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Army Chief launches 'Agniastra' multi-target detonation device during Gangtok conference

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The Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday, officially launched "Agniastra," a portable multi-target detonation device, during the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok.

This device was developed by Major Rajprasad RS from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers and is seen as a major advancement in both conventional and counter-terrorism operations.

According to Indian Army officials, the device holds "tremendous potential" for use in room interventions, remote bunker or hideout destruction, and reserve demolitions. Speaking about its capabilities, they added, "It has tremendous potential in both conventional and counter-terrorist operations like room inter-



vention, remote bunker/hideout bursting, and reserve demolition."

This device builds upon previous milestones achieved earlier this year.

On March 19, Major Rajprasad's innovation was granted a patent. The Portable Multi-Target Detonation Device, also known as WEDC, was specifically designed to improve the safety and reliability of multiple-target detonations, overcoming the limitations of the previously used Ex-

ploder Dynamo Capacitor, which had a limited range of 400 metres.

The new system is a micro-processor-based electronic device that can operate in both wired and wireless modes with a much-improved range of 2.5 kilometres. It allows for selective and simultaneous firing of multiple targets, making it highly effective for demolition operations from a safe distance. Major Rajprasad's innovation offers a key advantage in counter-terror-

ism operations and IED destruction, ensuring greater safety for troops in critical missions.

On Thursday, Gen Dwivedi presided over the Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) in Sikkim, marking the first time this event was being held outside Delhi in a strategically important location.

The conference is taking place in a hybrid format, with the first phase in Gangtok and the second phase scheduled for October 28-29 in New Delhi.

According to the Indian Army, the conference aimed to "review current operational preparedness, deliberate on critical strategies, and outline future directives," with a focus on national security and technological advancements in the Indian Army.



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■ Mahayuti alliance ready for both flight and fight in elections, says Shinde IAF C-295 lands safely at Navi Mumbai

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An Airbus C-295 of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Friday carried out the formal inaugural landing at Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). The aircraft was welcomed by a water salute at the runway in the presence of Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, Union minister of state for Civil Aviation and Co-operation, Murlidhar Mohol and Maharashtra NCP chief Sunil Tatkare.

However, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aditya Thackeray slammed the BJP for using IAF for performing "stunts" in the country. The junior Thackeray also said that if the runway was ready, the airport would have been inaugurated.



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, his deputy Devendra Fadnavis and IAF officers during the inauguration of the Navi Mumbai airport runway in Mumbai on Friday. — PTI

A Sukhoi SU-30 fighter jet did a low fly at the airport to test the 3.7-km long runway. According to the state government, the NMIA, which is the largest airport of the country with a capacity to cater 9 crore passengers, will be operational by March 2025 as the airport is in the last leg of

completion.

The inaugural landing event was done ahead of the imposition of model code conduct, which may come in force in the next two days, for Maharashtra Assembly election. The election is likely to be held next month.

The aircraft touched

down on the newly completed 3,700-metre runway, marking a crucial step in the airport's development. Officials reported that 75 per cent of the terminal building has already been constructed. The first phase of the airport is expected to be completed by March 2025.

Highlighting the successful test, CM Shinde said that it was a historical day for the state. He announced that the Mahayuti alliance was ready for both flight and fight in the election.

"The regular flight will be operating from Navi Mumbai airport from March 2025. This airport will help reduce stress and air traffic from Mumbai airport. We will connect Mumbai with Navi Mumbai airport by metro," the chief minister said.

However, Aaditya Thackeray called the event a "stunt". Taking dig at the

state government, the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said that all the ruling parties should tender an apology for using the Air Force for the stunt.

"The BJP has used IAF for stunts, be it national highways constructed by Union minister Nitin Gadkari or the landing of Airbus C-295 at Navi Mumbai port."

"If the runway was completed and ready (for flying), the airport should have been inaugurated. Our unconstitutional chief minister did not go to the moon or any other planet to perform a stunt."

"The work of Navi Mumbai port is going on. It may be completed by the end of this year. The next government will inaugurate the airport. But before the Assembly election, the stunt was performed," Mr. Thackeray said.



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नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर पहली बार उतरा विमान, परीक्षण सफल



मुंबई। नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर शुक्रवार को आईएफ सी-295 विमान के उतरने के साथ ही रनवे परीक्षण सफल रहा। मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे, उपमुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस और केंद्रीय उड़डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू की मौजूदगी में हुए रनवे परीक्षण के दौरान विमान को पानी की बौछार कर सलामी दी गई। इस एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण अदाणी ग्रुप ने किया है। मार्च 2025 तक घरेलू उड़ानें शुरू हो जाएंगी।

सिडको के चेयरमैन संजय शिरसाट ने कहा कि सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) के तहत विकसित इस हवाईअड्डे पर जून, 2025 तक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू किए जाने की उम्मीद है। इस हवाईअड्डे पर चार टर्मिनल, दो समानांतर रनवे और 350 विमानों के पार्किंग की जगह होगी। शिरसाट ने कहा कि इससे मुंबई के मौजूदा हवाईअड्डे का बोझ कम करने में मदद मिलेगी। इस परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत 16,700 करोड़ रुपये है। व्यूरो

नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर सफल रही परीक्षण उड़ान

सुशील मिश्र

नवी मुंबई में बन रहे नवनिर्मित हवाई अड्डे पर परीक्षण (ट्रायल) उड़ान शुरू हो गई है। नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर शुक्रवार को एयरबस सी295 विमान को सफलतापूर्वक उतारने का परीक्षण किया गया। हवाई अड्डा परिसंचालन के अनुसार भारतीय वायुसेना का परिवहन विमान सी295 शुक्रवार मध्याह्न 12.14 बजे हवाई अड्डे के दक्षिणी रनवे- 26 पर उतरा। विमान के उतरने पर पानी की बौछार कर उसका स्वागत किया गया।

नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण अदाणी समूह कर रहा है। इस हवाई अड्डे से अगले वर्ष की शुरुआत में वाणिज्यिक परिचालन शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डे के पहले फेज के निर्माण में 18,000 करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए हैं। इसके अगले साल की शुरुआत में चालू हो जाने की उम्मीद है।

सालाना 2 करोड़ यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम
पहले चरण में हवाई अड्डे में एक रनवे और एक टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग होगी, जिसका डिजाइन कमल से प्रेरित होगा, जो हर साल 2 करोड़ यात्रियों को संभालने में सक्षम होगा। करीब 2 लाख वर्ग मीटर के टर्मिनल-1 को एलईईडी (लीडरशिप इन एनर्जी एंड एनवायरनमेंट डिजाइन, एक ग्रीन बिल्डिंग सर्टिफिकेशन प्रोग्राम जिसका इस्तेमाल दुनिया भर में किया जाता है) गोल्ड मानकों के मुताबिक डिजाइन किया जा रहा है।

पांच चरणों में पूरा होगा काम

नई एयरपोर्ट परियोजना का काम 5 चरणों में पूरा होगा। पहले दो चरणों में प्रतिवर्ष दो करोड़ यात्री क्षमता होगी। पांचवें चरण तक यहां चार टर्मिनल और दो रनवे होंगे।



एक रनवे और टर्मिनल का काम हो चुका है। 13 जुलाई को केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किंजरप्पु नायडू और केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने काम की समीक्षा की थी। मोहोले ने कहा था कि प्रतिवर्ष 9 करोड़ यात्रियों की क्षमता वाला यह प्रोजेक्ट गेम चेंजर साबित होगा। पहले चरण की उड़ान 1 मार्च 2025 से शुरू होगी।

चार टर्मिनल और दो समानांतर रनवे होंगे

निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो जाने पर नए हवाई अड्डे में चार टर्मिनल और दो समानांतर रनवे होंगे, जिसमें 350 विमानों के लिए पार्किंग की जगह होगी। हवाई अड्डे का लेआउट टर्मिनलों के बीच सुगम नेविगेशन की अनुमति देगा। नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा मुंबई के दूसरे अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन केंद्र के रूप में काम करेगा। इसके चालू हो जाने से मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर एयर ट्रैफिक और यात्रियों की भीड़ का दबाव घटेगा। यात्रियों की सहूलियत बढ़ेगी और साथ ही साथ एयरलाइंस कंपनियों को भी इसका फायदा मिलेगा। फिलहाल मुंबई एयरपोर्ट सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट में शुमार है। नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा का निर्माण रायगढ़ जिले में उलवा और पनवेल के बीच 1,600 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर किया जा रहा है।

IAF plane makes inaugural landing at upcoming Navi Mumbai airport

AJINKYA KAWALE

Mumbai, 11 October

An Airbus C-295 of the Indian Air Force (IAF) touched down at Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIAL) on Friday, marking the formal inaugural flight landing at the place.

A Sukhoi SU-30 fighter jet did a low fly-by at the airport to test the 3.7-km long runway in the presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, his deputy Devendra Fadnavis and Murlidhar Mohol, Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Co-operation.

“The airport in Navi Mumbai would ensure ease of travel for passengers and reduce congestion from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai. We will aim for commercial operations before March 2025,” said Shinde.

NMIAL will be the second airport to serve the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and will have a capacity of handling 20 million passengers in the first two phases of operations.

Of that capacity, NMIAL is expected to fly 12 million passengers in the first year. Similarly, the capacity is set to grow to around 90 million passengers per year by 2032.

The airport is expected to be completed in five phases, with the first two phases now being operationalised with a timeline of March 2025.

The project is expected to cost around ₹18,000 crore.

NMIAL is the first airport in the country to have multi-modal connectivity. This includes a linkage to the project via road, rail and a metro system. In the near future, it is set to be connected via a waterway.



Indian Air Force C-295 aircraft being given a water cannon salute after it successfully completed the first landing at the Navi Mumbai Airport on Friday

PHOTO: PTI

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर उपकरणों की जांच के लिए विमान ने भरी उड़ान

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 11 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम की जांच के लिए भारतीय विमान पत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीचक्राफ्ट बी 300 विमान ने उड़ान भरी। एयरपोर्ट पर उपकरणों की जांच के लिए पहली बार रनवे के उपर से विमान का उड़ान भरा गया। एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण में लगे कामगार व अधिकारियों ने इस यादगार पल को अपने मोबाइल कैमरे में कैद किया। एयरपोर्ट पर 15 नवम्बर से विमान उतरेंगे। एक माह लगातार विमानों का ट्रायल चलेगा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से 17 अप्रैल से कामर्शियल विमानों का उड़ान शुरू हो जाएगा। उससे पहले एयरपोर्ट पर



■ एयरपोर्ट पर इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम की पहली जांच रही सफल

उपकरणों की जांच के लिए विमानों का

ट्रायल किया जाएगा। पहले दिन से एयरपोर्ट पर इंटरनेशनल और घरेलू विमान उड़ान भरेंगे।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के नोडल अधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि गुरुवार को भारतीय विमान पत्तन प्राधिकरण के बीचक्राफ्ट बी300 विमान रनवे के उपर से उड़ान भरा। यह आइएलएस यानि उपकरणों की जांच का एक हिस्सा है। इसके जरिय एयरक्राफ्ट को रात में या खराब मौसम के दौरान रनवे पर उतरने में मदद मिलती है। विमान ने रनवे के उपर पांच बार उड़ान भरी। उड़ान के दौरान इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम की जांच की गई जो कि सफल रहा।



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'Navi Mumbai Airport will be boon for people': CM Shinde

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday said that the Navi Mumbai Airport will prove to be a boon for the people.

At the inaugural landing of the IAF C-295 at Navi Mumbai International Airport, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde said, "Navi Mumbai Airport will prove to be a boon for the people. Today C-295 successfully landed at Navi Mumbai Airport. The Airport will be named Lokneta DB Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport."

Inaugural landing of IAF C-295 took place at Navi Mumbai International Airport on Friday. CM Eknath Shinde also flew in the aircraft.

"This will be the largest airport, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister, and today the first runway's test landing has taken place," CM Shinde further added.



He mentioned that they have set a target to complete the airport by March 2025, and commercial flight operations will commence then.

He asserted that his government is doing welfare work 'quickly', adding that the Mahayuti government is fulfilling all its commitments. "We are ready for the flight as well as for the fight. We do what we say, we don't say what won't happen; let's see what happens in the future. Our work is done quickly. We started Ladli Behan Yojana and now money

goes to the accounts of sisters quickly," Shinde added.

He highlighted the work done by the Mahayuti government in Maharashtra, saying all the schemes initiated by their government have already been launched.

"Our work is swift, not slow and sluggish. All the schemes we have initiated have been launched quickly. Those who talk slowly later say there's no money. We started the Ladli Behan Yojana, and money is being transferred to the sisters' accounts promptly. Our plans are always executed swiftly. We have worked to bring good days into people's lives. The opposition has tried to halt many schemes, but I want to say that no scheme will be stopped," CM Shinde stated. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the BJP's win in the Haryana assembly elections, he said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the country

like a fighter on the global stage; one Modi is heavier than all. This was evident in the Haryana elections; he is leading the country as a fighter. We take pride in that." The BJP is set to form its third successive government in Haryana after it won 48 seats in the 90-member assembly as per the results announced on Tuesday. Three independent MLAs also extended their support to BJP. He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rajnath Singh, stating that Modi is fighting against the opposition, and thanks to the people's blessings, he is winning.

He counted the benefits of NDA governments in the state and Centre, saying, "The benefits of a double-engine government in Maharashtra, the Mahayuti government, are evident to all. All necessary approvals from the central government have been received."



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर दूसरे दिन भी भरी गई ट्रायल उड़ान

जागरण संवाददाता, ग्रेटर नोएडा : नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर इंस्ट्रुमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम की जांच के लिए दूसरे दिन भी ट्रायल हुआ। भारतीय विमान पत्तन प्राधिकरण के एयरक्राफ्ट बीचक्राफ्ट बी 300 ने उड़ान भरी। ट्रायल के दूसरे दिन भी विमान रनवे पर नहीं उतरा। एयरपोर्ट के रनवे के लिए होने वाले ट्रायल की रिपोर्ट शनिवार को महानिदेशालय

15 अक्टूबर तक डीजीसीए से रनवे के लिए प्रमाणपत्र मिलने की समयसीमा है तय

नागर विमानन को भेज दी जाएगी। 15 अक्टूबर तक महानिदेशालय से रनवे के लिए प्रमाण पत्र जारी होने की उम्मीद है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के नोडल अफसर शैलेंद्र भाटिया

का कहना है कि जांच के लिए ट्रायल की प्रक्रिया लगातार जारी रहेगी। कैलिब्रेशन एवं वेलिडेशन के लिए शनिवार को भी ट्रायल होगा। एयरपोर्ट के दोनों रनवे के लिए यह ट्रायल किया जा रहा है। इसके माध्यम से यह सुनिश्चित होगा कि एयरपोर्ट में रात व खराब मौसम में भी विमान की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की जा सकती है। 15 नवंबर से बिना यात्री

वाले विमानों का ट्रायल शुरू होगा। इससे पहले एयरपोर्ट पर लगाए गए उपकरणों की सटीकता की जांच की जा रही है। दिसंबर तक यह प्रक्रिया जारी रहेगी। एयरपोर्ट की शुरुआत के लिए यह जांच अहम है। अगर एयरपोर्ट पर लगे उपकरण पूरी तरह से सही कार्य करेंगे, तभी एयरपोर्ट से विमान सेवा के संचालन को अनुमति मिलेगी।

त्रिची हवाईअड्डे पर विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

चेन्नई प्रेड : तमिलनाडु के त्रिची अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे से शुक्रवार शाम 5.40 बजे शारजाह के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का विमान हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम में दिक्कत के कारण वापस लौट आया। लैंडिंग से पहले विमान हवाईअड्डे के ऊपर ढाई घंटे से अधिक समय तक हवा में चक्कर लगाता रहा। इस दौरान विमान में सवार 141 यात्रियों की सांसे अटकी रहीं। शाम 6:05 बजे पूर्ण आपातकाल घोषित किए जाने के बाद रात 8:15 बजे विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग हुई। लैंडिंग से पहले सुरक्षा के सभी प्रबंध कर लिए गए थे। सुरक्षित लैंडिंग के बाद सभी ने राहत की सांसे लीं।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री किंजरापु राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा कि विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए को मामले की जांच करने का आदेश दिया गया है ताकि घटना के पीछे का वास्तविक कारण पता चल सके। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस को यात्रियों को आगे की यात्रा के लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था सहित सभी आवश्यक सहायता प्रदान करने की सलाह दी गई है। त्रिची हवाईअड्डे से उड़ान भरने

● शारजाह के लिए उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद विमान के हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम में आई दिक्कत

● ढाई घंटे से अधिक समय तक हवा में चक्कर लगाता रहा विमान, 141 यात्रियों की अटकी रहीं सांसें



त्रिची हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग के बाद एअर इंडिया का विमान ● प्रेड

के कुछ ही देर बाद शारजाह जा रहे इस विमान के हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम में दिक्कत के कारण विमान के लैंडिंग गियर में खराबी आ गई। इसकी जानकारी मिलने पर पायलट ने विमान को वापस त्रिची हवाईअड्डे की ओर डायवर्ट दिया। लैंडिंग से पहले ईंधन खत्म कर वजन कम करने के लिए विमान ने त्रिची हवाईअड्डे के ऊपर लगभग ढाई घंटे से अधिक समय तक हवा में चक्कर लगाया। आखिरकार पायलट ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई। सभी यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। राज्यपाल आरएन रवि,

मुख्यमंत्री एमके स्टालिन ने विमान की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग के लिए पायलट और अन्य अधिकारियों को बधाई दी है। एयरपोर्ट डायरेक्टर गोपालकृष्णन ने बताया कि इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग के लिए हवाईअड्डे पर 20 एंबुलेंस और 18 दमकल गाड़ियां तैनात की गईं। इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग के सभी प्रोटोकाल का पालन किया गया।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने कहा कि त्रिची से शारजाह जाने वाली एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान एक्सबी 613 की त्रिची हवाईअड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हुई। नागरिक

बोइंग 737 विमानों में नहीं होता ईंधन छोड़ने का विकल्प

बोइंग के वरिष्ठ पायलट ने कहा कि बोइंग 737 जैसे विमानों में ईंधन छोड़ने का विकल्प नहीं होता है। इसलिए इस मामले में विमान को ईंधन जलाने और कुल वजन कम करने के लिए चक्कर लगाना पड़ा। ईंधन निकालने का विकल्प बोइंग 777 और 787 जैसे विमानों में होता है।

उड्डयन महानिदेशालय ने स्थिति पर नजर रखी। इस दौरान हवाईअड्डे को अलर्ट मोड पर रखा गया।

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के प्रवक्ता ने कहा, परिचालन दल द्वारा आपातकाल घोषित नहीं किया गया था। विमान ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग करने से पहले रनवे की लंबाई को ध्यान में रखते हुए ईंधन और वजन कम करने के लिए सावधानी के तौर पर निर्दिष्ट क्षेत्र में चक्कर लगाया। खराबी के कारण की जांच की जाएगी। यात्रियों के लिए वैकल्पिक विमान की व्यवस्था की जा रही है।



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● NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT SET FOR 2025 OPENING



An IAFC-295 aircraft gets a water cannon salute after successfully completing a trial landing at the Navi Mumbai Airport in Mumbai on Friday. The airport, being developed by the Adani Group, is expected to start commercial operations early next year



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रीवा हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण पूरा, डिप्टी सीएम ने किया निरीक्षण



भोपाल। रीवा हवाई अड्डे का कार्य लगभग पूर्ण हो चुका है एवं आगामी दिनों में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी इसका उद्घाटन करेंगे। गुरुवार को उप मुख्यमंत्री राजेंद्र शुक्ल ने रीवा हवाई अड्डे का निरीक्षण किया एवं शीघ्र ही होने वाले उद्घाटन के संबंध में संबंधित अधिकारियों को यथोचित व्यवस्था पूर्ण करने के लिए निर्देशित किया।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर नेविगेशन, रडार संबंधी उपकरणों की जांच एयरक्राफ्ट ने उड़ान भरकर एयरपोर्ट के उपकरण परखे



ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर नेविगेशन और रडार संबंधी उपकरणों की तीन दिवसीय जांच शुरू की गई। शुक्रवार को दूसरे दिन भारतीय विमानन पत्तन प्राधिकरण के एयरक्राफ्ट ने दो बार उड़ान भरकर इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (आईएलएस) सिस्टम को परखा। शनिवार को एयरक्राफ्ट के जरिए उपकरणों की जांच की जाएगी।

हालांकि, एयरक्राफ्ट को फिलहाल रनवे पर नहीं उतारा गया है। रनवे की टेस्टिंग 15 नवंबर से शुरू होगी। प्राधिकरण के अधिकारी ने बताया कि एयरपोर्ट पर कैट-1 और कैट-3 उपकरण स्थापित हो चुके हैं, जो कोहरे में विमान की ऊंचाई और दृश्यता की जानकारी देते हैं।

बीते दिनों डीजीसीए ने उपकरणों का निरीक्षण भी किया था। एयरपोर्ट पर इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (आईएलएस) को स्थापित किया जा चुका है, जिसकी एयरक्राफ्ट के जरिए जांच की जा रही है। आईएलएस कॉमर्शियल उड़ानों से पहले कैलिब्रेशन फ्लाइट से नेविगेशन ऐंड, रनवे पर लाइटिंग व्यवस्था और एयरस्पेस की जांच की जाती है। आईएलएस से ही रनवे की विभिन्न प्रकार की जांच होती है। शुक्रवार को



भारतीय विमानन पत्तन प्राधिकरण के एयरक्राफ्ट ने शुक्रवार को नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के उपकरणों की जांच की। • हिन्दुस्तान

02 बार एयरक्राफ्ट ने उड़ान भरी, जांच में उपकरण सही काम करते पाए गए

17 अप्रैल से एयरपोर्ट पर व्यावसायिक विमानों की उड़ानें शुरू होंगी

अप्रैल में भी हुई थी उपकरण की जांच

एयरपोर्ट पर पहली डीवीओआर कैलिब्रेशन फ्लाइट के माध्यम से नेविगेशन उपकरण की जांच अप्रैल में हुई थी। बीचक्राफ्ट किंग एयर बी 300 ने एयरपोर्ट के ऊपर उड़ान भरी थी। जांच 18 से 30 अप्रैल तक चली। एयरक्राफ्ट को उड़कर नेविगेशन के लिए लगे उपकरण ठीक से कार्य कर रहे हैं या नहीं, इसकी जांच की गई थी।

ट्रायल के लिए नवंबर में रनवे पर उतरेंगे विमान

एयरपोर्ट पर अगले वर्ष 17 अप्रैल से व्यावसायिक विमानों की उड़ानें शुरू होंगी। 15 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर तक ट्रायल के लिए एयरलाइंस के खाली विमान पूरे माह रनवे पर उतारे जाएंगे। 30 नवंबर को तीन प्रकार के एयरक्राफ्ट और विमान उतारकर रनवे की टेस्टिंग होगी। उस दिन विमानों में कू मंबर से लेकर यात्री तक सभी रहेंगे।

एयरक्राफ्ट ने दो बार उड़ान भरी और जांच की। जांच में उपकरण सही प्रकार से काम करते पाए गए। शनिवार को भी

उपकरणों की जांच की जाएगी और टेस्टिंग रिपोर्ट एएआई एवं डीजीसीए को सौंपी जाएगी।



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C-295 at Navi Mumbai Airport



An IAF C-295 aircraft being given water cannon salute after it successfully completed the first landing at the Navi Mumbai Airport on Friday. The trial was accompanied by a flypast of a Sukhoi-30 fighter jet. PTI

श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर नए टर्मिनल भवन की परियोजना का होगा मूल्यांकन

नयी दिल्ली, एजेंसी। पीएम गतिशक्ति व्यवस्था के तहत नेटवर्क नियोजन समूह (एनपीजी) की 81वीं बैठक में उत्तर प्रदेश में वृंदावन बाईपास और जम्मू-कश्मीर में श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर एक नए आधुनिक टर्मिनल भवन और उससे जुड़ी सुविधाओं की परियोजना सहित सड़क तथा विमानन बुनियादी ढांचा क्षेत्र से जुड़ी की पांच प्रमुख परियोजनाओं का मूल्यांकन किया गया। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय की शुक्रवार को जारी विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार इन परियोजनाओं में उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-44 को यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे से जोड़ने वाला 16.75 किलोमीटर लंबे वृंदावन बाईपास का निर्माण कार्य, मध्य प्रदेश में संदलपुर-बड़ी संदलपुर-बड़ी के बीच 142.26 किलोमीटर लंबी नयी और पुरानी सड़क के



निर्माण की चार-लेन राजमार्ग का विकास, महाराष्ट्र के पुणे में जुन्नार से तालेघर तक 55.94 किलोमीटर लंबे मार्ग के सड़क उन्नयन से जुड़ी परियोजना और महाराष्ट्र में ही भी माशंकर-राजगुरुनगर रोड

परियोजना के तहत पुणे में 60.45 किलोमीटर लंबे हिस्से में सड़क के बुनियादी ढांचे को बेहतर बनाने की परियोजना है शामिल है। बैठक में जम्मू-कश्मीर के बडगाम में श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर एक नए

एकीकृत टर्मिनल भवन और संबद्ध बुनियादी ढांचे के निर्माण से जुड़ी की परियोजना शामिल है। वहां निर्मित नए टर्मिनल भवन का क्षेत्र 71,500 वर्ग मीटर होगा जिसमें सालाना एक करोड़ यात्रियों की

■ वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय की शुक्रवार को जारी विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार इन परियोजनाओं में उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-44 को यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे से जोड़ने वाला 16.75 किलोमीटर लंबे वृंदावन बाईपास का निर्माण कार्य, मध्य प्रदेश में संदलपुर-बड़ी संदलपुर-बड़ी के बीच 142.26 किलोमीटर लंबी नयी और पुरानी सड़क के निर्माण की चार-लेन राजमार्ग का विकास शामिल है।

सुगम आवाजाही की क्षमता होगी। वहां व्यस्त समय में प्रति घंटा 2,900 व्यक्तियों का सुचारु रूप से आवागमन हो सकेगा। नए टर्मिनल भवन के शहर वाले हिस्से के पास पार्किंग सुविधाओं और

भारतीय हवाई अड्डा प्राधिकरण (एएआई) के कर्मचारियों तथा सुरक्षा कर्मियों (सीआईएसएफ) के लिए बैरक अथवा आवासीय क्वार्टरों के निर्माण आदि का कार्य होगा।

विज्ञप्ति के अनुसार आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (डीपीआईआईटी) के अतिरिक्त सचिव राजीव सिंह ठाकुर की अध्यक्षता में कल आयोजित इस बैठक में पीएम गतिशक्ति के सिद्धांतों के संदर्भ में इन पांचो परियोजनाओं का मूल्यांकन किया गया है। इसमें मल्टीमॉडल बुनियादी ढांचे का एकीकृत विकास, आर्थिक और सामाजिक क्षेत्र के लिए अंतिम-बिंदु तक संपर्क सुनिश्चित करना, इंटरमॉडल कनेक्टिविटी और परियोजनाओं का समन्वित कार्यान्वयन शामिल है।



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MILLENNIUM POST

DELHI

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Navi Mumbai International Airport welcomes 1st aircraft

This world-class airport will play a pivotal role in region's growth: AAHL Director Jeet Adani

MUMBAI: In a landmark moment for the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA; Airport Code: NMI), an Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft successfully touched down on its South runway. The inaugural landing of the IAF C-295, a large multi-role tactical airlifter, represents a significant milestone in the Adani Group's development of the greenfield international airport, which started in August 2021, and is scheduled to be operational in early 2025.

"We are proud of the progress NMIAL has made," said Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd. "As AAHL's



first greenfield airport, NMIAL represents years of planning, investment and hard work. We are grateful to the Government of Maharashtra, the regulatory bodies including CIDCO and

Airports Authority of India and all the other stakeholders who have come together to make this project possible. This world-class airport will play a pivotal role in the region's growth, serv-

ing as a crucial hub for travellers across the globe."

The historic event was attended by prominent dignitaries, including the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnis and Ajit Pawar, and Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Co-operation Murlidhar Mohol, and senior officials from Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd and Adani Airport Holdings Ltd.

The inaugural landing is not just a symbolic gesture but a critical milestone in the airport's journey from construction to full-scale operations.

The successful touchdown of the IAF C-295 marks an essential phase where the newly built runway, taxiways, air traffic control systems and handling procedures are put to the test to ensure that the airport meets all safety, regulatory and operational requirements. It allows engineers, aviation authorities and airport operators to evaluate the performance and readiness of key infrastructure and signifies that the airport is on track to complete its final stages of development, paving the way for phased commercial operations set to begin in early 2025.

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THE PIONEER

DELHI

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Ahead of commissioning, IAF aircraft lands at Mumbai International Airport

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MUMBAI

In a significant milestone witnessed months ahead of the commissioning of the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), a C-295 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) landed on its runway on Friday afternoon.

The C-295, a medium tactical transport aircraft, landed around 1215 hrs after which it was accorded a water salute. As the transport aircraft touched the NMIA's runway, there was a stunning flypast by Sukhoi-30 fighter jets of the IAF. The inaugural landing of aircraft marked a new

beginning in the country's aviation sector.

The NMIA has been developed by the Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd (NMIAL), which is a special-purpose vehicle formed by the Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) and City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO). The CIDCO is the nodal agency for the project.

A Greenfield airport, NMIA will serve as the second international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), to be operated alongside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) of Mumbai.



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THE STATESMAN

KOLKATA

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Beluga XL: The giant sky whale lands at city airport



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NSCBI Kolkata Airport on Wednesday for the first time accommodated the biggest Airbus Beluga series aircraft Beluga XL. Beluga XL is the upgraded and bigger version of Beluga ST.

Earlier Kolkata Airport has accommodated its ST-series aircraft but first time Kolkata airport is accommodating an XL-series aircraft.

The Aircraft landed last night from Bahrain international airport. The aircraft originated from the Toulouse (LFBO/TLS) Airbus factory, and was transporting some equipment and parts to their another unit based in Tianjin (ZBTJ), China.

The size of the aircraft isn't its only striking feature, but also the shape of the

aircraft is attention-grabbing, resembling a giant whale! Like a whale's mouth, the front of the aircraft tapers down.

The head and belly are characteristically bulging. This plane has been designed to resemble a whale.

A video of the landing of the Beluga XL at Kolkata airport has already been released and has gone viral.

The Beluga XL took off from Bahrain International Airport on Tuesday, carrying three pilots and one engineer.

After a five-hour journey, it landed at Kolkata airport at around 10.45 pm to refuel.

On Wednesday at around 5.30 am, the plane took off again for Tianjin, China.

Notably, Kolkata Airport is the only airport in eastern India that has maintenance facilities for the Beluga aircraft.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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First trial flight lands at airport in Navi Mumbai

Mumbai: Over eight decades after the then British India commissioned the 'Royal Air Force Santacruz' airfield, now known as Mumbai airport, the city witnessed the inauguration of a brand-new runway when an IAF fixed-wing aircraft in a trial operation touched down at Navi Mumbai airport Friday, reports **Manju V.**

The IAF Airbus C-295, a tactical airlifter, touched down at 12.15pm on Navi Mumbai's runway 26. "Unlike airline jets like an A320 or B737, the C-295 can land even on unpaved runways, and so today's landing, though it was on the paved Navi Mumbai runway, has largely a ceremonial significance," said a senior pilot.

At the Mumbai ATC, IAF officials along with civilian controllers guided the inaugural landing at Navi Mumbai, which was carried out by Group Captain P S Negi and Squadron Leader Manpreet Singh. Later, a Sukhoi Su-30 did a low flypast over runway 08-26.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

11 OCTOBER 2024

Air cargo volumes likely to witness 11% growth

NEW DELHI, Oct 10: The overall air cargo volumes in India is projected to witness healthy growth of around 9-11 per cent (year-on-year) to around 3.6-3.7 million tonnes in FY25, according to a report on Thursday.

This growth will be supported by 11-13 per cent expansion in international and 4-6 per cent growth in domestic cargo, according to credit rating agency ICRA.

The outlook on airport infrastructure is "stable" with revenues likely to grow by around 12-14 per cent YoY in FY25, supported by the sustained improvement in both domestic and international

passenger traffic, increase in tariffs at some of the major airports and ramp-up in non-aeronautical revenues.

The international cargo volumes have seen a healthy expansion of 18 per cent in the second half of last fiscal (FY24), amid the Red Sea crisis, which started in October 2023. Consequently, the seaborne cargo traffic was impacted, which in turn benefitted international air cargo traffic.

Vinay Kumar G, Vice President and Sector Head-Corporate Ratings, ICRA said that the cargo volumes were relatively less impacted due to Covid in FY21, compared

to passenger traffic.

"Moreover, the recovery was relatively swifter with cargo volumes recovering to 95 per cent of pre-Covid levels in FY22 compared to 55 per cent in passenger traffic," he mentioned.

This was supported by higher growth in international cargo on account of the export of Covid-related vaccines and higher merchandise exports in FY22.

While the growth in cargo volumes has slowed down during the FY2023-H1 FY2024 period, it has bounced back handsomely in the last 12 months, since the start of the Red Sea crisis. – IANS



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AMAR UJALA

DELHI

12 OCTOBER 2024

इंजन में खराबी के कारण हैदराबाद वापस लौटी विस्तारा की उड़ान

नई दिल्ली। विस्तारा की दिल्ली जाने वाली उड़ान यूके880 बृहस्पतिवार शाम को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण प्रस्थान के एक घंटे के भीतर हैदराबाद लौट आई। उड़ान शाम लगभग 6.35 बजे हैदराबाद से रवाना हुई थी। एयरलाइन के मुताबिक, उड़ान को रखरखाव जरूरतों के कारण हैदराबाद की ओर मोड़ा गया। उड़ान में सवार कांग्रेस सांसद दानिश अली भी उड़ान में यात्री के रूप में मौजूद थे। एजेंसी

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तकनीकी खराबी से दो घंटे हवा में मंडराता रहा विमान, 140 यात्रियों की अटकीं सांसें विस्फोट का था खतरा, ईंधन खत्म करने के लिए हवा में उड़ता रहा, आपात लैंडिंग

त्रिची। तमिलनाडु के तिरुचिरापल्ली में एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के एक विमान में उड़ान भरते ही तकनीकी खराबी आ जाने से 140 यात्रियों की सांसें अटकीं रहीं।

शुक्रवार शाम करीब 5:30 बजे शारजाह के लिए उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद पायलट ने एयरपोर्ट को विमान के लैंडिंग गियर में खराबी की सूचना दी। अगर ऐसी हालत में विमान उतरता तो विस्फोट का खतरा था। इसलिए ईंधन खत्म करने के लिए विमान लगभग दो घंटे हवा में मंडराता रहा। विमान की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग के बाद सभी ने राहत की सांस ली और सभी यात्री सुरक्षित बाहर निकले। उड़्डयन



मंत्रालय ने बताया कि पायलट की ओर से लैंडिंग गियर में खराबी आने की सूचना के देने बाद एयरपोर्ट को अलर्ट किया गया था। बाद में लैंडिंग गियर खुला और विमान की सामान्य लैंडिंग हुई।

नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) लगातार स्थिति पर नजर रखे हुए था। एहतियात के तौर

बेली लैंडिंग की थी तैयारी

पायलट की ओर से लैंडिंग गियर में खराबी की सूचना के बाद विमान को तुरंत वापस एयरपोर्ट लौटने का निर्देश दिया गया। इसके बाद बेली लैंडिंग की तैयारी की गई। चूंकि विमान ने त्रिची एयरपोर्ट से ही उड़ान भरी थी, इसलिए ईंधन खत्म करने के लिए उसे आसपास आसमान में चक्कर लगाने पड़े। लेकिन इसकी जरूरत नहीं पड़ी और पायलट ने अपनी सूझबूझ से रात करीब 8:14 बजे सुरक्षित लैंडिंग करा दी।

पर 20 एंबुलेंस और फायर ब्रिगेड की गाड़ियों को रनवे के पास तैनात किया गया था। एजेसी



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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

12 OCTOBER 2024

DGCA to probe A-I Express plane that suffered hydraulic failure: Ministry

A Sharjah-bound flight from Tiruchirappalli witnessed mid-air technical glitch shortly after departure on Friday evening and later landed safely, police said. Chief Minister M K Stalin held an emergency meeting with officials and directed them to follow all safety measures. Later, he congratulated the flight captain and crew for the safe landing. After taking off at about 5.30 pm from the airport, the fault related to hydraulic systems, the landing gear, was noticed. Deftly handling the situation, the pilots later safely landed the aircraft in Tiruchirappalli



airport. The Civil Aviation Ministry said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation would examine the incident to ascertain cause for hydraulic failure during its flight. The chief minister in a post on 'X' said: "I am heartened to hear that the #AirIndiaExpress flight has landed safely. Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordinated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and instructed them to implement all necessary safety measures, including deploying fire engines, ambulances, and medical assistance. PTI



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DAINIK BHASKAR

DELHI

12 OCTOBER 2024

अनहोनी टली • त्रिची से शारजाह जा रही उड़ान का हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम फेल एअर इंडिया के विमान की आपात लैंडिंग; ढाई घंटे तक हवा में चक्कर काटता रहा... सभी 141 यात्री सुरक्षित

भास्कर न्यू | चेन्नई

तमिलनाडु के तिरुचिरापल्ली से शारजाह जाने वाली एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में शुक्रवार रात बड़ी तकनीकी खराबी आ गई। शाम 5.40 बजे उड़ान भरते ही प्लेन के लैंडिंग गियर से जुड़ा हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम फेल हो गया। इसके बाद विमान करीब ढाई घंटे हवा में चक्कर काटता रहा, ताकि ईंधन कम किया जा सके। रात 8.14 बजे सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हुई। विमान में सवार सभी 141 यात्री और क्रू मेंबर



त्रिची एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग के बाद विमान। सुरक्षित हैं। इससे पहले, खराबी का पता चलते ही एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी घोषित कर दी गई थी। एयरपोर्ट पर फायर ब्रिगेड की गाड़ियां व 20 एंबुलेंस तैनात कर दी गई थीं।



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DECCAN CHRONICLE

HYDERABAD

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IndiGo flight halted after bomb threat

Hyderabad: An IndiGo flight was halted for several hours at the Shamshabad airport after the airport authorities received an email warning of a bomb being placed on the aircraft. The flight coming from Coimbatore was bound to Chennai via Hyderabad. Passengers were deplaned and officials searched the plane for six hours before declaring an all-clear. No explosives were found in the plane. The flight later left for Chennai with the passengers. Authorities are now trying to trace the person who sent the threat mail.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

11 OCTOBER 2024

Air India said to be carrier behind mystery 85-Jet Airbus order

BLOOMBERG: Airbus SE received an order for an additional 85 planes from Air India Ltd, according to people familiar with the matter, as the carrier looks to accelerate its growth ambitions in one of the world's fastest growing aviation markets.

The order for 75 A320neos single-aisle family aircraft and 10 A350 wide-body jets was placed in September, the people said, asking not to be identified because the discussions are private, and Air India may announce it at a later date.

Airbus, in its latest order and delivery report published Wednesday, disclosed that it had delivered 50 aircraft in September and booked 235 orders from customers, including 85 from an undisclosed buyer.

Representatives for Air India didn't immediately respond to a request for com-

ment. Airbus declined to comment.

Tata Group-owned Air India is in the midst of a complicated process of absorbing Vistara, a joint venture carrier the Tata Group started with Singapore Airlines Ltd, and has been ordering new jets as it seeks to grab a bigger share of India's booming domestic, and robust outbound, markets.

It announced the purchase of 470 aircraft from Airbus and US rival Boeing Co in February 2023, including 250 jets from the European plane-

maker. The deal represented what was then the largest purchase in commercial aviation history.

Within India, Air India is up against local leader IndiGo, while the powerful Gulf carriers that have built a business ferrying Indians overseas through their mega hubs represent its biggest international competitors.





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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

11 OCTOBER 2024

Spicejet launches Shivamogga- Chennai flight

SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS: Spicejet launched flight service between Shivamogga and Chennai on Thursday.

With this, the number of flight operations from the airport from 8 to 12 per day. Until now, Star Air operated flights from Hyderabad to Goa via Shivamogga while Indigo Airlines operated flights between Bengaluru and Shivamogga.

Cargo service is expected to begin shortly after the completion of night landing facilities in the airport.



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DAINIK JAGRAN

KANPUR

11 OCTOBER 2024

एअर इंडिया ने एयरबस को दिया 85 विमानों का आर्डर

नई दिल्ली: टाटा समूह की विमानन कंपनी एअर इंडिया ने फ्रांस की विमान निर्माता कंपनी एयरबस को 85 नए विमानों का आर्डर दिया है। उद्योग सूत्रों के अनुसार, इसमें 75 ए320 और 10 ए350 विमान शामिल हैं। हालांकि, इस रिपोर्ट पर एअर इंडिया और एयरबस ने कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं दी है। एअर इंडिया ने पिछले वर्ष भी एयरबस और बोइंग को बड़ा आर्डर दिया था। (संवाद)



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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AI EXPRESS JET THAT SUFFERED GLITCH UNDER DGCA LENS



THE DGCA WILL conduct a thorough examination of the Air India Express plane that suffered a hydraulic failure while operating a flight from Trichy to Sharjah on Friday to ascertain the cause of the glitch. The aircraft carrying 141 people suffered a hydraulic failure soon after take-off and went around Trichy for nearly two-and-a-half hours before making a safe landing at Trichy airport.



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FREE PRESS JOURNAL

MUMBAI

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Air India places order for 85 more planes with Airbus; to buy 10 addl A350 aircraft

PTI

NEW DELHI

Air India has placed an order for 85 more aircraft with Airbus, including 10 A350s, as the airline works on expanding operations, according to sources.

Of the 85 airplanes, 75 are narrow-body A320 family aircraft and 10 wide-body A350 planes, the sources said in the know said on Thursday.

There were no comments from Air India and Airbus.

In an update on Wednesday, Airbus said it has received orders for 667 aircraft this year till September.



Among them, there was an order, received on September 5, for 85 planes -- 20 A320neos, 55 A321neos, 5 A350-900s and 5 A350-1000s. The name of the airline was not disclosed.

As per the sources, this order was by Air India.

In February 2023, Air India placed orders for 470 planes with Airbus and Boeing.

The airline announced it will buy 250 planes from Airbus -- 210 from the A320neo family and 40 A350s. At that time, the carrier also had the option to purchase more aircraft.

The sources said the Tata Group-owned Air India has exercised the option by ordering 85 more planes.

After mid-air glitch, AIX jet lands safely at Trichy

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NEW DELHI/CHENNAI: An Air India Express (AIX) flight with 140 people on board developed problems after take-off from the Tiruchirappalli airport on Friday and landed back safely after it burnt off fuel for two-and-a-half anxious hours in a holding pattern over the city.

Officials at the airport prepared for an emergency, with a fleet of ambulances and firefighting vehicles readied, although the airline clarified that no emergency was declared by the pilots of the flight, AIX613 to Sharjah.

"After reporting a technical snag, the aircraft circled multiple times in the designated area as an abundant precaution, to reduce fuel and weight considering the runway length, before making a safe precautionary landing," said an AIX spokesperson. "The cause of the snag will be duly investigated. In the interim, an alternative aircraft is being arranged for the onward journey of our guests..."

Flight tracking websites



A statement from a senior government official suggested the problem may have been with the aircraft's hydraulics.

PTI

showed the Boeing 737 jet circling at an altitude of 4,400 feet for close to two-and-a-half hours.

An official aware of the matter, while asking not to be named, said "the pilot found the landing gear was not retracting due to which he decided to land back at Trichy as a precaution".

A second official, who is with the Airports Authority of India (AAI), added that the snag was detected immediately after the plane took at 5.43pm. "A belly landing (when a plane lands without its landing gear) was sug-

gested. But the landing gear was opening so the flight could land normally. An internal investigation will be conducted," said this person, asking not to be named. The aircraft landed at 8.15 pm, this person added.

Preparations for a belly landing can include foam and water sprays on the runway to reduce friction and fire risk, and emergency response vehicles to be stationed close by and medical personnel on alert. Since belly landings can trigger sparks, pilots procedurally dump fuel to minimise the risk of

explosion.

In this case, as the airline official's response indicated, the plane also had to shed weight due to the length of the runway.

A statement from a senior government official suggested the problem may have been with the aircraft's hydraulics, a system that controls moving parts of an aircraft, such as the landing gear and flaps.

In a statement, civil aviation minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said the airport and emergency teams responded swiftly and effectively after a full emergency was declared at 6.05pm. "The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been instructed to conduct a thorough examination of the aircraft to determine the exact cause of the hydraulic issue," Naidu said.

Chief minister MK Stalin said that the state government had convened an emergency meeting. "Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordinated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and instructed them to implement all necessary safety measures..." he said on X

Air India places order for 85 new jets, eyes more



Air India placed a new order for 85 Airbus jets, including 10 A350s.

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PARIS/DELHI: Air India has continued a dramatic bid to recapture a place among top carriers by placing a new order for 85 Airbus jets and now eyes more Boeings on top of a historic purchase of almost 500 jets from the two planemakers, people familiar with the matter said.

Airbus said late on Wednesday that an unnamed customer had placed an order for 75 A320-family jets and 10 long-haul A350s — a deal worth \$6.3 billion after typical discounts, according to Cirium Ascend data. Airlines frequently keep their names under wraps to avoid revealing their fleet strategies to competitors.

Three industry people aware of the matter said that Air India was the airline behind the order, which involves exercising options and comes barely a year after it ordered 250 new jets from Airbus and 220 from Boeing to revive its status with an all-new fleet.

Two of the people cited above said Air India was also in talks for a potential top-up order from Boeing.

Airbus declined comment on any talks with customers.

Boeing also did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

AIRLINES FREQUENTLY KEEP THEIR NAMES UNDER WRAPS TO AVOID REVEALING THEIR FLEET STRATEGIES TO COMPETITORS

Last year, Air India agreed to roughly split the then-record order for a total of 470 jets between Airbus and Boeing, with neither planemaker having the capacity to sweep the whole order.

Chief commercial and transformation officer Nipun Aggarwal, who led the secret London negotiations, was later quoted as saying Air India had also negotiated a total of 370 options and purchase rights from Airbus and Boeing on top of the main order.

Air India said last year that it still had options for 70 more Boeing jets but did not publish a breakdown for Airbus.

Analysts say both airlines face delays for their jets.

Consultancy CAPA India said on Thursday it was sticking close to a forecast of 6% to 8% domestic traffic growth in the year to March 2025, but expressed concerns about geopolitical tensions, higher oil prices and worsening supply disruption.



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Air India Express flight faces snag, lands after circling Trichy airport for two hours

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CHENNAI, NEW DELHI, OCT 11

AN Air India Express flight bound for Sharjah from Trichy experienced a technical issue shortly after takeoff on Friday evening, forcing the aircraft to circle in the sky for over two hours before landing.

The flight, carrying 141 passengers, took off at 5:30 pm. However, the plane's landing gear failed to retract, or fold, according to sources at Trichy airport.

The aircraft was still airborne as of 8 pm, with sources saying that in such a scenario, the protocol is to circle the air space to decrease the fuel before attempting a landing. A little after 8 pm, the aircraft landed safely.

Before the landing, emergency response efforts had been put in place, with 20 ambulances and fire services on standby at Trichy airport. Afterwards, an Air India Express spokesperson said, "We are aware of media reports related to an Air India Express flight operating on the Tiruchirappalli-Sharjah route. We would like to clarify that no emergency was declared by the operating crew. After reporting a technical

snag, the aircraft circled multiple times in the designated area as an abundant precaution, to reduce fuel and weight considering the runway length, before making a safe precautionary landing. The cause of the snag will be duly investigated. In the interim, an alternative aircraft is being arranged for the onward journey of our guests."

"We regret the inconvenience and reiterate our commitment to prioritising safety in every aspect of our operations," the spokesperson said. According to sources, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation was involved in monitoring the situation, and the airport was well-prepared to handle the situation.

In a tweet from the Tamil Nadu Raj Bhavan handle, Governor RN Ravi wrote, "Many thanks to the Captain and the Co-Pilot for the safe landing of flight IX613 from Tiruchirappalli to Sharjah after the landing gear glitch. The courage and calm professionalism of the cockpit and cabin crew truly shone during this trying and tense moment. Heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone involved, including emergency services, for ensuring the safety of all on board."



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JANSATTA

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तकनीकी खराबी के कारण ढाई घंटे तक हवा में चक्कर लगाता रहा विमान

नई दिल्ली, 11 अक्टूबर (भाषा)।

तिरुचिरापल्ली से शारजाह जा रहे एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के जिस विमान की हाइड्रालिक प्रणाली में शुक्रवार शाम गड़बड़ी आ गई थी, उसकी नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) गहन जांच करेगा।

शाम करीब साढ़े पांच बजे तिरुचिरापल्ली हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद विमान की हाइड्रालिक प्रणाली (लैंडिंग में इस्तेमाल ब्रेक, लैंडिंग गियर सहित अन्य उपकरणों को नियंत्रित करने वाली प्रणाली) में गड़बड़ी आ गई, जिस कारण विमान लैंडिंग से पहले लगभग ढाई घंटे तक हवा में चक्कर लगाता रहा।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने

एअर इंडिया के जिस विमान की हाइड्रालिक प्रणाली में गड़बड़ी आई, उसकी डीजीसीए गहन जांच करेगा।

एक बयान में कहा कि छह बजकर पांच मिनट पर पूर्ण आपातकाल घोषित किए जाने के बाद हवाई अड्डे और आपातकालीन टीम ने तेजी से और प्रभावी ढंग से काम शुरू कर दिया। रात आठ बजकर 15 मिनट पर विमान ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की।

नायडू ने कहा, 'डीजीसीए को हाइड्रालिक में गड़बड़ी आने का सटीक कारण पता लगाने के लिए विमान की गहन जांच करने का निर्देश दिया गया है। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस को यात्रियों को उनकी आगे की यात्रा के लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था सहित सभी जरूरी सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए कहा गया है।'



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MILLENNIUM POST

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TN: Aircraft faces glitch after take-off; DGCA to probe fault

CHENNAI: A Sharjah-bound Air India Express plane from Tiruchirappalli, shortly after departure on Friday evening, witnessed mid-air technical glitch and later landed safely, the police said.

Chief Minister MK Stalin held an emergency meeting with officials and directed them to follow all safety measures. Later, he congratulated the flight captain and crew for the safe landing.

After taking off at about 5:30 pm from the airport, the fault related to hydraulic systems, the landing gear, was noticed. Deftly handling the situation, the pilots later safely landed the aircraft in Tiruchirappalli airport.

The CM in a post on 'X' said: "I am heartened to hear that the #AirIndiaExpress flight has landed safely. Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordi-



Passengers at the Trichy Airport after an AI flight landed safely PIC/PTI

nated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and instructed them to implement all necessary safety measures, including deploying fire engines, ambulances, and medical assistance."

Aviation regulator DGCA will conduct a thorough examination of the plane that suffered a hydraulic failure to ascertain the cause of the glitch. The aircraft carrying 141 people suf-

fered a hydraulic failure soon after take-off and went around Trichy for nearly two-and-a-half hours before making a safe landing at Trichy airport.

In a statement, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the airport and emergency teams responded swiftly and effectively after a full emergency was declared at 1805 hours. The flight landed at 2015 hours. AGENIES



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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Tech glitch: Air India flight hovers in sky for two hrs

D VINCENT AROCKIARAJ @ Tiruchy

AN Air India Express flight (IX0613) bound for Sharjah from Tiruchy International Airport developed a technical snag and forced to hover in the sky for more than two hours before making an emergency landing in the same airport.

The pilot was able to safely land the aircraft at 8.15 pm after circling for over two-and-half hours. A total of 144 passengers including four children were on board, airport sources said, adding that all of them were safe.

The flight departed at 5.40 pm from Tiruchy International Airport. Within few minutes the pilot realized there was a

technical snag and alerted the air traffic control.

Led by Tiruchy city commissioner of Police N Kamini, a large posse of police arrived at the airport, immediately on receiving information. Revenue officials, a medical team headed by the dean of Tiruchy government medical college and hospital along with fire and rescue personnel were also put on standby.

Sources said, the pilot circled



off the flight to drain the fuel so as to make a smooth landing at the airport. The entire team, passengers on board, their relatives and officials heaved a sigh of relief after the flight made a smooth landing at 8.15 pm.

Commissioner of Police N Kamini told reporters that all the 144 passengers were safe and stable and that hydraulic failure was the reason for the incident.

The chief minister in a post

on 'X' said: "I am heartened to hear that the #AirIndiaExpress flight has landed safely. Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordinated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and instructed them to implement all necessary safety measures, including deploying fire engines, ambulances, and medical assistance. "I have also now directed the District Collector to ensure the continued safety of all the passengers and to provide further assistance. My compliments to the Captain and crew for the safe landing."

Earlier, as part of protocol, fire tenders, rescue personnel and ambulances had been rushed to the airport.



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Airport official

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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम खराब

पंजाब केसरी/
तिरुचिरापल्ली

तमिलनाडु के त्रिची से शारजाह जा रहे एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान में तकनीकी खराबी के बाद विमान को वापस त्रिची हवाई अड्डे पर लैंड कराया गया। आरंभिक सूचना के अनुसार, विमान में सवार 140 से ज्यादा यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान संख्या आईएक्स 613 ने शुक्रवार शाम 5.32 बजे त्रिची हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरी थी। उड़ान भरते ही पायलट को लैंडिंग गियर के हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम में खराबी का पता चला। इसके बाद आपात लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी गई। ढाई घंटे से ज्यादा समय तक विमान ने हवा में चक्कर लगाकर ईंधन कम किया। इसके बाद इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। इस दौरान, विमान में



● त्रिची हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग और सभी यात्री सुरक्षित

सवार यात्रियों के साथ ही हवाई अड्डे पर मौजूद अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की सांसें भी थमी रहीं। सभी विमान की सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की प्रार्थना करते रहे। हवाई अड्डे पर सभी विमानों की आवाजाही रोककर आपात लैंडिंग की पूरी तैयारी की गई थी। दमकल की गाड़ियों के साथ पर्याप्त संख्या में एंबुलेंस को भी तैयार रखा गया था।



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RASHTRIYA SAHARA

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एअर इंडिया के विमान की हाइड्रोलिक प्रणाली में आई गड़बड़ी

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नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने एक बयान में कहा कि छह बजकर पांच मिनट पर पूर्ण आपातकाल घोषित किए जाने के बाद हवाई अड्डे और आपातकालीन टीम ने तेजी से और प्रभावी ढंग से काम शुरू कर दिया। रात आठ बजकर 15 मिनट पर विमान ने सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की। नायडू ने कहा, 'डीजीसीए को हाइड्रोलिक में गड़बड़ी आने का सटीक कारण पता लगाने के लिए विमान की गहन जांच करने का निर्देश दिया गया है। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस को यात्रियों को उनकी आगे की यात्रा के लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था सहित सभी जरूरी सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए कहा गया है।'



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THE STATESMAN

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Air India flight suffers hydraulic failure mid-air; lands at Trichy



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
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An Air India flight en route from Tiruchirapalli (Trichy) to Sharjah, with over 140 people on board, encountered a technical snag or a hydraulic failure mid air on Friday, triggering panic at the airport.

The aircraft had to circle the airspace above Trichy to burn off excess fuel before attempting to land back at the Tiruchirapalli airport.

Following the incident, the airport was put on high alert

with more than 20 ambulances and fire tenders deployed as a precautionary measure to handle any potential emergency.

"Air India flight from Trichy to Sharjah faced a technical problem (hydraulic failure) and is rounding in air space to decrease the fuel before landing at Trichy airport," airport director Gopalakrishnan said. In a statement, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation closely monitored the situation as it unfolded.



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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Air India buys 85 Airbus jets

PARIS/DELHI: Air India has continued a dramatic bid to recapture a place among top carriers by placing a new order for 85 Airbus jets and now eyes more Boeings on top of an historic purchase of almost 500 jets from the two planemakers, industry sources said.

The Airbus order emerged in a routine industry update as the national carrier mourned the death of the former chairman of parent Tata Group, business and aviation pioneer Ratan Tata.

Airbus said late on Wednesday an unnamed customer had placed an order for 75 A320-family jets and 10 long-haul A350s — a deal worth \$6.3 billion after typical discounts, according to Cirium Ascend



An Air India Airbus A350 aeroplane at Begumpet airport. Reuters file photo

data. Airlines frequently keep their names under wraps to avoid revealing their fleet strategies to competitors.

Three industry sources said that Air India was the airline behind the order, which involves exercising options and comes barely a year after it ordered 250 new jets from Airbus and 220 from Boeing

to revive its status with an all-new fleet. Two of the sources said Air India was also in talks for a potential top-up order from Boeing. Air India did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the Airbus part of the follow-on negotiations, first reported by Bloomberg News.

Airbus, whose monthly order update was published shortly before Tata announced the death of its former chairman at the age of 86, declined comment on any talks with customers. Two of the sources said Air India was also in talks for a potential top-up order from Boeing.

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the follow-on negotiations, first reported by Bloomberg News.

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Flying and fast cars were two of his biggest passions and the group sought to snap up Air India in an earlier privatisation process which was later aborted by the government.

In 2021, he cheered the return of Air India to Tata's fold under a new process but acknowledged the challenge of rebuilding the airline virtually from scratch after years of decline.

Reuters

Bags fly after pilot starts engine with plane linked to aerobridge

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New Delhi: In a major lapse, pilots of Oman Air reportedly started the engine of their aircraft at Indira Gandhi International airport on Oct 5 when the aerobridge and the bulk loader (from which baggage is loaded and offloaded from planes) were connected to the Boeing 737. Luckily, there were no injuries, but baggage on trolleys near the engine went flying, say sources.

“Boarding for the Delhi-Muscat flight was yet to begin. The aircraft was connected to the aerobridge and baggage belt. For ‘snagrectification’, the pilots started the engine without clearance. It was a miracle that there was no one near the engine and, so, there were no injuries,” an airport source said.

Comments were sought from Oman Air on this and awaited till the time of going to press.

Only after the boarding of passengers and baggage loading is completed and the aerobridge removed and doors closed, does the ground crew confirm to the pilots that they are ready to push back. The pilots then seek pushback and startup clearance from air traffic control. That is when the flight commences.

On getting the same, a tow truck initiates the pushing back of the aircraft with one person driving the truck and another, with a head-

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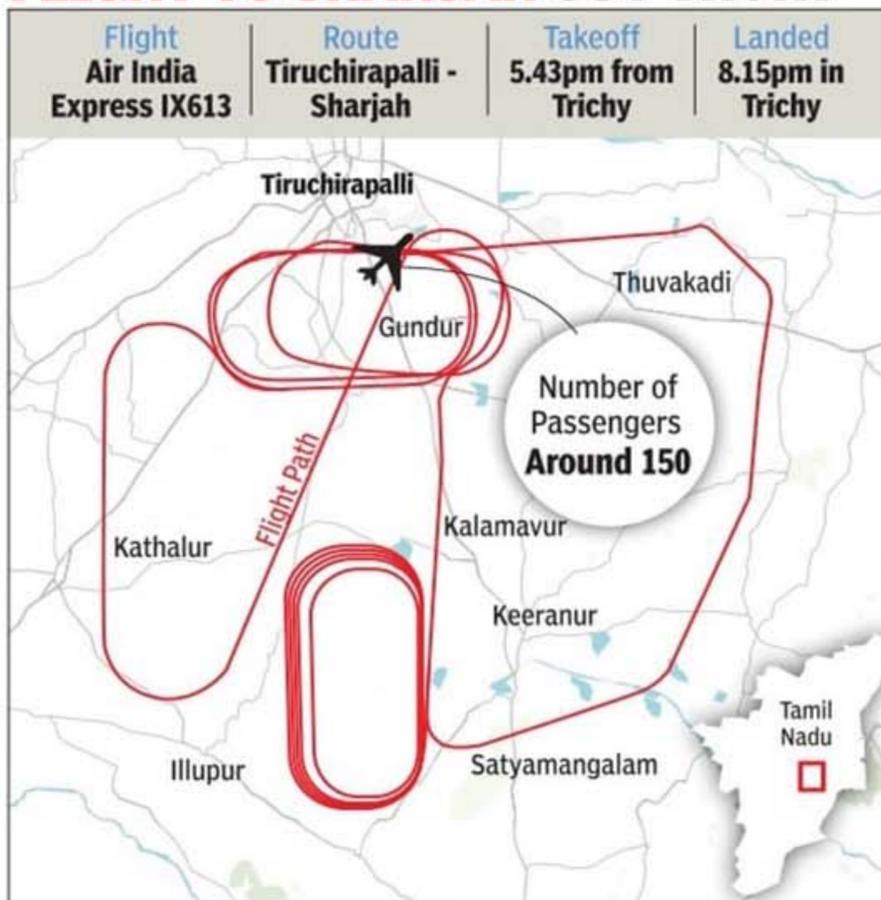
phone connected to speak to pilots in the cockpit, walking alongside.

After the pushback is complete and the plane is ready to move, the pilots ask the other person on the ground, “Let me know when we can start?” After ascertaining that there is no one near the engine, the person on the ground says, “Clear to start.”

All these precautions are taken to ensure that the engine is not started when there’s someone close to it. There have been multiple cases of ground personnel getting sucked into a started engine across the world and losing their lives.

Snag-hit AI aircraft circles over Trichy for 2 hrs, lands safely

FLIGHT TO SHARJAH CUT SHORT



TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Air India Express's Tiruchirapalli-Sharjah flight returned to land safely at origin in Tamil Nadu on Friday night after suffering a hydraulic snag due to which the landing gear of the Boeing 737 could not be retracted after take-off. The Boeing 737 (VT-AYB) had left Trichy at 5.43 pm as IX613 with about 150 people on board.

"Since the aircraft was fuelled up to fly to Sharjah, a long flight, the crew burnt fuel for well over two hours by circling nearby before landing. This was done to avoid overweight landing by coming below the maximum landing weight. An overweight landing can damage the landing gear," said sources. It landed safely at around 8.15 pm in Trichy after burning fuel.

The pilots' action is being commended. "While we are all trained for such situations in simulators, doing what is required when actually the time comes by keeping presence of mind is key. The pilots of IX613 did that on Friday," said many pilots.

The airline described it as a "precautionary landing" due to the suspected snag. All precautionary steps, like lining up emergency vehicles along the runway, were made.

An aviation ministry spokesperson said: "The aircraft has landed safely. The DGCA is monitoring (the situation). The landing gear was opening and it landed normally. But the airport was alert and ready (for any situation)."

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin said on X: "I am heartened to hear that the AI Express flight has landed safely. Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordinated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and in-

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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Flight fares to TN districts skyrocket

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With the three-day weekend ahead, flight fares to Madurai, Salem, Coimbatore, and Tuticorin from Chennai rose threefold on Thursday. Many passengers preferred flights over train journeys to reach their hometowns earlier.

As many as eight flights are being operated to Coimbatore daily by Indigo and Air India, and the fare would normally be around ₹3,500. However, on Thursday, the ticket price soared to ₹11,000. "If one books a ticket at the last minute, it will be around ₹6,000, but it was double on Thursday," said Kishore K, who travels by air to Coimbatore.

Similarly, flight fares to Madurai surged from ₹4,200 to ₹18,000 on Thursday. This is despite seven flights being operated between the two cities. Flight tickets to Trichy spiked from ₹3,000 to ₹7,000, and tickets to Salem cost up to ₹10,000. Flight tickets cost ₹12,000 to Tuticorin, while the average fare is around ₹5,000.

Apart from those going to their hometowns, people visiting tourist spots such as Courtallam, Ooty, Kodaikanal, Yercaud and Kanyakumari preferred flights to reach there quickly to spend the long weekend, resulting in the surging of ticket fares.

Despite the high fares, there was a huge rush of air passengers.



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THE TRIBUNE

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Air India orders 85 planes from Airbus

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

Air India has placed an order for 85 more aircraft with Airbus, including 10 A350s, as the airline works on expanding operations, according to sources. Of the 85 airplanes, 75 are narrow-body A320 family aircraft and 10 wide-body A350 planes, the sources said in the *know* said on Thursday.

There were no comments from Air India and Airbus.

In an update on Wednesday, Airbus said it has received orders for 667 aircraft this year till September.

Among them, there was an order, received on September 5, for 85 planes—30 A320neos, 55 A321neos, 5 A350-900s and 5 A350-1000s.

The name of the airline was not disclosed. As per the sources, this order was by Air India.—PTI



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THE TRIBUNE

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AI flight lands safely after mid-air glitch

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

An Air India Express flight to Sharjah that took off from Tamil Nadu's Trichy International Airport at 5:40 pm landed back safely after developing a technical snag, an official said on Friday.

Aviation regulator DGCA will conduct a thorough examination of the Air India Express plane that suffered a hydraulic failure to ascertain the cause of the glitch.

The aircraft carrying 141 people suffered a hydraulic failure soon after take-off and went around Trichy for nearly two-and-a-half hours before making a safe landing at Trichy airport.

In a statement, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said the airport and

emergency teams responded swiftly and effectively after a full emergency was declared at 18:05 hours. The flight landed at 20:15 hours.

"The DGCA has been instructed to conduct a thorough examination of the aircraft to determine the exact cause of the hydraulic issue.

"In the meantime, Air India Express has been advised to provide all necessary assistance to the passengers, including alternate arrangements for their onward journey," Naidu said. "Following the hydraulic failure on Air India Express flight AXB 613 operating from Trichy to Sharjah with 141 people on board, we are relieved that the aircraft has landed safely at Trichy airport," he said. — PTI