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Adverse weather conditions delay over 300 flights at Delhi airport

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Adverse weather conditions on Saturday resulted in more than 300 flights being delayed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital, which witnessed heavy rains.

According to data available on the flight tracking website [flightradar24.com](https://www.flightradar24.com), hundreds of flights were delayed due to rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms.

Earlier, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a rain alert for Delhi, warning of moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds across the national

capital. The department also issued key safety guidelines for citizens amid deteriorating weather conditions.

"Today, the skies turn moody, moderate rain, thunderstorms, and lightning are expected, accompanied by gusty winds (30-40 kmph) across parts of the city. This isn't just a forecast, it's a gentle reminder to care for one another. Drive cautiously — roads may be slippery. Secure loose items on balconies and rooftops. Avoid sheltering under trees during lightning. Stay tuned to IMD official weather updates," the IMD posted on the X social media platform.

The overnight and morning downpour severely disrupted normal life across Delhi-NCR. Waterlogging was reported in several areas, including Panchkuian Marg, Mathura Road, and Connaught Place, resulting in heavy traffic congestion and delays on major roads.

The rain not only caused chaos on the ground but also in the skies. In response to the weather-induced disruption, airlines issued travel advisories. IndiGo and SpiceJet took to X to warn passengers about the heavy rain and urged them to allow extra travel time and check flight statuses before heading to

the airport.

Air India also issued a cautionary message on X: "Rain may impact flight operations to and from Delhi today." It advised travellers to plan ahead due to anticipated traffic congestion in the city.

While Delhi Airport stated that operations remain "normal," it acknowledged that "several flights reported delays," and that teams are working to ensure a hassle-free journey for passengers.

The IMD has issued a red alert for the day, with more spells of moderate to heavy rain expected throughout the weekend. — IANS

गंदी सीट दी, इंडिगो पर 1.5 लाख का जुर्माना

सेवा में कमी का दोषी ठहराते हुए जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग ने दिया निर्देश

उपभोक्ता आयोग



संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली। प्रतिपाला हाइम कोर्ट स्थित उपभोक्ता फोरम ने महिला को गंदी और दागदार सीट उपलब्ध कराने के लिए इंडिगो एयरलाइंस को सेवा में कमी का दोषी ठहराया है।

फोरम ने बगैर को हुई अनुविध, दर्द और मानसिक पीड़ा के लिए 1.5 लाख रुपये का मुआवजा देने का निर्देश दिया है। जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग को अल्पकालीन और संस्थागत चोट निम्नो की ओर से दापर शिकायत पर मुकदमा दर्द रहे थे। आरोप था कि इस वर्ष दो अलग-अलग को जब वह बाहू से गई दिल्ली की यात्रा कर रही थीं, तो उन्हें असह्यकर, गंदी और दागदार सीट उपलब्ध कराई गई थी।

लिफ्टी ने आरोप लगाया कि इस मुद्दे पर उनकी शिकायत को खरिज कर दिए और असह्यकर तरीके से लिफ्टी को फोन का रजिस्ट्रार करते हुए एयरलाइंस ने कहा कि उन्होंने लिफ्टी को रजिस्ट्रार को रजिस्ट्रार में लिफ्टी और अलग सीट

कानूनी नोटिस का नहीं दिया था संतोषजनक जवाब प्राप्त करने के लिए। अंत में 27 दिसंबर, 2024 को टिकट एजेंसी से बाहू से दिल्ली के लिए 48,739 रुपये में इंडिगो टिकट बुक कराया था। दो अलग-अलग को जब वह इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में सवार हुईं। सीटें गंदी व असह्यकर गिलने पर एयरलाइंस को बताया गया। आरोप है कि उसने साफ सीटें देने में असमर्थता दिखाई। इंडिगो, एयरलाइंस ने शिकायतकर्ता को 14वीं रॉ में एक अलग सीट देने का वादा किया। इससे पहले लिए ईमानदारी से भरोसे भी गंधी। ऐसे में 13 अगस्त को शिकायतकर्ता ने एयरलाइंस को कानूनी नोटिस भेजा। संतोषजनक जवाब नहीं मिलने पर, उन्होंने जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग का रुका किया और खर्च मुआवजे की सुझा लाया।

उपभोक्ताओं की अपेक्षाओं और एयरलाइंस के संविदात्मक दायित्वों का सीधा उल्लंघन : आयोग

शिकायतकर्ता ने बताया कि उड़ान के दौरान अनुविध और भयानक परेशानी ने उन्हें कठोर मानसिक पीड़ा पहुंचाई। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्षेत्र में यात्रियों को दो रॉ खराब गुणवत्ता और हर्षितारक सेवा कायदा के समान है और सेवाओं की खर्च प्रकृति को दर्शाती है। आयोग ने कहा, गंधी बैठने की अवस्था उपभोक्ताओं की अपेक्षाओं और एयरलाइंस के संविदात्मक दायित्वों का सीधा उल्लंघन है। आयोग ने यह भी कहा कि न्यायिक उद्घरण आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार, भारत में प्रचलित कानूनी भी एयरलाइंस को एक समर्पित हेल्परलान नंबर के साथ एक उतरदायी और कार्यात्मक निवारण निवारण संघ प्रदान करना आवश्यक है, जो उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम 2019 के अनुक्रम है।

आवृत्त थी। उन्होंने स्पष्टता से यह दिल्ली तक की अपनी यात्रा पूरी की। ऐसे में फोरम ने अपने समक्ष प्रस्तुत सबूतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए अदालत में कहा कि लिफ्टी (इंडिगो) रजिस्ट्रार ने फनी का दोषी है। फोरम ने कहा कि जब तक उसे रॉ

अनुविध, दर्द और मानसिक पीड़ा का प्रदान है, उसे मुआवजा दिए जाना चाहिए। फोरम ने कहा कि हम लिफ्टी को उसे मानसिक पीड़ा, शारीरिक पीड़ा और अनुविध के लिए 1.5 लाख रुपये का मुआवजा देने का निर्देश देंगे।



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दिल्ली आने वाली एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के बाद चेन्नई डायवर्ट

नई दिल्ली। तिरुवनंतपुरम से दिल्ली जा रही एअर इंडिया की एक फ्लाइट रविवार शाम तकनीकी खराबी के कारण चेन्नई डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। एयरलाइन ने अपने बयान में कहा, रविवार को तिरुवनंतपुरम से दिल्ली जाने वाली एआई2455 के चालक दल ने रास्ते में मौसम की स्थिति और संदिग्ध तकनीकी खराबी के कारण एहतियातन विमान को चेन्नई डायवर्ट कर दिया।

एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि विमान चेन्नई में सुरक्षित उतर गया। यात्रियों को जल्द से जल्द उनके गंतव्य तक पहुंचाने के लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई है। यात्रियों के लिए हुई अमुविधा के लिए एयरलाइन ने खेद भी व्यक्त किया है। एयरलाइन ने यात्रियों की संख्या के बारे में जानकारी नहीं दी। ए.जी.सी.

देहरादून जा रहे विमान में तकनीकी गड़बड़ी, रनवे से लौटा

लखनऊ। लखनऊ से देहरादून जा रहे इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के विमान में शनिवार को तकनीकी गड़बड़ी आने पर उसे रनवे से वापस लौटना पड़ा। विमान में गड़बड़ी ठीक कर दो घंटे बाद रवाना किया गया। इसमें 158 यात्री व कू सदस्य थे। देरी की वजह से यात्री परेशान हुए। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-515 लखनऊ से सुबह 8:55 पर रवाना होकर सुबह 10:15 बजे देहरादून पहुंचती है।

शनिवार को चीफरी चरण सिंह अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर विमान की बोर्डिंग हो चुकी थी। विमान उड़ान भरने के लिए टैक्सी वे से रनवे पर जा रहा था तभी फायलट को विमान में तकनीकी गड़बड़ी महसूस हुई। उसने विमान रोक एयरलाइंस अधिकारियों व एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोलर को सूचना दी। तुरंत विमान को टैक्सी वे पर लाया गया। संवाद

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BUSINESS LINE

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Airlines line up premium products to lure Indian travellers

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Mumbai

Airlines are investing in new products and amenities as demand for premium travel continues to rise, led by the leisure segment. While British Airways is re-introducing first class cabin on London-Mumbai route from October 25, Emirates opened an upgraded check-in area at Dubai airport last month. This allows first class and top tier loyalty customers to check-in through iPads while seated on sofas or plush armchairs.

On-board experience on Emirates aircraft was enhanced in May with a new collection of wines, cheese and unlimited caviar for first class customers.

"India is a major market for us in the Asia-Pacific region, exhibiting strong and growing demand for business and first class travel. Rapid economic growth,



UNLIMITED LUXURY. Asia-Pacific region showed the fastest growth in premium passenger traffic at 22.8 per cent

rising affluence and growing corporate traveller base in India position it as one of the most dynamic sources of premium travel demand in the region," said Emirates.

Malaysia Airlines sees a load factor of 90 per cent in its business class cabins for flights from/to India with passengers connecting onward to Bali, Australia and New Zealand, said Captain Izhah bin Ismail, Group Managing Director of the

Malaysia Aviation Group.

ADDING AMENITY KITS

Malaysia Airlines plans to launch amenity kits for its business class customers by early next year, and introduce lie flat beds in Boeing 737 Max aircraft when they enter service in 2028.

"Our objective is to give customers the same experience in their entire journey from India to Australia," said Ismail. Other airlines are

sprucing up their fleets, too. Last month, the first of Air India's 26 Boeing 787 aircraft flew to the US for a retrofit for new seats and in-flight entertainment systems. The retrofit of 27 Airbus A320 aircraft is progressing well, and 14 of them have returned to service, the airline's Managing Director and CEO Campbell Wilson informed staff on Friday.

Singapore Airlines is spending \$835 million to install premium products on its long-haul Airbus aircraft. This will include the introduction of first class cabins on seven of its Airbus A350 aircraft from 2027.

PREMIUM TRAVEL RISES

The initiatives come amid a surge in premium travel, led by the leisure segment. Strong demand, coupled with aircraft delivery delays, has pushed up fares. Business class air fares are rising faster than ever, up 18.2 per cent in US dollar terms com-

pared to 2024, according to Julius Baer Global Wealth and Lifestyle Report.

Last week, the International Air Transport Association revealed that international first class and business class travel grew 11.8 per cent in 2024, outpacing the 11.5 per cent growth in economy travel.

The Asia-Pacific region showed the fastest growth among all regions with 22.8 per cent rise in premium passenger traffic. Globally, the total number of international premium-class travellers in 2024 was 116.9 million (6 per cent of total international passengers). "We're seeing strong and growing demand for premium experiences from our Indian customers across leisure and corporate segments, with travellers preferring our non-stop flights and fully flat beds in business class," said Cam Wallace, CEO of International Business, Qantas.

AIR CONNECTIVITY

Odisha embarks on a 'flying mission'

FLIGHT PLAN. From building more airports to funding airlines to land in them, the State is jump-starting its aviation sector

Arush Prabhu

IndiaOne Air's Bhubaneswar-Jeypore flight, completed three years on July 3, marking a milestone for India's regional air connectivity scheme.

The flight route cut travel time and improved access to the tribal-dominated mineral-rich Koraput district in South Odisha, but the success of the service was not without its share of struggles.

High operating costs, rough weather conditions and limited availability of Cessna Grand Caravan aircraft pilots and engineers dogged IndiaOne Air's operations. The discontinuation of the central viability gap funding for the route (as per prevailing norms) is another worry. Now, the Odisha government has promised support to ensure continued operations.

"We are grateful for Odisha government's timely support. Recognising our role as the lifeline of the Koraput region, the State government stepped in to provide financial support for sustained operations and to keep fares affordable," IndiaOne Air CEO Pratik Garg wrote in a LinkedIn post.

According to Garg, the airline has operated 4,530 flights to Jeypore and flown over 32,000 passengers till date. The flight service has made it possible to travel from Jeypore to Bhubaneswar and Jeypore to Visakhapatnam in 90 minutes and 40 minutes, respectively. A road journey, in comparison, takes 8-12 hours.

TAKING THE LEAD

While Odisha is not the only State to offer financial incentives to airlines (Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, too, offer viability gap funding under State policies), it has clearly taken the lead in the development of its aviation sector. The State has launched the B-SAAN (Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network) programme with a budgetary outlay of ₹52 crore.

The focus is on the construction/supgradation of airports, financial assistance to airlines for new routes, and capacity building and skilling.

Aside from promoting small aircraft operations, the Odisha government is running a new destination policy (NDP).



LOOK EAST. IndiaOne Air's services have improved access to the tribal-dominated mineral-rich Koraput district in South Odisha.

to encourage airlines to open new routes or to restore old connections. The policy was approved by the State Cabinet last October, and it offers financial support of ₹5-10 lakh to airlines for domestic and international flights on a per return trip basis.

Odisha's NDP replaced an existing viability gap funding scheme for international routes that had both bidding and direct fare cap components.

So far, 15 routes operated by Air India Regional, IndiGo and Star Air have been selected for financial assistance under the NDP, and this has enabled new flights from Bhubaneswar and Bargarh to various parts of the country. IndiGo's new service to Abu Dhabi, which began in June, has also been selected for assistance.

TRAFFIC GROWTH

"The new destination policy gives airlines flexibility to set the ticket price. There is no fare cap and it is a purely commercial operation," said Usha Pathak, Principal Secretary (commerce and transport), Odisha government.

The scheme has an exclusivity clause, which means only one airline receives the

financial assistance for a specific route. The assistance is offered for six months and may be extended for another six months, based on the route's performance.

"Our expectation is that loads of new routes will pick up and become viable on their own in a year," Pathak said.

"We are in discussions with all airlines. We are keen for the restoration of flights to Surat. Air India Express is planning to start flights to Gaya during the winter schedule. Gaya receives a lot of tourists from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Southeast Asia during winter, and the new service will help tourism in Odisha," she added.

"The NDP is contributing to traffic growth, with Bhubaneswar airport registering 22 per cent growth in traffic during the April-June period on a year-on-year basis. In total 2025, the traffic growth was 5.2 per cent.

INTRA-STATE ROUTES

Airlines have welcomed the initiative and are positive about growing their network from Odisha.

"Star Air is very optimistic about its operations in Odisha. Our current routes from Bargarh to Raipur, Lucknow and

Hyderabad have seen an encouraging response, reaffirming the growing demand for regional connectivity in the State," said Shilpa Bhatta, Chief Commercial and Marketing Officer, Star Air.

"We are now strengthening our Odisha presence by launching a direct service between Bargarh and Bhubaneswar from August 16. This intra-State route will not only enhance regional accessibility but also support economic and cultural ties within Odisha. We continue to assess opportunities for further expansion in the State, based on passenger demand and network viability," Bhatta added.

"What Odisha is doing could be the way forward for intra-State connectivity and, in some cases, inter-State connectivity, as well. Rather than relying on the airline-driven UDAN (regional connectivity) scheme, the airport-driven scheme will see more routes and airports being operational," said Anura Joshi, Founder of aviation blog Network Thoughts.

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Air India to upgrade avionics of Dreamliners

New Delhi: Air India on Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of its 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner to reduce operational disruptions. Under the \$400 million fleet retrofit programme announced in December 2022, the airline has now started the retrofit of the first legacy Dreamliner. The airline has faced operational issues with some of its planes, including the Dreamliner. »



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HYDERABAD

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Mumbai airport hit by glitch

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Following a third-party data network outage that disrupted check-in systems, flight operations at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport were affected on Saturday.

The airport authorities stated they had activated "contingency measures" and were operating in "manual mode" to minimise disruptions.

The outage, being related to a third-party network, caused operational disruptions for several airlines operating from Mumbai.

While most systems have been restored, the cascading delays could affect connecting flights and schedules for the rest of the day.

Air India also acknowledged the network failure and warned passengers of potential flight delays.



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तिरुअनंतपुरम से दिल्ली आ रहे एअर इंडिया के विमान की आपात लैंडिंग

चेन्नई, आइएनएस : तिरुअनंतपुरम से दिल्ली आ रहे एअर इंडिया की उड़ान की रीब्रकर देर रात चेन्नई हवाईअड्डे पर आपातकालीन लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी। विमान में तकनीकी समस्या के बाद उसे चेन्नई ले जाने का फैसला लिया गया। बताया जाता है कि उड़ान में समस्या आ गई थी। विमान में पांच घण्टों समेत बर्बादी या चालक दल के सदस्य थे। एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि विमान की चेन्नई में सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हुई।

तिरुअनंतपुरम से उड़ान भरने वाली उड़ान संख्या एअर 2455 में केरल के थार सेंटर - कर्नाटक महानगरीय केरी, चेन्नूगोपाल, यूटोरक संयोजक अदूर प्रकाश, वरिष्ठ कर्मिता नेता कोटिमुन्निल सुरेश और के राजकृष्णन के साथ लंबिलनडू के खंडर खर्त भी सवार थे। लैंडिंग के बाद मीडियाकर्मियों से बात करते हुए, चेन्नूगोपाल ने इस घटना को "एक बड़ी दुर्घटना से बाल-बाल बचने" जैसा बताया। टाया किया, विमान में उड़ान संबंधी समस्या थी, जिसके कारण चालक दल को आपातकालीन लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी। लैंडिंग से पहले हम लगभग एक घंटा इस विमान तक हवा में थे। मैंने नगरिक दुर्घटन महानिदेशक (डीजीसीए) को घबरेले की

रतन टाटा होते तो परेशान न होते एअर 171 विमान हादसे के पीड़ित : एंड्रयूज अहमदाबाद, एनआर : एअर अहमदाबाद हवाई के 65 पीडित परिवारों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले अमेरिषी अटार्नी (वकील) माइक एंड्रयूज ने मुंबईका लिए जाने में ही रही देरी पर सवाल उठाया है। पहा कि टाटा समूह के पूर्व अध्यक्ष रान टाटा लैंडिंग होते तो विमान दुर्घटना के पीड़ितों को परेशानी नहीं होती। बता दें कि 12 जून को बेंगलूर 787-8 विमान अहमदाबाद में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया, जिसमें 260 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी।

जानकारी दे दी है। एक बाजी ने बताया कि जैसे ही विमान लैंडिंग के लिए पहुंचा, रनवे पर एक अन्य विमान मौजूद था, जिससे संभावित रूप से खतरनाक स्थिति धन गई। अदूर प्रकाश के अनुसार, पावतर्ती को लैंडिंग रद्द करने का आग्रह निर्णय लेना पड़ा। उन्होंने कहा, हम लैंडिंग करने ही वाले थे कि तभी हमने रनवे पर एक और विमान देखा। विमान तुरंत ऊपर चढ़ा और आगे बढ़े तक चक्कर लगाते रहे, फिर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की।

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DAINIK JAGRAN

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हवाई सीमा बंद करने से पाक को लगी 1240 करोड़ की चपत

इस्लामाबाद, एएनआइ: भारत के लिए अपनी हवाई सीमा बंद करने की वजह से पाकिस्तान को केवल दो महीने में 1240 करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हुआ है। पाकिस्तान के रक्षा मंत्रालय ने संसद में इस बाबत रिपोर्ट भी साझा की है। हालांकि रक्षा मंत्रालय ने ये कहते हुए मामले को हल्का करने की कोशिश की कि संप्रभुता और राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के मामले हमेशा आर्थिक हितों के ऊपर होते हैं। ये राजस्व का नुकसान है, वित्तीय घाटा नहीं।

पाकिस्तान एअरपोर्ट्स अथॉरिटी के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक सामान्य परिस्थितियों में प्रतिदिन 100-150 भारतीय विमान पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र के ऊपर से उड़ान भरते हैं। भारतीय विमानों की उड़ान पर रोक के चलते पाकिस्तान के ट्रांजिट एअर ट्रैफिक में 20 प्रतिशत की



गिरावट दर्ज की गई। पाकिस्तान रक्षा मंत्रालय ने वित्तीय झटके की बात स्वीकार की है, लेकिन एअर स्पेस बंद करने के अपने कदम को जायज ठहराने की कोशिश की। मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक पाकिस्तान को अपने एअर स्पेस से 2019 में प्रतिदिन पांच लाख डॉलर की कमाई हुई थी, जबकि साल 2025 में अब तक साढ़े सात लाख डॉलर की कमाई हुई है।

भारत का प्रतिबंध हटाने पर

- पाकिस्तान रक्षा मंत्रालय ने संसद में रखी रिपोर्ट, प्रतिबंध को उचित ठहराने की कोशिश
- सामान्य हालात में पाकिस्तान के ऊपर से रोज उड़ान भरते हैं 100-150 भारतीय विमान

अभी फैसला नहीं: गौरतलब है कि पहलवाम में आतंकी हमले में 26 लोगों के मारे जाने के बाद भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव बढ़ा था। इसके बाद भारत ने सिंधु जल समझौता निलंबित कर दिया था, जवाब में पाकिस्तान ने भारतीय विमानों के लिए अपने हवाई क्षेत्र से गुजरने पर रोक लगा दी थी। जवाब में भारत ने भी पाकिस्तानी विमानों के अपने हवाई क्षेत्र से उड़ान भरने पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया था।

पाक सेना अध्यक्ष मुनीर दूसरी बार अमेरिका पहुंचे

इस्लामाबाद, प्रेड: पाकिस्तान सेना अध्यक्ष असीम मुनीर ने भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच छिड़ी चार दिन की जग के बाद से दूसरी बार अमेरिका का दौरा किया और वहां के शीर्ष राजनीतिक और सैन्य नेताओं से मुलाकात की है। पाकिस्तान सेना की तरफ से जारी बयान के मुताबिक सेनाध्यक्ष का ये आधिकारिक दौरा है। हालांकि कोई जानकारी साझा नहीं की गई है कि वह कब तक अमेरिका में रुकेंगे। उन्होंने पाकिस्तानी प्रवासियों से भी मुलाकात की है। इससे पहले जून में उन्होंने पांच दिन की अमेरिका यात्रा की थी।



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Brookfield Buys Jet Air's Office Space in Mumbai for ₹370 crore

Kailash Babar

Mumbai: Global alternative investment major Brookfield Asset Management has acquired an additional office floor in commercial tower Godrej BKC in Mumbai's business district of Bandra-Kurla Complex for ₹370.2 crore, said people with direct knowledge of the development. The office space, owned by Jet Airways, was put on sale by the bankrupt airline's liquidator.

Bank of Baroda had initially emerged as the highest bidder, but Brookfield exercised its right of first refusal to match the bid and secure the asset. Godrej BKC was developed jointly by Godrej Properties and Jet Airways.

With this purchase, Brookfield's presence in the 19-storey premium commercial tower now spans about 250,000 sq ft across three contiguous floors, along with exclusive parking rights. The deal also transfers Jet Airways' seat on the building's management board to Brookfield, giving it a greater say in operational and strategic matters concerning the property.





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Air India's Long-haul Fleet Upgradation to Get Delayed Further

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The refurbishment of Air India's long-haul fleet has been delayed and is now expected to be completed by the end of 2028, a year later than planned under its original five-year transformation plan, the Tata group airline said on Sunday.

The first of the 39 aircraft—a Boeing 787—was sent to a facility in California last month. It is expected to return to service in December, instead of October as previously announced.

Cabin upgrade is a crucial part of the \$400-million five-year transformation programme the Tata Group had announced in 2022 to convert the debt-laden airline into a world-class airline.

However, the timeline to begin the programme has been revised twice—first from the second half of 2024 to April this year and then to June—largely due to supply chain bottlenecks, and issues with seat manufacturers who are facing certification delays from regulators and manpower shortage.

Refurbishment of Air India's 25 Boeing 787 aircraft will be completed by mid-2027.

The work on the Boeing 777 fleet will start in 2027.

Additionally, the airline will upgrade avionics and other critical components of the 26 legacy B787-8s to improve reliability.



First of the 39 aircraft—a Boeing 787—was sent to a facility in California last month

This involves analysing maintenance and configuration records and implementing modifications recommended by Boeing's service bulletins.

Air India's engineering and safety practices have come under regulatory scrutiny following the crash

of a Boeing 787 aircraft in June, killing 241 on board and 19 on the ground.

The airline has been put on notice by civil aviation regulator DGCA for operating aircraft fitted with components that were beyond their permitted life.

The retrofitting programme for its 27 legacy Airbus A320neo aircraft, which began in September 2024, is "progressing as scheduled" with completion due in September 2025, the airline said.

Upcoming Jewar airport triggers a land rush, and a rise in scams

NEETIKA JHA
Jewar, August 10

ON DECEMBER 6, 2023, Gaurav Sharma, a 40-year-old resident of Noida's Sector 49, filed a police complaint alleging that he, along with three of his business associates, had been duped by a group of 15 people who claimed to own a large parcel of agricultural land near the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh.

The previous year in January, Gaurav, who runs a consultancy in Noida, and his partners, Gopesh Rohtagi, Yatish Aggarwal and Shilpi Aggarwal, had met Noida-based property dealers Sachin Bhati and Ravinder Sharma, who allegedly told them that 200 hectares of agricultural land near the airport was up for sale. "Given the proximity to the upcoming airport, we thought it was a good deal since prices were bound to shoot up," Gaurav said.

"They told us a part of this land belonged to some farmers



A scam victim points to land 'sold' to him in Aligarh's Goraula village, 33 km from Jewar airport

EXPRESS PHOTO

but that would not be an issue. Between March 2022 and July 2022, they pretended to register around 24 land deals in our names. But in September that year, when we asked them to get our names on the revenue records, they started making excuses. By then, we had already paid them over ₹24 crore, half of the amount we had fixed. We then decided to see the land. It

never existed," says Gaurav.

The mastermind of the scam, Ravinder Sharma, was arrested by the central Noida Police on July 20, 2025.

Part of the NCR, Jewar, riding on the real estate boom that has accompanied the construction of the new airport, has in the last few years witnessed a spike in land sales — and with it, a rise in cases of real estate fraud.

Greater Noida deputy commissioner of Police Saad Miya Khan said that in the last two years alone, they had registered at least 20 cases against those involved in fraudulent land deals. "On an average, there is one FIR registered every month of people being duped in the name of buying property near the airport," said Khan.

Police in Gautam Buddha Nagar, of which Jewar is a part, say each of these cases is an elaborate act of fraud involving everything from fake plots to doctored maps and the same plot being sold to multiple people.

"Ravinder Sharma and the others told us they had links with some political families. We believed them. It was so well planned that everything they said appeared to be true. Everything was fake — from registration and bank documents to the 'farmers' and 'lawyers' who they produced before us," says Gaurav.



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Air India starts \$400-million upgrade of Dreamliners

AIR INDIA ON Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of its 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner aircraft to reduce operational disruptions as well as improve overall reliability.

Air India's Dreamliners — 26 legacy 787-8s and seven 787-9s — had undergone checks, including that of fuel switches, after the fatal crash of a London Gatwick-bound 787-8 plane soon after take off from Ahmedabad that killed 260 people on June 12.

Under the \$400-million fleet retrofit programme announced in December 2022, the Tata Group-owned airline has now started the retrofit of the first legacy Dreamliner, which was flown to a Boeing facility in Victorville, California in July 2025.

"A second aircraft is scheduled to depart for the same facility in October 2025, with both expected to return to service in December 2025," the carrier said on Sunday. —PTI



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HARI BHUMI

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'फ्रीडम सेल' में 1,279 रुपए में करें हवाई सफर

नई दिल्ली। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस
ने रविवार को भारत के 79वें
स्वतंत्रता दिवस के मौके पर



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AIR INDIA TO UPGRADE ITS 26 DREAMLINERS FOR BETTER RELIABILITY

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NEW DELHI: Air India on Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of its 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner aircraft to reduce operational disruptions as well as improve overall reliability.

When Air India had announced the retrofit programme in December 2022, the airline had 37 legacy B787-8 in the fleet. It lost one in the Ahmedabad flight crash in June, reducing the fleet size to 26.

"As part of a Reliability Enhancement Programme, Air India will be upgrading the avionics and other critical components of the 26 legacy B787-8 aircraft up to the latest industry standards, thus improving their reliability," a statement from the airline read on Sunday.

"The programme entails the analysis of maintenance and configuration records for these aircraft, followed by the implementation of recommended modifications based on Boeing's service information bulletins," it said.

"This is intended to reduce operational disruptions for both Air India and its customers," the airline added.

Air India has commenced the widebody retrofit programme for its legacy B787-8 aircraft, with the first of 26 aircraft (VT-ANI) being flown on Boeing facility in Victorville, California (United States) last month.

"A second aircraft is scheduled to depart for the same facility in October 2025, with both expected to return to service in December 2025," the airline statement said.

In addition to this, Air India's seven of the 26 B787-8s will undergo heavy scheduled maintenance (D-checks) at Victorville (California), for the fleet's long-term operational excellence.

The airline claimed that the retrofit programme for B787-8s is on a steady schedule for completion by mid-2027 and it will introduce brand-new interiors featuring a three-class configuration with business class, premium economy, and economy class seats.

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MUMBAI

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Flier arriving from Bangkok caught at airport with smuggled wildlife, 1 dead

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MUMBAI: Despite various complaints by the Indian wildlife authorities, wildlife smuggling from Bangkok continues, as the Air Intelligence Unit of Mumbai Customs on Friday intercepted a passenger carrying live animals in their baggage.

The animals seized from the passenger include two Kinkajous (trade banned under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and Schedule IV of the amended Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972), two Pygmy Marmoset (trade banned under CITES and Schedule IV of the amended Wildlife (Protec-



50 Albino red-eared sliders (left) were carried in boxes littered with faecal material. One of the Kinkajous (right) died on Saturday.

tion) Act, 1972), and 50 Albino red-eared sliders (listed in CITES and Wildlife Protection Act, but trade was violation in CITES and policy), said a press note by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.



"Since all the species are not indigenous in nature, the live specimens should be deported back to the origin country, i.e. Thailand, for better survival on issuance of a Deportation Certifi-

cate from the Animal Quarantine Department," said Yogesh Warkad, deputy director of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.

Pawan Sharma, from the Resqink Association for Wildlife Welfare, said one Kinkajou died on Saturday evening as the passenger carried the animals in a small box. "We are stabilising these animals in our centre. The albino red-eared sliders were brought in two small boxes. They have a primary infection and faecal material strewn in the box they were carried in."

In July, Warkad said smugglers chose air route as it is quick and if animals are sent by sea, it may not be possible to feed them.



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Air India to upgrade components of Dreamliners

New Delhi: Air India on Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of its 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner aircraft to reduce operational disruptions as well as improve overall reliability. Air India's Dreamliners — 26 legacy 787-8s and seven 787-9s — had undergone checks after the fatal crash of a London Gatwick-bound 787-8 plane in Ahmedabad on June 12. Under the \$400 million fleet retrofit programme announced in December 2022, the airline has now started the retrofit of the first legacy Dreamliner, which was flown to a Boeing facility in California in July 2025. **PTI**



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Air India to upgrade Dreamliner critical parts

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Air India on Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of its 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner aircraft to reduce operational disruptions and to improve overall reliability.

In recent times, the airline has faced operational issues with some of its planes, including the Dreamliner.

Air India's Dreamliners—26 legacy 787-8s and seven 787-9s—had undergone checks, including that of fuel switches, after the fatal crash of a London Gatwick bound 787-9 plane soon after take-off from Manchester that killed 290 people on 12 June.

Under the \$400 million fleet retrofit programme announced in December 2023, the Tata group-owned airline has now started the retrofit of the first legacy Dreamliner, which was flown to a Boeing facility in Visalia, California in July this year.

"A second aircraft is scheduled to depart for the same facility in October 2025, with both expected to return to service in December 2025," the carrier said in a statement on Sunday.

As part of a reliability enhancement programme, the airline said it will be upgrading the avionics and other critical components of the 26 legacy B787-8s according to the latest industry standards, thus improving their reliability.

Additionally, the airline said seven of the 26 B787-8s will undergo heavy, scheduled maintenance (H-check) at Visalia, ensuring the fleet's long-term operational excellence.

The retrofit of the legacy Dreamliners is expected to be completed by mid-2027.



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AI to upgrade critical components avionics, of Dreamliners to reduce operational issues

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"This is intended to reduce operational disruptions for both Air India and its customers," the statement said.

Additionally, the airline

said seven of the 26 B787-8s will undergo heavy, scheduled maintenance (D-checks) at Victorville, ensuring the fleet's long-term operational excellence.

The retrofit of the legacy Dreamliners is expected to be completed by mid-2027 and the retrofitted planes will have a three-class configuration -- Business, Premium Economy and Economy Class seats.

"Starting in early 2027, Air India will additionally retrofit 13 of its legacy Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, aiming for completion by October 2028, with the timeline having shifted due to supply chain delays," the statement said.

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HABITAT CONCERNS

Grrr... India's Asiatic lion population jumps 32% in five years

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INDIA'S Asiatic lion population has grown from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, a 32.2% increase, per the 16th Lion Population Estimation report released on Sunday. This conservation success is tempered by concerns, as most lions now live near human settlements, altering their natural hunting instincts and increasing reliance on livestock or human-provided food.

Asiatic lions are exclusively found in Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat.

Data analysed by experts re-

veal only 20% of lions reside in the 258 sq. km core area of Gir National Park (GNP), Gujarat, where they can prey on wild animals. The park, with its buffer zone, spans over 1,400 sq. km. A senior Gujarat forest officer stated that the remaining lions, living near humans, "primarily prey on livestock or consume dead livestock that humans dispose of."

This proximity is troubling for locals. A June 2025 study by the Wildlife Institute of India, Gujarat Forest Department,



Macalester College (USA), and NCBS (Bangalore) found lion attacks on livestock rising by 10% annually, with livestock losses per village up by 15% yearly. Human attacks, averaging 21 per year, show no significant increase. "Lions receive food from locals and share space with them, while local communities benefit from enhanced livelihoods through tourism," said Yadvendra Dev V. Jhala, a study author and former WII chief.

To accommodate the growing population, the government ex-



Asiatic lions at Gir National Park in Gujarat. A recent study found that Asiatic lion attacks on livestock near Gir have increased by 10% per year | [ANI](#)

panded the lions' habitat to 30,000 sq. km, designating Barda in Porbandar as a secondary sanctuary. GNP hosts 15 lions per 100 sq. km, but outside, the density drops to three per 100 sq. km. "Populations are sparse outside the forest, making them more habituated to living near humans. This may change their natural behaviours," officials noted.

Officials questioned why lions, like tigers requiring 700-1,000 sq. km of human-free habitat under the Wildlife Protection Act, aren't given similar protected spaces.



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AIR INDIA SET TO UPGRADE ITS DREAMLINER FLEET

Air India's move to upgrade its 26 Dreamliners is to reduce operational disruptions and better overall reliability

190 | NARROW-BODY AND WIDE-BODY PLANES ARE PART OF AIR INDIA'S FLEET

FIRST AIRCRAFT IN CALIFORNIA FOR UPGRADE

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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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गंदी सीटें दीं, इंडिगो पर 1.75 लाख का जुर्माना

■ NBT रिपोर्ट

दिल्ली की डिस्ट्रिक्ट कॉन्स्यूमर डिस्प्यूट्स रिट्रेसल कमीशन ने इंडिगो एयरलाइंस को गंदी सीटें देने के मामले में सेवा में कमी (Deficiency in service) का दोषी पाया है और 1.75 लाख रुपये का

25 हजार रुपये मुकदमे का खर्च के रूप में देना होगा

मुआवजा देने का आदेश दिया है। TOI की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, कमीशन की अध्यक्ष पूनम चौधरी और सदस्य बारीक अहमद और

शेखर चंद्रा की बेंच ने 18 जुलाई को कहा कि गंदे बैठने की व्यवस्था ग्राहकों की उम्मीदों और एयरलाइन के कॉन्ट्रैक्ट का उल्लंघन है। एयरलाइन पर 1.5 लाख रुपये मानसिक पीड़ा, शारीरिक असुविधा और उन्बैडन के लिए और 25,000 रुपये मुकदमेबाजी के खर्च के लिए जुर्माना लगाया गया।

क्या है मामला : दिल्ली निवासी



पिकी ने पति और परिवार के 2 अन्य सदस्यों के साथ 27 दिसंबर 2024 को बकू से दिल्ली आने के लिए 48,739 रुपये में टिकट खरीदी। फ्लाइट में बैठने पर सीटें गंदी और अस्वच्छ मिलीं। एयर होस्टेस ने साफ सीटें देने में असमर्थता जताई, लेकिन 14वीं पंक्ति में अलग सीटें ऑफर कीं और माफ़ी मांगी। 13 जनवरी को पिकी ने एयरलाइन को लीगल नोटिस भेजा, लेकिन संतोषजनक जवाब न मिलने पर उन्होंने कमीशन का रुख किया। एयरलाइन ने कहा, मुद्दा तुरंत सुलझा लिया गया और दूसरी सीटें दी गईं।



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एयर इंडिया बदलेगी ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों के महत्वपूर्ण कलपुर्जे

नई दिल्ली, 10 अगस्त (एजेंसी): एयर इंडिया ने रविवार को कहा कि वह परिचालन संबंधी व्यवधानों को कम करने के लिए अपने 26 पुराने बी787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणों और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण कलपुर्जों को बदलेगी। हाल के दिनों में, एयरलाइन को ड्रीमलाइनर सहित अपने कुछ विमानों में परिचालन संबंधी समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ा है। एयर इंडिया के ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों की जांच की गई, जिसमें ईंधन स्विच की जांच भी शामिल थी। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन ने पहले 'लीगेसी ड्रीमलाइनर' का नवीनीकरण शुरू किया है, जिसे जुलाई 2025 में कैलिफोर्निया के विक्टरविले स्थित बोइंग के एक संयंत्र में भेजा गया था। एयर इंडिया ने रविवार को एक बयान में कहा, 'एक दूसरा विमान अक्टूबर 2025 में उसी संयंत्र के लिए रखाना होने वाला है। दोनों के दिसम्बर 2025 में सेवा में वापस आने की उम्मीद है।'



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THE PIONEER

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Nightmarish crash; a new dream begins



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

Air India on Sunday said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of 26 legacy B787-8 Dreamliner aircraft to reduce operational

disruptions as well as improve overall reliability. In recent times, the airline faced operational issues with some of its planes, including the Dreamliner. Air India's Dreamliners, 26 legacy 787-8s and seven 787-9s, had under-

gone checks, including that of fuel switches, after the fatal crash of a London Gatwick-bound 787-8 plane, soon after takeoff from Ahmedabad that killed 260 people on June 12.

Under the \$400 million fleet retrofit programme

announced in December 2022, the Tata Group-owned airline started the retrofit of the first legacy Dreamliner, which was flown to a Boeing facility in Victorville, California, in July 2025. "A second aircraft is scheduled

to depart for the same facility in October 2025, with both expected to return to service in December 2025," the carrier said.

As part of a Reliability Enhancement Programme, the airline said it will upgrade the avionics and other critical components of the aircraft up to the latest industry standards, thus improving their reliability. "The programme entails the analysis of maintenance and configuration records for these aircraft, followed by the implementation of recommended modifications based on Boeing's service information bulletins. This is intended to reduce operational disruptions for both Air India and its customers," the statement said.

Additionally, the airline said seven of the 26 B787-8s will undergo heavy, scheduled maintenance (D-checks) at Victorville, ensuring the fleet's long-term operational excellence. The retrofit of the legacy Dreamliner is expect-

ed to be completed by mid-2027 and the retrofitted planes will have a three-class configuration, Business, Premium Economy and Economy Class seats.

"Starting in early 2027, Air India will additionally retrofit 13 of its legacy Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, aiming for completion by October 2028, with the timeline having shifted due to supply chain delays," the statement said.

Air India has around 190 narrow-body and wide-body planes. The airline's retrofit programme for 27 legacy A320neo aircraft that commenced last September is expected to be completed in September this year. So far, 16 A320neo aircraft have been retrofitted. Air India has decided to retrofit its 13 legacy A321XLR planes that were planned to be taken out of service.

With these initiatives, the airline hopes to calm down the nervous flyers, policymakers and regulators.



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Pakistan loses \$14 Million from airspace ban on Indian flights

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ New Delhi

Pakistan has incurred losses of approximately \$14.39 million (₹4.1 billion) in just over two months following its decision to block Indian aircraft from using its airspace, according to figures presented in the National Assembly on Friday.

The figures, reported by Dawn, cover the period from April 24 to June 30, 2025, and stem from a retaliatory ban

imposed one day after India unilaterally suspended the Indus Waters Treaty.

In response, Islamabad barred all Indian-owned, operated, or leased aircraft from overflying its territory — a move that impacted 100 to 150 Indian flights daily and reduced overall overflight traffic by nearly 20 per cent.

Revenue Dip from Overflight Fees: While the ₹4.1 billion loss is significant, officials clarified that it reflects only the lost over-

flight fees — the charges airlines pay to fly through Pakistan's airspace — not the total income of the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA).

An earlier estimate had pegged the figure at ₹8.5 billion, but that was revised following a more detailed audit. Despite not increasing its charges, the PAA had seen rising overflight revenue over recent years — from \$508,000 per day in 2019 to \$760,000 per day in 2025.

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Addressing the economic hit, the Ministry of Defence told parliament that national security overrides commercial considerations.

"When safeguarding sovereignty and security, no price is too high," the ministry said, emphasising that airspace closures are implemented by the federal Government and communicated through NOTAMS (Notices to Airmen).

This isn't the first time tensions have impacted regional aviation. A similar airspace restriction following the 2019 border clashes led to losses of Rs 7.6 billion (\$54 million) — though initial estimates then had ballooned to \$100 million, later deemed inflated.

As of now, Pakistan's airspace remains closed to all Indian carriers though open to other international airlines. The restriction has been extended twice and is expected to stay in effect until at least the final week of August.

India, for its part, continues to enforce a reciprocal ban on Pakistani airlines, maintaining the tit-for-tat standoff that has now entered its fourth month.

यात्री को दी गंदी और बदबूदार सीट तो इंडिगो एयरलाइंस पर लगा डेढ़ लाख का हर्जाना

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): हवाई यात्रा का पूरा किराया देने के बाद भी यात्री को इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट में सुखद यात्रा का अनुभव नहीं मिल सका। अपनी हवाई यात्रा के दौरान इंडिगो द्वारा यात्री को गंदी व बदबूदार सीट दी गई जिससे उसका पूरा सफर एक बुरा सपना बनकर रह गया। इस घटना को 'सेवा में कमी' का गंभीर मामला मानते हुए जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग ने इंडिगो एयरलाइंस को एक डेढ़ लाख रुपये का हर्जाना देने का आदेश दिया है। साथ ही आयोग ने सेवा प्रदाता कंपनी इंडिगो को लॉटियेशन फीस के रूप में यात्री को अलग से 25 हजार रुपये भी देने का आदेश दिया है। इतना ही नहीं आयोग ने अपने आदेश में कंपनी को चार सप्ताह के भीतर वादी को हर्जाने की राकम का भुगतान करने को कहा है। ऐसा न करने पर प्रतिवादी एयरलाइंस

कंपनी को 9 प्रतिशत सालाना ब्याज के साथ हर्जाने की राकम वादी को देनी होगी। अध्यक्ष पूनम चौधरी की अध्यक्षता वाली नई दिल्ली जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग की पीठ ने इंडिगो एयरलाइंस द्वारा यात्री को असुव्यक्त और बदबूदार सीट देने का दोषी ठहराते हुए कहा कि एक एयरलाइंस से न्यूनतम स्वच्छता और सफाई के मानक बनाए रखने की अपेक्षा की जाती है। अध्यक्ष पूनम चौधरी, सदस्य बारीक अहमद और सदस्य शेखर चंद्र की पीठ ने कहा कि गंदी सीटें उपभोक्ता की अपेक्षाओं और एयरलाइंस के संविदात्मक दायित्वों का सीधा उल्लंघन हैं। ऐसे में उपभोक्ता को यात्रा के दौरान जो असुविधा हुई, दर्द व मानसिक पीड़ा सहनी पड़ी है, उसके लिए उसे मुआवजा दिया जाना चाहिए। दरअसल पिंकी नामक युवती ने जनवरी 2025

में अजरवैजान की राजधानी बाकु से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट के लिए फ्लाइट ली। उसके साथ तीन सहयात्री और मौजूद थे। यात्रा के दौरान पिंकी ने अपनी सीट को

इनकार कर दिया फिर बाद में यात्री पिंकी को एक अन्य सीट दे दी गई। जिसके बाद शिकायतकर्ता ने अपने वकील के माध्यम से प्रतिवादी को जनवरी 2025 में

नई दिल्ली जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग ने एयरलाइंस को मान्य 'सेवा में कमी' का दोषी

महिला यात्री ने अजरवैजान की राजधानी बाकु से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट तक ली थी फ्लाइट



का फी गंदा व बदबूदार पाया जिसकी शिकायत उन्होंने एयरलाइंस स्टाफ से की लेकिन पहले तो स्टाफ ने सीट को गंदा मानने से

लीगल नोटिस भेजा और फिर नई दिल्ली जिला उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग में केस डाल दिया।



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ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों के अहम कलपुर्जे बदलेगी एयर इंडिया नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

एयर इंडिया ने रविवार को कहा कि वह परिचालन संबंधी व्यवधानों को कम करने के लिए अपने 26 पुराने बी787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणों और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण कलपुर्जों को बदलेगी।

हाल के दिनों में, एयरलाइन को ड्रीमलाइनर सहित अपने कुछ विमानों में परिचालन संबंधी समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ा है। एयर इंडिया के ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों की जांच की गई, जिसमें ईप्स स्विच की जांच भी शामिल थी। टाटा की इस एयरलाइन ने पहले 'लीगेसी ड्रीमलाइनर' का नवीनीकरण शुरू कर दिया है।



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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की 'फ्रीडम सेल' शुरू

कोविंद (भाषा)।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने रविवार को भारत के 79वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस के मौके पर 'फ्रीडम सेल' की घोषणा की है। इस सेल के तहत परेल्स और अंतरराष्ट्रीय मार्गों पर लगभग 50 लाख सीटें उपलब्ध होंगी,

■ 15 अगस्त तक दिल्ली सेल
■ परेल्स उड़ानों का किराया ₹1279 से शुरू होगा

जिनकी शुरुआत कीमत परेल्स उड़ानों के लिए 1,279 रुपये, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 4,279 रुपये है।

एयर एलएनए कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि इस सेल के तहत 19 अगस्त, 2025 से 31 मार्च, 2026 तक की यात्रा के लिए बुकिंग 15 अगस्त तक खुली है। बयान में कहा गया, 'परेल्स उड़ानों के लिए किराया 1,279 रुपये और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए 4,279 रुपये में शुरू हो रहा है।' यह सेल 10 अगस्त से केजल एयरलाइन्स कंपनी की वेबसाइट और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के ऐप पर उपलब्ध होगी। यहाँ, 11 से 15 अगस्त तक यह सभी प्रमुख बुकिंग प्लेटफॉर्म पर भी उपलब्ध होगी। इस पैकेज के तहत यात्रा 19 अगस्त, 2025 से 31 मार्च, 2026 तक की जा सकती है।'



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Air India starts widebody retrofit, speeds up narrowbody upgrades

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, 10 AUGUST

Air India on Monday began the retrofit of its widebody aircraft and is accelerating the retrofitting of its narrowbody fleet as part of a large-scale modernisation programme. The initiative is aimed at improving passenger comfort, enhancing operational efficiency and giving the airline's fleet a fresh, modern look.

The retrofit programme is a significant milestone in the airline's transformation plan.

The widebody upgrading will involve the fitting of new seats, improving in-flight entertainment systems, and enhancing overall design to meet global standards.

The narrowbody retrofit will focus on cabin improvements, including new seats and enhanced lighting systems, to ensure a more comfortable flying experience.

At the same time, Air India is pushing forward with the retrofitting of its narrowbody aircraft, upgrading the passenger cabin to meet global standards and ensuring a more comfortable flying experience.

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AI flight with 5 MPs makes emergency landing in Chennai

An Air India flight travelling from Thiruvananthapuram towards Delhi, carrying several senior MPs, was forced to make an emergency landing at Chennai airport late on Sunday, following a suspected radar malfunction. Flight AI 2455, which took off from Thiruvananthapuram, had among its passengers, four MPs from Kerala — Congress general secretary K C Venugopal, UDF convener Adoor Prakash, Congress veteran Kodikkunnil Suresh, and K Radhakrishnan — along with TN MP Robert Bruce. **P8**



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Delhi-bound AI flight diverted after 'snag'

New Delhi: An Air India plane flying from Thiruvananthapuram to Delhi was diverted to Chennai Sunday evening due to a technical issue, the airline said.

The flight AI2455, operated with an Airbus A320 aircraft, was airborne for more than two hours, according to information available on the flight tracking website Flightradar24.com.

"The flight crew of AI2455 operating from Thiruvananthapuram to Delhi on 10 August made a precautionary diversion to Chennai due to a suspected technical issue and given the weather conditions en route," the airline said in a statement.

Air India said the flight landed safely in Chennai, where the aircraft will undergo the necessary checks.

Alternative arrangements are being made to fly the passengers to their destinations at the earliest, Air India said. Details about the number of passengers were not available. PTI

AI widebody fleet upgrade delayed again, likely to be done by Oct 2028

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Air India's upgrade of its legacy widebody fleet has been delayed again. The airline now hopes to complete the task by Oct 2028, about a year longer than the five-year plan announced earlier. Supply chain constraints since Covid have delayed Tata's \$400 million fleet retrofit programme for "delivering a world class flying experience and enhancing operational reliability across its legacy fleet".

The airline said it had finally started the upgrade programme for its legacy widebody fleet with the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The work is now expected to finish by Oct 2028, "with the timeline having shifted due to supply chain delays".

In its last few cash-starved state-owned years, Air India had no funds for cabin maintenance or upkeep, and poor in-flight experience



SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS

on those planes remains among the biggest irritants for passengers on long-haul routes on which these aircraft are deployed.

"Air India has commenced the widebody retrofit programme for its legacy B787-8 aircraft, with the first of 26 aircraft (VT-ANT) having flown to a Boeing facility in Victorville, California, in July. A second aircraft is scheduled to depart for the same facility in Oct, with both expected to return to service in Dec. Retrofit programme

for Air India's B787-8s, now on a steady schedule for completion by mid-2027, will introduce brand-new interiors featuring a three-class configuration," the airline said in a statement.

Starting early 2027, the airline will additionally retrofit 13 of its legacy Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, aiming for completion by Oct 2028, with the timeline having shifted due to supply chain delays.

As part of a reliability enhancement programme, Air India said it would upgrade the avionics and other critical components of the 26 legacy B787-8 aircraft. "This is intended to reduce operational disruptions." Additionally, seven of the 26 B787-8s will undergo heavy scheduled maintenance (D-checks) in Victorville. The airline said the retrofit programme for 27 legacy narrowbody A320neo aircraft commenced last Sept. It is "progressing per schedule".



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Air India increases retirement age of pilots from 58 to 65

Airline's All Other Employees To Now Retire At 60

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New Delhi: Air India has raised the retirement age of pilots from 58 to 65, and from 58 to 60 for all other employees.

Sources said the retirement age of erstwhile Vistara pilots was 65. "With Vistara merging into Air India last Nov, the retirement age of pilots has been raised to 65 to bring parity," a source said.

Air India has about 24,000 employees, including 3,600 pilots and 9,500 cabin crew members. It could not be ascertained whether cabin crew members' retirement age had also been raised to 65, in line with that of pilots.

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cement about raising the retirement age was made at the airline's townhall, addressed by CEO and MD Campbell Wilson.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation allows commercial pilots to fly till 65.

"There was discontent among pilots of erstwhile Air India and Vistara over some issues, including different retirement ages. That issue has been resolved," said a source.



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BANGALORE

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IndiGo flight from Bengaluru hit by laser beam on Coimbatore airport approach

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Coimbatore: An IndiGo flight from Bengaluru was hit by a laser beam during its final approach to Coimbatore airport on Friday night.

Authorities at the Coimbatore International Airport notified the incident to the city police for necessary action. An official with the airport said the laser beam hit the flight around 7.50pm on Friday. "We informed police about the approximate location

from where the laser beam was directed," he said.

"Laser beams, especially those used during events, can temporarily blind or distract pilots, especially during the landing phase. This poses a serious safety threat to both the aircraft and passengers" the official said.

"Recently, we requested police to monitor laser light usage in parties, marriage halls, and festivals in the vicinity of the airport and educate the public not to use laser lights," he said.



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Airline staff poaching: India raises concern at international forum

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Mumbai: India formally presented a working paper to the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly, raising concerns about "uncoordinated migration" of trained and experienced airline staff. This movement is disrupting the country's rapidly expanding aviation sector. The working paper, presented at ICAO's 42nd Assembly session, states that foreign airlines have been recruiting experienced Indian pilots, aircraft engineers, technicians, and cabin crew without providing adequate notice to their current employers. This, in turn, creates operational challenges for Indian carriers. The working paper requests ICAO's air transport regulation panel to develop a model code of conduct to ensure aviation staff migration is balanced against states' legitimate interests in maintaining operational continuity and safety standards.

India, probably has the longest notice period in the world for its pilots; six

months to a year for co-pilots and commanders, respectively. This DGCA rule is currently under legal scrutiny. Also, govt mandates no objection certificates, issued by the employer, for pilots moving between Indian carriers. But foreign airlines don't seek this NOC from pilot's current employer; pilots switch jobs with only a DGCA NOC.

India's domestic aviation market experienced unprecedented growth, with passenger traffic surging 135% from 61 million in 2013-14 to 166 million in 2024-25. Indian carriers have placed orders exceeding 2,000 aircraft units, with domestic passenger traffic projected to reach 300 million by 2030. "This rapid expansion necessitates skilled and technically sound staffing to be recruited and retained," the document, accessed by **TOI**, states. But, competing carriers from other countries have been recruiting Indian aviation professionals "without any notice," adversely impacting India's ability to develop its civil aviation sector in an orderly manner, it adds.



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Airport departures delayed due to data network outage

Mumbai: Departure flights at the Mumbai airport were affected on Saturday afternoon due to a data network outage that impacted the airport's systems. The weekend brings a busier airport, and as check-ins and baggage processing were done manually, departures were delayed.

According to Flightradar24, departures were delayed by an average of 30-45 minutes. "The airport systems failure lasted from 4.15pm to about 5.30pm," said a source, adding that the effect of the delay stretched through the evening. At 5.57pm, Air India tweeted: "A third-party data network outage im-

acted check-in systems at Mumbai airport, thereby delaying flight departures of airlines, including Air India. The systems have since been restored; however, some of our flights may continue to be affected for some time as the situation normalises progressively."

A passenger posted on X that the airport wifi was not working. Responding to the tweet, Mumbai airport said: "We're currently facing a network failure across the airport. We've activated contingencies and are working on resolving the issue with our core team. We're operating in manual mode to minimise disruptions." TNN



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Trainee pilot hard-lands at Baramati airport

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Pune: A trainee pilot had a close shave Saturday morning after an aircraft of Redbird Flight Training Academy hard-landed at Baramati airport and veered off the runway after he sighted a flock of birds just before touchdown. A source said the sole trainee pilot in the aircraft did not suffer any major injuries.



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DSP Sudarshan Rathod told TOI, "No criminal offence has been registered. The Aircraft

Accident Investigation Bureau will investigate the matter and record a detailed statement of the pilot in the process. We will get the report in a few days. Only then, the exact reason of the accident can be ascertained."

A senior official of the academy said, "The (trainee) pilot was flying solo on a single-engine JC 2008 aircraft of Italian make. A flock of birds came in front of the plane

just before landing, distracting him. As a result, the aircraft had a heavy touchdown and its nose wheel was damaged. The instructor was there and the whole incident was recorded on CCTV cameras." Sources identified the trainee pilot as Vivek Yadav. The airstrip the academy uses for training is managed and maintained by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation.



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Over 2,400 flights disrupted since Jan

NEW DELHI: Indian airlines have cancelled or rescheduled over 2,400 flights this year due to regulatory constraints and geopolitical disturbances, according to data tabled in Parliament. Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohi said from January to June, Air India reported 662 affected flights, IndiGo 1,017, Akasa Air 18, SpiceJet 334 and Air India Express 427. **BACK PAGE**

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The year's airspace troubles were witnessed on April 24 when Pakistan shut its skies to Indian aircraft, cutting off a key transit corridor for flights bound north and west. The move particularly hit Air India's long-haul operations to North America, forcing costly reroutes and additional fuel stops. The ban remains in place,



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continuing to squeeze airline schedules and profitability.

During Operation Sindoor, several airports — including Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhubhar, Kisanganj, Patiala, Shimla, Dehra Dun and Raipur — were temporarily closed. Additional airports at strategic locations such as Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Leh, Bikaner, Pathankot, Jammu, Jannagar and Bhopal were also shut for a short span of time.

In June, Air India, IndiGo and other airlines faced another operational jolt when

they were forced to divert or recall international flights following Iran's sudden airspace closure. The shutdowns came after Israel launched "Operation Rising Lion" targeting key nuclear and military sites in Iran, prompting Tehran to close its skies over security fears. Iraq and Israel also shut their airspace in the fallout, further constricting available flight corridors.

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port charges and rebooking costs. Airlines are also bound to refund or compensate passengers under existing DGCA regulations.

Despite the turbulence, domestic airlines carried 7.34 per cent more passengers in the first half of 2025 compared to the same period last year, underscoring resilient demand. The DGCA has reiterated that carriers must comply with its Civil Aviation Requirement guidelines, which mandate facilities for passengers affected by denied boarding, cancellations or long delays.