

Delhi airport's T2 terminal to undergo 6-month refurbishment from April

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Terminal 2 of Delhi Airport will undergo a comprehensive refurbishment from April onwards for around six months.

The terminal was originally constructed 40 years ago by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

It will undergo a comprehensive refurbishment, spearheaded by GMR Airports Limited-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL).

The refurbishment will modernize key areas of the terminal and surrounding infrastructure, ensuring that T2 remains a top-tier facility in the global aviation landscape, capable of accommodating the evolving needs of passengers and supporting the airport's continued growth.

The refurbishment of Terminal 2 is part of DIAL's commitment to creating a world-class hub for travellers across India and South-



east Asia. The terminal and its associated apron have been serving passengers for over four decades, and with the rapid increase in air traffic, major upgrades are essential.

The Refurbished T2 will have new passenger boarding bridges. The Aerobridges will have autonomous docking technology, the first of its kind in India. Modern ceilings and skylight designs for a more appealing environment. Advanced flooring, and better road connectivity for passengers' convenience.

The enhancements will help accommodate the anticipated surge in domestic passenger numbers, with DIAL projecting that it will reach its maximum passenger capacity by FY 2025-26.

Domestic terminals at the airport to get a makeover

The project will be undertaken at a cost of ₹21.8 crore. The flooring in T1 and T4, spanning 50,000 sq.m, will be replaced in the next 15 months, says an official of Airports Authority of India

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to refurbish the flooring in domestic terminals of the Chennai airport at a cost of ₹21.8 crore in the coming months.

“The entire flooring in the two domestic terminals [T1 and T4], spanning 50,000 sq.m, will be replaced in the next 15 months. We called for tenders last month, and the contract should be given shortly,” an AAI official said.

With a growing need for expansion and more facili-



Set for an upgrade: The two domestic terminals will be renovated in a phased manner. FILE PHOTO

ties at the airport, the AAI recently began the second stage of the ₹2,467-crore Phase II Modernisation Project, as part of which they have taken up the construction of a new integrated terminal building (NITB) for international operations. One part of the

NITB is open for international passengers, while work is under way on the other part.

Meanwhile, the officials said the domestic terminals will also get a makeover, which will be done in a phased manner. The existing granite tiles will be re-

moved and replaced with marble flooring. “If it is an empty area, then work can be finished quickly in three months. But with the passenger footfall, each area has to be earmarked and barricaded gradually and, hence, it would take about a year and a half to finish this work,” the official said.

Welcoming the move, Ramkumar, a regular flyer, said: “Many of the chairs seem to have a worn-out look; it would be nicer if they are changed on a priority basis. The authorities need to keep separate trays for shoes and cut down the congestion at the security check in T1 terminal,” he said.

Delhi to begin renovation of T2, to shift operations to T1

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi airport's Terminal 2 (T2) will remain closed for about six months for refurbishment works in the next financial year. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has unveiled an ambitious plan to refurbish Terminal 2 or T2 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport which was built by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) four decades ago. During the renovation, T2 will temporarily close for four to six months, with operations being shifted to the newly expanded Terminal 1 to minimise disruption. Sources said the refurbishment work is set to commence in the 2025-26 financial year, with completion targeted by the second quarter. The upgrades are expected to be completed by the second quarter of Financial Year 2026.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked the operator of IGI airport to undertake a comprehensive overhaul of Terminal 2 (T2). The financial year starts from



April 1, 2025.

According to DIAL, the closure will not significantly impact airport operations as Terminal 1 (T1) will accommodate the additional load of passengers. T2, which was constructed 40 years ago by the AAI, will undergo extensive renovations to improve the passenger experience and increase capacity for future growth. T1 and T2 currently serve domestic flights while Terminal 3 (T3) handles international flights.

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Key elements of the refurbishment include the installation of six state-of-the-art Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs) featuring autonomous docking technology, the first of its kind in India. These advanced PBBs will offer features such as elevated ramps for wheelchair access and adjusted cabins for a seamless experience. The terminal will also receive mechanical and electrical upgrades, including new HVAC systems for better air quality and enhanced fire safety measures.

According to airport operator,

DIAL will procure six state-of-the-art Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs) from South Korea, incorporating advanced features including elevated ramps to assist wheelchair passengers; Adjusted cabins for a seamless passenger experience; Autonomous docking technology (first time in India); Side-covering cushions for enhanced safety and aesthetics and swing doors for operator safety and a better aesthetic appeal.

The terminal's aesthetics will be upgraded with modern ceilings and skylight designs, creating a more appealing environment. The civil works

include smart washrooms, advanced flooring, and better road connectivity will improve passenger convenience. Canopies at the forecourt will ensure a dry, comfortable experience for passengers, especially during the monsoon.

T2 opened in May 1986, and was initially used for international flights till July 2010, when those operations shifted to T3. After this, the terminal remained operational for only three months every year, catering to Haj flights. It was then shut for a few years, and in 2017, was renovated, and now-bankrupt airline Go First and

a few IndiGo flights started operations from here.

Officials said IGI is scheduled to host the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East Regional Assembly conference in mid-April, and officials from the ministry of civil aviation confirmed that the expanded Terminal 1 (T1) will be ready by early April to ensure that the country's largest airport gets the best display.

On completion of the ongoing work, T1 will have a capacity of 40 million passengers annually. T2's renovation will begin only by the end of April or May once the ACI

conference concludes," officials confirmed.

DIAL CEO Videsh Kumar Jaipuria said the refurbishment of the four-decade-old T2 is the need of the hour. "The decades-old terminal will undergo significant upgrades aimed at elevating the passenger experience and increasing the airport's capacity to meet future growth demands," he said.

DIAL CEO said the overall passenger experience will be enhanced by upgrading key infrastructure, improving operational efficiency, and elevating passenger comfort. "With the terminal's

projected passenger capacity expected to reach its peak by FY 2025-26, these enhancements will be crucial in supporting the growing demand for air travel, particularly for domestic passengers," he said.

Last year, the improvement work of Delhi airport's Terminal 1 was done. Functions in T1 were resumed from August 17, in phases. A large section of Terminal 1's roof collapsed in the early hours of 28 June following heavy rain, leading to the closure of the entire terminal. One person was killed and eight others were injured in the accident.

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AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 10

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Visitors at the India Gate on a cold and foggy winter morning in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

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An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered 'good,' 51-100 'satisfactory,' 101-200 'moderate,' 201-300 'poor,' 301-400 'very poor,' and 401-500 'severe.'

Abhishek Kar, the senior programme lead at the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water

(CEEW), said, "The city recorded a minimum temperature of 6° C in the early hours of January 10."

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"The CAQM has imposed GRAP Stage 3 in Delhi and adjoining areas. Authorities should strictly enforce CAQM's orders, including banning older vehicles from plying, intensifying public transport, introducing differential pricing to promote off-peak travel, and banning dust-generating construction activities, to improve air quality," he added.



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ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWATI

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Foreign debris inspection conducted at LGBI airport

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Jan 10: Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) conducted a foreign object debris (FOD) walkthrough as part of the airport's effort to enable safety at the airport premises.

The walkthrough, which involved airside personnel inspecting the airfield and surrounding areas for FOD, was conducted on Thursday to identify and eliminate any potential hazards that could compromise the safety of aircraft, equipment and personnel.

During the walkthrough, airport staff inspected the runways, taxiways, and aprons, and removed any debris or objects that could pose a risk to aircraft operations. The exercise was conducted in accordance with the guidelines set by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

"We are committed to providing a safe and environment for our passengers and staff. The FOD walkthrough is an important part of our safety protocol, and we will

continue to conduct regular inspections to ensure that our airport remains FOD-free," an LGBIA spokesperson said.

The FOD walkthrough is a proactive measure to prevent accidents, ensure compliance with international safety standards, whilst imbuing a safety culture among all stakeholders. By conducting regular inspections, the airport can identify and mitigate potential hazards, reducing the risk of damage to aircraft and equipment, and ensuring the safety of all users of the airport.



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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हिंडन से 8 शहरों के लिए जल्द शुरू हो सकती है उड़ानें

साहिबाबाद। नई उड़ान से प्रतिबंध हटने के बाद ही हिंडन एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने जल्द से जल्द उड़ान बढ़ाने की तैयारियां तेज कर दी है। सब ठीक रहा तो इस वर्ष यहां से आठ नए शहरों के लिए उड़ान शुरू होगी। इसके लिए हिंडन एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने सभी निजी एयरलाइंस कंपनियों को इसके लिए प्रस्ताव भेजा है। वहीं, दूसरी ओर कानूनी अड़चनें दूर होने के बाद कई निजी एयरलाइंस कंपनियों की ओर से उड़ान शुरू करने के लिए स्वयं पूछताछ भी कर रही है। पूर्व में तय कोलकाता, बंगलूरु, गोवा और चेन्नई रूट के अलावा हिंडन से मुंबई, लखनऊ, प्रयागराज और अयोध्या के उड़ानों के लिए मुख्यालय से अनुमति मांगी गई है। इन रूटों पर ही अगली उड़ानें शुरू हो सकती हैं। ऐसा माना जा रहा है कि एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस जिसके द्वारा पिछले साल अगस्त में ही कोलकाता, बंगलूरु, गोवा और चेन्नई की रूट पर उड़ान शुरू करनी थी। इनसे अब दोबारा बात चल रही है। एक दिन पूर्व ही गाजियाबाद सांसद अतुल गर्ग ने भी इस संबंध में एयरलाइंस कंपनी से बात कर जल्द उड़ान बढ़ाने की बात कह चुके हैं। ब्यूरो



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रैंकिंग

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■ सुरेश एस डुग्गर
जम्मू, 11 जनवरी (देशबन्धु)।
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THREE INJURED IN SEVEN-VEHICLE PILE-UP ON DELHI HIGHWAY DUE TO FOG

HAPUR (UP): Three people were injured on Friday morning when around seven vehicles collided on the Delhi highway due to dense fog, police said. According to police, a car en route to Delhi from Moradabad rammed into another car ahead of it in Babugarh area of Hapur, because of which the car driver Imran and his wife Heena were injured.

The third injured person has been identified as Faheem, who was travelling in another vehicle along with Zeeshan, Shanu and



Police personnel and people gather where several vehicles collided due to dense fog on the Delhi-Lucknow Highway near the Bahadurgarh station area, in Hapur on Friday.

Haryana Police constable Ramkumar, officials said.

A police team reached the spot and admitted the injured to the hospital. The damaged vehicles were

removed from the road with the help of a crane and the highway was made operational, Station House Officer Vijay Kumar Gupta said.

transport, introducing differential pricing to promote off-peak travel, and banning dust-generating construction activities, to improve air quality," Kar said.

Meanwhile, the movement of flights and passenger trains to and from

the National Capital continued to remain affected on Friday due to fog and adverse weather conditions. Amid the prevailing dense fog conditions, Delhi airport authorities on Friday issued an advisory and stated that flights that

were not CAT III compliant would be affected. Taking to social media X, the authority wrote in a post, "While landings and takeoffs continue at Delhi airport, flights that are not CAT III compliant may get affected."

टर्मिनल दो पर अत्याधुनिक सुविधाओं का होगा विकास

चार से छह महीने के लिए करना पड़ सकता है इसे बंद

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: चार दशक पुराने आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल दो को समय के हिसाब से विकसित किया जाएगा। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट संचालन से जुड़ी एजेंसी डायल का कहना है कि भविष्य की जरूरत के हिसाब से सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए इस वर्ष टर्मिनल दो को चार से छह माह के लिए बंद करना पड़ेगा। इस बीच यहां से संचालित होने वाली उड़ानें टर्मिनल एक से संचालित होंगी।

डायल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी विदेह कुमार जयपुरियार ने कहा कि चार दशक पुराने टर्मिनल का पुनर्निर्माण समय की आवश्यकता है। यह पुनर्निर्माण मुख्य बुनियादी ढांचे को उन्नत करने, संचालन की दक्षता में सुधार करने और यात्रियों के आराम को बढ़ाने से समग्र अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने में मददगार साबित होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टर्मिनल की यात्री क्षमता वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 तक अपनी चरम सीमा तक पहुंचने

ये किया जाएगा बदलाव

अभी दिल्ली के तीनों टर्मिनलों में सबसे पुराना टर्मिनल दो ही है। पुनर्निर्माण के बाद यहां भी टर्मिनल एक व तीन के समान यात्रियों को बोर्डिंग ब्रिज की सुविधा मिलेगी। बोर्डिंग ब्रिज से वायुयान के डाकिंग के लिए देश में पहली बार यहां स्वचालित डाकिंग प्रणाली का विकास किया जाएगा। इससे डाकिंग के दौरान बोर्डिंग ब्रिज व विमान की दूरी व ऊंचाई के बीच

समन्वय पूरी तरह स्वचालित होगा। अत्याधुनिक डिस्प्ले बोर्ड में यात्री



उड़ानों की समय सारिणी देख सकेंगे। टर्मिनल की सीलिंग को बदला जाएगा।

फर्श को भी नए तरीके से विकसित किया जाएगा। टर्मिनल के फायर फाइटिंग सिस्टम को भी दुरुस्त किया जाएगा। टर्मिनल के फोरकोर्ट एरिया में आकर्षक केनोपी की सुविधा होगी।

का अनुमान है। ऐसे में ये सुधार घरेलू यात्रियों के बढ़ते हवाई यात्रा की मांग का समर्थन करने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण होंगे।

बदलाव इसलिए है जरूरी : देश में घरेलू उड़ानों की संख्या बढ़ रही है। नए-नए एयरपोर्ट बन रहे हैं। नए बन रहे एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानों का

जुड़ाव नई दिल्ली से हर हाल में रहता है। अभी आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से रोजाना 1300 उड़ानें संचालित हो रही हैं। इस संख्या के आने वाले वित्तीय वर्ष में 1500 तक पहुंचने का अनुमान है। डायल ने टर्मिनल दो को पूरी क्षमता के साथ संचालित करने का निर्णय लिया है।

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एनएच-34 से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को जोड़ने के लिए बन सकता है नया मार्ग

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ग्रेटर नोएडा : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को एनएच-34 से कनेक्टिविटी की संभावनाएं तलाशी जा रही हैं। प्राधिकरण व नेशनल हाईवे के अधिकारियों के बीच पहले चरण की वार्ता में एलाइन्मेंट को लेकर विमर्श हो चुका है। जल्द ही इसका ठोस प्रस्ताव तैयार होगा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग व एक्सप्रेसवे से कनेक्टिविटी के लिए लिंक रोड का नेटवर्क तैयार हो रहा है। दिल्ली-मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे को एयरपोर्ट से कनेक्टिविटी के लिए फरीदाबाद के नजदीक बल्लभगढ़ से एयरपोर्ट तक

गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे के लिंक एक्सप्रेस व एलाइन्मेंट भी एनएच-34 होकर

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे से जोड़ने के लिए प्रस्तावित लिंक एक्सप्रेसवे भी एनएच-34 से होकर यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे को जोड़ेगा। यह एक्सप्रेसवे न्यू नोएडा के साथ यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित गांवों से गुजरते हुए फिल्म सिटी के नजदीक यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे से जुड़ेगा। इसका एलाइन्मेंट एनएच-34 को एयरपोर्ट से जोड़ने के लिए नए मार्ग के एलाइन्मेंट में अड़चन बन सकता है।



31 किमी लंबा लिंक मार्ग लगभग तैयार है।

गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट तक लिंक एक्सप्रेसवे का एलाइन्मेंट यूपीडा ने तैयार किया है,

पर अब तक एनएच-34 से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की कनेक्टिविटी नहीं है। इसे पूरा करने के लिए नए मार्ग की संभावनाएं तेजी से तलाशी जा रही हैं। यमुना प्राधिकरण ओर नेशनल

- जेवर-सिकंदराबाद मार्ग का कुछ हिस्सा एयरपोर्ट की भूमि अधिग्रहण में हो चुका है शामिल
- एनएच-34 के लिए जेवर से जहांगीरपुर, झांझर होकर दिया गया है वैकल्पिक मार्ग

पहले चरण में जेवर-सिकंदराबाद मार्ग का हिस्सा अधिगृहीत

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पहले चरण में छह गांव की 1,334 हे. भूमि अधिगृहीत हुई है। इस अधिग्रहण में जेवर-सिकंदराबाद मार्ग का करीब तीन किमी हिस्सा भी अधिगृहीत हो चुका है। जेवर से जहांगीरपुर, झांझर होकर सिकंदराबाद वैकल्पिक मार्ग बनाया गया है। इससे पहले एयरपोर्ट की खुर्जा से कनेक्टिविटी पर विचार हो चुका है, पर इस पर कार्रवाई आगे नहीं बढ़ी है।

हाईवे हार्वे के अधिकारियों के बीच एक दौर की वार्ता पूरी हो चुकी है। इसमें एलाइन्मेंट पर चर्चा हुई है कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की एनएच-34 से कनेक्टिविटी सिकंदराबाद से हो या

खुर्जा से हो। प्राधिकरण के ओएसडी शैलेंद्र भाटिया का कहना है कि अभी शुरुआती चर्चा हुई है। ठोस प्रस्ताव आने पर कार्रवाई आगे बढ़ेगी।

Big Jump

Passenger traffic at Bangalore Intl Airport grows 9 pc to 40.73 mn



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Passenger traffic at Bangalore International Airport grew 9 per cent year-on-year to 40.73 million in 2024, driven by higher air traffic movements and the addition of new destinations, Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) has said.

The airport handled 37.2 million passengers in January-December 2023, BIAL

said.

The airport also reported its highest-ever annual cargo tonnage of 496,227 MT in 2024, reflecting strong performance in international and domestic segments, it added.

Bangalore Airport welcomed 40.73 million (4.07 crore) passengers in 2024 compared to 37.2 million (3.72 crore) in 2023, with the highest number of passengers in a single day getting recorded at 1,26,532 on October 20, the

private airport operator said. Additionally, the airport recorded a peak of 782 Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) on October 17, 2024, with an annual average of 723 ATMs per day.

Stating that the facility witnessed robust growth in both passenger and cargo traffic during 2024, BIAL said this growth was complemented by a significant surge in daily air traffic movements (ATMs) and the launch of several new domestic and international routes.

It also said that for the first time, the airport surpassed the milestone of over 40 million passengers in a single calendar year, elevating its status to a 'Large Airport' globally, in line with Airport Council International's (more than 40 million passengers per annum) categorisation.

As of December 31, 2024, the airport operator said the facility serviced 75 domestic and 30 international destinations, further solidifying its position as a premier gateway for passenger and cargo traffic in the region.

The airport expanded its

global network with new airline partners like Virgin Atlantic, Salam Air, Manta Air and Fly91, it said, adding that the frequency of international flights increased by 21 per cent, with an average of 75 ATMs per day in 2024, up from 62 ATMs per day in 2023.

Major airlines operating to and from Bengaluru Airport have increased international seat capacity by over 3,700 daily seats between the beginning of the IATA Summer 2024 season and the Winter 2024 season, BIAL said.

This surge is largely driven by Indigo's expansion of its international network and frequency, along with increased services from several foreign carriers. As a result, BLR Airport is now consolidating its position as the third busiest airport in India for international passenger numbers, it added.

BIAL said it also experienced significant growth in cargo volumes - processing 4,96,227 metric tonnes (MT) of cargo in 2024 - 17 per cent increase compared to 2023.

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प्राधिकरण और एनएचएआई के अधिकारियों के बीच एलाइन्मेंट को लेकर विचार विमर्श, संभावनाएं तलाशी

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को एनएच-34 से जोड़ा जाएगा

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ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को मल्टी मोडल कनेक्टिविटी में एक और कड़ी जोड़ने की प्रक्रिया तेज हो गई है। अब एनएच-34 से कनेक्टिविटी की संभावना तलाशी जा रही है। इसे लेकर प्राधिकरण और एनएचएआई के अधिकारियों के बीच पहले चरण की वार्ता में एलाइन्मेंट को लेकर विचार विमर्श हो चुका है। अब इसका प्रस्ताव तैयार किया जा रहा है।

प्राधिकरण के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे से एयरपोर्ट तक लिंक एक्सप्रेसवे का एलाइन्मेंट यूपीडा ने तैयार किया है, लेकिन अभी तक एनएच-34 से एयरपोर्ट की कनेक्टिविटी नहीं है। इसे पूरा करने के लिए नए मार्ग की संभावनाएं तलाशी जा रही हैं। एनएच 34 उत्तराखंड में गंगोत्री धाम से मध्य प्रदेश में लखनादौन तक जाता है, जो गाजियाबाद में लाल कुआं होते हुए दादरी से गुजरकर बुलंदशहर को जोड़ रहा है। इसे लेकर प्राधिकरण और एनएचएआई के अधिकारियों के बीच एक दौर की वार्ता हो चुकी है, जिसमें एलाइन्मेंट को लेकर चर्चा की

06 गांवों की 1334 हेक्टेयर जमीन एयरपोर्ट के पहले चरण में अधिग्रहीत हुई



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यात्रियों का एयरपोर्ट पहुंचना आसान होगा

यदि इस कनेक्टिविटी पर सहमति बन जाती है तो उत्तराखंड से मध्यप्रदेश तक एयरपोर्ट पर माल दुलाई आसान हो जाएगी। इसके अलावा गाजियाबाद, दादरी, नोएडा, बुलंदशहर और अलीगढ़ समेत अन्य जिलों और राज्यों से यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट की सीधी कनेक्टिविटी मिलेगी।

66 एनएच-34 से एयरपोर्ट को कनेक्ट करने के लिए अभी शुरुआती चर्चा हुई है। टोस प्रस्ताव आने पर कार्रवाई आगे बढ़ाई जाएगी।
-शैलेंद्र भाटिया, ओएसडी यमुना प्राधिकरण

गई है कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की एनएच 34 से कनेक्टिविटी सिकंदराबाद से हो या खुर्जा से होनी चाहिए। एयरपोर्ट से खुर्जा की कनेक्टिविटी पर हो चुका है विचार : एयरपोर्ट के पहले चरण में छह गांव की 1334 हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहीत हुई है। अधिग्रहण में जेवर-

सिकंदराबाद मार्ग का करीब तीन किमी हिस्सा भी अधिग्रहीत हो चुका है। जेवर से जहांगीरपुर, झांझर होकर सिकंदराबाद वैकल्पिक मार्ग बनाया गया है। इससे पहले एयरपोर्ट की खुर्जा से कनेक्टिविटी पर विचार हो चुका है, लेकिन इस पर कोई आगे कार्रवाई नहीं बढ़ी है।

पशु पुनर्वास केंद्र का रास्ता साफ

ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पास दस हेक्टेयर में स्थायी पशु बचाव और पुनर्वास केंद्र के निर्माण का रास्ता साफ हो गया। जू ऑथोरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने इसकी मंजूरी दे दी। इस प्रस्ताव को केंद्र सरकार के पास भेज दिया गया। जल्द ही इसका निर्माण शुरू होने की उम्मीद है।

एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि जेवर में नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के आसपास क्षेत्र में वन्य जीव संस्थान देहरादून से एक अध्ययन करवाया

गया। एयरपोर्ट के 10 किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में आने वाले जीव-जंतुओं के संरक्षण पर रिपोर्ट मांगी गई। इस इलाके के वन्यजीवों के संरक्षण की योजना और उनकी संख्या को भी जाना गया।

रिपोर्ट में बताया गया कि जेवर में 258 काले हिरण और 176 सारस हैं। एयरपोर्ट निर्माण के चलते इनका पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र बिगड़ेगा। इसके चलते इनके संरक्षण की जरूरत है। इसे लेकर सेक्टर-17ए में धनीरी वेटलैंड के पास वन्य जीव संरक्षण केंद्र बनाने की योजना बनी। पहले अस्थायी तौर पर विकसित किया जाना था।

सेक्टर-62 में एफओबी बनेगा

नोएडा। दिल्ली-मेरठ एक्सप्रेसवे और सेक्टर-62-63 को जोड़ने वाली सड़क पर फुटओवर ब्रिज (एफओबी) बनाने की योजना है। इसके लिए प्राधिकरण योजना बना रहा है। इसके लिए प्री जल्द टेंडर जारी किया जाएगा अभी यहां बने

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स सिटी मेट्रो स्टेशन पर एफओबी बना हुआ है। एक्सप्रेसवे पर भी एनआईवी चौकी की तरफ एफओबी बना हुआ है लेकिन यह दूर है। एक्सप्रेसवे पर छिजारसी की तरफ नया एफओबी बनाया जाएगा। काफी संख्या में लोग बस से उतरकर एक्सप्रेसवे से एक-दूसरे हिस्से में आते जाते हैं।



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हवाई सैर में अटैक से बचाने को सफर से पहले कराएंगे व्यायाम

नई व्यवस्था

कानपुर, प्रमुख संवाददाता। कानपुर से यदि आप हवाई सफर शुरू करने जा रहे हैं तो आपको बोर्डिंग के एयरपोर्ट परिसर में व्यायाम कराया जाएगा। इसके पीछे मंशा है कि सफर के दौरान अब स्वस्थ और प्रसन्न रहें। व्यायाम करने से हार्ट अटैक की संभावना नहीं रहती है। व्यायाम की शुरुआत कानपुर एयरपोर्ट पर तत्काल से शुरू करा दी गई है।

केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल मुख्यालय नई दिल्ली के निर्देश पर एयरपोर्ट पर यह व्यवस्था शुरू करा दी गई है। हर हवाई

- नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने सुरक्षा को लेकर उठाए कदम
- कानपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बोर्डिंग के पहले शुरू हुआ व्यायाम

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MORNING STANDARD

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Darbhanga airport to go international

Among positive developments, the state cabinet led by CM Nitish Kumar, has approved a proposal to acquire an additional 89.75 acres of land for the expansion and development of Darbhanga Airport into an international facility. Additionally, the cabinet has authorized the acquisition of 139 acres of land valued at ₹207 crore for the expansion of Raxaul Airport, which is located near the Indo-Nepal border in East Champaran district. Alongside Patna, Gaya is another international airport in the state. Furthermore, ongoing efforts are being made to develop and upgrade other airports, including those in Purnea, Bhagalpur, and Muzaffarpur.



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Flyer offloaded, handed over to cops for theft at airport

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Hyderabad: A passenger was offloaded and apprehended for allegedly stealing a fellow traveller's bag in the departure area at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA).

The suspect was scheduled to board an Indigo flight to Kolkata but was detained following a complaint by another passenger, Gajjala Yoganand. The incident took place on Jan 6 and came to light when Yoganand, who was travelling to Delhi on Indigo flight 6E 6621, noticed his hand baggage missing near the washroom at boarding gate 17.

Panicked, he alerted au-

The suspect removed ₹50,000 cash and an iPhone from the bag. He discarded the phone in a dustbin and left the bag in the washroom at gate 12 before boarding flight

thorities, prompting an inquiry. CISF inspector E Satyajet, based on the complaint, scanned the CCTV footage, which revealed that the suspect took the bag and proceeded toward the smoking zone near gate 11.

Further investigation showed that the suspect removed ₹50,000 cash and an iPhone from the bag. He discarded the phone in a dustbin near gate 11 and left the

bag in the washroom at gate 12 before boarding his flight.

Airport authorities recovered the bag, ₹50,000 cash, and the discarded iPhone from the dustbin. The stolen items were returned to Yoganand, who subsequently filed a written complaint with the RGIA police station. He also reported the incident by calling 100.

The airline offloaded the suspect for security reasons. He was handed over to police. A case was registered at RGIA police station under section 303(2) BNS. The investigation was entrusted to head constable D Srikanth. Police inspector K Balaraj confirmed the case details and submitted reports to CP Cyberabad.



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BANGLORE

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Dense fog envelops Delhi, over 100 flights delayed

NEW DELHI, PTI: A thick blanket of dense fog enveloped Delhi Friday morning, reducing visibility to zero which impacted air and train operations, according to officials.

They said over 100 flights were delayed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport and 26 trains ran late.

According to the India Meteorological Department, "Zero visibility has prevailed over Palam since 4.30 IST with southeasterly winds blowing at 6-8 kmph." Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 6° Celsius.

Akasa's unique dilemma: too many pilots, too little flying



Problem of plenty: Akasa Air operates a fleet of 26 aircraft, but employs far more pilots than needed for its operations. FILE PHOTO

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NEW DELHI

The global shortage of new aircraft has disrupted Akasa Air's expansion plans, creating a surplus of hundreds of pilots.

With Boeing 737 MAX deliveries slowing in 2024, nearly 400 of Akasa's 850 pilots remain grounded. Originally scheduled for 12 months, post-joining training timelines have stretched to 18 months, with some pilots fearing a further delay of 6 months.

Akasa currently operates a fleet of 26 aircraft but employs far more pilots than needed for its operations. The airline offers grounded pilots a salary equivalent to 40 flying hours, resulting in incomes 50% lower than peers involved in active flying. This financial strain affects both mid-career pilots and new recruits burdened by training loans of ₹60 lakh to ₹1.2 crore.

In response to a detailed questionnaire from *The Hindu*, the airline's spokesperson said, "Despite the changes in the aircraft delivery schedules, more than 60% of our pilots have begun to accumulate flying hours." The airline added that by the end of 2025, it would be able to ensure a vast majority of pilots start

flying. Since launching in August 2022, Akasa had ambitious plans to grow its fleet to 72 Boeing 737 MAX 8s within five years. However, supply chain disruptions and regulatory issues in the U.S. in 2024 limited its fleet growth to just three aircraft last year, down from the initial pace of one aircraft per month in 2022 and 2023. By March 2025, Akasa expects to have 27 aircraft – 15 fewer than planned.

But the airline has been on a spree to recruit pilots in large numbers from the "very beginning" in what some call a "calculated risk". Three years since the launch it seems "the worst case scenario has played out for the airline", said a former executive of the airline. The person explained that Akasa needs nearly 18 pilots per aircraft keeping in mind the pace with which it planned to double its fleet. This would mean that with 26 aircraft the airline needs only 468 cockpit crew of the nearly 850 it has employed.

Aspects of pilot training have now come under scrutiny with complaints of favouritism in pilot release schedules and training lapses leading to fines and suspensions by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Are lithium batteries on flights dangerous?

Why has the airline pilots' body called attention to fire risks? What causes lithium-ion batteries to catch fire? What are the fire-safety equipment and protocols that need to be in place? What happened when Hurricane Helene struck the U.S. in November last year?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

In January 2, the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) issued three position papers on the fire risk due to the use of lithium-ion batteries in airport and aircraft settings. The papers are motivated by air operators' increasing use of electric vehicles (EVs) and lithium-ion batteries as well as the batteries becoming more energy-dense.

What is IFALPA?

The IFALPA is a global nonprofit representing the international community of professional pilots. After the Second World War, the UN established the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) in 1947 to coordinate air transport and its principles worldwide. A year later, ICAO organised a conference in London where pilots could interact with its leaders. The IFALPA was born at this event with 13 pilots' associations. According to a source on the ICAO website, IFALPA encompassed 104 member associations representing one lakh professional pilots worldwide around 2013. Per the same source, "The belief [is] that the unique perspective of pilots operating in scheduled

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flying would be of significant benefit to the creation and adaptation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) through which ICAO regulates international civil aviation." The IFALPA also provides inputs to the International Air Transport Association, the Airports Council International, and the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association.

Why are there fears about lithium batteries?

Almost every major industry in the world is mechanised to a significant degree, and the energy for these machines has traditionally been produced by burning fossil fuels. As climate mitigation has become more pressing, industries are under pressure to replace this thermal energy – the principal cause of global warming – with electric energy.

For example, EVs draw electric energy from a battery to drive an electric motor and supply kinetic energy to the wheels. In an internal combustion engine, heat energy released by burning fossil fuel moves pistons, whose motion is converted to rotary motion of the wheels.

Lithium-ion batteries have emerged as a popular solution to storing electric energy because they are energy-dense, rechargeable, and can be made in almost any shape, which is useful when there are space constraints as onboard an aircraft. But lithium-ion batteries have been known to catch fire when they are subjected to certain physical stresses.

The fire is the result of the stress creating a short-circuit inside the battery, leaving it to keep producing electric current, heat, and oxygen. The battery's internal components can become corroded while the risk of catching fire increases. The short circuit can be the result of mechanical, electric, and/or thermal abuse, which respectively deforms the internal structure, degrades its electric performance, and causes heat to accumulate.

For example, after Hurricane Helene struck the U.S. in November 2024, 48 lithium-ion batteries reportedly caught fire.

University of South Carolina mechanical engineer Xinyu Huang said they may have been the result of EV batteries rarely being rated to be waterproof when they are sitting in salt water for

more than 30 minutes. Such situations are more likely to occur during flooding, which is becoming more common due to climate change and poor urban planning.

What do the IFALPA papers say?

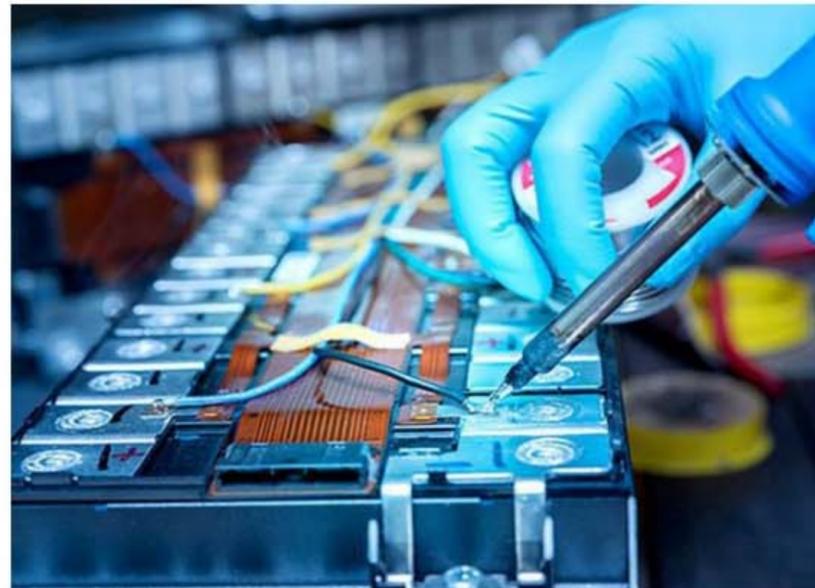
The three position papers are numbered POS01, POS02, and POS03. POS02 and POS03 are more general whereas POS01 is more specific.

POS02 is motivated by the different kind of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries (compared to internal combustion engines). As Mr. Xinyu wrote, "When a lithium-ion battery pack bursts into flames, it releases toxic fumes, burns violently and is extremely hard to put out. Frequently, firefighters' only option is to let it burn out by itself." The position paper thus asks "airports, rescue and fire-fighting services, operators, and ground service providers" to acquire or develop purpose-built fire-safety equipment and protocols.

POS03 extends these concerns to the flight deck – the area colloquially called the "cockpit" in civilian aircraft – where the batteries may be present in components required to operate the aircraft. It also calls attention to studies by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency finding that existing fire kits couldn't respond adequately to fires of lithium-ion batteries with an energy rating of 100 Wh or higher.

POS01 is concerned with the safe transport of lithium-ion batteries, especially UN regulations 3480 and 3481. Since the UN classifies these batteries as "miscellaneous dangerous goods", the regulations specify the packaging and labelling standards required to transport them by air. UN3480 applies to lithium-ion batteries transported in bulk and UN3481 to lithium-ion batteries fit inside some equipment that's being transported in bulk.

One difference between the two regulations is that UN3480 requires the batteries to be charged to less than 30%, also known as state of charge (SOC) 30%, whereas UN3481 doesn't. POS01 contends that UN3481 didn't adopt this restriction because it assumed manufacturers would install safeguards in the equipment to prevent a fire from one battery spreading to others. But as the energy density of batteries and the number of settings in which they are used is increasing and the size of the equipment that uses them is shrinking, IFALPA's position is that the SOC 30% limit should be extended to UN3481 as well.



New risks: A technician working on a lithium-ion battery. ISTOCKPHOTO

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SPICEJET TO FLY 10 GROUNDED AIRCRAFT INCLUDING 4 B737 MAX BY MID-APRIL

MUMBAI: Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Friday announced plans to bring back into operations 10 of its grounded aircraft, including four Boeing B737 Max, by mid-April. The airline said it has added 10 planes to its fleet since October 2024 — three grounded aircraft that were brought back into service and seven inducted on lease. The move comes close on the heels of SpiceJet signing a pact with US-based engine MRO StandardAero Inc last month for the restoration of its grounded MAX fleet.



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SpiceJet to unground 10 aircraft by mid-April 2025:
SpiceJet will unground 10 aircraft by mid-April 2025, in a move aimed at strengthening its network and operational capabilities. As per the airline, these will include four Boeing 737 MAX planes. This initiative is expected to significantly increase the current fleet size of 28 aircraft, even as some aircraft are redelivered to lessors during the same period. SpiceJet added 10 planes to its fleet since October 2024, comprising three previously grounded aircraft brought back into service and seven inducted on lease.