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31 airports shut over India-Pak conflict reopen

VINEETA PANDEY
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

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The airports shut were Adhampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awantipur, Bathinda, Bhuj, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Halwara, Hindon, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jannagar, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra (Gaggal), Keshod, Kishanganarh, Kullu Manali (Bhuntar), Leh, Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathan-kot, Patiala, Porbandar,

Rajkot (Hirasar), Sarsawa, Shimla, Srinagar, Thoise and Uttarlai.

In a statement on Monday, AAI said the 32 airports that were closed for civilian aircraft operations till 0529 hours of May 15 are now available for aircraft operations with immediate effect. "It is recommended for travellers to check flight status directly with airlines and monitor airlines' websites for regular updates," the statement said.

Amritsar airport has been shut down for Monday night after drone activity was spotted in the area. Flights enroute to Amritsar were returned to Delhi. Chandigarh Airport announced flight operations have been resumed from 10.30 am on Monday. Jammu airport also said flights had resumed from Monday.

IndiGo said it will progressively commence operations on the previously closed routes, adding the waiver on cancellation and rescheduling will continue till May 22.



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Aviation minister holds meet amid flight disruptions

Airlines taking cautious approach

AGE CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

Civil aviation minister K. Rammoohan Naidu on Tuesday held a review meeting with airline representatives and senior officials of the civil aviation ministry. The meeting comes in the backdrop of disruptions in flight operations in recent days in the wake of the military conflict between India and Pakistan.

"In the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack, I appreciate the extraordinary efforts of the security forces in safeguarding our nation. Also, kudos to the seamless coordination between the ministry, DGCA, AAI and airlines during this emergency. With the NOTAM ending on 15th May, I suggested that airlines resume their normal schedules from the 15th across all 32 airports for which the NOTAM was issued. All airlines responded positively to this suggestion. We are proud to witness the aviation sector rising to the occasion with a unified commitment to 'Nation

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First'. With the continued support of airlines, airport operators, and other partners, the ministry will stand firmly with the armed forces," the minister said in a post on X.

Even as all dual-use airports reopened on Monday and flights resumed in a majority of these, most airlines have been taking a cautious approach in flying to some of the airports. After a last-minute diversion from Amritsar to Delhi due to drone activities, IndiGo on Tuesday announced the cancellation of flights to Amritsar and five other places.

"In light of the latest developments, flights to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar, and Rajkot are cancelled for 13th May 2025," IndiGo said on Monday.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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Srinagar airport ready for flight operations after AAI notice

SRINAGAR, May 12: The Srinagar International Airport is ready for flight operations after the Airports Authority of India announced the resumption of civilian flights at 32 such facilities.

These airports were temporarily shut last week in view of the military standoff between India and Pakistan. The AAI, along with other aviation authorities, had issued a series of Notices to Airmen, announcing the closures across northern and western India.

An official today said, "Aerodrome closure NOTAM has been revoked and Srinagar airport is ready to facilitate flight operations." He said a response from airlines about the resumption of flights was awaited.

Haji flights from Srinagar were also affected due to the closure of the Srinagar airport. - PTI



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HYDERABAD

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AAI to resume flights from closed airports

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HYDERABAD, MAY 12**

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday said flight operations at some airports, which were suspended because of border security, will soon resume. The affected airports include Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot.

After the AAI advisory, Air India said it is working progressively to restart its flights to and from the affected cities. The airline has requested

passengers to stay tuned for updates as their teams work to bring back normal operations.

Air India will resume flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot starting on Tuesday.

IndiGo has already started restoring its services in a phased manner. According to its advisory, the airline began resuming operations from May 12 itself. "Our teams are working diligently to ensure a smooth, secure and seamless travel experience,"

• **AIR INDIA** will resume flights to multiple destinations, including Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, and Chandigarh, starting Tuesday, while IndiGo has begun phased restoration of services from May 12.



said the statement.

IndiGo has restarted flights from Delhi to Jammu, Chandigarh and Amritsar.

However, no flights were operated from Hyderabad to any of these destinations on Monday. IndiGo, however, said flights to and from Jammu, Chandigarh, Leh,

Srinagar and Rajkot are cancelled for May 13.

Airline officials said operations are being resumed in phases and that flights from Hyderabad will also begin in the coming days. They asked passengers to check their websites for real time updates on schedules.

However, IndiGo's website

has already made bookings available for flights from Hyderabad starting May 13, 2025.

As per the schedule visible on the airline's portal there are six flights to Amritsar, seven to Srinagar, four to Jammu and two to Leh from Hyderabad for tomorrow.

Though the process of restarting flights has begun, full-fledged operations may take a few more days to return to normal. Passengers are advised to stay updated through the airlines' official communication websites before heading to the airport.



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32 airports closed during India-Pak conflict reopens

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of these airports for military use. However, the airlines said they will take some time to restart operations in some places. Security measures that were enhanced in all airports across the country will remain.

The airports shut during India's Operation Sindoor were Adhampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awantipur, Bathinda, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Halwara, Hindon, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra

(Gaggal), Keshod, Kishangarh, Kullu Manali (Bhuntar), Leh, Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathankot, Patiala, Porbandar, Rajkot (Hirasar), Sarsawa, Shimla, Srinagar, Thoise and Uttarlai.

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32 airports to resume ops, Air India flights in routes affected

TDG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday announced that civilian flight operations will resume at 32 airports that were temporarily shut last week in view of the military stand-off between India and Pakistan.

Air India on Monday announced that it is working towards commencing flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jammu, Chandigarh and Rajkot.

Air India took to X to announce this travel advisory. The airlines said that their teams are working to bring operations at these airports

back to normal.

"Following a notification from aviation authorities on the reopening of airports, Air India is working towards progressively commencing flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jammu, Chandigarh and Rajkot. We appreciate your understanding at this time as our teams work on bringing operations at these airports back to normal. Please stay tuned for further updates," Air India said.

In a statement on Monday, state-owned AAI said the 32 airports that were closed for civilian aircraft operations till 0529 hours of May 15 are now available for operations with immediate effect.



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Small private airport capex to rise 50-60% in next three fiscals: Crisil

TGG NETWORK
NEW DELHI

Capital expenditure at small private airports - nearly half of the overall upcoming private airport capex - will be up 50-60 per cent on an average in the fiscals 2026-2028 compared with previous three fiscal years, according to Crisil Ratings.

The rating agency asserted that this will be driven by capacity expansion due to substantial increase in terminal utilisation levels.

Capital expenditure, or capex, is used to set up long-term physical or fixed assets.

On the other hand, capex at large private airports - remaining half of the overall upcoming private airport capex - will see a decline during the same period as much of the capacity expansion has been completed or is nearing completion.

Net-net, the overall capex of private airports will slightly slow down by 10-15

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Ankit Haku, Director, Crisil Ratings said small private airports are expected to embark on a significant expansion of up to 1.5 times their current base by fiscal 2028.

"This is in response to escalating travel demand and moderate capacity on the ground," Haku said.

Strong demand, leading to recovery of air traffic movement, has yielded a remarkable compound an-

nual growth rate (CAGR) of 45 per cent in passenger traffic at small private airports between fiscal years 2022 and 2025.

In contrast, large private airports are expected to see a significant reduction in capacity addition following substantial expansion over the past three years, which has absorbed high traffic growth and kept terminal utilisation stable at 80-85 per cent.

"While capex intensity for small private airports will rise to over 2 times, project risk will be manageable since these are expansions of existing sole airports in their respective cities," said Gauri Gupta, Team Leader, Crisil Ratings.



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DECCAN HERALD

BANGALORE

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32 airports reopen as tensions ease

NEW DELHI, DHNS: All the 32 airports, which were closed during the military escalation between India and Pakistan, reopened on Monday, two days after both the countries announced a ceasefire.

In a statement, Airports Authority of India (AAI) said, "In light of evolving circumstances and dynamic airspace conditions, commercial flight operations were temporarily suspended at 32 airports until 05:29 hours of May 15. It is pleased to inform that these airports are now fully operational for civil aircraft movements with immediate effect."

Passengers scheduled to travel via these airports are advised to stay updated by checking flight status directly with their respective airlines and monitor official airline websites for the latest information, it said.

The airports, which were closed, included Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishanganarh, Patiala, Shimla, Dharamsala, Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Leh, Bikaner, Pathankot, Jammu, Jamnagar, and Bhuj.



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32 airports re-open

FPJ News Service
NEW DELHI

The temporary closure of 32 airports across northern and western India for civil aircraft operations amid India-Pakistan tensions has been lifted with immediate effect, the Airport Authority of India (AAI) stated on Monday.

In a press release, the AAI stated that the airports' temporary closure was initially set to last until 05:29 hrs on May 15 but will now be available for civil aircraft operations.

"Attention Flyers: reference notice issued for temporary closure of 32 Airports for civil Aircraft operations till 05:29 hrs of 15 May 2025.

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32 airports re-open

It is informed that these Airports are now available for civil Aircraft operations with immediate effect. It is recommended for travellers to check flight status directly with Airlines and monitor Airline's websites for regular updates," the release read.

Meanwhile, Mohali Deputy Commissioner also stated that Chandigarh Airport was now open for normal civil flight operations with immediate effect as per information conveyed

by CEO of the Chandigarh International Airport Limited (CHIAL).

"Chandigarh AirPort @ixc:airport is now open for normal civil flight operations with immediate effect as per information conveyed by CEO CHIAL," the DC Mohali stated on X.

Earlier on May 10, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and relevant aviation authorities issued a series of Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) announcing the closure of 32 airports across Northern and Western India for all civil flight operations.

They include Adhampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awantipur, Bathinda, Bhub, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Halwara, Hindon, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra (Gaggal), Keshod, Kishangarh, Kullu Manali (Bhuntar), Leh, Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathankot, Patiala, Porbandar, Rajkot (Hirasar), Sarsawa, Shimla, Srinagar, Thoise and Uttarlai. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) earlier extended the temporary closure of 25 segments of Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes within the Delhi and Mumbai Flight Information Regions (FIRS) due to operational reasons.

IGIA runway to shut again mid-June

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NEW DELHI: The government has begun preparations for one of Delhi airport's four runways to be shut again in mid-June and has instructed airlines to plan flight cancellations, officials said quoting civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu's discussion with airlines on Tuesday.

Runway 28/10 of the Capital's IGI Airport needs to be shut for its landing instruments to be upgraded. The first attempt to do this in April had to be aborted within four weeks after flight schedules descended into chaos, with the airport unable to handle its typical load of roughly 1,400 flights a day on three of its runways.

A second attempt will be made beginning June 15, which will last 90 days. The period identified by officials as rela-



Closure of runway 28/10 on April 8 affected operations. SALMANALI/HT

tively leaner than at present when many are expected to fly in and out of the city for vacations.

"Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu called a meeting with airlines on Tuesday morning and instructed them to start preparing for the runway closure, which is expected to last for around three months," said an official aware of the matter.

The minister has taken a proactive approach to avoid repeating the chaos that ensued in April. "The minister also asked the airlines to plan flight cancellations in advance to minimise inconvenience to passengers," said a second official aware of the matter.

"He (Naidu) further asked the airlines to propose all possible

measures that could be taken to minimize the impact of the runway closure on passengers," the official added.

The high-level meeting was held at the ministry of civil aviation with comprehensive stakeholder participation, including representatives from all Indian airlines. Airports Authority of India (AAI), aviation secretary Samir Kumar Sinha, Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, the director general of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), and Videh Kumar Jaipuria, chief executive officer of Delhi International Airport Ltd.

The renewed focus on advance planning comes after a chaotic episode in April when Delhi airport authorities shut runway 28/10 on April 8 to upgrade its Instrument Landing System (ILS) to CAT III B standards — an enhancement aimed at enabling operations during

low-visibility conditions common in Delhi's foggy winters. The runway's lighting system also needed to be extended from 650 to 900 metres.

However, by April 11, the airport began experiencing significant flight delays, attributed to poor planning among stakeholders, including a lack of any mandate for airlines to mandatorily reduce services. The situation was made worse by spells of thunderstorms.

The crisis exposed critical gaps in India's aviation ecosystem, particularly the absence of a regulatory mechanism that can enforce necessary adjustments during planned infrastructure work at critical hubs. Despite being informed well in advance about the runway closure, airlines had not reduced their flight operations—a crucial step that could have potentially mitigated the chaos.



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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EXPLORE WAYS TO FELICITATE ARMED FORCES, MINISTER TELLS AIRLINES

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NEW DELHI: Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Tuesday urged airlines to explore ways to acknowledge the contributions of the armed forces during Operation Sindoor, officials aware of the matter said.

Naidu made the suggestion during a review meeting he chaired with airlines and senior aviation officials. The meeting comes a day after Airports Authority of India on Monday announced the resumption of civilian flight operations at 32 airports across northern and western India, but temporarily suspended flight operations north of Delhi after drones were spotted above some border districts.

"The minister, during the discussion, urged airlines to explore ways of acknowledging the contributions of the armed forces, such as through in-flight announcements," an official close to the development said.



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MUMBAI

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Flight ops north of Delhi see brief halt

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NEW DELHI: The Airports Authority of India on Monday announced the resumption of civilian flight operations at 32 airports across northern and western India, but temporarily suspended flight operations north of Delhi after drones were spotted above some border districts.

An IndiGo Delhi-Amritsar flight turned back to land in the capital. This was the first scheduled commercial flight to Amritsar since the airport reopened. The flight 6E 2045 took off at around 8.26 pm but landed back in the capital around 9.15pm. Several other flights also rerouted to avoid the area. According to multiple AAI officials, a blackout in Amritsar, possibly due to suspected drone activity, led the diversion.

The airline issued a statement cancelling flights in several cities scheduled for Tuesday citing safety concerns.

Earlier in the day, a fresh Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) was issued for reopening the international flight routes, thus lifting the restrictions that were initially imposed till May 10 and then extended till 5.29am on May 15.

"Attention Flyers: reference

notice issued for temporary closure of 32 airports for civil aircraft operations till 0529 hrs of 15 May 2025. It is informed that these Airports are now available for civil aircraft operations with immediate effect," AAI said in a statement.

The ministry of civil aviation, in a separate statement, confirmed that the temporary closure has been lifted, and advised travellers to "check flight status directly with the Airlines and monitor Airline's websites for regular updates".

On May 7, the government suspended civilian flight operations from the 32 airports across northern and western India, including Srinagar and Amritsar. AAI, along with other aviation authorities, issued a series of NOTAMs announcing the temporary closure of these airports for all civilian flight operations. The suspension of operations followed India's targeted strikes on nine terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack which claimed 26 lives.

The decision to reopen airports and routes was taken after the IAF early on Monday said "no activities" were reported in the border areas. "The night remained largely peaceful across Jammu and Kashmir and other areas along the

International Border. No incidents have been reported, marking the first calm night in recent days," said the IAF in a statement.

The IAF later advised AAI to temporarily halt all flights north of Delhi following reports of drone sightings, AAI officials said. The restrictions were withdrawn at 10.50pm.

Before the late night halt, some airports reopened on Monday evening. They included Mundra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Bhuj and Keshod airports in Gujarat; Jaisalmer, Kishangarh, Jodhpur, Bikaner and Uttarlai airports in Rajasthan; Adampur, Ambala, Patiala, Bathinda, Halwara, Pathankot, Chandigarh and Ludhiana in Punjab; Srinagar, Jammu and Awantipur airports in J&K; Hindon and Sarsawa in UP; Kullu, Shimla and Kangra in Himachal Pradesh; and Thoise and Leh airports in Ladakh.

Air India Express said their services will resume on routes including Hindon-Bengaluru, Jammu-Delhi, Jammu-Srinagar, and Srinagar-Delhi from Tuesday. "The reinstatement of other flights... is expected to follow from May 15," the airline spokesperson said.

An Air India spokesperson asked its customers to wait for the updates.

32 airports open for civil ops as hostilities reduce

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NEW DELHI: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday issued Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) for the reopening of 32 airports across northern and western India for civil flight operations three days after their temporary closure was extended until Thursday next (May 15) amid escalating India-Pakistan conflict.

A separate NOTAM issued for re-opening the international flight routes said all 25 routes were now available.

The decision to reopen airports and routes came after the Indian Air Force (IAF) early on Monday said "no activities" were reported in the border areas.

"The night remained largely peaceful across Jammu and Kashmir and other areas along the international border. No incidents have been reported, marking the first calm night in recent days," said the IAF in a statement.

The authorities have started reopening the airports, said two officials from the AAI.

The NOTAMs accessed by HT said airports under the Mumbai Flight Information Region, such as Mundra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Keshod, and Bhuj, have been reopened while Srinagar, Jammu, Hindon, Sarsawa, Uttarlai, Awantipur, Ambala, Kullu, Ludhiana, Kishangarh, Patiala, Shimla, Kangra, Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Halwara, Pathankot, Leh, and Chandigarh airports have been notified to resume operations.

A NOTAM is a written notice to aviation stakeholders



The Chandigarh international airport bore a deserted look on May 7 after early morning strikes on Pakistan. RAVI KUMAR/HT PHOTO

announcing a particular change in the airspace of an airport or a country.

"The process of issuing [NOTAMs to] all airports is on-going and will be notified soon," an AAI official said, adding that the resumption of flight operations will depend on respective airlines. "Reopening an airport is not a time-consuming process. The airlines have to plan their flights, which takes time."

A second AAI official said the flight routes have been issued, but it will take a couple of hours for the airlines to start using them.

The operations at the Delhi airport continued, but some flight schedules were impacted, and security checks took longer due to airspace conditions and enhanced security measures as per the Bureau of Civil Aviation

Security (BCAS) orders.

The BCAS on Thursday issued an advisory for stricter security protocols at airports across the country amid tensions with Pakistan.

The measures will be effective until May 18. They barred visitors from entering airports and suspended the sale of visitor tickets.

Additional passenger and baggage checks were conducted at boarding gates for all flights apart from regular security screenings.

The airports were closed following precision strikes at nine terrorist targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on Wednesday. The targets were hit as part of Operation Sindoor on May 7 in retaliation to the April 22 terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

PM Modi holds review meet with top officials

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting at his residence on Monday, which was attended by defence minister Rajnath Singh, external affairs minister S Jaishankar, national security adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan.

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and foreign secretary Vikram Misri were among those who attended the meeting.

Earlier on May 11, the PM had given clear directions to the Armed forces to respond to cross-border firing and shelling with full force, saying "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola," sources said.

They said the Operation Sindoor is far from over, and India will respond with bombs to every Pakistani bullet fired from across the Line of Control (LoC).

They said that the PM has said enough is enough, "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola chalega." (If they fire bullets from there, we will respond with bombs). The turning point was the attacks on the air bases, they said. "If they fire, we will fire, and if they attack, we will attack," sources added.

Following India and Pakistan's understanding on the cessation of hostilities, the Indian Air Force informed that the tasks assigned



PM Modi and Union ministers at a meeting with senior officials on Monday. ANI

to it in Operation Sindoor had been completed with "precision" and "professionalism."

They further informed that the operations are still ongoing and have not finished. According to their post on 'X,' a special briefing regarding the same will be conducted in due course.

The Indian Air Force also urged everyone to refrain from speculation and disseminate unverified information.

"The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully executed its assigned tasks in Operation Sindoor, with precision and professionalism. Operations were conducted in a deliberate and discreet manner, aligned with National Objectives. Since the Operations are still ongoing, a detailed briefing will be conducted in due course. The IAF urges all to refrain from speculation and dissemination of unverified information", the Indian Air Force posted on X.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 to strike multiple terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir after the Pahalgam attack.



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

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INBRIEF



'32 airports that were closed now available for operations'

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on Monday announced that civilian flight operations will resume at 32 airports that were temporarily shut last week in view of the military standoff between India and Pakistan. Security measures were enhanced, and at least 32 airports in northern and western parts of the country were temporarily shut. "It is recommended for travellers to check flight status directly with airlines and monitor airlines' websites for regular updates," the AAI said in a statement. PTI



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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Airlines to resume flights to 32 airports by May 15

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CIVIL Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Tuesday said expressed optimism that airlines would resume their normal operations to the 32 closed airports from May 15.

Air India said it would operate to the airports from Wednesday. An Air India spokesperson said, "We will be progressively operating to almost all the airports from tomorrow (May 14)." The minister released a statement to this effect after holding a review meeting with top officials and representatives of all airlines in New Delhi. The Minister said, "With the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) ending on May 15, I suggested that airlines resume their normal schedules from the 15th across all 32 airports for which the NOTAM was issued. All airlines responded positively to this suggestion."

A Ministry source said, "At present, partial operations are taking place. The full-fledged operations will resume from May 15." The NOTAM to close 32 airports in the North and Western India upto May 15 (5.29 am) was issued by the Airports Authority of India on May 9 as a precautionary step after the launch of Operation Sindoor. A revised NOTAM by AAI said the airports would open for commercial operations from May 12, but leading airlines like Indigo and Air India had stated they would not operate flights to specific airports till May 13.

This was on account of unconfirmed reports of drone attacks by Pakistan at a few cities.



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Ram Mohan Naidu, Civil Aviation Minister

Precaution

The NOTAM to close 32 airports in the North and Western India up to May 15 was issued by the Airports Authority of India as a precautionary step after Operation Sindoor.



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THE STATESMAN

KOLKATA

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Temporary closure of 32 airports lifted after India-Pakistan ceasefire

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 12 MAY

India reopened its 32 airports on Monday that had been shut since May 9, owing to the conflict between India and Pakistan.

The Centre ordered the closure of airspace across northern and western India, including Srinagar and Amritsar, from May 9 to May 15 due to the military standoff between India and Pakistan.

"Temporary closure of 32 Airports for civil Aircraft operations till 05:29 hrs of 15 May 2025 has been lifted. These Airports are now available for civil Aircraft operations with immediate effect," according to a Civil Aviation Ministry statement.

Travellers are advised to check flight status directly



with the Airlines and monitor airlines' websites for regular updates.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other relevant aviation bodies had issued a series of Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs), announcing the temporary suspension of civil flight operations at 32 airports in Northern and Western India. Major airports affected include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishangarh, Patiala, Shimla, Dharamsala, and Bathinda.

Travellers are advised to check flight status directly with the Airlines and monitor airlines' websites for regular updates.

Additionally, strategically important locations such as Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Leh, Bikaner, Pathankot, Jammu, Jamnagar, and Bhuj were also closed.

India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an "understanding" to stop all firings and military actions on land, air, and sea, with immediate effect. This indicates a significant de-escalation in the heightened military alert that had followed recent hostilities with the neighbouring country.



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Civilian flight operation restored at J-K's Srinagar international airport

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR, 12 MAY

Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar international airport is one of the 32 airports in the country where NOTAM was revoked on Monday.

An official statement said that Srinagar International Airport is among the 32 airports now reopening for civilian flights amid a ceasefire announced by India and Pakistan following four days of hostilities.

"Attention Flyers: reference notice issued for temporary closure of 32 Airports for civil Aircraft operations till 05:29 hrs of 15 May 2025. It is informed that these Airports are now available for civil Aircraft operations with immediate effect," said a notification issued by the Corporate Communications

Directorate, Airports Authority of India (AAI).

"It is recommended for travellers to check flight status directly with airlines and their websites for regular updates," it stated

While Srinagar airport is a defence airport, the closure NOTAM has been revoked, and Srinagar Airport is ready to facilitate flight operations. After cessation of hostilities between the two countries, a modicum of peace has returned to the border areas along the 740-km-long Line of Control (LoC) and the 240-km-long International Border (IB) in J-K.

Security forces have advised border residents that they should not hurry back to their homes as there are unexploded shells which are being defused.

"Once the unexploded shells are defused, the areas along the LoC and the IB would be safe for the return of the people living along the borders," the security forces said. Official estimates said over 200 houses and shops have been destroyed in Uri, Kupwara, Bandipora, Poonch, Rajouri, Samba, Jammu and Kathua districts.

There has been calm through the LoC and the IB in J-K, as also in neighbouring Punjab and elsewhere along the International Border between the two countries.

Scores of civilians injured in indiscriminate mortar shelling by Pakistan are being treated in various hospitals in Jammu and Srinagar in addition to those with minor injuries being treated at various district hospitals across the union territory.



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Post ceasefire, flights from Shimla airport to resume today

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Flights from the Shimla airport are set to resume as the situation starts to get back to normal after India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire. As per the authorities concerned, the airport is now open and all flights will be operational from Tuesday onwards.

The Shimla airport authorities have advised people to check their flight status directly with airlines and also monitor airline's website for regular updates. The airport authorities have also conducted an inspection of infrastructure and installations towards airside and the city side in which all facilities were found to be serviceable.

The Airports Authority of India, in a press note here issued today, mentioned that the civil operations in 32 airports were closed till 5.29 pm

on May 15. It stated that the airports were now available for civil aircraft operations with immediate effect.

Along with the Shimla Airport, flights have also resumed from the Gaggal and Bhuntar airports. Located at Jubbarhatti in Shimla, the Shimla airport is the only domestic airport in the state capital. The airport is crucial from tourism point of view as it provides aircraft services to New Delhi, Dharamsala and Amritsar.

The flights from the Shimla airport were suspended in view of "Operation Sindoor" that was launched by the Indian Army on May 7 after the terrorist attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22 in which over 26 civilians were shot by terrorists. The Shimla Airport is one of the 32 airports from where airline services were temporarily suspended.

5 दिन में 3 लाख टिकट कैंसल किए गए

ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के दौरान 32 हवाईअड्डे बंद किए गए जिनमें श्रीनगर, जम्मू, लेह, अमृतसर और चंडीगढ़ भी शामिल

दीपक पटेल

देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी क्षेत्र के 32 हवाईअड्डों पर 7 से 12 मई के बीच विमान सेवाएं स्थगित किए जाने की वजह से करीब तीन लाख से अधिक टिकट कैंसल किए गए। इन हवाईअड्डों पर परिचालन बंद किए जाने से पहले रोजाना 50,000 से 65,000 यात्रियों को सेवाएं दी जा रही थीं। पहलगाम में 22 अप्रैल को आतंकी हमले में 26 पर्यटकों को मारे जाने की घटना की प्रतिक्रिया में ऑपरेशन सिंदूर शुरू हुआ, जिसके बाद देश के इन हिस्सों में हवाईअड्डों का परिचालन बंद कर दिया गया। इस बंद से प्रभावित हवाईअड्डों में श्रीनगर, जम्मू, लेह, अमृतसर, चंडीगढ़ और जोधपुर के हवाईअड्डे शामिल हैं जिन्हें दोनों देशों के बीच संघर्ष विराम की घोषणा किए जाने के बाद 12 मई की सुबह दोबारा खोला गया। हालांकि विमानों की उड़ान पहले की तरह सहज नहीं है।

12 मई को पाकिस्तान से आने वाले ड्रोन की गतिविधि बढ़ गई जिसके कारण सोमवार की शाम अमृतसर जाने वाली इंडिगो की फ्लाइट आसमान में उड़ान भरने के बावजूद वापस आने के लिए बाध्य हुई। 12 मई की आधी रात को देश की सबसे बड़ी विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो ने यह घोषणा की कि जम्मू, अमृतसर, चंडीगढ़, लेह, श्रीनगर और राजकोट उड़ान भरने वाली फ्लाइट की सेवाएं 13 मई को रद्द की जाती हैं।

मंगलवार की सुबह इंडिगो ने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स पर लिखा कि इन शहरों से 14 मई से उड़ान सेवाएं धीरे-धीरे बहाल की जाएंगी। विमानन कंपनी ने कहा, 'प्रत्येक फ्लाइट की सेवाएं बेहतर समन्वय के साथ



उड़ान पर असर

■ बंद किए गए 32 हवाईअड्डे पर रोजाना 50,000 से लेकर 65,000 यात्रियों को सेवाएं दी जा रही थीं

■ इनमें से शीर्ष पांच हवाईअड्डे का योगदान यात्रियों की तादाद में करीब 90 फीसदी है

■ 7 मई और 12 मई के बीच घरेलू उड़ानों के रद्द होने का वित्तीय प्रभाव विमानन कंपनियों पर पड़ा

बहाल की जा रही हैं और यह सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है कि सभी यात्रा बिना किसी बाधा के सुरक्षित तरीके से अपने वायु मार्ग पर पूरी हो जाए।' सेवाएं बहाल करने की योजना की घोषणा करने के कुछ घंटे बाद ही एयर इंडिया ने एक्स पर लिखा कि 'ताजा

प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों पर यात्री संख्या

हवाई अड्डा	2023-24 में यात्री संख्या	2024-25 में यात्री संख्या	अंतर प्रतिशत
श्रीनगर	42,05,541	44,72,449	6.3%
चंडीगढ़	37,21,229	41,49,840	11.5%
अमृतसर	30,85,598	35,42,880	14.8%
जम्मू	14,56,567	16,14,167	10.8%
लेह	10,74,426	11,94,892	11.2%

स्रोत- एएआई

घटनाक्रम' को देखते हुए और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखकर, जम्मू, लेह, जोधपुर, अमृतसर, भुज, जामनगर, चंडीगढ़ और राजकोट से आने-जाने वाली विमान सेवाएं 13 मई के लिए रद्द की जा रही हैं। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने बिजनेस

स्टैंडर्ड के भेजे उन सवालों पर कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं दी है कि सरकार विमानन कंपनियों को कोई वित्तीय राहत देने की योजना बना रही है या नहीं। हालांकि नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राम मोहन नायडू ने वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के साथ विमानन कंपनियों के शीर्ष प्रतिनिधियों

से मुलाकात की ताकि हवाईअड्डों को बंद किए जाने के कारण उड़ान बाधाओं पर चर्चा की जा सके। कंपनियों ने इस बैठक में एंविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूएल (एटीएफ) पर कर कटौती की जरूरत को लेकर भी चर्चा की।

बैठक के दौरान मंत्री ने विमानन कंपनियों से यह गुजारिश की कि वे उड़ान के दौरान की जाने वाली घोषणाओं के साथ-साथ अन्य तरीके से सैन्य बलों के योगदान को सम्मान देने के तरीके के बारे में सोचें।

7 से 12 मई के बीच घरेलू उड़ानों के रद्द होने के अलावा अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए पाकिस्तान का एयरस्पेस भारतीय विमानों के लिए बंद किए जाने का वित्तीय प्रभाव विमानन कंपनियों पर पड़ रहा है। 24 अप्रैल को पाकिस्तान एयरस्पेस के बंद किए जाने के बाद इन उड़ानों को नए मार्ग की तलाश करनी पड़ी। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि इसके कारण पश्चिमी और उत्तर भारत से अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान भरने वाली कंपनियों को लंबा रास्ता अपनाना पड़ा जिससे फ्लाइट का समय 30 मिनट से लेकर 100 मिनट तक बढ़ गया। पाकिस्तान एयरस्पेस के तुरंत बंद होने के बाद, सरकार ने इसके असर का जायजा लेने के लिए विमानन कंपनियों से मुलाकात की। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक जो 32 हवाईअड्डे बंद किए गए उनमें यात्रियों की तादाद के लिहाज से शीर्ष पांच में श्रीनगर, जम्मू, लेह, अमृतसर और चंडीगढ़ शामिल हैं। अधिकारी ने बताया, 'इन 32 हवाईअड्डों पर रोजाना 50,000 से लेकर 65,000 यात्रियों को सेवाएं दी जा रही थीं। हालांकि शीर्ष पांच हवाईअड्डे का योगदान यात्रियों की तादाद में करीब 90 फीसदी है। बाकी 27 हवाईअड्डे, यात्रियों की तादाद के लिहाज से पीछे हैं।'

सीमावर्ती हवाई अड्डों पर परिचालन बहाल

टीम जागरण, नई दिल्ली: भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच संघर्ष विराम के बाद मंगलवार को सीमावर्ती शहरों में हवाई सेवा बहाल हो गई। जम्मू, श्रीनगर, अमृतसर, आदमपुर, साहनेवाल (लुधियाना) और बठिंडा एयरपोर्ट से विमानों का संचालन शुरू हो गया है। इंडिगो व एअर इंडिया एयरलाइन द्वारा दिल्ली स्थित इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआई) एयरपोर्ट से मंगलवार को भी अमृतसर, श्रीनगर, जम्मू, लेह, चंडीगढ़, जोधपुर, भुज, जामनगर व राजकोट के लिए उड़ानें रद कर दी गईं। मंगलवार को 12 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में विलंब हुआ, जबकि एक उड़ान को रद करना पड़ा। घरेलू उड़ानों की बात करें तो 18 में देरी दर्ज की गई और 91 उड़ानें रद कर दी गईं।

जम्मू व श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट पर मंगलवार दोपहर से विमानों का परिचालन बहाल कर दिया गया। जम्मू एयरपोर्ट के निदेशक संजीव कुमार गर्ग का कहना है कि अगर सब कुछ ठीक रहा था बुधवार से एयरपोर्ट पर विमानों की आवाजाही संचारू रहेगी। उधर, श्रीनगर हवाई

सेना के शौर्य को सराहेंगी विमानन कंपनियां

नई दिल्ली, प्रे: नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने मंगलवार को वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों और एयरलाइंस के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बैठक की। इस दौरान हवाई अड्डों के बंद होने से उड़ानों में व्यवधान, जेट ईंधन पर कर कम करने व अन्य मुद्दों पर चर्चा की गई। सूत्रों ने बताया, भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर हाल के दिनों में उड़ान संचालन में व्यवधान की पृष्ठभूमि में हुई बैठक में मंत्री ने विमानन कंपनियों से सशस्त्र बलों द्वारा किए गए योगदान को सराहने के तरीकों पर विचार करने के लिए कहा। इसमें उड़ान के दौरान उनके शौर्य का बखान करते हुए घोषणाएं भी करना शामिल है। बैठक के दौरान कुछ विमानन कंपनियों ने मंत्री



और अधिकारियों से कहा कि अभी यात्रा करने को लेकर उत्सुकता नहीं दिख रही है। कैसिलेशन अधिक हो रहे हैं। नौ मई को भारत-पाकिस्तान संघर्ष के मद्देनजर देश के उत्तरी और पश्चिमी हिस्से में स्थित 32 हवाई अड्डों को नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दिया गया था। 12 मई को इन सभी एयरपोर्ट को खोल दिया गया था। अन्य मुद्दों के अलावा एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल पर कर कम करके राहत देने की मांग की।

अड्डे से बुधवार को हज उड़ानें बहाल हो जाएंगी। मंगलवार को पंजाब के आदमपुर से स्टार एयर एयरलाइन की फ्लाइट में हिंडन के लिए दो यात्री ही रवाना हुए।

इंडिगो ने कहा, 'यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देते हुए मंगलवार के लिए जम्मू, अमृतसर, चंडीगढ़, लेह, श्रीनगर व राजकोट से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानें रद की गई हैं।



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32 नागरिक हवाई अड्डों पर विमान संचालन शुरू

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने हिंडन, श्रीनगर, चंडीगढ़, जोधपुर, राजकोट और भुज समेत देश के 32 हवाई अड्डों को नागरिक विमान परिचालन के लिए फिर से खोल दिया है।

सरकार ने पाकिस्तान के साथ सैन्य कार्रवाई के मद्देनजर इन हवाई अड्डों पर संचालन 15 मई, 2025 को सुबह पांच बजकर 29 मिनट तक के लिए अस्थायी रूप बंद कर दिया था। अब इस पाबंदी को अब हटा लिया है।

ये हवाई अड्डे अब तत्काल प्रभाव से नागरिक विमान परिचालन के लिए उपलब्ध हैं।

भारत-पाक तनाव के बीच जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर असर, 4 फ्लाइट्स रद्द

नवज्योति, जयपुर। भारत-पाक तनाव का असर जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर भी देखने को मिल रहा है। सोमवार को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से 4 फ्लाइट्स का संचालन रद्द कर दिया गया है। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की जयपुर से सुबह 5.50 बजे चंडीगढ़, इंडिगो की जयपुर से सुबह 9.10 बजे, इंडिगो की जयपुर से शाम 7.50 बजे चंडीगढ़ और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की जयपुर से सुबह 9.30 बजे हिंडन (गजियाबाद) जाने वाली फ्लाइट का संचालन सोमवार को रद्द किया गया। हालांकि अन्य शहरों के लिए उड़ानें सामान्य रूप से संचालित हो रही हैं।

जयपुर से दुबई की फ्लाइट का समय बदला

जयपुर से दुबई जाने वाली एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट के समय में बदलाव किया गया है। पहले यह फ्लाइट सुबह 5.30 बजे रवाना होती थी, लेकिन अब यह शाम 5 बजे दुबई के लिए उड़ान भरेगी। यात्रियों को इस परिवर्तन की जानकारी मैसेज के माध्यम से दी गई है।



देश के 32 एयरपोर्ट से फिर शुरू हुआ फ्लाइट्स का संचालन

भारत-पाक तनाव के चलते बंद किए गए भारत के सभी 32 एयरपोर्ट्स को पुनः खोल दिया गया है और फ्लाइट संचालन फिर से शुरू किया जा रहा है। बंद किए गए प्रमुख एयरपोर्ट्स में जम्मू, श्रीनगर, लोह, चंडीगढ़, अमृतसर, जोधपुर, जैसलमेर, बीकानेर, किशनगढ़, जामनगर, राजकोट, ग्वालियर और हिंडन गजियाबाद शामिल थे। अब भारत सरकार ने तुरंत प्रभाव से इन सभी एयरपोर्ट्स पर फ्लाइट संचालन को पुनः शुरू करने का निर्णय लिया है। इससे विमानन क्षेत्र में सामान्य स्थिति बहाल होने की उम्मीद है।

जयपुर से दिल्ली जाने वाली फ्लाइट रद्द

जयपुर से दिल्ली के लिए जाने वाली फ्लाइट का संचालन सोमवार को रद्द रहा। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी हुई। इंडिगो एयरलाइन ने जयपुर से दिल्ली के लिए तीन दिनों (11 से 13 मई) तक विशेष फ्लाइट चलाई थी। यह फ्लाइट जयपुर से दोपहर 12.30 बजे दिल्ली के लिए रवाना होती थी। सोमवार को एयरलाइन ने संचालन कारण बताते हुए फ्लाइट का संचालन रद्द किया। इससे यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।



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MUMBAI

13 MAY 2025

Mumbai ATC: With Flying Colours



Praises have been flying in for the air traffic control (ATC) at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) for its exceptional work in managing the increased air traffic.

The air traffic diverted southwards after the rising tensions between India and Pakistan.

After India's action against the Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistan closed its airspace for Indian aircraft, which increased airspace congestion above Gujarat and Maharashtra.

120 Increased load of daily flights handled by Mumbai ATC

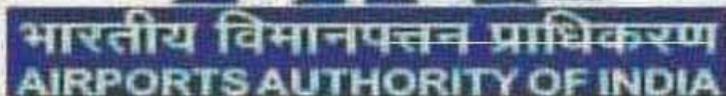
Action taken: Additional staff deployed, including radar controllers

450 Daily flights, after Operation Sindoor started

Mumbai ATC managed around 400-450 additional flights daily on top of their regular load with utmost precision and calm. In moments of challenge, Mumbai ATC rose with quiet excellence. Their vigilance kept India moving.

Murlidhar Mohol
State minister for
civil aviation

TEXT: Dhairya Gajra



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GREATER KASHMIR

SRINAGAR

13 MAY 2025

32 airports reopen for civil flights after temporary closure

GK News Service
New Delhi, May 12

The temporary suspension of civil aircraft operations at 32 airports across the country, has been officially lifted. All affected airports are now open for civilian flight operations. The Ministry of Civil Aviation confirmed the resumption of services, stating that normal operations may now proceed at these locations. Travellers are strongly advised to check the status of their flights directly with airlines and to stay updated through airline websites and official communication channels, as schedules may be subject to change during the transition back to regular operations.



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GREATER KASHMIR

SRINAGAR

13 MAY 2025

Small private airport capex in India to rise 50-60% in next 3 fiscals: Crisil

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New Delhi, May 12

Capital expenditure (capex) at small private airports in India — nearly half of the overall upcoming private airport capex — will be up 50-60 per cent on average in fiscals 2026-2028 compared with previous three fiscal years, a report showed on Monday.

This will be driven by capacity expansion due to substantial increase in terminal utilisation levels, according to the report by Crisil Ratings.

On the other hand, capex at large private airports — remaining half of the over-

all upcoming private airport capex — will see a decline during the same period as much of the capacity expansion has been completed or is nearing completion.

"Small private airports are expected to embark on a significant expansion of upto 1.5 times of their current base by fiscal 2028. This is in response to escalating travel demand and moderate capacity on the ground. Strong demand leading to recovery of air traffic movement has yielded a remarkable compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 45 per cent in passenger traffic at small private airports between fiscals 2022

and 2025," said Ankit Haku, Director, Crisil Ratings.

However, capacity growth at these airports has been relatively sluggish, with a modest CAGR of 20 per cent over this period, resulting in terminal utilisation levels increasing from 60 per cent to 90 per cent and a need to build additional capacity, he added.

Additionally, greenfield airports are set to become operational this fiscal year, with minimal capital expenditure required going forward. Their strategic locations in or near Tier 1 cities minimise offtake risk, enabling a smooth ramp-up of passenger and cargo volumes.

Full Text on greaterkashmir.com



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HINDUSTAN

DELHI

14 MAY 2025

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर 70 उड़ानें रद्द रहीं

संकट

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। केंद्र की ओर से बंद किए गए 32 एयरपोर्टों को खोलने के बावजूद आधा दर्जन स्थानों के लिए उड़ानें नहीं भरी जा रही हैं। इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया की ओर से आधा दर्जन से ज्यादा एयरपोर्ट के लिए मंगलवार को उड़ान नहीं भरी गई।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से जाने वाली लगभग 40 विमानों की यात्रा रद्द रही, जबकि दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट आने वाली 30 उड़ानें भी रद्द रहीं। सुरक्षा कारणों से इन एयरपोर्ट पर फिलहाल विमान उड़ान नहीं भरने की बात कही जा रही है। खोते सोमवार को इन एयरपोर्ट पर लगाई गई

निजी बसों का संचालन नहीं हुआ सामान्य

नई दिल्ली। भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच चले संघर्ष के दौरान पाक सीमावर्ती शहरों के लिए बंद हुआ बसों का संचालन संघर्ष थमने के बाद भी शुरू नहीं हो सका है। इसकी वजह से एक तरफ यात्रियों को दिक्कतें हो रही हैं, दूसरी ओर बस ऑपरेटर्स को आर्थिक नुकसान झेलना पड़ रहा है। दिल्ली के कश्मीरी गेट आईएसबीटी, सराय काले खां आईएसबीटी और अक्षरधाम मंदिर के पास से प्रतिदिन 200 से ज्यादा बसें पंजाब, राजस्थान, जम्मू-कश्मीर के विभिन्न शहरों के लिए चलती थीं। इनमें से कई प्राइवेट कंपनियां ऐसी हैं जिनकी बसों में सीटों की बुकिंग ऑनलाइन माध्यम से की जाती है। सुरक्षा को लेकर बस ऑपरेटर्स ने इन क्षेत्रों के लिए बसों का संचालन भी बंद कर दिया था।

पाबंदी को केन्द्र सरकार ने हटा लिया और वहां से विमानों की उड़ान को अनुमति दे दी। सोमवार शाम को इंडिगो के एक विमान ने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से अमृतसर के लिए उड़ान भरी, लेकिन वहां ब्लैक आउट होने के चलते विमान

नहीं उतारा जा सका। रात को यह विमान वापस दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट लौट आया था।

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट से बुधवार को इन स्थानों के लिए विमान उड़ान भरेंगे या नहीं, इसे लेकर फिलहाल असमंजस बना हुआ है।



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THE HINDU

DELHI

14 MAY 2025

IndiGo flights connecting six airports will resume today

IndiGo on Tuesday said scheduled flights from six airports, including Jammu and Amritsar, will progressively resume from Wednesday. On Monday, the airline had cancelled its flights to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar, and Rajkot for Tuesday. "Each flight is being reinstated with meticulous coordination – ensuring every journey is seamless, secure and on track," IndiGo said in a post on X. These six airports are among the 32 airports that were reopened for civilian flights on Monday after being temporarily shut. PH



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THE HINDU

CHENNAI

13 MAY 2025

Erumely airport: govt. seeks to speed up land acquisition

Aimed at expediting land acquisition for the Sabarimala greenfield international airport, the authorities will soon open a special tehsildar office in Erumely or Kanjirappally in Kerala. Official sources said a special tehsildar too would be appointed for coordinating the acquisition process. An office of the general land acquisition tehsildar under the Revenue department had already launched proceedings for a detailed survey of land.



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THE INDIAN EXPRESS

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SRINAGAR, JAMMU, HINDON, BATHINDA

Airports open, flights on some routes resume

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

WITH THE reopening of 32 airports shut amid India-Pakistan hostilities in northern and western India from Monday, some commercial flight operations were seen at airports like Srinagar, Jammu, Bathinda, Adampur, Shimla, and Hindon Tuesday by Air India Express, Air India, SpiceJet, Alliance Air, and Star Air, according to flight tracking data and information from airline sources.

Air India Express operated flights on Hindon-Bengaluru, Jammu-Delhi, Jammu-Srinagar, and Srinagar-Delhi routes, in line

with the resumption plan. Its parent Air India also restarted operations between Srinagar and Delhi. SpiceJet also operated flights between Srinagar and Delhi Tuesday. Regional airline Alliance Air operated flights on Delhi-Shimla and Delhi-Bathinda routes, and Star Air on Adampur (Jalandhar)-Hindon route.

According to industry sources, scheduled civil flight operations at the affected airports are expected to be fully restored over the next few days in a phased manner. Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu suggested to airlines to resume normal schedules across the affected airports from Thursday. All airlines "responded positively", Naidu said on X.



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MINT

DELHI

14 MAY 2025

Civil aviation minister meets airline representatives on airport closures

New Delhi/Mumbai: Civil aviation minister K. Rammoan Naidu, along with senior officials, held a meeting with airlines representatives on Tuesday, and discussed the flight disruptions due to airport closures, lowering tax on jet fuel and other issues. At the meeting, the aviation minister also asked the airlines to look at ways of acknowledging the contributions made by the armed forces.

PTI

Small pvt airports' capex may rise 50-60% annually over next 3 years

MUMBAI: Capital expenditure (capex) of small private airports is expected to rise 50-60 per cent annually over the next three years, driven by capacity expansion on account of a substantial increase in terminal utilisation levels, ratings agency Crisil said on Monday.

On the other hand, capex at large private airports will see a decline during the same period, as much of the capacity expansion has been completed or nearing completion, it added.

However, the overall capex of private airports will slightly slow down by 10-15 per cent to around Rs 40,000 crore over the next three years, as per the ratings agency.

Crisil said its analysis is based on the capex of 11 operating private airports and two soon-to-be-operational private airports, which together account for more than 95 per cent of India's private airport passenger traffic.

For this study, small private airports are classified as those with capacity of less than 20 million passengers per annum and located in Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Jaipur, Trivandrum, Mangalore, Lucknow and Goa, while the large private airports are classified as those with more than 20 million passengers or located in Delhi-NCR, Mumbai MMR (Mumbai Metropolitan Region), Bangalore and Hyderabad.

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Additionally, greenfield airports are set to become operational this fiscal year, with minimal capital expenditure required going forward. Their strategic locations in or near tier-1 cities minimise off-take risk, enabling a smooth ramp-up of passenger and cargo volumes.

As a result, in the medium term, most capital expenditure will be allocated towards maintenance – refurbishing equipment, upgrading amenities and developing infrastructure – rather than expanding capacity, the ratings agency said.

"While capex intensity for small private airports will rise to over 2 times, project risk will be manageable since these are expansions of existing sole airports in their respective cities. Further, their sponsors' expertise in operating large private airports and their strong fundraising capabilities also mitigate some of the risks," said Gauri Gupta, team leader at Crisil Ratings.



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THE PIONEER

LUCKNOW

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‘Small private airports’ capex to rise 50-60 per cent annually’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

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हवाई अड्डों के संचालन पर बैठक

उड़ानें बंद हुई थीं तो विमानन मंत्रालय आया ऐक्शन में

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई, (पंजाब केसरी): नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने मंगलवार को एयरलाइन कंपनियों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बैठक में हवाई अड्डे बंद होने के कारण उड़ानों में व्यवधान, विमान ईंधन पर कर में कटौती और अन्य मुद्दों पर चर्चा की। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य तनाव बढ़ने से पिछले सप्ताह उड़ानों का संचालन बाधित हुआ था। सूत्रों ने कहा कि नागर विमानन मंत्री ने इस बैठक में कहा कि 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' में सशस्त्र बलों के योगदान के लिए आभार जताने के तरीकों पर एयरलाइंस को विचार करना चाहिए जिसमें उड़ान के दौरान घोषणाएं भी शामिल हैं। सूत्रों ने यह भी कहा कि कुछ एयरलाइंस ने हवाई अड्डों के बंद होने के दौरान 'व्यवहार्यता अंतराल निधि' (बीजीएफ) में हुए नुकसान का

दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य



कार्यक्रम प्रभावित हो सकते हैं और सुरक्षा प्रक्रिया का समय लंबा हो सकता है।"

इस बीच, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन सामान्य बना हुआ है। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (आयल) ने कहा, "हालांकि, हवाई अड्डे के बदलते हालात और नागर विमानन सुरक्षा व्यूठे द्वारा बढ़ाए गए सुरक्षा उपायों के कारण कुछ उड़ानों के

उड़ानें रद्द होने पर यात्रियों के लिए एडवाइजरी

यात्रियों के लिए यात्रा संबंधी एडवाइजरी भी जारी की गई है। एयर इंडिया ने मंगलवार, 13 मई को जम्मू, लेह, जोधपुर, अमृतसर, मुज, जम्मनगर, चंडीगढ़ और तजकोट से आने-जाने वाली सभी उड़ानें रद्द कर दी हैं। यह निर्णय हाल के घटनाक्रमों और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए लिया गया है। एयर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा, नवीनतम घटनाक्रम को देखते हुए और आपकी सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए, जम्मू, लेह, जोधपुर, अमृतसर, मुज, जम्मनगर, चंडीगढ़ और तजकोट से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानें मंगलवार, 13 मई को रद्द कर दी गई हैं।

उल्लेख किया। क्षेत्रीय हवाई संपर्क संचालित करने वाली एयरलाइंस को योजना 'उड़ान' के तहत उड़ानें बीजीएफ दिया जाता है।



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

13 MAY 2025

Airports reopen

■ **NEW DELHI:** All 32 airports that were temporarily shut owing to airspace restrictions following the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan were reopened on Monday. Airlines said they had begun preparations to resume operations at these airports.

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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

13 MAY 2025

32 shut airports reopen, airlines fasten seatbelts

AMIYA KUMAR
KUSHWAHA

New Delhi: All 32 airports that were temporarily shut owing to airspace restrictions following the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan were reopened on Monday.

The decision was taken two days after the announcement of an agreement between the two countries for the cessation of hostilities.

"In light of evolving circumstances and dynamic airspace conditions, commercial flight operations were temporarily suspended at 32 Airports until 06:29 hrs of May 15th, 2025. It is pleased to inform that these Airports are now fully operational for Civil Aircraft movements with immediate effect," the Airports Authority of India announced on X.

The civil aviation ministry advised travellers to check airlines' websites for flight status and updates.

Welcoming the decision, airlines such as Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet said they had started working to commence operations at these airports.

"Following a notification from aviation authorities on the reopening of airports, Air India is working towards progressively commencing flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Chandigarh and Rajkot. We appreciate your understanding at this time as our teams work on bringing operations at these airports back to normal," Air India said.

Delhi airport said in a post on X it was great news that things were getting back to normal.

"Thank you for your patience. Please check with your airline for the latest flight information and safe travels!" the airport posted.

The aviation authorities had on Friday announced the temporary closure of 32

airports across northern and western India till May 15 over security and operational issues in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

The affected airports were Srinagar, Chandigarh, Adampur, Ambala, Amritsar, Awanptipur, Bathinda, Bhubaneswar, Bikaner, Halwara, Hindon, Jaisalmer, Jammu, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kandla, Kangra, Keshod, Kishanganj, Kullu Manali, Leh, Ludhiana, Mundra, Naliya, Pathankot, Patiala, Porbandar, Rajkot, Sarsawa, Shimla, Tholse and Uttaral.

IndiGo cancellations

Late on Monday, IndiGo announced that flights to and from Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, Chandigarh and Rajkot stood cancelled on Tuesday.

The airline cited "latest developments". Earlier in the evening, a Delhi-Amritsar IndiGo flight had turned back after a precautionary blackout in Amritsar.



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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: All airports in Gujarat resumed operations following a ceasefire between India and Pakistan after days of cross-border tensions during Operation Sindoor.

Airports across Gujarat, including Rajkot, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Kandla, Porbandar, Mundra, and Keshod, reopened for civilian flights.

The temporary closure, enforced as a precaution amid cross-border tensions, disrupted travel across 32 sensitive zones near the border or key Indian Air Force (IAF) installations.

Gujarat's strategic western corridor was significantly affected, particularly given the presence of both commercial and dual-use military airports.

According to a series of NOTAMS (notice to airmen) issued earlier, airspace restrictions



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were to be in force until May 15. However, with the ceasefire announcement, flight operations are being restored. With operations restarting, some delays and real-time adjustments are still expected. Passengers are advised to check with airlines for the latest flight updates.

Airports in Gujarat, including Rajkot (Hirasar), Bhuj, Jamnagar, Kandla, Mundra, Porbandar, Naliya, and Keshod, are now open. Both national carriers and private airlines have begun rebooking and rescheduling services.

IndiGo issued an advisory

on Sunday, stating, "In line with the latest govt directives, the airports are open for operations. We will progressively commence operations on the previously closed routes." The airline also extended its change and cancellation fee waiver for affected flights until May 22.

Similarly, Air India announced that flights to and from Rajkot, Bhuj, Jamnagar, and other reopened airports would resume gradually, urging passengers to monitor schedules and exercise patience as operations normalise.

While Rajkot International Airport is now open for civil operations, no scheduled flights operated on Monday. IndiGo is set to resume limited services from May 13 (Tuesday), beginning with flight on the Mumbai-Rajkot-Mumbai route.

On May 14 (Wednesday), two flights (Mumbai-Rajkot-Mumbai) and (Delhi-Rajkot-Delhi) — will be operational. Full scheduled services by IndiGo was expected to resume from May 15. Confirmation regarding Air India's operations was still awaited.



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Representational pic



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Other airlines also said they would resume flights to the cities on their networks.

"Flight services to and from Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, have resumed as of 10.30am on May 12, 2025. Passengers are advised to check with their respective airlines for updated schedules," Chandigarh airport posted on X.

India had closed airports and some segments of air traffic service routes within the Delhi and Mumbai flight information regions to ensure civilian traffic remains out of harm's way as Pakistan was targeting cities and civilians here. Pakistan, however, did not do so and, in fact, had resorted to using civilian planes in its airspace as shields.



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BANGALORE

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स्पाइसजेट आज से श्रीनगर से शुरू करेगी हज उड़ान

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय हज यात्रियों के लिए अच्छी खबर है। स्पाइसजेट बुधवार से हज



यात्रा के लिए श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट से अपनी उड़ान दोबारा शुरू

करने जा रही है। स्पाइसजेट के दो विमान बुधवार को श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट से सऊदी अरब के मदीना शहर के लिए उड़ान भरेंगे। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य संघर्ष के मद्देनजर नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दिया गया था। एजेंसी

Air India now flies over Mongolia to reach some N American destinations

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Tata Group-promoted Air India has started operating flights to some destinations in North America from Delhi via a special air corridor over Mongolia.

According to sources, after much internal research and deliberations, the airline has zeroed in on a route that bypasses Pakistan. "This route saves fuel, time and is efficient in terms of employability of adequate load factors," one of them said.

For some of these flights from Delhi that are taking the Mongolia route, Air India is making use of Kolkata as a technical stop. The development comes after the airline conducted 'payload' studies to determine the most efficient manner in which to operate its flights to some destinations in North America given the current security situation and closure of Pakistan's airspace. Currently, it operates over 50 flights each week to cities in continental US and Canada, from its hub in New Delhi.

PAYLOAD FACTORS

The airline can operate non-stop direct flights from India to the US and Canada with its fleet of Boeing 777s and Airbus A350 aircraft. How-



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ever, Air India has to adopt a longer route to bypass Pakistan's airspace. It also makes technical stops for refuelling at Vienna or Copenhagen. These stops, though effective in maintaining flight operations, are exorbitantly expensive. Besides, the airline had to make payload adjustments such as ferrying lower cargo loads as well as 50 fewer passengers depending on the wind conditions.

EFFICIENT ROUTE

"There was a proposal to have a one-stop domestic technical stop at either Mumbai or Ahmedabad. However, payload studies have shown that the air corridor above Mongolia is the most efficient route." Sources also said Air India would use this route until normalcy is completely restored and airspace access allowed.



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Civil aviation Minister meets airlines' officials

New Delhi/Mumbai Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu held a meeting with airlines' representatives on Tuesday, and discussed about flight disruptions due to airport closures, lowering tax on jet fuel and other issues, per sources. The meeting came amid disruptions in flight operations in the wake of conflict between India and Pakistan, sources said. [in](#)

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DigiYatra: Shining example of India's DPI model

In an era defined by digital identity, seamless mobility, and citizen-centric service delivery, DigiYatra has emerged as one of India's most significant innovations in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). It is not merely a contactless boarding system — it is the world's first national digital traveller identity platform, designed to offer secure, consent-based, biometric verification at airports. DigiYatra reflects India's unique ability to architect transformative systems by combining regulatory clarity, institutional design, and public-private execution.

The foundation for DigiYatra was laid between 2018 and 2019, when I was serving as minister of state for civil aviation. At that time, our team developed the core regulatory and technological blueprint that would make DigiYatra viable and scalable. We recognised early that seamless identity verification in aviation required secure, structured access to flight booking information. This led to the issuance of a rule enabling airport operators to access passenger name record (PNR) data, with the traveller's consent. This was a foundational policy breakthrough — it allowed airport systems to match a passenger's biometric identity with their flight reservation in real time, breaking the data silos that had previously restricted operational efficiency.

Equally critical was the institutional structure we designed. Rather than allowing a commercial vendor or government entity to fully control the system, we created the DigiYatra Foundation — a Section 8 not-for-profit company jointly owned by India's major airport operators, including the Airports Authority of India, GMR, Adani, and Bangalore International Airport Ltd, with oversight from the Ministry of Civil Aviation. This model ensured that DigiYatra would be interoperable, non-commercial, and governed with public trust at its core.

Even in the absence of a formal data privacy law at the time, we adopted privacy-by-design principles from the start. The system was built so that biometric data would be stored only on the traveller's personal device

and used solely with their consent. Usage data is purged within 24 hours of travel and is never stored centrally. Each transaction is opt-in, purpose-limited, and compliant with standards equivalent to the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This gave DigiYatra a global edge, ensuring it was both secure and citizen-friendly.

Unlike other DPIs such as Aadhaar or Unified Payment Interface, which are fully state-backed, DigiYatra operates in a decentralised ecosystem. It links airlines, airports, and passengers through a federated identity model. A traveller registers on the DigiYatra app, uploads their ID, provides a facial scan, and links it to their flight booking. At the airport, they simply walk through facial recognition gates that validate their identity at entry, security, and boarding — all without showing paper tickets or ID cards. The system reduces waiting time significantly and makes the entire passenger journey seamless.

As of May 2025, DigiYatra is operational at 13 airports across India, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Kochi. More than 3.4 million passengers have enrolled in the system, and over 2.5 million have used it to travel. The government aims to expand it to over 50 airports by 2026, covering nearly all major airports in the country.

India is the only country in the world to have developed such a national digital traveller identity system. Other aviation markets have limited programmes — like TSA PreCheck and CLEAR in the United States — but these are private, expensive, and confined to certain airports. European airports have e-gates, but no unified passenger identity model across carriers and terminals. China has invested in biometric systems, but they are top-down surveillance tools, not voluntary, citizen-centric platforms. The reason others haven't built what India has with DigiYatra is that they have not developed the DPI playbook that India has refined: Modular, interoperable systems governed with public-private trust.



JAYANT SINHA

The value of DigiYatra goes well beyond convenience. As airport infrastructure struggles to keep pace with India's rapidly growing air traffic, the ability to increase terminal throughput — how fast passengers move through the system — offers a powerful solution. By reducing the time it takes for each passenger to enter, clear security, and board, DigiYatra effectively increases the capacity of existing infrastructure without requiring new terminals or additional land. This, in turn, lowers operating costs for airports and helps reduce airfares for passengers. In a capital-intensive sector like aviation, such efficiency gains are economically transformative.

The broader promise of DigiYatra lies in its versatility and scalability. Because it is fundamentally an opt-in, device-based biometric access system, it can be applied to any environment requiring time-bound access control — metros, intercity trains, buses, corporate campuses, educational institutions, or large venues such as stadiums and event spaces. The system's architecture is inherently modular and cost-effective, enabling rapid deployment without extensive physical infrastructure or backend integration. This positions DigiYatra as not just an aviation solution, but a template for smart access systems across multiple sectors.

With DigiYatra, India has once again shown how digital infrastructure, thoughtfully designed and institutionally grounded, can drive systemic change. As the platform scales to cover all major airports, it will serve not only as a model for travel but as a template for future identity systems in sectors like rail, metro, and public services. DigiYatra is a compelling case study in how the Indian model of DPI — rooted in consent, scale, and collaboration — can deliver world-class innovation.

What began as a policy experiment in 2018 is today a cornerstone of India's next-generation travel infrastructure. It stands as a testament to what public-private cooperation, guided by strategic vision, can achieve for a billion citizens on the move.

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OPERATION SINDOOR

300,000 flight tickets cancelled in 6 days

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 13 May

Airline companies cancelled over 300,000 tickets due to suspension of flight operations at 32 airports in northern and western India between May 7 and May 12, aviation industry sources told *Business Standard*.

These airports were handling 50,000 to 65,000 passengers daily before operations were suspended. The shutdown followed Operation Sindoor in response to the killing of 26 tourists in a terror attack in Pahalgan on April 22.

The affected airports, including Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, Chandigarh, and Jodhpur, reopened on the morning of May 12 after a ceasefire was announced between the two countries. However, the resumption of flights has not been smooth.

On May 12, intense drone activity originating in Pakistan disrupted services, and an IndiGo flight bound for Amritsar was forced to return mid-air on Monday evening. Around midnight on May 12, IndiGo — India's largest carrier — announced that its flights to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar, and Rajkot would be cancelled for May 13.

In an update on Tuesday evening, IndiGo stated on X that flights to and from these cities would "progressively" resume from May 14. "Each flight is being reinstated with meticulous coordination — ensuring every journey is seamless, secure, and on track," the airline said.

Also, just a few hours after announcing plans to resume services, Air India stated on X that, in view of the "latest developments" and keeping passenger safety in mind, it had cancelled flights to and from Jammu, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhub, Jamnagar, Chandigarh, and Rajkot for May 13.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation did not respond to *Business*



AIRPORT ACTIVITY Earlier traffic at some of major airports that were shut during Operation Sindoor

	No. of passengers handled in 2024-25	Y-o-Y growth (in %)
Srinagar	4,472,449	6.3
Chandigarh	4,149,840	11.5
Amritsar	3,542,880	14.8
Jammu	1,614,167	10.8
Leh	1,194,892	11.2

Source: Airports Authority of India

Standard's queries on whether the government plans to offer financial relief to the airlines.

However, on Tuesday, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu, along with senior officials, met top representatives of airlines to discuss flight disruptions caused by airport closures. The need for reduction of taxes on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) was also raised by the companies.

During the meeting, the minister urged the airlines to explore ways to honour the contributions of the armed forces, including through in-flight announcements.

Besides cancellation of domestic flights between May 7 and May 12, the airlines have also been financially impacted by the closure of Pakistan airspace to Indian carriers' international flights. The rerouting of these flights due to closure of

Pakistan airspace came into effect on April 24.

This has forced Indian airlines to take longer routes for their international flights heading west from northern India, increasing flight time by anywhere between 30 and 100 minutes, an executive said. Soon after the closure of Pak airspace, the government had met airline companies to assess the implication.

Among the 32 airports that were closed, the top five in terms of passenger traffic were Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, and Chandigarh, according to officials. "The 32 airports were handling between 50,000 and 65,000 passengers daily. However, the top five alone accounted for about 90 per cent of this traffic. The remaining 27 are relatively small in terms of passenger volume," the executive said.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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बोइंग, एयरबस के लिए काम करने वाली एक्वस भारत से एपल की मैनुफैक्चरिंग शुरू करने की तैयारी में

सुरजीत दास गुप्ता | नई दिल्ली

बेंगलुरु स्थित 1,000 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक वैल्युएशन वाली कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मैनुफैक्चरर एक्वस अब एयरोस्पेस और खिलौनों से आगे बढ़कर कंज्यूमर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स सेक्टर में प्रवेश करने के लिए पूरी तरह तैयार है। मामले से जुड़े लोगों के मुताबिक एक्वस एपल के साथ मिलकर भारत से उसकी भारत से ग्लोबल सप्लाय चेन का हिस्सा बनने के लिए काम कर रही है। ग्लोबल सप्लाय चेन का हिस्सा बनने की कड़ी में एक्वस ने दो ग्लोबल क्लायंट्स को सप्लाय शुरू भी कर दी है।

वहीं एपल इंक भी इस फर्म के साथ बातचीत कर रही है। इलेक्ट्रॉनिक कम्पोनेंट्स के लिए हाल ही में घोषित पीएलआई स्कीम का लाभ उठाते हुए, कंपनी मैकेनिक्स में प्रवेश करने के लिए 100 मिलियन डॉलर (853 करोड़ रुपए) का निवेश कर रही है। एक्वस ने कुछ साल पहले एमिक्स कैपिटल, कैटामारन और स्पार्टा जैसे प्रमुख निवेशकों से 51 मिलियन डॉलर (करीब 435 करोड़ रुपए) की प्राइवेट इक्विटी जुटाई थी। एक्वस बोइंग, एयरबस, स्पिरिट, कोलिनस और हनीवेल से लेकर स्वीडिश एरोस्पेस कंपनी साब तक ग्लोबल एरोस्पेस की बड़ी कंपनियों के अलावा अन्य टियर-1 कंपनियों

को कम्पोनेंट्स और सिस्टम्स (करीब 5,000 से ज्यादा पार्ट्स) की मैनुफैक्चरिंग और सप्लाय करती है। कंपनी के कारखाने भारत में कर्नाटक, फ्रांस के पेरिस और चोलेट और अमेरिका के ह्यूस्टन में स्थित हैं। एक्वस कंज्यूमर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स पर बढ़ा रही फोकस एक्वस के चेरमैन अरविंद मेल्लिगेरी कहते हैं: 'फिलहाल, हमारी 85-90% आय एरोस्पेस से आती है। खिलौनों की आय में बहुत कम हिस्सेदारी है। हमारा टारगेट एरोस्पेस और कंज्यूमर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स बिजनेस के बीच संतुलन बनाना है। इस सेक्टर में हमारे पास पहले से ही दो क्लाइंट हैं।'

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समस्या | भारत-पाक तनाव के बीच उड़ान रद्द होने पर रिफंड के पैसे पाने के लिए भटक रहे यात्री, मंत्रालय से हस्तक्षेप की मांग

टिकट रद्द कराने पर कंपनियां वसूल रहीं ज्यादा शुल्क

■ अमनदीप सिंह

नई दिल्ली। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच संघर्ष विराम लग चुका है। हालांकि, अभी भी तनाव के चलते कई फ्लाइट्स रद्द हो रही हैं या फिर कर दी गई हैं। इन सबके बीच यात्रियों को एक नई मुसीबत का सामना करना पड़ रहा है।

सोशल मीडिया पर गुस्सा जाहिर कर रहे लोग : एयरलाइंस द्वारा खुद या फिर तनाव के चलते यात्रियों की ओर से फ्लाइट रद्द करने पर उनसे भारी कैंसलेशन शुल्क वसूला जा रहा है। इससे लोग नाराज हैं और सोशल मीडिया पर अपना गुस्सा जाहिर कर रहे हैं।

दस हजार की टिकट पर आठ हजार रुपये कैंसलेशन चार्ज काटा गया

1 इंडिगो एयरलाइन ने चंडीगढ़ से मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट कैंसल होने पर एक यात्री से ₹8,111 का कैंसलेशन चार्ज काट लिया। यात्री ने बताया कि उसने टिकट के लिए ₹10,000 से अधिक की रकम चुकाई थी, लेकिन उसे सिर्फ ₹2,050 की ही वापसी मिली। अंजुश पी. भाटिया ने एक्स पर अपनी शिकायत पोस्ट करते हुए इंडिगो पर खुलेआम लूट का आरोप लगाया व लिखा, 'फ्लाइट आपने रद्द की और 80 फीसदी रकम काट ली?' 

66 शिकायतों के बाद इंडिगो अपने सभी कस्टमर्स को रिप्लाई कर रहा है। एयरलाइन ने अपनी तरफ से पूरा रिफंड जारी कर दिया है। जिन लोगों से कैंसलेशन चार्ज के नाम पर पैसे काटे गए वे सभी यात्री अब अपने ट्रेवल एजेंट से संपर्क कर रिफंड की जानकारी ले सकते हैं। - इंडिगो एयरलाइन

एयरलाइन और बुकिंग साइट के बीच में फंस

2 करंजन मोहापात्र ने लिखा कि मैंने 16 मई को श्रीनगर जाने के लिए अकासा एयर की फ्लाइट हैप्पीफेयर्स प्लेटफॉर्म से बुक की थी। बाद में एयरलाइन ने फ्लाइट कैंसल कर दी। मुझे नियमों के तहत रिफंड मिलना चाहिए, लेकिन अब मैं अपने ही पैसे के लिए एक झगड़े में फंस गया हूँ। जब मैंने अकासा एयर से संपर्क किया तो उन्होंने बुकिंग की ईमेल आईडी और रेफरेंस नंबर मांगे। मैंने हैप्पीफेयर्स से जो जानकारी मिली थी, वही उन्हें दी। पर अकासा ने कहा, वो डिटेल्स गलत हैं।

रिफंड के लिए मशक्कत कर रहे

3 विभोर अग्रवाल ने लिखा कि उनकी पटना से चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट इंडिगो ने खुद ही रीशेड्यूल कर दी, लेकिन फिर भी उनसे ₹8,000 से अधिक की रकम 'एयरलाइन कैंसलेशन चार्ज' के रूप में वसूल ली गई। विभोर ने कहा, मुझे पूरा रिफंड पाने को मशक्कत करनी पड़ रही है।

ज्यादा शुल्क वसूलना गलत

4 रेशु जैन ने लिखा कि जम्मू-कश्मीर में मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए मुझे मजबूरी में अपनी यात्रा रद्द करनी पड़ी। एयरलाइन ने मुझे कैंसलेशन फीस के रूप में क्रेडिट प्रदान किया है, लेकिन विलयरटिप ने मुझसे ₹1590 रुपये (₹795 x 2) काट लिए। मैंने यह यात्रा अपनी मर्जी से रद्द नहीं की है बल्कि हालात ने मुझे ऐसा करने पर मजबूर किया।



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Air India starts using Mongolian airspace

Air India has started using Mongolian airspace for a few of its North America flights from the national capital as an alternative route for reducing operational costs that have jumped due to the Pakistan airspace closure last month, sources said on Tuesday. Besides, the carrier is having a technical stop in Kolkata for some North America flights from Delhi, they added. With such an arrangement in place, the airline does not have to make a stop in a European city while operating certain long-haul and ultra-long-haul flights from Delhi to North America. १७



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देशभर में सभी उड़ानें बहाल करने के निर्देश

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 13 मई।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने एअरलाइन कंपनियों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बैठक में हवाई अड्डे बंद होने के कारण उड़ानों में व्यवधान, विमान ईंधन पर कर में कटौती और अन्य मुद्दों पर चर्चा की। नायडू ने एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों और

सभी एअरलाइंस के साथ समीक्षा बैठक की अध्यक्षता की। एअरलाइंस को 15 मई से सभी 32 हवाई अड्डों पर नियमित उड़ान कार्यक्रम को दोबारा शुरू करने के लिए कहा गया है। सभी एअरलाइंस ने उड़ानें दोबारा शुरू करने के सुझाव पर सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी है। सरकार ने पिछले हफ्ते सीमा पर पैदा हुए तनाव को देखते हुए 32 हवाई अड्डों पर असीन्य उड़ानों का संचालन रोकने के लिए नोटिस टु एयरमेन जारी किया था।



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THE PIONEER

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Air India reroutes to save fuel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Air India has started using Mongolian airspace for a few of its North America flights from the national Capital as an alternative route for reducing operational costs that have jumped due to the Pakistan airspace closure last month, sources said on Tuesday.

Besides, the carrier is having a technical stop in Kolkata for some of the North America flights from Delhi, they added. The Tata Group-owned airline has been exploring alternatives for the services from the national capital to North America in order to reduce the flying time as well as operational expenses.

At present, Air India operates 71 flights a week to North American destinations and out of them, 54 services are from the national capital. The airline flies to Chicago, New York, Washington, San Francisco, and Newark in the US, and to Toronto and Vancouver in Canada.

Mostly, the Mongolian airspace is used by some of Air India's flights from San Francisco and Vancouver. The flights from Delhi to these two cities are mostly using the Pacific route, according to the sources.

The flights AI186 from Vancouver to Delhi and AI174 from San Francisco to Delhi have been using the Mongolian airspace for the past few days, as per information from flight tracking website Flightradar24.Com. For some of the flights connecting North America cities and Delhi, the utilisation of the Mongolian airspace and a technical stop at Kolkata are among the alternatives that have been chosen by Air India, the sources said.

With such an arrangement in place, the airline does not have to make a stop in a European city while operating certain long haul and ultra long haul flights from Delhi to North America.

Having a stop in a European city means higher expenses, including landing charges and fuel costs, according to the sources. The alternative also helps in addressing the challenges of higher fuel burn, operational expenses and Flying Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) for the crew. Under the norms of aviation regulator DGCA, flight crew can work continuously only for eight hours and with normal flight time getting longer, the crew will be in breach of the Flying Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) rules.



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Airlines asked to resume flights from May 15

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu, along with senior officials, held a meeting with airlines' representatives on Tuesday and discussed about flight disruptions due to airport closures, lowering tax on jet fuel and other issues, according to sources.

Naidu said he chaired a review meeting with all airlines and senior officials.

Airlines have also been asked to resume their normal schedules from May 15 across all 32 airports for which the NOTAMs (Notice to Airmen) were earlier issued. "All airlines responded positively to this suggestion," the minister said in a post on X.

At the meeting, which came in the backdrop of disruptions in flight operations in recent days in the wake of the military conflict between India and Pakistan, the minister also asked the airlines to look at ways of acknowledging the contributions made by the armed forces, including through in-flight announcements, the sources said.

The sources also said that some airlines mentioned the loss of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) during the days of the clo-

sure of the airports. Some airlines also told the minister and officials that travel sentiment seems to be weak as there have been cancellations, especially with the peak summer travel season around the corner, as per the sources.

A total of 32 airports in the northern and western part of the country were temporarily shut for civilian flights in view of the India-Pakistan conflict on May 9. Some of these airports were closed immediately after India carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan on May 7. All 32 airports were reopened for civilian flights on May 12.

Airlines operating flights under the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN are provided VGF. The issue of VGF loss during the closure period was raised by some airlines' representatives with the minister, the sources said.

Among other issues, airlines sought tax relief on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), the sources added.

Security measures were also enhanced at airports, while the closure of airports had disrupted flight operations.

On Saturday, India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and

sea with immediate effect. "In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, I appreciate the extraordinary efforts of the security forces in safeguarding our nation. Also, kudos to the seamless coordination between the Ministry, DGCA, AAI and airlines during this emergency," the minister said in the post.

Meanwhile, Indian airlines have been taking longer routes for international flights from the northern parts of the country to the West due to the closure of Pakistan's airspace for Indian carriers.

Following the airspace closure, the ministry had sought inputs from the airlines on the potential operational and financial impact. Airlines have already submitted their inputs.

Meanwhile, the Delhi airport operator on Tuesday said operations remain normal.

"However, due to changing airspace conditions and enhanced security measures by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, some flight schedules may be affected, and security processing times could be longer," it said in a post on X.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital.

सीजफायर के बावजूद

तनाव बरकरार, इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने

कई शहरों की उड़ानें रद्द कीं

सुरक्षा कारणों से श्रीनगर, जम्मू, अमृतसर, लेह और अन्य शहरों की सेवाएं प्रभावित एयरलाइंस सतर्क

यात्रियों को यात्रा से पहले संबंधित एयरलाइन से संपर्क करने की दी गई है सलाह

देश की प्रमुख विमानन कंपनियों इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने कई संवेदनशील शहरों से आने-जाने वाली उड़ानों को रद्द कर दिया है। यह फैसला यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को सर्वोपरि मानते हुए लिया गया है।

एयर इंडिया ने जम्मू, लेह, जोधपुर, अमृतसर, भुज, जामनगर, चंडीगढ़ और राजकोट जैसे रणनीतिक रूप से महत्वपूर्ण शहरों के लिए दो-तरफा उड़ानें अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दी हैं। दूसरी ओर, इंडिगो ने भी जम्मू, अमृतसर, चंडीगढ़, लेह, श्रीनगर और राजकोट की फ्लाइट्स 13 मई के लिए रद्द करने का ऐलान किया है। एयरलाइन ने सोमवार रात को एक्स (पूर्व में ट्विटर) पर कहा,

नवीनतम घटनाक्रमों को देखते हुए और यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देते हुए, 13 मई को इन शहरों से उड़ानें रद्द की जाती हैं। हमारी टीम स्थिति पर लगातार नजर बनाए हुए है।

गौरतलब है कि सोमवार को ही एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया ने 32 अस्थायी रूप से बंद एयरपोर्ट्स को फिर से खोलने का ऐलान किया था। इनमें अधमपुर, अंबाला, अर्बितपुरा, बठिंडा, हिंडन, जैसलमेर, नालिया, पठानकोट जैसे कई सैन्य और नागरिक हवाई अड्डे शामिल थे। लेकिन उसी शाम अमृतसर जा रहा इंडिगो का एक विमान ब्लैकआउट के कारण दिल्ली लौट आया, जिससे

माहौल फिर से तनावपूर्ण हो गया। स्थिति को देखते हुए एयरलाइंस ने यात्रियों से संयम और सहयोग की अपील की है। यात्रियों को फ्लाइट स्टेटस पर नजर बनाए रखने और किसी भी जरूरी यात्रा से पहले संबंधित एयरलाइन से संपर्क करने की सलाह दी गई है।



नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच औपचारिक सीजफायर के ऐलान के बावजूद जमीनी हालात शांति से दूर हैं। सीमा पर से बढ़ते तनाव और हालिया घटनाक्रमों के मद्देनजर

दो घंटे एयर इंडिया विमान का एसी रहा खराब

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट में एसी फेल, यात्रियों का हलल हुआ बेहाल, एक यात्री की तबीयत भी बिगड़ी

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : जब कोई यात्री हजारों रुपये खर्च कर फ्लाइट का टिकट लेता है, तो उसकी उम्मीद होती है कि कम से कम सफर आरामदायक तो होगा। लेकिन एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1128 में बैठे मुसाफिरों के साथ जो हुआ, वो किसी स्लीपर क्लास से कम नहीं था, बल्कि उससे भी बदतर।

दिल्ली से भुवनेश्वर जा रही फ्लाइट में सवार गुरुग्राम के तुषारकांत राउत ने सोशल मीडिया पर अपनी आपबीती साझा करते हुए लिखा कि उड़ान के दौरान करीब दो घंटे तक विमान का एयर कंडीशनिंग सिस्टम पूरी तरह फेल रहा। इतनी गर्मी थी कि एक यात्री की

तबीयत बिगड़ गई। बाकी लोग भी पसीने से तरबतर हो गए और घुटन से परेशान थे। उन्होंने यात्रियों की हालत दिखाती कुछ तस्वीरें भी पोस्ट कीं, जिसमें लोग साफ तौर पर गर्मी से बेहाल नजर आ रहे हैं। इस पोस्ट पर एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने जवाब देते हुए खेद जताया और तकनीकी कारणों का हवाला दिया। एयरलाइन ने लिखा, बोर्डिंग और टैक्सीडिंग के दौरान एसी उतना प्रभावी नहीं रहता, लेकिन टेक-ऑफ के बाद यह सामान्य रूप से काम करने लगता है। हालांकि यात्रियों का कहना है कि टेक-ऑफ के काफी बाद तक भी हालात नहीं सुधरे। इस घटना के सामने आने के बाद

महज माफी से नहीं चलेगा काम

यह घटना सिर्फ एक यात्री की परेशानी नहीं, बल्कि उस पूरी सोच पर सवाल है जिसमें 'सरता टिकट' देने की आड़ में यात्रियों की बुनियादी जरूरतों से समझौता किया जा रहा है। फ्लाइट का मतलब अब सिर्फ उड़ाना नहीं, बल्कि सुरक्षित और आरामदायक पहुंचना होना चाहिए। जब प्लेन की हालत स्लीपर ट्रेन जैसी होने लगे, तो समझिए कि एविएशन सेक्टर को खुद की उड़ान पर फिर से नजर डालने की जरूरत है।

कई यात्रियों ने अपनी-अपनी शिकायतें साझा करनी शुरू कर दीं।

श्रीनगर से मदीना के लिए फिर से उड़ान भरेगा स्पाइसजेट का जहाज

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डा एक बार फिर श्रद्धालुओं की उम्मीदों के पंख बनने जा रहा है। घरेलू एयरलाइन स्पाइसजेट 14 मई से श्रीनगर से मदीना के लिए दो विशेष हज उड़ानों का संचालन शुरू करने जा रही है। गौरतलब है कि भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य तनाव के कारण कुछ समय पहले श्रीनगर समेत 32 हवाई अड्डों पर अस्थायी रूप से नागरिक उड़ानें बंद कर दी गई थीं। अब जब श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट को फिर से चालू कर दिया गया है, तो हज यात्रियों के चेहरों पर भी रौनक लौट आई है। स्पाइसजेट ने अपने बयान में कहा है

कि वह श्रीनगर से हज 2025 के तहत वाइड-बॉडी एयरबस ए-340 विमानों का उपयोग करते हुए मदीना के लिए दो फ्लाइट्स ऑफरेट करेगी, जिनमें से प्रत्येक में 324 यात्री सवार हो सकेंगे। इस साल एयरलाइन करीब 15,500 हज यात्रियों की यात्रा सुनिश्चित करने की तैयारी में है। स्पाइसजेट के हज अभियान का पहला चरण गया, गुवाहाटी, कोलकाता और श्रीनगर जैसे शहरों से मदीना और जेद्दा तक कुल 45 उड़ानों का संचालन करेगा। यह खबर उन हजारों श्रद्धालुओं के लिए राहत लेकर आई है, जो सैन्य टकराव के चलते असमंजस की स्थिति में थे।



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KOLKATA

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Message found in IndiGo aircraft's washroom

Chit saying 'bomb' sparks mid-air panic

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Calcutta: A chit with the word "bomb" written on it, found on an IndiGo flight from Silchar to Calcutta minutes before it landed, triggered a mid-air scare on Sunday afternoon.

The matter has been reported to police.

The cabin crew of flight 6E 2516 informed the pilot about the chit, who passed the information to Calcutta airport's air traffic control.

Although the flight landed safely, five minutes later than the original schedule of 3.05pm, all emergency measures were in place to ensure the safety of the passengers.

"The piece of paper was found in the washroom at 2.50pm, and the pilot reported the matter to the air traffic control," said an officer of the NSCBI Airport police station.

A case has been started under sections of causing breach of peace, public mischief and section of suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of the Civil Aviation Act, 1982, which deals with the offence of destruction or damage to an aircraft.

The deputy commissioner (airport division) of Bidhannagar police, Aishwarya Sagar, confirmed that the police have received the complaint.

"We received the complaint yesterday. A probe has been launched," the deputy commissioner said on Monday.

Investigators said the chit found in the lavatory was a tissue paper with the word "bomb" written on it.

The safety of passengers and an aircraft is a matter of serious concern, said an officer of Bidhannagar Commissionerate, citing the ongoing cross-border tension between India and Pakistan.

The situation had prompted the directorate general of civil aviation to suspend civilian flights at 32 airports in northern and western India, which were reopened on Monday.

The airport authorities evaluated the threat perception and declared the threat as "specific", said sources.

Later on Sunday evening, IndiGo formally filed a complaint with the NSCBI Airport police station.

"Flight 6E 2516 operating from Silchar to Kolkata received a bomb threat on May 11, 2025. In line with security protocols, the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay upon landing. All customers were safely disembarked, and standard operating procedures were thoroughly followed," IndiGo said in a press release.



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DELHI

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Restore normal airline ops from May 15: Mantri

New Delhi: Union aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Tuesday asked airlines to “resume normal schedules from Thursday (May 15) across all 32 airports” which were reopened on Monday morning after six days. At a meeting with airlines officials, he asked them to ramp up operations.

The notice to airmen (NOTAM) for temporary closure of 25 segments of air traffic service routes within Delhi and Mumbai flight information regions is valid till 5.29am Thursday. Once this NOTAM lapses, all air routes in the north and west will be available.

Naidu wrote on X: “All airlines responded positively to this suggestion.” Airlines had started resuming flights from Monday but Pakistan’s drone attacks that night in some cities led to Air India and IndiGo cancelling flights Tuesday. TNN