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Hindon airport set for expansion to ease NCR's air traffic burden, DPR in pipeline

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The steady increase in the number of flights as well as passenger traffic has prompted the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to plan for expansion of the Hindon civil enclave, sources told *businessline*.

A detailed project report (DPR) is currently being prepared, according to sources. The proposed expansion is expected to significantly enhance the airport's capacity and upgrade passenger facilities.

Sources told *businessline* that the local administration has started acquiring nearly nine hectares of land around the existing terminal to expand the passenger area, check-in counters and apron facilities.

A recent survey identified that roughly 34,500 sq m of

land is required to create four new aircraft parking bays, taking the total number to six.

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The move, according to sources, is aimed at reducing congestion and enabling the airport to handle more flight operations.

DEFENCE MINISTRY

However, the Hindon airfield, which primarily operates as an Indian Air Force base, still restricts commer-

cial operations to daytime slots, and currently lacks night-flying permissions.

Meanwhile, talks are underway with the Ministry of Defence to secure an additional aircraft bay and the necessary operational clearances.

"The Defence Ministry's cooperation will be crucial to expanding the apron and optimising civilian flight schedules," said a source familiar with the ongoing discussions.

SURGING TRAFFIC

In the meantime, passenger traffic continues to surge.

Since the resumption of commercial flights, the airport has witnessed a sharp increase in usage, handling over 5,000 passengers daily across nearly 50 flights.

Additionally, data from the Ministry of Civil Aviation show that in fiscal 2024, aircraft departures at Hindon

increased by 137.9 per cent, while departing passengers surged by 184.6 per cent to nearly 84,000.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, during a recent inspection, acknowledged the pressing need for expansion.

He emphasised that additional land acquisition was not only desirable but also essential to ensure passenger comfort and operational safety.

The proposed expansion carries broader strategic significance. Located along the Delhi-Meerut Expressway corridor, Hindon offers a convenient alternative for travellers from eastern Delhi, Noida and western Uttar Pradesh.

With Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport nearing saturation in both runway and slot capacity, Hindon is emerging as a vital sub-hub.



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Utkhand: AAI set to take over Naini Saini Airport

DEHRADUN: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Uttarakhand government on Sunday signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the acquisition of Naini Saini Airport in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to officials, the "historic" agreement is a step towards providing smooth, safe, and sustainable air connectivity to the mountainous region of Uttarakhand.

Located in Pithoragarh district, Naini Saini Airport spans approximately 70 acres and has a terminal building capable of handling 40 passengers during peak hours. The airport apron can also accommodate two aircraft at a time.

The AAI will undertake the upgradation of the airport's infrastructure and streamlining of operational standards, officials said.

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AAI to assume control of Naini Saini Airport in PM's presence

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Engineers flag 'systemic neglect' after Delhi airport ATC collapse

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9
Days after a major air traffic control (ATC) failure at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) disrupted more than 800 flights and led to several cancellations on Friday, aviation engineers have written to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, warning that the incident exposed years of systemic neglect and the continued use of outdated technology within the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

In a letter sent on Sunday to Civil Aviation Minister Gautam Yogendra, Chief Coordination Member of the Air Traffic and Safety Electronics Personnel Association (ATSEPA-India), the

representative body of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) engineers, said the latest breakdown "has once again highlighted a long-standing and serious concern repeatedly raised by ATSEPA-India: the neglect of CNS infrastructure and the persistent sidelining of technical inputs provided by CNS engineers to AAI leadership."

Calling the disruption a "Technology Failure, Not Manpower Shortage," the letter

'INITIATE CNS MODERNISATION'

Air Traffic and Safety Electronics Personnel Association requested the Ministry of Civil Aviation to initiate immediate CNS modernisation across major airports, instruct AAI to include CNS engineers' recommendations in system procurements and ensure proper utilisation of their manpower.

read: "The crisis originated from outdated systems such as AMSS that lack redundancy and modern capability. Instead of acknowledging these core issues, public attention has been misdirected toward ATCO manpower, even though ATCOs already have more than sufficient strength."

"This is a direct consequence of over-reliance on automation without parallel strengthening of CNS infrastructure, manual procedures, and technical preparedness," it added.



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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट : शुभारंभ की दहलीज पर, बकास से सिक्योरिटी क्लीयरेंस की अंतिम मंजूरी का इंतजार

■ ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी से सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिलते ही जारी होगा एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 10 नवम्बर (देशबन्धु)। जेवर में निर्माणाधीन नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट जल्द ही उड़ान भरने को तैयार है। एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी करने से पहले ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी (बकास) से पूर्ण सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिलने की उम्मीद है। यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (यापल) ने सभी आवश्यक सुधारों को लागू करने के बाद बकास को पत्र भेजकर इस क्लीयरेंस का अनुरोध किया है। यह कदम एयरपोर्ट के संचालन की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर साबित होगा, जो मुख्य रूप से घरेलू उड़ानों के लिए होगा।

बकास की पूर्व जांच और सुझावों पर अमल

यापल ने 9 अक्टूबर को बकास को पत्र भेजकर एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जांच के लिए अनुरोध किया था। इसके जवाब में, बकास की टीम ने 27 अक्टूबर को साइट का दौरा किया और विभिन्न सुरक्षा पहलुओं की जांच की। इस दौरान टीम ने कुछ कमियां बताईं, जैसे बम



प्रमुख सुविधाओं की सिक्योरिटी जांच

स्क्वायड की अनुपस्थिति और अन्य आवश्यक प्रक्रियाओं की कमी। यापल ने इन सुझावों को गंभीरता से लिया और तुरंत सुधार कार्य शुरू किए। अब बम स्क्वायड दस्ते को सेंट्रल इंडस्ट्रियल सिक्योरिटी फोर्स को सौंप दिया गया है, जो एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा का मुख्य जिम्मेदार होगा।

इसके अलावा, एंटी-हाईजैक प्लान और बम श्रेट प्लान जैसी महत्वपूर्ण योजनाओं को भी सीआईएएसएफ के हवाले कर दिया गया है। क्विक रिएक्शन टीम (क्यूआरटी) में आवश्यक सुविधाओं को उपलब्ध कराया गया है, जिसमें श्रीडी वॉल थ्रू रडार जैसी आधुनिक तकनीक को पूरी तरह से स्थापित कर लिया गया है। इन बदलावों से एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था और मजबूत हो गई है, जो अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप है। यापल के अधिकारियों का मानना है कि ये सुधार बकास की अपेक्षाओं को पूरा करते हैं, और अब पूर्ण क्लीयरेंस मिलने में देरी नहीं होनी चाहिए।

बकास से मांगी गई क्लीयरेंस एयरपोर्ट की प्रमुख सुविधाओं पर केंद्रित है, जिसमें रनवे, एयर ट्रांफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) टावर, टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग और कार्गो क्षेत्र शामिल हैं। ये सभी हिस्से एयरपोर्ट के संचालन के लिए महत्वपूर्ण हैं, और उनकी सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित किए बिना लाइसेंस जारी नहीं किया जा सकता। बकास की पूर्व जांच में इन क्षेत्रों की समीक्षा की गई थी, और अब यापल ने दावा किया है कि सभी कमियों को दूर कर लिया गया है। यह क्लीयरेंस मुख्य रूप से घरेलू सेवाओं के लिए होगी, लेकिन भविष्य में अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए विस्तार की संभावना है।

एयरपोर्ट के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि बकास से कंप्लीट सिक्योरिटी क्लीयरेंस प्राप्त करना एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस की प्रक्रिया का एक अनिवार्य हिस्सा है। डायरेक्टरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) लाइसेंस

जारी करने से पहले इस क्लीयरेंस के साथ-साथ फायर एनओसी (नो ऑब्जेक्शन सर्टिफिकेट) जैसी अन्य मंजूरियां मांगता है। भाटिया के अनुसार, ये सभी प्रक्रियाएं जल्द पूरी हो जाएंगी, जिसके बाद एयरपोर्ट का संचालन शुरू किया जा सकेगा।

शुभारंभ की उम्मीद और महत्व

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का शुभारंभ उत्तर प्रदेश और दिल्ली-एनसीआर क्षेत्र के लिए एक बड़ा विकास होगा। यह एयरपोर्ट यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के पास स्थित है और जेवर क्षेत्र में विकसित किया जा रहा है। घरेलू उड़ानों से शुरू होकर, यह धीरे-धीरे अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पहुंचेगा, जो क्षेत्रीय अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत करेगा। यापल के प्रयासों से एयरपोर्ट की निर्माण प्रक्रिया तेजी से आगे बढ़ रही है, और बकास की मंजूरी मिलते ही लाइसेंस जारी होने की राह साफ हो जाएगी। अधिकारियों का अनुमान है कि आने वाले हफ्तों में यह प्रक्रिया पूरी हो सकती है, जो एयरपोर्ट को संचालन के लिए तैयार कर देगी।

Despite new operators, flyers still face cab crunch at airport

VIP pickup to be moved to make way for smoother vehicle flow

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Despite the entry of new cab operators, passengers at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) continue to face long waits and cab shortages.

On November 5, Disha Saini shared a video on X showing a



Long wait for cabs at the Kempegowda International Airport. FILE PHOTO

long queue at the Uber pickup point, writing, "Landed in Bangalore at night to save time, and

this is what the Uber pickup point looked like at the airport. Waited more than 2 hours here."

An airport source claimed that the number of cabs had increased recently with OHM Mobility joining the market and Mega Cabs taking over airport taxi operations.

To ease congestion, Bangalore International Airport Limited plans to shift the VIP pickup area further down Terminal 1 to free up space for cab movement.

At present, cabs operating at the airport include Ola, Uber, Quick Ride, OHM Mobility, and airport taxis. The airport taxi fleet has about 1,000 cabs, Quick Ride 550, and OHM Mobility around 150.

Uber runs both its regular service and Uber Black. Uber Black

An Uber spokesperson acknowledged that car availability at airports like Bengaluru fluctuates based on travel patterns.

Supply challenges across the industry, the spokesperson said, continue to affect

has about 1,000 vehicles.

However, passengers say the increase has not reduced wait time or improved service quality. Typical wait lasts 30 to 50 minutes, even during non-peak hours.

'Supply challenges'

passenger experience.

The persistent cab crunch at KIA, despite multiple operators, highlights the need for coordinated long-term planning by airport authorities and cab companies to ensure smoother transport for flyers.

A passenger from Gorakhpur said, "I landed at 10.30 pm and saw about 50 people waiting for Uber. Staff urged me to book Uber Black — regular Uber cost Rs 1,000, Uber Black cost Rs 3,000. I ended up bargaining

with a private operator, paying Rs 1,500 to Yelanchanahalli."

Unruly drivers

Many flyers have complained that on-ground Uber staff push them towards premium Uber Black or SUV options.

Others say private taxi drivers crowd the arrival gates and behave aggressively despite designated pickup zones.

A Quick Ride official said demand peaks on Sunday evenings. "It is usually on Sundays that we face a shortage of cabs, so during that time we only accept pre-booked rides," he said.

Ola did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

मालदीव में भारत के सहयोग से बना हवाई अड्डा, उड़ानें शुरू

माले, प्रेट्र : मालदीव में भारत की मदद से तैयार हनीमाधू अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का राष्ट्रपति मोहम्मद मोइज्जू और नागरिक विमानन मंत्री के राम मोहन नायडू ने संयुक्त रूप से उद्घाटन किया। इस हवाई अड्डे पर एयरबस ए320 और बोइंग 737 जैसे बड़े विमानों की लैंडिंग और टेकआफ की क्षमता है। यहां सालाना 13 लाख यात्रियों को संभाला जा सकता है। इस हवाई अड्डे के लिए मालदीव और बैंक के बीच 2019 में समझौता हुआ था। भारत के जेएमसी प्रोजेक्ट्स को 13.66 करोड़ डालर में इसके निर्माण का ठेका मिला था। मालदीव के समाचार पोर्टल 'सन.एमवी' के मुताबिक, हवाई अड्डे के विकास के लिए भारत के एफ़िजम बैंक ने 80 करोड़ डालर की ऋण सहायता मंजूर की थी।

राष्ट्रपति मोइज्जू ने कहा कि ये हवाई अड्डा मालदीव और भारत के बीच पिछले 60 वर्षों से कायम



माले में हनीमाधू अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का संयुक्त उद्घाटन करते मालदीव के राष्ट्रपति मोइज्जू (दाएं) व नागरिक विमानन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू @एएनआई

मजबूत संबंधों का प्रमाण है। उत्तरी मालदीव के लिए ये हवाई अड्डा नई संभावनाओं के द्वार खोलेगा और वैश्विक कनेक्टिविटी को रफ्तार मिलेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि ये हवाई अड्डा खुशहाली का गेटवे है। ये केवल एक हवाई अड्डा नहीं, बल्कि आर्थिक परिवर्तन का प्रतीक भी है।



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हवाई अड्डों पर सीएनएस सिस्टम के आधुनिकीकरण की जरूरत

मुंबई, प्रेट्र : एयरपोर्ट्स अथारिटी आफ इंडिया (एएआइ) के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स इंजीनियरों के संगठन ने सरकार से प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट्स पर संचार, नेविगेशन और सर्विलांस यानी सीएनएस सिस्टम के तत्काल आधुनिकीकरण की मांग की है। यह मांग पिछले सप्ताह दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल सिस्टम में आई गड़बड़ी के बाद की गई है, जिसमें सैकड़ों उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई थीं। मंत्री नायडू ने दिल्ली एटीसी में आए तकनीकी गड़बड़ी की विस्तृत जांच और बैकअप सर्वर लगाने का निर्देश दिया है, ताकि संचालन को सुरक्षित और सुचारू बनाया जा सके।

एटीएसईपीए ने विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू को भेजे ईमेल में

- एएआइ इंजीनियर संघ ने सरकार से सुधार की मांग
- एटीसी मैसेजिंग सिस्टम में खराबी से 800 उड़ानें हुई थीं प्रभावित

आरोप लगाया कि समय पर चेतावनी देने, प्रस्ताव भेजने और बार-बार आग्रह करने के बावजूद सीएनएस सिस्टम में सुधार नहीं हो रहा है।

बता दें, एटीसी मैसेजिंग सिस्टम में खराबी आने के कारण 800 उड़ानें देरी का शिकार हुईं और 46 उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ी थीं। संघ की सरकार से मांग है कि सिस्टम खरीद और अपग्रेड के दौरान सीएनएस इंजीनियरों की सिफारिशों को अनिवार्य रूप से शामिल किया जाए।



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प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर सीएनएस सिस्टम के आधुनिकीकरण की जरूरत

मुंबई, प्रेट्र: एयरपोर्ट्स अथारिटी आफ इंडिया (एएआइ) के इलेक्ट्रानिक्स इंजीनियरों के संगठन ने सरकार से प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट्स पर संचार, नेविगेशन और सर्विलांस यानी सीएनएस सिस्टम के तत्काल आधुनिकीकरण की मांग की है। यह मांग पिछले सप्ताह दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल सिस्टम में आई गड़बड़ी के बाद की गई है, जिसमें सैकड़ों उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई थीं। मंत्री नायडू ने दिल्ली एटीसी में आए तकनीकी गड़बड़ी की विस्तृत जांच और बैकअप सर्वर लगाने का निर्देश दिया है, ताकि संचालन को सुरक्षित और सुचारू बनाया जा सके।

एटीएसईपीए ने विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू को भेजे ईमेल में आरोप लगाया कि समय पर चेतावनी देने, प्रस्ताव भेजने और बार-बार आग्रह करने के बावजूद सीएनएस सिस्टम

एएआइ इंजीनियर संघ ने सरकार से **छी मांग, कहा- बार-बार वताने पर भी नहीं हो रहा सुधार**

एटीसी मैसेजिंग सिस्टम में खराबी से **800 उड़ानें हुई थीं प्रभावित, 46 उड़ानें करनी पड़ी थीं रद्द**

अपग्रेड, बैकअप सिस्टम तैयार करने और प्रशिक्षित इंजीनियरों की सही तैनाती जैसे मुद्दों पर आवश्यक तत्परता नहीं दिखाई गई। एटीसी मैसेजिंग सिस्टम में खराबी आने के कारण करीब 800 उड़ानें देरी का शिकार हुईं और 46 उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ी थीं। संघ का कहना है कि एएमएसएस(आटोमेटेड मैसेज स्विचिंग सिस्टम) जैसे पुराने सिस्टम में न तो आधुनिक क्षमता है और न ही पर्याप्त बैकअप, जिसके चलते यह संकट पैदा हुआ।

एटीएसईपीए के पदाधिकारी योगेंद्र गौतम ने कहा कि सीएनएस बुनियादी ढांचे की अनदेखी और इंजीनियरों द्वारा दिए गए तकनीकी सुझावों को दरकिनार करने की वजह से बार-बार ऐसी समस्याएं सामने आ रही हैं। उन्होंने सरकार से मांग की कि सिस्टम खरीद और अपग्रेड के दौरान सीएनएस इंजीनियरों की सिफारिशों को अनिवार्य रूप से शामिल किया जाए और सीएनएस स्टाफ को गैर-तकनीकी कार्यों में न लगाया जाए। एसोसिएशन के अनुसार, एटीएम (एयर ट्राफिक मैनेजमेंट) सिस्टम में मैन्युअल बैकअप के इस्तेमाल में अनिच्छा और पुराने आटोमेशन पर अत्यधिक निर्भरता ने हालिया गड़बड़ियों को बढ़ाया। एटीसीओ (एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोलर) की आटोमेशन पर निर्भरता के कारण सिस्टम फेल होने पर मैन्युअल प्रक्रिया ठीक से लागू नहीं हो पाती, जिससे देरी और त्रुटियां बढ़ती हैं।



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Adani Ent to List Airports, Metals, Data Centres, Road Units by 2031

Co expects several large assets to mature over next 3 yrs, setting stage for fresh listings

Kalpna Pathak & Nikita Periwal

Mumbai: Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, is gearing up for another round of major value unlocking by listing multiple subsidiaries—including airports, metals, roads, and data centres—between 2027 and 2031, according to sources aware of the development.

Over the next three years, the company expects several large assets to mature, setting the stage for fresh listings. This follows the trajectory from 2016 to 2020, when a host of companies under the incubator—Adani Total Gas, Adani Green Energy, and Adani Wilmar—were listed.

“By 2027-28, the company expects the EBITDA of the airport’s business to be about three times its current size. The copper and other materials businesses will be fully operational and ready to list,” one of the sources said.

The Ganga Expressway and seven other road projects are also likely to be comple-

READY FOR ROUND TWO



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ted over this period, the person said.

Adani Enterprises did not respond to an email query until press time.

The Adani Group is the largest private operator of airports in the country, with eight airports in its fold. This business is housed under wholly-owned subsidiary Adani Airport Holdings, which also owns seven operational airports in Mumbai, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangalore.

The airport’s business had earnings be-

fore interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization of ₹1,062 crore in the September quarter, having grown 43% as compared to the previous year.

The Adani Group has begun the first phase of city-side development, spread across 114 acres, at its airports across Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, and Guwahati. The business is targeting the non-aero segment, emerging as a major contributor to the company’s revenue and operating profit.

In its metals business, Adani Enterprises is aiming for second-largest portfolio after Vedanta in the next few years.

Adani Roads Transport—also fully owned by Adani Enterprises—had an EBITDA of ₹930 crore in the first half of the current fiscal. The business has operationalized its seventh project, while seven others are currently being constructed.

This second round of listing in Adani Enterprises is expected to mirror its first phase of value creation, with the newer verticals potentially unlocking significant shareholder wealth over the coming decade.



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Akasa Air Counts on New Airports to Drive Growth

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: Akasa Air will get a major boost from the opening of new airports in Navi Mumbai and Noida with the budget airline currently struggling to expand in Delhi and Mumbai due to lack of slots at the existing airports.

"For a long time, India's top two markets have been stagnant due to lack of capacity. These two new airports will be a catalyst for growth, and we are prepared to take advantage of that," said Praveen Iyer, chief commercial officer at Akasa Air. "We want to be a strong competitor to the market leader in these two airports."

It is crucial for airlines to have a strong presence in Delhi and Mumbai as flights from and between these cities command premium fares due to strong corporate traffic. However, it has been difficult for new airlines to break through with market leader IndiGo and Air India commanding more than 50% share in the airports.

Akasa currently has 24 and 31 daily flights from Delhi and Mumbai respectively.

"While the two new airports will open new catchment areas, I consider them as an extension for the

catchment area of Delhi and Mumbai. We have planned our deliveries so that we can take maximum advantage of these airports," said Iyer, also a cofounder of Akasa Air.

The airline will start operations at the Navi Mumbai airport with 15 domestic flights a day or over 100 flights a week, increasing it to over 300 domestic flights and 50 international flights per week.

The airline, backed by the family of ace stock market broker Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, started opera-

tions in August 2022 and currently has a fleet of 30 aircraft.

While five of its aircraft are ready, deliveries have been delayed as the seats have not been certified by the US aviation regulator Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The airline is also looking at international expansion. Sharjah will be the next destination, with the airline eyeing flights to Vietnam, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and expansion to the Middle East.

The airline currently flies to six international cities — Doha, Jeddah, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait City, and Phuket.





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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था चाक-चौबंद

ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट और आसपास की सुरक्षा मजबूत होगी। यहां दीवार के पीछे छिपी संदिग्ध वस्तुओं को तलाश कर निष्क्रिय करने और बॉम्ब स्कावयज समेत यात्रियों की सुरक्षा संबंधी व्यवस्था चाक-चौबंद हो गई है।

अब यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (यापल) की ओर से नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बकास) को सुरक्षा व्यवस्था पर एनओसी के लिए पत्र लिखा गया है, जो एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए अनिवार्य होगी। नायल के अधिकारी ने बताया कि विगत 15 सितंबर को बकास से धरेलू कार्गो के लिए एनओसी प्राप्त हो चुकी है। तब से एयरपोर्ट पर टर्मिनल और रनवे समेत परिसर के चप्पे-चप्पे की

दीवार के पीछे अदृश्य वस्तुओं की पहचान हो सकेगी

यदि एयरपोर्ट पर किसी कमरे या संदिग्ध स्थान में विस्फोटक या व्यक्ति छिपा होने की आशंका है, तो बिना दरवाजा तोड़े यह रडार उस कमरे की वास्तविक श्रद्धी छवि दिखाएगा, जिससे सुरक्षा बल सटीक कार्रवाई कर सकते हैं। यह रडार उच्च आवृत्ति की रेडियो तरंगें भेजता है जो दीवारों, दरवाजों या अन्य अवरोधों को पार कर जाती हैं। जब ये तरंगें किसी वस्तु, व्यक्ति या हथियार से टकराती हैं तो वे वापस लौटती हैं। सिस्टम उन रिटर्न सिग्नल्स को प्रोसेस करके श्रद्धी-डायमेशनल इमेज बनाता है।

GS यापल ने एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को लेकर बकास को पत्र लिखा है। इसकी स्वीकृति के बाद ही एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस प्राप्त हो सकेगा। धरेलू कार्गो के लिए बकास की एनओसी सितंबर में मिल चुकी है।

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सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की टेस्टिंग के लिए ट्रायल चल रहे थे। बीते दिनों ही एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया के छोटे विमान ने रनवे पर लगे उपकरणों की जांच की थी।

वहीं, एयरपोर्ट बना रही कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड भी दो बार टर्मिनल में यात्रियों की सुरक्षा से जुड़े उपकरणों की टेस्टिंग कर चुकी है।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट का आठ करोड़ से विस्तार होगा

ट्रांस हिंडन। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार करीब साढ़े आठ करोड़ रुपये से होगा। इसके लिए एयरपोर्ट प्राधिकरण ने योजना बना ली है। आठ माह में काम पूरा करने का लक्ष्य है। विस्तार के बाद यात्री सुविधाएं और टर्मिनल की क्षमता भी बढ़ जाएगी।

हिंडन एयरपोर्ट छह साल पहले शुरू हुआ था। इस साल व्यावसायिक उड़ानों की शुरुआत के बाद से ही एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार पर जोर दिया जा रहा है। अभी एयरपोर्ट 22,050 वर्गमीटर क्षेत्रफल में बना है।

खुलासा पायलट को रनवे पर खेत दिखे, प्लेन के बीच दूरी बढ़ाकर हादसे टाले

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट के GPS से छेड़छाड़

- दो दिन पहले 800 से ज्यादा उड़ानें बाधित होने के मामले में बड़ा खुलासा

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य

दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर दो दिन पहले 800 से ज्यादा उड़ानें बाधित होने के मामले में बड़ा खुलासा हुआ है। अब तक की जांच और एक्सपर्ट्स से मिली जानकारी में सामने आया है कि GPS यानी ग्लोबल पोजिशनिंग सिस्टम के सिग्नल से छेड़छाड़ की साजिश की गई थी।

जानकारी के अनुसार, 6 से 7 नवंबर शाम लगभग 7 बजे के बीच पायलट्स को GPS से फेक सिग्नल मिल रहे थे। इससे कॉकपिट स्क्रीन पर विमान की पोजिशन ही बदल गई और एक नकली तस्वीर सामने आने



लगी। इस दौरान रनवे के बजाय खेत दिखने लगे और विमान की कंचाई को लेकर भी भ्रम की स्थिति पैदा हो गई। फिर विमानों के पायलट GPS वेस्ट ऑटो मैसेजिंग की बजाय मैनुअल पोजिशन पर शिफ्ट हो गए।

7 नवंबर को IGI पर ATC के ऑटोमैटिक मैसेजिंग सिस्टम (AMSS) में तकनीकी खराबी से फ्लाइट्स ऑपरेशन 12 घंटे से ज्यादा प्रभावित रहा। 800 से ज्यादा

डोमेस्टिक और इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट्स देरी से उड़ीं, जबकि 20 को रद्द करना पड़ा। एयरपोर्ट का ऑपरेशन 48 घंटे के बाद नॉर्मल हुआ। 6 नवंबर की शाम से गड़बड़ी शुरू हो गई। 7 नवंबर को 9 बजे सिस्टम फेल हो गया। एयरपोर्ट पर लोगों की लंबी लाइन देखी गई।

ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल सिस्टम पर भी असर पड़ा

GPS में छेड़छाड़ की वजह से

हेकर्स को किसी विदेशी सरकार की मदद: विशेषज्ञ

● **आशंका:** सुरक्षा प्रतिष्ठान से जुड़े एक नामी साइबर सुरक्षा विशेषज्ञ ने बताया कि अमेरिका से संवालित होने वाले GPS के सिविलियन सिग्नल की नकल करना पहले सिर्फ सैद्धांतिक लगता था, लेकिन अब यह बहुत आसानी से किया जा रहा है। आशंका है कि दिल्ली साजिश में हेकर्स को किसी विदेशी सरकार की मदद मिली, ये बड़ा खतरा है। आशंका है कि हाल की घटना में हेकर्स ने फेक सिग्नल ब्लास्ट (बड़ी संख्या में सिग्नल भेजना) किया। पायलटों को भ्रम हुआ, फिर ऑटोमैटिक मैसेजिंग सिस्टम भी क्रैश हो गया।

● **खतरा:** देश में सिविलियन विमानों के जीपीएस से छेड़छाड़ के मामले बढ़े हैं। DGCA ने हाल के महीने में ऐसे 465 से ज्यादा फेक सिग्नल रिकॉर्ड किए। अब तक ज्यादातर घटनाएं जम्मू और अमृतसर जैसे सीमावर्ती इलाकों में दर्ज की गई हैं। अमेरिका अब सिविलियन सिग्नल के लिए भी चिमेरा सिग्नल डेवलप कर रहा है।

ATS (एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल) को भी देरी से मैसेज मिलने लगे। ऐसे में विमानों को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड कराने की जगह जयपुर और आसपास के हवाई अड्डों की ओर

डायवर्ट कर दिया गया।

एयर ट्रैफिक बढ़ने से एयर स्पेस में विमानों की आपस में दूरी को बढ़ाया गया। इससे किसी भी बड़े हादसे को टाला जा सका।



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RESILIENT AIRPORT INFRA NEEDED AGAINST SPOOFING

IT'S a form of electronic warfare that's typically reported from conflict zones or borders. However, last week, GPS spoofing hit Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. Fake satellite signals misled aircraft navigation systems, sent flight paths off course, and threw operations at the country's busiest airport into chaos. Not just for a day or two, some pilots reported encountering spoofing all through the week. The incidents coincided with the airport's main runway undergoing instrument landing system (ILS) upgrades, which left the arriving aircraft more dependent on satellite navigation, and hence, vulnerable to spoofing. Trouble with the air traffic control's automatic message switching system affected more than 800 flights.

In essence, GPS spoofing involves manipulating navigation data with malicious intent. Unlike jamming, which blocks GPS signals, spoofing involves transmitting fake satellite signals to override genuine ones. The aircraft's navigation systems pick up these counterfeit signals and calculate wrong data for position, altitude, time, and speed. The fake signals override the genuine satellite signals using specialised hardware or software. The receiver may consider the amplified spoofed signals as authentic, ending up flying blind or even worse, dangerously off-course.

India is not alone in facing the menace, which the International Air Transport Association has noted is on the rise worldwide. However, it's also a national risk, with aviation experts warning of a threat to the "integrity of civilian navigation systems". This March, the government reported as many as 465 GPS interference and spoofing incidents in the border region near Amritsar between November 2023 and February 2025.

For Delhi, mitigation requires promulgating ILS at the earliest, which the airport operator has promised by November 27. Once the upgrades are done, IGIA's main runway will be equipped with Category III capabilities at both ends, enhancing capacity and resilience against adverse weather and technical disruptions. For the future, the government should deploy more advanced detection systems, increase reliance on and upgrade ground-based navigation, and improve data sharing and pilot training in collaboration with international bodies. If we learnt anything from one of the worst crashes in India's history this June, it's that we need to keep working on air safety continuously. Rest is not an option.

मसौदा तैयार: 2030 तक के लिए तय होगा टैरिफ, आम से लेकर खास लोगों से मांगे गए सुझाव

रायपुर के स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट को पीपीपी मोड पर देने की तैयारी



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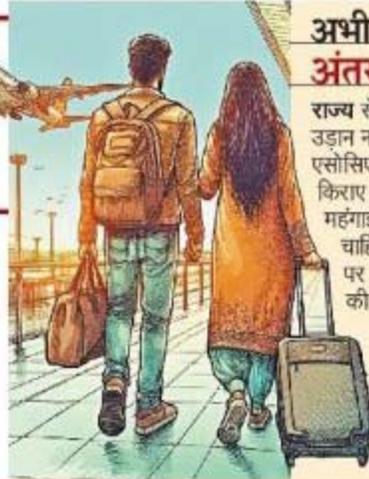
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रायपुर. राजधानी स्थित स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट, माना को पब्लिक प्राइवेट पार्टनरशिप (पीपीपी) मोड पर देने की तैयारियां तेज हो चुकी हैं। इस संबंध में वर्ष 2030 तक के लिए हवाई किराए से लेकर सुविधाएं व अन्य प्रस्तावों के टैरिफ के लिए रोडमैप तैयार किया जाएगा।

भारतीय विमानपत्तन आर्थिक विनियामक प्राधिकरण (ईआरए) ने मसौदा तैयार कर लिया है। माना

14 नवंबर को बैठक, एयरपोर्ट सलाहकार समिति के अलावा यात्री संघ, निकाय, एयरलाइंस आपरेटर आदि शामिल होंगे

एयरपोर्ट के दूसरे कंट्रोल पीरियड के लिए एयरोनॉटिकल सेवाओं के संबंध में 2030 तक के लिए टैरिफ दरें तय होगी। अथॉरिटी ने इस संबंध में 30 अक्टूबर को एक कंसल्टेशन पेपर भी प्रस्तुत किया है। टैरिफ निर्धारण के विभिन्न प्रस्तावों पर अब आम यात्रियों के साथ जनप्रतिनिधि, एयरलाइंस, निकायों से सुझावों मंगाया गया है।



अभी तक नहीं है कोई अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान

राज्य से एक भी अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान नहीं है। ट्रैवल एजेंट एसोसिएशन के मुताबिक यात्री किराए से लेकर अन्य श्रेणी में महंगाई न हो इसका ध्यान रखना चाहिए। एयरपोर्ट पीपीपी मोड पर जाने से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों की संभावना बढ़ेगी साथ ही सुविधाओं में इजाफा हो सकता है। एयरपोर्ट में वर्तमान में पार्किंग से लेकर बैगेज काउंटर, कार्गो व अन्य सुविधाओं में काफी संभावनाएं हैं।

देश के 25 एयरपोर्ट में रायपुर भी

देश के 25 एयरपोर्ट को पीपीपी मोड पर देने के लिए केंद्र सरकार ने दिसंबर-2022 में एक सूची जारी की गई थी, जिसमें रायपुर एयरपोर्ट भी शामिल रहा। साथ ही भुवनेश्वर, वाराणसी, अमृतसर, त्रिची, कालीकट, कोयम्बटूर, नागपुर, पटना, मद्रुरै, सूरत, रांची, चैन्नई, विजयवाड़ा, कडोदरा, तिरुपति, हुबली, इंफाल, अगरतला, देहरादून व राजामुंदरी एयरपोर्ट के नाम भी शामिल किए गए थे।



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- स्टेक होल्डर्स
- एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेटर
- उद्योग संघ
- निकाय
- कार्गो
- ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग
- फ्यूल फार्म

पीपीपी मोड पर देने का फैसला केंद्र का



किसी भी एयरपोर्ट को पीपीपी मोड पर देने का फैसला केंद्र का है। टैरिफ निर्धारण को लेकर प्राधिकरण से सुझाव आमंत्रित हैं। इस संबंध में कोई भी आम आदमी सुझाव प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

-के.के. लहरे, निदेशक, स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट माना



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NSA starts probe into GPS spoofing at IGI Airport

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New Delhi: The office of National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval has launched a probe into the unprecedented GPS spoofing IGI Airport has been facing for the past few weeks. NSA is learnt to be coordinating with multiple aviation and defence agencies on this issue as spoofing has been usually common in conflict zones.

Due to this phenomenon, planes coming to land often get wrong location or heading signals and false terrain warnings about 60 nautical miles from the airport.

This is the first time that the Delhi airport has been facing this issue. The 'automatic terminal information service' for IGIA has been regularly issuing alerts about spoofing and the airlines have been accordingly informing their pilots.

While security agencies are tackling the source of this interference, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) chief Faiz Ahmed Kidwai on Monday cleared the promulgation of category-1 (CAT-1) instrument landing system (ILS) at IGIA's warhorse runway 10/28's 10 on the Dwarka side. Now, Airports Authority of India is likely to issue a notice to airmen by Tuesday

DGCA expedited this process from the original date of Nov 27 due to the spoofing. This will help an aircraft land from the Dwarka side on the main runway (10/28) when easterlies are blowing even if GPS spoofing is taking place.

Without ILS, aircraft can land using 'required navigation performance', but it requires GPS and spoofing had affected flight movement on the main runway a few times in the recent past. The inability to land on runway 10 end had led to congestion at India's busiest airport, which now handles about 1,550 daily flights and some flights had to divert to alternate airports like Jaipur.

Delhi International Airport Ltd has warned that "some flight schedules may be impacted" on Tuesday as "mandatory flight calibration of ILS will take place between 11.30am and 1.30pm as part of continuous safety practices". Flights will be "regulated during this period". Accordingly, DIAL has advised passengers to "coordinate with airlines to get updated flight information status".

All the runways at IGIA are scheduled for calibration every six months. On Tuesday, sources say, the ILS of runway 29 left (29L), which is closest to the Gurgaon side and used for arrivals, is due for calibration.



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स्पाइसजेट के विमान का इंजन फेल आपात स्थिति में उतारा, सभी सुरक्षित

कोलकाता। मुंबई से कोलकाता जा रही स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट एसजी 670 का रविवार को एक इंजन फेल हो गया। इसके चलते विमान की कोलकाता



मुंबई से कोलकाता जाते समय हवा में आई खराबी

हवाईअड्डे पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। विमान में सवार सभी यात्री और चालक दल के सदस्य सुरक्षित हैं। कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान का एक इंजन बीच हवा में ही फेल हो गया। विमान के पायलट ने एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल को इंजन के फेल होने की सूचना दी और आपातकालीन लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी।

एटीसी ने अनुरोध स्वीकार कर एयरपोर्ट पर पूर्ण आपातकालीन अलर्ट घोषित कर दिया गया। फायर ब्रिगेड, एम्बुलेंस और बचाव दल को तैनात किया गया।

काफी नीचे आ गया था विमान : हवाईअड्डे के आसपास के इलाकों के स्थानीय लोगों ने विमान को काफी नीचे देखा। इस दौरान विमान आपातकालीन लैंडिंग के लिए संघर्ष कर रहा था। एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने बताया, उड़ान को रविवार रात 11:38 बजे सिंगल इंजन के साथ सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। व्यूरो



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ब्रिटिश एयरवेज की लंदन से हैदराबाद आ रही फ्लाइट में बम की धमकी

हैदराबाद। लंदन से हैदराबाद आ रही ब्रिटिश एयरवेज की फ्लाइट को सोमवार सुबह बम से उड़ाने की धमकी वाला ईमेल मिला। जांच के बाद यह धमकी झूठी पाई

**विमान में थे 200
यात्री, जांच में झूठी
निकली धमकी**

गई। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि राजीव गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर मिले ईमेल में दावा किया गया कि विमान में बम रखा हुआ है। विमान में 200 से अधिक यात्री सवार थे। फ्लाइट सुबह करीब 5.30 बजे हैदराबाद में सुरक्षित उतर गई।

एक पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि सीआईएसएफ और पुलिसकर्मियों ने विमान की जांच की, लेकिन कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। जांच के बाद, अधिकारियों ने पुष्टि की है कि यह धमकी झूठी थी। पुलिस ने बताया कि केस दर्ज कर लिया गया है और आगे की जांच जारी है। एजेंसी



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Airlines cancel more than 1,500 US flights on staffing issue

Reuters

Washington

Airlines cancelled more than 1,500 US flights on Monday, the fourth consecutive day cancellations have topped 1,000 as government flight cuts and air traffic staffing absences continue to wreak havoc with aviation.

FlightAware, a flight tracking website, said by 8:30 am ET (1330 GMT), more than 1,550 flights had been cancelled and 1,400 delayed on Monday after 2,950 flights were cancelled and nearly 10,800 delayed on Sunday, in the single worst day for flight disruptions since the

government shutdown began on October 1.

A November winter storm in Chicago is also disrupting air travel.

STAFFING ISSUES

The Federal Aviation Administration late on Sunday said it was suspending general aviation traffic at 12 airports with air traffic control staffing issues, including Chicago O'Hare and Reagan Washington National.

The shutdown, which has reached a record 40 days, has led to shortages of air traffic controllers who, like other federal employees, have not been paid for weeks.



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‘Three years on, Akasa Air progressively moves to multi-gateway network’

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Three years since its inception, Akasa Air has been focusing on network growth, progressively moving to a multi-gateway network strategy, the airline's Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer Praveen Iyer told *businessline*.

According to Iyer, the airline has moved beyond its initial phase of expansion.

He told *businessline* that

the airline is now focused on creating an interconnected operational structure that strengthens both domestic as well as international connectivity.

"Connecting traffic is now the best-performing segment for us, contributing nearly 15 per cent of total passenger volume," he said, adding that Akasa's domestic gateways at Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru were steadily emerging as key transfer points.

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Besides, Akasa is preparing to deepen its international footprint, with plans to launch services to Sharjah. This follows recent expansion to destinations such as Kuwait and Phuket. "We are currently engaged in the approval process for Sharjah," Iyer noted.

Interestingly, while Akasa maintains a strong cost orientation, Iyer clarified that the airline does not view itself as a conventional low-cost carrier.

"Nearly one out of every three passengers flying with us today is a corporate traveller. Our focus is on comfort, service quality and a superior onboard experience," he said.

Further, Iyer reiterated Akasa's commitment to its long-term growth plan, which includes the induction of 196 additional aircraft



Praveen Iyer, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Akasa Air

over the next seven years.

The airline has an order book of 226 aircraft, of which 30 are already in operation and the remaining 196 are scheduled for phased delivery.

Additionally, he noted that India's aviation market had outpaced even the most optimistic expectations the airline had during its early planning stages.

Citing industry data, he pointed out that the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for India's available seat kilometres (ASKM) had slowed from an average of 17-18 per cent between 2003 and 2019 to around 3 per cent between 2019 and 2024.

STRONG OUTLOOK

Nevertheless, the outlook for the next two decades remains strong, with consistent 6-7 per cent annual growth expected as demand continues to expand across both metro and regional markets.

In addition, the airline, he said, continues to evaluate opportunities under the government's regional connectivity scheme but remains selective due to its current aircraft type.

"With our growing fleet, multiple gateways, and a balanced approach to cost and comfort, Akasa Air is well-positioned to play a defining role in India's next phase of aviation growth," Iyer added.



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इंजन में खराबी के चलते स्पाइसजेट विमान की हुई आपातकालीन लैंडिंग

राष्ट्र जागरण●कोलकाता: मुंबई से कोलकाता जा रहे स्पाइसजेट के विमान के एक इंजन में खराबी आने के कारण उसे कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर आपातकालीन लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी। एयरलाइन ने सोमवार को एक बयान में कहा कि सभी यात्री और चालक दल के सदस्य सुरक्षित हैं। स्पाइसजेट के प्रवक्ता के अनुसार, नौ नवंबर

को मुंबई से कोलकाता जा रही स्पाइसजेट की उड़ान संख्या एसजी 670 को कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर उतरते समय तकनीकी समस्या का सामना करना पड़ा। विमान सुरक्षित रूप से उतर गया और सभी यात्री और चालक के दल सामान्य रूप से विमान से उतर गए। रात 11:38 बजे पूरी तरह से आपात स्थिति हटा ली गई।



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Travellers flying economy to be charged less

World's First Green Fuel Levy to Add Almost \$32 to Airfares

Bloomberg

Air passengers departing Singapore will pay a green fuel levy of as much as S\$41.60 (\$31.95) from next year as the city-state locks in a key step in its effort to cut the aviation industry's emissions. Travellers flying in economy and premium economy, as well as those on short-haul routes, will be charged far less.

Those customers will pay an additional S\$1 for trips to Southeast Asia, and S\$10.40 for flights to the Americas, the civil aviation authority of Singapore said Monday. Business and first class travelers will pay four times more, it said.

The sustainable aviation fuel levy will be applied on tickets sold from April 1 for flights departing Singapore from October 1. Passengers transiting through the city-state won't need to pay the fee. Cargo flights will also incur a duty, which will be charged on a per-kilogram basis. Singapore is the first country in the world to tax passengers, and the levy is especially significant given its



BEGINNING APRIL...

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role as a global aviation hub. Its Changi Airport is poised for a record year, with this year's passenger numbers on track to exceed the previous all-time high of 68.3 million hit in 2019.

The funds collected from passengers will go to the centralised purchase of sustainable aviation fuel—typically made from waste oils or agricultural feedstock—as Singapore looks to

achieve a SAF adoption rate of 3% to 5% by 2030. The global aviation sector makes up a relatively small portion of global greenhouse gas emissions—just 1.2% last year, according to the European Commission.

But surging demand for travel, coupled with the higher cost of sustainable fuels and their limited availability, are among key hurdles for the industry's efforts to decarbonise.

While SAF production doubled last year, it accounted for only 0.3% of global jet fuel volumes, according to the International Air Transport Association.

Singapore's announcement coincides with the COP30 meeting in Brazil, where negotiators from nearly 200 countries are set to thrash out technical details on the world's efforts to mitigate climate change. While the duties may be a surprise to some travelers, they're cheaper than initially feared. The government had previously estimated them at between S\$3 and S\$16, but a decline in SAF costs has prompted a smaller levy.



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Akasa Air eyes more overseas destinations

AKASA AIR WILL plan flights to various overseas destinations, including Singapore, Vietnam and Kazakhstan, as it gets new planes and Boeing aircraft deliveries are expected to be faster, Co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer Praveen Iyer said on Monday.

The airline will also look at the option of starting services to China, he said. "We don't have (bilateral flying) rights for China now, but we will consider them in the future."

The more than three-year-old airline, which is loss-making, currently has a fleet of 30

planes and flies to 24 domestic and six international destinations. It has been facing delays in aircraft deliveries.

At a briefing in the national capital, Iyer said it will very soon start international flights from Delhi and the airline is also looking forward to start services from the upcoming Jewar airport in Uttar Pradesh.

Currently, the airline has 24 daily departures from Delhi. The airline has a firm order for a total of 226 Boeing 737 MAX planes and has been facing aircraft delivery delays. —PTI



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1,400 flights cancelled

MORE THAN 1,400 flights to, from, or within the US were cancelled on Saturday after airlines were told this week to cut traffic during the federal government shutdown.

Nearly 6,000 flights were also delayed, down from over 7,000 delays on Friday, according to flight tracker FlightAware. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced earlier in the week that it would be reducing air travel capacity by up to 10% at 40 of the nation's busiest airports as air traffic controllers, who are working without pay during the shutdown, report fatigue. Republicans and Democrats remain divided over how to end the impasse in Congress. —BLOOMBERG



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P&W to replace engines on grounded IndiGo jets

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NEW DELHI: Engine maker Pratt & Whitney has assured IndiGo that it intends to replace faulty engines of 40-odd grounded planes of the country's largest airline by end-June 2026, said two persons with knowledge of the development.

This move will potentially boost IndiGo's profitability this year and next, depending on the pace of engines replacement, reducing the carrier's reliance on costly leased planes to offset the nearly-10% unused aircraft on its fleet.

The airline flies two of three passengers in India.

Forty planes with Pratt & Whitney engines are grounded while 60 are flying.

"There is an assurance for a staggered improvement in the aircraft on ground situation with a June timeline," the first person said on the condition of anonymity, as the discussions between the world's second-largest commercial aircraft engine maker and IndiGo are private.

The second person, who also wanted to remain unidentified, said some timelines are still under discussion, and that revision possibilities cannot be ruled out if global supply constraints persist.

Emails sent to Pratt & Whitney and IndiGo seeking comment went unanswered.

A resolution could help IndiGo's profitability, accord-



Pratt & Whitney intends to replace faulty engines of 40 IndiGo planes by June 2026.

ing to at least one analyst.

Gagan Dixit, analyst at Elara Capital said, the refitting of grounded planes by Pratt & Whitney is well-aligned with new airports opening up around cities that originate the most number of air passengers in India. "As new airports in Mumbai (Navi Mumbai) and Delhi (Jewar) open up, this will correspond with IndiGo's planes being ungrounded. It helps the airline with more capacity, return of costly leases, and aids both topline and bottomline growth." The Mumbai-Delhi route accounts for a third of India's air passenger movement.

Revenues from putting these planes back in the skies will be much more than penalties IndiGo gets from Pratt & Whit-

ney, Dixit said. "While IndiGo is getting some compensation from the engine-maker, the amount of which is undisclosed, it is not enough to cover up for revenue losses."

Once the replacements are completed, IndiGo will be nearly free of Pratt & Whitney's geared turbine fan (GTF) engines, marking a gradual closure of one of the Gurugram-based airline's longest-running operational challenges.

The crisis, which began in mid-2023, stems from a "powder metal contamination" defect in certain Pratt & Whitney GTF engines that could lead to component cracking. The issue has affected airlines worldwide.

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आकासा एयर के पास वर्तमान में 30 विमानों का बेड़ा है

अकासा एयर को बोइंग विमानों की डिलीवरी में तेजी की उम्मीद, दिल्ली से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू

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अकासा एयर जल्द ही देश से देश के बाहर की उड़ानें शुरू करेगी और उसे बोइंग से विमानों की आपूर्ति भी तेजी से होने की उम्मीद है। एयरलाइन के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी। अगस्त 2022 में उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने वाली आकासा एयर के पास वर्तमान में 30 विमानों का बेड़ा है। यह 24 घरेलू और छह अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए उड़ान भरती है। अकासा एयर के सह-संस्थापक और मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी प्रवीण अय्यर ने कहा कि हम जल्द ही दिल्ली से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू करेंगे। वर्तमान में एयरलाइन की दिल्ली से प्रतिदिन 24 उड़ानें हैं।

एक ब्रीफिंग के दौरान अय्यर ने बताया कि एयरलाइन सिंगापुर, उज्बेकिस्तान, इंडोनेशिया, वियतनाम और ताशकंद सहित विदेशी गंतव्यों के लिए उड़ानें संचालित करने पर विचार करेगी। अकासा एयर वर्तमान में छह अंतरराष्ट्रीय शहरों - दोहा (कतर), जेद्दा, रियाद (सऊदी

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Akasa Air eyes China, Africa, but fleet crunch limits expansion

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India's youngest low-cost carrier, Akasa Air, has ambitious plans to expand its international operations, including flights to China, but delays in supply of aircraft by Boeing are holding it back.

Owned by SNV Aviation, the airline, which began flying in August 2022, has bilateral flying rights to at least seven new international destinations, including Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Hanoi, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Indonesia and Singapore, and is eyeing other routes into China and Africa (Nairobi). Yet, with only 30 aircraft in its fleet and deliveries from Boeing running behind schedule, the carrier finds itself in a holding pattern.

"We have bilaterals. And we hope to be ready in time to deploy aircraft and grow profitably internationally," Akasa's co-founder and chief commercial officer Praveen Iyer told *Mint*, after a media roundtable. "International ramp-up will happen as and when more air-



The airline has flying rights to seven international routes. PHOTO

craft come."

The private airline, with 5% market share, stopped sharing fleet guidance, following aircraft supply delays. It expects aircraft deliveries to normalise by mid-2026 and is rolling out hiring plans accordingly.

For now, Akasa's international network remains limited to six routes—five across West Asia (Doha, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah, Riyadh, and Kuwait) and one to Phuket (Thailand). Flights to Sharjah are expected soon. The airline also serves 24 domestic routes, with Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi serv-

ing as its principal base.

Akasa has committed to 226 aircraft—all under a sale-and-leaseback arrangement—with deliveries spread over the next seven years. It last took delivery in June-July, and avoids short-term, costly fixes such as wet or damp leases.

Under a sale-and-leaseback arrangement, air carriers procure aircraft at a discount, sell them to lessors at cost, and immediately lease them back. A wet lease provides an aircraft with crew, maintenance, and insurance, while in a damp lease, the lessee has to provide its own cabin crew.

Akasa expects to receive 196 aircraft in 86 months, or two a month, exactly half of what larger players IndiGo and Air India are inducting.

It is banking on Boeing's approved ramp-up of production, from 38 to 42 aircraft per month, by the US Federal Aviation Administration effective October 2025, to ease delivery timelines. With Boeing raising production, the airline expects aircraft to come in faster.

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IndiGo lease costs to fall as P&W vows engines by June

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Engine maker Pratt & Whitney has assured IndiGo that it intends to replace faulty engines of 40-odd grounded planes of the country's largest airline by end-June 2026, said two persons with knowledge of the development.

This move will potentially boost IndiGo's profitability this year and next, depending on the pace of engines replacement, reducing the carrier's reliance on costly leased planes to offset the nearly-10% unused aircraft on its fleet.

The airline flies two of three passengers in India.

Forty planes with Pratt & Whitney engines are grounded while 60 are flying.

"There is an assurance for a staggered improvement in the aircraft on ground situation with a June timeline," the first person said on the condition of anonymity, as the discussions between the world's second-largest commercial aircraft engine maker and IndiGo are private.

The second person, who also



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wanted to remain unidentified, said some timelines are still under discussion, and that revision possibilities cannot be ruled out if global supply constraints persist.

Emails sent to Pratt & Whitney and IndiGo seeking comment went unanswered.

A resolution could help IndiGo's profitability, according to at least one analyst.

Gagan Dixit, analyst at Elara Capital said, the refitting of grounded planes by Pratt & Whitney is well-aligned with new airports opening up around cities that originate the

P&W to replace 40+ IndiGo jet engines

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most number of air passengers in India. "As new airports in Mumbai (Navi Mumbai) and Delhi (Jewar) open up, this will correspond with IndiGo's planes being ungrounded. It helps the airline with more capacity, return of costly leases, and aids both topline and bottom-line growth." The Mumbai-Delhi route accounts for a third of India's air passenger movement.

Revenues from putting these planes back in the skies will be much more than penalties IndiGo gets from Pratt & Whitney, Dixit said. "While IndiGo is getting some compensation from the engine-maker, the amount of which is undisclosed, it is not enough to cover up for revenue losses."

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Although IndiGo's exposure to the American engine maker

is declining as all its new plane inductions are powered by rival CFM, a 50:50 venture of Safran Aircraft Engines and General Electric, there are some 100 Pratt & Whitney-powered Airbus A320neo family aircraft in its fleet of 417 planes. CFM is today the world's largest commercial engine maker.

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provides not just the jets but also pilots, maintenance and insurance.

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On IndiGo's 4 November investor call after second quarter earnings, CFO Gaurav Negi had said the number of grounded aircraft has remained stable in the "range of 40s". "Based on the latest guidance from the OEM [Pratt & Whitney], the number of grounded aircraft is expected to remain range-bound at current levels till the end of the year. Beyond this, we are in active discussions with the OEM for further guidance."

Pratt & Whitney had indicated the fast pace of repair work of its engines earlier. In an earnings call in October, chairman and chief executive officer of the engine-maker's parent RTX Christopher Calio stated that GTF's repair network performance had strengthened. "Our repair network was up about 30% year-over-year, which helps lessen demand for new parts and improves flow earlier in the process," he said.

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IndiGo aims evidence-based training programmes for pilots

NEW DELHI: The country's largest airline IndiGo aims to implement evidence-based training programmes for its pilots, as part of its continuing efforts to enhance their competencies, including improved situational awareness, according to a senior official.

IndiGo, which operates over 2,300 flights daily, is expanding its fleet by adding wide-body planes and currently has more than 5,300 pilots.

Currently, Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA) is implemented at the airline.

"When you become CBTA-compliant, you eventually end



up, once you mature, you become EBT-compliant," the senior airline official said.

EBT refers to Evidence-Based Training.

"So right now, we are just baselining the CBTA. Now, with all the data we are going to use, and with the help of the world's best practices...or having consultants on board, we need to

see how we can eventually reach the EBT stage," the official said.

Various skills, enhanced situational awareness, decision-making, and corporate resource management are among the key elements of competency-based training programmes.

The airline will utilise the huge amount of data it has for training purposes, which will be evidence-based, the official said, adding that data analytics and artificial intelligence will be used.

"We will first of all collect all the data, validate all the data... then base the training programme on the data," the official added.

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Steep tariffs send air cargo from India to US to 9-year low

Volumes Were Higher Even In Covid Years

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Hyderabad: Steep tariff hikes by the Donald Trump administration have sent air cargo movement between India and the US into freefall, marking a nine-year low. Data from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) shows that India shipped 4,319 tonnes of goods to the US between Jan and June — down from 7,152 tonnes during the same period last year.

Even during the Covid pandemic years of 2020 to 2023, freight volumes ranged between 5,000 and 9,000 tonnes. The last time India-US trade figures hit such lows was in 2016, when they touched 3,750 tonnes in the same Jan-to-June-period.

Representatives of the Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India (FFFAL) say the tariff spike has led to a signif-

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India shipped 4,319 tonnes of goods to the US between Jan and June, DGCA data shows

icant drop in demand, pushing exporters to drastically cut order sizes. A Punjab-based trader who would ship 30 orders of engineering tools daily is now sending only 10 to 12, with just a handful of buyers willing to purchase increasingly expensive goods.

“When Trump took office, tariff rates initially rose by 25%. It later shot up by 50%, severely affecting key export segments. Handicrafts, one of India’s major exports to the US, have taken a severe beating,” said Rajesh

Verma, vice-chairman of FFFAL.

Dealers in gems and jewellery, textiles, readymade apparel and perishable goods, all of which are part of largest chunk of freight from India to the US, have been hit hard, say customs brokers.

“Although pharmaceuticals have largely been spared for now, the rest are in dire straits. Products that cost \$100 earlier are now priced at approximately \$150. Additional restrictions imposed by US authorities have slowed clearances and affected trade

volumes,” said S Anil Kumar, president of the Hyderabad Customs Brokers’ Association.

Passenger traffic hasn’t escaped the fallout either. DGCA figures show the count of US-bound flyers drop by 50,000 during the first six months of 2025 — down from 4.5 lakh between Jan and June 2024 to 4 lakh during the corresponding period this year. Visa consultants and travel associations point to stricter visa norms as the primary cause.

Uncertainty over immigration policies has triggered panic among students, with many now hesitant to travel to the US. They are worried about their safety and the possibility of being sent back, especially after Trump’s statements about reducing foreign student intake, say consultants.

“Apart from students, working professionals on H-1B visas are also apprehensive about facing scrutiny or uncertainty upon re-entry. Hence, the drop in traveller count,” said Siraj Ansari, a city-based travel planner.



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SpiceJet flight makes emergency landing in Kol

A SpiceJet Mumbai-Kolkata flight made an emergency landing on one engine late Sunday after the Boeing (B737-800) aircraft allegedly developed a snag during descent. After a safe touchdown, all 188 passengers were evacuated. Flight 5G-670 landed at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. 11/11