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Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) successfully conducted its first flight validation test on Monday, marking a significant step toward the airport's commercial launch scheduled for April 2025. An IndiGo passenger flight, with a full crew and staff from the Airports Authority of India (AAI), carried out the crucial trial run between 1-2 pm after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved all security checks.

According to officials, the flight from Delhi to Noida remained airborne for about two hours before landing. Officials added the trip undertook "close coordination between the pilot and the air traffic controller (ATC)" and was closely monitored. Supervising staff included officials from the DGCA, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), NIAL and the UP Civil Aviation Department.

A validation flight is conducted to verify that an airport meets safety,

operational, and regulatory standards. The data collected during the exercise will be reviewed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for further evaluation. Upon DGCA approval, the airport authorities will apply for an aerodrome license, which is a mandatory step before commencing full operations. Validation flights, also known as proving flights, are a key part of the certification process. They are conducted to verify that the airport meets safety, operational, and regulatory standards.

At the event, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said, "With the validation flight happening today, we are committed to finishing the airport project before the end of April." "Today marks a very important occasion in the progress of the airport and definitely whatever support is required from the Ministry of Civil Aviation we will continuously provide so that the early operations from the airport can begin," he said. Naidu

Validation flight lands at Jewar Airport



The first test flight being accorded a ceremonial water cannon salute upon its landing at Noida International Airport amid the ongoing trials, at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh

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noted that this project has so far had 50 million man-hours and not a single incident has happened. "I don't think any other project in the country of such scale can boast of that record so I congratulate the whole team who has made this possible," the minister said. Noida International Airport CEO Christoph Schnellmann said the successful completion of validation

flights reflects the dedication and meticulous planning that has gone into ensuring the airport is ready for commercial operations. "We are gearing up for the airport's opening and look forward to welcoming passengers to the airport," he added. The validation flight is being conducted on an Airbus A-320 to test the RNP (Required Navigation Performance) procedures and ILS

(instrument landing system) approach procedures. The RNP is a set of navigation specifications that allow aircraft to fly precise flight paths with high accuracy. Meanwhile, Naidu said the country is witnessing exceptional success in the civil aviation industry because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the last 10 years, the number of airports in the country has almost

doubled, he added.

The minister lauded Gautam Buddh Nagar Lok Sabha MP Mahesh Sharma and Jewar MLA Dharendra Singh for the progress of the airport project. "Everyone has worked together as a team to see that the stream becomes reality. From the ministry I can tell you that Jewar International Airport is the most prestigious project in the whole country especially because of the idea that it is catering to the Delhi NCR territory and also for the Western Uttar Pradesh," Naidu said. "In the future also, it is going to be a wonderful airport. Not only India but the whole world is going to be proud of the airport," he said. "I need to especially thank the farmers who have made this airport a reality and all the workers who have worked day and night to ensure that the timeline is also met," he added. The greenfield airport is being built in the Jewar area of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, some 75 km off Delhi and will be the national capital region's second international airport. Yamuna

International Airport Private Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich International Airport AG, is building the airport for the Uttar Pradesh government in a public-private partnership model. The airport's first phase-comprising one runway and one terminal-will have a capacity to handle 12 million passengers annually. Ultimately, with the completion of future phases, the NIA will be able to accommodate up to 70 million passengers per year.

In a statement, the Uttar Pradesh government said, "The successful landing at Jewar, dubbed to be Asia's largest international airport, marks another milestone for Uttar Pradesh, now home to the highest number of airports in India." "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the airport on November 25, 2021. Following this, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made several visits to oversee progress, ensuring that work was carried out with the highest quality standards," it added.



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NOIDA AIRPORT TAKES WING



An Airbus 320 operated by IndiGo was the first flight to touch down and take off from the runway of Noida International Airport in Jewar on Monday. No, this wasn't a regular passenger flight. Wait till April 2025 for that. Monday's was a trial to assess the new airport's flight readiness, which it cleared successfully. The flight – with DGCA and AAI officials on board – landed at 1.25pm to a water cannon salute, accompanied by thunderous applause from airport staff and hundreds of workers who toiled on the project over the past couple of years. Before it landed, the Airbus circled above the airport for 90 minutes to assess operational readiness and air traffic protocols. It took off around 2.45pm



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Noida airport starts validation flight in step to starting its ops

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Noida International Airport (NIA) on Monday achieved a significant milestone with the successful completion of its first validation flight, a vital element of the aerodrome licensing process.

The airport is expected to become operational from April 2025 with cargo flights operating in the beginning.

The flight conducted by IndiGo — the launch carrier for the airport — verified the airport's approach procedures, confirming the accuracy and functionality of its navigational aids

and air traffic control systems.

The validation flight was conducted on an Airbus A-320 to test the RNP (required navigation performance) procedures and ILS approach procedures.

RNP is a set of navigation specifications that allow aircraft to fly precise flight paths with high accuracy.

"This crucial step demonstrates NIA's adherence to the stringent safety and operational standards required for commercial operations," NIA said in a statement.

Following the validation flight, NIA will finalise the required doc-

umentation for aerodrome certification and submit it to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Speaking at the event, Union minister for civil aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said, "With the validation flight happening today, we are committed to finishing the airport project before the end of April. Today marks a very important occasion in the progress of the airport and definitely whatever support is required from the ministry of civil aviation we will continuously provide so that the early operations from the airport can begin," he said.

भास्कर खास • पहली बार : देश के सबसे बड़े निर्माणाधीन एयरपोर्ट पर उतरी फ्लाइट, अप्रैल से नियमित उड़ानें

जेवर एयरपोर्ट: पहले रनवे पर पहला ट्रायल रन सफल

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नोएडा

यूपी के जेवर में नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर सोमवार को पहली बार सफलतापूर्वक ट्रायल लैंडिंग हुई। जिस इंडिगो विमान की ट्रायल लैंडिंग हुई, उसने करीब 15 मिनट पहले दिल्ली से उड़ान भरी थी। इस मौके पर केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू भी मौजूद रहे। नायडू ने इसे ऐतिहासिक कदम बताते हुए कहा, 'यह लैंडिंग इस बात का प्रमाण है कि हम अप्रैल 2025 के अंत तक पहला चरण पूरा करने का लक्ष्य हासिल करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं।' जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर अभी पहला रनवे तैयार हुआ है। अप्रैल 2025 से नियमित उड़ानें शुरू होंगी। देश का सबसे बड़ा निर्माणाधीन जेवर एयरपोर्ट 2050 तक चार चरणों में पूरा होना है। यहां कुल 6 रनवे बनेंगे।

पानी से सलामी



भास्कर Explainer

...यहां टिकट 20 फीसदी तक सस्ती होगी

• नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट किस जगह पर है?
-यह यूपी के गीतमबुद्ध नगर जिले के जेवर से लगभग 7 किमी (4.3 मील) उत्तर में स्थित है।
• दिल्ली के मुकाबले टिकट सस्ती कैसे होगी?
-जेवर एयरपोर्ट का मकसद दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट का पैसेंजर लोड घटाना है। यूपी सरकार सब्सिडी देकर टिकटों का दाम 15-20% तक घटा सकती है।

• जेवर एयरपोर्ट के लिए कनेक्टिविटी क्या है?
-अप्रैल 2025 से दिल्ली, नोएडा, ग्रेटर नोएडा और गाजियाबाद से डेडिकेटेड बस सर्विस शुरू होगी। शुरू में 100 बसें चलेंगी।
• अप्रैल से यहां से कहां के लिए उड़ान मिलेगी?
-60 उड़ानों से शुरुआत होगी, लेकिन ये किन शहरों के लिए होंगी, वो अभी तय नहीं है।

• दिल्ली-आगरा से नया एयरपोर्ट कितनी दूर है?
- जेवर एयरपोर्ट दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से 72, गुरुग्राम से 83, नोएडा से 65, फरीदाबाद से 62, गाजियाबाद से 87 और आगरा से 150 किमी है।
• यात्री क्षमता के हिसाब से ये कितना बड़ा है?
- पहला चरण पूरा होने पर सालाना क्षमता 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों की होगी।



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जयपुर | जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार को एक यात्री द्वारा लिए गए ब्रेड पकौड़ा में मरा हुआ कॉकरोच निकला। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार इंडिगो की सुबह की फ्लाइट से जयपुर से गोवा जा रहे झालावाड़ मेडिकल कॉलेज में मेडिकल ऑफिसर डॉ. डीपी गुर्जर ने टर्मिनल-1 पर बिल्डिंग के सेकंड फ्लोर पर स्थित कैफे 2.0 से 200 का ब्रेड पकौड़ा खरीदा। इसके बाद उन्होंने ब्रेड पकौड़े का एक टुकड़ा तोड़ा।



तो उसमें से मरा हुआ कॉकरोच निकला। इसके बाद यात्री ने इसका वीडियो बनाकर सोशल मीडिया पर एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन को टैग करते हुए डाल दिया। हालांकि एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने देर शाम तक कैफे पर कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की है।

कार्गो टर्मिनल व वीवीआईपी रोड की चौड़ाई बढ़ने से निर्माण लागत बढ़ी

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 10 दिसम्बर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के कार्गो टर्मिनल के कनेक्टिविटी के लिए प्रस्तावित सड़क को और चौड़ा करने का निर्णय लिया गया था। जिससे रोड के निर्माण की लागत बढ़ गई थी। प्राधिकरण की तरफ से इस पर निर्णय लेने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग को पत्र भेजा था। जिस पर नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग ने यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे पर बढ़ी लागत वहन करने को कहा है। प्राधिकरण आगामी बोर्ड बैठक में प्रस्ताव ले जाएगा। बोर्ड से निर्णय होने के बाद प्राधिकरण बढ़ी लागत का भुगतान एनएचएआई को करेगा। एनएचएआई को प्राधिकरण ने सड़क निर्माण का जिम्मा दिया है। जिसका निविदा भी जारी किया जा चुका है। पिछले माह भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण ने सड़क की पुनरीक्षित डिजाइन तैयार कर यमुना प्राधिकरण को सौंपा था। इसके तहत चार लेन सड़क 14 मीटर की जगह 18 मीटर चौड़ी होगी। कुल चौड़ाई 30 मीटर रहेगी। पहले सड़क की निर्माण लागत 64 करोड़ से बढ़कर 159.01 करोड़ हो गई। एनएचएआई ने कर्व को भी चौड़ा करने का प्रस्ताव दिया था। जिससे इसकी कुल लागत 178.42 करोड़ रूपए हो गई। दो नवम्बर को यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे प्राधिकरण के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी की तरफ से उत्तर प्रदेश नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग को निर्माण लागत

- शासन ने बढ़ी लागत को वहन करने का निर्णय यमुना प्राधिकरण पर छोड़ा
- यमुना प्राधिकरण आगामी बोर्ड में ले जाएगा प्रस्ताव, फिर शुरू होगा रोड का निर्माण

बढ़ने पर निर्णय लेने के लिए पत्र भेजा था। 18 नवम्बर को उत्तर प्रदेश नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग के विशेष सचिव कुमार हर्ष ने यमुना प्राधिकरण को पत्र भेजकर बढ़ी लागत प्राधिकरण को अपने स्तर से निर्णय लेने पर छोड़ दिया।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अप्रैल 2025 से कामर्शियल विमान सेवा शुरू होना है। पहले ही दिन से ही दो कार्गो विमान भी शुरू होगी। इसमें वाहनों के आवाजाही के लिए 14 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क इसके अतिरिक्त दोनों ओर ड्रेन आदि है। विभाग ने सड़क की लागत 64 करोड़ रूपए अनुमानित की थी। प्राधिकरण ने सड़क निर्माण की जिम्मेदारी एनएचएआई को सौंपी है। राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण ने भविष्य में कार्गो टर्मिनल पर वाहनों के दबाव को देखते हुए सड़क की डिजाइन पुनरीक्षित

किया। इसके तहत सड़क की चौड़ाई को 14 मीटर से बढ़ाकर 18 मीटर किया गया है। मिट्टी का कार्य, पुल, आरसीसी ड्रेन की वजह से परियोजना की निर्माण लागत 64 करोड़ रूपए से बढ़कर 159.01 करोड़ तक पहुंच गई। पुल की चौड़ाई भी अब बढ़ाई जा रही है। ऐसे में निर्माण की लागत 178.42 करोड़ हो गई है। वीवीआईपी एक्सिस के लिए यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे से एयरपोर्ट तक प्रस्तावित 800 मीटर लंबी और 60 मीटर चौड़ी सड़क की निर्माण लागत 12.77 करोड़ से बढ़कर 19.41 करोड़ रूपए हो गई। वाहनों की आवाजाही के लिए मुख्य सड़क की चौड़ाई 33 मीटर होगी। यमुना प्राधिकरण के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी डॉक्टर अरूणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि बढ़ी लागत को स्वीकृति नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग से मांगी गई थी। जिस पर नागरिक उड्डयन ने इस शर्त पर स्वीकृति दे दी है कि प्राधिकरण अपने स्तर से बढ़ी लागत का निर्णय ले। सीईओ ने बताया कि आगामी बोर्ड बैठक में इसका प्रस्ताव रखा जाएगा। बोर्ड से स्वीकृति लेने के बाद प्राधिकरण बढ़ी लागत वहन करने को तैयार है। इसके बाद सड़क के निर्माण का रास्ता साफ हो जाएगा।



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The first test flight lands at Noida International Airport amid the ongoing trials, at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday. — PTI

FIRST VALIDATION FLIGHT HELD FOR NOIDA AIRPORT

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NOIDA, DEC. 9

The first validation test flight for the upcoming Noida International Airport was conducted successfully on Monday, with an Airbus 320 of IndiGo receiving a ceremonial water cannon salute upon the maiden landing at the green-field facility, officials said.

The airport is being built in the Jewar area of Gautam Buddha Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, some 75 km off Delhi and will be the national capital region's second international airport after the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Concessionaire Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of Swiss firm Zurich International Airport AG, is building the airport for the Uttar Pradesh government in a public-private partnership model.

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Rs 25 cr sanctioned to develop Ambala Airport: Minister

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Minister of state civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol said that Rs. 25 crore has been sanctioned for the development of Ambala Airport. In a reply to the questions asked by Rajya Sabha MP Kartikya Sharma, the minister said the civil enclave has been developed and the security clearances and documentation are currently being processed by the state government for the development of the airport.

Sharma asked the minister about the status of the airport being constructed in Ambala and the reasons leading to delays in the commencement of flight operations from the Ambala airport.

On the question of whether the government is considering development of existing terminals/airstrips or adding new civil aviation infrastructure in the State of Haryana, the Minister said during the 3rd round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), Ambala airport was identified for the development and operation of RCS flights. Commencement of flights is subject to readiness of the airport. Further, no proposal for setting up of any Greenfield airport in Haryana has been received in this Ministry, the minister also said.

Ambala airport in Haryana is owned by Indian Air Force (IAF), said the minister.

Noida International Airport conducts validation flight

TDG NETWORK
NOIDA

The upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar on Monday announced the “successful” completion of its validation flight, a crucial step in the process of acquiring aerodrome licence.

The validation flight was conducted by an IndiGo A320 passenger aircraft in the presence of civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ramohan Naidu.

The flight verified the airport’s approach procedures, confirming the accuracy and functionality of its navigational aids and air traffic control systems, it said, adding, it demonstrates the airport’s adherence to the stringent safety and operational standards required



Noida International Airport successfully conduct validation flight on an Indigo -320 aircraft. Credit: IndiGo

for commercial operations.

Following the validation flight, NIA will finalise the required documentation for aerodrome certification and submit it to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), it said.

In October, the airport

operator had undertaken an exercise to calibrate its Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Precision Approach Indicator (PAPI) system.

“This milestone reflects the dedication and meticulous planning that has gone

into ensuring the airport is ready for commercial operations. We are gearing up for the airport’s opening and look forward to welcoming passengers to the airport,” said Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, Noida International Airport.

AIR INDIA ORDERS 100 MORE AIRBUS AIRCRAFT

Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran highlights India's growth and infrastructure improvements as key reasons for expanding Air India's fleet.

TGG NETWORK
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Air India confirmed on Monday that it has placed an order for 100 additional Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 widebody A350 aircraft and 90 narrowbody A320 Family aircraft, including the A321neo. This new order is in addition to the 470 aircraft that Air India ordered from both Airbus and Boeing last year. This brings the total number of Airbus aircraft ordered by Air India in 2023 from 250 to 350, including 40 A350s and 210 A320 Family aircraft.

The airline also revealed that it has selected Airbus' Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) to support the maintenance requirements of its growing A350 fleet. The new materials and maintenance contract will help Air India optimise the reliability and performance of its A350 fleet. It will also provide comprehensive engineer-

KEY POINTS

- Air India orders 100 more Airbus aircraft, including 10 A350s and 90 A320s, bringing total Airbus orders in 2023 to 350.
- Airbus' Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) was selected to support A350 fleet maintenance.
- Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran cites India's growing passenger demand as the reason for fleet expansion.
- Air India becomes the first Indian airline to operate the A350, enhancing long-haul and short-haul services.



ing services, integrated component services, and on-site stock in Delhi, managed by Airbus.

Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons and Air India, commented, "With India's passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world, its significantly improving infrastructure and an aspirational young population increasingly going global, we see a clear case

for Air India to expand its future fleet beyond the firm orders of the 470 aircraft placed last year. These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help to position Air India on the path to greater growth and contribute to our mission of building Air India into a world-class airline that connects India to every corner of the world."

Guillaume Faury, CEO of Airbus, also comment-

ed on the deal: "Having personally witnessed the formidable growth of the Indian aviation sector in recent months, I am glad to see Air India renew its trust in Airbus with this additional order for both our A320 Family and A350 aircraft. Through this continued partnership, we are committed to supporting the success of Air India's 'Vibhaan.AI' transformation plan un-

der Tata's vision and leadership."

With this new order, Air India now has a total of 344 new Airbus aircraft incoming. To date, the airline has received six A350 aircraft. The airline had also placed orders for 220 widebody and narrowbody aircraft with Boeing in 2023, of which 185 remain to be delivered. Air India is the first Indian airline to operate the Airbus A350, powered by Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engines, known for their exceptional fuel efficiency, passenger comfort, and long-range capabilities. These A350s currently offer non-stop flights from Delhi to London and New York, giving passengers an upgraded flying experience. The A320 Family fleet, powered by CFM LEAP 1-A engines, remains the backbone of Air India's domestic and short-haul operations, delivering excellent operational efficiency and remarkable flight economics.



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Airports, megaprojects drive up land prices in micro markets, Doddaballapur among them

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Doddaballapur in Karnataka features amongst the top eight upcoming micro-markets for the next five years, based on the infrastructure and mega-project announcements across India, according to a report by professional services and investment management company Colliers out on Monday.

Doddaballapur, located in the northwest outskirts of Bengaluru, is the headquarters of the rural parts of the city, and is less than 40 km from the Kempegowda International Airport. Also going in its favour is its proximity to the Devanahalli Business Park, Satellite Town Ring Rod, BIAL IT Investment Region (which is located between Doddaballapur-Chikballapur and has attracted major IT development and residential projects), Aerotropolis Airport City and other business parks.

According to the report, Doddaballapur will witness a land price appreciation growth of 1.5 times, from Rs 3,800 per square foot (sf) in 2024 to Rs 5,726.



Kempegowda International Airport. DH FILE PHOTO

Khopoli, 45 minutes from Navi Mumbai, ranks first among these micro-markets, due to the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport, which will be operational by April-June 2025. The area is expected to witness a land price appreciation of nearly 3.9 times from Rs 4,200 to Rs 16,200 per sf in the next five years.

This is followed by Sanand in Gujarat, where the Tata Motors' Nano factory is located and Sonipat in Haryana, where Maruti Suzuki has its plant. Both will witness a growth of above 3 times between 2024 and 2030.

The other four in this count of eight include the GIFT

City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City), Oragadam - the industrial suburb of Chennai in Tamil Nadu, where the realty development is fuelled by the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial corridor, Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, where the Noida International Airport is coming up and Mucherla, near Hyderabad, Telangana, which is being developed as a "future city" by the state government.

The increase in property values has facilitated the rapid development of 15 to 20 satellite townships, located within 2 hours of major cities.

Key infrastructure projects impacting urbanisation in India include the Bangalore Kempegowda International Airport. Operationalisation of this airport has led to faster expansion of North Bengaluru.

New infrastructure projects around the area have contributed to a nearly 2.5 times land price appreciation, from Rs 1,800 to Rs 4,500 per sf between 2020 to 2024, most pronounced around the micro-markets like Devanahalli, Chikballapur, Hebbal and Yelahanka.



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अमेरिका के आइपी एड्रेस से आई थी खेरिया एयरपोर्ट को उड़ाने की धमकी

जागरण संवाददाता, आगरा

आगरा के खेरिया एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी भरे ईमेल का आइपी एड्रेस अमेरिका का निकला है। सर्विलांस टीम व आइटी विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि ईमेल भेजने के लिए वर्चुअल प्राक्सि नेटवर्क का प्रयोग किया गया है। टीम आइपी एड्रेस ट्रैक करने में जुटी है।

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के अधिकारी देवराज पांडे के ईमेल पर सोमवार देपहर ईमेल भेजा गया था। खुद को फलस्तीन की आजादी का समर्थक बताने वाले ने ईमेल में लिखा था कि एयरपोर्ट के शौचालय में काला बैग रखा है। इसमें बम है। अधिकारी की सूचना पर पूरे

इंडिगो की वेबसाइट पर भेजा था एयरपोर्ट के शौचालय में बैग में बम रखने का ईमेल

परिसर की जांच की गई पर कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला था।

हंगकांग का था पूर्व में भेजे ईमेल का आइपी एड्रेस: एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा में तैनात सीआइएसएफ को दो माह पहले भी धमकी भरा ईमेल भेजा गया था। उसका आइपी एड्रेस हंगकांग का निकला था।

ईमेल करने वाला है भारतीय : सर्विलांस टीम और जांच एजेंसियों का मानना है कि दोनों ईमेल भेजने वाला भारतीय है। उसने ईमेल भेजने के लिए बीपीएन का प्रयोग किया है।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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आगरा के एयरपोर्ट को फिर बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

आगरा : खेरिया एयरपोर्ट को बम से उड़ाने की एक बार फिर धमकी दी गई। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के अधिकारी के ईमेल पर सोमवार दोपहर धमकी भरा संदेश मिलते ही अलर्ट कर दिया गया। सीआइएसएफ और पुलिस के बम निरोधक दस्ते ने परिसर का चप्पा-चप्पा छान मारा। दो महीने पहले सीआइएसएफ को भी इसी तरह धमकी भरा ईमेल भेजा गया था।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर पहले विमान की सफल लैंडिंग

जासं, ग्रेटर नोएडा : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए सोमवार का दिन इतिहास में दर्ज हो गया। एयरपोर्ट पर पहले विमान की सफल लैंडिंग हुई। आसमान में डेढ़ घंटे उड़ान भरने के बाद इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के वीटी आइएफआइ विमान ने दोपहर करीब डेढ़ बजे एयरपोर्ट के 3,900 मीटर लंबे रनवे के पूर्वी दिशा को छुआ। पूरा एयरपोर्ट परिसर तालियों की गड़गड़ाहट से गूंज उठा। रनवे पर दौड़ते विमान को अपने मोबाइल में कैद करने को सभी आतुर हो उठे। वाटर कैनन से विमान का नवनिर्मित एयरपोर्ट पर स्वागत हुआ। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री केआर नायडू व



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर विमान की सफल लैंडिंग के बाद जानकारी देते नागरिक उड़यन मंत्री केआर नायडू ● जागरण

अन्य अधिकारियों ने नारियल फोड़ा व चालक दल के सदस्यों का स्वागत किया। दोपहर करीब 2.45 बजे विमान ने पश्चिम दिशा से पूर्वी दिशा की ओर रनवे पर दौड़ते हुए एयरपोर्ट से टेक ऑफ किया।

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के विमान ने क्रू मेंबर के साथ दिल्ली के आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से दोपहर करीब 12 बजे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के लिए उड़ान भरी। दस मिनट में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के एरियल स्पेस में पहुंचने

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के वीटी आइएफआइ विमान ने क्रू मेंबर के साथ दिल्ली के आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से भरी उड़ान

के बाद करीब डेढ़ घंटे तक विमान ने नेविगेशन समेत अन्य डाटा एक्त्र किया। दोपहर 1.30 बजे विमान ने रनवे की पूर्व दिशा में लैंडिंग की। रनवे के पश्चिम छोर से होकर विमान टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग के सामने पहुंचा, जहां वाटर कैनन से पानी की बौछार कर स्वागत हुआ। विमान की एक झलक देखने को टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग के निर्माण कार्य में जुटे हजारों कारीगर जुट गए।

तीन साल दो माह 11 दिन में हुआ एयरपोर्ट निर्माण : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के सीईओ डा. अरुणवीर सिंह ने कहा कि एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण तीन साल दो माह 11 दिन में हुआ है। यह अपने आप में रिकार्ड है। वैलिडेशन फ्लाइट में क्रू मेंबर के साथ डीजीसीए, एएआइ के अधिकारी भी एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंचे थे। नियाल के नोडल अफसर शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि विमान की सफल लैंडिंग से मिले आंकड़ों के साथ दिसंबर में एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया जाएगा। 31 मार्च 2025 से पहले लाइसेंस मिलने की संभावना है।



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THE HINDU

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Kochi-bound flight makes emergency landing at city airport

The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

A SpiceJet flight (Q400) bound for Kochi, which departed here early on Monday, made an emergency landing due to a technical snag.

“All the protocols were followed when the aircraft landed, and the passengers reached the terminal safely,” an official said.

The flight with nearly 75 passengers, which left Chennai airport at 6.15 a.m., turned back mid-flight and returned to the city half-an-hour later after the pilot detected the snag, sources said.

Later in the day, the passengers of the grounded flight were accommodated in other flights, sources said.



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JANSATTA

DELHI

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नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर स्थापित होंगे दस संपर्क पुल

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
ग्रैंटर नोएडा, 10 दिसंबर।

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर विमान उड़ान सत्यापन परीक्षण (वैलिडेशन फ्लाईट) सफल होने के बाद एअरोड्रम लाइसेंस के साथ ही वैमानिकी सूचना प्रकाशन (एआइपी) को लेकर तैयारी शुरू हो गई है। टर्मिनल का काम तेजी से पूरा किया जा रहा है। वहीं, यात्रियों को विमान तक पहुंचाने के लिए दस एअरोब्रिज भी हवाई अड्डे स्थल पर पहुंच चुके हैं।

जनवरी अंत तक टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में एअरोब्रिज भी स्थापित कर दिए जाएंगे। बताया गया है कि अप्रैल में वाणिज्यिक विमान सेवा शुरू होने का रास्ता स्फूर्त है। अब एअरोड्रम लाइसेंस आवेदन के लिए नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के प्रमाणीकरण का इंतजार है। यमुना इंटरनेशनल एअरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (याफल) उड़ान सत्यापन की रपट मिलने के बाद एअरोड्रम

यात्रियों को विमान तक पहुंचाने में होगी आसानी

एअरोब्रिज हवाई अड्डे पर टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग से सीधे विमान के दरवाजे तक यात्रियों को ले जाने वाला ढंका हुआ पुल होता है। यह एक सुरंग जैसा रास्ता होता है, जिससे यात्री आसानी से विमान तक पहुंचते हैं। वहीं, विमान से उतरते समय टर्मिनल में आने के लिए भी एअरोब्रिज का प्रयोग किया जाता है। फिलहाल टर्मिनल के प्रवेश (एंट्रेंस) का कार्य चल रहा है। यहां पर टाइल लगाने की काम किया जा रहा है।

लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन करेगा, जिसे 90 दिनों में डीजीसीए से अनुमति मिलने का निबन्ध है।



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THE STATESMAN

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Noida International Airport at Jewar witnesses landmark moment, conducts first-ever trial flight landing successfully

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
GREATER NOIDA, 9 DECEMBER

Amid the ongoing trials, Noida International Airport at Jewar in Greater Noida on Monday conducted its first-ever trial flight landing successfully, marking an important milestone in India's aviation sector.

The Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) is responsible for overseeing the construction of the green-field Noida International Airport at Jewar.

The trial flight landing was a significant step in testing the airport's readiness and also underlines the potential of the Noida International Airport as a future hub for air travel and cargo logistics.

An aircraft of IndiGo's A320 successfully landed for the first time on the runway of Noida Airport.

Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Noida Police Commissioner Laxmi Singh, and several other dignitaries, including MLAs, MPs, and DGCA officials were present on the occasion to witness this landmark moment.

On the first successful landing of the flight at the airport, MP Dr Mahesh Sharma and MLA Dharendra Singh congratulated Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.

The Civil Aviation Minister said, "Economic activity in this entire region will get momentum after commencement of this airport. Earlier it was quite backward in terms of growth but with the arrival of the airport, Jewar has become known as a forward and economic growth centre."

"This airport will not only drop passengers from one



place to another but will also be a big cargo hub for business. Jobs will be generated and hospitality service will increase. Many industries related to the aero sector will grow here. This will be the new pillar of job creation

in the future," he added.

He added people will be able to travel within the country and abroad from Jewar Airport. All security related trials at the airport have been completed. With the first landing, Jewar Airport is

ready for commercial services".

Strict security arrangements were made for the first-ever trial flight landing at the airport. The trial flight, which came from the national capital and landed at 1.30 pm at Jewar, was accorded a ceremonial water cannon salute. The trial flight was carrying Airport Authority of India (AAI) officials, and technical experts. The team onboard gathered comprehensive technical data during the take-off, flight, and landing phases to ensure operational safety and efficiency.

During the trial, the aircraft performed a 15-minute flight before landing on the 3,900-metre runway at Jewar. After a brief 5-minute stop, the plane took off again. The collected data will be sent to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for further analysis.



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THE TRIBUNE

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State tops nation in Drone Pilot Training Institutes

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 9

Haryana has the highest number of approved Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs) to train drone operators. According to data presented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in Parliament on Monday, the state has 24 RPTOs, including one government institute and 23 private entities.

Following Haryana are Maharashtra with 18 RPTOs and Karnataka with 15. Across India, a total of 145 RPTOs have been authorised by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to train, test

Geo-Fencing, certification key for operations, says DGCA



and certify drone pilots.

Responding to a question by Member of Parliament Sanjay Kumar Jha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said, "The issuance of Remote Pilot Certificates (RPCs) by DGCA-authorized RPTOs has substantially

increased. As of now, 21,030 RPCs have been issued."

Drone pilots are being widely utilised by Central and state government organisations for emergency responses and citizen-centric services. A total of 85 Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) mod-

els have been "type certified" by DGCA under various classes such as micro, small and medium for specific uses.

The minister highlighted that the type certification of UAS is currently limited to visual line-of-sight operations. "Beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operations of drones is evolving worldwide, and DGCA has established a working group to prepare a regulatory framework," Mohol said.

The DGCA is closely monitoring global developments in unmanned aviation to develop regulations and integrate AI-powered drones into India's airspace. To ensure

safety, drones must be registered, and geo-fencing has been mandated for type certification. Geo-fencing restricts drone movements within pre-defined airspace.

An interactive airspace map has also been introduced, categorising low-level airspace into red, yellow and green zones for drone operations. In green zones, no permission is required for drone operation, while yellow zones require approval from the relevant air traffic control (ATC) authority. For operations in red zones, permissions must be secured from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and other relevant authorities.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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The first test flight being accorded a ceremonial water cannon salute upon its landing at the newly built Noida International Airport amid the ongoing trials, at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, on Monday. – PTI



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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Engines that power Airbus A320neo aircraft get a facelift

Our Bureau
Mumbai

For the past few years, dust induced wear and tear have led to premature overhauls of LEAP-1A engines that power the Airbus A320neo aircraft.

For airlines, including Air India and IndiGo, this has meant flight disruptions and costs.

However, now there is relief for the airlines as CFM International has improved the durability of the engine, promising better wing time and less groundings.

Following tests and trials, US Federal Aviation Administration and European Aviation Safety Agency have certified the updated high pressure turbine durability kit for LEAP-1A engines.

"Engine reliability and

durability are of utmost importance to airlines in India," said Cyril Catherine, Vice President, Sales, India & Asia Pacific, Safran Aircraft Engines.

"Our latest generation LEAP engines already offer high efficiency and reliability, and low noise and emissions. With today's improvements, we're addressing our customers' expectations for a longer time between overhauls," he said.

50:50 JOINT VENTURE

CFM International is a 50:50 joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran. While Air India received its first CFM engine powered A320neo aircraft in 2017, IndiGo took its first delivery in 2020.

Prior to that, all IndiGo A320neo planes were powered by Pratt & Whitney



TURBINE TWEAK. A LEAP-1A engine arriving for maintenance at a servicing centre in Belgium reuters

engines. Aircraft engines operating in West Asia, North Africa and South Asian countries are more susceptible to wear and tear caused by dust particles than those in use in Europe or the US.

"Typically engine deterioration is detected in a boroscopic inspection. The engine is removed based on

OEM's advice. Sometimes it may need immediate removal or it can be removed after a certain number of hours, based on the condition.

Once removed, it is sent to a repair shop overseas. An engine overhaul can take anywhere between ten to thirty days including its

transport," said an aviation source. Parts such as high pressure turbine blades are replaced after thousands of hours in ordinary course.

Early wear and tear meant these were overhauled much sooner. In some cases the engines were sent for overhaul in 15-18 months, he said.

Development of the durability kit was done after analysing millions of hours of field data, concocting a homemade compound that mimics the effects of the earthy dust particles, and subjecting a series of LEAP-1A engines to a battery of dust ingestion simulations in test cells.

The tests enabled engineers to make changes like optimising the casting and cooling of the high pressure turbine blade and improving the design of the blade tip and trailing edge.



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Fog mandate: DGCA denies Akasa immediate relief

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New Delhi, 10 December

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed Akasa Air to immediately comply with its mandate to deploy only CAT-III-trained pilots at all six major fog-affected airports, even as it reviews the airline's requests for certain exemptions, sources told *Business Standard* on Tuesday.

Akasa Air had on November 29 requested the aviation regulator to exempt it from deploying CAT-III-trained pilots on flights to and from two major fog-affected airports, Kolkata and Bengaluru, for specific periods, as there is a shortage of such

pilots in its roster, sources said.

The airline had informed the DGCA that without this exemption, its entire flight operations could face a “cascading” impact.

Pilots trained on CAT-III instrument landing systems can land in low-visibility conditions at airports equipped with these systems. The three subcategories—CAT-III A, B, and C—permit landings with minimum runway visibility of 175m, 50m, and zero visibility, respectively. Akasa Air did not respond to queries from the newspaper on this issue.

On November 13, the DGCA instructed airlines to comply with the fog mandate, requiring only “CAT III-ready” pilots

and aircraft for flights to and from fog-affected airports, which include Delhi, Lucknow, Kolkata, and Bengaluru, between 9 pm and 10 am. This year, the regulator's directive has been implemented a bit earlier than usual due to the early onset of fog and smog in northern India.

“The cascading effect of these disruptions will extend beyond just the immediate delays at Bengaluru and Kolkata. Aircraft that are unable to land according to schedule will cause ripple delays, impacting subsequent departures, crew schedules, airport slot performance, and ultimately causing a cascading effect on passengers,” it said.

After strike, Boeing restarts 737 MAX production

AGENCIES

Seattle, 10 December

Boeing restarted production of its best-selling 737 MAX jetliner last week, about a month after the end of a seven-week strike by 33,000 factory workers, according to three sources familiar with the matter.

Getting the 737 MAX production line moving again is essential to the heavily debt-burdened plane-maker's recovery, and Boeing has about 4,200 orders for the jetliner from airlines eager to meet growing global demand for air travel. Production resumed on Friday, said one of the sources, who all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak with media. Boeing declined to comment.

The head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Whitaker, told *Reuters* on Thursday that Boeing had not yet resumed 737 MAX production but planned to do so later this month.

The company's plans to increase 737 MAX production to a targeted 56 airplanes a month have been stymied by a series of setbacks including two fatal crashes, the Covid-19 pandemic, supply chain problems, production safety concerns and increased regulatory scrutiny, along with the recent strike. The FAA capped production at 38 737 MAX planes per month in January after a door panel missing four key bolts flew off an Alaska Airlines 737 MAX 9 during a flight that month, exposing serious safety issues at Boeing.

Boeing lays off hundreds as part of cuts announced previously

Boeing has laid off hundreds of additional employees in Washington state and California as part of planned cuts that will eventually reduce the company's workforce by about 17,000. Nearly 400 Boeing employees were laid off in Washington state and more than 500 in California, news outlets reported Monday.



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Airlines forecast 2025 growth despite supply-chain issues

Global airline body International Air Transport Association (IATA) forecast industry-wide 2025 revenue of more than a trillion dollars and record passenger numbers on Tuesday, despite what its chief Willie Walsh said were "unacceptable" difficulties in securing new planes.

Airlines around the world have seen their growth hampered by problems at Boeing and Airbus which have delayed jet deliveries. Without newer, more efficient planes, airlines say they cannot cut back fuel costs while flying more people. "We've given them time. I think our patience has run out. The situation is unacceptable," Walsh said. He said suppliers were acting like "quasi-monopolies" and appeared to be benefiting from the problems they had caused. "We're going to have to ramp up the pressure and maybe look for support to force key suppliers to get their act together." Despite the problems, IATA said it expected the industry to generate \$36.6 billion of net profit in 2025, up from \$31.5 billion in expected net profit in 2024, with a record 5.2 billion passengers set to fly.

REUTERS



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ग्रोध • एयरलाइंस को 3 लाख करोड़ मुनाफे के आसार अगले साल दुनियाभर में रिकॉर्ड 520 करोड़ लोग हवाई यात्रा कर सकते हैं

एजेंसी | जिनेवा

दुनियाभर की एयरलाइंस के लिए नया साल 2025 बेहद शानदार होने का अनुमान है। अगले साल 2024 की तुलना में हवाई यात्रियों की तादाद 16% बढ़ सकती है। इस दौरान यात्री संख्या 520 करोड़ पहुंच सकती है। इनसे दुनियाभर की एयरलाइंस का शुद्ध लाभ 3.1 लाख करोड़ हो सकता है। इंटरनेशनल एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट एसोसिएशन (आईएटीए) ने यह अनुमान जारी किए हैं। आईएटीए दुनिया के 120 से ज्यादा देशों की उन 340 एयरलाइंस का प्रतिनिधित्व

करता है, जो दुनिया के 80% हवाई यातायात के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं। यदि अमेरिका के नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प इम्पोर्ट टैरिफ लगाते हैं और ट्रेड वार शुरू होता है तो इससे ग्लोबल एयरलाइन इंडस्ट्री को नुकसान पहुंच सकता है।

आईएटीए का मानना है कि 2025 में इंडस्ट्री की कमाई 2024 के मुकाबले 4.4% बढ़ेगी। यह पहली बार एक ट्रिलियन डॉलर (85 लाख करोड़ रुपए) से पार निकल सकती है। महामारी के बाद एविएशन इंडस्ट्री ने मांग में तेजी देखी है, पर प्रॉफिट मार्जिन बहुत कम है।



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AIR INDIA PLACES ORDERS FOR 100 MORE AIRCRAFT

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Tata Group-run Air India on Monday announced that it has placed an order for 100 Airbus aircraft, including 10 wide-body A350s and 90 narrow-body A320 family aircraft, of which it will take delivery of the A321neo.

This new order brings Air India's total number of Airbus aircraft orders to 350, adding to the 470 aircraft it ordered from Airbus and Boeing last year. In February 2023, Air India placed the world's second-largest aircraft order — 250 planes with Airbus and 220 with Boeing (185 are yet to be delivered). Air India also revealed a partnership with Airbus Flight Hour Services-Component for component and support.



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Airlines Chase Corporates with Business Class Seats

IndiGo and Air India set to increase number of high-paying seats on flights

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: India's largest airline IndiGo is set to start competing with Air India in chasing business class fliers as part of a strategy to attract high-paying corporate customers and boost profit margins. This will mark a drastic shift for IndiGo, which has so far operated its entire fleet in an all-economy configuration with a primary focus on offering affordable fares to fill aircraft seats.

Industry experts say the biggest winner in this imminent battle will eventually be the customer with an expected overhaul in pricing as the two carriers which between themselves carry eight out of 10 passengers on domestic routes boost the number of business class seats. Customers would also benefit from having a second domestic airline offering business class seating after the bankruptcy of Jet Airways and the recent merger of Vistara

with Air India.

"Increase in seats on the front end on domestic and select international routes is likely to disrupt pricing of business class and even premium economy," said aviation consultancy firm CAPA.

Budget airline IndiGo, which has ditched its one-size-fits-all cabin to add a premium class, is looking to deploy the latest cabin across its 20 flights operating daily between Delhi and Mumbai from the middle of next year. Also, all 15 flights daily on the Delhi-Bengaluru route will get business class seats.

The airline will add more than 150 seats between Delhi and Mumbai, among the world's busiest domestic routes for corporate travel. That will be followed by Delhi-Bengaluru which also has ro-

bust corporate traffic.

"Before the end of the year, all flights between Delhi and Mumbai will be equipped with this (business class cabin). By the end of 2025, we will have 45 aircraft operating with the new cabin product," IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers told ET.

IndiGo and Air India however have deployed divergent approaches for their business class operations. Unlike Air India,

IndiGo currently has no plan to offer complimentary lounge and hot meals to business class passengers. The airline's market study has shown that business travellers on short haul domestic routes primarily prefer multiple flight options for flexibility, seats which offer privacy and comfort, and shorter airport wait times.

Currently, IndiGo's premium seats are priced at ₹18,000-20,000, at par with Air India's premium economy but significantly lower than business class.





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Global Airlines Expect Record Passenger Flows in 2025

Bloomberg

The global airline industry stands to earn \$36.6 billion in net income in 2025, driven by a record 5.2 billion passengers taking to the skies, the industry's top lobby group said in its annual forecast.

The outlook represents a 16% gain on 2024 figures. Profit margins for the industry will be 3.6%, higher than the 3.3% margins in 2024, the International Air Transport Association said on Wednesday. Lower oil prices and higher demand will drive profitability, while potential tariffs and trade wars by the incoming Trump administration could hurt the industry's prospects, the industry group said. IATA also expects industry revenue to exceed \$1 trillion for the first time in 2025.



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"Airlines must continue to watch every cost and insist on similar efficiency across the supply chain — especially from our monopoly infrastructure suppliers who all too often let us down on performance and efficiency," IATA's Director General Willie Walsh said in the statement.

While the aviation industry has seen demand rebound sharply post pandemic, profit margins remain wafer thin. Airlines are struggling with supply chain disruptions that are delaying deliveries of newer, more fuel-efficient aircraft and keeping existing planes grounded for maintenance for longer.

North America remained the largest profit contributor to the global industry in 2024, though margins were at lower levels than pre-pandemic due to slower aircraft deliveries and higher costs particularly for low-cost carriers, IATA said. The Middle East recorded the strongest financial performance and was the only region where passenger yields jumped, thanks to strong demand for premium long-haul travel.

European airlines, in comparison, were hit with fleet groundings, rising wages, higher airport charges and taxes which took a toll on competitiveness in 2024, according to IATA. The group sees profitability improving in 2025 as low-cost carriers resume flying grounded aircraft. IATA said its outlook is subject to change should the Ukraine and Middle East wars worsen or oil prices fail to drop.



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Global airlines may surpass \$1-trn revenue mark in 2025

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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THE GLOBAL AIRLINE industry is projected to report a net profit of \$36.6 billion in 2025, slightly higher than expected this year, helped by lower oil prices and cost control, IATA said on Tuesday.

Passenger numbers are expected to rise 6.7% to 5.2 billion next year compared to 2024. In 2025, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects the industry's revenue to cross the \$1-trillion mark for the first time to \$1.007 trillion, an increase of 4.4% against 2024. While the operating profit is estimated at \$67.5 billion, expenses are anticipated to reach \$940 billion next year.

At a briefing, IATA director-general Willie Walsh also said India is witnessing significant growth and that there is a clear recognition that growth is also dependent on air connectivity. China and India are among the fastest-growing domestic aviation markets, he added.

"Net profit is expected to be \$36.6 billion in 2025 for a 3.6% net profit margin. That is a slight improvement from the expected \$31.5 billion net profit in 2024 (3.3% net profit margin). Average net profit per passenger is expected to be \$7 (below the \$7.9 high in 2023 but an improvement from \$6.4 in 2024)," IATA said in its financial outlook for 2025.

In the Asia Pacific region, a slight improvement in profitability is likely next year on the back of strong demand and increasing load factors.





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Spicejet makes emergency landing in Patna

Dheeraj Kumar

PATNA

A SpiceJet flight from Delhi to Shillong (SEJ-2950) made an emergency landing at Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna on Monday after it developed a technical glitch mid-air. All 80 passengers and the crew onboard the flight were safe, officials at the Patna airport said. Both the passengers and the crew in the flight are safe.

The flight bound for Shillong, was diverted as a precautionary measure. The captain alerted ATC and emergency protocols were activated to ensure a safe landing in Patna. "A Delhi-Shillong SpiceJet flight experienced a technical issue that necessitated its diversion to Patna. The aircraft landed safely at 8.52 am on Monday morning," Patna airport director Anchal Prakash said.



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Air India orders 100 more Airbus planes

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Air India on Monday confirmed it has placed an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 widebody A350 and 90 narrowbody A320 aircraft, including A321neo.

These 100 new aircraft are in addition to the firm orders of 470 aircraft that Air India had placed with Airbus and Boeing last year. The latest order takes the total number of aircraft that Air India ordered with Airbus in 2023 from 250 aircraft, comprising 40 A350 and 210 A320 Family aircraft, to 350, the airline said.

Air India also announced it has selected Airbus' Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) to support the main-

tenance requirements of its growing A350 fleet.

The new materials & maintenance contract will help Air India to optimise the reliability and performance of its A350 fleet, with comprehensive engineering services and integrated component services including on-site stock at Delhi provided by Airbus.

Tata Sona and Air India Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran said: "With India's passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world. These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help to position Air India on the path to greater growth and contribute to building Air India into a world-class airline that connects India to every corner of the world."



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IB officer held for bomb threat to IndiGo in Nov

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RAIPUR : An Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly issuing a hoax bomb threat on an aircraft, 25 days after an IndiGo flight from Nagpur to Kolkata with 187 passengers on board was forced to make an emergency landing in Raipur.

The accused, who was travelling on the flight on November 14, allegedly gave false information to the pilot, saying he had intel that there was a bomb on the plane. After landing at the airport in Chhattisgarh, the plane was checked by security personnel but nothing suspicious was found. The IB officer, Animesh Mondal, who gave information about the presence of a bomb on the aircraft was later arrested by Raipur police.

Mondal's lawyer Faizal Rizvi said that his client was an IB offi-

THE OFFICER, WHO WAS TRAVELLING ON THE FLIGHT ON NOV 14, ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE PILOT THAT HE HAD INTEL ABOUT A BOMB ON THE PLANE

cer and when he boarded the flight he had got the information from a source. However, police said that a joint team of the IB and state police questioned Mondal and found that the information was concocted, therefore he was arrested in accordance with the law. "His wife contacted me a few days back and also presented documents that Mondal was an IB officer. My client was booked under provisions of the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of the Civil Aviation Act, 1982," said Rizvi.



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INDIGO TO RAMP UP BIZ CLASS TO 45 AIRCRAFT BY 2026

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NEW DELHI: Buoyed by an enthusiastic response, India's largest air carrier IndiGo plans to expand its business-class product IndiGoStretch to about 45 aircraft by 2026, from two planes currently.

The Gurugram-based airline is currently implementing a phased rollout of IndiGoStretch, which was announced in August this year starting with the Delhi-Mumbai sector.

"Over the next 14 months, we will introduce 45 IndiGoStretch aircraft, expanding service to 12 routes with a frequency of over 260 daily flights," a company spokesperson said in an emailed response to *Mint's* query.

The premium business product, which offers comfortable and spacious recliner seating facility, will by early January 2025 cover all Delhi-Mumbai flights. IndiGoStretch will begin on the Delhi-Bengaluru route on 10 January. There will be six daily flights between the two cities, with ticket prices starting at ₹21,000. This will be followed by full integration on the Delhi-Bengaluru and Delhi-Chennai routes by March 2025. According to its website, the product will operate on most of the metro-to-metro routes, with all 12 routes expected to be served by the end of 2025, a year after the launch of the service. With this expansion, IndiGo is estimated to be offering premium capacity in about 10% of its fleet by then. It has a fleet size of about 410 aircraft as of 30 September, and is expected to grow to over 450 aircraft by 2026. Air India Group says it will have about 94 aircraft with business class cabins by June 2025—a large number of which would be used for international flights.

Some experts said the lack of footrest in IndiGoStretch dilutes the comfort factor. Ajay Prakash, president of Travel Agents Association of India (TAFI) said, "With the current seat, IndiGo will face a challenge as it lacks a footrest at the moment. The domestic air traffic is booming, we've been carrying a record number of passengers, and we don't see a big problem in filling these seats once they have a more extensive sort of coverage".



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Air India places order to buy 100 more Airbus aircraft

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NEW DELHI: Private airline Air India on Monday said it has placed an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 wide-body A350 and 90 narrow-body A320 family aircraft including the A321neo.

These 100 new aircraft are in addition to the orders of 470 aircraft that Air India placed with Airbus and Boeing last year, the Tata Group-owned airline said in

a statement. The airline also announced it has tied up with Airbus for component and maintenance support for its A350 fleet.

"With India's passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world, its significantly improving infrastructure and an aspirational young population increasingly going global, we see a clear case for Air India to expand its future fleet beyond the firm orders of the 470 aircraft placed last year," Tata Sons and Air India chairman Natarajan Chan-

drasekaran said in a statement.

"These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help to position Air India on the path to greater growth and contribute to our mission of building Air India into a world-class airline that connects India to every corner of the world," he added.

With the order for 100 additional aircraft, Air India currently has a total of 344 new aircraft incoming from Airbus, and has received six A350s so far, he said. The latest order takes the total number of aircraft that Air

India has ordered from Airbus in 2023 from 250 aircraft to 350, including 10 wide-body A350 and 90 narrow-body A320 family aircraft.

Air India in 2023 also placed orders for 220 wide-body and narrow-body aircraft with Boeing, of which 185 aircraft remain to be delivered, the company said. Airbus welcomed the renewal of "trust" by Air India.

"Having personally witnessed the formidable growth of the Indian aviation sector in recent months, I am glad to see Air

India renew its trust in Airbus with this additional order for both our A320 Family and A350 aircraft. Through this continued partnership, we are committed to supporting the success of Air India's "Vihaan.AI" transformation plan under Tata's vision and leadership," Guillaume Faury, chief executive officer of Airbus said. Meanwhile, Air India on Monday also said it has selected Airbus' Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) to support the maintenance of its growing A350 fleet.



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Delhi-Shillong SpiceJet flight diverted to Patna after crack in windshield

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PATNA : A SpiceJet flight (SG 2950) with 80 passengers and crew on board from Delhi to Shillong was diverted to Patna on Monday after a crack in the cockpit windshield was detected. It landed safely at the Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, said officials.

"On December 9, 2024, SpiceJet Q400 aircraft operating from Delhi to Shillong was diverted to Patna when a windshield crack was observed. Please note that there are three different layers of windshield and only one layer of



The affected aircraft parked at the Jay Prakash Narayan International airport in Patna, on Monday.

SANTOSH KUMAR/HT

a particular window had a crack, and the diversion was purely a

precautionary measure. The aircraft made a normal landing and

not an emergency landing. Passengers were deplaned normally. Pressurisation was normal throughout the flight," said a spokesperson from SpiceJet.

The aircraft has been temporarily grounded. Alternative arrangements have been made for the passengers.

"We are going to fly to Guwahati at 8pm and then drive to Shillong. We may reach Shillong at around 2am or 3am. I am concerned about my safety and that of other lady passengers as well," a lady passenger told PTI, as she emerged out of the airport.

The aircraft, which landed in Patna at around 8.52am, had

taken off from Delhi at 7.03am and was scheduled to land at Shillong at 10.02am. The pilots, however, detected a crack in the windshield of the cockpit as the aircraft was overhead Patna. They immediately informed the air traffic control of Patna, and the aircraft was diverted to Patna, said airport officials.

Syed Hassan, SpiceJet's station manager in Patna and Saurav Guha, station manager in Shillong, did not respond to this reporter's phone calls or text message.



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AI to add 100 Airbus planes

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) confirmed it placed an order to buy 100 more Airbus aircraft, including 10 widebody A350

and 90 narrow-body A320 family of aircraft. AI didn't disclose the delivery timeline. The aircraft are in addition to orders for 470 aircraft AI placed with Airbus and Boeing last year.



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ARRESTED AFTER NOV 14 INCIDENT, MAN MOVES CHHATTISGARH HIGH COURT FOR BAIL

IB officer behind fake bomb alert on flight, police say; his lawyer says was doing his job

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, DECEMBER 10

A 44-year-old passenger who was arrested for allegedly raising a false alarm about a bomb in a Nagpur-Kolkata flight, which led to an emergency landing in Raipur last month, is an officer posted in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), police in Chhattisgarh have said.

He has now approached the Chhattisgarh High Court seeking bail.

On November 14, around 8.40 am, a Nagpur-Kolkata flight with 193 people on board had to make an emergency landing at

Raipur Airport in Chhattisgarh after one of the passengers, 44-year-old Animesh Mandal, raised alarm about a bomb in the aeroplane. However, when authorities searched the plane and determined it to be a false alarm, he was arrested and sent to judicial custody. The plane later continued its journey to Kolkata.

Raipur SSP Santosh Singh on Tuesday confirmed that Mandal was an IB official.

Mandal's lawyer Faisal Rizvi argued that his client is innocent. "He simply did his duty. He received information about an explosive being planted on the plane and he alerted the crew," Rizvi said.

The lawyer said he had approached the sessions court last week, and on Monday, "the court said it cannot hear the matter as a special court has not been notified in Chhattisgarh for case related to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982".

A senior police officer in Raipur told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday, "We knew since Day 1 that he is an IB official and his questioning before his arrest was done jointly by police as well as IB officials. In his questioning, it came out that he raised a false alarm. We then decided to arrest him."

Mandal had told a member of the cabin crew that there was

a bomb on the plane and the aircraft would crash. Subsequently, the plane landed in Raipur and everyone was deboarded, after which it was searched by officials of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), including the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad.

Mandal, a resident of Nagpur, was booked under BNS section 351(4) (criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication, or having taken precaution to conceal the name or abode of the person from whom the threat comes) and provisions of the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982.



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एयर इंडिया के छोटे आकार वाले विमानों में वायरलेस मनोरंजन सेवा शुरू

मुंबई, एजेसी। एयर इंडिया ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसने अपनी वायरलेस मनोरंजन सेवा का विस्तार छोटे आकार वाले विमानों के बेड़े तक कर दिया है। एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि वायरलेस सेवा 'विस्टा स्ट्रीम' यात्रियों को स्मार्टफोन, टैबलेट और लैपटॉप जैसे व्यक्तिगत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणों पर विविध मनोरंजन सामग्री को सीधे स्ट्रीम करने में सक्षम बनाती है। इस साल अगस्त में शुरू हुई यह सेवा पहले से ही उसके चौड़े आकार वाले विमानों के बेड़े का हिस्सा है। अब यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय और घरेलू नेटवर्क पर चौड़े आकार वाले विमानों के अलावा संकरे आकार वाले विमानों में भी उपलब्ध होगी। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि इस सेवा के जरिये यात्री उड़ान के दौरान 1600 से अधिक घंटों की प्रीमियम मनोरंजन सामग्री देख सकेंगे। इसमें उड़ान की वास्तविक समय में निगरानी के लिए लाइव मैप भी है।



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THE NUMBER of IndiGo aircraft that will have IndiGoStretch, its premium class product, across 12 routes by 2026. It would by then have a fleet size of 450 aircraft

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Boeing resumes 737 MAX production month after strike ended

Boeing restarted production of its best-selling 737 MAX jetliner last week, about a month after the end of a seven-week strike by 33,000 factory workers, according to three sources familiar with the matter.

Getting the 737 MAX production line moving again is essential to the heavily debt-burdened planemaker's recovery, and Boeing has about 4,200 orders for the jetliner from airlines eager to meet growing global demand for air travel.

Production resumed on Friday, said one of the sources, who all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak with media. Boeing declined to comment. The head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Whitaker, told *Reuters* on Thursday that Boeing had not yet resumed 737 MAX production but planned to do so later this month.

The firm's plans to increase 737 MAX production to a targeted 56 airplanes a month have been stymied by a series of setbacks including two fatal crashes, the covid-19 pandemic, supply chain problems, production safety concerns and increased regulatory scrutiny, along with the recent strike. **REUTERS**



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Airline industry to record net profit of \$36.6 bn in 2025: IATA

Passenger numbers are expected to rise 6.7% to 5.2 billion next year

GENEVA: The global airline industry is projected to report a net profit of \$36.6 billion in 2025, slightly higher than expected this year, helped by lower oil prices and cost control, IATA said on Tuesday.

Passenger numbers are expected to rise 6.7 per cent to 5.2 billion next year compared to 2024. In 2025, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects the industry's revenue to cross the \$1 trillion mark for the first time to \$1.007 trillion, which will be an increase of 4.4 per cent compared to 2024.

While the operating profit is estimated at \$67.5 billion, expenses are anticipated to reach \$940 billion next year.

At a briefing here, IATA Director General Willie Walsh said India is witnessing significant growth and that there is a clear recognition that growth is also dependent on air connectivity.

China and India are among the fastest-growing domestic aviation markets, he added.

"Net profit is expected to be \$36.6 billion in 2025 for a 3.6 per cent net profit margin. That is a slight improvement from the expected \$31.5 billion net profit in 2024 (3.3 per cent net profit margin).

"Average net profit per passenger is expected to be \$7 (below the \$7.9 high in 2023 but an improvement from \$6.4 in 2024)," IATA said in its financial outlook for 2025.

In the Asia Pacific region, a slight improvement in profitability is likely next year on the back of strong demand and increasing load factors.

Globally, IATA said the average airfare, including ancillaries, is expected to be \$380, which is



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1.8 per cent lower than 2024.

"We are expecting airlines to deliver a global profit of \$36.6 billion in 2025."

"This will be hard earned as airlines take advantage of lower oil prices while keeping load factors above 83 per cent, tightly controlling costs, investing in decarbonisation, and managing the return to more normal growth levels following the extraordinary pandemic recovery," Walsh said.

In 2025, jet fuel price is expected to average \$87 per barrel compared to \$99 per barrel in 2024. This is based on a jet fuel crack spread of \$12 per barrel and a crude oil price of \$75 per barrel (Brent).

"Airlines' cumulative fuel spend is expected to be \$248 billion, a decline of 4.8 per cent despite a 6 per cent rise in the amount of fuel expected to be consumed (107 billion gallons). Fuel is expected to account for 26.4 per cent of operating costs in 2025, down from 28.9 per cent in 2024," IATA said. #1

AI places order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft

OUR CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI: Private carrier Air India on Monday announced placing an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft, comprising 10 wide-body A350 and 90 narrow-body A320 family aircraft including A321neo.

These 100 new aircraft are in addition to the orders of 470 aircraft that Air India had placed with Airbus and Boeing last year, Air India said in a statement.

The airline also announced it has tied up with Airbus for component and maintenance support for its A350 fleet.

The latest order takes the total number of aircraft that Air India ordered with Airbus from 250 to 350. The order placed in 2023 for 250 planes comprised 40 A350 and 210 A320 family aircraft.

Air India in February 2023 announced that it would place an order for 470 aircraft, with an additional 370 options. This was confirmed in June 2023, with the order comprising 40 Airbus A350s, 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777-9s wide-body aircraft, as well as 210 Airbus A320/321 Neos and 190 Boeing 737 MAX single-aisle aircraft.

However, in December last year, the airline rejigged this order with 140 neo planes and 70 A320neo, as against the earlier order of 140 A320neo and 70 A321 neo aircraft.



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“With India’s passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world, its significantly improving infrastructure and an aspirational young population increasingly going global, we see a clear case for Air India to expand its future fleet beyond the firm orders of the 470 aircraft placed last year,” said Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons and Air India.

These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help position Air India on the path to “greater growth” and contribute to our mission of building Air India into a world-class airline that

connects India to every corner of the world, he said.

With the order for 100 additional aircraft, Air India currently has a total of 344 new aircraft incoming from Airbus, having received six A350s so far, it said. Air India in 2023 had also placed orders for 220 wide-body and narrow-body aircraft with Boeing, of which 185 aircraft remain to be delivered, the company said.

Meanwhile, Air India on Monday also said it has selected Airbus’ Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C) to support the maintenance of its growing A350 fleet.

The new materials and maintenance contract will help Air India optimise the reliability and performance of its A350 fleet, with comprehensive engineering services and integrated component services including on-site stock at Delhi provided by Airbus.

“Having personally witnessed the formidable growth of the Indian aviation sector in recent months, I am glad to see Air India renew its trust in Airbus with this additional order for both our A320 family and A350 aircraft. Through this continued partnership, we are committed to supporting the success of Air India’s “Vihaan.AI” transformation plan under Tata’s vision and leadership,” said Guillaume Faury, Airbus CEO.



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विदेशी एयरलाइंस ने गड़ाई भारत पर नज़रें, उड़ानें बढ़ाने की कोशिश

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■ नई दिल्ली : भारत में तेजी से बढ़ते एविएशन सेक्टर को देखते हुए भारतीय एयरलाइंस कंपनियां अधिक से अधिक हवाई जहाज खरीदने के ऑर्डर दे रही हैं। वहीं, विदेशी एयरलाइंस भी भारतीय एविएशन बाजार पर नज़रें गड़ाए हुए हैं। एमिरेट्स, एतिहाद, गल्फ, कतर एयरवेज और ब्रिटिश एयरवेज जैसी कई विदेशी एयरलाइंस भारत से अपनी उड़ानें बढ़ाने की कोशिश कर रही हैं। इसके लिए वे भारतीय एविएशन रेगुलेटर डीजीसीए से संपर्क कर रही हैं। डेल्टा जैसे अमेरिकन एयरलाइंस भी भारत में अपने नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने के लिए उत्सुक हैं।

फिलहाल, भारत से अलग-अलग देशों के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले पैसेंजर्स में भारतीय एयरलाइंस की 46% हिस्सेदारी



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है। 54% शेयर 75 विदेशी एयरलाइंस का है। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के सूत्रों के अनुसार, अधिकांश विदेशी एयरलाइंस भारत से अपनी उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़ाने की कोशिश कर रही हैं। उन्हें संयुक्त अरब अमीरात, वहरिन, कुवैत, ओमान और कतर जैसे खाड़ी देशों के रूट पर ज्यादा इंटरस्ट है। सूत्रों का कहना है कि भारतीय एविएशन रेगुलेटर विदेशी

एयरलाइंस की भारत से उड़ानें बढ़ाने की रिक्वेस्ट पर विचार कर रहा है, लेकिन इसके साथ ही भारत की एयरलाइंस को भी नजरअंदाज नहीं किया जा रहा है। भारतीय एयरलाइंस आने वाले समय में बड़ी संख्या में नए विमान खरीदकर अपनी घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान ट्रेफिक को बढ़ाने की तैयारी कर रही हैं। डीजीसीए और मंत्रालय दोनों भारतीय और विदेशी एयरलाइंस के बीच सामंजस्य स्थापित करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं, ताकि भारतीय एयरलाइंस को अपने अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क को बढ़ाने में कोई समस्या न आए।

बड़े हवाई जहाजों की मांग अधिक : हवाई यात्रियों की बढ़ती संख्या को देखते हुए, भारत की विभिन्न एयरलाइंस अपने एयरक्राफ्ट बेड़े में अधिक यात्री क्षमता वाले (वाइड बॉडी) एयरक्राफ्ट शामिल करने की कोशिशों में लगी हैं।



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Man held for sharing bogus bomb alert on IndiGo flight from Nagpur to Kolkata

PNS ■ RAIPUR

A man arrested for allegedly sharing a bogus bomb alert on an IndiGo flight from Nagpur to Kolkata last month has turned out to be an Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer. Police, however, justified his arrest claiming he provided false information that forced the flight with 187 passengers onboard to make an emergency landing.

Animesh Mandal (44) is a deputy superintendent-rank IB official posted in Nagpur and he was innocent, his lawyer Faizal Rizvi told reporters here two days ago. On November 14, Mandal allegedly told the crew of the IndiGo flight after it took off that there was a bomb on the plane. The flight was diverted to Raipur, but after a thorough search upon landing, the information was found to be baseless.

Mandal was arrested by Raipur Police under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita section 351 (4) (criminal intimidation by anonymous communication) and provisions of the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, 1982.

As per advocate Rizvi, after Mandal boarded the flight, he got information from his source about a bomb. Why



did the police not disclose immediately that he is an IB official, the lawyer asked, talking to reporters.

Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh said on Tuesday that police informed the IB immediately after he was detained, and he was arrested only after a joint team of local police and IB interrogated him and found the input shared by him to be fake.

Mandal's act created panic, endangering the lives of passengers and crew members, he said. Advocate Rizvi, meanwhile, claimed that a person charged under the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act can be tried only by a special court, and there is no such designated court in Chhattisgarh. His client will move the High Court which has inherent powers to hear such cases, and seek bail, the lawyer said.



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Air India to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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एयर इंडिया के छोटे विमानों में वायरलेस मनोरंजन सेवा शुरू

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

एयर इंडिया ने मंगलवार को कहा कि उसने अपनी वायरलेस मनोरंजन सेवा का विस्तार छोटे आकार वाले विमानों के बेड़े तक कर दिया है।

एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि वायरलेस सेवा 'विस्टा स्ट्रीम' यात्रियों को स्मार्टफोन, टैबलेट और लैपटॉप जैसे व्यक्तिगत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणों पर



विविध मनोरंजन सामग्री को सीधे स्ट्रीम करने में सक्षम

बनाती है।

इस साल अगस्त में शुरू

हुई यह सेवा पहले से ही उसके चौड़े आकार वाले विमानों के

बेड़े का हिस्सा है। अब यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय और घरेलू नेटवर्क पर चौड़े आकार वाले विमानों के अलावा संकरे आकार वाले विमानों में भी उपलब्ध होगी।

एयरलाइन ने कहा कि इस सेवा के जरिए यात्री उड़ान के दौरान 1600 से अधिक घंटों की प्रीमियम मनोरंजन सामग्री देख सकेंगे। इनमें फिल्में भी शामिल होंगी। इसमें उड़ान की वास्तविक समय में निगरानी के लिए लाइव मैप भी है।

वैश्विक एयरलाइंस उद्योग को 2025 में 36.6 अरब डालर के लाभ की उम्मीद

जिनेवा (भाषा)।

वैश्विक एयरलाइन उद्योग का शुद्ध लाभ वर्ष 2025 में 36.6 अरब डॉलर रहने का अनुमान है, जो इस साल की तुलना में थोड़ा अधिक होगा। आईएटीए ने मंगलवार को यह अनुमान जताया।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई परिवहन संघ (आईएटीए) ने कहा कि अगले साल यात्रियों की संख्या 6.7 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 5.2 अरब हो जाने की उम्मीद है। इसी तरह उद्योग का राजस्व वर्ष 2025 में

पहली बार एक लाख करोड़ डालर से अधिक यानी 1.007 लाख करोड़ डॉलर हो जाएगा।

आईएटीए ने कहा कि वैश्विक विमानन उद्योग का परिचालन लाभ अगले साल बढ़कर 67.5 अरब डॉलर पर पहुंचने का

अनुमान है जबकि उसका खर्च 940 अरब डॉलर रहने की संभावना है। आईएटीए के महानिदेशक विली वॉल्श ने यहां संवाददाता सम्मेलन में यह अनुमान जाहिर करते हुए कहा कि भारत विमानन क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण वृद्धि दर्ज कर रहा है और वह वृद्धि को लेकर हवाई संपर्क पर निर्भर है।

उन्होंने कहा, 'हमें वैश्विक स्तर पर 2025 में 3.6 प्रतिशत शुद्ध लाभ मार्जिन के साथ 36.6 अरब डॉलर का शुद्ध लाभ कमाने की उम्मीद है। यह 2024 में 31.5 अरब डॉलर के अपेक्षित

शुद्ध लाभ से थोड़ा बेहतर है।' वॉल्श ने कहा कि चीन और भारत सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते घरेलू विमानन बाजारों में से हैं। वहीं एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में मजबूत मांग और क्षमता के बेहतर उपयोग से अगले साल लाभप्रदता में थोड़ा सुधार होने की संभावना है।





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AI orders 100 planes

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: Air India announced an order for 100 additional Airbus aircraft, including 10 A350 wide-body jets and 90 A320 family narrow-body planes as part of its fleet expansion strategy.

This order builds on the airline's 2023 commitment to purchase 470 planes from Airbus and Boeing, signalling a significant investment in capacity to meet India's growing aviation demand, the airline in a statement said on Monday.

The latest order brings Air India's total Airbus procurement to 350 aircraft, an in-



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crease from the 250 ordered in 2023. The earlier Airbus order included 40 A350s and 210 A320 family jets.

Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran highlighted that India's rapid passenger growth, enhanced infrastructure, and global aspirations

justify the airline's fleet expansion, positioning Air India for greater growth and enhanced global connectivity.

As part of its transformation initiative, "Vihaan.AI", Air India also announced a collaboration with Airbus for Flight Hour Services-Component (FHS-C), aimed at ensuring optimal reliability and performance of its A350 fleet.

The contract includes engineering services and on-site stock maintenance in Delhi.

Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury expressed confidence in the partnership and support for Air India's transformation plan under the Tata group's leadership.



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AHMEDABAD

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Air India tops up record 470 aircraft order with 100 more

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Tata Group's Air India has added 100 more Airbus aircraft — 90 A320 family and 10 widebody A350s — to its record \$70-billion order for 470 aircraft from the European aerospace major and Boeing placed in 2023, signalling its intent to accelerate its growth plans.

While placing that firm order for 400 and 70 single and twin aisles, respectively, about two years ago, AI had

got an option and purchase rights for 370 more Airbus & Boeing planes.

This Oct, AI was learnt to have converted an option for 85 Airbus — 75 A320 family &

EXPANDING 'FUTURE FLEET'

10 A350s — into a firm order. On Monday, the airline updated that number by confirming "an order to purchase 100 more Airbus aircraft."

Tata Sons & AI chairman

Natarajan Chandrasekaran said: "With India's passenger growth outpacing the rest of the world, its significantly improving infrastructure and an aspirational young population increasingly going global, we see a clear case for Air India to expand its future fleet beyond the firm orders of the 470 aircraft placed last year. These additional 100 Airbus aircraft will help contribute to our mission of building AI into a world-class airline."



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CHENNAI

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Kochi-bound flight makes emergency landing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: A SpiceJet flight that left Chennai for Kochi on Monday made an emergency return to Chennai airport following a sudden mechanical failure.

All 90 people on board, including 84 passengers, were safely rescued.

The private passenger plane, carrying 84 people and 6 crew members, took off from Chennai at 6.30 am to Kochi. Withing a few mi-

utes, it experienced a mechanical failure. The pilot immediately alerted the control room at Chennai airport, which instructed the plane to return and land safely. The plane landed at Chennai airport at 7.15 am. All passengers were safely disembarked and accommodated in the airport lounge.

The flight was eventually cancelled as the fault could not be fixed. A probe is on.



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CHENNAI

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Delhi-Shillong flight lands in Patna after crack in windshield

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Patna: A SpiceJet flight from Delhi to Shillong with 75 passengers on board made an emergency landing at Patna airport after the pilot noticed a crack in a windshield on Monday morning.

"The aircraft made a normal landing," said Patna's Jayaprakash Narayan International Airport director Anchal Prakash. "There are three different layers of windshields, and only one layer of a particular window had developed a crack. Pressurization was normal throughout the flight. Passengers deboarded normally," SpiceJet's spokesperson said.

The passengers were shifted to a hotel in Patna before the airline made alternative arrangements.

Shweta, a flyer, said, "An evening flight to Guwahati has been arranged for us. From there, we will go to Shillong."

Nitendra Mittal, a Jaipur resident flying to Shillong, said, "Fortunately, all passengers remained safe."