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AAI survey for Adilabad airport to start on April 17

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The length of the runway has become the main cause of concern for setting up the Adilabad airport, as it will determine the nature of aircraft that could land at the airport, which will serve both civilian and defence needs.

Officials of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Union defence ministry and the state government will take a call on the length of the runway and its angle for the proposed airport after conducting a field-level Obstacle Limitation Survey (OLS) survey on the ground on April 17.

The OLS is aimed at preventing obstructions to taking off and landing in the airport area. It identifies maps, evaluates natural features like streams and rivulets and man-made objects such as electricity towers and buildings and terrain in the vicinity of the proposed airport.

If bigger aircraft have to land at the airport, the runway should be longer than 2.9 km. If the runway is shorter than 2.9 km, the airport cannot serve international flights and will have to serve only domestic aeroplanes.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Adilabad MLA Payal Shankar said the runway will be 2.5 km long as the total length of



Indian Air Force helicopters seen landing at the existing aerodrome in Adilabad (file photo).

the proposed airport itself is 3.1 km. He said the Union defence ministry and AAI will establish the Airport Training Centre and the Defence Research Institute at Adilabad along with the airport.

Initially, the government had proposed to develop the airport through a joint venture with the Airport Authority of India (AAI). However, the defence ministry had agreed to build the airport, while AAI will construct the civilian terminal.

He said the defence ministry has agreed to partner with the AAI for the Adilabad airport due to its strategic location. The airport is expected to be ready in the shortest possible time — within the next three years. The foundation ceremony will be held after the defence ministry approves the master plan. The new airport will be built at an already existing defence airstrip in 370 acres of land, and the government needs to acquire an additional 450 acres of land

required for the airport. However, the bigger airports need to have at least 1,200 acres of land.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has already issued a GO allocating 700 acres of land for the new airport, with 430 acres already released immediately. The facility will be jointly used by AAI and the defence ministry. The airport will have civilian terminal facilities on one side and the Indian Air Force (IAF) station on the other. It will have two separate Air Traffic Control — one each for civilian and defence purposes.

The construction of an airport at Adilabad — a gateway to Telangana — was considered essential to harness untapped tourism potential and other commercial purposes. As the air traffic controller is not allowing aviation training schools for pilots within a 150-km radius of Hyderabad, the BJP MLA said such training centres will be shifted to Adilabad.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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24 अप्रैल को मुंबई में किया जाएगा सम्मान मध्य प्रदेश : एफिशिएंसी, सफाई में राजा भोज एयरपोर्ट को मिला '360 अवॉर्ड'

भास्कर न्यूज़ | भोपाल

राजा भोज एयरपोर्ट के नाम एक और बड़ी उपलब्धि जुड़ गई है। अपनी सुविधाओं और यात्री सेवाओं के दम पर भोपाल एयरपोर्ट ने प्रतिष्ठित एयरपोर्ट 360 अवॉर्ड्स 2026 में 'बेस्ट एयरपोर्ट ऑफ द ईयर (डोमेस्टिक)' का खिताब जीता है। यह पुरस्कार 24 अप्रैल को मुंबई के बॉम्बे एक्जीबिशन सेंटर में आयोजित समारोह में दिया जाएगा।

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अवॉर्ड की जूरी के अनुसार, एयरपोर्ट ने ऑपरेशनल एफिशिएंसी (कार्यकुशलता) के साथ-साथ यात्री सुविधाओं में भी नए मानक स्थापित किए हैं। एयरपोर्ट

डायरेक्टर रामजी अवस्थी ने इस उपलब्धि का श्रेय एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन की टीम, एयरलाइंस, सीआईएसएफ के जवानों और स्टेकहोल्डर्स को दिया।



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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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मुंबई एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-1 पर आग

एजेंसी/मुंबई। मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर गुरुवार शाम टर्मिनल-1 पर शॉर्ट सर्किट के कारण आग लग गई। अडानी एयरपोर्ट्स के एक प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि आग शाम छह बजकर 10 मिनट के आसपास लगी थी। आपात प्रतिक्रिया दल ने आग पर कुछ ही मिनटों में काबू पा लिया। इस घटना का हवाई अड्डे के संचालन पर कोई असर नहीं हुआ। घटना के समय टर्मिनल-1 पर हजारों की संख्या में यात्री मौजूद थे।



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HINDUSTAN TIMES

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‘एयरपोर्ट परिसर में कुत्तों को भोजन न खिलाएं यात्री’

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पर हाल के दिनों में लावारिस कुत्तों और यात्रियों कर्मचारियों के बीच आक्रामक घटनाओं के सामने आने के बाद सुरक्षा को लेकर चिंता बढ़ गई है।

दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने इस समस्या को वीडियो के साथ सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर साझा किया गया। डायल द्वारा साझा जानकारी में कहा

गया है कि कुछ मामलों में कुत्तों के काटने की घटनाएं भी सामने आई हैं, जिनके वीडियो फुटेज दर्ज हुए हैं। इन घटनाओं को देखते हुए तत्काल प्रभाव से सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने के कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं।

संबंधित एजेंसियों के साथ समन्वय कर स्थायी समाधान पर भी काम शुरू कर दिया गया है। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने यात्रियों से अपील करते हुए कहा है कि वे परिसर के भीतर या आसपास आवारा कुत्तों को भोजन न खिलाएं।



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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'एयरपोर्ट परिसर में न दें कुत्तों को खाना'

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

इंदिरा गांधी एयरपोर्ट पर हाल ही में आवाग कुत्तों से जुड़ी आक्रामक घटनाओं का हवाला देते हुए एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने लोगों से अपील की है कि वे एयरपोर्ट परिसर या उसके आसपास, आवाग कुत्तों को खाना ना खिलाएं और उनसे दूरी बनाए रखें। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की ओर से शनिवार को X पर कुछ विडियो भी पोस्ट किए हैं, जिनमें कुत्तों को यात्रियों के लिए आक्रामक बर्ताव नजर आ रहा है। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन

का कहना है कि यात्रियों और कर्मचारियों के साथ हुई इन घटनाओं को गंभीरता से लेते हुए तुरंत कदम उठाए जाएंगे, यात्रियों की सुरक्षा उनकी सबसे बड़ी प्राथमिकता है। संबंधित सरकारी एजेंसियों और स्थानीय प्रशासन के साथ मिलकर इस समस्या का स्थायी समाधान निकालने के प्रयास भी तेज कर दिए गए हैं। प्रबंधन के अनुसार, कुछ मामलों में कुत्तों के आक्रामक व्यवहार और काटने की घटनाएं सीसीटीवी फुटेज

में भी सामने आई हैं। इन घटनाओं ने न केवल यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को लेकर सवाल खड़े किए हैं, बल्कि एयरपोर्ट परिसर की व्यवस्था पर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया है। इससे पहले पिछले हफ्ते कुछ यात्रियों ने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के प्रति नाराजगी जताई थी कि वे सालों से एयरपोर्ट परिसर में रह रहे बेघर, बुजुर्ग और शांत कुत्तों को क्रूर तरीके से दूरसी जगह शिफ्ट कर रहे हैं और उनका पता भी नहीं बताया जा रहा है।

एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन ने लोगों से की अपील

व्यवस्था पर भी ध्यान आकर्षित किया है।

इससे पहले पिछले हफ्ते कुछ यात्रियों ने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के प्रति नाराजगी जताई थी कि वे सालों से एयरपोर्ट परिसर में रह रहे बेघर, बुजुर्ग और शांत कुत्तों को क्रूर तरीके से दूरसी जगह शिफ्ट कर रहे हैं और उनका पता भी नहीं बताया जा रहा है।



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THE PIONEER

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Major flight disruptions hit Ahmedabad Airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ Ahmedabad

Passengers faced major inconvenience at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Sunday after widespread disruption to flight schedules triggered chaos at the terminal.

According to reports, around 15 flights were delayed, while a key international flight to Sharjah operated by Spicejet was cancelled. Several domestic flights bound for metro cities such as Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, and Kolkata were also delayed for hours, leaving passengers stranded—many of whom were travelling for business or emergency purposes.

Frustrated by the prolonged delays, poor management, and lack of clear communication from the



airline, passengers staged protests inside the airport and raised slogans against the authorities.

The cancellation of the Sharjah flight further worsened the situation, as travellers faced complications related to visas and connecting flights. The tense atmosphere at the airport prompted security personnel to intervene and bring the situation under control.



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THE STATESMAN

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Adani to develop real estate assets related to airports:

Mumbai: Adani Enterprises Limited informed the stock exchange on Saturday about the incorporation of four new wholly-owned subsidiary companies, namely Adani Mangaluru Airport City Limited (AMACL), Adani Jaipur Airport City Limited (AJACL), Adani Lucknow Airport City Limited (ALACL) and Adani TRV Airport City Limited (ATACL) under its step-down subsidiary called Adani Airport City Limited. These subsidiary companies, which have been incorporated to focus on real estate and construction projects, mark a strategic expansion in the company's airport-linked infrastructure development. Each of the four new companies has been incorporated with a paid-up share capital of Rs 10,00,000, according to the regulatory filing. Adani Enterprises has confirmed that these four subsidiaries, held by Adani Airport City Limited, will specifically focus on the development of airport city projects in Mangalore (Mangaluru), Jaipur, Lucknow and Thiruvananthapuram. Adani TRV Airport City Limited (ATACL) will focus exclusively on developing airport related real estate assets in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, according to the company statement.





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THE TIMES OF INDIA

BANGALORE

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Liquor shop at KIA flouts rules

Bengaluru: A liquor outlet on the premises of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) was recently found operating beyond permitted hours and violating excise norms.

According to a complaint filed by head constable Basappa Billur, during his night patrol duty on April 7, he found an MRP liquor outlet, 'Living Liquidz', in Terminal 2 open around 11.45pm. The outlet staff allegedly ignored his instructions to shut the shop and continued operations. TNN

49 exotic species seized in two days at city airport



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Gibbons, cobras, pythons and other exotic wildlife – many of them sedated and some venomous – were among the 49 specimens of 12 species seized by customs officials at Chennai International Airport in two back-to-back smuggling attempts on consecutive days.

In the first incident, customs sleuths intercepted a passenger who arrived from Kuala Lumpur on April 3 on an AirAsia flight on suspicion. The Air Intelligence team of the Chennai customs found cages hidden among clothes in his checked-in luggage, with different sedated wildlife species hidden in them. On information, the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) team reached the airport and identified the species.

A total of 34 exotic wildlife specimens, including two Indonesian blue-tongued skinks (*Tiliqua gigas*), 19 water monitor lizards (*Varanus salvator*), two Sulawesi mangrove snakes (*Boiga dendrophila gemmicincta*), eight California king snakes (*Lampropeltis californiae*), four albino Burmese pythons (*Python bivittatus*), six cobras (genus *Naja*), an albino gecko and a rod viper (*Trimeresurus*), were seized from the passenger. The species were medically examined and confirmed to be healthy.

During inquiries, the passenger, an Indian national working in Malaysia and returning to Chennai after three years, claimed he was handed over the luggage by another person at the airport and promised monetary gains upon delivering the consignment. He was arrested under the Wildlife Act and remanded in judicial custody. The species were repatriated to Malaysia through the same airline. Customs officials said they have come



AGONISED LIVES: Indian palm squirrels, silver gibbon, yellow-cheeked gibbon (clockwise from top left) and wolf spider (centre) seized from flyers at Chennai airport

across venomous species being smuggled for a long time and are probing whether they were ordered and purchased for a specific reason.

In the second incident, customs sleuths were alerted about an unclaimed trolley bag at the arrival terminal on April 4 and, upon checking, they found 15 wildlife specimens, including a silver gibbon (*Hylobates moloch*), a yellow-cheeked gibbon (*Nomascus gabriellae*), four Indian palm squirrels (*Funambulus palmarum*) and nine spiders, concealed in the bag. Inquiries confirmed that a passenger who arrived from Bangkok on Thai Airways flight abandoned luggage and fled the airport. Further investigation is on to trace the smuggler. The seized wildlife were deported to Bangkok the same day.

Boost for textile park as govt zeroes in on infra, airport connectivity

Land Rates Reduced To Lure Investors

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Hyderabad: With over 320 acres still unallotted at the Kakatiya mega textile park (KMTP) in Warangal, the state govt has shifted focus to strengthening social infrastructure to unlock investments and accelerate growth. Gaps in facilities and earlier high land costs had slowed allotments, but officials now expect improved amenities to make the park more attractive to industry.

The govt, through the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, is planning a township over the next two to three years with shopping complexes, hospitals



IN THE FAST LANE

KMTP is being developed as a world-class integrated textile manufacturing hub under PM Mitra scheme

- Total area - 1,327 acres
- Industrial area - 866 acres
- Employment potential - 25,000
- 5F vision | Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign
- Anchor investors include Kerala-based Kitex Garments Ltd, South Korea-based Youngone Corporation and Ganesha Ecosphere
- Social infra like workers housing, skill centres, solar power facilities and smart monitoring are being planned

and schools for employees. Industry representatives have also flagged the need for hotels and better accommodation within close proximity to the park.

Two critical issues—connectivity and housing—are being prioritised. The state is encouraging private players to establish star hotels with

in KMTP, as company representatives currently stay in Warangal, around 20 km away. Air connectivity is another concern, with efforts underway to expedite development of the Warangal airport in coordination with the Centre and the Airports Authority of India.

“Rajiv Gandhi Interna-

tional Airport in Hyderabad is 190 km from the textile park. Some companies’ owners such as Youngone Corporation travel on private jets. Even for general industrialists, they need an airport close by as the Hyderabad airport is about three hours from the textile park,” a senior KMTP official said.

The govt has also addressed pricing concerns. Land rates, earlier at ₹92 lakh per acre, have been reduced to ₹53 lakh per acre to remain competitive with other PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri mega integrated textile region and apparel) parks and attract investors.

Chief minister A Revanth Reddy, during a recent review meeting, directed authorities to fast track social infrastructure development, identifying it as a key gap. Around 2,000 people are currently employed at KMTP, with projections indicating a rise to 25,000 jobs in the coming years.

Star hotels on cards

“The govt is keen on developing required infra in the textile parks in the next few years, including star hotels, a road over bridge and logistic infrastructure,” said K Shashanka, MD of TGIIC.



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THE ASIAN AGE

DELHI

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Govt hikes windfall tax on diesel to ₹55.5/litre

Raises aviation fuel tax to ₹42/L

New Delhi, April 11: The government on Saturday hiked export duty, or windfall tax, on diesel to ₹55.5 per litre and on aviation fuel ATF to ₹42 a litre. The duty hikes would be applicable with immediate effect, the finance ministry said in a notification.

The government had, on March 26, imposed an export duty of ₹21.50 a litre on diesel, and ₹29.5 per litre on aviation turbine fuel (ATF). The duties were levied to increase domestic availability of the fuel amid the war in West Asia.

They were also aimed at not allowing exporters to take undue advantage due to price differences, as globally crude oil prices had risen since the beginning of the war.

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On February 28, the United States and Israel launched military strikes against Iran, triggering sweeping retaliation from Tehran.

On April 8, Iran, the United States and Israel agreed on a two-week ceasefire in the war that tore across the Middle East and disrupted the global energy market.

Export duty on petrol continues to remain nil.

— PTI



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

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डीजल पर 55.50 रुपये, विमान ईंधन पर 42 रुपये विंडफॉल टैक्स

हाई स्पीड डीजल पर शुल्क और इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेस भी बढ़ा

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने डीजल, हाई स्पीड डीजल और विमान ईंधन एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) पर निर्यात शुल्क या विंडफॉल टैक्स में भारी बढ़ोतरी की है। सड़क व इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेस भी बढ़ाया है।

डीजल पर विंडफॉल टैक्स को 21.50 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 55.50 रुपये प्रति लीटर और एटीएफ को 29.50 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 42 रुपये प्रति लीटर कर दिया गया है। हाई स्पीड डीजल पर टैक्स बढ़ाकर अब 42 रुपये प्रति लीटर और विकास कार्यों के तहत लिए जाने वाले सड़क व इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर सेस बढ़ाकर 36 रुपये प्रति लीटर कर दिया है। पेट्रोल पर निर्यात शुल्क में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया गया है।

वित्त मंत्रालय ने शनिवार को जारी अधिसूचना में नई दरों का एलान किया। साथ



ही कहा कि नई दरें तत्काल प्रभाव यानी 11 अप्रैल से ही लागू हो गई हैं। सरकार ने 26 मार्च को डीजल पर 21.50 रुपये प्रति लीटर और एटीएफ पर 29.50 रुपये प्रति लीटर विंडफॉल टैक्स लगाया था। पश्चिम एशिया

में जारी युद्ध के बीच घरेलू बाजार में ईंधन की उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिए ये शुल्क लगाए गए थे। इन शुल्कों का उद्देश्य निर्यातकों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय और घरेलू कीमतों के अंतर का अनुचित लाभ उठाने से रोकना है, क्योंकि युद्ध शुरू होने के बाद से वैश्विक स्तर पर कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में भारी उछाल आया है। हालांकि, आम उपभोक्ता पर इसका असर नहीं पड़ेगा, क्योंकि यह टैक्स कंपनियों पर लगाया गया है। एजेंसी



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BUSINESS LINE

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Air India at critical stage of transformation: Tata Sons Chairman

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

The Tata Group remains committed to building a world-class Air India, even as the airline navigates a challenging operating environment, Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Friday.

Addressing an employee townhall at the Air India group's headquarters in Gurugram, Chandrasekaran said the airline had reached a "critical stage" in its transformation journey. "It has been an incredible four years, and Air India group has reached a critical stage of its transformation," he said.

Accordingly, over 17,000 employees had been hired

and onboarded, four airlines have been merged into two, core systems are being modernised, and the fleet is expanding.

Besides, aircraft are undergoing major refurbishment, while network and operational metrics continue to improve, resulting in better customer experience and Net Promoter Scores.

The Chairman's address comes days after the airline's Chief Executive Officer Campbell Wilson resigned due to personal reasons.

Reaffirming the Group's backing, Chandrasekaran said the Tata Group Board remains fully supportive and will continue to work closely with the airline's management team.

Furthermore, he noted



Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran

that employees have shown "great tenacity" in dealing with a "perfect storm", urging them to maintain the same approach going forward.

"We remain committed to building a world-class airline. Our vision is to connect India to the world, and to establish service standards

where there is as much dignity and respect for the passenger in the last row as there is for the passenger in the front row," he said.

On operational priorities, Chandrasekaran stressed that safety remains central to all decisions. "Safety is of utmost importance for Air India. It is non-negotiable

and sits at the centre of every decision we take across operations, engineering, training and customer experience," he said.

ONGOING CHALLENGES

However, he acknowledged ongoing challenges, noting that the broader environment continues to impact the airline industry.

"While our future is bright and we have laid a solid foundation for our ambition, we are going through a challenging time, the impact of which is most visible in the airline industry," he said.

Additionally, he emphasised the need for execution discipline, cost focus, and operational precision.

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tion. Our focus should be on what is within our control, where we can improve, be precise on costs, and remain grounded in the reality of the situation," he added.

Chandrasekaran also advised employees to remain focused amid criticism and maintain a customer-centric approach. He stated that feedback should be addressed objectively, and teams should continue working together as the transformation journey progresses.

Earlier this week, the airline said that veteran aviation executive Wilson will step down as CEO and MD of Air India. The airline said Wilson will continue in his role until a successor is appointed and takes charge.



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Charter service operators urge review of ATF pricing

POLICY DISCONNECT. Industry says current classification does not reflect actual ops

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

In light of high jet fuel costs resulting from the Gulf crisis, India's air charter providers have urged the government to revise how non-scheduled operators are categorised under aviation turbine fuel (ATF) pricing, aiming to align their rates with those of scheduled airlines.

In a submission to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Business Aircraft Operators Association (BAOA) stated that the current approach focuses too heavily on perceived usage rather than the actual role of non-scheduled operator permit (NSOP) services. If accepted, the request would align ATF prices with the operational utility of NSOPs, rather than treating them as luxury air services.

Notably, the Centre has supported scheduled service



CRISIS SUPPORT. The Centre has supported scheduled service providers from the impact of crude oil price volatility

providers — primarily airlines — against the impact of crude oil price volatility arising from the West Asia crisis. It had capped the increase in jet fuel prices for scheduled operators at 25 per cent, resulting in a lower effective price hike.

CONNECTIVITY BOOST

According to the BAOA's submission, reviewed by *businessline*, NSOP services are a vital component of air transport, providing on-demand and last-mile con-

nectivity, particularly in areas where scheduled airlines do not operate. Furthermore, the association noted that NSOP operators connect over 400 airfields, while scheduled airlines serve fewer than 150 airports.

As per Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) data as of February 28, 2026, there are 137 non-scheduled operators managing a total of 443 aircraft, including 223 helicopters and 220 fixed-wing aircraft.

The BAOA emphasised that helicopters are used for emergency services, disaster response and connectivity in remote areas, while fixed-wing aircraft support air ambulances and regional connectivity.

However, the association argued that the view of NSOP operations as being mainly "luxury" is incorrect, adding that such use is limited and often linked to time-sensitive travel by officials and key personnel.

According to industry insiders, the Centre has executed various measures to cushion airlines against the sharp rise in operating costs driven by higher ATF prices, airspace restrictions and currency pressures.

In the absence of such interventions, they suggested that airlines may have been compelled to implement steeper fare increases, reduce capacity, and rationalise routes to maintain financial viability.



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Centre hikes windfall gains tax on diesel, ATF for exports

Our Bureau
New Delhi

With global crude prices still elevated, the Finance Ministry on Saturday hiked the windfall gain tax on export bound diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) by 158 per cent 42 per cent, respectively, with immediate effect.

This is the first revision after the levy was reimposed on March 26.

According to a set of notifications, the windfall levy on diesel will be ₹55.5 a litre up from ₹21.5. Export-bound jet fuel will attract a levy of ₹42 a litre as against ₹29.5.

Export duty on petrol continues to remain Nil. Government officials

made it clear that the revision is not about boosting revenue for the government, "it is more about not allowing exporters to take undue advantage due to price differences."

On March 26, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that the levy on diesel and ATF for export had been raised to ensure that the fuel is prioritised for domestic use.

These changes come at a time when crude prices after going over \$120 a barrel have slipped to \$95-96. However, product prices still remain high.

With Indian refineries operating at high capacity and exporting petroleum products, the government has reworked the levy.



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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केंद्र ने डीजल और एटीएफ पर निर्यात शुल्क बढ़ाया

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: केंद्र सरकार ने शनिवार को डीजल और विमान ईंधन (एटीएफ) पर निर्यात शुल्क बढ़ाने की घोषणा की। वित्त मंत्रालय की एक अधिसूचना के मुताबिक, अब डीजल पर निर्यात शुल्क 21.5 रुपये प्रति लीटर से बढ़कर 55.5 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गया है। इसी तरह एटीएफ पर शुल्क 29.5 रुपये प्रति लीटर से बढ़कर 42 रुपये प्रति लीटर कर दिया गया है। हालांकि पेट्रोल पर निर्यात शुल्क अभी भी शून्य ही रखा गया है।

सरकार का यह फैसला मौजूदा पश्चिम एशिया विवाद के कारण वैश्विक ऊर्जा आपूर्ति प्रभावित होने के संदर्भ में लिया गया है। यह इस बात का संकेत है कि देश में पेट्रोल-डीजल-एटीएफ की घरेलू आपूर्ति सामान्य बनी हुई है, लेकिन वैश्विक स्तर पर आपूर्ति ठीक नहीं हो पाई है। भारत ने करीब दो सप्ताह पहले ही कहा था कि उसके पास

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70 दिनों का कच्चे तेल का भंडार है। अभी ईरान और अमेरिका के बीच वार्ता जारी है। लेकिन होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य को खोलने पर कोई अंतिम फैसला नहीं हो पाया है।

आधिकारिक सूत्रों के मुताबिक, यह कदम राजस्व बढ़ाने के लिए नहीं बल्कि पेट्रोलियम कंपनियों को घरेलू बाजार को प्राथमिकता देने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से उठाया गया है। सरकार नहीं चाहती कि कंपनियां निर्यात को बढ़ावा दें। पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय के अधिकारी रोजाना कह रहे हैं कि ऊर्जा आपूर्ति बाधित होने के बावजूद उसने घरेलू बाजार में पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतों में कोई वृद्धि नहीं की है।



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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India Hikes Export Duty on Diesel, ATF

Decision intended to prevent exporters from exploiting price differentials

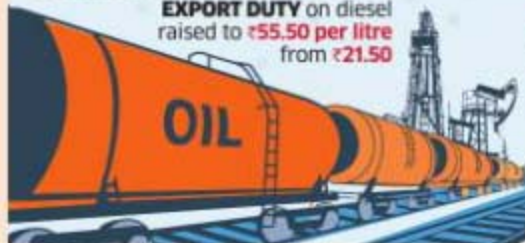
Our Bureau

New Delhi: India on Saturday sharply raised export duty on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF), while continuing to exempt petrol shipments from the levy, signalling a calibrated move to shore up government revenue while managing domestic fuel availability.

According to notifications issued by the department of revenue, the effective export duty on diesel has been increased to ₹55.50 per litre from ₹21.50, marking a steep increase in the tax burden on outbound shipments. Duty on ATF has been raised to ₹42 per litre

Calibrated Move

EXPORT DUTY on diesel raised to ₹55.50 per litre from ₹21.50



DUTY ON ATF increased to ₹42 per litre from ₹29.50

EXPORTS FOR both fuels were duty-free until 15 days ago

PETROL EXEMPTED from duty hike

from ₹29.50. Exports for both fuels were duty-free until a fortnight ago.

The duty hike, which is effective immediately, is intended to prevent exporters from exploiting price differentials, as global crude oil prices

have surged since the onset of the Iran war, officials said.

The changes were effected by revising components such as special additional excise duty and road and infrastructure cess, which together

determine the final duty on exports.

The government on March 26 tweaked fuel duty structures amid the ongoing West Asia conflict, imposing an export duty of ₹21.50 a litre on diesel and ₹29.50 per litre on ATF. The duties were levied to increase domestic availability of the fuel amid the war in West Asia.

The revenue department said it will review the situation every fortnight.

According to Brokerage firm Macquarie, oil prices are likely to stay supported in the \$85-90 a barrel range with a gradual move towards \$110, as shipments through the Strait of Hormuz normalise. If disruptions extend through April, Brent could rise to \$150, it said.



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

DELHI

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Govt raises ATF, diesel export duty

THE UNION GOVERNMENT on Saturday raised export duties on high speed diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF), increasing the levy on diesel from ₹21.5 per litre to ₹55.5 per litre and on ATF from ₹29.5 per litre to ₹42 per litre, reports FE Bureau. Export duty on petrol continues to remain nil. The duty hikes would be applicable with immediate effect, the finance ministry said in a notification.

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Govt raises ATF, diesel export duty

AS PER GOVERNMENT officials, the hike is not primarily aimed at boosting revenue but at preventing exporters from taking undue advantage of the large price difference between domestic and international markets. The move seeks to discourage excessive exports and ensure adequate

availability of these fuels for domestic consumption amid volatile global oil prices.

This is the second adjustment in export levies within two weeks. On March 27, the government had reimposed windfall taxes of ₹21.5 per litre on diesel and ₹29.5 per litre on ATF while simultane-

ously cutting domestic excise duties on petrol and diesel to protect consumers from price spikes. Officials said that such export duties (often referred to as windfall taxes) are being reviewed periodically, usually on a fortnightly basis, to align with prevailing international

price differentials.

The latest increase is expected to further disincentivise exports of diesel and ATF, directing more refinery output towards the domestic market where public sector oil marketing companies have been facing under-recoveries.



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HINDUSTAN TIMES

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लखनऊ में विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

लखनऊ, प्र.सं.। नेपाल के काठमांडू हवाई अड्डे पर शनिवार को कुछ समय के लिए नेविगेशन सिस्टम में दिक्कत आ गई। नतीजतन दुबई से काठमांडू पहुंची फ्लाई दुबई की फ्लाइट वहां उतर नहीं सकी। हवा में दो से तीन चक्कर लगाने के बाद उसे लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट डायवर्ट कर दिया गया।

सूत्रों के अनुसार, इस विमान में करीब 154 यात्री थे। तकनीकी समस्या दूर होने के बाद फ्लाइट वहां से फ्लाइट 9:30 बजे गई।



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MILLENNIUM POST

KOLKATA

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Kunming-Kolkata flight resumes from April 18

KOLKATA: China Eastern Airlines will resume direct flights between Kolkata and Kunming from April 18, 2026, marking the restoration of a key international link that had remained suspended since the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the airline's announced schedule, flight MU555 will depart Kunming at 23:55 and arrive in Kolkata at 00:10 (next day) after a journey of 2 hours 45 minutes, operating six days a week except Tuesday. The return service, MU556, will leave Kolkata at 01:10 and reach Kunming at 06:20, operating six days a week except Wednesday. The route will be served by a Boeing 737 aircraft, with all timings in local time.

The Chinese carrier had halted operations on the sector in March 2020, with its

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last departure from Kolkata recorded on March 19 that year. The suspension coincided with the global shutdown of air travel triggered by the pandemic.

China Eastern was the first airline to connect Kolkata with Kunming in October 2007, and the route quickly gained traction among traders and business travellers using Kunming as a gateway to other Chinese cities. MPOST



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Air India must stay grounded: Chandra

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Addressing an employee town hall at the Air India Group's headquarters in Gurugram, he said, “While our future is bright and we have laid a solid foundation for our ambition, we are going through a challenging time, the impact of which is most visible in the airline industry.”

Chandrasekaran reaffirmed that the Air India board remains “committed” to the carrier and will continue to work closely with its management team.

What matters now is staying focused on execution, he said, adding that “our focus should be on what is within our control, where we can improve, be precise on costs and remain grounded in the reality of the situation”.

The town hall meeting came in the backdrop of Air India chief executive officer and managing director Campbell Wilson quitting the airline, much ahead of the completion of his service contract with the Tata Group airline. ¶¶

Chandra asks Air India staff to control costs, improve services

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CHALLENGING TIME

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Campbell, who announced his resignation on April 7, had a service contract of five years with the airline, which was supposed to end in July next year.

“The Tata Group remains committed to the Air India group. The board is fully supportive and will continue to work closely with the management team,” Chandrasekaran said, reaffirming the group’s backing of Air India.

Air Indians have shown great “tenacity” in dealing with a perfect storm, and “we must continue with the same spirit that has been demonstrated,” he said. AGENCIES