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Relay cycling expedition

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GUWAHATI, Feb 10: The AAI all India Relay Cycling Expedition 2025–26, a flagship National-level fitness and environmental awareness initiative of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), was flagged off from Guwahati by the regional executive director, North Eastern Region (REDNER), AAI, in the presence of the regional director, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (RD-BCAS), Guwahati.

The expedition is being conducted under the aegis of the AAI Sports Control Board (AAISCB), New Delhi and is organized by RSCB-NER with participation of pan India AAI officials.

The theme of the expedition, “Pedalling for Blue Skies,” which reflects AAI’s commitment towards environmental sustainability, clean air, and promotion of eco-friendly modes of transport.

Altogether 60 cyclists are participating in the relay cycling expedition, covering an approximate distance of 1200 kilometres across the states of Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

The first leg of the expedition commenced from Guwahati on February 10 and will conclude at Shillong on February 14, traversing challenging terrains and showcasing the scenic landscapes of the north-eastern region. The relay format symbolizes endurance, teamwork, and unity among AAI officials.

The expedition also aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, and camaraderie while spreading awareness about sustainable mobility and healthy lifestyles. Comprehensive arrangements including safety measures, medical support, logistics, and volunteer coordination have been put in place to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the event.

{ MARINE GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION }

Bids invited to lay groundwork for Great Nicobar airport project

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NEW DELHI: The government has invited bids for marine geotechnical investigation work for a greenfield international airport at Chingeh on Great Nicobar Island to be developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), according to documents seen by HT.

Chingeh is one of the so-called pre-tsunami villages, from which tribals were relocated to various camps after the 2004 tsunami; they have since been seeking permission to return, but the administration hasn't allowed them to. HT reported on January 23 that members of the Tribal Council of Great Nicobar say the Andaman and Nicobar administration has asked them to give up claims to some of the villages in which they used to live before the tsunami — a request they are not keen to accede to because the old villages are an integral part of their culture and heritage.

The international airport is one of the four components of the Great Nicobar Holistic Development project. The other three are an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICCT); a power plant; and a township. The total land required for the project is 166.10 sqkm.

The tender called by Engineers India Limited, a state-owned engineering consultancy and project management company



The airport is a component of the Great Nicobar Holistic Development Project.

on February 4, is aimed at ensuring that investigations related to design and construction of offshore and coastal infrastructure required for an airport is conducted; this is especially important given the environmental vulnerability of the entire chain of islands in the Bay of Bengal.

Such investigations normally include in-depth soil sampling, drilling, and geophysical surveys to evaluate the seabed and sub-seabed conditions. Further, AAI, last November, also invited an e-tender for "Project Management Consultancy Services for Development of Greenfield Airport at Great Nicobar Island".

That tender document said the project cost is estimated to be ₹8,573 crore. AAI also called for a pre-bid meeting and site visit at Chingeh, according to the document. One of the major concerns is the huge loss of forest land involving the airport.

According to the Evaluation of Social Impact Assessment Study

for Greenfield International Airport at Great Nicobar Islands, published in 2024, the total area of the proposed airport is 845 ha (hectares) or 8.45 sqkm, out of which forest land is 142 ha.

HT first reported on April 14, 2023, that the Tribal Council of Little and Great Nicobar, in August 16, 2022, withdrew the NOC given for diversion of land for the controversial Great Nicobar Township and other projects.

The withdrawal of the permission was after the council said it was not informed that the land being marked for development included areas and villages that the communities lived in prior to the 2004 tsunami disaster.

"As you are well aware, 84.10 sqkm of this diverted forest is a tribal reserve which is now set to be denotified. We were not made aware of this information, nor were we shown on a map the extent of the Tribal Reserve area that falls within the proposed plan. We were shocked and distressed to learn that parts of our pre-Tsunami villages of Chingeh (along the south east coast) and Kokeon, Pulo Pacca, Pulo Baha and In-haeng-loi (along the southwest coast which are affiliated to the largest Great Nicobarese village Pulo Bhabhi) also will be denotified and diverted as part of holistic development plan of Great Nicobar," the Tribal Council wrote to Amardeep Raju, member secretary of the environment ministry's expert.



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करोड़ रुपये एयर कनेक्टिविटी विस्तार के लिए बजट में किया गया प्रावधान

- प्रदेश में रनवे के निर्माण, विस्तार और भूमि अधिग्रहण के लिए 1100 करोड़ प्रस्तावित

एयरपोर्ट के लिए भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया में आएगी और तेजी



लखनऊ। प्रदेश में हवाई सेवा का विस्तार होगा। एयर कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ेगी। एयरपोर्ट के लिए भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया में तेजी आएगी। इसके लिए नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग को 2111 करोड़ प्रस्तावित किए गए हैं। रनवे के निर्माण, विस्तार और सुदृढीकरण के अलावा भूमि अधिग्रहण के लिए 1100 करोड़ रुपये की व्यवस्था प्रस्तावित की गई है। ये व्यवस्था भारत सरकार की रीजनल कनेक्टिविटी स्कीम (आरसीएस) के जरिये की जाएगी। पहले ही इस स्कीम के तहत प्रदेश में एयर कनेक्टिविटी का विस्तार किया जा रहा है। उसको आगे बढ़ाने के लिए इस बजट में और प्रावधान किया गया है। जेवर एयरपोर्ट को एविएशन इनोवेशन एवं रिसर्च सेंटर साथ रखरखाव और ऑपरेशन हब के रूप में विकसित किया जा रहा है। यहां दो से बढ़ाकर पांच रनवे किए गए हैं। इसके लिए 750 करोड़ रुपये प्रस्तावित किए गए हैं।

उत्तर प्रदेश वायो प्लास्टिक औद्योगिक नीति-2024 के तहत निवेशकों को प्रोत्साहन के लिए 119.37 करोड़ की व्यवस्था। यूपीडा द्वारा एक्सप्रेस वे पर यात्रियों की सुविधाओं में वृद्धि के लिए जन सुविधा परिसरों के निर्माण के लिए 15 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया गया है।

उत्तर प्रदेश वेयर हाउसिंग एवं लाजिस्टिक्स नीति-2018 के अंतर्गत स्थापित इकाइयों को प्रोत्साहन के लिए बजट में 45 करोड़ रुपये दिए गए। इसी नीति के 2022 संस्करण के लिए 25 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान अलग से किया गया है।



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Noida International Airport awaits final clearances: CEO Schnellmann

REGULATORY NOD. Review by Security Bureau underway; aerodrome licence from DGCA to follow

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New Delhi

After missing several completion deadlines, the Noida International Airport (NIA) is now in the advanced stages of securing the remaining statutory approvals required to commence operations.

Speaking to *businessline*, the management of NIA said that the focus has now shifted from construction to regulatory clearances and the operational planning phase.

The airport missed multiple completion deadlines, including those scheduled for late 2024 and April 2025, largely due to constraints in sourcing construction materials, such as special-grade structural steel required for the terminal roof.

However, with core infrastructure now in place, the project has moved into its final regulatory clearance phase.

ON TO THE NEXT PHASE

According to NIA Chief Executive Christoph Schnellmann, the airport is working closely with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to complete the final stages of aerodrome licensing and security-related clearances.

Following clearance from BCAS, Schnellmann said the next step will be the issuance of the aerodrome licence by the DGCA, which will enable the airport to firm up timelines for the start of operations in coordination



Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, Noida International Airport

with airlines and other partners.

The operational readiness process, he said, will involve finalising airline networks and route plans, as well as completing slot filing and approval procedures with the DGCA and other stakeholders.

Once slots are approved, airlines typically begin com-

mmercial preparations, such as opening ticket sales and initiating customer outreach ahead of launch.

On the city side, the airport is preparing surface connectivity to support passengers from the first day of operations.

Schnellmann pointed out that the mobility options will include intercity and long-haul bus services, airport taxis and cab aggregators, supported by intelligent traffic management systems to regulate traffic flow.

BETTER CONNECTIVITY

Looking ahead, he said long-term connectivity could be strengthened through a proposed Regional Rapid Transit System link from Ghaziabad and a planned high-speed rail corridor

between Delhi and Varanasi, with a stop at the airport.

On airline partnerships, he said IndiGo will be the launch carrier at NIA.

The airport has also entered into a strategic partnership with Akasa Air, which plans to operate both domestic and international services, while Air India Express is set to begin flights as well.

Discussions are under way with other Indian carriers, and airlines from West Asia and South-East Asia have also expressed interest in operating from the airport, Schnellmann said.

Once operational, the airport, in its first phase (with one runway and one terminal), will have the capacity to handle about 12 million passengers annually.



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Nashik airport to get ₹572 crore upgrade ahead of Kumbh Mela

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The Nashik airport will get a ₹572-crore facelift, which will triple its handling capacity to 1,000 passengers per hour, as it prepares to host the Kumbh Mela next year.

The upgrade includes construction of an 18,250 sq m terminal with space for 24 check-in counters. A new apron will also be built, doubling the aircraft parking bays to 12.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the new terminal on Sunday following an MoU between the State government and the airport owner, Hindustan Aeronautics.



From April to December 2025, Nashik airport handled nearly three lakh passengers

“The project cost is being totally borne by the State government and the project will be completed in a year,” said Nashik’s Divisional Commissioner Praveen Gedam.

AIRPORT CAPACITY

From April to December 2025, Nashik airport handled nearly three lakh passengers, a growth of 23 per cent year-

on-year. Currently, IndiGo is the only airline operating to Nashik with services from Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Goa and Hyderabad.

Gedam said the airport expansion will support industrial and tourism growth in the region. From April to November last, the airport also handled over 6,400 tonnes of international cargo, primarily comprising goat exports to West Asia.

Last year, Prayagraj airport in Uttar Pradesh saw record air traffic during the Kumbh Mela, handling over half-a-million passengers from January 11 to February 26. While airlines added extra flights to cater to the surge in demand, the airport also witnessed a large number of non-scheduled flights during the period.

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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट विस्तार को बड़ी राहत, तीसरे-चौथे चरण के लिए 750 करोड़ मंजूर

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 11 फरवरी (देशबन्धु)। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के बजट में नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के तीसरे और चौथे चरण के विकास कार्यों के लिए 750 करोड़ रुपए के फंड का ऐलान किया गया है। इसमें से लगभग 700 करोड़ रुपए भूमि अधिग्रहण और 50 करोड़ रुपए भवन निर्माण कार्यों पर खर्च किए जाएंगे। बजट की घोषणा के साथ ही एयरपोर्ट विस्तार से जुड़ी अटकी प्रक्रियाओं को गति मिलने की उम्मीद है।

जानकारी के मुताबिक, एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार के लिए 14 गांवों की 1888.98 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण प्रस्तावित है। सरकार द्वारा 4300 रुपए प्रतिकर दर से मुआवजे की घोषणा किए जाने के बाद किसान जमीन देने को तैयार



हैं। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से आगामी कुछ महीनों में व्यवसायिक विमानों की उड़ानें शुरू होने का प्रस्ताव है।

एयरपोर्ट के प्रथम चरण का निर्माण कार्य 1334 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में शत-प्रतिशत पूरा हो चुका है, जिस पर कुल 4588 करोड़ रुपए की लागत आई है। वहीं, दूसरे चरण के

लिए 1365 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण पहले ही किया जा चुका है और किसानों को मुआवजा भी वितरित किया जा चुका है। तीसरे और चौथे चरण के लिए कुल 2053 हेक्टेयर भूमि की आवश्यकता है, जिसमें से अधिकांश जमीन नए सिरे से अधिग्रहीत की जाएगी। इस प्रक्रिया से करीब 42 हजार लोग

- भूमि अधिग्रहण पर 700 करोड़, भवन निर्माण को 50 करोड़
- 14 गांवों की करीब 1889 हेक्टेयर जमीन होगी अधिग्रहीत

प्रभावित होंगे, जिन्हें 4300 रुपए प्रतिकर दर से मुआवजा दिया जाएगा। पहले दो चरणों में किसानों को 3100 रुपए प्रतिकर दर से भुगतान किया गया था।

पुनर्वास केंद्र के निर्माण का रास्ता हुआ साफ

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के दूसरे चरण में विस्थापित होने वाले परिवारों के लिए पुनर्वास और पुनर्स्थापन केंद्र (आरएंडआर सेंटर) के निर्माण का

रास्ता भी अब साफ हो गया है। आरएंडआर सेंटर के लिए फलैदा बांगर और मॉडलपुर गांवों में 4300 रुपए की दर से भूमि खरीद की जाएगी। इस प्रस्ताव को हाल ही में यूपी कैबिनेट की मंजूरी मिल चुकी थी, जबकि अब बजट आवंटन के बाद वित्तीय अड़चन भी दूर हो गई है।

दूसरे चरण में नंगला हुकुम सिंह, कुरेब, रंहेरा समेत छह गांवों से 1365 हेक्टेयर भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया गया है, जिससे करीब 12 हजार परिवार विस्थापित होंगे। इन परिवारों के पुनर्वास के लिए 189 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर आरएंडआर सेंटर विकसित किया जाएगा। भूमि अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया पूरी कर विस्थापितों को जल्द ही यहां बसाने की योजना है।

पश्चिम के नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से चमकेगा उत्तर प्रदेश

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मेरठ: ग्रेटर नोएडा के जेवर में अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट प्रदेश की अर्थव्यवस्था को भी चमकाने में प्रतिभागी बनेगा। इसके साथ ही चूंकि पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश एमएसएमई का गढ़ है, इस लिहाज से इस बजट का बड़ा हिस्सा पश्चिम के भी हाथ लगेगा। केंद्र की तरह ही राज्य सरकार ने भी एमएसएमई पर विशेष फोकस करते हुए बजट में 3822 करोड़ का प्रविधान किया है। बजट में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के लिए 750 करोड़ आवंटित करने, रनवे की संख्या दो से बढ़ाकर पांच करने की घोषणा हुई है। वहीं खुर्जा और दादरी में तेज गति से दौड़ने वाली मालगाड़ी के लिए ईस्टर्न डेडिकेटेड फ्रेट कारिडोर व वेस्टर्न डेडिकेटेड फ्रेट कारिडोर यानी दोनों कारिडोर मिल रहे हैं। बुलंदशहर वह हिस्सा बनकर उभर रहा है, जहां पर



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नया औद्योगिक क्षेत्र तैयार किया जाना है।

औद्योगिक विकास की रफ्तार बढ़े, इसके लिए औद्योगिक आस्थान क्षेत्रों के विकास, संवर्धन के लिए अटल इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर मिशन के तहत इस बार मुजफ्फरनगर, सहारनपुर और हापुड़ जैसे जिलों की झोली भरेगी। पिछले बजट में मेरठ को लगभग 200 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित हुए थे। शामिल से

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गोरखपुर तक नया एक्सप्रेसवे बनना है, जिसका सर्वे किया जा रहा है। इन सबको देखें तो पश्चिम उग्र को दिल्ली, हरियाणा, पंजाब, उत्तराखंड से सीधे जोड़ते हुए आर्थिक प्रगति का नया अध्याय लिखा जा रहा है।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र के नए नर्व सेंटर के रूप में विकसित हो रहे मेरठ में प्रदेश की पहली इंटीग्रेटेड टीओडी यानी ट्रांजिट ओरिएंटेड डेवलपमेंट

नीति के तहत टाउनशिप विकसित की जा रही है।

पश्चिम के किसानों के बीच गन्ना भुगतान के आंकड़े भुनाने की कोशिश: पेरार्ई सत्र 2025-26 में गन्ना मूल्य की दरों में 30 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की वृद्धि से किसानों को लगभग तीन हजार करोड़ रुपये का अतिरिक्त गन्ना भुगतान प्राप्त होगा। पश्चिम में गन्ना इतना महत्वपूर्ण क्यों, इसका प्रमाण यही आंकड़े देते हैं कि प्रदेश में कुल 122 चीनी मिलों में पश्चिम की 76 हैं। गन्ना किसानों को साधने के उद्देश्य से वित्त मंत्री ने इसका उल्लेख भी मजबूती से किया। बताया कि नई चीनी मिलें खोलने और आधुनिकीकरण की वजह से 10 लाख से अधिक रोजगार सृजित हुए। आंकड़ा रखा कि योगी सरकार ने अब तक के कार्यकाल में तीन लाख चार हजार करोड़ से अधिक का भुगतान किया।



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Adani Airport Looks to Raise ₹1,500 cr Through Bond Sale

Shilpy Sinha

Mumbai: Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) is looking to raise up to ₹1,500 crore through three-year bonds priced at 8.45%, with quarterly interest payments, said people familiar with the matter.

The fundraise is being planned at the restricted group level for the group's airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram—located in state capitals or large cities across Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Karnataka and Kerala.



The fundraise is being planned at the restricted group level for the group's airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram

The fundraise structure consolidates the six airports and restricts additional indebtedness. These airports currently have a combined annual capacity of about 39 million passengers, which is predicted to double by FY30, according to an India Ratings report.

Trust Investment Advisors is the arranger for the bond sale. India Ratings has assigned an AA- rating to the proposed issuance. AAHL had also issued NCDs totalling ₹400 crore in FY24 and FY25, maturing between 2027 and 2029 as part of its overall financing plan. The proceeds were utilised for capex requirements.

AAHL has raised ₹19,500 crore through NCDs, of which ₹15,800 crore was outstanding as of September 30, 2025, to partly fund its past period regulatory asset (PPRA) of about ₹28,500 crore. The proposed bond sale comes amid a broader revival in Adani Group's domestic debt market activity. Earlier this month, Adani Power said it would raise ₹7,500 crore through NCDs.



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Maha Cabinet clears Purandar airport project

Varad Bhatkhande

PUNE

The Maharashtra Cabinet on Tuesday gave its formal approval to the Purandar International Airport project, with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis directing that the land acquisition process be completed by June 1, 2026. Fadnavis announced after a cabinet meeting held earlier in the day. Reacting to the decision, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Pune MP Murlidhar Mohol said the project was crucial for Pune and western Maharashtra

Key Maharashtra Cabinet decisions

- **Irrigation:** ₹15,000 crore loan for irrigation projects.
- **Infrastructure:** ₹6,000 crore push specifically for the Purandar Airport in Pune.
- **Industry:** 1,000 acres of land in Indapur for a new MIDC industrial area.
- **Sports:** An international cricket stadium in Kolhapur and a ₹75 crore sports complex in Baramati.
- **Public policy:** The launch of the 'My Village, Healthy Village' campaign, the introduction of a new public-private partnership policy, and making email notices legally valid under revenue laws.

and would have wide-ranging economic benefits for the region, including neigh-

bouring districts. Mohol said, "Increasing air connectivity will be deci-

sive for industry, business, the IT sector, tourism and agricultural exports. After the Navi Mumbai International Airport, the Purandar airport will provide a major alternative for Pune and western Maharashtra. It will give a massive boost to passenger and cargo capacity." He added, "In terms of international connectivity, it will help establish direct air links with key global routes such as the Middle East, Europe and Southeast Asia, opening new doors for exports, foreign investment and global business opportunities."

The proposed airport is expected to accelerate the growth of logistics, warehousing and MSME industries, and facilitate faster transport of agricultural produce, thereby providing farmers with improved access to markets. Mohol further said the project would play a key role in job creation, infrastructure development and investment growth. He emphasised that close coordination between the state and central governments would be ensured to complete the project within the stipulated timeline.



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KIA set to turn 'algorithmic'



NT Correspondent

BENGALURU

A strategic partnership has been announced to transform Kempegowda International Airport into a data-driven, algorithmic facility, officials said on Tuesday.

Under the partnership, Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) will leverage Mu Sigma's proprietary Decision Intelligence Platform, artificial intelligence and advanced analytics to unify and analyse data across operations, enabling the anticipation of passenger needs and enhancing convenience, comfort and efficiency.

In a statement, BIAL said the collaboration would strengthen its data-driven decision-making by integrating Mu Sigma's analytical capabilities across key passenger and operational touchpoints.

"Unified intelligence from existing systems will enable teams to proactively identify patterns, anticipate require-

ments and optimise service delivery in real time," it said, adding that the initiative aims to improve operational reliability, personalise passenger experiences and raise service standards.

The transformation will focus on guest-centric capabilities designed to make touchpoints across the facility more intuitive, BIAL said.

Predictive analytics will be deployed to reduce queues at retail outlets, restaurants and parking areas, ensuring smoother passenger movement through the terminal. Real-time demand forecasting and dynamic pricing will also be used to optimise parking and transport services, it added.

BIAL said users of the airport's Pulse App and official website, bengaluruairport.com, will receive an enhanced digital experience with personalised recommendations, loyalty rewards and timely notifications on services.

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार रफ्तार पकड़ेगा



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से अगले कुछ माह में व्यावसायिक विमानों की उड़ानें प्रस्तावित हैं। एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार के लिए 14 गांव की 1888.98 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण होगा। 4300 रुपये प्रतिकर से मुआवजे की घोषणा के बाद किसान जमीन देने को तैयार हैं।

प्रथम चरण में 1334 हेक्टेयर में एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण कार्य शत प्रतिशत पूरा हो चुका है। पहले चरण में कुल 4588 करोड़ की लागत आई है। वहीं, दूसरे चरण की 1365 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण भी कर लिया गया है। परियोजना के तीसरे और चौथे चरण में कुल 2053 हेक्टेयर भूमि चाहिए। इनमें से 14 गांव की 1888.98 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण किया जाएगा। शेष भूमि प्रशासन के पास पहले से है।

पुनर्वास केंद्र बनाने का रास्ता साफ : नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के दूसरे चरण में विस्थापित होने के वाले परिवारों के लिए पुनर्वास और पुनर्स्थापन केंद्र का रास्ता साफ हो गया।

दूसरा रनवे बनेगा : परियोजना के तहत दूसरे चरण में 490 एकड़ में दूसरा रनवे बनेगा। इसके अलावा सर्विस रनवे बनेगा और 800 एकड़ में एक्विपेशन इंडस्ट्री लगेगी।

एयरपोर्ट परिसर में 2053 हेक्टेयर में दो रनवे और 750 एकड़ में विमानों के इंजन बनाने वाली कंपनी स्थापित होगी।

9.12 लाख करोड़ का बजट यूपी विधानसभा में पेश किया गया

225 करोड़ रुपये की व्यवस्था एआई मिशन के लिए बजट में की गई

इनपर फोकस

1 पर्यटन
मुख्यमंत्री पर्यटन स्थल विकास योजना के तहत महत्वपूर्ण पर्यटन स्थलों के विकास के लिए 500 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया गया है। इससे धार्मिक गलियारे और मंदिरों का विकास होगा।

2 स्वास्थ्य
स्वास्थ्य व चिकित्सा सेवाओं के लिए कुल बजट का 6% हिस्सा आवंटित किया गया है। चिकित्सा, स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण क्षेत्र के लिए 37,956 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान है, जो पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 15% अधिक है।

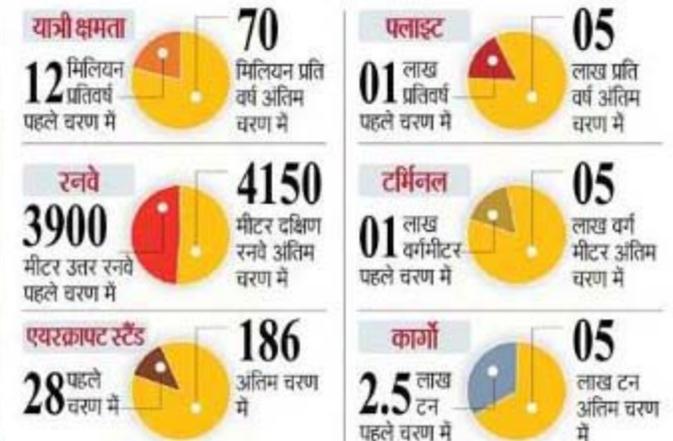
3 सफर
दिल्ली-वाराणसी और वाराणसी-सिलीगुड़ी जैसे हाई-स्पीड रेल कॉरिडोर के विकास के लिए बजट आवंटित किया गया है। एक्सप्रेसवे और मेट्रो आदि पर जोर रहेगा।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के बजट में बुधवार को नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के तीसरे और चौथे चरण में होने वाले विकास कार्यों के लिए 750 करोड़ रुपये के बजट की घोषणा हुई। 700 करोड़ रुपये भूमि अधिग्रहण और 50 करोड़ रुपये भवन निर्माण के लिए आवंटित किए गए। इससे जेवर में जल्द शुरू होने जा रहे एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार का काम और रफ्तार पकड़ेगा। उधर, गाजियाबाद में नई टाउनशिप हरनंदीपुरम योजना पर भी काम तेज होगा।



लखनऊ में बुधवार को बजट पेश करने के लिए जाने से पहले विधान भवन के बाहर मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ और वित्त मंत्री सुरेश खन्ना। • हिन्दुस्तान

एयरपोर्ट का इस प्रकार होगा विकास



- 1334 हेक्टेयर में पहला चरण विकसित किया जा रहा
- शत प्रतिशत निर्माण कार्य पहले चरण का पूरा हो चुका
- डीजीसीए से एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने का इंतजार है
- 4588 करोड़ रुपये पहले चरण पर खर्च किए जा रहे
- 29 हजार 500 करोड़ पूरी एयरपोर्ट परियोजना पर खर्च होंगे
- 1047 सीआईएसएफ जवान सुरक्षा में तैनात किए जाएंगे

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Cargo airlines shift base from Mumbai ahead of repairs

The move comes nearly three months before cargo flights halt at Mumbai airport from 1 Aug

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Five foreign freighters, including FedEx and a DHL joint venture, are expected to begin operations at Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), from May, two cargo officials familiar with the matter told Mint. This comes nearly three months before cargo-carrying planes temporarily cease operations at Mumbai International Airport from 1 August.

Apart from FedEx, Challenge Air, Aerologic—a joint venture between DHL and Lufthansa Cargo—Atlas Air and Teletop will be starting freighter flights. A freighter aircraft, also called a cargo plane, is an aircraft that carries goods instead of passengers.

Emails sent to FedEx, Challenge Air, DHL, Lufthansa Cargo, Atlas Air and Teletop on Monday remained unanswered. NMIA did not respond to Mint's emails or phone calls seeking comment.

The Navi Mumbai International Airport, which started operations in December last year, is expected to handle the freighter operations as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai begins major runway, taxiway and apron repairs to support future operations.

Apron G, used exclusively for freighters, will be completely rebuilt from August 2026 to May 2027, requiring a temporary closure. This raised concerns among industry body Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACAAD), which warned that exporters may reroute air cargo through Delhi or Bengaluru as the new Navi Mumbai airport is yet to start international passenger operations, Mint reported on 30 December 2025.

NMIA is operated by Adani Airports Holding Ltd, part of billionaire Gautam Adani's airport business, which has said



Navi Mumbai airport is expected to handle the freighter operations as CSMIA in Mumbai begins major runway, taxiway and apron repairs.

that international passenger flights are expected to begin by the first quarter of FY27.

ACAAI has flagged that the simultaneous start of freighter and international passenger operations is critical for

international passenger flights is crucial for cargo operations.

Indian airports together handled around 3.3–3.7 million tonnes of air cargo in recent reporting years, estimates EY. For context, Mumbai airport's

ways and Singapore Airlines, among others.

The Navi Mumbai cargo terminal capacity from its inaugural phase to final phase will increase from 0.50 million metric tonnes to 3.2 million metric tonnes, according to an earlier statement. The airport's development is planned in five phases, with the completion of the first phase, which is designed to handle 0.5 million metric tonnes of cargo.

The airport's value "lies in proximity to the country's largest port ecosystem, as it facilitates sea-air logistics, faster export cycles and reduced dependency on a single congested western airport," said Bhavana Yerrumreddy, partner at EY India.

Moreover, "the timing of the transition seems to be directly linked to scheduled runway recarpeting and demolition of the cargo apron at CSMIA which is likely to impact cargo operations with priority given to passenger traffic during curtailed operations. NMIA will likely absorb more freighter traffic during this period to ensure continuity of operations," said Ashish Chhawchharia, partner at Grant Thornton Bharat.

Exporters will also need to bear extra costs at the outset for shifting operations from the old airport to NMIA, he added. The planned suspension of freighter operations at Mumbai airport stems from infrastructure constraints.

In an 11 December letter to stakeholders, Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) said it must carry out major runway, taxiway and apron repairs to support future operations.

The airport cited ongoing passenger operations and land constraints as reasons why no alternative cargo space is available.

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FRET OVER FREIGHT

ACAAI warned exporters may divert cargo via Delhi or Bengaluru as NMIA lacks intl passenger flights

NMIA has said that international passenger flights are expected to begin by first quarter of FY27

FREIGHTER and intl passenger services must start together for smooth cargo flows, ACAAI said

INDIAN airports together handled around 3.3–3.7 MT of air cargo in recent reporting years

smooth cargo movement.

For instance, if a freighter carries 20 tonnes of cargo but can accommodate only 15 tonnes, the remaining five tonnes are typically transported on passenger aircraft. Therefore, the option of

cargo capacity is about 1.45 million tonnes, with a utilization rate of 62%, as per a September 2025 compliance report.

Key international cargo partners include FedEx, Challenge Air Cargo, Aerologic, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Air-



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Noida Int'l Airport set for major expansion as Phase 1 completed

DIPIKA KIROLA

NOIDA: The Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar is poised to reshape Uttar Pradesh's aviation landscape, with the state government announcing a major expansion plan following the completion of Phase 1 of the project.

The government has earmarked Rs 750 crore for aviation research, operations and maintenance, and Rs 1,100 crore for land acquisition to facilitate the airport's rapid expansion.

Under its long-term development plan, the airport will expand from two runways to five. At present, the north runway measures 3,900 metres and the south runway 4,150 metres,



both capable of handling wide-body aircraft.

Phase 1, developed over 1,334 hectares, has been fully completed. The airport is initially designed to handle 12 million passengers annually, with capacity projected to increase to 70 million pas-

sengers per year by 2050 once all phases are operational. The expansion is expected to ease congestion at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Officials said all major infrastructure works have been completed.

These include a terminal building equipped with 10 aerobridges, e-gates, baggage handling systems and lounges, along with an aircraft parking apron, cargo terminal, solar farm, air traffic control tower, fuel tanks, taxiways and navigation systems. Water and sewage treatment facilities, check posts, CNG pumps for ground vehicles, EV charging stations, the access road and airport surveillance radar systems are also in place.

Trial operations have been successful. IndiGo conducted a passenger aircraft trial landing in December 2024, while additional tests involving smaller aircraft were carried out in late October and early November 2025.

Yamuna International Airport Limited (YIAL), the project developer, also organised two mock passenger drills with local residents and staff to test check-in, boarding, security and baggage handling procedures.

With only aerodrome licensing formalities pending and approvals from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in the final stages, the airport is expected to be inaugurated soon.

अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एएआईबी से मांगी जांच रिपोर्ट

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र से पिछले साल 12 जून एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच में अब तक अपनाई गई प्रक्रियात्मक प्रोटोकॉल पर एक संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने को कहा। सीजेआई जस्टिस सूर्यकांत और जस्टिस जयमाल्या बागची की पीठ को केंद्र व नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे सॉलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने बताया कि एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) की जांच अंतिम चरण में है। कुछ जांच विदेश में की जानी है।

पीठ ने शुरू में यह राय दी थी कि एएआईबी की जांच रिपोर्ट सोलबंद लिफाफे में प्रस्तुत की जाए। मेहता ने जजों को आश्वासन दिया कि जांच का



क्या करना है, एएआईबी की जांच रिपोर्ट आने के बाद तय करेंगे

भूषण की दलील पर सीजेआई ने कहा, एएआईबी की जांच रिपोर्ट आने दीजिए, उसके बाद ही हम देखेंगे कि कोर्ट ऑफ इन्क्वायरी की जरूरत होगी या नहीं। इसके बाद सीजेआई ने तीनों याचिकाओं पर सुनवाई की तिथि तीन हफ्ते बाद तय की।

विवरण उनके साथ साझा किया जाएगा। मेहता ने कहा कि इस मामले से संबंधित तीन याचिकाओं पर व्यापक सुनवाई के लिए तीन सप्ताह बाद सुनवाई की जा सकती है। पीठ ने कहा कि एएआईबी की भूमिका दुर्घटना के कारण का पता लगाना है, न कि उद्देश्य का आरोप लगाना। गैर सरकारी संगठन सेंफ्टी मैटर्स फाउंडेशन की ओर से वकील

प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा कि तीन अन्य बोइंग 787 विमानों के साथ भी इसी तरह की घटनाएं हुई हैं और केंद्र ने इन याचिकाओं पर कोई जवाब दाखिल नहीं किया है। एअर इंडिया की बोइंग 787-8 फ्लाइट एआई171 अहमदाबाद से उड़ान भरने के बाद दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया, जिसमें चालक दल के सदस्यों सहित 260 लोगों की मौत हो गई। ब्यूरो



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Akasa Air Co-founder Praveen Iyer resigns



Mumbai: Akasa Air Co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer Praveen Iyer has quit the airline. Iyer is the second Co-founder to leave after Neelu Khatri, and his exit comes as the carrier embarks on an expansion plan in India and overseas. Co-founder and Chief Information Officer Anand Srinivasan will take over as the Chief Commercial Officer from May 1. Airline officials indicated that Iyer was leaving the organisation for personal reasons after working for five years. "Praveen has been instrumental in shaping not just Akasa's commercial vision but the airline itself and translating that ambition into sustained growth. He has built a strong and resilient commercial organisation..." Chief Executive Officer Vinay Dube said. our

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Three Jet Airways Boeing 777s sold to European cargo airline for \$46 m after 4 years of litigation

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Three Jet Airways Boeing 777 aircraft, which have been parked in Mumbai for close to six years following the airline's closure, will finally have a new home. The aircraft were sold for \$46 million to the European cargo airline Challenge Group after three years of litigation. The grounded airline informed the Bombay Stock Exchange about the execution of the sale agreement on Wednesday.

Malta-based Ace Aviation, which is part of the Challenge Group, had won the bid to acquire the three aircraft in October 2022. The company executed letters of intent and came up with earn-



TO FLY AGAIN. The Boeing 777 aircraft have been parked in Mumbai for almost six years following the airline's closure REUTERS

est money deposits to proceed with the purchase.

OBJECTIONS RAISED

However, the sale was put on hold by the lender-controlled monitoring committee due to opposition from the Jalan Kalrock Consortium, which had won the bid to revive the grounded airline. Subsequently, the sale of the aircraft was litigated before the National Com-

pany Law Tribunal, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal and the Supreme Court, which cleared the sale.

Objections were raised against the sale by Mumbai International Airport Ltd, following the airline's liquidation in November 2024. Ace Aviation and Mumbai airport entered into a consent agreement over pending parking dues last August, but the

matter dragged on before the insolvency courts again. Finally, last December, the airport granted its no objection to the sale and released its lien on the aircraft. Following this, the sale agreement was executed between Jet Airways and Ace Aviation last month. "The successful conclusion of this transaction represents a landmark development in India's aviation and insolvency landscape. It marks the first instance where Boeing 777 wide-body aircraft have been sold under the insolvency/liquidation framework. The deal also sets a key precedent and reference model for future transactions of a similar nature involving aviation assets," said Dentons Link Legal, which represented Ace Aviation in the matter.

प्रवीण अय्यर ने अकासा एयर को कहा अलविदा

विमानन कंपनी अकासा एयर के सह-संस्थापक और मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी प्रवीण अय्यर ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। वह अप्रैल के आखिर में विमानन कंपनी छोड़ देंगे। अकासा एयर ने आज यह जानकारी दी। कंपनी छोड़ने वाले वह दूसरे सह-संस्थापक हैं। अक्टूबर 2025 में सह-संस्थापक और वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष (अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन) नीलू खत्री ने अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया था। खत्री अकासा एयर के संस्थापक सदस्यों में शामिल थीं और उन्होंने विमानन कंपनी के शुरुआती विदेशी नेटवर्क सहित इसके अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन के निर्माण और विस्तार में अहम भूमिका निभाई थी।

साल 2025 में विमानन कंपनी में वरिष्ठ प्रबंधन स्तर पर कंपनी छोड़ने के दौर के बाद सह-संस्थापकों के

इस्तीफे सामने आए हैं। जून 2025 में उपाध्यक्ष (इन-फ्लाइट सर्विसेज) अजीत भागचंदानी ने व्यक्तिगत कारणों का हवाला देते हुए इस्तीफा दे दिया था। मई 2025 के आसपास दीर्घकालिक परिचालन, रणनीति, उत्कृष्टता और योजना प्रमुख ऋषभ देव तथा उपाध्यक्ष (विमान अधिग्रहण और पट्टा) अमोल माने सहित कई अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने भी इस्तीफा दे दिया था। उपाध्यक्ष (केटरिंग) विनीत मिश्र भी पिछले साल मई के आसपास कंपनी छोड़कर अन्य विमानन कंपनी में चले गए।

बुधवार को अय्यर ने कहा 'मुझे विश्वास है कि विमानन कंपनी विकास के अगले चरण के लिए अच्छी तरह से तैयार है और मैं नेतृत्व तथा कर्मचारियों को निरंतर सफलता की शुभकामनाएं देता हूं।' बीएस

‘नियम लागू करने को तैयार इंडिगो’

दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 11 फरवरी

इंडिगो ने नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) को सूचित किया है कि वह बुधवार से नए उड़ान ड्यूटी टाइम लिमिटेशन (एफडीटीएल) नियमों को लागू करने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार है। बीते साल दिसंबर में विमानन कंपनी का परिचालन गड़बड़ाने के बाद एयरलाइन को इस संबंध में दी गई अस्थायी छूट की अवधि समाप्त हो गई है।

डीजीसीए ने कहा, 'इंडिगो ने यह भी कहा है कि 11 फरवरी से स्वीकृत एफडीटीएल योजना का पूरी तरह अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक परिचालन, रोस्ट्रिंग और निगरानी व्यवस्थाएं की जा रही हैं।' नियामक ने कहा कि इंडिगो को 5 दिसंबर को संशोधित एफडीटीएल नियमों के पैरा 3.11 और पैरा 6.1.4 के प्रावधानों से एकबारगी अस्थायी छूट दी गई थी। ये नियम पिछले साल नवंबर से पूरी तरह लागू हुए हैं।

एफडीटीएल नियमों के तहत 'नाइट ड्यूटी' किसे कहा जाए, पैरा 3.11 में यह परिभाषित किया गया है। इसके अनुसार यदि किसी पायलट की ड्यूटी अवधि आधी रात और सुबह 6 बजे के बीच किसी भी समय तक चलती है, तो इसे नाइट ड्यूटी माना जाता है। एक बार जब किसी ड्यूटी को नाइट ड्यूटी के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया जाता है, तो उस स्थिति में स्वतः सख्त थकान नियम लागू हो जाते हैं।

सख्त थकान नियमों को निर्धारित करने वाला पैरा 6.1.4 यह तय करता है कि एक पायलट कितने समय तक ड्यूटी पर रह सकता है यानी वह वास्तव में कितने घंटे उड़ान भर सकता है। यह भी इसमें बताया गया है कि आखिर ऐसी शिफ्ट के दौरान पायलट कितनी लैडिंग कर सकते हैं, ताकि देर रात और सुबह-सुबह के संचालन के दौरान थकान के जोखिम को कम



किया जा सके। पिछले साल दिसंबर में डीजीसीए ने इंडिगो को इन प्रावधानों से अस्थायी छूट देकर ड्यूटी शेड्यूल करने की अनुमति दी थी। ऐसा इसलिए किया गया था, क्योंकि एयरलाइन ने संशोधित एफडीटीएल मानदंडों को लागू करने के लिए पर्याप्त पायलटों की कमी का हवाला देकर दिसंबर की शुरुआत में हजारों उड़ानें रद्द कर दी थीं। इससे कई शहरों के हवाई अड्डों पर अव्यवस्था और अराजकता का माहौल बन गया था।

नियामक ने कहा कि यह छूट उड़ान संचालन को स्थिर करने और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा और हितों की रक्षा के उद्देश्य से दी गई थी। एफडीटीएल मानदंडों में पायलट और केबिन क्रू के काम के अधिकतम घंटे तय किए गए हैं, जिसमें उड़ान का समय और स्टैंडबाय ड्यूटी शामिल है। इसके अलावा थकान को कम करने तथा परिचालन सुचारु और सुरक्षित बनाए रखने के लिए अनिवार्य आराम की व्यवस्था भी इन मानदंडों में की गई है। डीजीसीए के अनुसार यह छूट देते समय इंडिगो पर कई शर्तें लगाई थीं। इनमें नियामक को प्रति घंटा उड़ान संचालन डेटा और परिचालन प्रदर्शन पर साप्ताहिक या पाक्षिक रिपोर्ट भी प्रस्तुत करनी थी। छूट की वैधता के दौरान डीजीसीए के साथ समय-समय पर समीक्षा बैठकों के माध्यम से इंडिगो के उड़ान संचालन की बारीकी से निगरानी की गई। यात्रियों को होने वाली असुविधा को दूर करने और यात्री प्रबंधन की निगरानी के लिए नियामक के अधिकारियों को विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर भी तैनात किया गया था।

IndiGo prepared to implement new FDTL rules: DGCA

Announcement comes as the airline's one-time temporary exemption expired on February 10

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IndiGo has informed the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that it is fully prepared to implement the new Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) rules from Wednesday, following the expiry of a one-time temporary exemption granted to the airline after its operational meltdown in December.

"IndiGo has further stated that all necessary operational, rostering, and monitoring arrangements are being put in place to ensure full compliance with the approved FDTL scheme with effect from February 11," the regulator said in a statement.

The DGCA said IndiGo was granted a one-time temporary exemption on December 5, from provisions under Para 3.11 and Para 6.1.4 of revised FDTL rules, which fully came into effect from November 2025.

Para 3.11 defines what counts as 'night duty' under the FDTL rules. If a pilot's duty period touches any time between midnight and 6 am, it is treated as night duty. Once a duty is classified as night duty, stricter fatigue limits automatically apply. Para 6.1.4 sets those tighter limits — it caps how long a pilot can be on duty, how many hours they can actually fly, and how many landings they can carry out during such a shift — to reduce the risk of fatigue during late-night and early-morning operations.

By granting a temporary exemption from these provisions, the regulator had effectively allowed the airline to schedule certain duties without being bound by the stricter night-duty classification and limits for a defined period.

The exemption was valid up to February 10, and was granted because the airline cancelled thousands of flights early December due to lack of sufficient pilots to implement the revised FDTL norms. The regulator said the relaxation was aimed at stabilising flight operations and safeguarding passenger safety and interest.

Airlines say DGCA cabin crew rest norms 'more restrictive'

IndiGo, Air India, and SpiceJet have described the proposed cabin crew rest norms as "more restrictive" compared to global standards and offers limited operational flexibility for the airlines. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) came out with its draft Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) on Cabin Crew Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) in October 2025. The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), which represents IndiGo, Air India and SpiceJet, has made various recommendations to the aviation watchdog and stressed the need for having "globally-harmonised, evidence-based and operationally practical provisions". One of the key contentions of the grouping is flight duty period rather than flight time should be the primary controlling metric for day-to-day cabin crew fatigue management.

FDTL norms regulate the maximum hours pilots and cabin crew can work, including flight time and standby duty, and specify mandatory rest periods in order to minimise fatigue and maintain operational safety.

According to the DGCA, the exemptions were granted subject to specific conditions. These included submission of hourly flight operations data to the regulator and weekly or fortnightly reports on operational performance.

During the validity of the exemptions, IndiGo's flight operations were closely monitored through periodic review meetings with the DGCA. Officers of the regulator were also deployed at various airports to oversee passenger handling and address inconvenience faced by travellers.



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अहमदाबाद हादसा • लंदन में 'द इंडिपेंडेंट' की रिपोर्ट में दावा एअर इंडिया का पीड़ित परिजन को ऑफर 10 से 20 लाख तक लो, मुकदमा छोड़ दो

भास्कर न्यूज | लंदन



अहमदाबाद में पिछले साल 12 जून को हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे को लेकर नया खुलासा हुआ है। लंदन के अखबार द इंडिपेंडेंट की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, एअर इंडिया ने हादसे में जान गंवाने वाले लोगों के परिजनों को अतिरिक्त मुआवजे के बदले केस करने का अधिकार छोड़ने का प्रस्ताव दिया है।

एयरलाइन परिवारों को अतिरिक्त 10 लाख रु. की अंतिम राशि देकर समझौते की पेशकश कर रही है। कुछ मामलों में यह 20 लाख रुपए तक है। परिवारों को यह शर्त माननी होगी कि

वे भविष्य में हादसे से जुड़ा दावा नहीं करेंगे और सभी कानूनी जिम्मेदारियों से कंपनी को मुक्त करेंगे। यह छूट किसी भी देश या कोर्ट में लागू रहेगी। 130 पीड़ितों के परिवारों की लीगल टीम ने इसका विरोध किया है। उसका कहना है कि जांच पूरी नहीं हुई है। जिम्मेदारी तय नहीं हुई है। ऐसे में केस का अधिकार छोड़ने को कहना अनुचित है। -शेष पेज 10 पर

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एएआईबी से 3 हफ्ते में रिपोर्ट मांगी

नई दिल्ली | सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने बुधवार को केंद्र से विमान हादसे की जांच के 'प्रोसिजरल प्रोटोकॉल' की रिपोर्ट देने को कहा। सरकार ने बताया कि एएआईबी की जांच अंतिम चरण में है। चीफ जस्टिस सुर्यकांत की बेंच के समक्ष एनजीओ सेप्टी मैटर्स की तरफ से वकील प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा, गंभीर एक्सीडेंट के लिए कोर्ट ऑफ इन्क्वायरी की जरूरत होती है, न एएआईबी की जांच की। -शेष पेज 10

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एएआईबी से 3 हफ्ते में..

इस पर बेंच ने कहा कि एएआईबी (एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन बोर्ड) की जांच का नतीजा देखते हैं। फिर हम देखेंगे कि कोर्ट ऑफ इन्क्वायरी की जरूरत होगी या नहीं। इस पर भूषण ने कहा, 8,000 से ज्यादा पायलट कह रहे हैं कि बोइंग 787 सेफ नहीं है और इसे ग्राउंड कर देना चाहिए। एएआईबी जांच टीम में पांच सदस्य डीजीसीए से हैं। इस पर केंद्र और डीजीसीए की तरफ से पेश सॉलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने कहा, 'भूषण को संतुष्ट करने का एकमात्र तरीका खुद भूषण की अगुवाई में कमेटी बनाना है।' अगली सुनवाई तीन हफ्ते बाद होगी।

इस मामले में एअर इंडिया के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि एअर इंडिया इस मुश्किल प्रक्रिया से गुजर रहे हर प्रभावित परिवार की मदद के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। शुरुआती अंतरिम राशि देने के बाद हमने यह सुनिश्चित किया है कि हर परिवार को दी जाने वाली आखिरी रकम सही और कानून के हिसाब से हो।



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इंडिगो ने लागू किए नए पायलट नियम: डीजीसीए

नई दिल्ली | इंडिगो ने विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए को सूचित किया है कि उसने पायलटों के लिए नए ड्यूटी नियम (एफडीटीएल) पूरी तरह लागू कर दिए हैं। नियामक ने पुष्टि की है कि 10 फरवरी को मिली छूट खत्म होने के बाद अब सभी ऑपरेशन मानकों के तहत हैं। रात की ड्यूटी और लैंडिंग के कड़े नियमों से अब पायलटों को थकान नहीं होगी।

पायलट के काम के घंटो और आराम के नियमों का पालन करेगी इंडिगो

इंडिगो ने डीजीसीए को परिचालन व्यवस्थाओं को लेकर किया आश्वासन

पायलटों की ड्यूटी से जुड़े नियमों पर दी गई छूट 10 फरवरी को समाप्त

नई दिल्ली, प्रेट: देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए को परिचालन व्यवस्थाओं को लेकर आश्वासन दिया है। एयरलाइन ने कहा, नए फ्लाइट ड्यूटी टाइम लिमिटेशन (एफडीटीएल) नियमों के तहत पायलट के काम के घंटो और आराम के नियमों का पालन किया जाएगा। इसके लिए सभी परिचालन, रोस्ट्रिंग व मॉनिटरिंग व्यवस्थाएं लागू की जा रही हैं। पायलटों की ड्यूटी से जुड़े नए नियमों पर दी गई अस्थायी छूट 10 फरवरी को समाप्त हो गई। इसके बाद बुधवार को डीजीसीए ने विस्तृत बयान जारी कर एयरलाइन की तैयारियों की जानकारी दी।



दिसंबर की शुरुआत में भारी परिचालन अव्यवस्था के चलते तीन से पांच दिसंबर के बीच इंडिगो ने 2,507 उड़ानें रद्द की थीं। जांच में आपरेशन्स का अत्यधिक अनुकूलन, नियामकीय तैयारी की कमी, सिस्टम साफ्टवेयर सपोर्ट में खामियां, प्रबंधन और परिचालन नियंत्रण ढांचे में कमियां पाई गईं। इन कारणों से उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित हुआ। इसके बाद डीजीसीए ने एयरलाइन के शीतकालीन निर्धारित

उड़ानों में 10 प्रतिशत की कटौती भी की थी और नए एफडीटीएल नियमों के लागू करने में 10 फरवरी तक का समय दिया था।

डीजीसीए की ओर से जारी बयान के अनुसार, इंडिगो ने बताया है कि दिया गया समय समाप्त होने के बाद वह वैधानिक प्रविधानों के पालन और नई अक्टूबर 2025 को स्वीकृत एफडीटीएल योजना को लागू करने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार है। विमानन कंपनी ने कहा कि 11 फरवरी 2026 से स्वीकृत एफडीटीएल योजना के पूर्ण अनुपालन के लिए सभी जरूरी परिचालन, रोस्ट्रिंग और निगरानी व्यवस्थाएं लागू की जा रही हैं। इंडिगो की घरेलू बाजार हिस्सेदारी दिसंबर में घटकर 59.6 प्रतिशत रह गई थी, जो नवंबर में 63.6 प्रतिशत थी तब वह प्रतिदिन करीब 2,200 उड़ानों का संचालन करती थी।

क्या है नया एफडीटीएल नियम

नए एफडीटीएल नियमों के तहत पायलटों के काम के घंटो और आराम की अवधि पर सीमाएं तय की गई हैं। साप्ताहिक आराम का समय 36 घंटे से बढ़ाकर 48 घंटे कर दिया गया है, जिसमें चालक दल के सदस्य को अपने घर पर दो पुरी रातें शामिल हैं। रात्रि ड्यूटी की परिभाषा को मध्यरात्रि से सुबह पांच बजे के बजाय मध्यरात्रि से सुबह छह बजे तक विस्तारित किया गया है और एयरलाइनें अब पायलटों को असीमित संख्या के बजाय केवल दो लगातार रात्रि ड्यूटी पर ही लगा सकती हैं। रात्रि लैडिंग की सीमा प्रति सप्ताह दो कर दी गई है, जो पहले छह थी। मासिक उड़ान समय 125 घंटे से घटाकर 28 दिनों में 100 घंटे कर दिया गया है। इसके साथ ही डीजीसीए को प्रति घंटा उड़ान संचालन डेटा प्रस्तुत करना और परिचालन प्रदर्शन पर साप्ताहिक की रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करना शामिल है।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे की जांच में अपनाए गए प्रक्रियात्मक प्रोटोकाल पर मांगी रिपोर्ट

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र सरकार से अहमदाबाद में हुए एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच में अपनाए गए प्रक्रियात्मक प्रोटोकाल पर तीन हफ्ते में रिपोर्ट मांगी है। कोर्ट ने यह निर्देश तब दिया जब उसे बताया गया कि मामले में जांच अंतिम चरण में है। साथ ही कोर्ट ने केंद्र से तीन सप्ताह में जांच की प्रगति रिपोर्ट भी दाखिल करने को कहा है।

ये आदेश बुधवार को प्रधान न्यायाधीश सूर्यकांत और न्यायमूर्ति जयमाल्या बागची की पीठ ने एअर इंडिया की बोइंग 787 फ्लाइट की पिछले वर्ष 12 जून को हुई दुर्घटना से संबंधित याचिका पर सुनवाई के दौरान दिए। अहमदाबाद से लंदन जा रहे दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए इस विमान में चालक दल के सदस्यों समेत 261 लोग सवार थे।

श्रीष अदालत ने केंद्र सरकार से तीन सप्ताह में जांच की प्रगति रिपोर्ट भी दाखिल करने को कहा



एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे में 260 लोगों की गई थी जान, सिर्फ एक जिंदा बचा था

दुर्घटना में सिर्फ एक व्यक्ति ही जीवित बचा था। विमान के पायलट सुमित सभरवाल के पिता और कुछ और लोगों ने विमानों की सुरक्षा को लेकर सवाल उठाते हुए कोर्ट में याचिकाएं दाखिल कर रखी हैं। साथ ही हादसे की जांच की मांग भी की है।

कोर्ट में सरकार व डीजीसीए की ओर से पेश हुए सालिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने कहा, एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन बोर्ड की जांच अंतिम चरण में है। जल्दी ही रिपोर्ट आ जाएगी। अतः कोर्ट मामले की सुनवाई तीन हफ्ते के लिए टाल दे। वहीं, याचिकाकर्ता के वकील प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा, इस हादसे के बाद तीन और बोइंग 787 के साथ इसी तरह की घटनाएं हुई हैं। इस पर चीफ जस्टिस ने कहा, मीडिया की अपुष्ट खबरों पर भरोसा न करें। पिछले सप्ताह भी कहा गया था कि लंदन से दिल्ली जा रहे ड्रीमलाइनर के ईंधन स्विच में समस्या थी। बाद में एयरलाइन ने कहा सब ठीक था। सूर्यकांत ने कहा, वैसे ये दुर्घटना बहुत दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण थी। फिर भी हमें ऐसे किसी विशेष एयरलाइन पर टिप्पणी करते समय बहुत सतर्क रहना चाहिए।



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Co-founder Praveen Iyer Quits Akasa

New Delhi: Akasa Air on Wednesday said its co-founder and chief commercial officer Praveen Iyer has quit. The exit marks a second high-level departure at the three-year-old airline.

Akasa Air started operations in August 2022. Iyer was also one of the executive committee members of the carrier.

The airline has appointed chief information officer Anand Srinivasan as the new commercial head. Chief fi-

nancial officer Ankur Goel will also handle the role for chief information officer till the airline hires someone new for the post.

Last year, Akasa saw the exit of another co-founder, Neelu Khatri, who headed international operations.

The airline, which is backed by the late Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's family had raised fresh capital in August 2025 from the family offices of Wipro founder Azim Premji and Ranjan Pal.

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Akasa Air Co-founder & CCO Praveen Iyer quits

YARUQHULLAH KHAN
New Delhi, February 11

AKASA AIR ON Wednesday announced that its Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) and Co-founder Praveen Iyer has resigned, marking the second high-profile departure at the three-year-old airline.

The airline said that after five successful years, Iyer has chosen to move on and begin a new chapter in his life. He will work closely with the leadership team to ensure a smooth and structured transition through April 30, 2026.

Co-founder and Chief Information Officer Anand Srinivasan will take over as CCO from May 1.

Iyer's exit follows the resignation of Neelu Khatri, co-founder and senior vice-president-international operations, who left the airline last year to pursue a new professional direction. Khatri was instrumental in establishing Akasa's international business and was among the airline's founding members.

"Praveen has played a key role in defining Akasa's commercial vision and driving the airline's growth. He has created

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PRAVEEN IYER



Iyer is the second co-founder to leave the airline after Neelu Khatri's departure in October

ANAND SRINIVASAN



Co-founder and Chief Information Officer Anand Srinivasan will take over as CCO from May 1

a strong commercial team, developed future leaders, and built partnerships that help us expand our network and improve our revenue strategies," Akasa Air's Chief Executive Officer Vinay Dube said in a statement. He added: "Anand brings over 25 years of experience in both India and international markets, focusing on commercial aspects and aviation technology."

Iyer's departure comes at a time when the airline has begun ramping up expansion after a period of sluggish growth caused by delayed aircraft deliveries from Boeing,

The airline has inducted three aircraft this year and plans to add around 12 more by year-end.

Akasa Air's Vice-President and Head of Corporate Communications and CSR, Bishnu Priya Narayan, also joined L&T Realty in January 2026 after spending over three years at the airline. During her tenure, she played a key role in shaping Akasa's communications narrative and strengthening its reputation during a critical phase of growth.

The airline currently operates 33 Boeing 737 Max aircraft across 32 destinations.



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SC asks govt to file protocol report on Air India crash

THE SUPREME COURT asked the Centre on Wednesday to file a brief report on the "procedural protocol" followed so far, after it was informed that the investigation into the June 12, 2025, Air India plane crash by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) is at its fag end.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI 71, en route to London's Gatwick airport crashed after the plane took off from Ahmedabad, killing 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board.

On Wednesday, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared in the court representing the Centre and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), that the AAIB probe is in final stages and some parts it need to be carried out in foreign countries. — PTI



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Prepared to comply with pilot rest rules: IndiGo tells DGCA

YARUQHULLAH KHAN
New Delhi, February 11

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday said that IndiGo has assured the regulator that it is fully ready to comply with the new Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) norms.

In a statement, the DGCA said IndiGo informed that all necessary operational, rostering and monitoring arrangements are being put in place to ensure full compliance with the approved FDTL scheme from February 11.

The DGCA had approved limited relaxations after IndiGo cancelled 2,507 flights between December 3 and 5, 2025, citing the need to stabilise operations. The exemptions were subject to strict conditions, including submission of hourly flight data and weekly or fortnightly operational performance reports.

"During the validity of the exemptions, IndiGo Airlines flight operations were monitored closely through periodic review meetings with DGCA," the regulator said in the statement, adding "DGCA officers were deployed at various air-

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ports to oversee passenger handling and address passenger inconvenience."

In addition, Flight Operations Inspectors (FOIs) were positioned at IndiGo Airlines Operations Control Centre for real-time monitoring of flight operations, ensuring continuous regulatory oversight during the exemption period.

The two exemptions, granted in the wake of severe operational disruptions in December 2025 were related to night duty time and night landing requirements for pilots.

LATE CONFIRMATION OF FIXTURE PUSHES PRICES HIGHER: EXPERTS

India-Pak T20 clash sends Colombo airfares soaring

● Air India, IndiGo planning to add more flights

YARUQHULLAH KHAN
New Delhi, February 11

AIRFARES TO COLOMBO have surged sharply, in some cases more than tripling, after confirmation that the India-Pakistan T20 World Cup group match will go ahead in Sri Lanka's capital on February 15, data from online travel platforms and the websites of Air India, IndiGo, and Sri Lankan Airlines showed.

From Delhi and Mumbai, where demand is strongest, fares have moved from mid-range international prices to premium long-haul territory.

A Delhi-Colomboticket that typically costs around ₹30,000 is now selling for over ₹90,000, with business class touching about ₹2.25 lakh on some services. A three-hour Mumbai-Colombo flight on Air India is now priced up to ₹60,000 in economy and about ₹84,000 in premium economy for travel on match day.

"Compared with average pricing earlier in the month, last-minute round-trip fares to Colombo for the Indo-Pak match are witnessing a significant increase in pricing with current fare levels approximately at ₹70,000 ex-Mumbai; ₹90,000-1,00,000 ex-Delhi; ₹80,000 ex-Hyderabad; ₹60,000-65,000 ex-Bengaluru, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Pune; and around ₹50,000 ex-Chennai and Cochin, reflecting elevated demand in the lead-up to the match," Indiver Rastogi, President & Group Head - Global Business Travel, Thomas Cook (India) Limited & SOTC Travel said in a statement.

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Airfares to Colombo (In Indian ₹)	Feb 11-20, 2026 (Match Period)	Jan 11-20, 2026 (Normal)	Increase vs Jan 2026
Delhi	90,000-1,00,000	28,000-32,000	↑ 200-220%
Mumbai	70,000-82,000	25,000-30,000	↑ 170-190%
Hyderabad	80,000-90,000	30,000-35,000	↑ 150-165%
Bengaluru	60,000-65,000	28,000-33,000	↑ 100-115%
Pune	60,000-65,000	32,000-38,000	↑ 70-88%
Kolkata	60,000-65,000	28,000-34,000	↑ 90-115%



■ An usual Delhi-Colombo ticket that costs ₹30,000 is now selling for over ₹90,000

■ Mumbai-Colombo flight on Air India is now priced at ₹60k in economy, ₹84k in premium economy

■ Cricket fans from metro cities are routing themselves via Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai and Kochi because direct fares from Mumbai, Delhi have become prohibitive

usually offer cheaper access to Sri Lanka are also seeing heavy pressure, with one-way fares from Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi to Colombo rising to about ₹30,000, and direct seats from Thiruvananthapuram sold out, with some return itineraries via Delhi crossing ₹1 lakh.

A direct Kochi-Colombo return was quoted around ₹66,000, compared with advance-purchase fares that typically sit between ₹40,000 and ₹45,000.

"Sri Lanka is seeing strong travel interest, led by the marquee India vs Pakistan fixture that continues to evoke deep passion and sentiment among Indian cricket aficionados. Sports-led travel remains a key demand driver, and interest levels are strong despite marked increases in airfares," Rastogi added.

Rajiv Mehra, general secretary of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and

Hospitality (FAITH), said: "Cricket is of huge interest to Indians and a match with Pakistan always draws huge attention. The spike in demand is further aided by the visa-on-arrival facility and the absence of a visa fee. NRIs from the Gulf region also often make their presence felt in contests like these."

Airline executives and travel experts also said the onset of Valentine's Day and the late confirmation of the fixture have combined to push prices higher.

"The weekend was already popular because of Valentine's Day, but the sudden announcement that the Pakistan-India match would take place added to the rush for seats and the consequent increase in fare," a senior executive from Air India told FE.

Executives at Air India and IndiGo also said that the airlines are planning to add more flights to Colombo if they manage to get slot clearance from the

Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Sri Lankan authorities by the weekend.

Similarly, travel agents said that some fans from metro cities are now routing themselves through cities in south India like Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, and Kochi because direct fares from Mumbai and Delhi have become prohibitive.

Pakistan's government eventually reversed an earlier boycott stance after discussions involving the International Cricket Council (ICC), the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), a move that reports say helped the ICC avoid a revenue hit estimated at \$174 million.

"Within minutes of the confirmation, round-trip Mumbai-Colombo fares rose by roughly ₹10,000-30,000, and prices on several India-Colombo routes nearly doubled," the executive from Air India said.





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MUMBAI

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DGCA orders special safety audit of VSR Ventures

DGCA has started a special safety audit of non-scheduled flight operators, including VSR Ventures, following the plane crash that killed Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and four others in January. The Learjet 45 plane that crashed near Baramati airport belonged to VSR Ventures Pvt Ltd. Pawar and four others were killed in the crash, which is being probed by the AAIB. The DGCA on Tuesday said that, consequent to the accident of VSR Ventures' Learjet 45 aircraft VT-SSK on January 28, it has ordered a special safety audit of non-scheduled operators in a phased manner.



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IndiGo ready for new pilot norms as exemption ends

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

IndiGo concluded its 68-day temporary reprieve from stricter Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) norms on Tuesday. As the exemption granted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) expires, the airline has assured regulators and the public that it now maintains an "optimum pool" of pilots to sustain smooth operations starting Wednesday.

The transition marks a critical turning point for the airline, which suffered a massive operational meltdown in December 2025, leading to around 5,689 flight cancellations and a record penalty of Rs22.2 crore. The DGCA in December had provided an exemption from a few provisions of the new FDTL rules to the airline till February 10. The revised rules increased the weekly rest hours for pilots and reduced night duty hours and permissible maximum night landings.

In January, IndiGo had claimed that it has adequate pilot availability against the projected operational requirement for stable operations after February 10. According to the figures, the airline claimed that it has 2,400 Airbus captains against the requirement of 2,280 and 2,240 first officers against the requirement of 2,050 personnel for its daily operations.



On Tuesday, IndiGo said that it has integrated the new set of rules in their crew rosters and planning and is maintaining enough pilots to run the operations smoothly. "We have already integrated the new set of rules in our crew rosters and planning. As assured to the regulatory authorities earlier, we are maintaining an optimum pool of employees, including pilots, to ensure stable operations across our network," said the airline's spokesperson.

According to data submitted to the DGCA, the airline has moved from a "lean" staffing model to a more resilient structure by having surplus crew over minimum operational requirements.



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DGCA orders safety audits of 14 major charter operators

Dhairya Gajara

MUMBAI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a special audit of all non-scheduled operators (NSOPs) in a decisive move to overhaul safety standards in the non-scheduled aviation sector. The regulator will audit 14 large operators in the first phase with other operators to be included in the sec-

ond phase.

The move comes after the fatal crash of Learjet 45 in Baramati on January 28 which killed Maharashtra's deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and four others. The aircraft, registered as VT-SSK, was operated by Delhi-based VSR Ventures Pvt Ltd.

The audit started from Monday and is expected to conclude by February 25. The regulator has asked all the

teams to submit the audit report to DGCA headquarters within 10 days from the date of completion of the audits. A total of 14 large NSOPs have been included in the first phase.

The list includes Air Charter Services, A R Airways, Arrow Aircrafts Sales & Charters, Chipsan Aviation, Deccan Charters, Global Vectra Helicorp, and Indo Pacific Aviation.

डीजीसीए के नए इयूटी नियमों के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार इंडिगो, पायलटों को बड़ी राहत

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इंडिगो ने विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए को बताया है कि संशोधित पायलट इयूटी मानकों का पूरी तरह पालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक परिचालन, 'रोस्टरिंग' और निगरानी व्यवस्थाएं की जा रही हैं। विमान कंपनी इंडिगो को दिसंबर में बड़े पैमाने पर परिचालन संबंधी व्यवधान के बाद नियामकीय कार्रवाई का सामना करना पड़ा था।

विमानन कंपनी को नए उड़ान इयूटी समय सीमा (एफडीटीएल) मानकों पर मिली अस्थायी छूट मंगलवार को समाप्त होने के बाद, नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने बुधवार को बयान जारी कर कंपनी की ओर से दी गई प्रगति रिपोर्ट एवं आश्वासन की जानकारी दी।

उड़ानों में 10 फीसदी की कटौती की गई थी

इंडिगो में परिचालन का अत्यधिक अनुकूलन, अपर्याप्त नियामक तैयारी, सिस्टम सॉफ्टवेयर समर्थन में कमियां एवं प्रबंधन संरचना और परिचालन नियंत्रण में खामियां उन प्रमुख कारणों में से थीं जिनके कारण व्यवधान उत्पन्न हुए, जिसके बाद डीजीसीए ने विमानन की शीतकालीन निर्धारित उड़ानों में 10 प्रतिशत की कटौती भी की थी।

मानकों पर मिली अस्थायी छूट मंगलवार को समाप्त हो गई

- आवश्यक परिचालन और निगरानी व्यवस्थाएं की जा रही
- परिचालन व्यवधान के कारण दिसंबर में परिचालन व्यवधान आया था



घरेलू हिस्सेदारी घटकर 59.6 फीसदी

डीजीसीए ने कहा कि उड़ान संचालन को स्थिर करने के लिए दी गई दोनों छूटें निर्धारित शर्तों, प्रति घंटे उड़ान संचालन आंकड़े जमा करने तथा साप्ताहिक/पाक्षिक परिचालन प्रदर्शन रिपोर्ट सौंपने के अधीन थीं। इंडिगो की घरेलू बाजार हिस्सेदारी दिसंबर में घटकर 59.6 प्रतिशत रह गई थी, जो नवंबर में 63.6 प्रतिशत थी तब वह प्रतिदिन करीब 2,200 उड़ानों का संचालन करती थी।

नियामकीय निगरानी बनी रही

बयान में डीजीसीए ने कहा कि छूट की अवधि के दौरान इंडिगो के उड़ान संचालन की नियमित समीक्षा बैठकों के माध्यम से करीबी निगरानी की गई तथा यात्रियों की सुविधा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए नियामक अधिकारियों को विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर तैनात किया गया। इंडिगो के संचालन नियंत्रण केंद्र में तैनात किया गया जिससे छूट अवधि के दौरान निरंतर नियामकीय निगरानी बनी रही।

2,507 उड़ानें रद्द की गईं

इंडिगो के तीन से पांच दिसंबर के बीच 2,507 उड़ानें रद्द किए जाने की पुष्टि में, डीजीसीए ने संशोधित एफडीटीएल मानकों के क्रियान्वयन में कुछ ढील देने के लिए विमानन कंपनी के अनुरोध को 10 फरवरी तक का समय दिया था। डीजीसीए की ओर से बुधवार को जारी बयान के अनुसार, इंडिगो ने बताया है कि दिया गया समय समाप्त होने के बाद वह वैधानिक प्रावधानों के पालन और नौ अक्टूबर 2025 को स्वीकृत एफडीटीएल योजना को लागू करने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार है।

इंडिगो का परिचालन स्थिर हुआ

डीजीसीए ने 20 जनवरी को कहा था कि निरंतर नियामकीय निगरानी और सुधारात्मक कदमों से इंडिगो का परिचालन स्थिर हुआ है और अब इंडिगो के पास नए उड़ान इयूटी मानकों के पालन के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में पायलट उपलब्ध हैं। इंडिगो की ओर से प्रस्तुत जानकारी का हवाला देते हुए नियामक ने बताया था कि आवश्यक 2,280 की तुलना में 2,400 कमांड पायलट उपलब्ध हैं जबकि प्रथम अधिकारियों की संख्या 2,050 की जरूरत के मुकाबले 2,240 है।

जांच के बाद 22.20 करोड़ का लगा था जुर्माना

मंगलवार को इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि पहले दिए गए आश्वासन के अनुसार कंपनी के पास अपने 'नेटवर्क' में स्थिर परिचालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पायलट सहित पर्याप्त संख्या में कर्मचारी हैं। डीजीसीए ने दिसंबर में हुए व्यापक व्यवधान के बाद विमानन कंपनी की शीतकालीन सेवाओं में 10 प्रतिशत कटौती की थी। जांच के बाद कुल 22.20 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया गया था।



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‘एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच आखिरी चरण में’

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। सुप्रीम कोर्ट में बुधवार को केंद्र सरकार ने कहा कि एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे को एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन बोर्ड (एएआईबी) द्वारा की जा रही जांच अब अपने आखिरी चरण में है।

मुख्य न्यायाधीश सूर्यकांत और न्यायमूर्ति जॉयमाल्या बागची की पीठ ने यह जानकारी मिलने के बाद केंद्र सरकार से अब तक अपनाए गए ‘प्रोसिजरल प्रोटोकॉल’ पर एक छोटी रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने को कहा।

केंद्र सरकार और नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) की ओर से सॉलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने पीठ से कहा कि 12 जून, 2025 को हुए विमान हादसे की एएआईबी जांच आखिरी पड़ाव पर है और इसके कुछ हिस्से दूसरे देशों में पूरे होने हैं। उन्होंने निष्पक्ष जांच की मांग वाली याचिकाओं पर तीन सप्ताह बाद सुनवाई तय करने का आग्रह किया। इस पर शीर्ष अदालत ने कहा कि एएआईबी की जांच रिपोर्ट सीलबंद लिफाफे में पेश की जाए। मेहता ने भरोसा दिलाया कि विवरण साझा किया जाएगा। कोर्ट ने कहा है कि एएआईबी का काम क्रैश की वजह का पता लगाना है, न कि मकसद बताना।

मीडियारिपोर्ट्स पर भरोसा न करें : सीजेआई

गैर सरकारी संगठन सेपटी मैटर्स फाउंडेशन की ओर से अधिवक्ता प्रशांत भूषण ने कहा कि तीन और बोइंग के साथ ऐसी ही घटनाएं हुई थीं और केंद्र ने कोई जवाब नहीं दिया। मुख्य न्यायाधीश ने कहा कि गैर सत्यापित रिपोर्ट्स पर भरोसा न करें।

कमेंट करते समय कंजर्वेटिव होना चाहिए

सीजेआई ने कहा कि पिछले सप्ताह कहा गया कि लंदन-दिल्ली उड़ान में भी पयूल रिच में दिक्कत थी। बाद में, एयरलाइन ने कहा कि यह ठीक था। कहा कि सी एयरलाइन पर कमेंट करते समय कंजर्वेटिव होना चाहिए।

पायलट कह रहे हैं कि बोइंग 787 सुरक्षित नहीं

भूषण ने कहा कि 8,000 से अधिक पायलट कह रहे हैं कि बोइंग 787 सुरक्षित नहीं है। सॉलिसिटर जनरल मेहता ने कहा कि भूषण को संतुष्ट करने का एकमात्र तरीका खुद भूषण की अध्यक्षता में कमेटी बनाना है।



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‘इंडिया वन एयर का विमान पेड़ से टकराया था’

नई दिल्ली। इंडिया वन एयर के विमान के चालक दल ने 10 जनवरी को ओडिशा के राउरकेला के एक खुले मैदान में विमान उतारने की कोशिश की, लेकिन अंतिम प्रयास के दौरान विमान एक पेड़ और बिजली की तार से टकरा गया, जिससे विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया। एएआईबी की प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट में यह जानकारी दी गई है। इस दुर्घटना में एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई थी और तीन अन्य घायल हुए।

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इंडिगो एयरलाइंस को दी गई छूट खत्म हुई

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने इंडिगो एयरलाइंस को बीते वर्ष दिसंबर में उड़ानों में भारी व्यवधान के बाद दी गई अस्थायी छूट को समाप्त कर दिया है। अब सभी नियम पूरी तरह लागू होंगे।

बुधवार को डीजीसीए की तरफ से जारी आधिकारिक नोट में कहा गया है कि अब इंडिगो सभी कानूनी नियमों और लागू किए गए नए उड़ान ड्यूटी समय सीमा के नियमों का पूरी तरह पालन करने के लिए तैयार है।

बीते वर्ष एफडीटीएल से जुड़े नियमों के लागू होने के बाद दिसंबर

अव्यवस्था के लिए इंडिगो पर लगाया था जुर्माना



दिसंबर में हुई भारी अव्यवस्था के बाद डीजीसीए ने इंडिगो पर 22.20 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया था और 50 करोड़ रुपये की बैंक गारंटी जमा करने का निर्देश दिया था। इसके साथ ही, इंडिगो से जुड़े अधिकारियों को सख्त चेतावनी दी थी।

की शुरुआत में इंडिगो की बड़ी संख्या में उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई थीं। देश के सभी प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा था। ऐसे में यात्रियों की सुविधा और सुरक्षा को

ध्यान में रखते हुए डीजीसीए ने कंपनी को उड़ान ड्यूटी समय सीमा से जुड़े कुछ नियमों से अस्थायी छूट दी थी।

इस छूट के तहत इंडिगो को हर घंटे की उड़ान से जुड़ी जानकारी और

साप्ताहिक रिपोर्ट डीजीसीए को देनी होती थी। साथ ही, डीजीसीए भी लगातार कंपनी की निगरानी कर रहा था। छूट की अवधि के दौरान डीजीसीए के अधिकारी अलग-अलग हवाई अड्डों पर तैनात रहे और यात्रियों की समस्याओं पर नजर रखते रहे। इसके अलावा, फ्लाइट ऑपरेशन इंस्पेक्टर भी इंडिगो के कंट्रोल सेंटर में मौजूद थे, जिससे कि उड़ानों की रियल-टाइम निगरानी की जा सके।

अब कंपनी ने डीजीसीए को बताया कि कर्मचारियों की ड्यूटी, शेड्यूल और निगरानी से जुड़ी सभी जरूरी व्यवस्थाएं कर ली गई हैं।



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अकासा एयर के सह-संस्थापक का इस्तीफा

नई दिल्ली। अकासा एयर के सह-संस्थापक एवं मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी प्रवीण अय्यर ने इस्तीफा दे दिया है। एयरलाइन कंपनी में चार महीने के भीतर वरिष्ठ स्तर पर यह दूसरा इस्तीफा है। अकासा एयर ने बुधवार को बयान में कहा कि पांच वर्ष की उल्लेखनीय यात्रा के बाद अय्यर ने अपने जीवन के अगले अध्याय की शुरुआत करने का निर्णय लिया है।

Probe may state AI-171 crash 'almost certainly' due to pilot action: Report SC seeks procedural protocol of AAIB probe

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NEW DELHI: Indian investigators are preparing to state in the final report that Air India Flight 171 crashed because one of the pilots turned off the aircraft's fuel switches in an "almost certainly" intentional act, Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* reported on Wednesday, citing sources in western aviation agencies.

The findings are based on what the report said was a lack of technical defect being found, and analysis of cleaned-up cockpit voice recordings that investigators said identified which pilot moved the switches.

India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau and the civil aviation ministry did not respond to HT's requests for comment on the report.

Flight 171, a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, crashed on June 12 shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad airport, killing 260 people — 241 of the 242 on board and 19 on the ground when the aircraft plummeted onto a medical student hostel 32 seconds after losing thrust from both engines.

While it remains unclear whether the final report will include a detailed description of how the switches were intentionally turned off or explicitly attribute responsibility, the main suspect is the aircraft's commander, Sumeet Sabharwal, who died in the crash, *Corriere*



At least 260 people were killed in the June 12, 2025 crash in Ahmedabad. REUTERS

reported.

Indian pilots associations and Sabharwal's family have criticised what they say has been a designed attempt to pin the blame for tragedy, and calling for more scrutiny on the aircraft maker, the airline and other factors. The new newspaper said a conclusion pointing to the captain marks a "desired turning point" for US experts assisting the investigation, after weeks of confrontations with their Indian counterparts who had refused to recognise a human role in the tragedy.

New Delhi's apparent change in position stems from US pressure and Western threats to re-evaluate the security level of Indian airlines, one source told the newspaper.

"Admitting that it was one of the pilots who knocked down the plane is increasingly considered a sustainable sacrifice," he said.

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Union government and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to place on record the "procedural protocol" being followed in the ongoing investigation by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) into the June 2025 crash of Air India's Boeing 787 Dreamliner at Ahmedabad.

Terming the tragedy "very unfortunate", a bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said the court would like to examine the procedure adopted and the nature of the inquiry set up to determine the cause of the crash.

"We would want to see the procedural protocol that has been followed in this matter. We think that is important," the bench told Solicitor General Tuskar Mehta, directing the Centre and the DGCA to file an affidavit detailing the steps taken so far.

Mehta informed the court that the investigation was at its "fag end" and was likely to conclude in three weeks, though certain components required examination in foreign jurisdictions.

The court recorded his assurance that a brief report on the

procedural framework followed in the probe would be filed.

At the same time, the bench underscored the need for restraint, observing that the matter involved complex technical issues and significant loss of life.

"These proceedings are not meant for a blame game between different nations or airlines... Very complex issues are there," observed the bench, adding that comments about a particular aircraft model or airline should be made conservatively.

The hearing arose from pleas seeking an independent, court-monitored investigation into the crash. One of the petitions has been filed by the father of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots who died in the accident, challenging the AAIB's preliminary report that was widely reported as indicating possible pilot error.

The preliminary report released in July noted that both engine fuel control switches moved from RUN to CUTOFF shortly after takeoff, resulting in loss of thrust.

The cockpit voice recorder captured one pilot questioning the cutoff, the other denying responsibility, sparking global debate over pilot error versus mechanical failure.



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India's Akasa Air says co-founder Iyer leaving airline

Indian airline Akasa Air said on Wednesday its co-founder and chief commercial officer, Praveen Iyer, will be leaving in April, at a time when the firm is navigating delayed Boeing jet deliveries. Mr. Iyer will be succeeded by Anand Srinivasan, another co-founder and the chief information officer, Akasa said, without offering more details. It marks the second high-profile departure at the airline in recent months, following the exit of Neelu Khatri, a co-founder, last year. REUTERS



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Prepared to comply with new pilot rest rules: IndiGo to DGCA

ENS Economic Bureau
New Delhi, February 11

INDIA'S LARGEST airline IndiGo's flights operations are expected to be fully compliant with the new pilot rest and duty duration norms from Wednesday, after the expiration of specific exemptions given to it after the operational crisis in December, as per aviation regulator DGCA.

"IndiGo airlines has informed DGCA that it shall be fully prepared to comply with the statutory provisions and to implement the approved Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) scheme... upon expiry of the exemptions," the DGCA said in a statement Wednesday. The exemptions from some FDTL norms granted to IndiGo lapsed

IndiGo told DGCA last month that it will have 2,400 captains available for its Airbus A320 fleet, against a requirement of 2,280 for stable operations

on Tuesday (February 10). "IndiGo airlines has further stated that all necessary operational, fostering, and monitoring arrangements are being put in place to ensure full compliance with the approved FDTL scheme with effect from 11 February 2026," DGCA added.

Last month, IndiGo had as-

sured the DGCA on sufficient pilot availability to maintain its current level of flight operations — over 2,200 daily flights — beyond February 10. IndiGo had informed that it will have 2,400 captains available for its Airbus A320 fleet, against a requirement of 2,280 to maintain stable operations as per its current flight schedule after February 10. As for first officers, it said it will have 2,240 available, against a requirement of 2,050. When the crisis crippled its operations, IndiGo had informed DGCA that it was short by 65 captains for its workhorse Airbus A320 fleet to maintain its schedule as per the new rules, even though it had first officers in sufficient numbers.

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Akasa Air Co-Founder Iyer resigns

New Delhi: Akasa Air's
Co-Founder and Chief
Commercial Officer

Praveen Iyer has resigned,
marking the second high-
level exit in four months at
the over three-year-old air-
line. After a five-year
period, Iyer has decided to
move on.

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एयर इंडिया ने प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी की बुकिंग बढ़ाने के लिए शुरू किया विशेष अभियान

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। टटा समूह की विमान सेवा कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी श्रेणी की बुकिंग बढ़ाने के लिए बुधवार को एक विशेष अभियान द प्रीमियम यू डिजर्व शुरू किया है। यह अभियान 11 फरवरी से 31 मार्च तक चलेगा। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य इकोनॉमी श्रेणी में यात्रा करने वाले लोगों को प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी की तरफ आकर्षित कर राजस्व बढ़ाना है। एयर इंडिया ने आज एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि उसके 60 प्रतिशत विमानों में अब बिजनेस और इकोनॉमी श्रेणी के साथ प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी श्रेणी की सीटें भी हैं। उसने अपने बेड़े में शामिल सभी 26 बोइंग 787-8 विमानों की रिट्रोफिटिंग शुरू की है जिसमें उनमें प्रीमियम इकोनॉमी की सीटें लगायी जा रही हैं। यह कार्यक्रम अगले साल के मध्य तक पूरा होने की उम्मीद है।



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Around 260 people were killed in last year's Air India crash. [AP](#)

SC seeks Air India crash probe report from Centre

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The Supreme Court asked the Centre on Wednesday to file a brief report on the "procedural protocol" followed so far, after it was informed that the investigation into the 12 June 2025, Air India plane crash by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) is at its end.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 flight AI71, en route to London's Gatwick airport, was operated by pilot-in-command Captain Sumeet Sabharwal and co-pilot Captain Clive Kunder.

The crash took place after the plane took off from Gujarat's Ahmedabad, killing 260 people, including 241 passengers and crew on board.

Former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani was also among the victims.

On Wednesday, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared in the court representing the Centre and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), that the AAIB probe is in final stages and some parts it need to be carried out in foreign countries.

The top law officer said three related pleas on the matter may be listed after three weeks for a comprehensive hearing.

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Appearing for NGO Safety Matters Foundation, lawyer Prashant Bhushan said three other Boeing 787s had met with similar incidents and the Centre has not filed any response to the pleas.

"Let us see the result of the AAIB probe and then we will see whether a court of inquiry will be needed or not," the CJ said and fixed the three pleas for hearing after three weeks.



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Airlines flay draft crew rest norms

IndiGo, Air India, and SpiceJet have described India's proposed cabin crew rest norms as "more restrictive" than global standards.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had released a draft of Civil Aviation Requirements on Cabin Crew Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) in October 2025.

In its recommendations to the regulator, the Federation of Indian Airlines, which represents IndiGo, Air India and SpiceJet, stressed the need for "globally-harmonised, evidence-based and operationally practical provisions". One of its key contentions is that flight duty period rather than flight time be the primary controlling metric for crew fatigue management.

Meanwhile, the revised FDTL norms for pilots is yet to be fully implemented despite legal battles. Non-compliance with the norms had led to the massive operational disruptions at IndiGo in early December 2025.

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Jet Airways to sell \$46 mn of assets

Grounded Jet Airways has executed an agreement for the sale of three aircraft frames and six engines to a Malta-based entity for \$46 million. Jet Airways flew for 25 years before stopping operations in April 2019 due to debt woes and is currently undergoing a liquidation process. In a filing to the BSE on Wednesday, the airline said it has executed the sale and purchase agreement and related documents for three aircraft frames of wide-body Boeing 777 planes and six engines.

The total value of the deal with Malta-based Ace Aviation is \$46 million, which translates to over ₹47 crore at current exchange rates.

Aircraft frame MSN 35159-VT-JES, and engines ESN-906336 and ESN-906364, will be sold for \$16 million, while aircraft frame MSN 35158-VT-JEV, as well as engines ESN-906353 and ESN-906298 will be sold for \$12.5 million. Aircraft frame MSN 35162-VT-JEM and engines ESN-906351 and ESN-906337 will be sold for \$7.5 million.

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Akasa co-founder Praveen Iyer resigns

Akasa Air's co-founder and chief commercial officer Praveen Iyer has resigned, marking the second high-level exit in four months at the over three-year-old airline.

After a five-year journey, Iyer has decided to move on to begin the next chapter of his life. He will partner closely with the leadership team to ensure a smooth and structured transition through 30 April 2026, the airline said in a statement. Iyer is the second co-founder after Neelu Khatri to leave the airline, which started flying from 7 August 2022. Khatri stepped down in October 2025. Iyer is also part of the airline's Executive Committee.

Now, Akasa Air has four co-founders—Aditya Ghosh, Anand Srinivasan, Belson Coutinho and Bhavin Joshi. Vinay Dube is the founder and CEO of the airline.

Srinivasan, who is currently the chief information officer, will take over as the chief commercial officer. The airline has initiated the search for a chief information officer. **PTI**



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SC seeks report from govt on AI crash in Ahmedabad, sets 3-week deadline

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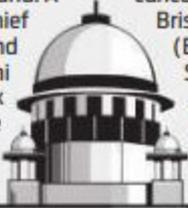
THE Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to file a detailed status report within three weeks on the June 12, 2025, Ahmedabad Air India Boeing 787-8 crash that killed 260 people.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant sought the report after hearing a plea by 88-year-old Pushkaraj Sabharwal, father of late Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, the Pilot-in-Command, along with Safety Matters Foundation and the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP), seeking a judicially monitored probe.

"What is the procedural protocol followed? Please tell us in 3 weeks," the CJI asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. Mehta said the enquiry was at the "fag end" and that the report would be prepared soon, explaining that some aircraft parts had been sent abroad for testing and that foreign procedures were being studied. Calling it a "very

ALSO IN TOP COURT

<h4>Plea against talaq referred to mediation</h4> <p>The Supreme Court on Wednesday referred to mediation a plea of a Muslim woman challenging the validity of Talaq-e-Hasan given by her husband. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi appointed former apex court judge Justice Kurian Joseph as the mediator on the plea.</p>	<h4>'Biosimilar of cancer drug can be sold'</h4> <p>The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to restrain Zydus Lifesciences from selling its generic biosimilar of Nivolumab, a life-saving cancer drug registered by Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS). A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi was hearing a plea filed by BMS seeking to restrain Zydus.</p>
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unfortunate tragedy," the CJI cautioned against remarks targeting any aircraft brand, noting, "Dreamliners were once considered the best."

The petitioners alleged the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau probe was not independent. "This is a non-independent investigation. It should have been independent. It has taken four months," counsel submitted, seeking a court-monitored

panel under Rule 12.

The preliminary July 12 report attributing "human error" drew criticism. Petitioners termed it "profoundly flawed," alleging bias against deceased pilots and failure to examine technical causes. Treating it as deliberate pilot error without excluding electronic malfunction, they argued, was "procedurally unjust and logically unsound."



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Iyer exits Akasa, Srinivasan new CCO

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AKASA Air co-founder and chief commercial officer (CCO) Praveen Iyer has exited the airline. Co-founder and chief information officer Anand Srinivasan will assume the role of CCO. According to a statement by Akasa, Iyer will partner closely with the leadership team to ensure a smooth and structured transition through April 30, 2026.

Vinay Dube, founder and CEO, Akasa Air, said Iyer has been instrumental in shaping not just Akasa's commercial vision but the airline itself and



Airline expands operations, fleet

The changes at the top-level management of the airline come as Akasa is expanding its operations and fleet after a mega fund raise last year

translating that ambition into sustained growth.

"He has built a strong commercial organisation, nurtured future leaders, and established

partnerships and frameworks that continue to support our expansion and revenue strategy. We are grateful for his leadership, clarity of thought, and long-term perspective during formative years," added Dube.

The changes at top-level management come as Akasa is expanding its operations and fleet after a mega fund raise last year. Last week, Akasa welcomed its 33rd aircraft, marking its second aircraft induction since January 2026. The airline had placed a firm order for 226 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, with a robust pipeline of 193 additional aircraft.

एयर इंडिया क्रैश जांच पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट सख्त, केंद्र से मांगी रिपोर्ट



हादसे में 260 लोगों की मौत हुई थी, 241 यात्री और क्रू सदस्य शामिल थे।

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने 12 जून 2025 को हुए एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच को लेकर बुधवार को केंद्र सरकार से अब तक अपनाई गई प्रक्रियात्मक प्रक्रिया (procedural protocol) पर संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने को कहा। अदालत को बताया गया कि विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (AAIB) की जांच अंतिम चरण में है।

चीफ जस्टिस सुर्यकांत और जस्टिस जयमलया यागची की बेंच के समक्ष सीलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने कहा कि जांच लगभग पूरी हो चुकी है, हालांकि कुछ हिस्सों की जांच विदेशों में भी की जानी है। उन्होंने आग्रह किया कि मामले से जुड़ी तीन याचिकाओं को व्यापक सुनवाई के लिए तीन सप्ताह बाद सूचीबद्ध किया जाए।

बेंच ने स्पष्ट किया कि AAIB की भूमिका दुर्घटना के कारणों का पता लगाना है, न कि किसी पर मंशा थोपना।

अदालत को बताया गया कि विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो की जांच अंतिम चरण में है।

शुरुआत में अदालत ने जांच रिपोर्ट सीलबंद लिफाफे में पेश करने की बात कही, लेकिन केंद्र ने भरोसा दिलाया कि जांच का व्योरा साझा किया जाएगा। एनजीओ 'सेफ्टी मेटर्स फ्लॉडेशन' की ओर से पेश बकौल प्रशांत भूषण ने दलील दी कि बोइंग 787 विमानों से जुड़े अन्य हादसों का भी हवाला है और सरकार ने इस पर जवाब दाखिल नहीं किया। इस पर सीजेआई ने अपुष्ट मीडिया रिपोर्टों पर अधिक भरोसा न करने की सलाह दी और कहा कि टिप्पणी करते समय सतर्क रहना जरूरी है।

याचिकाकर्ताओं ने अदालत की निगरानी में स्वतंत्र जांच की मांग की है। इनमें एक एनजीओ, एक लॉ छात्र और मृत पायलट के पिता की याचिका शामिल हैं। हादसे में 260 लोगों की मौत हुई थी, जिनमें 241 यात्री और क्रू सदस्य शामिल थे। अदालत ने कहा कि पहले AAIB जांच का परिणाम देखा जाएगा, फिर आवश्यकता पड़ी तो आगे के कदमों पर विचार होगा।



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Wait for DGCA probe to end in Ajit Pawar case: Fadnavis



Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday said a crucial probe by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is underway into the plane crash that killed Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, and urged that conclusions be drawn only after the investigation ends.

IndiGo assures DGCA of full compliance with pilot duty norms

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday said IndiGo, which faced regulatory action following massive operational disruptions in December, has informed that all necessary operational, rostering, and monitoring arrangements are being put in place to ensure full compliance with the revised pilot duty norms.

Detailing the progress and assurance provided by the airline, the DGCA said IndiGo has informed that it shall be fully prepared to comply with the statutory provisions and to implement the approved FDTL scheme dated October 9, 2025 upon expiry of the exemptions. IndiGo has further stated that all necessary operational, rostering, and monitoring arrangements are being put in place to ensure full compliance with the approved FDTL scheme with effect from February 11, 2026, it said. The FDTL exemptions pertained to night duty time for pilots and night landings.

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Against the backdrop of IndiGo cancelling 2,507 flights



between December 3 and 5, the DGCA approved the airline's request for certain relaxations in implementing the revised FDTL norms till February 10. According to the DGCA statement, IndiGo has informed that it shall be fully prepared to comply with the statutory provisions and to implement the approved FDTL scheme dated October 9, 2025 upon expiry of the exemptions.

DGCA said the two exemptions, for stabilising flight operations, were granted subject to specified conditions, submission of hourly flight operations data and weekly/fortnightly reports on operational performance.

The airline, which saw its domestic market share slump to 59.6 per cent in December from 63.6 per cent in November, operates around 2,200 flights daily. In the statement, DGCA noted that during the validity of the exemptions, the airline's flight operations were monitored closely through periodic review meetings and the regulator's officers were deployed at various airports to oversee passenger handling and address passenger inconvenience.

Also, Flight Operations Inspectors (FOIs) were positioned at IndiGo's Operations Control Centre for real-time monitoring of flight operations, ensuring continuous regulatory oversight during the exemption period, it added.

SC asks Centre to file report in Air India plane crash probe

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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Appearing for NGO Safety Matters Foundation, lawyer Prashant Bhushan said three other Boeing 787s had met with similar incidents and the Centre has not filed any response to the pleas.

The CJ asked Bhushan not to give much credence to unverified media reports and said, "Last week, it was said that the Dreamliner from London to Delhi had some problem with the fuel switch. Later, it was said from the official account of the airline that it was perfectly fine.

But this incident (the crash) of course was very unfortunate. Let us be very conservative also on making comments on a particular airline. The Dreamliner was once hailed as the best."

Bhushan said more than 8,000 pilots are saying that the Boeing 787 is not safe and should be grounded. He pointed out that five members in the AAIB inquiry team are from the DGCA.

"The only way to satisfy Bhushan is to appoint a committee headed by Bhushan

himself," the solicitor general said. The bench asked the Centre to file a report on the procedural protocol followed so far in the probe.

"Let us see the result of the AAIB probe and then we will see whether a court of inquiry will be needed or not," the CJ said and fixed the three pleas for hearing after three weeks.

On January 28, the top court agreed to hear the pleas that have alleged that the official probe into the June 12, 2025, Air India plane crash has violated the citizens' fundamental rights to life, equality and access to truthful information.

On November 13 last year, the top court said deceased pilot Captain Sabharwal was not blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the crash.

It had also issued a notice to the Centre and the DGCA on a plea moved by Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of Captain Sabharwal.

Pushkaraj Sabharwal and the Federation of Indian Pilots moved the Supreme Court for a court-monitored inquiry

headed by a former judge into the crash. The court was hearing three petitions filed by an NGO, a law student and the father of the deceased pilot, seeking an independent, court-monitored investigation into the crash.

Among the 241 dead were 169 Indians, 52 Britons, seven Portuguese nationals, one Canadian and 12 crew members.

The lone survivor of the crash was Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, a British national.

Bhushan said a parallel inquiry should be conducted into the accident of such a major scale.

He submitted that serious accidents require a court of enquiry and not just an investigation by the AAIB.

On September 22 last year, while entertaining the NGO's plea, the court termed "unfortunate and irresponsible" the selective publication of a preliminary report on the crash that outlined lapses on the part of the pilots and paved the way for a "media narrative".



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Chartered flights under lens

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New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered a special safety audit of non-scheduled operators, including VSR Ventures that owned the chartered plane that crashed in Baramati and killed Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar.

“Consequent to the accident of VSR Ventures Learjet 45 aircraft VT-SSK on 28 Jan 2026 at Baramati, DGCA orders special safety audit of non-scheduled operators in a phased manner, covering larger operators first, commenced from 4 Feb 2026; including M/s VSR Ventures,” the regulator said.

A six-member team from various aviation departments is conducting the audit of VSR Ventures and is likely to submit a report by February 15.

Fourteen other operators, including Pawan Hans, are also expected to undergo a special audit.



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Govt: IndiGo committed to new pilot rest norms

Mumbai: IndiGo has committed to implement revised pilots' flight duty time limitation (FDTL) norms from Feb 11, the civil aviation ministry said Wednesday, marking the end of temporary relaxation granted to the airline during a period of operational stress, reports **Manju V.**

DGCA granted the carrier a one-time exemption from certain provisions of the revised FDTL framework until Feb 10, 2026, following widespread flight disruptions in Nov and early Dec last year. The temporary relief aimed to stabilise operations after delays and cancellations across multiple stations drew regulatory scrutiny and passenger complaints.

The ministry detailed the conditions attached to a temporary exemption granted to IndiGo from certain FDTL norms, even as regulators stepped up oversight following flight disruptions.