with an accident. Passengers have sustained injuries. The incident took place at Jalda, around 10 km from Rourkela. By the grace of God, it is not a major accident," Odisha's Commerce and Transport minister B B Jena told reporters.

"All the six occupants (two pilots and four passengers) have been admitted to the ICU of JP Hospital, Rourkela. The condition of five persons is stable while one is under observation," a statement issued by the directorate of aviation in Bhubaneswar said.

While the cause of the crash landing is not known, Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) director Prasanna Pradhan said a team from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is on its way to Rourkela to ascertain the reason of accident.

"In the Mayday message, the

pilot informed that he is landing on a field," Pradhan said.

A statement by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said, "On 10.01.2026 INDIA-ONE AIR Cessna Grand C208B aircraft VT-KSS departed Bhubaneswar at approximately 12:25 hours IST while operating flight IOA102 (Bhubaneswar-Rourkela). At 13:14 hrs IST crew declared "MAY Day" to Rourkela ATC and made a forced landing at 13:20 hours IST in an open area near Kansor."

Rourkela SP Nitesh Wadhvani identified the injured passengers as Susanta Kumar Biswal, Anita Sahoo, Sunil Agarwal and Sabita Agarwal. The pilots, Captain Naveen and Captain Tarun, were also injured, with Captain Naveen sustaining a head injury.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who is on a tour to Sambalpur, reviewed the situation and directed the officials to extend all support from the state to the passengers, pilots and authorities.

In a post on X, Majhi said, "I am deeply saddened to learn about the plane crash that occurred in Rourkela. The news that all passengers are safe by the grace of Lord Jagannath is reassuring. I have directed that the best medical services be provided to those injured in this incident. I am personally monitoring the situation. I am praying to Lord Sri Jagannath for the swift recovery of all."

Local resident Brinath Singh said, "I saw the plane in unbal-

6 hurt as 9-seater flight crash-lands near Rourkela

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Rourkela/Bhubaneswar

FOUR passengers and two pilots had a miraculous escape when a nine-seater commercial aircraft of IndiaOne Air crash landed on an open field at Gu-diatola, close to Rourkela on Saturday afternoon.

The flight was on its way from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela when the mishap took place. The passengers and crew escaped with injuries after pilots of the Cessna Grand C208B aircraft managed to force land on the isolated field, barely 15 km to 20 km from Rourkela. The aircraft suffered damage to its front and nose.

Locals rushed to the landing site, assisted the fire services personnel from Rourkela to evacuate the trapped passengers and crew members and prevent further danger by stopping plane's oil leakage with application of foam.

The Director General of Civil Aviation said that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has been asked to investigate into the mishap.

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ओडिशा में लैंडिंग करते समय प्लेन क्रैश, 6 घायल



■ भाया, राउरकेला: ओडिशा के राउरकेला के पास शनिवार को एक निजी एयरलाइन के विमान के क्रैश होने से छह लोग घायल हो गए। गंभीर रूप से घायल दो लोगों को आईसीयू में भर्ती कराया गया है। ओडिशा के परिवहन मंत्री बी बी जेना ने बताया, हादसा राउरकेला से 10 किलोमीटर दूर जलदा में हुआ।

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हवा में इंजन बंद: विमान की क्रेश लैंडिंग, 6 घायल

राउरकेला, (पंजाब केसरी): ओडिशा में शनिवार को राउरकेला एयरस्ट्रिप से लगभग 10 किमी दूर एक खेत में एक छोटे विमान की इमरजेंसी क्रेश लैंडिंग हुई, जिसमें कम से कम छह लोग घायल हो गए। बताया गया है कि यह 9-सीटर छोटा विमान था। इंडियावन एयर का एयरक्राफ्ट सेसना 208 ग्रैंड कारवां ईएक्स (रजिस्ट्रेशन नंबर वीटी-केएसएस) राउरकेला से भुवनेश्वर के लिए एक रेगुलर रोजनल कनेक्टिविटी फ्लाइट ऑपरेट कर रहा था। लैंडिंग से कुछ देर पहले उसमें टेक्निकल खराबी आ गई। हादसे में चार पैसेंजर और दो क्रू मेंबर घायल हो गए। पायलट को गंभीर चोटें आईं और उसे फस के अस्पताल ले जाया गया। घटना को लेकर एसपी नितेश वधवाने ने बताया, "दोपहर लगभग 1:30 बजे हमें स्थानीय चौकी प्रभारी से सूचना मिली कि जलदा सौ ब्लॉक के फस एक विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया है। हमारे पुलिसकर्मी तुरंत मौके पर पहुंचे और घायलों को सुरक्षित निकाला। इलाके को घेर लिया गया, जिससे आम लोग वहां तक न पहुंचें। स्पेशल टीम मामले की जांच करेगी। विमान में 6 लोग सवार थे, सभी का इलाज चल रहा



**विमान में 6 लोग सवार थे,
पायलट को गंभीर चोटें आईं**

है।" एक सीनियर अधिकारी ने कहा, एयरक्राफ्ट ने अपनी तय लैंडिंग से कुछ देर पहले टेक्निकल खराबी की सूचना दी। पायलट के एयर टैफिक कंट्रोल को अलर्ट करने के तुरंत बाद इमरजेंसी प्रोटोकॉल एक्टिवेट कर दिए गए। घटनास्थल के पास मौजूद पंकु सिंह ने बताया कि तेज आवाज के साथ विमान नीचे की ओर आया। इसके बाद गांव के लोग वहां पहुंचे और घायलों को विमान से निकाला। घायलों को एंबुलेंस की मदद से अस्पताल पहुंचाया गया।



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Six injured after private aircraft crash-lands in Odisha:

Bhubaneswar: Six people, including two pilots of a six-seater private aircraft, were injured today afternoon after it crash-landed in an agriculture field at Jalda near Rourkela steel city in Odisha's Sundargarh district, said officials on Saturday. The aircraft which was flying from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela made a forced landing after it developed a technical snag. All six persons, including the pilots, are now undergoing treatment in JP Hospital, Rourkela. The District Administration including the Collector and SP are closely monitoring the situation and extending necessary support at Rourkela. The Principal Secretary, Commerce & Transport has been monitoring the situation and coordinating the concerned officials from the Union and State Government.





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Pvt aircraft makes crash-landing near Rourkela, 6 on board injured

SHEKHAR SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

A Cessna Grand Caravan aircraft operated by IndiaOne Air made a crash landing in a farmland near Katibandha Kansara in Rourkela, Odisha, on Saturday after the crew declared a "Mayday" call mid-flight, aviation regulator officials said, adding that all six persons in the plane suffered minor injuries.

"All occupants are safe. As a precautionary measure, they

were taken to a hospital for medical examination," said a DGCA official.

According to officials, the nine-seater private aircraft, registered as VT-KSS, departed Bhubaneswar around 12:25 pm while operating flight IOA102 to Rourkela. Around 1:14 pm, the crew declared a 'Mayday' to Rourkela Air Traffic Control upon noticing a technical snag in the system, attempted a belly landing on a grassland, saving all passengers around 1:20 pm.