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Greenfield airport proposed between Malda and Gazole to improve regional connectivity

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A fresh initiative has been taken to set up a greenfield airport between Malda and Gazole Assembly segments in Uttar Malda parliamentary constituency, with the district administration identifying a proposed site for the project.

Uttar Malda MP Khagen Murmu said the proposed site was inspected on Friday in the

presence of district administration officials. The proposal will be sent to the concerned higher authorities for further consideration, paving the way for a possible visit by officials of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Mr Murmu has been pursuing the demand for a new airport in his constituency for a long time. He has also taken up the matter with the Union civil aviation minister in New Delhi.

Explaining the need for a

new airport, Mr Murmu said the existing airport in Malda required further expansion, including an extension of its runway. The presence of several high-rise buildings around the existing airport could also pose technical challenges to aircraft operations and landing. He further pointed out that encroachment in some areas around the existing airport had added to the difficulties.

Against this backdrop, the

demand for a new airport has been raised by the MP and several other people in the district.

According to Mr Murmu, the proposed location between the Malda and Gazole Assembly constituencies could offer better regional connectivity. The airport, if approved and constructed, could serve not only Malda but also the neighbouring districts of North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur.



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'Yatri Seva Abhiyan' concludes at Kolkata Airport

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Special cleanliness drives, infrastructural upgrade and training sessions for staff to improve their communication skills were among the highlights of the 24-day 'Yatri Seva Abhiyan' (Passenger Service Campaign) at the city's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport which ended on Saturday.

The campaign, aimed at improving service quality, cleanliness, and passenger comfort, was spearheaded by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

A special event was held at the airport during the day to mark the end of the initiative, which started on 17 September.

The campaign involved unveiling of various measures to upgrade airport services and infrastructure. Officials said the primary objective was to ensure high service standards across all levels of the airport while providing an enhanced experience for passengers.

During the campaign, special drives were conducted to ensure the cleanliness of passenger lounges, seating areas, restrooms, and food outlets.

Additionally, regular training sessions were organised for

airport staff, focusing on passenger interaction and the prompt resolution of grievances.

Special assistance desks and signage were set up to aid first-time flyers and passengers utilising the regional connectivity scheme, UDAN. Staff was also deployed to assist these passengers during check-in and security screening. Facilities for differently-abled passengers and those with mobility issues were reviewed. Rest areas and drinking water facilities for drivers and other visitors in the airport's exterior and cargo zones were also assessed. Airport Director Vikram Singh stated that this campaign was not

Bagdogra airport reviews passenger amenities, grievance redressal system:

Siliguri: Bagdogra Airport reviewed its passenger amenities, including seating arrangements, drinking water, signage, baggage facilities and digital services, while strengthening grievance redressal mechanisms during the month-long Yatri Seva Abhiyan that concluded on Saturday. The campaign, conducted from 17 September to 10 October, focused on improving passenger convenience, service standards, cleanliness, accessibility and the overall travel experience. Airport Director Naveed Nazim said the campaign provided an opportunity to engage with passengers, collect their feedback and suggestions, and identify areas for further improvement in airport operations and services. The initiative also focused on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene across the terminal building, toilets and approach areas. Passenger assistance was strengthened to ensure smooth and hassle-free journeys, with special attention to persons with disabilities, senior citizens, women, children and others requiring assistance.

merely a 24-day event but part of a broader plan to ensure consistently high-quality service.

He emphasised that even though the campaign has concluded, there will be continuous

monitoring to ensure passengers continue to receive excellent service.



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AAI reinforces passenger-centric service culture



Continuing the nationwide “Yatri Seva Abhiyan 2026”, the Airports Authority of India (AAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, undertook a focused initiative to strengthen service excellence and passenger-centric behaviour among frontline airport personnel. The initiative emphasised the importance of courtesy,

empathy and clear communication in creating a positive and welcoming experience for air travellers. Special emphasis was placed on passenger-first behaviour, along with grooming and uniform standards for frontline personnel.



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AAI strengthens stakeholder coordination for seamless passenger journey



As part of the nationwide "Yatri Seva Abhiyan 2026", the Airports Authority of India (AAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, undertook a focused initiative to strengthen coordination among airport stakeholders and enhance the seamless movement of passengers across different stages of their journey. The initiative emphasised closer coordination between airlines, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Customs and Immigration authorities, Ground Handling Agencies (GHAs), concessionaires, housekeeping teams and transport service providers, wherever applicable.



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AAI airports undertake comprehensive facility and service quality audit



Continuing the nationwide "Yatri Seva Abhiyan 2026", the Airports Authority of India (AAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, undertook a comprehensive audit of passenger facilities and service quality across its airports. The initiative focused on assessing the end-to-end passenger experience and identifying areas for improvement across key airport facilities and services. The audit covered critical passenger-facing parameters including cleanliness, seating arrangements, signage, drinking water facilities, toilets, baggage services, digital services and food & beverage (F&B) facilities. Airport teams reviewed these facilities to assess their availability, functionality, accessibility and overall quality, with the objective of ensuring a consistent and comfortable experience for passengers.



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Airport-airline plan to hurt aviation: Ind-Ra

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The government's proposal to allow airport operators to own airlines could create conflicts of interest and a new duopoly rather than improve competition in the aviation sector, experts have warned. The focus should instead be on addressing high operating costs, heavy debt and persistent losses.

Airlines depend on airports for slot allocations, boarding gates, parking, ground handling and cargo services. If airport



operators also own airlines, they could favour their own carriers through preferential slots, gate assignments and charges, or by sharing commercially sensitive data, said Samant Kumar Jha, associate director at India Ratings and Research. Jha called for structural separation

between airport and airline operations, independent boards, separate reporting structures and an independent agency to allocate slots. Regulatory oversight and clear equal-access rules would also be necessary.

Allowing major airport operators such as Adani and GMR to enter the air-

line business may not necessarily improve competition and could create a new duopoly without adequate safeguards, he cautioned. IndiGo and Air India account for about 90 per cent of India's domestic aviation market.

The proposal would not address sector's underlying problems, including expensive ATF, aircraft shortages, high taxes and dollar-denominated procurement and maintenance costs.

Jha said airlines should look at profitability over aggressive expansion.

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जनवरी से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू करने की तैयारी

- दिसम्बर में सुरक्षा मंजूरी की उम्मीद
- जेवर एयरपोर्ट के इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल में इसी माह पूरा होगा फिनिशिंग का काम
- नवम्बर में बीसीएस की टीम करेगी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जांच

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 11 अक्टूबर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू करने की तैयारी तेज हो गई है। सब कुछ तय योजना के मुताबिक रहा तो जनवरी 2027 से एयरपोर्ट से विदेशों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू हो सकती हैं। इसके लिए इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल में फिनिशिंग, लाइटिंग और साज-सज्जा से जुड़े काम अंतिम चरण में हैं। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, ये काम इसी माह पूरा कर लिया जाएगा। इसके बाद नवंबर में नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) की टीम एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था का निरीक्षण शुरू करेगी। दिसंबर तक आवश्यक सुरक्षा मंजूरी मिलने की उम्मीद है। हालांकि, अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का संचालन अंतिम स्वीकृति और शेड्यूल तय होने पर निर्भर करेगा।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (नायल) के सीईओ आरके सिंह ने बताया कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए टर्मिनल का निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो चुका है। फिलहाल वहां फिनिशिंग, प्रकाश व्यवस्था और सजावट सहित कुछ कार्य किए जा रहे हैं। इन कार्यों को इसी महीने पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है।



इसके बाद सुरक्षा मानकों की जांच और जरूरी औपचारिकताएं पूरी की जाएंगी। बीसीएस की मंजूरी मिलने के बाद एयरलाइंस के साथ समन्वय कर अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों का शेड्यूल तैयार किया जाएगा।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के संचालन से पहले एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की व्यापक जांच की जाएगी। नवंबर में बीसीएस की टीम यह देखेगी कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय टर्मिनल और उससे जुड़ी सुरक्षा प्रणालियां निर्धारित मानकों के अनुरूप हैं या नहीं। इसमें यात्रियों की आवाजाही, सामान की जांच, एयरलाइंस और ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सेवाओं के बीच समन्वय तथा एयरपोर्ट के विभिन्न सुरक्षा क्षेत्रों की व्यवस्था शामिल होगी। अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन के दौरान यात्रियों, सामान और विमानों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए इन सभी व्यवस्थाओं का मानकों के अनुरूप होना जरूरी है। अधिकारियों को उम्मीद है कि निरीक्षण और आवश्यक प्रक्रियाएं दिसंबर तक पूरी हो जाएंगी। इसके बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को शुरू करने का रास्ता साफ हो

सकेगा। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन जनवरी से सेवाएं शुरू करने की तैयारी कर रहा है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के पहले चरण में 1334 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में बुनियादी ढांचा विकसित किया गया है। यहां 3900 मीटर लंबा रनवे, एक लाख वर्गमीटर क्षेत्र में टर्मिनल भवन, एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) टावर और कार्गो हब तैयार किया गया है। फिलहाल एयरपोर्ट से देश के 15 शहरों के लिए घरेलू उड़ानों का संचालन हो रहा है।

यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ाने पर जोर

एयरपोर्ट से घरेलू उड़ानें शुरू होने के बावजूद यात्रियों की संख्या अभी अपेक्षाओं से काफी कम बताई जा रही है। अनुमान के मुकाबले यहां आठ से दस गुना तक कम यात्री सफर कर रहे हैं। ऐसे में एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ाने और हवाई संपर्क का विस्तार करने पर जोर दे रहा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों की शुरुआत को इस दिशा में अहम कदम माना जा रहा है।

धर्मशाला की फ्लाइट रद्द

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से रविवार को धर्मशाला के लिए ईंडिगो की उड़ान रद्द हो गई, जबकि हैदराबाद की अपने निर्धारित समय से करीब दो घंटे से अधिक की देरी से उड़ी। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की वेबसाइट के अनुसार रविवार को एयरपोर्ट से 15 शहरों के लिए फ्लाइट ने प्रस्थान किया। इस दौरान ईंडिगो की धर्मशाला जाने वाली 6ई-7671 फ्लाइट को किसी कारणवश रद्द करना पड़ा। फ्लाइट को 2 बजे टेकऑफ करना था।



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से धर्मशाला आने जाने वाली फ्लाइट रद्द

जासं, ग्रेटर नोएडा: नरेन्द्र मोदी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से दोपहर के समय धर्मशाला आने-जाने वाली इंडिगो की उड़ानें रविवार को रद्द रही। इसके अलावा मुंबई, हैदराबाद, अमृतसर, जम्मू, श्रीनगर और जोधपुर की उड़ानों के संचालन पर भी असर पड़ा। कई फ्लाइट निर्धारित समय से देरी से पहुंचीं और रवाना हुईं। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी हुई। धर्मशाला से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट आने वाली फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-7672 को दोपहर 1:55 बजे पहुंचना था, लेकिन इसे रद्द कर दिया गया। धर्मशाला जाने वाली फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-7671 भी रद्द रही। मुंबई जाने वाली उड़ान को दोपहर तीन बजे रवाना होना था।



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अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट पर मंडराते दिखे ड्रोन, तीन उड़ानें डायवर्ट

अमृतसर : अमृतसर के श्री गुरु रामदास जी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर रविवार देर रात एयरपोर्ट और उसके आसपास तीन संदिग्ध ड्रोन उड़ते दिखाई दिए। सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर रात 9:32 बजे अमृतसर आ रही तीन उड़ानों को डायवर्ट कर दिया। रात करीब 10:15 बजे हवाई सेवाओं को फिर से बहाल कर दिया। रविवार देर रात एयरपोर्ट पर तैनात सीआइएसएफ के जवानों ने एयरपोर्ट परिसर और बाहर तीन ड्रोन उड़ते देखे। जवानों ने तुरंत इसकी सूचना कंट्रोल रूम को दी। सुरक्षा समीक्षा के बाद रात 10:15 बजे के आसपास एयरपोर्ट का संचालन सामान्य कर दिया गया। (जस)



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Riyadh airport hit again as projectile sparks fire at T4

REUTERS

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A SAUDI-LED coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen said a projectile struck a passenger terminal at the international airport in Riyadh on Sunday, less than a day after a missile struck it and killed 12 people.

There were no immediate details about the latest strike, which hit the same complex housing terminals 3 and 4 for domestic flights.

The sharp escalation in the new front in the Iran war threatens to draw in greater US military involvement, as President Donald Trump has said he is weighing joining the fight against the rebels.

The strike came shortly after the Houthis said the airport under their control in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa had been struck again. They blamed the Saudis but provided no details.

Saturday's missile attack on

the Riyadh international airport was the deadliest in a Gulf Arab nation since the Iran war began. Over 300 people were wounded, some of them critically.

India condemns attack

India on Sunday strongly condemned a major attack on Saudi Arabia's international airport in Riyadh that killed 12 people and injured over 300.

New Delhi said the repeated attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure in the Gulf nation are "completely unacceptable and must cease immediately." "We strongly condemn the repeated attacks on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport over the past few days, including the dastardly attack on October 10, which have led to loss of lives, injuries and damage to property," the MEA said in a statement.

"We express our condolences to the families of the deceased and wish speedy recovery to the injured persons," it said.

(With inputs from PTI.)



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से विदेशी उड़ानें अगले वर्ष शुरू होंगी

ग्रेटर नोएडा, प्रमुख संवाददाता।
नोएडा एयरपोर्ट (नॉर्ड मोदी
इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट) से अंतरराष्ट्रीय
उड़ानें अगले वर्ष जनवरी तक शुरू
करने की तैयारी है। फिलहाल टर्मिनल
का निर्माण कार्य अंतिम चरण में है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट
लिमिटेड (नायल) के सीईओ आरके
सिंह ने बताया कि इंटरनेशनल टर्मिनल
का निर्माण काम पूरा हो चुका है।
लाइटिंग, सजावट समेत अन्य प्रकार के
कार्य इसी माह पूरे हो जाएंगे। नवंबर में
बकास की टीम भी एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा

धर्मशाला की उड़ान रद्द

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से रविवार को
धर्मशाला के लिए इंडिगो की उड़ान रद्द
हो गई, जबकि हैदराबाद की अपने
निर्धारित समय से करीब दो घंटे से
अधिक की देरी से उड़ी। इस दौरान
यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी हुई।

पहलुओं की जांच शुरू कर देगी।
नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो से दिसंबर
में मंजूरी मिलने की संभावना है। उन्होंने
दावा किया है कि जनवरी तक
अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शुरू हो जाएंगी।

Riyadh airport remains under attack, Indian among 13 killed

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NEW DELHI: India on Sunday strongly condemned repeated attacks by Houthi rebels on the international airport in Saudi Arabia's capital, including a strike that killed 13 people, including an Indian, and called for an immediate end to the targeting of civilian infrastructure across the region.

Initial reports following Saturday's attack on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh said 12 people were killed and 309 others injured. The Indian embassy in Riyadh said on social media that one of 11 Indian nationals injured in the attack had "unfortunately lost his life".

Meanwhile, a projectile struck the passenger terminal at the airport again on Sunday, even as air defence systems intercepted a missile. The civil aviation authority said the attack caused an unspecified number of injuries, and that a damage assessment was underway.

"Deeply grieved at the loss of life of an Indian national in the Riyadh attack. My heartfelt con-



Flames and smoke rise from a fire at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh after a Houthi attack.

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dolences to the bereaved family. The Embassy will extend all possible assistance," external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on social media.

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi identified the man as Mohammad Yousuf Ali,

a resident of Hyderabad. Owaisi is the lawmaker from Hyderabad.

"I have spoken to his brother-in-law, Ikram, and received news that Indian national Mohammad Yousuf Ali died when a roof collapsed due to the

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2 INDIAN CREW MISSING IN DRONE STRIKE ON VESSEL OFF OMAN COAST

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MUMBAI: Two Indian crew members of a Nicaragua-flagged tanker went missing after the vessel was reportedly struck by a drone off the coast of Oman on Sunday, according to a report by the Directorate of Maritime Administration.

The two were among the 11 Indian crew members aboard the MT Petron Dolphin, which was attacked at 11.30am Oman time, the report said. Meanwhile, all 22 Indian crew aboard the Panama-flagged crude oil tanker MT Gem No 2, anchored off Sharjah, were rescued after three simultaneous drone attacks triggered a fire on Saturday, the report said.

An Equatorial Guinea-flagged tanker, MT Brisk, was also reportedly struck by a drone near Abkhazia in the Black Sea the same day. All 24 crew, including eight Indians, were safe, the report added.

INDIAN KILLED IN SAUDI

attack on the Riyadh Airport today. He was going to Madina for Umrah. His wife and two children are injured," Owaisi said.

The Indian side also expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia in the defence of the country's sovereignty against the backdrop of an escalation in attacks by Iran-backed Houthi rebels as the war in West Asia expands. This was the third attack on the King Khalid International Airport over the past week.

"We strongly condemn the repeated attacks on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport over the past few days, including the dastardly attack on October 10, which have led to loss of lives,

injuries and damage to property," the external affairs ministry said in a statement that did not name anyone for the attacks.

"We stand in solidarity with the people and the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in defence of their sovereignty, and hope that peace and normalcy returns to the region at the earliest," the statement said.

The Indian embassy in Riyadh said it was in touch with Saudi authorities to ensure the well-being of injured Indians.

The external affairs ministry statement described the repeated attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure as "completely unacceptable" and said they "must cease immediately".

The Indian side expressed condolences to the families of the dead and wished for the speedy recovery of the injured. Nearly 20 Indians have died so far in the West Asia conflict, which began in February.

Saudi Arabia is home to more than four million Indians, one of the largest concentrations of the diaspora in West Asia.

Saturday's attack on the airport was the deadliest in Saudi Arabia in more than a decade, as the Houthis escalated a campaign they launched in summer. The dead included 4 Saudi nationals, 3 Bangladeshis and a national each from Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Sudan and the US.

Two earlier attacks on the same airport last week killed four people and caused extensive damage to a Saudi commercial plane. The strikes also exposed vulnerabilities in Saudi Arabia's defence capabilities as the kingdom waged an air campaign against the Houthis to support a ground war by the Yemeni government against the group.

President Donald Trump said the US is considering joining Saudi strikes on Houthis in the conflict, a spillover from the war on Iran that the US and Israel started in February.

Saudi Arabia entered the war in Yemen in 2015 at the head of a coalition that aimed to force the Houthis out of the Yemeni capital Sanaa. The war turned into a stalemate, with hundreds of thousands of Yemenis killed by fighting and famine. A 2022 ceasefire by the Saudis and the Houthis unravelled this summer, culminating in a sudden Houthi advance that took the Red Sea chokepoint of Bab el-Mandeb from Saudi-backed government forces.

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‘Airport shook’: Survivors recount horror in Riyadh

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RIYADH: The explosion was followed by a violent tremor that shook Riyadh airport, sending terrified passengers scrambling for safety as panic and chaos swept through the terminals.

“I heard a very loud noise, so loud that I felt the airport shake,” said a 32-year-old Riyadh resident a day after the deadly strike. “The airport alarm sirens went off, and that’s when the panic started.”

“People who were in Terminal 3 started running towards us. Some had blood covering their faces,” recounted the 32-year-old. “Some had lost a hand or an arm. People were running while carrying injured people, covered in blood.” “My blood ran cold. I didn’t know where to go or what to do.”

Security personnel escorted him and other passengers to a lower floor, where they waited for an hour before being allowed



People gather outside a metro station on the road to King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh on Saturday.

AP

to leave the scene.

“I am never flying through Saudi Arabia again,” said an Indian national whose transit flight to Riyadh was diverted and forced to land in Dammam.

There, he and his wife and young child slept in the terminal and said they were given no information by their airline and lost their luggage.

“We spent the night at the airport — on the floor and chairs,” he added. “Not just us, there

were at least one dozen other people around me from the same flight who kept waiting through the night.”

Another traveller was mid-air on a trip to Riyadh when the plane abruptly headed back for Jeddah, triggering dread among some passengers. “We panicked,” the 39-year-old said. Asked if she would travel again by plane in Saudi while the war continued to rage, said, “Never. I will never live this horror again.”



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Riyadh airport struck again a day after 12 killed in Houthi escalation

300 people wounded in Saturday's strikes and airport was still closed on Sunday; Indian embassy says one citizen killed and at least 10 others injured; Trump says he is planning to speak to Saudi crown prince as he weighs joining the fight

Associated Press

CAIRO

A projectile struck a passenger terminal at the international airport in Riyadh on Sunday, a day after a missile hit the same terminal and killed 12 people, the Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen said. The Houthis claimed responsibility for those attacks and others.

Saudi authorities said there were injuries in the latest attack on the King Khalid International Airport complex for terminals 3 and 4 for domestic flights. Saturday's missile attack was the deadliest in a Gulf Arab nation since the Iran war began, with



A file photo shows King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh. Terminals for domestic flights were attacked on Sunday. AFP

another 300 people wounded, some critically. The airport was still closed on Sunday.

The sharp escalation in the new front threatens to draw in greater U.S. military involvement, as Presi-

dent Donald Trump has said he is weighing joining the fight against the Houthis. There was no immediate White House comment on Sunday.

The latest strike in Riyadh came shortly after

the Houthis said the airport in the rebel-held Yemeni capital of Sanaa had been struck again, and blamed the Saudis.

India's embassy in Saudi Arabia said one of its citizens died on Sunday of injuries sustained in Saturday's attack, which would bring the toll to 13. The embassy said at least 10 other Indians were among those injured in the attack.

U.S. intervention

Mr. Trump on Saturday also said he planned to speak with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has been seeking assistance.

A U.S. intervention could prompt the Houthis to halt shipping through

the Bab el-Mandeb Strait at the southern end of the Red Sea off Yemen and further restrict the flow of oil out of the Persian Gulf.

Earlier on Sunday, the Houthi-run health ministry said a child was killed and six people wounded in a suspected Saudi airstrike on a house in Sanaa. The ministry also said 91 Yemenis have been killed by the Saudi-led coalition in five weeks, 60% of them women and children.

There was no immediate comment from Saudi authorities on the claims.

On Sunday, the Houthis also claimed attacks on King Fahd Airport in the city of Damma, as well as oil and gas facilities in the kingdom's east.

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से अकासा एयर की शुरुआत मुंबई और बेंगलुरु के लिए फ्लाइट शुरू

पैसेंजर को नया विकल्प
मिलेगा, शेड्यूल जारी

जयपुर, लोकसत्त।

अकासा एयर ने दो फ्लाइट्स के साथ जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अपने फ्लाइट संचालन की शुरुआत की है। इसके तहत जयपुर को मुंबई और बेंगलुरु से जोड़ा गया है। इन फ्लाइट्स के शुरू होने से दोनों प्रमुख शहरों के बीच यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को हवाई सफर का एक और विकल्प मिलेगा। अकासा एयर की एंट्री से जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से संचालित होने वाली एयरलाइंस के विकल्पों में भी बढ़ोतरी हुई है।

अकासा एयर की मुंबई से जयपुर के बीच संचालित होने वाली फ्लाइट QP-1153 सुबह 9 बजकर 10 मिनट पर मुंबई एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरेगी। यह फ्लाइट सुबह 11 बजकर 10 मिनट पर जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेगी। इसके बाद वापसी में



फ्लाइट QP-1154 जयपुर से दोपहर 12 बजे रवाना होगी। वहीं दोपहर 1 बजकर 55 मिनट मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेगी। इस तरह मुंबई और जयपुर के बीच आने-जाने वाले यात्रियों को अकासा एयर की सेवा का फायदा मिल सकेगा।

वहीं, बेंगलुरु से जयपुर के बीच भी अकासा एयर ने अपनी सेवाएं शुरू की हैं। बेंगलुरु से फ्लाइट QP-1529 सुबह 8 बजकर 20 मिनट पर उड़ान भरकर सुबह 10 बजकर 50 मिनट पर जयपुर

एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेगी। वापसी में फ्लाइट QP-1530 जयपुर से सुबह 11 बजकर 30 मिनट पर रवाना होगी और दोपहर 2 बजे बेंगलुरु एयरपोर्ट पहुंचेगी।

इन दोनों रूट पर संचालन शुरू होने से जयपुर और देश के दो प्रमुख व्यावसायिक शहरों के बीच हवाई कनेक्टिविटी को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। अकासा एयर की शुरुआत से यात्रियों को इन रूट पर यात्रा के लिए एक नया विकल्प उपलब्ध होगा।

योगी कैबिनेट की बैठक में 39 प्रस्तावों पर मुहर

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट अब 'नरेंद्र मोदी जेवर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट'

स्वतंत्र भारत ब्यूरो, लखनऊ। प्रदेश की योगी सरकार ने जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का नाम 'नरेंद्र मोदी जेवर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट' करने का प्रस्ताव पारित किया है। मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने

- पूर्व अग्निवीरों को सरकारी नौकरी का रास्ता आसान
- खरीदी जाएगी 1725 नई बसें
- लखनऊ में 265 करोड़ से बनेगा इंटीग्रेटेड बस रैपिड ट्रांजिट केंद्र
- 559 नगर निकायों में मास्टर प्लान के होंगे समान मानक
- 15 अक्टूबर से शुरू होगी धान खरीद

शुक्रवार को कैबिनेट की बैठक के बाद प्रेसवार्ता में इसकी जानकारी दी। इस दौरान उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के योगदान की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि अयोध्या में 500 वर्षों का इंतजार खत्म हुआ है। काशी विश्वनाथ कॉरिडोर का निर्माण भी प्रधानमंत्री जैसे साधक की सोच का परिणाम है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि विदेश से मां अन्नपूर्णा की मूर्ति वापस लाकर पुनः स्थापित कराना भी प्रधानमंत्री के प्रयासों का महत्वपूर्ण उदाहरण है। उन्होंने बताया कि कैबिनेट ने प्रधानमंत्री के योगदान की मुक्त



कंठ से प्रशंसा की है। प्रदेश में सार्वजनिक परिवहन व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने और शहरी विकास को नियोजित बनाने के लिए सरकार ने कई अहम फैसले किए हैं। बैठक में पूर्व अग्निवीरों की भर्ती संबंधी नियमावली में संशोधन को मंजूरी दी गई। इसके तहत पुलिस, वन, कारागार और परिवहन विभाग में भर्ती के दौरान पूर्व अग्निवीरों को 20 प्रतिशत आरक्षण मिलेगा। सरकार ने पूर्व अग्निवीरों के लिए अधिकतम आयु सीमा में तीन साल की छूट देने का फैसला किया है।

इसके तहत अधिकतम आयु सीमा 25 साल से बढ़ाकर 28 साल किए जाने का प्रावधान है। इस छूट से सैन्य सेवा पूरी करने के बाद सरकारी नौकरी पाने की तैयारी करने वाले युवाओं को आवेदन के लिए अतिरिक्त समय मिल सकेगा।

हालांकि, भर्ती के समय संबंधित पद की नियमावली और जारी विज्ञापन में निर्धारित पात्रता शर्तें भी लागू होंगी। प्रदेश में 1725 नई बसें खरीदी जाएंगी, जबकि राजधानी लखनऊ में 265 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से इंटीग्रेटेड बस रैपिड ट्रांजिट केंद्र विकसित किया जाएगा। प्रदेश में सार्वजनिक परिवहन सेवाओं को बेहतर बनाने के लिए 1725 नई बसों की खरीद की जाएगी। कैबिनेट के फैसलों की जानकारी देते हुए ऊर्जा मंत्री एके शर्मा ने बताया कि परिवहन विभाग ने बस खरीद के लिए नई नीति तैयार की है। इसके तहत निविदा में सबसे कम दर देने वाली कंपनी यानी एल-1 के आधार पर खरीद प्रक्रिया आगे बढ़ाई जाएगी। राजधानी में यात्रियों की बढ़ती जरूरतों को देखते हुए करीब 60 हजार वर्गमीटर क्षेत्र में इंटीग्रेटेड बस रैपिड

ट्रांजिट केंद्र विकसित किया जाएगा। इस परियोजना पर 265 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जाएंगे। प्रदेश में नियोजित शहरी विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उन नगर निकायों में भी मास्टर प्लान तैयार करने की व्यवस्था विकसित की जाएगी, जहां विकास प्राधिकरण स्थापित नहीं हैं। प्रस्ताव के अनुसार, उत्तर प्रदेश में कुल 762 नगरीय निकाय हैं। इनमें से 559 निकाय ऐसे हैं, जहां विकास प्राधिकरण नहीं हैं। फिलहाल विकास प्राधिकरण अपने क्षेत्रों में भवन निर्माण के मानचित्रों और मास्टर प्लान तैयार करने का काम करते हैं। प्रदेश सरकार ने खरीद विपणन सत्र 2026-27 के लिए धान खरीद की समयसीमा तय कर दी है। पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में 15 अक्टूबर 2026 से 15 फरवरी 2027 तक धान की खरीद होगी।



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Vadhvan airport DPR to be ready by early 2027: MADC

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Mumbai: The state housing department has set up an expert committee to conduct a performance audit of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971, which governs the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA). The committee will be headed by additional chief secretary (housing department) Aseem Gupta, SRA CEO Mahindra Kalyankar, MLA Prag Alwani, former MP Rahul Shewale, BMC's chief engineer, Development Plan, Sunil Rathod and Jitendra Bhopale, director, urban planning, among others.

Officials said Supreme Court has said a large number of cases are reaching the courts under the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971. "The SC too had ordered the constitution of a bench to initiate suo motu proceedings, stating the need for a performance audit of the Act. The HC has constituted a Bench in a suo motu Writ Petition. After taking into consideration the views of various stakeholders, developers, landlords, cooperative housing societies, lawyers... in relation to the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971 and the submissions of the govt, it ga-

ve directions to constitute an expert committee to conduct a performance audit of the Act," officials said.

Kalyankar has said SRA has set a target to deliver over 5 lakh slum rehabilitation units by 2030 with a view to developing the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) as a 'growth hub'. Kalyankar said SRA has a target of constructing 90,264 houses by Dec 2026, 1.48 lakh homes by Dec 2027, 2.44 lakh by Dec 2028, 3.61 lakh by Dec 2029 and over 5 lakh homes by Dec 2030. "The committee will make recommendations in line with realising the dream of slum-free cities by implementing the slum rehabilitation scheme expeditiously," the GR said.

Passenger terminal at Riyadh airport hit again; US mulls role

US Intervention Could Prompt Houthis To Halt Shipping Via Bab el-Mandeb Strait

Dubai/Riyadh: Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis claimed responsibility for Saturday's strike on Riyadh's international airport that killed 13 people and wounded more than 300, as Saudi authorities reported people were injured in a new attack on the airport Sunday.

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said an "unidentified projectile" had targeted Riyadh's international airport Terminal 4 Sunday, causing a fire. An unspecified number of people were injured, the Saudi civil aviation authority said, adding it was still assessing the damage. The coalition also said Saudi air defences had intercepted a cruise missile in the vicinity of King Khalid International Airport.

The strikes have exposed vulnerabilities in Saudi defence capabilities as the kingdom wages an air campaign against the Houthis to support a ground war in Yemen by the Yemeni government against the Iran-aligned group. The airport has been closed since Saturday's attack. However, a long-planned international energy conference went ahead in Riyadh on Sunday as planned.

In a televised speech Sunday, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree claimed responsibility for Saturday's attack and also said the group



People wait outside a station near King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh

had attacked the airport in Dammam in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province and two facilities of Saudi oil giant Saudi Aramco. There was no immediate Saudi confirmation. Reuters has reached out to the Saudi media office and to Aramco for comment. The Houthis earlier Sunday had renewed their warning to airlines, airport workers, and travellers against using Saudi airports. "We urge everyone to take our warnings seriously and Saudi Arabia bears responsibility for any failed interceptions," the group said.

Saudi Arabia has stepped up its military involvement in Yemen in recent weeks, launching strikes against the Houthis and backing a Yemeni govt counteroffensive after the group seized strategic territory along the Red Sea coast last month. The Houthis said Sun-

day that Saudi Arabia carried out 124 air strikes in Yemen in the past 24 hours, including the capital Sanaa and the group's stronghold Saada.

Yemen's Houthi-run foreign ministry said that further Saudi military action in Yemen would trigger a stronger response, adding that its actions would be guided by the principle of reciprocity. "Unless the Saudi enemy stops its aggression and interference in Yemen, worse is yet to come, God willing," the ministry said in statements carried by Houthi-run Al Masirah television.

US President Trump said on Saturday the US was considering joining Saudi strikes on the Houthis in the conflict, a spillover from the wider war on Iran that the US and Israel launched in Feb. There was no immediate White House comment Sunday. At stake, again,

in this escalation are global supplies and prices of oil as well as commercial shipping.

A US intervention could prompt the Houthis to halt shipping through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait at the southern end of the Red Sea off Yemen and further restrict the flow of oil out of the Persian Gulf. The rebels seized key areas along the strait last month and the Saudi-led coalition has been trying to seize them back. Saudi Arabia is running low on missile interceptors and has asked France, Britain, Pakistan and Egypt to deploy air defense support to the region, regional officials told AP last month, with one noting that the US has seen its own stock dwindle during the war with Iran.

Separately, Saudi authorities notified parents that in-person classes would be suspended and shifted to remote learning from Sunday until Thursday for all students, teachers and administrative staff.

In Saturday's attack, the third on Riyadh's airport in a week, the dead included four Saudis, two Bangladeshis and nationals of the US, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Sudan and Egypt, Saudi authorities said. India's embassy in Riyadh said Sunday one of its citizens injured in the strike had died, adding to initial toll of 12. REUTERS

Hyd man among 13 killed in Houthi strike on Saudi airport

11 Indians Among 300 Injured In Riyadh Attack

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New Delhi: An Indian national was among 13 people killed in one of the deadliest attacks launched by Iran-backed Houthi militants on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport Saturday. The Indian embassy also confirmed that 11 Indians were among the more than 300 who were injured.

The Indian who died is a 46-year-old man from Hyderabad. According to sources, Mohammed Yusuf, an IT professional from Mehdiapatnam, was waiting with his family near a check-in kiosk to travel to Madina for Umrah when a projectile struck the airport premises. Debris from the impact reportedly



Smoke rises from a fire at King Khalid Int'l Airport in Riyadh

fell on Yusuf, leaving him critically injured. He later succumbed to his injuries at a hospital. His wife and two children, who were with him at the airport, are reportedly in critical condition.

Ministry of external affairs (MEA) strongly condemned the repeated attacks on

Tanker with 11 Indian sailors attacked

An oil tanker sailing under the flag of Nicaragua with 11 Indian seafarers was subjected to a drone attack at Sohar anchorage in Oman on Sunday. Shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal, in a post on X, said, "While nine of our Indian crew members have been successfully rescued and are safe, two Indian nationals currently remain missing." The minister added that a search-and-rescue operation was underway by the local Coast Guard. **TNN**

Riyadh's main airport over the past few days, including the "dastardly attack" on Oct 10. The ministry said in a statement that repeated attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure are completely unacceptable and must cease immediately.

"We stand in solidarity

with the people and the govt of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in defence of their sovereignty, and hope that peace and normalcy returns to the region at the earliest," said the ministry, while expressing condolences to the families of the deceased and wishing a speedy recovery to the injured in the attack.

This was the second time India had condemned attacks on Saudi airports in the past few days, expressing solidarity with Riyadh. The dead from the third attack this week on the airport included four Saudis, two people from Bangladesh and one person each from the United States, Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Sudan and Egypt, the Saudi civil aviation authority said. The attacks targeting the Saudi airports have been claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels (the Ansar Allah movement), an Iran-backed armed group.

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AI Exp, Air India extend Riyadh flights cancellation

NEW DELHI, Oct 10: Air India Express and Air India have extended the cancellation of flights to and from Riyadh amid the evolving situation in Saudi Arabia, officials said on Saturday.

While Air India Express has cancelled the services till October 14, Air India has cancelled the flights till October 15. Both airlines on Thursday announced cancelling Riyadh flights till October 10.

The officials said the airlines are closely monitoring

the situation and assessing the development in the region.

Air India Express and Air India are offering full refunds on cancellation to affected passengers.

One of the officials said Air India Express is also providing free rescheduling for the passengers.

Air India Express operates 16 weekly flights to Riyadh from four Indian cities – Bengaluru, Kochi, Kannur and Kozhikode. Air India operates seven weekly flights to Riya-

dh from Delhi and Mumbai.

On Friday, Akasa Air said it was cancelling Riyadh flights till October 11.

Earlier this week, Saudi Arabia's two airports in Riyadh and Abha came under attack, reportedly by Houthi militants.

In recent days, there has been an escalation in the hostilities between the Iran-backed Houthi group and Saudi Arabia. There have been attacks with armed drones and missiles. – PTI



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दिल्ली-चेन्नई इंडिगो विमान में यात्री के पावर बैंक में लगी आग

हैदराबाद। दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रहे इंडिगो के एक विमान को रविवार को एक यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लगने के बाद हैदराबाद डायवर्ट करना पड़ा। विमान ने राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की। यह घटना विमान संख्या 6ई 6115 में हुई। एयरलाइन के अनुसार, यात्री के ओवरहेड बिन में रखे निजी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण से धुआँ निकलने का पता चलने पर केबिन क्रू ने तुरंत कार्रवाई की।



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मलेशिया एयरलाइंस साझेदारी को तैयार

मलेशिया एयरलाइंस के सीईओ नसरुद्दीन ए बकर ने कहा कि कंपनी भारत के साथ किसी भी तरह की साझेदारी के लिए तैयार है, बशर्ते इससे दोनों पक्षों को लाभ हो। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में कॉर्पोरेट यात्रा और परिवार व मित्रों से मिलने जाने वाले यात्रियों की मांग मजबूत है। दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया की यह विमानन कंपनी भारत में 10 गंतव्यों के लिए उड़ानें संचालित करती है। कंपनी भारत में अपना नेटवर्क बढ़ाना चाहती है, लेकिन दोनों देशों के बीच हवाई यातायात अधिकारों की सीमा के कारण ऐसा नहीं कर पा रही है। कंपनी ने कहा कि खाड़ी देशों में युद्ध के कारण उसके कुल परिचालन खर्च में ईंधन की हिस्सेदारी पहले के 40 फीसदी से बढ़कर 55 फीसदी हो गई है। इससे निपटने को कंपनी ने उड़ानों की क्षमता में पांच फीसदी की कटौती और किराये में 20 फीसदी की वृद्धि की है।

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Delhi-Chennai IndiGo flight lands in Hyd after 'smoke' onboard

A Chennai-bound IndiGo flight from Delhi was diverted to Hyderabad on Sunday after smoke was detected from a customer's personal electronic device kept in the overhead bin and the plane landed safely, the carrier said. "IndiGo flight 6E 6115, operating from Delhi to Chennai on October 11, 2026, was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a customer's personal

electronic device. The cabin crew responded promptly and the situation was brought under control," IndiGo said in a statement. "In line with established protocols, the pilots diverted the flight and landed safely at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad," it added. An alternative aircraft was arranged for the passengers to continue the journey to Chennai, it added.

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Malaysian Airlines open to partnership with India: CEO

Malaysian flag carrier Malaysian Airlines is open to any partnership with India, where it sees strong demand for corporate and visual flight rules (VFR) traffic, as long as it is a "win-win" for both the partners, its chief executive officer Nasarudin A Bakar has said. The South-east Asian carrier, which flies to and from 10 destinations in India, also said it aspires to expand its

network in India but bilateral traffic rights restrict it from doing so. He said that his airline has a strategic codeshare partnership with IndiGo, which has helped it operate to an additional six destinations in India, including Goa, adding, "it (also) helps in terms of our connectivity and flow to feed from all stations that we fly into Kuala Lumpur."

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Hubballi-Chennai flight from Oct 27

HUBBALLI, DHNS: IndiGo airline will restart its direct flight between Hubballi and Chennai from October 27, and will temporarily suspend its Pune flight beginning October 26.

The airline will operate an ATR flight to Chennai thrice a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

It will depart from Hubballi at 4.25 pm and land in Chennai at 6.05 pm. In return direction, the flight will leave Chennai at 6.35 pm and reach Hubballi at 8.20 pm.

But the Pune flight, which has been operating four days a week, will be temporarily suspended from October 26.

Suspension flayed

Suspension of the Pune flight, which has good occupancy, during the festive season has evoked criticism.

According to IndiGo, the Pune flight is being suspended temporarily due to operational reasons.

दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रहे विमान में पावर बैंक में लगी आग, हैदराबाद में सुरक्षित लैंडिंग

हैदराबाद, एएनआई: दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान में रविवार को एक यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लगने से अफरा-तफरी मच गई। पावर बैंक विमान के ओवरहेड बिन में रखा था। आग लगने पर फायर अलार्म बज उठा। चालक दल के सदस्यों ने तुरंत अग्निशामन यंत्र की मदद से आग पर काबू पाया। एहतियात के तौर पर विमान को हैदराबाद की ओर मोड़ दिया गया, जहाँ उसे सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। विमान में चालक दल के सात सदस्यों समेत 187 लोग सवार थे। घटना का 36 सेकंड का वीडियो भी इंटरनेट मीडिया पर बहुप्रसारित हो रहा है, जिसमें आग की लपटें दिखाई दे रही हैं।

इंडिगो ने अपने बयान में कहा कि चालक दल ने तत्परता दिखाते हुए स्थिति को संभाल लिया। एयरलाइन के अनुसार, घटना में किसी तरह के नुकसान की सूचना नहीं है और सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। यात्रियों को हुई असुविधा के लिए खेद जताते हुए कंपनी ने कहा कि सुरक्षा उसकी सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता है।



चेन्नई जाने वाली इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में रविवार को एक यात्री के पावर बैंक में लगी आग • फ़ैट

बाद में यात्रियों को दूसरे विमान से चेन्नई रवाना किया गया।

पावर बैंक रखने के नियम फिर चर्चा में: इस घटना ने विमान में पावर बैंक और लिथियम बैटरी ले जाने से जुड़े सुरक्षा नियमों पर फिर ध्यान खींचा है। इंडिगो की वेबसाइट के अनुसार, पावर बैंक को चेक-इन सामान में रखने की अनुमति नहीं है। इन्हें हंड बैग में रखना होता है, ताकि जरूरत पड़ने पर यात्री या चालक दल इन तक पहुंच सकें।

- इंडिगो के विमान में चालक दल समेत 187 लोग थे सवार, सभी सुरक्षित
- ओवरहेड बिन में रखे पावर बैंक से उठा धुआं, चालक दल ने बुझाई आग
- यात्रियों को दूसरे विमान से चेन्नई रवाना किया गया, इंडिगो ने घटना पर जताया खेद

पावर बैंक के टर्मिनल को शार्ट सर्किट से बचना भी जरूरी है। इसके लिए उन्हें अलग प्लास्टिक बैग में रखने या टर्मिनल को सुरक्षित ढंग से ढकने की सलाह दी जाती है। विमान में यात्रा के दौरान पावर बैंक से दूसरे उपकरणों को चार्ज करने और स्वयं पावर बैंक को चार्ज करने पर भी प्रतिबंध लागू हो सकते हैं। यात्रियों को यात्रा से पहले संबंधित एयरलाइन के मौजूदा नियमों की जानकारी लेनी चाहिए।



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Malaysia Airlines open to partnering with India, says CEO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, October 11

MALAYSIA AIRLINES is open to partnerships with Indian companies and wants to expand its network in the country, but limited bilateral traffic rights are restricting growth despite strong demand for corporate and visiting friends and relatives (VFR) travel, its chief executive officer **Nasaruddin A Bakar** has said.

"I'm open to any kind of partnership but it has to be a win-win situation for both parties," Bakar told *PTI* in an interaction.

The Southeast Asian carrier, which serves 10 destinations in India, operates 80 weekly flights and is seeking additional frequencies and slots to tap rising demand. It has a strategic code-share partnership with IndiGo that gives it access to six additional Indian destinations, including Goa.

"Partnership is super important. And we believe with partnership we have been able to grow," Bakar said, adding that the airline's global codeshare and interline partnerships provide connectivity to more than 1,000 destinations. Partnerships are a key pillar of the airline's long-term business plan and need not be limited to other airlines, extending to maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), technology, digital and sports companies, he said.

India is a strong market for the carrier, which recorded 13% year-on-year growth in passenger traffic in the first half of 2026. It carried around 1 million passengers to and from India during the period, accounting for nearly 10% of its total passenger traffic.



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पावर बैंक में आग से आपात लैंडिंग

तेलंगाना

हैदराबाद, एजेंसी। दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रही इंडिगो विमान में रविवार को एक यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लग गई। इस घटना के बाद विमान में अफरा-तफरी मच गई।

इसके बाद प्लेन का रास्ता बदलकर हैदराबाद के राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई। विमान में लगभग 180 यात्री और सात क्रू मेंबर सवार थे। फिलहाल, सभी सुरक्षित हैं।

दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रहे विमान में हड़कंप मचा : इंडिगो ने जारी बयान में कहा कि 11 अक्टूबर को दिल्ली से चेन्नई के लिए दोपहर 1.30 बजे रवाना हुई इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 6115 में एक ओवरहेड केबिन में रखे पावर बैंक से धुआं निकलने लगा। आग की हल्की लपटों के कारण यात्रियों में कुछ डेर के लिए हड़कंप मच गया। हालांकि, धुआं देखते ही केबिन क्रू ने तुरंत प्रतिक्रिया दी और स्थिति को नियंत्रित कर लिया। सोशल मीडिया पर इस घटना का वीडियो भी वायरल है, जिसमें आग की लपटों को बुझाते यात्री दिख रहे हैं। हालांकि, हिन्दुस्तान इस वीडियो को पुष्टि नहीं करता है।

यात्रियों के लिए दूसरे विमान का इंतजाम किया



कंपनी ने कहा कि निर्धारित सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं के तहत पायलटों ने विमान का मार्ग बदला और दोपहर लगभग 3:15 बजे हैदराबाद के राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतारा। बाद में यात्रियों को चेन्नई ले जाने के लिए दूसरे विमान की व्यवस्था की गई। दूसरी ओर, एक बारगी तो यात्रियों में अपने परिजनों तक को कॉल करनी शुरू कर दी थी, क्योंकि वह काफी घबरा गए थे। हालांकि, क्रू मेंबर ने सबको समझाया।

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक डिवाइस के लिए उड़ान में ये हैं नियम



- पावर बैंक को अपने हैंडबैग या केबिन बैग में ही रखना अनिवार्य है। इन्हें मुख्य सामान यानी चेक-इन बैगज में रखना पूरी तरह प्रतिबंधित है।
- 100 वाट आवर या लगभग 27,000 एमएच से कम क्षमता वाले पावर बैंक को ही अनुमति।
- उड़ान के दौरान पावर बैंक से फोन या अन्य गैजेट्स को चार्ज करने पर पूरी तरह रोक लगा दी गई है।
- विमान के अंदर या पावर बैंक को चार्ज करना सख्त मना है।

महिला यात्री को विमान से उतारा

बोधगया, निज प्रतिनिधि। गयाजी से कोलकाता जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान (6ई 6157) को रविवार को एक महिला यात्री के हंगामे के कारण थोड़ी देर के लिए रोकना पड़ा।

विमान टेकऑफ के लिए आगे बढ़ रहा था, तभी महिला की पायलट से बहस शुरू हो गई। स्थिति नहीं संभलने पर पायलट ने एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को सूचना दी। इसके बाद विमान को वापस पार्किंग एरिया में लाया

गया और सुरक्षाकर्मियों की मदद से महिला को उतार दिया गया। पुलिस ने महिला को हिरासत में लेकर पूछताछ शुरू कर दी है।

जानकारी के मुताबिक, महिला यात्री आशा राजेन्द्रन कृष्णा मूर्ति का मोबाइल एयरपोर्ट पर ही छूट गया था। बोर्डिंग और सुरक्षा जांच की प्रक्रिया पूरी करने के बाद वह फ्लाइट में सवार हो चुकी थी। मोबाइल वापस लेने को लेकर वह पायलट से उलझ गई।



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रनवे 600 मीटर बढ़ेगा, बड़े विमान भी उतर सकेंगे

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Chennai-bound IndiGo flight was diverted to Hyderabad. PTI

IndiGo flight diverted to Hyderabad over smoke onboard

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A Chennai-bound IndiGo flight from Delhi was diverted to Hyderabad on Sunday after smoke was detected inside the aircraft from a passenger's personal electronic device.

According to FlightRadar24, IndiGo flight 6E 6115 departed from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport at 1.30 p.m. and was scheduled to land at the Chennai International Airport at 4 p.m.

Following the incident, the flight was diverted and landed at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) at about 3.15 p.m.

"In line with the established protocols, the pilots diverted the flight and landed safely at Hyderabad. An alternate aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey to Chennai. We regret the inconvenience caused to our customers due to this unforeseen situation", the airline said in a statement.



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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

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Power bank fire forces IndiGo flight to land in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai was diverted to Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport after a passenger's power bank caught fire mid-air.

The cabin crew extinguished the fire, and the aircraft landed safely. All passengers and crew members are safe. Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident.

"IndiGo flight 6E 6115... was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a customer's personal electronic device. In line with established protocols, pilots diverted ... safely at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad," an IndiGo spokesperson said. **ENS**



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दिल्ली-चेन्नई उड़ान में धुआं निकलने के बाद विमान को सुरक्षित उतारा

हैदराबाद, 11 अक्टूबर (भाषा)।

दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रही इंडिगो की एक उड़ान में रविवार को एक यात्री के सीट के ऊपर बने खांचे में रखे गए एक निजी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण से धुआं निकलने के बाद विमान को हैदराबाद की ओर मोड़ दिया गया। विमान को सुरक्षित उतार लिया गया। विमानन कंपनी ने यह जानकारी दी।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि विमान में करीब 180 यात्री और चालक दल के सात सदस्य सवार थे। इंडिगो ने कहा कि रविवार को दिल्ली से चेन्नई जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 6115 को यात्री के एक निजी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण से धुआं निकलने के बाद हैदराबाद की ओर मोड़ दिया गया। कंपनी ने कहा कि

कंपनी ने कहा कि निर्धारित सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं के तहत पायलटों ने विमान का मार्ग बदला और उसे हैदराबाद के राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतारा।

निर्धारित सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं के तहत पायलटों ने विमान का मार्ग बदला और उसे हैदराबाद के राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित उतारा। इसने बताया कि यात्रियों को चेन्नई ले जाने के लिए दूसरे विमान की व्यवस्था की गई। घटना में आग लगने की खबरों के बारे में पूछे जाने पर इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि आग नहीं, बल्कि एक यात्री के निजी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण से धुआं निकलने का पता चला था।



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Fire in power bank, Del-Chennai flight lands in Hyderabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

SCARY moments unfolded for over 180 passengers on board an Indigo flight from New Delhi to Chennai on Sunday after a power bank in the overhead storage bin inside the cabin caught fire midair. The flight was diverted to Hyderabad as an emergency measure. It landed safely at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad, with none of the passengers suffering any injuries.

Videos of the incident show a fire blazing in the overhead bin. A few passengers were seen frantically dousing the fire using clothing items and bags. A passenger is heard urging everyone not to get scared.

Flight 6E 6115, an Airbus A321 flight, took off from Terminal 1 of Indira Gandhi International Airport at 1.30 pm and was scheduled to reach Chennai International Airport at 4 pm. It landed at the Hyderabad airport instead at 3.59 pm.

Reacting to the incident, the airline said, "IndiGo flight 6E 6115, operating from Delhi to Chennai on October 11, was diverted to Hyderabad after



A screen grab of fire in overhead baggage bin on Sunday | EXPRESS

smoke was detected from a customer's personal electronic device. The cabin crew responded promptly and the situation was brought under control. In line with established protocols, the pilots diverted the flight and landed safely at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad. An alternate aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey to Chennai."

Power banks are banned inside check-in baggage and are only permitted inside the cabin. The lithium-ion batteries inside power banks can get overheated and, therefore, not permitted for check-in. Following a few instances of power banks catching fire inside the flight, usage of power banks to charge electronic devices on board was stopped in late 2025.



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THE PIONEER

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IndiGo Delhi-Chennai flight diverted to Hyderabad as power bank catches fire mid-air

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

A power bank catching fire mid-air. Passengers scrambling to contain the flames. An aircraft forced to divert. An incident that could have ended in tragedy unfolded aboard an IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai on Sunday, raising serious questions about compliance with aviation safety rules and the dangers of improperly stored lithium-ion batteries.

Flight 6E 6115 was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a passenger's electronic device in the overhead luggage compartment. The cabin crew used a

fire extinguisher to douse the flames, and the aircraft landed safely. IndiGo arranged an alternative aircraft to take passengers to Chennai.

A 36-second video from inside the cabin showed passengers initially attempting to tackle the fire with their bags. The footage, however, does not clearly establish who eventually extinguished it.

In a statement, IndiGo said the crew responded promptly and brought the situation under control.

IndiGo's baggage policy permits power banks and spare lithium batteries only in hand baggage. More

importantly, passengers must keep them within personal reach, such as under the seat, in the seat pocket or on their person.

The airline specifically states that these devices "must not be stowed in overhead compartments or checked baggage".

The restriction is not a technicality. A battery fire inside an overhead bin can be difficult to detect immediately, while smoke and flames in an aircraft cabin can quickly create a dangerous situation. Whether the incident resulted from a passenger's mistake, a defective device or another



Representative image

cause remains unclear.

Under IndiGo's policy, passengers may generally carry up to two spare lithium-ion batteries, including power banks, rated at up to 100 watt-hours (Wh), subject to security clearance. Batteries above 100 Wh and up to 160 Wh are permitted only for portable medical devices, with airline approval.

The airline also requires terminals to be insulated against short circuits. Power banks must not be recharged or used to charge other devices during the flight.

The Directorate General

of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular in November 2025 prohibiting the use of power banks to charge devices on board, including through aircraft seat power outlets. It also requires power banks and spare batteries to be kept out of overhead compartments.

The latest incident comes months after a similar episode involving an IndiGo flight in Chandigarh on March 5, 2026. A passenger's power bank caught fire in a seat pocket after landing, prompting an evacuation. Two fire extinguishers were

used to control the fire, and all passengers were safely escorted to the terminal. Power banks use lithium-based batteries that can undergo thermal runaway, a dangerous chain reaction in which overheating can trigger smoke, intense heat and fire.

Sunday's incident ended without reported casualties, but the consequences of a battery fire at cruising altitude could be far more severe. With explicit safety rules already in place, strict compliance, vigilant enforcement and passenger awareness are essential to prevent a repeat of such incidents.

तनाव बढ़ने पर एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस और एयर इंडिया ने रियाद उड़ानें रद्द कीं

नई दिल्ली। सऊदी अरब में बिगड़ते हालात के मद्देनजर एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस और एयर इंडिया ने रियाद आने-जाने वाली अपनी उड़ानों को रद्द करने की अवधि बढ़ा दी है। अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। यह निर्णय क्षेत्र में बढ़ते तनाव और हवाई अड्डों पर हुए हमलों के बाद लिया गया है। यह कदम यात्रियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उठाया गया है। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने अपनी सेवाएं 14 अक्टूबर तक रद्द कर दी हैं। वहीं, एयर इंडिया ने 15 अक्टूबर तक की उड़ानें निरस्त की हैं। दोनों विमानन कंपनियों ने पहले बृहस्पतिवार को 10 अक्टूबर तक रियाद की उड़ानें रद्द करने की घोषणा की थी। विमानन कंपनियां स्थिति पर करीब से नजर रख रही हैं। वे क्षेत्र के घटनाक्रम का लगातार आकलन कर रही हैं।

यात्रियों के लिए क्या विकल्प हैं- एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस और एयर इंडिया प्रभावित यात्रियों को पूरा पैसा वापस दे रही हैं। यह उन लोगों के लिए एक बड़ी राहत है जिनकी यात्रा योजनाएं बाधित हुई हैं। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया



एक्सप्रेस यात्रियों को मुफ्त पुनर्निर्धारण की सुविधा भी दे रही है। इससे यात्रियों को बिना किसी अतिरिक्त शुल्क के अपनी यात्रा की तारीख बदलने का अवसर मिलेगा। यह सुविधा यात्रियों

को लचीलापन प्रदान करती है और उनकी असुविधा को कम करती है।

कौन सी उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं- एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस भारत के चार शहरों से रियाद

के लिए 16 साप्ताहिक उड़ानें संचालित करती है। इनमें बेंगलुरु, कोच्चि, कन्नूर और कोझिकोड जैसे प्रमुख भारतीय शहर शामिल हैं। एयर इंडिया दिल्ली और मुंबई से रियाद के लिए सात साप्ताहिक उड़ानें संचालित करती है।

अकासा एयर ने भी शुक्रवार को घोषणा की थी कि वह 11 अक्टूबर तक रियाद की अपनी उड़ानें रद्द कर रही है। इन रद्द उड़ानों से बड़ी संख्या में यात्री प्रभावित हुए हैं और उनकी यात्रा योजनाएं प्रभावित हुई हैं।

सऊदी अरब में क्या स्थिति है- इस सप्ताह की शुरुआत में सऊदी अरब के रियाद और आभा स्थित दो हवाई अड्डों पर हमला हुआ था। रिपोर्टों के जरिये, यह हमला ईरान समर्थित हुती विद्रोहियों द्वारा किया गया था। हाल के दिनों में हुती समूह और सऊदी अरब के बीच शत्रुता में काफी वृद्धि हुई है। क्षेत्र में सशस्त्र झेप और मिसाइलों से लगातार हमले हो रहे हैं। इस बढ़ती अशांति के कारण विमानन कंपनियों को यह एहतियाती कदम उठाना पड़ा है।



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THE STATESMAN

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IndiGo launches Guwahati-Itanagar flight service



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
Itanagar, 11 October

IndiGo commenced its expanded flight services between Guwahati and Donyi Polo Airport, Hollongi, Itanagar, on Saturday, 10 October, strengthening air connectivity between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, an official communique said on Sunday.

AS PER THE SCHEDULE, THE GUWAHATI-ITANAGAR FLIGHT WILL DEPART AT 11.45 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT 12.40 P.M. WHILE THE RETURN FLIGHT FROM ITANAGAR WILL DEPART AT 1.10 PM AND REACH GUWAHATI AT 2.05 P.M. UNTIL 24 OCTOBER.

The service will initially operate five days a week—Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—until 24 October. Under the revised winter schedule effective 25 October,

the airline will operate daily flights on the route.

As per the schedule, the Guwahati-Itanagar flight will depart at 11.45 a.m. and arrive at 12.40 p.m. while the return flight from Itanagar will

depart at 1.10 pm and reach Guwahati at 2.05 p.m. until 24 October. Under the revised winter schedule, the Guwahati-Itanagar flight will depart at 12.35 p.m. and arrive at 1.25 p.m. The return flight will leave Itanagar at 3 p.m. and arrive in Guwahati at 3.55 p.m.

The new service is expected to address the long-standing demand for improved air connectivity and facilitate onward travel from Guwahati to major destinations, including Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Jaipur and Lucknow.

The flight schedule, issued for the information of air travellers and the people of Arunachal Pradesh, is based on information provided by the airline. Passengers have been advised to confirm the latest timings and operating schedule on IndiGo's official website while booking tickets or before travelling.



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Kochi-Gulf air link hit by tensions, 10 flights cancelled

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Kochi, 11 October

Ten flight services connecting Cochin International Airport with destinations in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have been cancelled between 11 and 13 October due to the prevailing geopolitical situation in the region.

The cancellations include five services operated by Akasa Air, while Flynas, Air India Express and IndiGo have also reported disruptions, according to a social media brief issued by Cochin International Airport. On 11 October, Flynas cancelled its XY 399/400 services operating on the Kochi-Riyadh-Kochi sector. Air India Express flights IX 476 from Doha to Kochi and IX 475 from Kochi to

Doha were also cancelled.

Akasa Air services QP 523 from Kochi to Riyadh and QP 550 from Kochi to Jeddah were among the other flights affected on Sunday. IndiGo's 6E 1517 service from Kochi to Ras Al Khaimah, scheduled to depart at 9.30 p.m. was also listed for cancellation. On 12 October, Akasa Air's QP 551 service from Jeddah to Kochi, QP 524 from Riyadh to Kochi and QP 523 from Kochi to Riyadh have been reported cancelled.

The disruption is expected to continue on 13 October, with Akasa Air's QP 524 service from Riyadh to Kochi also listed among the cancelled flights. Passengers have been advised to verify their flight status with the respective airlines before leaving for the airport to avoid inconvenience.

Passenger's device starts smoking, flight diverted

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai Sunday was diverted to Hyderabad after a passenger's personal electronic device caught fire. The crew put the device in water before the aircraft safely diverted to Hyderabad.

"6E 6115 was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a customer's PED. Cabin crew responded promptly and the situation was brought under control. In line with established protocols, the pilots diverted the flight and landed safely at Hyderabad," an IndiGo spokesperson said.

The personal electronic device (PED), containing a Li-ion battery, or power bank that caught fire was kept in overhead baggage.

Many countries, including India, mandate that such devices be kept in front of passengers so they can quickly spot if they start emitting smoke or catch fire. The idea is to avoid delays.

However, despite announcements, passengers ignore this instruction and keep power banks or portable electronic devices in bags



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placed in overhead bins.

The biggest concern remains airlines taking cabin bags from passengers at boarding gates to be kept in the aircraft's baggage hold. These bags may contain PEDs and power banks, and a fire in the belly baggage hold may go undetected.

The civil aviation ministry is aware of the issue and is working to resolve it.

"Another aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey to Chennai. We regret inconvenience caused to our customers due to this unforeseen situation and are making all efforts to minimise it, including offering refreshments and sharing updates. At IndiGo, safety of our customers and crew remains our top priority," the spokesperson added.



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THE TRIBUNE

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IndiGo flight diverted to Hyderabad after power bank catches fire mid-air

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

A power bank caught fire in the overhead luggage compartment of an IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai on Sunday, forcing the pilots to divert the aircraft to Hyderabad, where it landed safely. All passengers and crew members were safe, said the officials.

A video recorded by a passenger showed people trying to douse the flames with their bags as the fire broke out in the cabin. The cabin crew subsequently used fire extinguishers to put out the blaze.

The incident occurred aboard flight 6E6115, an Airbus A321-251N, which departed Delhi at 1.30 pm against its scheduled departure time of 1.10 pm. The flight was scheduled to arrive in Chennai at 4 pm, but was diverted to Hyderabad after smoke was detected from a passenger's personal electronic device.

In a statement, IndiGo said the cabin crew responded promptly and brought the situation under control. The pilots diverted the aircraft in accordance with established protocols, and it landed safely

Video shows passengers trying to douse flames using their bags

at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.

"An alternate aircraft was arranged to continue the journey to Chennai," the airline said, reiterating that the safety of passengers and crew remained its top priority.

The incident brings the risks associated with lithium battery-powered devices carried by passengers into focus, particularly when such devices are stored in overhead compartments where a fire may be difficult to detect or access immediately.

Power banks contain lithium batteries, which can overheat and catch fire following a malfunction or internal short circuit. Such fires can be difficult to extinguish and may reignite if the battery continues to overheat.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued safety guidance on the carriage and handling of lithium batteries and power banks aboard aircraft.