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## अब हिंडन एयरपोर्ट की होगी अपनी पार्किंग

गाजियाबाद। अब हिंडन सिविल टर्मिनल पर एयरक्राफ्ट खड़ी करने की दिक्कत नहीं होगी। टर्मिनल की अपनी पार्किंग होगी। हिंडन एयरफोर्स स्टेशन ने चार एयरक्राफ्ट की पार्किंग के लिए टर्मिनल के पिछले भाग में जगह देने के लिए सहमति दे दी है। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी की तरफ से इस संबंध में मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ डिफेंस और हिंडन एयरफोर्स स्टेशन को पत्र लिखा गया था।

इससे पूर्व टर्मिनल पर महज दो एयरक्राफ्ट खड़ी करने की ही जगह थी। यदि किसी एयरक्राफ्ट में खराबी है और वह पार्किंग में खड़ी है तो आगे की दूसरे शहरों की उड़ान रद्द हो जाती थी। इसकी वजह से हिंडन सिविल टर्मिनल पर पिछले दिनों बड़ी संख्या में डेडो और एयरइंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानें रद्द हुई थीं। रद्द हुई उड़ानों के बाद यात्रियों ने एयरपोर्ट से लेकर सोशल मीडिया पर जमकर अपनी नाराजगी जाहिर की थी।

एयरपोर्ट निदेशक डॉ. चिल्ला महेश ने बताया कि हिंडन एयरफोर्स स्टेशन हैंगर एरिया के लिए अथॉरिटी 34,500 वर्ग मीटर की जमीन उपलब्ध करवाएगा। यहां एक साथ चार फ्लाइट पार्क हो सकेंगे। वर्तमान में एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के पास केवल दो ही एयरक्राफ्ट के लिए पार्किंग की जगह उपलब्ध है। व्यूरो



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## **हिंडन टर्मिनल पर चार एयरक्राफ्ट पार्क हो सकेंगे**

ट्रांस हिंडन। हिंडन सिविल टर्मिनल पर एयरक्राफ्ट पार्किंग की समस्या जल्द ही समाप्त होने वाली है। हिंडन एयरफोर्स ने टर्मिनल के पिछले हिस्से में चार एयरक्राफ्ट की पार्किंग के लिए जमीन की मंजूरी दे दी है। पार्किंग बनने के बाद छह एयरक्राफ्ट एक ही समय पर खड़े हो सकेंगे। वर्तमान में टर्मिनल पर केवल दो एयरक्राफ्ट ही एक साथ खड़े हो सकते थे।



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## ■ Aviation minister reviews performance, grievance redressal *Naidu asks airlines to keep fares in check*

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In view of the high demand for air tickets during the festival season, the government has urged airlines to keep airfares reasonable. During the monthly review meeting with domestic airlines on Friday, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu sensitised the airlines to ensure that airfares remain reasonable across the sectors. The airlines assured

that passenger convenience will remain their top priority and informed that additional flight capacities have been deployed on high-traffic routes to meet festive demand.

The minister has also directed the DGCA's tariff monitoring unit to maintain strict vigilance on airfares and ensure compliance with the tariff range declared by airlines.

The monthly review meeting with airlines was held to assess their opera-

tional and technical performance, with a special focus on safety and passenger facilitation.

The majority of the airlines, like Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo, Akasa Air, Alliance Air, Fly91, FlyBig and IndiaOne Air, participated and presented their performance metrics, including action taken reports on security incidents and passenger grievances.

Comprehensive discussions were also held on

safety oversight, fleet management and passenger-centric initiatives.

During the interaction, the minister also reviewed grievance redressal done by the airlines and directed them to qualitatively close passenger grievances in a timely manner. The Ministry's passenger grievance redressal portal, AirSewa has also been upgraded to enable passengers to register complaints related to high airfares, officials said.



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## SpiceJet adds three aircraft to its fleet

MUMBAI, Oct 10: Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Friday said it has received and added three new aircraft, an Airbus A340 wide-body and two Boeing 737s, to its operational fleet.

SpiceJet said the expansion of its fleet will cater to the surging demand for air travel this holiday season.

A total of 20 aircraft will be joining the airline's operational fleet between October and November, and will be operated under a damp lease model, it noted.

The airline, however, did not specify the leasing duration.

These new planes will join operations between October 10 and 11, it said, adding that the airline will also unground four planes by mid-December, further boosting capacity.

Ajay Singh-promoted airline, on three occasions earlier, announced signing aircraft leasing deals, each time for 10 aircraft. But it has added only one till September 30 this year.

The airline now has 21 operational aircraft in its fleet as of October 10, compared to 18 at the end of September 30 last year, according to aircraft fleet tracking website Planesspotter.com. – PTI



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## विमान की हवा में चटकी विंडशील्ड, सुरक्षित लैंडिंग

विमान में थे 76 यात्री, मदुरै वापसी की यात्रा रद्द

चेन्नई। मदुरै से चेन्नई जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान की विंडशील्ड शनिवार को हवा में चटक गई। पायलटों ने आगे के शीशे में दरार देखी। चेन्नई हवाईअड्डे पर हवाई यातायात नियंत्रक (एटीसी) को सूचित कर विमान को वहां सुरक्षित उतारा गया। उड़ान संख्या 6ई7253 में 76 यात्री सवार थे। लैंडिंग के बाद विमान को अलग पार्किंग क्षेत्र में ले जाकर यात्रियों को उतारा गया।

अधिकारियों ने बताया, विंडशील्ड टूटने की वजह पता नहीं चल सकी है। बाद में, मदुरै के लिए विमान की वापसी की यात्रा रद्द कर दी गई। इंडिगो ने विंडशील्ड में दरार की कोई जानकारी नहीं दी, लेकिन कहा कि विमान को रखरखाव संबंधी जरूरत के कारण उड़ान भरने से रोका गया। जरूरी जांच और मंजूरी के बाद ही विमान की उड़ानें फिर शुरू की जाएंगी। एजेंसी



### विमान से टकराया पक्षी

नई दिल्ली। पुणे से दिल्ली आ रहे अकासा एयर के विमान से पक्षी टकरा गया। इस दौरान कोई अप्रिय घटना नहीं हुई। बाद में विमान की दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई। उसे रखरखाव के चलते गोवा की उड़ान भरने से रोका गया। दिल्ली में इस साल जून तक ऐसी 95 घटनाएं सामने आ चुकी हैं। ब्यूरो



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## दिल्ली से ग्वांगझू की सीधी उड़ान 10 नवंबर से शुरू

नई दिल्ली। इंडिगो ने शनिवार को दिल्ली और चीन के ग्वांगझू के बीच रोजाना सीधी उड़ानें 10 नवंबर से शुरू करने का एलान किया है। उड़ानों का संचालन एयरबस ए320 विमान से होगा। एयरलाइन के मुताबिक, दिल्ली से ग्वांगझू की उड़ान रात 9:45 बजे रवाना होगी और सुबह 4:40 बजे पहुंचेगी। वापसी में सुबह 5:50 बजे ग्वांगझू से उड़ान भरेगी और सुबह 10:10 बजे दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। इंडिगो कोलकाता से ग्वांगझू के बीच 26 अक्टूबर से रोजाना उड़ानें शुरू करने का पहले ही एलान कर चुकी है। लद्दाख में सीमा पर विवाद के बाद दोनों देशों के बीच उड़ानें निलंबित कर दी गई थीं। ध्युरो



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## पुणे से दिल्ली आ रही फ्लाइट से टकराया पक्षी, डगमगाया विमान

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पुणे से दिल्ली आ रही अकासा एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट से शनिवार को पक्षी टकरा गया। इससे विमान हवा में डगमगाने लगा। विमान में अफरा-तफरी मच गई और यात्री डर गए। तब विमान के पायलट ने कहा कि विमान से पक्षी टकराने से ऐसा हुआ। विमान नियंत्रण में है। इसके बाद यात्रियों की जान में जान आई। पायलट ने सूझबूझ से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग करवाई। अकासा एयरलाइंस के प्रवक्ता ने बताया, विमान की जांच की जा रही है। इसे सेवा में तभी वापस लाया जाएगा, जब यह पूरी तरह सुरक्षित और उड़ान के लिए तैयार पाया जाएगा। हालांकि, ऐसी घटनाएं असामान्य नहीं हैं, लेकिन हर बार इनका सामना करने के लिए एयरलाइंस पूरी तरह तैयार रहती हैं।



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## दिल्ली से हनोई के लिए उड़ान शुरू करेगी इंडिगो

नई दिल्ली। विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो ने शनिवार को दिल्ली से हनोई के लिए नयी उड़ान शुरू करने की घोषणा की। एयरलाइंस ने आज एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि दिल्ली से वियतनाम की राजधानी हनोई के लिए वह 20 दिसंबर से दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करेगी। इस मार्ग पर वह एयरबस के ए320 विमान का परिचालन करेगी। फिलहाल वियतनाम के लिए कोलकाता से इंडिगो हर सप्ताह 14 उड़ानों का परिचालन कर रही है। ये उड़ानें राजधानी हनोई और हो ची मिन्ह के लिए हैं। दिल्ली से वियतनाम के लिए यह उसकी पहली उड़ान होगी, जो दिसंबर में शुरू हो रही है। इंडिगो के वैश्विक विक्री प्रमुख विनय मल्होत्रा ने कहा कि वियतनाम अपनी सांस्कृतिक जीवंतता, प्राकृतिक सुंदरता और आर्थिक गतिशीलता के कारण भारतीयों के लिए सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते पर्यटन और व्यावसायिक गंतव्यों में से एक के रूप में उभरा है।



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### **Akasa Air plane flying from Pune to Delhi suffers bird hit**

**NEW DELHI, PTI:** An Akasa Air aircraft flying from Pune to Delhi suffered a bird hit on Friday and landed safely in the national capital.

The plane is being examined by the engineering team and will be released for service after a thorough inspection, an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

“Akasa Air flight QP 1607 flying from Pune to Delhi on 10th October 2025 experienced a bird hit. The aircraft landed safely and all passengers and crew members were deplaned,” the spokesperson said.

Details regarding the number of passengers were not disclosed.

The flight, operated with a Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft, landed in the national capital little past 10 am on Friday, according to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGLORE

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### **AI Express to operate 3 new flights**

**MUMBAI, DHNS:** The Air India Express has announced the launch of direct flights from Bengaluru, its largest station, to three new destinations in the West Asia — Jeddah and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.

The new services to Jeddah will commence from October 26, 2025, while flights to Riyadh and Kuwait will begin

on October 27, 2025, further strengthening connectivity between South India and the Middle East.

Guests can book these flights at attractive inaugural fares ranging between Rs 13,500 to Rs 19,500 on the airline's website, [airindiaexpress.com](http://airindiaexpress.com), its mobile app, and across major booking channels.

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# पुणे से दिल्ली आ रहे विमान से टकराया पक्षी , सुरक्षित लैंडिंग

जासं, नई दिल्ली : पुणे से दिल्ली आ रहे अकासा एयर के विमान से पक्षी टकरा गया। लेकिन, पायलट ने आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर विमान को सुरक्षित लैंड करा लिया। इसके बाद गोवा के लिए दूसरे विमान से यात्रियों को भेजा गया।

जानकारी के अनुसार सुबह 7.50 बजे विमान ने पुणे से दिल्ली के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। इसे दिल्ली के आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर सुबह 10 बजे उतरना था, लेकिन इससे कुछ ही समय पहले आकाश में ही एक पक्षी विमान से टकरा गया। इससे चालक व यात्रियों ने एक झटका महसूस किया। अकासा की

ओर जारी बयान में कहा गया कि विमान को सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। अकासा एयर की मानक संचालन प्रक्रियाओं के अनुसार इंजीनियरिंग टीम विमान की जांच कर रही है। गहन निरीक्षण के बाद इसे सेवा के लिए छोड़ा जाएगा। सूत्रों का कहना है कि इस विमान को दिल्ली में लैंडिंग के बाद गोवा के लिए उड़ान भरनी थी, लेकिन पक्षी टकराने की वजह से गोवा के लिए दूसरे विमान का प्रबंध किया गया। दिल्ली में विमानों के पक्षियों से टकराने की हर साल करीब 400 घटनाएं हुई हैं। वर्ष 2025 में जून तक यहां ऐसी 95 घटनाएं सामने आ चुकी हैं।



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## Check festive fares, airlines told

**New Delhi:** Civil aviation minister K Rammohan Naidu met airlines officials to assess their operational and technical performance, and asked them to keep airfares at reasonable levels during the festivals. The meet was held amid demand by Federation of Indian Pilots to ground the entire Air India's Dreamliners fleet after two incidents in a week. It sought checking of Dreamliners' electrical systems and a DGCA special audit of Air India.

In another incident, Air India said its Delhi-bound flight from Vienna on Thursday was diverted to Dubai due to a technical issue. Reacting on the deployment of Ram Air Turbine in its Dreamliner before just landing at the Birmingham airport on Oct 4, the carrier said preliminary probe showed it was "neither due to a system fault nor pilot action."

—Agencies



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## दिल्ली से चीन के लिए इंडिगो की सीधी उड़ान 10 नवंबर से

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दिल्ली से चीन के ग्वांगझु शहर के लिए इंडिगो ने 10 नवंबर से सीधी दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। इसके साथ ही वियतनाम के लिए भी सीधी उड़ान शुरू होगी।

इंडिगो ने इससे पहले 26 अक्टूबर से कोलकाता और ग्वांगझु के बीच दैनिक उड़ानों की घोषणा की थी। विमानन कंपनी के सेल्स प्रमुख विनय मल्होत्रा ने बताया कि हाल ही में कोलकाता से शुरू की गई उड़ान के अलावा दिल्ली और ग्वांगझु के बीच दैनिक सीधी उड़ानों से कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ेगी। परिचालन फिर से शुरू होने से सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान और आर्थिक सहयोग बढ़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि 20 दिसंबर से वियतनाम के हनोई के लिए उड़ान शुरू होगी।



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## विमान की विंडशील्ड में दरार, बाल-बाल बचे यात्री

चेन्नई, एजेंसी। मद्रुरै से शनिवार को 76 यात्रियों को लेकर चेन्नई आ रहा इंडिगो का एक विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने से बाल-बाल बचा। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान के कॉकपिट ग्लास (विंडशील्ड) में आई दरार को पायलट ने चेन्नई हवाई अड्डे पर लैंडिंग से पहले देख लिया और तुरंत हवाई यातायात नियंत्रक (एटीसी) को सूचित किया।

हवाई अड्डे पर जरूरी व्यवस्था की गई और विमान को सुरक्षित रूप से उतार लिया गया। विंडशील्ड विमान के सही संचालन के लिए जरूरी है क्योंकि यह

पायलट को सुरक्षित रूप से देखने में मदद करती है, खासकर टेकऑफ, लैंडिंग और उड़ान के दौरान।

**उड़ान रद्द करनी पड़ी :** उन्होंने बताया कि 'विंडशील्ड' टूटने की वजह अभी पता नहीं चल सका है और इसे बदलने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है। इस घटना के कारण मद्रुरै के लिए विमान की वापसी की यात्रा रद्द कर दी गई है। वहीं, इंडिगो ने दरार का जिक्र नहीं किया और सिर्फ इतना कहा कि विमान को रखरखाव संबंधी आवश्यकता के कारण उड़ान भरने से रोका गया।



चेन्नई जाने वाली उड़ान की विंड शील्ड में शनिवार को आई दरार। • सोशल मीडिया से

# IndiGo CEO seeks a level-playing field in European market

**Jagriti Chandra**

COPENHAGEN

There must be a “level playing field” between Indian and European carriers allowing reciprocal market access, says IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers as his airline makes an entry into Europe and aims to grow its long-haul network amid tight slot availability at major hubs such as those in Amsterdam and London.

“If KLM in Netherlands is flying 28 flights a week into India because of the [size of] the Indian market, and on the other hand the Indian operators such as Air India only get like seven flights, and [there is] nothing or just a handful of slots for IndiGo at Amsterdam’s Schipol, then there should be some balance,” Pieter Elbers told *The Hindu* as IndiGo added its third European destination this year with the launch of flights to Copenhagen on October 8, months after launching flights to Amsterdam and Manchester. It will also fly daily to London Heathrow from later this month.

“For a long time, a lot of the international travel from India was going through hubs outside the geographical scope of India. I’m a strong believer that India deserves and should have airlines of the size and potential that matches the size and the potential of the nation, and a network is part of that,” Mr. Elbers said assertively. The imbalance was further widened because Euro-



Pieter Elbers

pean carriers could operate to several Indian airports such as Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru, whereas the smaller size of their markets made it commercially feasible for Indian airlines to serve only one major airport in those countries, the CEO claimed.

“I am not saying they should be restricted, but Indian operators should have at least a fair and balanced playing field because India is the market,” Mr. Elbers said.

“It is difficult to understand [the argument] that since Europeans have been flying from a long time, so they have all the slots. That is not the way it should work,” he referred to the common practice of grandfathering of historic slots, which allows an airline to keep using their airport slots if they have been able to operate 80% of their scheduled flights instead of returning them to a pool for reallocation for various airlines, that makes it harder for new entrants to access these markets.

*(The reporter is in Copenhagen on the invitation of IndiGo)*

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**THE CURIOUS CASE OF UNCOMMANDED DEPLOYMENT OF LAST-RESORT POWER SYSTEM ON AN AIR INDIA FLIGHT**

## DGCA probes incident faced on landing at Birmingham airport

**SUKALP SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

THERE APPEARED nothing out of the ordinary with Air India flight AI-117 last week, flying from Amritsar to Birmingham in the UK, until it descended to an altitude of just 400 feet on its final approach into the Birmingham airport.

Then, strangely, the ram air turbine (RAT)—a last-resort emergency power system—of the Boeing 787-8 aircraft deployed on its own, even as all electrical and hydraulic parameters were found to be normal and the pilots did not spot any abnormality with the plane. The aircraft landed safely.

This extremely unusual incident of a seemingly unexpected and uncommanded deployment of the RAT has raised eyebrows and concerns about Boeing 787 aircraft, and comes less than four months after the catastrophic crash of an Air India Boeing 787 in



The RAT deploys automatically during grave emergencies. File

Ahmedabad on June 12, which killed 260 people.

In modern aircraft, the RAT deploys automatically during grave emergencies involving total electrical failure, a debilitating hydraulic failure, or a rarest of rare dual engine failure. Pilots can also deploy it manually. But an accidental automatic RAT deployment in the absence of an emergency and while aircraft is an extremely unusual occurrence, and unheard of.

Aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will be probing

this bizarre incident. Meanwhile, pilot grouping Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) urged the DGCA to inspect the electrical systems of all Boeing 787 aircraft operating in India, arguing that the RAT deployment points at electrical system issues with the Boeing 787s and that the incident serves as a pointer to the Ahmedabad crash.

### How the RAT works on aircraft

The RAT, a critical system, is essentially a wind turbine stowed in a compartment in the underside of the fuselage of the Boeing 787,

just behind the aircraft's wing. It deploys into the airstream to generate power only when primary and secondary power sources fail. Although aircraft are equipped with auxiliary power units (APUs) to provide the required power to critical aircraft systems in the event of a total engine failure, the RAT provides an extra layer of safety, making it the plane's last-ditch emergency power system when everything else fails.

It generates power from the airstream by injecting ram pressure, created by the forward motion of the aircraft, depending on the plane's speed. In the case of total power failure, the RAT powers vital systems such as flight controls, flight-critical instrumentation, navigation, and communication equipment. In the short period between the loss of power and RAT deployment, the plane's batteries keep the bare minimum essential instrumentation going.

The RAT is particularly useful at high or cruising altitudes, and high speeds, as the pilots get enough time and supportive power for the aircraft's essential systems and controls. The RAT, however, is not a substitute for engine power. According to Collins Aerospace, which is among RAT manufacturers, these turbines "are responsible for saving more than 2,400 lives over the past five decades".

As the Boeing 787—registered VT-ANO—operating Air India flight AI117 from Ahmedabad was landing in Birmingham airport, the RAT unlock message came and it got deployed, even as the pilots did not report any related abnormality with the aircraft, it is learnt. At the time, the aircraft was at an altitude of just 400 ft, well into its landing trajectory. It landed safely at Birmingham, where it was grounded for checks. All checks and Boeing-recom-

mended maintenance actions for uncommanded RAT deployments were carried out, and no discrepancy was observed, according to DGCA officials.

### Fresh concerns over Boeing 787 systems

The incident has again raised concerns over the safety of the Boeing 787 aircraft in certain quarters, coming barely four months after the Ahmedabad disaster. The RAT was one of the points of focus in the days following the tragic crash. The doomed aircraft's RAT was deployed moments after liftoff, as the engine fuel control switches transitioned from 'RUN' to 'CUTOFF', which shut down both the engines, as per the preliminary probe report. The detailed technical investigation into the crash is underway and the final investigation report is expected in a few months.

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## बीच हवा में इंडिगो के विमान की 'विंडशील्ड' में आई दरार

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अलग पार्किंग क्षेत्र में ले जाया गया और फिर यात्रियों को सुरक्षित रूप से उतारा गया। उन्होंने बताया कि 'विंडशील्ड' में दरार की वजह अभी पता नहीं चल सकी है और इसे बदलने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, इस घटना के कारण मद्रुरै के लिए विमान की वापसी की यात्रा रद्द कर दी गई है। इस बीच, इंडिगो ने अपने बयान में 'विंडशील्ड' में दरार का जिक्र नहीं किया और सिर्फ इतना कहा कि विमान को 'रख-रखाव संबंधी आवश्यकता' के कारण उड़ान भरने से रोका गया है।



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## विमान के चेन्नई पहुंचने से पहले उसकी 'विंडशील्ड' में दरार आई

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## Pilots' body urges govt: Ground all A-I Boeing 787s

**SUKALP SHARMA**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 10

AFTER INSTANCES of technical snags in two aircraft in less than a week, the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) Friday urged the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to ground all Air India (AI) Boeing 787 planes for a thorough check of their electrical systems. In a letter to Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu, the pilots' body also demanded a special audit of maintenance of AI aircraft.

The FIP has been demanding an exhaustive check of the e-systems of all Boeing 787-8 aircraft since the Ahmedabad plane crash that killed 260 people on June 12.

The letter by FIP, which has around 5,500 pilots as members, came a day after an AI Boeing 787-8, flying from Vienna to Delhi, had to be diverted to Dubai due to a technical snag. On October 4, another AI Boeing 787-8, flying from Amritsar to Birmingham, had experienced an uncommanded deployment of the ram air turbine (RAT). It is being probed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

After the Ahmedabad crash, a number of snags involving the airline's Boeing 787s have been reported, FIP said, arguing that air safety is being compromised by "not investigating the causes of failures". "We once again appeal to now ground all the B-787s (Boeing 787 aircraft) of Air India."



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## IndiGo to start Delhi-China direct flights from Nov 10

New Delhi: After an over five-year lull, India and China will ramp up their direct air connectivity. IndiGo Saturday announced a daily direct flight between Delhi and Guangzhou from Nov 10, shortly after the airline links Kolkata and Guangzhou from Oct 20. Air India is also set to fly to China before the end of the year and many Chinese carriers will have India flights. IndiGo has been among the first airlines to reinstate flights between the two countries.

In 2018, India and China had 536 direct flights operated by airlines including Air India, IndiGo, China Southern and China Eastern. In March 2020, flights were halted during Covid. Since then, travelling between India and China meant doing so through a third country.

On Oct 2, aviation ministry said direct flights "follow continuous technical-level engagement between civil aviation authorities as part of broader efforts to normalise ties." 188



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## Pune-Delhi Akasa flight suffers bird hit

**Pune:** A bird strike was detected on Akasa Air's Pune-Delhi aircraft after it landed safely in the national capital Friday morning, reports Joy Sengupta.

The airline, in a statement, confirmed the incident: "Akasa Air flight QP 667 flying from Pune to Delhi on Get 30 experienced a bird hit. The aircraft landed safely and all passengers and crew were deplaned. The aircraft is being examined by our engineers in line with Akasa Air's standard operating procedures and will be released for service after thorough inspection. At Akasa Air, safety continues to be our top priority," an airline spokesperson told TOI.

The flight was scheduled to depart from Pune at 7.50am and land in Delhi at 11.00am. According to aircraft tracker app Flightradar24, the plane took off around 8.30am and landed in Delhi at 11.00am. Thereafter, the bird strike was detected. The airline did not mention which part of the aircraft, a Boeing 737 MAX, was struck and the extent of the damage. Nor did it divulge the place of occurrence. The aircraft was scheduled to fly to Agartala at 11.50am. But it departed from Delhi at 1.50pm and landed in Agartala at 12.42pm.

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## 'Boeing, US aviation regulator knew of 787 water leaks in 2016'

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**M**ike Andrews (pictured), a US lawyer representing families of over 110 crash victims, told TOI that documents show America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Boeing knew of Boeing 787 Dreamliner's water leak problems as early as 2016.

"Our team obtained FAA and Boeing documents (which show they knew). The documents include field reports of wet computers in electronic equipment bays," Andrews told TOI over the phone from the US. "I have purchased the referenced couplings, and our experts are evaluating how they loosen and leak."

"Water intrusion could affect systems (including the aircraft's tail battery area). A water leak

into Full Authority Digital Engine Control/Thrust Control Multi-function As-commodated computer systems explains the symptoms: Flickering lights, electrical resets, and the anti-air turbine (AAT) deployment," he said. "Definitive answers

require the flight data recorder (FDR) to consider electrical status and cockpit warnings."

Andrews said that the latest development in his team's endeavour to bring those responsible to account is the filing of an application under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain FDR data. He said, "On Sept 16, the agency requested 30 days to respond."

He added that most of the 110-plus families are from India and include victims who were on board the plane as well as those who died on the ground. "Some families also hold UK or Portuguese passports, though they are largely of Indian origin," he said. "For the US litigation, we let evidence and investigation guide timing. Setting arbitrary dates can leave you without the needed proof."

Andrews said that the families are battling both grief and financial hurdles. "Some look unscathed, some are seeking repayment even though the loved ones died," he said. "Some sold property or borrowed against property to fund their US plans. The loss is emotional and financial."





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## How facts have kept speculation alive

By Anand Arora

There is a growing concern that the government's decision to acquire the Airports Authority of India (AAI) will lead to a loss of control over the country's airports.

The AAI is a public sector enterprise that has been operating since 1947. It is responsible for the development and operation of airports in India.

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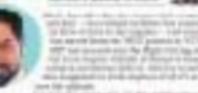
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## DGCA orders AI to reinspect Boeing jets

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New Delhi: Investigating the unannounced deployment of the on-air traffic (OAT) a procedure was found to be in violation of the rules. On 4, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed airlines to inspect OATs on all aircraft where the power

monitoring module (PMD) was recently replaced.

The directive aims to determine whether there is any correlation between the newly replaced PMD and the unannounced OAT deployment. DGCA has also asked the US aircraft maker to submit a "comprehensive report outlining the preventive measures to be implemented" to address

such unannounced OAT deployment.

On Oct 1, an Air India Boeing 777-300ER (VT-ANL) experienced an unannounced OAT deployment while approaching Birmingham, UK. "During landing, at about 500ft, a RAT unlock message appeared and RAT deployed. The pilot did not report any associated abnormality," an official said.



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# AI Vienna-Delhi flight diverted; FIP wants all B787s grounded, checked

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**New Delhi:** An Air India (AI) Boeing 787 (VT-ANC) operating from Vienna to Delhi was diverted to Dubai on Thursday night following an alleged technical snag. The same plane later resumed its journey after its autopilot system was reset. Even as AI maintained there was no safety issue with the aircraft (AI-154) — despite this being second such instance with its Dreamliners within a week — the

Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) on Friday urged the aviation ministry and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to “ground all B787s” and order a “special audit”.

On Oct 4, the Ram Air Turbine (RAT) of an AI Dreamliner (AI-117) plying from Amritsar to Birmingham had auto-deployed on its final approach to Birmingham, barely seconds before landing, at 400ft. DGCA was investigating the uncommanded RAT deployment.

AI maintained its B787s were

found perfectly safe to fly on, as each plane was checked extensively after the horrific June 12 AI-171 Dreamliner crash in Ahmedabad.

FIP demanded ministry and DGCA “ground all B787s in light of continuous electrical problems”, besides ordering a “special audit of AI aircraft maintenance”.

An AI spokesperson, however, denied any electrical failure in the aircraft and stated that the Vienna-Delhi flight was diverted due to a technical issue.

“The pilots could not engage the autopilots due to electrical malfunctions, and thus were constrained to fly manually at night and divert to Dubai. Moreover, the FDs were not available with degraded flight control systems... Two such cases of electrical malfunctions in a short span of time are indicators of AI’s poor serviceability,” FIP wrote, while lauding the pilots for landing safely in Dubai with limited automation/systems.

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## Why no flights at Chandigarh airport from Oct 26 to Nov 7

GAURAV KANTHWAL

**A**MIDST the festival season, the closure of flight operations at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, from October 26 (1 am) to November 7 (11.59 pm), is set to affect the travel plans of thousands of passengers. This is also the time when NRIs generally head home in the winter season.

"The airfield will remain closed for fixed-wing aircraft operations due to polymer modified emulsion work planned on the runway. Rotary wing aircraft will be cleared subject to prior clearance as per IAF information subject to further NOTAM," said the airport officials.

### NECESSITY OF SHUTTING OPERATIONS

The airport is being closed for the repair work to enhance the durability and resilience of the runway, so that it can withstand the high stress under extreme weather conditions. But does it require the complete closure of the flight operations at the airport? Yes, if it is a single-strip runway, according to the authorities. Many runways in the country, including in Chandigarh, are single-strip runways, so it is a situation somewhat peculiar to Indian airports.

### WHAT COULD BE THE ALTERNATIVES

Spot repairs, scheduling repair work overnight to minimise disruptions, diverting flights to nearby airports, and issuing Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) well in advance, are some of the standard procedures followed across the world. That the Indian Air Force, which oversees the runway operations, the Air Traffic Control, and the Airports Authority of India, which manages the terminal, have not opted for any of the measures is perplexing.

### HAPPENED EARLIER TOO

Pre-monsoon runway repairs are an annual affair at airports, but it has been six years since a major overhaul of the runway at the Chandigarh airport took place in 2018, leaving the flight operations disrupted then also. Six months back, Chandigarh airport was one of the 32 airports across India closed for civilian aircraft operations (May 9 to 12) during Operation Sindoor.



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### NOT JUST CHANDIGARH

Guru Gobind Singh Ji Airport in Nanded resumed operations after remaining shut for 20 days as the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) flagged lapses and runway repairs on August 22.

One of the world's busiest airports, the Indira Gandhi International Airport closed one of its four runways earlier this year, leading to 7 per cent flight cancellations daily and several flight delays. After the public backlash, the civil aviation ministry had to pitch in and defer the runway repair during peak summer season. After more than three months of closure, it became fully operational as recently as September 17.

### ENSURING MINIMAL DISRUPTIONS

Srinagar airport carried out polymer modified emulsion on the runway in February-March 2022 with minimal disruptions as maintenance work was planned on all Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (5 pm to 6 am).

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai, too, carried out its annual pre-monsoon maintenance on both its runways the same day but with flight operations restricted only for six hours.

### IMPACT OF AIRPORT SHUTTING DOWN

Airlines and operators incur losses; as a result, airlines surge, pinching pockets. With more than 50 flights operating daily at the Chandigarh airport and a footfall of around 10,000, besides cargo, frequent disruptions shake the confidence of people in the facility too.



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## Windshield of IndiGo aircraft cracks mid-air

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A crack in the windshield of an aircraft belonging to the largest domestic airliner, IndiGo, carrying 76 passengers from Madurai was detected by the pilot ahead of its landing at the airport here on Saturday, authorities said.

The pilot noticed the crack in the front glass and informed the Air Traffic Controller at the airport here. On receipt of the information, arrangements were made at the airport and the plane landed safely, they said.

The aircraft was taken to a separate bay (Bay No 95) for parking and passengers later safely disembarked. Currently, arrangements are being made to replace the windshield, they said. The cause of the incident is not yet known, they said. Meanwhile, IndiGo in a statement did not mention the cracks in the windshield and only said the aircraft had been grounded for "maintenance requirement". — PTI