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AAI inspects airport sites

Top officials from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Wednesday inspected one of the three shortlisted sites for Bengaluru's proposed second airport near Kurigal Road. A day earlier, the team had visited two other locations off Kanakapura Road. After the inspections, the officials held discussions with Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil. A live presentation was made to the AAI team, highlighting the growing need for a second airport in Bengaluru due to rising industrial activity and increasing civilian air traffic. Minister Patil stressed the government's commitment to maintaining transparency in the site selection process. He said the final decision would be made based on the AAI's report and recommendations, considering the city's specific needs.

Even as the AAI inspects the three shortlisted sites, there is growing support for the airport to come up at Sira in Tumakuru district, about 120 km from Bengaluru — with Union Minister of State V Somanna lending his voice to the demand. A number of legislators, cutting across party lines, have signed a petition addressed to the Chief Minister and the Union Minister, urging them to select Sira as the site for the proposed airport. The campaign is being spearheaded by senior Congress leader and MLA T B Jayachandra.

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Airports Authority team wraps up inspection for Bengaluru's second airport

Visits third shortlisted location off Nelamangala-Kunigal Road

BENGALURU, DHNS

The delegation from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) concluded its three-day visit to Bengaluru on Wednesday, after inspecting the third shortlisted location for the IT city's second international airport, off the Nelamangala-Kunigal Road.

The team, which visited two locations on Kanakapura Road on Tuesday, is likely to submit a report to AAI, detailing pros and cons of all three locations.

In Nelamangala (western Bengaluru), the government has identified about 5,000 acres across two gram panchayats — Yentaganahalli & Soladevanahalli — but the area falls in Magadi taluk. The AAI officials also toured nearby villages, including Basavanahalli, Lingana-halli and Mahadevapura, by car.

An AAI official jokingly said the government should pay them trekking charges as the inspection also involved climbing a rocky hillock covering 75 acres by foot, for a bird's eye view of the



The delegation from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) analyses maps during its visit to the third shortlisted location for Bengaluru's second international airport, off the Nelamangala-Kunigal Road, on Wednesday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN

location.

Officials from the state infrastructure development department, Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), accompanied the delegation.

Officials told the team that the location, largely undeveloped, was just 1.8 km from the national highway.

A senior official said the government would assess the feasibility and financial viability of the

Threat of loss of livelihood worries farmers

A group of farmers expressed concerns about the proposal, saying it would take away their farmland, where they grow ragi, areca and coconut trees among other crops.

"There are around 6,000 families in this region. All of us depend on agricultural income. We will not be able to buy alternative farmland with the compensation offered to us. The project

will displace all of us," the farmers said in unison.

Dayanand Bhandari, special deputy commissioner of KIADB (land acquisition), told the farmers that the AAI delegation was only surveying the location and a final decision would be made only after considering various factors, including environmental and social impacts of the project.

airport once the team submitted its report.

"We expect the report to provide clarity on physical feasibility

and airspace availability. Based on this, we will undertake further studies with the help of experts," the officer said.

City airport sees massive export of Apple products

In the past week, four freighters with the products were sent to the U.S. There will be a potential increase in the shipment since China is facing huge tariffs from the U.S., says a market analyst

Sunitha Sekar
CHENNAI

Chennai airport witnessed a massive export of Apple products in the last four months.

Between January and the first week of April, 30 freighters carrying large volumes of Apple products flew out of Chennai city to the U.S. and Hong Kong, a source said.

In March alone, 14 freighters were dispatched from Chennai, carrying a total of 1,000 tonnes (in terms of shipment), to the U.S. and Hong Kong.

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Tariff imposed

“Since Indian exports to the U.S. will have 26% tariff imposed, we are not sure how many shipments will start coming in. We have to wait and see if this trend will continue,” a source said.

Sanyam Chaurasia, senior analyst, Canalys, a global technology market analyst firm, said the market



In demand: In the U.S., iPhones top the list of goods being imported from India. REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

expects an increase in shipments from India to the U.S. for the non-PRO variants, entry-level iPhones, or legacy iPhones.

“There will be a potential increase in the shipment of these models since China is facing tariffs significantly higher than that of our country. India has a competitive advantage as compared to China and Vietnam. In the U.S., iPhones top the list of

goods being imported from India. Production facilities here are getting matured to cater to markets like the U.S. As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, since there is a very large presence of the Apple product suppliers here, the State definitely has an edge over others,” he said.

Pivotal role

According to a Press Information Bureau release in January this year, Tamil

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Nadu contributes around 30% of India’s electronics exports, underscoring its pivotal role in the sector.

The State has also started manufacturing the latest iPhone mode, 16 Pro.

Smooth movement

Airports Authority of India (AAI) carried out a lot of upgrade work last year to facilitate the smooth movement of cargo in and out of the airport.

A special corridor was also created to facilitate the smooth movement of Apple products.

“Once the shipment reaches the entry point of the cargo facility, it is off-loaded, cleared by the Customs, scanned, and then loaded into the aircraft,” a source said.



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घरेलू हवाईअड्डों पर पांच साल में एक लाख करोड़ रुपये होगा निवेश

नई दिल्ली। देश के हवाईअड्डों को बेहतर बनाने के लिए अगले चार से पांच वर्षों में एक लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश होगा। रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा के अनुसार, कई हवाईअड्डों पर क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए पर्याप्त निवेश जारी रहेगा। अनुमानित निवेश ग्रीनफील्ड हवाईअड्डों के विकास और मौजूदा एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार में किया जाएगा।

इक्रा के मुताबिक, ग्रीनफील्ड परियोजनाओं में जेवर (नोएडा), नवी मुंबई, भोपापुरम और परंदूर (चेन्नई) में बनने वाले हवाईअड्डे शामिल



हैं। बंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, कोचीन, मुंबई और नागपुर जैसे प्रमुख हवाईअड्डों पर ब्राउनफील्ड विस्तार की योजना बनाई गई है। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना आधार पर चालू वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में करीब सात फीसदी बढ़कर 44 से 45 करोड़ पहुंच सकती है। एजेंसी

Chennai airport sees 4x rise in electronics & electricals export

GADGET RUSH. Shipments include large volumes of mobile phones, including iPhones

TE Raja Simhan
Chennai

From January to March, Chennai airport's air cargo has been buzzing with activity driven by exports of electronics and electrical products, which saw a four-fold increase in the first three months of the year, per Chennai airport data.

Exports of 'electronics and electricals' stood at 541 tonnes in January 2025, and went up to 1,561 tonnes in February and 2,203 tonnes in March. In March 2024, the export quantity was around 860 tonnes.

Out of the total exports between electronics and electrical goods, the former contributes to over three-fourths of the volume, sources said.

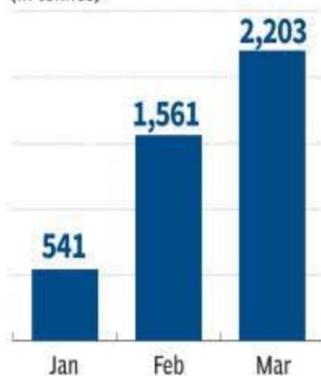
IPHONE EXPORTS UP

Within mobiles, the export of Apple phones from Chennai airport has increased significantly, they added. However, the exact numbers could not be ascertained.

The consignment is usually carried in the passenger aircraft's belly. However, in the last three months, ad-hoc freighters have picked up a large volume of special parcels, including mobile phones, from Chennai, airport sources said.

Export boom

Export of electronics and electricals
(in tonnes)



Source: Chennai airport data

The US-based National Airlines, which specialises in cargo flights, operated two special flights to Chennai in this period. National Airlines' jumbo Boeing 747-400 arrived at Chennai International Airport from Birmingham and soared onward to Incheon with 116 tonnes of cargo in its hold, said a social media post by the Airports Authority of India, Chennai.

An industry source said the export data indicate Chennai is the major hub for mobile manufacturing with players such as Foxconn and Tata Electronics having their plants in and around the metropolis.

A Reuters report noted that Apple chartered cargo flights to ferry 600 tonnes of iPhones, or as many as 1.5 million, to the US from India.

The company lobbied with Indian airport authorities to reduce the customs clearance time at Chennai airport from 30 hours to just six, according to the report.

ELECTRONICS PLI

J Krishnan of S Natesa Iyer Logistics LLP, a Chennai-based freight forwarder, said Chennai's tryst with mobile phones began with Nokia, and then there was a pause. Now, the assembly of iPhones with renewed vigour is a testament to the availability of talent, infrastructure and policy decisions like PLI. This will hasten the call of the air cargo users.

"We need to have state-of-the-art air cargo terminals to nurture and drive this business at a very competitive cost," he added.

Tarun Pathak, Research Director, Counterpoint Research, said the "electronics component PLI timing could not have been better" and he expects an accelerated pace of getting JVs in place.

"The only area of caution is the small sub-assembly. We are still dependent on China," he said, adding that it all hinges on whether China sees this as an opportunity to scale things up in India or sees India as an emerging competitor in global electronics manufacturing. "Nonetheless, it's ad-

vantage India. Capacities won't ramp up overnight, but at least the electronics ecosystem is in a better space if we play our cards right," he said.

Electronics industry executives *businessline* spoke to say that in the short term, nothing much will change because of US President Trump's frequent change of stance. "We are planning some short-term order realignment but for components, we still depend heavily on China; so, we are waiting to see if Chinese suppliers will support the ramp up of orders," an executive at an EMS firm said.

'Made in India' smartphone shipments grew 6 per cent on year in 2024, driven by increasing exports from Apple and Samsung, according to Counterpoint's 'Make in India' Service report in March. Foxconn Hon Hai's volumes in India grew 19 per cent in 2024, propelled by increasing shipments of the iPhone 14, iPhone 15 and iPhone 13 models.

Tata Electronics (earlier Wistron) was the fastest growing smartphone manufacturer in India in 2024 with 107 per cent y-o-y growth. The iPhone 15 and iPhone 16 models were the major volume contributors here.



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Akasa Air to park planes in Jewar and Navi Mumbai airports

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Akasa Air plans to park five-seven aircraft each at the Jewar and Navi Mumbai airports this year as it looks to develop new routes.

At an employee townhall meeting on Thursday, Akasa Air Founder-CEO Vinay Dube said the two airports are set to become cornerstones of Akasa's strategy for years to come. "We will be among the first tenants at both airports, and they will become our principal homes. By the year-end, we anticipate parking five-seven aircraft at each of these airports if the current timelines remain unchanged," Dube said.

Navi Mumbai airport is set for inauguration in June and could open for operations a month later. The Jewar airport expects its permit from the DGCA in May. The date for the opening of the Jewar airport is yet to be finalised.

AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES

Akasa Air is confident about receiving its expected aircraft deliveries on time this year. It will receive its 28th aircraft this month and will increase its fleet to 30 aircraft by July. It will continue to receive a steady stream of deliveries thereafter, Dube said.

The airline will also grow its international flights, increasing capacity on foreign routes from 18 per cent to 40 per cent in the next few years.

हिसार एयरपोर्ट • वन्य प्राणी विभाग ने 1 माह में दी तीसरी रिपोर्ट 3 नीलगाय और पकड़ीं; अब विभाग का दावा- एयरपोर्ट एरिया में कोई जानवर नहीं

भास्कर न्यूज़ | हिसार

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के कार्यक्रम से पहले महाराजा अग्रसेन हिसार एयरपोर्ट परिसर को वाइल्ड लाइफ टीम ने वन्य प्राणियों से मुक्त कर दिया है। गुरुवार को अंतिम दिन तीन नीलगाय और पकड़ीं। वाइल्ड लाइफ के पीसीसीएफ यानी प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक डॉ. विवेक सक्सेना ने सरकार को इसकी रिपोर्ट भेजी है। एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी को भी लिखकर दिया है कि आज के दिन एयरपोर्ट परिसर में नीलगाय या अन्य कोई वन्य प्राणी नहीं है। इससे पहले विभाग दो रिपोर्ट सौंप चुका है। अब तीसरी रिपोर्ट भेजी है।

गुरुवार दोपहर को अभियान खत्म करने के बाद दोबारा से वाइल्ड लाइफ इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ इंडिया की टीम ने

पहली रिपोर्ट में कहा था- वन्य जीव नहीं, लेकिन फिर मिले

एयरपोर्ट बाउंड्री में वन्य जीव मौजूद होने व न होने के मामले पर वन्य प्राणी विभाग को अब तीसरी बार रिपोर्ट देनी पड़ी है। पहले 6 मार्च को वाइल्ड लाइफ विभाग की तरफ से सर्टिफिकेट दिया गया था कि एयरपोर्ट की बाउंड्री में कोई नीलगाय व वन्य जीव नहीं हैं। 6 अप्रैल को फिर गुरुग्राम के अधिकारी ने रिपोर्ट दी कि कई वन्य जीव हैं। पीएम की विजिट पर पुनः विचार करें।

सर्च अभियान चलाया। ड्रोन व शिकारी कुत्तों की मदद से पूरे एयरपोर्ट परिसर में सर्च अभियान चलाया गया। हालांकि यह अलग बात है कि एयरपोर्ट के बाहर जहां पीएम के कार्यक्रम को लेकर टेंट लगाया गया है वहां नीलगाय घूम



हिसार में रेली स्थल पर नीलगाय।

अब 10 अप्रैल को वन्य प्राणी विभाग के अधिकारियों ने फिर रिपोर्ट पेश की है कि अब एयरपोर्ट बाउंड्री में कोई पशु नहीं है।

रहीं थीं। बेसहारा पशु भी यहां घूमते रहते हैं। पीएम विजिट को लेकर चले अभियान में अभी तक 25 से अधिक नीलगायों को बाहर निकाला जा चुका है। इन नीलगायों को वाइल्ड लाइफ के ट्रीटमेंट सेंटर में छोड़ा गया है।



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एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेटर्स की आय 18-20% बढ़ेगी: इक्रा

नई दिल्ली | देश के एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेटर्स की कमाई वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में 18-20% तक बढ़ सकती है। यह अनुमान रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा ने लगाया है। एजेंसी के मुताबिक, 2025-26 में भारत में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 44-45 करोड़ तक पहुंच सकती है। यह 2024-25 में 41.2-41.5 करोड़ थी। यानी सालाना आधार पर 7-9% की ग्रोथ संभव है।



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट; मुंबई जा रही फ्लाइट में मिली बम की धमकी

जयपुर। जयपुर से मुंबई गई इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट में बम की सूचना से सनसनी फैल गई। जिस समय इसका पता लगा उस समय फ्लाइट आसमान में थी, ऐसे में यात्रियों की जान सांसत में आ गई। मामला इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-5282 का है। जयपुर से सोमवार शाम 7:25 बजे मुंबई के लिए रवाना हुई। इसके बाद करीब 8:43 बजे एक केबिन क्यू टॉयलेट गई। जहां उसे बम श्रेट लिखी चिट्ठी मिली। इसकी सूचना तुरंत मुंबई एटीसी को दी गई। इसके बाद मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर हड़कंप मच गया। इसकी सूचना एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ने तुरंत एंटी बम स्क्वॉड और पुलिस प्रशासन को दी। फिर रात 8:52 बजे फ्लाइट की मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। फ्लाइट के एयरपोर्ट पहुंचते ही फ्लाइट की सघन जांच की गई। इस दौरान कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। इसके बाद सभी लोगों ने राहत की सांस ली।



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Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

KIA's T2 gets Skytrax's first 5-star rating for an Indian airport

BENGALURU, DHNS: Terminal 2 of Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has become India's first airport terminal to receive the five-star airport terminal rating from Skytrax, a global benchmark for airport excellence.

With this, T2 joins a select group of airport terminals across the world that have received the highest five-star rating, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said in a statement.

The airport has also been recognised as the 'Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia'.

According to BIAL, the five-star rating is awarded after an in-depth audit of over 800 passenger touchpoints in over 30 categories, including terminal design,

Key elements that contributed to this recognition:

- T2's biophilic 'Terminal in a Garden' design.
- DigiYatra's biometric entry.
- AI-powered BLR Pulse App.
- Fast-tracked Immigration and Advanced Queue Management.
- Airport sensory room.
- World's largest terminal with a platinum LEED pre-certification.
- ACI Level 5 carbon accreditation.
- Elevated retail, dining and lounge experiences.

cleanliness, security, digital integration, hospitality, inclusivity and sustainability, ensuring an exceptional and seamless travel experience.



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आइजीआइ लगातार सातवीं बार चुना गया दक्षिण एशिया का सर्वश्रेष्ठ एयरपोर्ट

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: स्काईट्रैक्स वर्ल्ड एयरपोर्ट अवार्ड्स 2025 में आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट को भारत और दक्षिण एशिया का सर्वश्रेष्ठ एयरपोर्ट चुना गया है। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट संचालित करने वाली एजेंसी डायल का कहना है कि यह लगातार सातवां वर्ष है, जब आइजीआइ ने इस सम्मान को हासिल किया है। साथ ही 70 मिलियन से अधिक यात्री क्षमता वाली श्रेणी में यह दुनिया के शीर्ष 10 एयरपोर्ट में आठवें स्थान पर पहुंच गया है। वैश्विक रैंकिंग में भी इसने सुधार करते हुए 2024 के 36वें स्थान से 2025 में 32वां स्थान हासिल किया है।



आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट • आर्काइव

डायल को नौ अप्रैल को स्पेन के मैड्रिड में पैसेंजर टर्मिनल एक्सपो के दौरान आयोजित एक समारोह में यह पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। बता दें कि स्काईट्रैक्स, एक वैश्विक हवाई परिवहन रेटिंग संगठन है, जो हर साल यात्रियों के फीडबैक के आधार पर यह पुरस्कार तय करता

है। सात महीने की सर्वे अवधि में 100 से अधिक देशों के यात्रियों ने एयरपोर्ट की सुविधाओं, सेवा उत्कृष्टता और समग्र अनुभव पर अपनी राय दी।

डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने इस उपलब्धि पर खुशी जाहिर कर कहा कि भारत व दक्षिण एशिया के सर्वश्रेष्ठ एयरपोर्ट के रूप में सातवीं बार सम्मानित होना हमारे लिए गर्व की बात है। यह पुरस्कार हमारी विश्व-स्तरीय सेवाओं को प्रमाणित करता है और हमें यात्रियों को बेहतरीन अनुभव प्रदान करने की दिशा में और मेहनत करने की प्रेरणा देता है।



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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इंडिगो फ्लाइट में बम की धमकी, मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर से मुंबई जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में सोमवार शाम उस वक्त हड़कंप मच गया, जब फ्लाइट के टॉयलेट में बम धमकी से जुड़ा एक लेटर मिला। यह फ्लाइट शाम 7.25 बजे जयपुर से रवाना हुई थी। रात करीब 8.43 बजे केबिन कू को टॉयलेट में धमकी भरा पत्र मिला, जिसके बाद तुरंत पायलट को सूचना दी गई। सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल के तहत फ्लाइट को मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर रात 8.52 बजे इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। लैंडिंग के बाद सीआईसीएफ और बम स्काड ने फ्लाइट की गहन जांच की, लेकिन किसी तरह की सदिग्ध वस्तु नहीं मिली। हालांकि धमकी भरे पत्र की गंभीरता को देखते हुए जांच एजेंसियां आगे की कार्रवाई में जुटी हैं। वात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देते हुए सभी को सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया।



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Airport sector to witness 18-20% revenue growth in FY26: Icra

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, April 10

AIRPORT OPERATORS ARE expected to witness 18-20% topline year-on-year (y-o-y) growth this fiscal, driven by a sustained improvement in passenger traffic, tariff hikes, and the ramp-up in non-aeronautical revenues, ratings agency ICRA said on Thursday. The FY25 saw an 11% expansion in international traffic and a 9% rise in domestic traffic.

The growth will also be fuelled by new investments. The airport sector is expected to attract an investment of ₹1 lakh crore over 4-5 years, according to ICRA.

The rating agency estimates overall air passenger traffic to grow at a healthy 7-9% y-o-y to reach 440-450 million in FY26, on the back of around 10% estimated increase in the just concluded financial year, it said. The overall passenger traffic (domestic and international) is estimated at 412-415 million in FY25, as per ICRA.

It said its estimation is based on a sample set of airports, including those managed and operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), as well as Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin International Airports, which operate under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.



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HARI BHUMI

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हवाई अड्डा परिचालकों के लिए वृद्धि 20 प्रतिशत रहेगी : इक्रा

मुंबई। भारतीय हवाई अड्डा परिचालकों को चालू वित्त वर्ष (2025-26) में सालाना आधार पर 18-20 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि देखने को मिलेगी। रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि यह वृद्धि यात्रियों की संख्या में निरंतर सुधार और शुल्क वृद्धि के साथ-साथ गैर-वैमानिकी राजस्व में वृद्धि के कारण है। कुल हवाई यात्री यातायात सालाना आधार पर सात से नौ प्रतिशत की अच्छी वृद्धि के साथ चालू वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में 44-45 करोड़ तक पहुंच जाएगा। हालांकि, हाल ही में समाप्त हुए वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में इसमें लगभग 10 प्रतिशत की अनुमानित वृद्धि हुई है इक्रा के अनुसार, पिछले वित्त वर्ष (2024-25) में कुल यात्री यातायात (घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय) 41.2-41.5 करोड़ रहने का अनुमान है। रेटिंग एजेंसी ने कहा कि उसका अनुमान हवाई अड्डों के एक नमूना सेट पर आधारित है।



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Minor blaze at IGIA



NEW DELHI: A minor fire broke out in the rubber component of an escalator near the food court at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) on Thursday, an official said.

The fire was quickly doused, Delhi Police said. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, Additional Commissioner of Police (IGI) Usha Rangnani said. There was no official comment from Delhi airport operator DIAL.

AGENCIES

परंदूर एयरपोर्ट का हो रहा विरोध चेन्नई के दूसरे हवाईअड्डे को केंद्र से मिली सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी

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चेन्नई केन्द्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने परंदूर में चेन्नई के दूसरे हवाई अड्डे के लिए सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी दे दी है। हालांकि, 20,000 करोड़ रुपये की इस ग्रीनफील्ड परियोजना को स्थानीय स्तर पर काफी विरोध का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। 20 अप्रैल को एकनापुरम गांव में इस एयरपोर्ट के खिलाफ आंदोलन 1,000वें दिन में प्रवेश कर जाएगा। इस निर्णय की घोषणा करते हुए, केन्द्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि इस परियोजना को महानगरीय केंद्रों में हवाई यात्रा की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार की व्यापक रणनीति के हिस्से के रूप में तैयार किया है। नायडू ने एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा, "प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के दूरदर्शी नेतृत्व में, दिल्ली, मुंबई और चेन्नई जैसे महानगरों में दूसरे हवाई अड्डों के विकास के माध्यम से यात्रियों की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा किया जा रहा है।"

चेन्नई से 70 किलोमीटर दूर

चेन्नई से लगभग 70 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर प्रस्तावित परंदूर हवाईअड्डे का उद्देश्य मौजूदा चेन्नई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर यात्री दबाव को कम करना है। तमिलनाडु सरकार ने कांचीपुरम और श्रीपेरंबदूर तालुकों के 13 गांवों में फैली 2,325 हेक्टेयर (5,746 एकड़) से अधिक भूमि अधिग्रहण के लिए प्रशासनिक मंजूरी दी थी। एक अधिकारी के अनुसार केंद्र सरकार की मंजूरी के साथ, तमिलनाडु औद्योगिक विकास निगम (टिडको) भूमि अधिग्रहण प्रक्रिया शुरू करने की तैयारी कर रहा है।



करीब 1,822 करोड़ का मुआवजा

आवश्यक कुल भूमि में से 3,774 एकड़ पट्टा (निजी) भूमि है और 1,972 एकड़ सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली है। अधिकारियों का कहना है कि मुआवजा पैकेज को ऊर्ध्वगामी रखा गया है। पुनर्वास और पुनर्स्थापन अधिनियम, 2013 में उचित मुआवजा और पारदर्शिता के अधिकार के तहत भूमि अधिग्रहण की बातचीत की जा रही है। अनुमान है कि मुआवजों की लागत 1,549 करोड़ से 1,822 करोड़ के बीच होगी।

एयरपोर्ट का विरोध

हालांकि, परियोजना को प्रभावित समुदायों से कई विरोध का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। 1,000 से ज्यादा परिवारों के विस्थापित होने की आशंका है, जिसमें एकनापुरम के 650 परिवार शामिल हैं, जो विरोध आंदोलन का केंद्र बन गया है। जबकि सरकार ने अपनी पुनर्वास योजना के तहत 285 वर्ग फीट के घरों की पैदावार की है, ग्रामीण अपने रुख पर अड़े हुए हैं।



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Minor fire on escalator at IGI Airport quickly contained

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A minor fire broke out on an escalator at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Thursday evening. Officials confirmed that smoke was visible briefly, but the situation was swiftly controlled with no injuries or property damage.

The incident occurred around 5.30 pm on Thursday. Usha Rangnani, DCP (IGI), said, "The rubber component of an escalator caught fire in the domestic airport area, near the food court. The fire was quickly doused."

An airport official said a component malfunction likely caused the minor fire, which was promptly extinguished. "Only smoke was observed coming from the escalator. No passenger faced any problems. The area has been barricaded," the official said.



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Airport awards honour for IGI

New Delhi: Delhi airport was recognised as the Best Airport in India and South Asia at the 2025 World Airport Awards by Skytrax, said airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited on Thursday.

DIAL said IGI airport improved its global ranking to 32 in 2025 from 36 in 2024. Additionally, Delhi airport was placed at the 8th spot among the world's top 10 best airports in the 70+ million passenger category. The awards were presented at an official ceremony during the Passenger Terminal EXPO in Madrid, Spain, on April 9. TNN



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BANGALORE

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KIA's T2 is India's first 5-star terminal

Bengaluru: Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport has received Skytrax's 5-star airport terminal rating, joining an elite group of terminals worldwi-

de. KIA has also been named the best regional airport in India & South Asia.

According to Skytrax, the airport is the first in India to receive its 5-star rating. TNN

Airport Theory: What is the 'risky' trend taking over social media

Pics: iStock



Google Trends shows a surge in searches for 'airport theory TikTok' and 'what is airport theory' since March this year

Anagha Sawant

A new social media trend is taking off, thrilling some travellers while worrying others. The trend – the 'airport theory' challenge – dares travellers to arrive at the airport with barely enough time to spare before their flight's gate closes.

X user Betsy Grunch recently shared a video testing the airport theory by arriving just 30 minutes before boarding. She clarified it wasn't intentional but took the chance to try the viral concept. Luckily, she made it to the gate on time. According to news reports, travellers are deliberately arriving just 15-30 minutes before gate closure, turning a routine airport visit into a high-stakes race.

Risks involved

- High chance of missing your flight
- No buffer time for unexpected delays
- Long security queues or baggage checks could ruin your plans

While a few travellers have recently posted videos of themselves testing the 'airport theory' on social media, some netizens have reacted

Pro Sleepist
@cryshots

That TikTok airport theory trend is so stupid. I'd rather loiter at the airport lounge than get to the airport for boarding time

Lolo
@lolosmith98

I will literally never play with Airport theory again. I have trauma.

While it aims to cut waiting times, air travel's unpredictability makes it impractical and stressful

– Jyoti Mayal, chairperson of the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council

How it works

Travellers who follow the 'airport theory' rush through terminals, quickly passing security in a frantic attempt to catch their flight. It suggests that by minimising luggage, checking-in online, and using fast-track lanes, you can be through the airport in just 15 minutes. On TikTok, influencers like Michael DiCostanzo have shared videos of their last-minute dashes through major hubs like LAX and Atlanta International Airport – making the impossible look almost doable.

Why travellers follow this trend

- To skip the wait and head straight to boarding
- Less time at the airport means fewer temptations to splurge on
- To avoid crowds in congested terminals
- The excitement of making it just in time adds an adventurous twist to travel

Experts warn

Jay Bhatia, vice president of the Travel Agents Association of India, cautions travellers about the financial risks. He says, "Being marked as a no-show could result in losing your entire itinerary, and rebooking may incur hefty penalties. To avoid such costs, travellers should follow practical travel habits—arriving at least two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international departures." "The trend adds pressure on airport staff, causing chaos during peak travel. Unforeseen delays like security checks or traffic worsen the risks," says Jyoti Mayal, chairperson of the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council. "Statistics show monthly 3-5% of passengers miss their flights, impacting airlines and airports with disruptions, dissatisfied customers, and logistical challenges," she adds.



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CHENNAI

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City's 2nd airport at Parandur receives in-principle approval

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The city's second airport planned at Parandur received in-principle approval from the Centre, paving the way for its construction. "The Ministry of Civil Aviation granted in-principle approval for the airport," Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said.

The Tamil Nadu govt may soon float a tender to identify a concessionaire who will de-

velop the airport. The in-principle approval may also help in obtaining other necessary clearances, such as environmental clearance and approval from the DGCA.

The approval, which is the second-stage approval from the Ministry of Civil Aviation under the Greenfield Airports (GFA) policy, comes after it issued site clearance in August 2024.

In September 2024, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Develop-

ment Corporation (TIDCO) applied for in-principle approval.

The greenfield airport at Parandur, which will be the city's second airport, will come up at an estimated cost of ₹32,704 crore. The proposed airport will be developed on a 2,173-hectare land across 13 villages, of which 1,386.43 hectares is agricultural land, 577 hectares is water bodies, and 173 hectares is government/poromboke land.



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AMAR UJALA

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दिल्ली में विमान उतारने के बाद पायलट की मौत

नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के एक पायलट को दिल्ली हवाईअड्डे पर विमान उतारने के बाद अचानक मौत हो गई। यह घटना बुधवार को उस वक्त हुई, जब पायलट इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर अन्य औपचारिकताएं पूरी कर रहा था। सूत्रों के अनुसार, श्रीनगर-दिल्ली उड़ान की लैंडिंग के बाद से ही उसके पायलट

कॉकपिट में ही तबीयत बिगड़ने पर की थी उल्टी

अरमान को परेशानी शुरू हो गई थी। थोड़ी देर बाद वह बेहोश होकर गिर गया। उसे तुरंत अस्पताल ले जाया गया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। मौत के कारण का तुरंत पता नहीं चल पाया। शव के पोस्टमार्टम के बाद ही इसका खुलासा हो सकेगा। अरमान की हाल ही में शादी हुई थी। उसके साथियों ने बताया कि लैंडिंग के बाद उसने कॉकपिट में उल्टी की थी।

एयरलाइन की अपील, अनावश्यक अटकलें न लगाएं : एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने घटना पर दुख जाहिर किया है। कंपनी के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, इस कठिन समय में हम शोक संतप्त के परिवार को हर संभव सहायता प्रदान कर रहे हैं। इस समय हमारी गोपनीयता का सम्मान करें व किसी प्रकार की अनावश्यक अटकलें न लगाएं। ब्यूरो

In expansion mode, SpiceJet plans flights to Vietnam and Kazakhstan

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Budget carrier SpiceJet plans major international expansion on the back of a gradual return of Boeing 737 Max aircraft in its fleet, sources told *businessline*.

According to them, the airline plans to start flights on international medium-haul routes, connecting India with Kazakhstan and Vietnam.

Speaking to *businessline*, they said new destinations will be announced soon as more aircraft return to service. On its part, the airline did not respond to *businessline*'s queries.

However, sources said that the expansion plan shows SpiceJet's commitment to enhancing connectivity and providing travellers with more affordable and convenient flight options.

Recently, the airline announced the introduction of a daily direct flight connecting Delhi and Kathmandu, starting May 10. Currently, SpiceJet operates to destinations such as Dubai and Bangkok.

Besides overseas destinations, the airline plans to launch 24 domestic flights as



The airline plans to launch 24 domestic flights in its summer schedule of 2025

part of its summer schedule of 2025.

DOMESTIC ROUTES

Notably, SpiceJet is expanding its network by adding three new destinations — Thoothukudi, Porbandar and Dehradun, while introducing new routes to enhance connectivity.

The airline had earlier said that it will commence operations on these new routes in a phased manner from March 30.

Under the plans, Thoothukudi will be connected to Chennai and Bengaluru, with a daily direct flight to Bengaluru and twice-daily flights to Chennai, while travellers from Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai will get access to Dehradun with direct flights.

The airline plans to add flights connecting Porbandar with Mumbai (non-stop flight operating twice a week) as well as the Ahmedabad-Srinagar and Pune-Varanasi sectors while reconnecting Bengaluru with Goa and Pune with Chennai.

The network enhancement comes after SpiceJet raised ₹3,000 crore through Qualified Institutional Placements (QIP).

Further, it recently settled several disputes with aircraft lessors. The latest one is with global aircraft engine lessor Willis Lease Finance Corporation, which resulted in a "substantial saving" for the airline. As part of the agreement, Willis Lease has withdrawn its insolvency case against SpiceJet.

The airline has also renewed its IATA (International Air Transport Association) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) certification, a globally-recognised benchmark for operational safety. The successful renewal of the IOSA certification is valid until March 2027.

The IOSA audit, conducted by IATA, is a rigorous, internationally-accepted evaluation of an airline's operational management and control systems.



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DESHBANDHU

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भारत में 2026 में हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या रिकॉर्ड 440-450 मिलियन तक पहुंचने का अनुमान

नई दिल्ली, 10 अप्रैल (एजेंसियां)। भारत में हवाईअड्डे पर कुल यात्रियों की संख्या वित्त वर्ष 2026 में लगभग 7-9 प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि के साथ 440-450 मिलियन के नए उच्च स्तर पर पहुंचने का अनुमान है। यह जानकारी गुरुवार को आई एक रिपोर्ट में दी गई।

वित्त वर्ष 2026 में राजस्व में भी लगभग 18-20 प्रतिशत (ऑन-ईयर) की वृद्धि होने की संभावना है, जो यात्रियों की संख्या में निरंतर सुधार, दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु और हैदराबाद हवाईअड्डों पर टैरिफ में वृद्धि और गैर-वैमानिकी राजस्व में वृद्धि की वजह से रहेगी।

क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी आईसीआरए के अनुसार, वित्त वर्ष 2026 में इस क्षेत्र के डेट कवरेज मेट्रिक्स के 5 गुना से अधिक ब्याज कवर और डेट सर्विस कवरेज रेश्यो (डीएससीआर) के 3.5 गुना से अधिक होने के साथ सहज रहने का अनुमान है।

वित्त वर्ष 2025 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय यातायात में 11 प्रतिशत और घरेलू यातायात में 9 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई। नए गंतव्यों के लिए



कनेक्टिविटी में सुधार, घरेलू क्षेत्र में अवकाश और व्यावसायिक यात्रा में निरंतर वृद्धि, साथ ही टियर-11 शहरों और प्रमुख पर्यटन स्थलों के लिए हवाई संपर्क में सुधार के बीच अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा में लगातार वृद्धि से निरंतर स्वस्थ विकास गति को बढ़ावा मिला।

आईसीआरए के कॉरपोरेट रेटिंग्स के सेक्टर हेड विनय कुमार जी. ने कहा, स्वस्थ अंतरराष्ट्रीय पर्यटन गतिविधि के साथ-साथ नए गंतव्यों के लिए बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी की वजह से अंतरराष्ट्रीय यातायात घरेलू यातायात वृद्धि से आगे निकल रहा है। वित्त वर्ष 2026 में भी विकास की गति बरकरार रहने की संभावना है, जिसमें क्रमशः

इंडिगो बनी दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान एयरलाइन

नई दिल्ली। देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो अमेरिका की डेल्टा एयरलाइन को पछाड़कर 23.24 अरब डॉलर के बाजार पूंजीकरण के साथ दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन बन गई है। इंडिगो का शेयर बुधवार को उच्चतम स्तर 5,265 रुपये पर पहुंच गया, जिसके कारण कंपनी का बाजार पूंजीकरण डेल्टा एयरलाइन के मार्केट कैप 23.18 अरब डॉलर से अधिक हो गया। हालांकि, यह बहुत कुछ देर के लिए कयाम रही। कारोबार के अंत में इंडिगो का बाजार पूंजीकरण कम होकर 23.16 अरब डॉलर हो गया। आखिरी कारोबारी सत्र में इंडिगो का शेयर 5,149.9 रुपये पर बंद हुआ। महावीर जयंती के कारण आज शेयर बाजार बंद है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय और घरेलू यातायात में 7-11 प्रतिशत और 6-8 प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि की उम्मीद है।

FLYING | PLAN Minister says collaborating with OEM will create confidence

Mahindra makes Airbus H130 fuselages

DC CORRESPONDENT
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In a major boost for indigenous aerospace manufacturing sector in India, Mahindra Aerostructures will manufacture the fuselage for the single-engine Airbus H130 helicopters.

As per agreement, the first unit of the H130 helicopter's main fuselage assembly will be shipped to Airbus Helicopters' facilities in Europe by March 2027. Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu termed this an important landmark

collaboration. "We, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, are trying to promote aviation manufacturing in the country. As we see the growth of passengers, airports, airlines in the country, it is equally important to back it up with proper maintenance, manufacturing, and design ecosystem, for that we need more manufacturing people to come into the system, Mahindra, for the last 10-15 years has done exceptional work. Today, collaborating with an important OEM (original equipment manufacturer) like Airbus creates a lot of confidence

AIRBUS COLLABORATION

First fuselage to be shipped to Airbus Europe by 2027.

60-70 H130 fuselages annually from Kolar, Karnataka.

H130 used for transport, medical, tourism, and surveillance.



• Aerospace supply chain disruptions post-Covid provide a unique opportunity for India.

in the ecosystem, for more people to come into the industry, and also to capitalise on the opportunity that is there. Globally, we saw after Covid, the sys-

tems in the supply chain for aviation manufacturing has been disrupted slightly, that created a special opportunity for India, and we want to capitalise

on that. This opportunity has been driven especially by PM Modi. We are providing all support to grow the 2 billion dollar industry for the aviation industry to grow to 4 billion dollar industry," said the minister.

The fuselage will be manufactured at the Mahindra Aerostructures facility in the Kolar district, Karnataka, and the company expects to produce 60-70 H130 fuselages annually. The eight-seater H130 helicopter is used for transport, tourism, medical, surveillance and private aviation activities.



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Man urinates on co-passenger on Air India flight

NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI, PTI: An Air India passenger allegedly urinated on a fellow passenger during a flight from the national capital to Bangkok on Wednesday, according to sources.

As an interim measure, the sources said Air India has put the male passenger who allegedly urinated on the fellow passenger in the no-fly list for one month.

In a statement, the Tata Group-owned airline said an incident of “unruly passenger behaviour” was reported to the cabin crew operating flight AI2336 from Delhi to Bangkok on Wednesday.

“The crew followed all laid down procedures, and the matter has been reported to the authorities. In addition to warning the unruly passenger, our crew offered to assist an aggrieved passenger to take up a

grievance with authorities in Bangkok, which was declined at the time,” Air India said.

However, the airline did not elaborate on the unruly behaviour of the passenger.

The sources said the passenger allegedly urinated on a co-passenger, reportedly a senior executive at a multinational company, and both were travelling in the business class. The airline reported the matter to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), they added.

When asked about the incident, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Wednesday said the ministry will take note of the incident and speak to the airline.

“If there is any wrongdoing, we will take necessary action,” Naidu said on the sidelines of an event in the national capital.

According to Air India, the standing Independent Committee will be convened to assess the incident and determine the action, if any, to be taken against the unruly passenger.

“Air India continues to follow the SOPs as laid out by DGCA in such matters,” the statement said.

In 2023, at least two incidents of a passenger urinating on a fellow passenger in Air India flights had come to light.

An inebriated man allegedly urinated on his female co-passenger in the business class of the airline’s New York-New Delhi flight on November 26, 2022.

In another incident that happened on December 6, 2022, a drunk passenger allegedly urinated on the blanket of a female passenger on the carrier’s Paris-New Delhi flight.



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IndiGo, Accor tie-up for loyalty programme

BENGALURU, DHNS

IndiGo parent company InterGlobe and hospitality group Accor began a new partnership for a loyalty programme, the companies said in a press note on Wednesday.

Both IndiGo and Accor offer their loyalty programmes to their customers. They have now agreed to develop a strategic collaboration through their loyalty programmes, the companies said. The collaboration would enable them to partner on initiatives such as rewards points sharing and co-branded loyalty.

Their objective is to create India's fastest-growing hospitality business with a network target of 300 hotels under Accor's brands by 2030.

लैंडिंग के थोड़ी देर बाद बिगड़ी पायलट की तबीयत, मौत

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: लैंडिंग के कुछ ही देर बाद एअर इंडिया के पायलट की मौत हो गई। पायलट कैप्टन अरमान की इयूटी श्रीनगर-दिल्ली उड़ान पर थी। बुधवार शाम को आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग के बाद विमान से उतरने के दौरान उन्हें उल्टी जैसा महसूस हुआ। कुछ ही देर बाद जब वे डिस्पैच कार्यालय पहुंचे, तो यहां बेहोश हो गए। उन्हें नजदीकी अस्पताल ले जाया गया, जहां मौत हुई। मौत के कारण को लेकर एयरलाइंस ने कुछ भी कहने से इन्कार कर दिया है।

एयरलाइंस ने पीड़ित परिवार की

- श्रीनगर-दिल्ली रूट पर थी तेनाती, दिल्ली में लैंडिंग के बाद खराब हुई तबीयत
- उल्टी जैसा हुआ महसूस, पहले हुए बेहोश और फिर अस्पताल में दम तोड़ा



अरमान

निजता का सम्मान किए जाने की अपील की है। सूत्रों का कहना है कि पायलट की तबीयत अचानक खराब हुई। क्रू के सदस्यों ने एयरलाइंस के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों को बताया कि पायलट ने उड़ान के दौरान एक बार

भी किसी तरह की स्वास्थ्य संबंधी परेशानी का जिक्र नहीं किया। सूत्रों का यह भी कहना है कि पायलट पिछले सप्ताह अवकाश पर थे। बुधवार को यह उनकी दूसरी उड़ान थी। पहली उड़ान में वे दिल्ली से

पायलटों के साप्ताहिक आराम में बदलाव

पायलटों की शिकायत थी कि अधिक काम की वजह से वे तनाव में रहते हैं। इसपर उड़ान नियामक संस्था डीजीसीए ने पायलटों के लिए नए नियम बनाए हैं, जो इस वर्ष लागू होने हैं। इसके अनुसार, पायलटों के लिए साप्ताहिक आराम की अवधि को 36 घंटे से बढ़ाकर 48 घंटे किया जा सकता है। रात में पायलटों के लिए इयूटी का समय 13 से घटाकर 10 घंटे कर दिया है।

श्रीनगर गए और दूसरी उड़ान में वे श्रीनगर से दिल्ली लौटे। कहा-पीड़ित परिवार को हरसंभव सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है और जांच प्रक्रिया में अधिकारियों के साथ सहयोग किया जा रहा है।



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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जयपुर में मौसम खराब, फ्लाइट दिल्ली डायवर्ट



नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार शाम मौसम खराब होने के कारण फ्लाइट को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। इंडिगो की फ्लाइट शाम 6.15 बजे चंडीगढ़ से जयपुर आई थी। एयरपोर्ट पर घूल भरी आंधी के कारण एटीसी ने विमान को लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं देते हुए कुछ देर होल्ड पर रखा। इसके बाद विमान को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार विमान में फ्यूल भी कम बताया जा रहा है। इसके चलते ज्यादा देर तक विमान को होल्ड नहीं रखा जा सकता था, इसलिए इसे दिल्ली डायवर्ट करना बताया जा रहा है। अब क्लीयरेंस मिलने के बाद यह विमान वापस जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचेगा।

Akasa to Expand Fleet to 30 Planes by July: CEO Dube

Forum Gandhi

Mumbai: Akasa Air is aiming to grow its fleet to 30 aircraft by July, with its 28th Boeing 737 MAX set to join this month, said Vinay Dube, chief executive, underlining the budget carrier's expansion plans after facing a setback due to a protracted delay in delivery of these planes.

"Following that, we will receive a steady stream of deliveries," Dube wrote in an internal letter to employees after a town hall on Thursday.

The airline plans to base 5-7 aircraft each at the upcoming Navi Mumbai and Jewar airports by the year-end, positioning them as long-term strategic hubs, he said. Both airports are slated to open this year. "We will be among the first tenants at both airports, and they will become our



principal homes," Dube said, calling them "cornerstone" of Akasa's strategy.

Rival budget airline Air India Express is also expected to scale up operations at the two new airports, people said.

International operations—currently 18% of capacity—will rise to 40% over the next few years, Dube said in the letter reviewed by **ET**.

Akasa, which began operations less than three years ago, currently has a fleet of 27 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. It has firm orders for a total of 226 planes from Boeing.

Akasa's aircraft deliveries have been delayed due to increased regulatory scrutiny of Boeing's 737 programme after a mid-air cabin panel blowout on an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 MAX aircraft in the US early last year. Of the 446 jets MAX ordered by Indian carriers, only about 65 have been delivered so far. Boeing now plans to supply two aircraft per month. The delays have led to grounding of some Akasa pilots.

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Pee-senger blues in Air-India at 30,000 feet



Ketan Narottam Tanna

MUMBAI

Air India just can't seem to catch a break—or keep things dry. In yet another boggling mid-air episode, a male passenger allegedly let loose—literally—on a fellow traveller while aboard a flight from Delhi to Bangkok on Wednesday. Yes, you read that right. Not turbulence, not delayed meals—but a full-blown urination incident, airborne and unsolicited.

Sources say the unfortunate victim was minding their own

business when their neighbour, clearly thinking he was in a personal lavatory and not a pressurised public cabin, relieved himself with reckless abandon. One can only assume this wasn't the in-flight entertainment they had in mind.

Air India has filed a report with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which, by now, probably has a separate folder marked "Pee Incidents – Ongoing." Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu, while attending a presumably more fragrant event in the capi-

tal, issued a measured response: "If there is any wrongdoing, we will take necessary action."

Now, Minister, forgive us for the impertinence, but how much more "wrong" does it get than golden showers at 30,000 feet?

This unfortunate episode comes not too long after another infamous Air India incident in 2022, when a similarly spirited passenger urinated on a woman during a New York-Delhi flight.

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Pee-senger blues...

It had sparked national outrage and much-needed scrutiny over airline protocols and inebriated flyers. Apparently, that lesson either didn't stick or the pee pressure was just too much.

For now, it remains to be seen whether the alleged offender will face any serious consequences or merely be politely asked to consider adult diapers next time. The victim, meanwhile, is presumably still processing the fact that a routine flight to Thailand turned into an airborne splash zone.

Air India, bless them, issued their standard response: "We take such matters seriously." At this rate, they might want to start issuing raincoats with boarding passes.

One thing's clear: the Mile High Club has some odd new applicants.



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Mahindra Aerostructures to make Airbus H130 helicopters' fuselage in India

PTI
NEW DELHI

Mahindra Aerostructures will manufacture the fuselage for the single-engine Airbus H130 helicopters, with the first unit expected to be delivered by March 2027, a major boost for indigenous aerospace manufacturing activities in India.

The eight-seater H130 is a popular helicopter that is used for transport, tourism, medical, surveillance and private aviation activities.

While financial details were not disclosed about the

contract, which was announced in the national capital on Wednesday, the fuselage will be manufactured at the Mahindra Aerostructures facility in the Kolar district, Karnataka, and the company expects to produce 60-70 H130 fuselages annually.

Under the agreement, the company, part of the diversified Mahindra & Mahindra Group, will produce the H130 helicopter's main fuselage assembly, which will be shipped to Airbus Helicopters' facilities in Europe.



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DELHI

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दिल्ली से रांची जा रहा विमान हवा में खाता रहा हिचकोले

नई दिल्ली \ रांची, व.सं.। दिल्ली से रांची जा रहा इंडिगो का विमान (6ई-5298) उड़ान भरने के बाद आसमान में हिचकोले खाने लगा, जिससे यात्रियों में चीख-पुकार मच गई। यह विमान दिल्ली से दिन के 1:20 बजे रांची के लिए उड़ा था।

टर्मिनल श्री से यात्रियों को लेकर रांची प्रस्थान करने के बाद करीब 2.20 बजे खराब मौसम के कारण यह घटना हुई। करीब 25 मिनट तक विमान लड़खड़ाते रहा। यात्रियों के अनुसार जिस समय घटना घटी विमान 40 हजार फीट की ऊंचाई पर था। इस क्रम में विमान के क्रू मेंबर ने मामले को संभाला और कुछ देर बाद विमान के

■ विमान में सवार 180 यात्रियों की 25 मिनट तक अटकी रही सांस

उड़ान की स्थिति सामान्य हुई। इसमें 180 यात्री सवार थे। विमान में यात्रा कर रहे एक यात्री सत्यप्रकाश के अनुसार, दिल्ली से विमान के उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद ही यह हिचकोले खाने लगा। इसके साथ ही एक से दूसरे किनारों पर यह झुकने लगा। इसके बाद यात्रियों में चीख-पुकार मच गई। क्रू मेंबर ने यात्रियों को शांत कराया। 2.20 से लेकर 2.45 बजे तक स्थिति भयावह हो चुकी थी। अंततः पायलट के काफी सूझबूझ के साथ विमान रांची पहुंचा।



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इंडिगो बनी दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान एयरलाइन कंपनी

नई दिल्ली। भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान कंपनी बन गई है। इसका बाजार पूंजीकरण 23.4 अरब डॉलर हो गया है।

इसने अमेरिका की दिग्गज एयरलाइन डेल्टा एयरलाइंस को पछाड़ते हुए यह स्थान हासिल किया है। लगभग एक साल पहले तक चौथे स्थान पर काबिज इंडिगो के शेयरों में नवंबर के निचले स्तर से अब तक 35 फीसदी की तेजी आई है। वहीं दूसरी ओर, डेल्टा एयरलाइन के शेयरों में बीते दो महीनों में करीब 50 फीसदी की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। इंडिगो के शेयर इस साल अब तक 14 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज कर चुके हैं। बुधवार को रिकॉर्ड 5,265 रुपये तक पहुंचे थे।



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डेढ़ घंटे तक विमान
में फंसे रहे यात्री

गोरखपुर, मुसं। गोरखपुर एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को भी दिल्ली से गोरखपुर आने वाली ईंडिगो की फ्लाइट में केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री वीएल वर्मा समेत करीब 220 यात्री विमान में डेढ़ घंटे तक फंसे रहे।

फ्लाइट के देरी से आने की वजह से एप्रन में आने की अनुमति नहीं मिली। टैक्सी वे में जहाज डेढ़ घंटे तक खड़ा रहा। दो महीने में पांच बार ऐसी घटनाएं हो चुकी हैं। गुरुवार को ईंडिगो को फ्लाइट ई2087/5013 निर्धारित समय 3.15 बजे के बजाए 4.05 बजे गोरखपुर एयरपोर्ट लैंड हुई।

विमान लैंड कराने के कुछ
देर बाद पायलट की मौत

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के एक पायलट ने बुधवार को श्रीनगर से उड़ान भरी और दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने के कुछ देर बाद ही स्वास्थ्य कारणों से उनकी मौत हो गई। एक सूत्र ने यह जानकारी दी।

पायलट की उम्र 35 से 40 साल के बीच रही होगी। उन्होंने श्रीनगर से विमान को लेकर उड़ान भरी। दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने के बाद वह अच्छा महसूस नहीं कर रहे थे। उन्हें अस्पताल ले जाया

गया, लेकिन उनकी मौत हो गई। एयरलाइन के एक प्रवक्ता ने गुरुवार को एक बयान में कहा, 'हमें स्वास्थ्य कारणों से अपने एक मूल्यवान सहयोगी को खोने का गहरा अफसोस है, हम हर संभव सहायता प्रदान कर रहे हैं और हम सभी इस भारी नुकसान से उबरने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं।' प्रवक्ता ने कहा, 'हम सभी संबंधित लोगों से इस समय निजता का सम्मान करने और अटकलों से बचने का अनुरोध करते हैं।



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{ PUT ON NO-FLY LIST }

Air India flyer urinates on co-passenger

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NEW DELHI: An Indian national has been placed on Air India's no-fly list for a month after allegedly urinating on a co-passenger while seated in business class on a flight to Bangkok.

The incident occurred on Air India's AI-2336 flight from Delhi to Bangkok on Wednesday. According to people familiar with the matter, the passenger immediately apologised for his behaviour.

Internal documents identified the victim as Hiroshi Yoshizane, managing director of Bridgestone India, who has not yet pressed charges.

An Air India spokesperson confirmed the "unruly passenger behaviour" on flight AI2336

INTERNAL DOCS IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS HIROSHI YOSHIZANE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BRIDGESTONE, INDIA

on April 9.

"The crew followed all laid-down procedures, and the matter has been reported to the authorities. In addition to warning the unruly passenger, our crew offered to assist an aggrieved passenger to take up a grievance with authorities in Bangkok, which was declined at the time," the spokesperson

said.

"Air India continues to follow the SOPs (standard operating procedures) as laid out by DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) in such matters," the spokesperson added.

According to officials familiar with the incident, it occurred during descent when the passenger in seat 2D urinated on the co-passenger sitting in seat 1D. "The cabin crew learned about the matter from the passenger sitting in 1D," one official said.

The passenger in seat 2D, identified as Tushar Masand, was relocated to seat 14C and given a warning while the crew assisted the affected passenger.

"Masand apologised for his behaviour," an airline official said.

When asked by the crew, both passengers involved declined to file a complaint with the airline. "Not only Yoshizane, the airline asked all the business class passengers if they wanted to raise a complaint against Masand; however, all of them declined," a second official said.

"Yoshizane remained calm throughout, whereas Masand repeatedly apologised to him. When asked if he wanted to pursue the matter, Yoshizane said that he didn't want to waste time after landing," the official concluded.

A ministry official said, "The incident is very unfortunate and is being dealt with priority. The investigator in-charge will be handling the matter as per global practices."



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Two arrested for selling fake airline tickets to customers, stealing data

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POLICE ARRESTED two men who allegedly defrauded several people by selling them non-existent airline tickets and stealing their personal and financial information.

Using VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) calls to mask their identities and avoid being traced, the scammers managed to carry out their activities for a significant period, said police.

The accused would create Facebook pages that mimicked legitimate travel agencies offering massive sales on airline tickets. Police said that lured by the low prices, victims would enter their payment details, leading either to direct monetary theft or misuse of their personal data through phishing calls or fake financial service offers.

Police said the matter came to light after a complaint filed via the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal in November 2024 reported financial fraud amounting to Rs 47,681. The victim had responded to a Facebook advertisement offering cheap tickets from Delhi to Toronto, contacted the number provided, and communicated with the accused through WhatsApp before

transferring the money, said police. Following an inquiry, an FIR was registered under BNS Section 318(4) (cheating).

"Tracing the calls back to the source was next to impossible... during our investigation, we found out that the number used for the calls was through VOIP. The number had also been obtained from the dark web," said a police officer.

Police then focused on the accounts to which the funds had been sent. "While checking the accounts' beneficiary details, we realised the account was set up in Mumbai... while investigating the bank branch, we found that none of the details given for the account owners was real," said the officer.

The breakthrough came when police checked CCTV footage of the bank branch and discovered that one man would regularly come to visit the branch manager to update pass-books of the incriminated accounts.

Tracking the man led the police to two places in Mumbai, leading to raids on Charni Road and Virar East and the arrest of Rohit Rajaram Ghanekar (29) on April 2. His accomplice, Salman Sayeed Siddiqui (50), was arrested in Lajpat Nagar 2 in Delhi on April 5, said police.



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AI Express pilot dies after landing flight

**EXPRESS NEWS
SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 10

AN AIR India Express pilot passed away due to a "medical condition" in Delhi on Wednesday soon after operating a flight from Srinagar.

Captain Armaan Chaudhary, who was in his 30s, vomited in the cockpit after landing, sources said. "The captain landed the flight safely in Delhi, after which he felt a medical issue. He was subsequently taken to a Delhi hospital, where he was declared dead," a source said.

"We deeply regret the loss of a valued colleague due to a medical condition. Our thoughts are with the family during this time of profound grief. We are extending all possible assistance to them as we all cope with this tremendous

loss," an Air India Express spokesperson said.

According to a source, Chaudhary was flying within the 'flight duty time limitations of the civil aviation regulations'.

"A pilot cannot fly more than 35 hours in seven days. Captain Armaan had flown 11 hours in the last seven days," the source said. On Thursday, he had operated a flight from Delhi to Srinagar and then returned to Delhi.

"India's aviation community is in mourning following the tragic and untimely death of Captain Armaan Chaudhary, a young commercial airline pilot whose life ended far too soon under circumstances that raise troubling questions about pilot welfare, mental health, and working conditions in the Indian aviation industry," a statement from Airline Pilots' Association of India said.



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Airbus delivered 136 planes in Q1

Airbus SE delivered 136 commercial aircraft in the first quarter, enough to edge out Boeing Co. after stepping up its pace of handovers in March.

March deliveries totalled 71 jets, Airbus said Wednesday, to customers including China Eastern Airlines and United Airlines Holdings Inc. That's up from 63 in the year-ago period and more than the total of 65 the planemaker shipped in the first two months of the year.

The late burst gave Airbus the delivery lead for the Q1 of 2025, after trailing its US rival in January and February. Airbus has out-produced Boeing for years, but the US firm has made strides in improving output while Airbus has struggled with supplier shortfalls. Boeing on Tuesday reported 130 aircraft deliveries for the first quarter, its best performance in over a year.

Airbus said it secured 211 gross orders last month, to customers including Jackson Square Aviation and BOC Aviation. As of 30 March its backlog stood at 24,825 aircraft. **BLOOMBERG**

Kerala Tourism, Malaysia Airlines forge strategic partnership to boost East Asian inbound travel

Malaysia Airlines, in collaboration with Kerala Tourism, launched a major initiative to explore the vast East Asian markets as part of the 'Look East' campaign. The effort includes a specially curated familiarisation (FAM) trip for tour operators and social media influencers from eight countries

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On April 10, Malaysia Airlines, in collaboration with Kerala Tourism, launched a major initiative to explore the vast East Asian markets as part of the 'Look East' campaign. The effort includes a specially curated familiarisation (FAM) trip for tour operators and social media influencers from eight countries, alongside a dedicated B2B meet to foster strategic tourism partnerships.

Inaugurating the 'B2B Meet' and 'FAM Trip', Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas termed the initiative as a strategic step that would ramp up footfall of tourists to Kerala from China, Japan, Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Vietnam and Laos.

"Through the collaboration with Malaysia Airlines, Kerala Tourism is taking a giant leap towards the strategic vision of expanding Kerala's outreach globally," the Minister said while addressing the gathering.

Noting that the tie-up is a significant milestone, Riyas said it opened 'a new direction for Kerala Tourism to explore new markets'.

Thiruvananthapuram Corporation Mayor Arya



Rajendran, District Panchayat President P Suresh Kumar, Kerala Tourism Secretary Biju K, Dersensish Aresandiran, Chief Commercial Officer of Airlines at Malaysia Aviation Group and Kerala Tourism Director Sikha Surendran, were also present. "Now, we will enjoy increased connectivity to Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Australia and New Zealand," the Minister said. The Minister urged the industry leaders and stakeholders to seize the opportunity and welcome more tourists from this region.

Riyas recalled that cutting across party lines, the members of the Kerala Legislative

Assembly have unanimously congratulated Kerala Tourism on the initiative. The declaration regarding the strategic partnership between the Government of Kerala and Malaysia Airlines as part of the 'Look East' policy was made on the occasion.

Biju K said the 'Look East' initiative is not just a marketing drive for the benefit of one side; instead, it has been conceived as a win-win partnership. Tourism stakeholders, including airlines, the hospitality industry, tour operators and service providers are the key partners in this collaborated endeavour.

"This campaign is also a vital step in increasing aware-

Sikha Surendran made a detailed presentation on Kerala Tourism, highlighting its unique offerings to tourists

ness about Kerala's diverse offerings in the Asian tourism market. We are launching the campaign by hosting a delegation comprising nearly 75 distinguished guests from eight countries, social media influencers and 40 outbound tour operators from China, Japan,



Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Vietnam and Laos," he explained.

Biju said the delegation will engage with various stakeholders, members of the local community, cultural practitioners and artisans. Besides, the 'B2B Meet' was organised to foster collaborations within the tourism sector.

Dersensish Aresandiran said, "Thiruvananthapuram is emerging as a strategic outbound hub and Malaysia Airlines is proud to be the first premium Southeast Asian airline to operate wide-body aircraft to the city. We aim to increase flight frequency to four or five weekly services, eventually moving to

daily operations."

"This is more than a route development - it's a long-term investment in Kerala's tourism potential. Through this partnership, we hope to connect Kerala with East Asia, Australia and beyond, showcasing the best of Malaysian hospitality and Kerala's unique charm," he added.

He further shared that the airline has brought its top global trade partners to experience Kerala firsthand, further strengthening the potential for increased inbound tourism through Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia Airlines continues to enhance its service offerings, including seamless connectivity, state-of-the-art aircraft, diverse

inflight dining and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Sikha Surendran made a detailed presentation on Kerala Tourism, highlighting its unique offerings to tourists.

The 'Look East' campaign is part of Kerala Tourism's initiative with Malaysia Airlines to look beyond the traditional markets of Kerala and tap the emerging tourism markets in East Asia.

'Kerala Travel Mart Society' Secretary Swaminathan S and 'South Kerala Hoteliers Forum' Secretary General Prasad Manjali also made presentations at the event. Major stakeholders, including tour operators and hoteliers, also attended.



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Air India passenger urinates on fellow traveller on Delhi-Bangkok flight

NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI:

An Air India passenger allegedly urinated on a fellow traveller during a flight from the national capital to Bangkok on Wednesday, according to sources.

Air India, in a statement, said that an incident of "unruly passenger behavior" was reported on its Delhi-Bangkok flight on April 9 and the matter has been reported to the authorities (DGCA). When asked about the incident, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram-mohan Naidu on Wednesday said the ministry will take note of the incident and speak to the airline.

"If there is any wrongdoing, we will take necessary action," Naidu said on the sidelines of an event in the national capital. **MPOST**



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Poppy seeds smuggled into India via air passengers, cargo: Customs alert

SIDDHARTH PRABHAKAR @Chennai

POPPY seeds sourced from Pakistan and Afghanistan are being smuggled into India from south-east Asian countries through air passengers and cargo, Customs had flagged up in a recent alert to its teams across the country, sources said. This comes at least four months after the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had alerted its field units about poppy seed smuggling through Indian sea ports, including Chennai and Tuticorin.

In January, a group representing legal exporters of poppy seeds from the European Union had complained to the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) about poppy seeds from Afghanistan and Pakistan, intentionally mis-declared as that of Turkish origin, being smuggled into Malaysia and then routed to India. They had even provided details of the Afghani exporter and corresponding

Malaysian importer with some videos of the handling of the consignment in Kuala Lumpur (capital of Malaysia). The complaint had raised the bogey of "funding of terrorist organisations" through this smuggling. Customs and DRI officials had then told TNIE that they were keeping vigil, but the particular complaint did not have any actionable evidence.

According to sources, the recent alert had highlighted two separate modi operandi: firstly, air passengers coming from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Myanmar and even Sri Lanka and Turkey would carry at least 10 kg of poppy seeds concealed in their baggage. And secondly, the smuggled poppy seed is concealed in air cargoes which are declared as grocery shipments, food products and spices, sources said, quoting the alert.

Customs formations (teams at different ports -air/sea) across the country, especially

in Tamil Nadu which has good air connectivity with south-east Asian countries, have been asked to take note of these for preventive measures.

Poppy seeds can be legally imported only from 16 countries with a Customs duty of 25%. Every importer has to register with the CBN and provide a certificate to show that the imported poppy is grown legally. And that's the reason for its smuggling, say sources.

Poppy seeds cost around ₹1,200-1,500 per kg in India. India has stopped the legal import of poppy seeds for more than two years to protect the interest of domestic poppy cultivators which is also a factor for their smuggling, say official sources. Sourced from the opium plant, poppy seed import is restricted by the Indian government to protect Indian farmers growing it in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. The spice is used in food preparations across India.



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2 केंद्रीय राज्यमंत्रियों समेत 180 यात्री विमान में एक घंटे फंसे रहे

गोरखपुर, 10 अप्रैल (एजेंसी): गोरखपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार को एक बार फिर व्यवस्थाओं की कमी उजागर हुई, जब दिल्ली से आई इंडिगो की फ्लाइट (ई 2087/5013) में 2 केंद्रीय राज्यमंत्रियों समेत 180 यात्रियों को विमान में ही एक घंटे तक फंसे रहना पड़ा। फ्लाइट को दोपहर 3.15 बजे गोरखपुर पहुंचना था, लेकिन यह 4.25 बजे लैंड हुई।

निर्धारित समय से देरी के चलते विमान को

एग्रन पर जगह नहीं मिल सकी। पहले से मौजूद स्पाइसजैट और इंडिगो की अन्य फ्लाइट्स को बारी-बारी से निकाला गया, जिससे नया विमान टैक्सी-वे पर खड़ा रहा। इसके बाद यह फ्लाइट 6.13 बजे दिल्ली के लिए रवाना हुई। एयरपोर्ट निदेशक आर.के. पराशर ने कहा कि फ्लाइट की लेट लैंडिंग और एग्रन की उपलब्धता न होने के कारण यात्रियों को एक घंटे विमान में बैठना पड़ा। आगे ऐसी स्थिति न हो।



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THE PIONEER

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Man 'urinates' on co-passenger on Air India plane, apologises

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

In yet another case of in-flight inappropriate behaviour, an Air India passenger is said to have urinated on a fellow male passenger on Wednesday while travelling business class in an Air India Flight AI 2336 en route from Delhi to Bangkok.

According to sources, the victim is said to be a senior executive from a large company, and the erring passenger reportedly apologised for his action.

The latest case has revived memories of a similar incident that occurred in 2022 when Mumbai resident Shankar Mishra had allegedly urinated on an elderly co-passenger woman on a New York-Delhi Air India flight on November 26 that year.

In a statement, Air India said that an incident of "unruly passenger behaviour" was reported on its Delhi-Bangkok flight on April 9 and the matter was reported to authorities (DGCA).

Asked about the incident, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said his ministry will take note and speak to the airline. "If there is any wrongdoing, we will take necessary action," Naidu said on the sidelines of an event in the national capital.

The airline issued a statement confirming the incident and said that the crew followed all laid-down procedures. "Air India confirms that an incident of unruly passenger behaviour was reported to the cabin crew operating flight AI2336 from Delhi to Bangkok on April 9, 2025. The crew followed all laid-down procedures, and the matter report-

ed to the authorities," it said in the statement.

Air India said the accused was warned by the crew, and the victim — said to be an employee of a prominent multinational company — was assisted in taking up the grievance with Bangkok authorities.

"In addition to warning the unruly passenger, our crew offered to assist the aggrieved passenger to take up a grievance with authorities in Bangkok, which was declined at the time. The standing Independent Committee will be convened to assess the incident and determine the action, if any, to be taken against the unruly passenger. Air India continues to follow the SOPs as laid out by DGCA in such matters," the statement added.

On November 26, 2022, an inebriated Shankar Mishra urinated on the woman co-passenger on an Air India flight from New York to Delhi. Mishra worked as a vice president for Wells Fargo in India, a multinational financial services corporation headquartered in California.

Mishra was charged with sexual harassment and obscenity by Delhi Police in January 2023. After he was booked for the act, the airline barred him from flying for 30 days.

Ten days later, another similar episode was reported on a Paris-New Delhi flight, where a "drunk" male passenger allegedly urinated on a female passenger's blanket.

In June 2023, an Air India passenger on a Mumbai-Delhi flight was detained for allegedly defecating and urinating on the floor of the in-flight plane.



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PUNJAB KESARI

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इंडिगो बनी दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान एयरलाइन

देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो अमेरिका की डेल्टा एयरलाइन को पछाड़कर 23.24 अरब डॉलर के बाजार पूंजीकरण के साथ दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन बन गई है। इंडिगो का शेयर



बुधवार को उच्चतम स्तर 5265 रुपये पर पहुंच गया, जिसके कारण कंपनी का बाजार पूंजीकरण डेल्टा एयरलाइन के मार्केट कैप 23.18 अरब डॉलर से अधिक हो गया। हालांकि, यह बढ़त कुछ देर के लिए कयाम रही। कारोबार के अंत में इंडिगो का बाजार पूंजीकरण कम होकर 23.16 अरब डॉलर हो गया। आखिरी कारोबारी सत्र में इंडिगो का शेयर 5,149.9 रुपये पर बंद हुआ। इस साल की शुरुआत से अब तक इंडिगो का शेयर करीब 13 प्रतिशत का रिटर्न दे चुका है।



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महिंद्रा ने एयरबस के साथ मिलाया हाथ, एच130 हेलिकॉप्टर का होगा निर्माण

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): महिंद्रा एयरोस्पेस, एकलइंजन वाले एयरबस एच130 हेलिकॉप्टरों के लिए पञ्जालेज का निर्माण



करेगी। इसकी पहली यूनिट की आपूर्ति मार्च, 2027 तक लेने की उम्मीद है। यह भारत में स्वदेशी एयरोस्पेस विनिर्माण गतिविधियों के लिए एक बड़ा प्रोत्साहन होगा। आठ सीटों वाला एच130 एक लोकप्रिय हेलिकॉप्टर है जिसका उपयोग परिवहन, फ्लॉटिंग, चिकित्सा, निगमनी और निजी विमानन गतिविधियों के लिए किया जाता है। कंपनी को सालाना 60-70 एच130 के पञ्जालेज का उत्पादन करने की उम्मीद

है। इस मौके पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता केंद्रीय मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने की। उन्होंने कहा कि एच130

हेलिकॉप्टर के निर्माण और संयोजन के लिए हुआ यह अनुबंध एयरबस जैसी वैश्विक कंपनियों के भारतीय उद्योग की क्षमता में विश्वास का प्रमाण है।

इस सम्झौते के तहत, महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा एच130 हेलिकॉप्टर की मुख्य असेंबली का उत्पादन करेगी, जिसे यूरोप में एयरबस हेलिकॉप्टर की सुविधाओं में भेजा जाएगा। महिंद्रा एयरोस्पेस के अनुसार, पहली केबिन असेंबली साल 2027 के मार्च महीने तक डिलीवर होने वाली है।

AI Exp pilot, 36, lands flight at IGI, dies of cardiac arrest soon after

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An Air India Express pilot suffered a cardiac arrest at IGI Airport on Wednesday shortly after safely operating a flight from Srinagar and passed away. First officer Armaan, who was about 36 years of age and had recently got married, had operated the Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi flight on Wednesday. After landing in Delhi, he went to the aircraft lavatory where he vomited. He collapsed in the forward galley and was taken to the airport medical centre by cabin crew and ground staff. He was then taken to a private hospital in Vasant Kunj but could not be saved.

“We deeply regret the loss of a valued colleague due to a

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➤ Armaan had flown for less than 12 hrs in the past week



➤ Airline Pilots' Assn said there's an urgent need for transparent regulations that prioritise rest for pilots

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medical condition. Our thoughts are with the family during this time of profound grief. We are extending all possible assistance to them as we all cope with this tremendous loss,” an Air India Express spokesperson said.

► **Prioritise rest, P 6**

‘Need to prioritise rest for pilots’

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Armaan, who went by his first name only, had joined AI Express in 2023 from SpiceJet. He had flown for less than 12 hours in the last seven days, it is learned.

The Airline Pilots' Association of India said in a statement that there's an urgent need to put in place transparent regulations that prioritise rest for pilots, safety and humane scheduling practices. The association, which represents over 800 pilots of various Indian carriers, has stressed the need for having comprehensive mental health support systems within airline organisations and not merely as

checkboxes but as active, accessible, and stigma-free services. ALPA says the untimely death of captain Armaan's death raises troubling questions about pilot welfare, mental health, and working conditions in the Indian aviation industry.

While not linking Armaan's tragic death to fatigue, several pilots say they have for a long time been pleading for less strenuous working conditions in India. After a significant delay, slightly less strenuous flight duty time limitations (FDTL) rules — that govern key issues like how much a pilot can fly with what rest periods and limits on night flying — are set to be enforced from this summer.

Biz class flyer on AI flight urinates on co-passenger

New Delhi: A business class passenger seated in the second row of an Air India Airbus A320 flying from Delhi to Bangkok Wednesday urinated on a fellow traveller in the front row just before the aircraft landed, reviving unpleasant memories of the airline's first brush with 'peegate' onboard a New York-Delhi flight in Nov 2022, reports **Saurabh Sinha**.

AI barred the alleged offender from taking any of its flights for 30 days, pending further action to be decided by a panel. Sources said the passenger, like many others on the flight, had had alcohol served as part of routine cabin services for international flights, "but was not sloshed". Cabin

BARRED FOR A MONTH

► AI-2336 took off from Delhi after 2am. Incident happened nearly 4 hrs later, **just before landing** in Bangkok. Pending further action, flyer barred from AI flights for 30 days

► All aircraft lavatories were **functional** and offending **passenger was warned**, AI said

► 'Original' peegate incident of Nov 2022, too, involved a business class passenger. He was later **arrested and lost his corporate job**

crew provided "assistance" to the victim, who purportedly declined to file a complaint after the offender apologised and was shifted to another seat.

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Crew offered to help aggrieved pax

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Air India confirms that an incident of unruly passenger behaviour was reported to the cabin crew operating flight AI-2336, from Delhi to Bangkok, on April 9, "an Air India spokesperson said. "The aircraft lavatories were functional. In addition to warning the unruly passenger, our crew offered to assist an aggrieved passenger to take up a grievance with authorities in Bangkok, which was declined at the time," the spokesperson said.

"The standing independent committee will be convened to assess the incident and determine the action, if any, to be taken against the unruly passenger. AI continues to follow the standard operating procedures laid out by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in such matters." AI-2336 had taken off from Delhi a little after

2am and landed in Bangkok over four hours later.

The Nov 2022 incident, too, involved a business class passenger who urinated on an elderly lady in the same cabin class. On that occasion, the offender was first barred from flying AI for 30 days and then put on the no-fly list for another four months. Delhi Police lodged a case against him and he was arrested in Bengaluru. He later lost his corporate job.

Since that case, AI has become stricter with its liquor-service policy, with cabin crew trained to help them better recognise and manage possible cases of intoxication. Before the Nov 2022 'peegate', full-service Indian carriers that fly abroad like Air India, and previously the erstwhile Jet Airways, were more accommodating than their foreign counterparts when it came to meeting passengers' demands for drinks.