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आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन

दिल्ली सरकार शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति के तहत वैज्ञानिक तरीके से प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर कर रही काम : मुख्यमंत्री

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शनिवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर जीएमआर समूह की ओर से स्थापित 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन किया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति के तहत वैज्ञानिक तरीके से प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर काम कर रही है। उन्होंने दोहराया कि सरकार का लक्ष्य क्लियर एयर, क्लीन दिल्ली है। मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि पहले ही



आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट परिसर में एंटी स्मॉग फॉग सिस्टम का उद्घाटन करती मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता। अमर उजाला

दिल्ली की प्रमुख सड़कों और 143 एलिवेटेड मेट्रो स्टेशनों पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम लगाए जा चुके हैं। 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक रियल-टाइम वायु

गुणवत्ता मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार किया गया है। वायु रक्षक पहल के जरिए प्रदूषण मानकों का सख्त पालन भी सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट आने वाले वर्षों में 100 मिलियन यात्रियों का आंकड़ा पार कर विश्व के पांचवें सबसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट के रूप में उभरेगा। मिस्ट सिस्टम यात्रियों को बेहतर वायु गुणवत्ता का अनुभव देगा और एयरपोर्ट के आसपास धूल नियंत्रण में मदद करेगा। भविष्य में इसे 600 पोल्टस तक बढ़ाया जाएगा। सीएम ने

दिल्ली सरकार की अन्य पहल भी बताई। इसमें 2029 तक सार्वजनिक बसों का इलेक्ट्रिक होना, मेट्रो नेटवर्क का विस्तार, ईवी चार्जिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर का विकास, शहर में 1,000 से अधिक वाटर स्प्रेकलर लगाना शामिल हैं।

निर्माण स्थलों पर एआई आधारित डस्ट मॉनिटरिंग लागू करना भी सरकार के कार्यों में है। इस अवसर पर दक्षिण दिल्ली के सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिभूड़ी, विजयवासन के विधायक कैलाश गहलोत और जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव काड़ा सहित अन्य लोग मौजूद थे।

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मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने किया उद्घाटन आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट: 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम कंट्रोल करेंगे प्रदूषण

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली

आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर वाहनों से होने वाली प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए दिल्ली सरकार तेजी से काम कर रही है। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शनिवार को आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर जीएमआर समूह द्वारा स्थापित 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन किया। इस कदम का उद्देश्य एयरपोर्ट परिसर में वायु प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करना और यात्रियों के लिए स्वच्छ वातावरण सुनिश्चित करना है। यह उपाय 'क्लीयर एयर, क्लीन दिल्ली' पहल का हिस्सा है।

मुख्यमंत्री गुप्ता ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति पर वैज्ञानिक तरीके से कार्य कर रही



है। इस अवसर पर दक्षिण दिल्ली के सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी, बिजवासन के विधायक कैलाश गहलोत, जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव काड़ा सहित अनेक गणमान्य उपस्थित थे। इस अवसर पर मुख्यमंत्री ने यह भी कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पहले ही राजधानी की प्रमुख सड़कों और 143 एलिवेटेड मेट्रो

स्टेशनों पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम स्थापित कर चुकी है। साथ ही, रियल-टाइम मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक किया गया है, जो देश में किसी भी शहर का सबसे बड़ा नेटवर्क है। इसके अलावा, 'वायु रक्षक' पहल के माध्यम से प्रदूषण मानकों के सख्त अनुपालन को सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है।



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Chennai airport lags behind in maintenance works, passenger facilities

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Inordinate delays in critical maintenance works and passenger facility projects at Chennai International Airport have raised concern among aviation experts and frustration among thousands of daily passengers.

The backlog includes overdue resurfacing of the airport's primary runway, slow progress on a much-awaited passenger lounge and pick-up facility, and the continued absence of a prepaid taxi counter at the international terminal.

Chennai airport currently handles more than 480 flights a day using two runways. The primary runway, measuring 3.66 km, was last resurfaced in 2015. Under aviation safety norms, re-carpeting needs to be done every 10 years. The deadline for the mandatory maintenance was in 2024-25. The work was expected to begin in January this year. However, the project is yet to take off.

The delay stems from operational constraints linked to the 2.89-km-long secondary runway. It was resurfaced in 2024. While the secondary runway is intended to support full flight operations during maintenance of the primary runway, it cannot currently be used to its full length.

According to officials, there are 176 obstructions outside the airport boundary, including tall trees and telecom towers along the approach path of the secondary runway. "Due to these obstacles, nearly 800 metres of the runway remains unusable, leaving only about 2 km available for aircraft operations. This limitation makes it difficult to safely divert all traffic during the primary runway's closure," they

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The authorities are now considering a partial closure of the primary runway, carrying out resurfacing work for a few hours each day while temporarily shifting flights to the secondary runway. Aviation experts, however, warn that this piecemeal approach could prolong the project well beyond a year, raising concerns over operational efficiency and safety compliance.

Adding to passenger woes is the prolonged delay in commissioning Flasaaha, a dedicated passenger lounge and integrated pick-up point, located opposite terminal 1. Construction of the facility has been under way for more than two years. But progress has been described by passengers as going on at snail's pace.

At present, passengers arriving at the airport are forced to walk long distances, depend on battery-operated vehicles and navigate multi-level parking elevators to reach pick-up zones.

This has led to frequent complaints, especially from elderly passengers, families with children, and those carrying heavy luggage.

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International passengers arriving at terminal 2 continue to face difficulties due to the absence of a prepaid taxi booking counter. The counter was removed earlier as part of terminal expansion works. In November last year, officials had announced that the facility would be reinstated within weeks.

However, more than three months later, the prepaid taxi counter is still not functional. As a result, international passengers are left to negotiate transport options outside the terminal, adding to confusion and inconvenience.

Aviation observers warn that the combination of safety-critical runway maintenance delays and unfinished passenger infrastructure is eroding the travel experience at one of south India's busiest airports. With passenger volumes steadily rising, they stress the need for time-bound execution and coordinated action between airport authorities and external agencies responsible for clearing obstructions.

Until these issues are addressed, passengers using Chennai airport are likely to continue facing extended delays, operational disruptions and avoidable hardship. Both in the air and on the ground.

India-Singapore Ties in Infra Investment to Get Stronger; Aviation Vital to Economy

Our Bureau

Panellists at the ET Now Global Business Summit delved into how vital civil aviation is to a subcontinental economy and the extent to which Singapore is backing India's infrastructure development plans.

In a freewheeling exchange on Saturday, Lim Ming Yan, chairman of Changi Airport Group (CAG), and Prasoon Mukherjee, chairman of the Singapore Business Federation's India Business Committee, discussed connectivity, capital and collaboration.

ON THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR INDIA

Changi Airport Group's Lim drew a direct line between Singapore's port and airport infrastructure and the city-state's remarkable economic ascent. "Singapore's economy was able to grow because we were able to be connected to the rest of the world," he said, adding that global connectivity has attracted waves of foreign direct investment and enabled businesses to scale outward.

For India, he said, the logic is no different—even if the scale and complexity are vastly greater. Lim said that over the last two decades, civil aviation infrastructure in India has improved significantly, and this trajectory will continue over the next ten to twenty years. He, however, was careful not to discount India's other infrastructure imperatives—railways, waterways and highways—stressing that multi-modal connectivity is the overarching goal.

"I have seen geographies where airports and railway stations are very well connected, quite seamless for passengers to move from one mode to another," he said. Civil aviation, in his framing, was not a rival to rail and road, but a complementary and indispensable layer in India's overall connectivity architecture.

ON CAG'S INVESTMENT APPETITE IN INDIAN AIRPORTS

On whether Changi Airport Group will bid more actively for Indian airport PPP (public-private partnership) projects, Lim pointed to its experience in Durgapur as evidence of the group's ability to add value even at relatively modest-scale facilities.

He was candid about the conditions that would govern any larger commitment. "CAG is good at managing airports. We are happy to work with investors



BUILDING ON CONNECTIONS

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LIM MING YAN

Chairman, Changi Airport Group

who are familiar with the local context, where we bring in technical competency and expertise," he said. A winning model, he suggested, would pair Changi Airport Group's operational excellence with a partner deeply rooted in India's ground realities.

ON SINGAPORE'S INVESTMENT RECORD IN INDIA

Mukherjee of the Singapore Business Federation's India Business Committee said Singapore has done a lot of heavy lifting but still has to do a lot. He offered a frank reckoning of Singapore's investment record in India, acknowledging both genuine milestones and a far larger gap yet to be closed.

He cited Singtel's significant stake in Airtel—valued at about \$30 billion—and the Singapore Alliance's recent investment in Air India as meaningful

THE WORLD'S DESTINATION

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Chairman, Singapore Business Federation's India Business Committee

commitments. But he was unambiguous about what remained undone. Singapore Prime Minister's most recent budget, which devoted considerable time to the theme of internationalisation, signalled the strategic direction, he said.

Mukherjee also flagged a fundamental shift in the gravity of the bilateral relationship. "There was a time in the early 90s and 2000s when India's destination was Singapore. Today, India is the world's destination," he said. Singapore, he stressed, would now need to compete actively for a stake in India's infrastructure growth story alongside global heavyweights such as DP World, Prem Watsa and Hutchison.

The effort, he said, would have to come from Singapore's end as much as from India's.

Dabolim airport shutdown claims baseless: Sawant

SLAMS OPPN, SAYS GOA WILL HAVE TWO AIRPORTS

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PANAJI

Amid mounting political controversy over the future of Dabolim airport, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday firmly dismissed Opposition allegations that the Union government is planning to shut down civilian operations at the facility and termed the claims as “baseless” and “politically motivated”.

Speaking to media, Sawant asserted that Dabolim airport will continue to function permanently for both civilian and naval operations. “Every time elections are round the corner, the Opposition tries to create an issue. Let me make it clear, Dabolim airport will not be shut. It will continue for civilian and naval use permanently. The Opposition needs to understand that Dabolim airport is not an election issue anymore,” the Sawant said.

Sawant further stated that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had already assured continuity of civil operations at Dabolim and that the decision to maintain dual airports in Goa was taken by the Union Cabinet before the commencement of operations at Manohar International Airport in Mopa.

CM chairs pre-budget meet, appoints secretaries to tackle inter-dept issues

PANAJI: Ahead of presenting the State Budget for 2026-27 on March 6, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday chaired a pre-budget consultation meeting with Heads of Departments to review priorities and streamline coordination.



During the meeting, Sawant decided to appoint Secretaries to specifically address inter-departmental issues, with the aim of ensuring smoother coordination and more efficient service delivery. “Secretaries will be appointed to deal with inter-departmental issues — basically to ensure smooth delivery of services and proper coordination,” he said.

“Goa will continue to have two airports. Let us not fall for Opposition claims. Some people have no other topics and are trying to create news,” he added.

He accused South Goa MP Viriato Fernandes of making “baseless statements” outside Parliament for political mileage. “Parliament is a holy temple for legislators and should be used for constructive matters. Just to increase his political weightage, he is making such statements. This should not happen,” Sawant said.

Highlighting the government’s financial commitment, Sawant said nearly Rs 450 crore is being spent on a flyover to ease access to the airport, while between Rs 300-400 crore has been spent directly on airport infrastructure over the past five years. “After spending so much money through the Civil Aviation Ministry, it is not to hand it over exclusively to the Navy. People should stop spreading misinformation,” he said.

The controversy erupted after Minister & Dabolim MLA Mauvin Godinho accused the

GMR — operating MIA of pressuring and lobbying the Indian Navy to take over the Dabolim airport.

Opposition parties intensified their attack, alleging that the Union Government was planning to shut Dabolim Airport and hand it over to corporate interests. They claimed the move would severely impact South Goa’s tourism-driven economy. Leaders warned of large-scale protests if any attempt is made to curtail civilian operations at Dabolim, maintaining that the dual-use airport is critical for both civil aviation and defence needs.

South Goa MP claimed that the State government had given consent to the Centre to shut down Dabolim Airport for commercial and civil operations, terming it a “shocking betrayal” of Goans. He said he had received confidential information in this regard.

In a letter dated February 12 to Rajnath Singh, Fernandes urged the Defence Ministry to ensure continuity of civil operations at Dabolim. He recalled that during the tenure of the UPA government, a Cabinet decision had been taken to keep civil aviation operations functional at both Dabolim and Mopa airports.

सीएम ने आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का किया शुभारंभ

यात्रियों को बेहतर वायु गुणवत्ता का अनुभव कराएगा मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम : रेखा गुप्ता

हरिभूमि न्यूज ॥ नई दिल्ली

एयरपोर्ट पर स्थापित मिस्ट सिस्टम और राजधानी की पर्यावरणीय छवि को मजबूत करेगा। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शनिवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट परिसर में जीएमआर द्वारा स्थापित 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम के उद्घाटन कार्यक्रम के दौरान यह बात कही।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह पहल राजधानी में वायु प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने और यात्रियों को स्वच्छ एवं स्वस्थ वातावरण उपलब्ध कराने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति पर वैज्ञानिक तरीके से कार्य कर रही है। इस अवसर पर दक्षिण

दिल्ली के सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी, बिजवासन के विधायक कैलाश गहलोत, जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव काड़ा सहित अनेक गणमान्य उपस्थित थे।

प्रमुख सड़कों पर भी मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम किए स्थापित

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साथ ही, रियल-टाइम मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक किया गया है, जो देश में किसी भी शहर का सबसे बड़ा नेटवर्क है। इसके अलावा, 'वायु रक्षक' पहल के माध्यम से प्रदूषण मानकों के सख्त अनुपालन



को सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है। मुख्यमंत्री ने जीएमआर समूह को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि यह पहल सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व और राष्ट्र निर्माण की

भावना का प्रतीक है। जब सरकार और निजी संस्थान साझा विजन के साथ काम करते हैं तो विकास की गति कई गुना बढ़ जाती है। भविष्य में इस मिस्ट

सिस्टम का विस्तार 600 पोल्ल्स तक किया जाएगा, जिससे एयरपोर्ट और उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों में धूल नियंत्रण और अधिक प्रभावी होगा।



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एयरपोर्ट पर वायु प्रदूषण नियंत्रित करेंगे मिस्ट स्प्रे

सहूलियत

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। एयरपोर्ट के आसपास यात्रियों को प्रदूषित हवा से राहत देने के लिए मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम लगाए गए हैं। शनिवार को मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट परिसर में जीएमआर की ओर से लगाए गए 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन किया।

इस मौके पर मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि यह पहल राजधानी में वायु प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने और यात्रियों को स्वच्छ एवं स्वस्थ वातावरण उपलब्ध कराने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पहले ही राजधानी की प्रमुख सड़कों और 143 एलिवेटेड मेट्रो स्टेशनों पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम लगा चुकी है। इसके साथ ही, रियल-टाइम मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक किया गया है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि आईजीआई हवाईअड्डा देश का सबसे व्यस्त एयरपोर्ट है। आने वाले वर्षों में 10 करोड़ यात्रियों का आंकड़ा पार कर



आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार को लगाए गए मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम शुरू हो गए। • हिन्दुस्तान

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स्थानों पर पहले से
लगाया जा चुका है

कई प्रभावी कदम उठाए जा रहे

मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि दिल्ली सरकार वर्ष 2029 तक सार्वजनिक बस बेड़े को पूरी तरह इलेक्ट्रिक करने, मेट्रो नेटवर्क के विस्तार, ईवी चार्जिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर के विकास पर कार्य कर रही है। इसके साथ ही पूरे शहर में 1000 से अधिक वाटर स्पिंकलर तैनात करने और निर्माण स्थलों पर एआई आधारित डस्ट मॉनिटरिंग सिस्टम लागू करने जैसे महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठा रही है।



सकता है। मुख्यमंत्री ने जीएमआर समूह के इस पहल की सराहना भी की। उन्होंने बताया कि भविष्य में इस मिस्ट सिस्टम का विस्तार 600 खंभे तक

किया जाएगा। कार्यक्रम में सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी, विधायक कैलाश गहलोत व जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव आदि मौजूद रहे।



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कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट पर दो विमानों में बम की धमकी

कोलकाता, एजेंसी। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे पर एक ही दिन में दो विमानों में बम रखे जाने की धमकी मिली।

अधिकारियों ने एक बयान में बताया कि शनिवार सुबह कोलकाता से शिलांग जाने वाले इंडिगो की उड़ान में बम की धमकी के बाद उसे यहां रोक दिया गया, जो जांच के बाद अफवाह निकली। वहीं, शाम को डिब्रूगढ़ से आ

रही इंडिगो की उड़ान 6ई 6894 में भी बम की धमकी मिली। उड़ान सुरक्षित उतरी और सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार उसे तुरंत पृथक स्थान पर ले जाया गया। सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित रूप से विमान से उतार लिया गया। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि कथित रूप से लिपस्टिक से लिखा गया यह संदेश विमान के शौचालय के अंदर मिला था।

CM unveils mist spray systems at IGI Airport to check pollution

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated 120 mist spray systems at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. The systems, installed by the GMR Group, will ensure a clean and healthy environment for air passengers, as per the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Real-time monitoring

The CM said the Delhi government has already installed mist spray systems on major roads across the Capital and at 143 elevated Metro stations. Besides, the real-time monitoring network has been expanded to 46 stations, making it the largest such network in any city in the country. Through the 'Vayu Rakshak' initiative, strict compliance with pollution control norms is also being ensured, she added.

The Chief Minister also unveiled a statue of K.B. Hedgewar, the first sarsanghchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at Dr. Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan in Shahdara. On January 29, projects



The mist spray systems installed at IGI Airport on Saturday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

worth ₹728 crore were approved for the trans-Yamuna region in the first meeting of the reconstituted Trans Yamuna Area Development Board (TYADB).

Infra development

The CM said through this allocation, rapid development of roads, drainage systems and other infrastructure in the Yamuna Nagar region is being undertaken.

She clarified that both the policy and intent of the government are dedicated to public service, and public funds are being utilised solely for the welfare of the people.



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GMR Airports PAT declines 14% to ₹174 cr in December quarter of FY26

NEW DELHI: GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) reported a 14 per cent decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 173.96 crore for the quarter ended December 2025, impacted by one-time expenses including costs related to new labour laws.

The company had posted a PAT of Rs 202.10 crore in the year-ago period.

During the quarter, GAL recorded exceptional expenses of Rs 183.12 crore. This included Rs 113.47 crore linked to the termination of its pact with Turkish firm Celebi

and Rs 69.65 crore towards the impact of new labour codes. In contrast, the December 2024 quarter had included a one-time gain.

Total income rose sharply to Rs 4,082.77 crore in Q3 FY26 from Rs 2,748.22 crore a year earlier, while total expenses increased to Rs 2,293.49 crore, according to a regulatory filing.

In May 2025, the government revoked security clearance for entities from the Celebi group operating in India.

Subsequently, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), which runs the national cap-

ital's airport, terminated its cargo concession agreement with Celebi and remeasured related financial liabilities. The net impact of Rs 113.47 crore was classified as an exceptional item.

DIAL-operated airports handled a record 31.9 million passengers during the quarter, including 20.8 million at Delhi airport.

DIAL reported a PAT of Rs 231 crore for the quarter, compared with a loss of Rs 243 crore a year ago, marking its highest quarterly profit since Q3 FY22.

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'Clear Air, Clean Delhi': CM Rekha Gupta unveils 120 mist spray systems at IGI Airport

'Govt working scientifically on short-term, mid-term & long-term strategies to tackle pollution'

MPOST BUREAU

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated 120 mist spray systems at the IGI Airport premises, reiterating her government's commitment to the 'Clear Air, Clean Delhi' initiative.

The mist spray systems have been installed by the GMR Group at the Indira Gandhi International Airport with the objective to control air pollution and ensure a clean and healthy environment for passengers. The Delhi International Airport Limited is a joint venture, formed as a consortium between the GMR Airports Limited and Airports Authority of India.

The Chief Minister said that the Delhi government is working scientifically on short-term, mid-term and long-term strategies to tackle pollution.

She also said the Delhi government has already installed mist spray systems on major roads across the capital and at 143 elevated metro stations.



CM Rekha Gupta inaugurates 120 mist spray systems at the IGI Airport premises on Saturday

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KEY POINTS

- » The mist spray systems have been installed by the GMR Group with the objective to control air pollution and ensure a clean and healthy environment for passengers
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- » The real-time monitoring network has been expanded to 46 metro stations

Additionally, the real-time monitoring network has been expanded to 46 metro stations, making it the largest such network in any city in the country, she added. Through the 'Yayu Rakshak' initiative, strict compliance with pollution control

norms is also being ensured.

The mist systems installed at the airport will provide passengers with an improved air quality experience and strengthen the environmental image of the capital, she said, thanking the GMR Group for

the initiative.

The mist spray system will be expanded to 600 poles in the future, further strengthening dust control at the airport and surrounding areas, a Delhi CMO statement said.

The Delhi government aims

to fully electrify the public bus fleet by 2029, expand the metro network, develop EV charging infrastructure, deploy more than 1,000 water sprinklers across the city, and implement AI-based dust monitoring at construction sites, Gupta said.

India aims 50 more airports in 5 yrs: Naidu

NEW DELHI: India aims to have 50 more airports in the next five years which will also create huge opportunities for the country's real estate sector, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Friday.

Noting that airports are the "scaffolding" for the real estate sector, the minister also said that he is working actively to address issues related to height restrictions for buildings near airports without compromising on aviation safety.

India is one of the world's fastest growing civil aviation markets and currently, there are 165 operational airports in the country. On an average, a new airport or a new terminal is built every 33 days, Naidu said.

He was speaking at the National Urban and Real Estate Development Conclave 2026 organised by real estate industry body Naredco.

Highlighting the growth potential of the country's real estate sector, he said the segment is projected to be worth \$1 trillion by 2030 and further increase to be valued at \$5-7 trillion by 2047.

He also emphasised the importance of focusing on quality of living along with the standards of living in real estate development. The focus on standards of living will create assets and with the focus on quality of living "we will be creating well being", the minister said. P11

सीएम रेखा गुप्ता ने IGI एयरपोर्ट पर 120 एंटी मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम किए शुरू

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शनिवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट परिसर में स्थापित 120 एंटी-मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन किया। एयरपोर्ट परिसर और उसके आस-पास प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने के लिए जीएमआर ने इसे लगाया है। रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति पर वैज्ञानिक तरीके से काम कर रही है। कार्यक्रम में दक्षिणी दिल्ली से सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी, जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव काड़ा मौजूद रहे।

इस अवसर पर मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पहले ही राजधानी की प्रमुख सड़कों और 143 एलिवेटेड मेट्रो स्टेशनों पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम स्थापित कर चुकी है। उसके रियल-टाइम मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक किया गया है, जो देश में किसी भी शहर का सबसे बड़ा नेटवर्क है। साथ ही 'वायु रक्षक' फलक के माध्यम से प्रदूषण मानकों के सख्त



सीएम के साथ सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी भी रहे मौजूद

नियमों के फलन को सुनिश्चित करने का काम किया जा रहा है। सीएम ने कहा कि दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट देश का सबसे व्यस्त हवाई अड्डा है, आने वाले सालों में 100 मिलियन यात्रियों की संख्या को पार करके विश्व के पांच बड़े हवाई अड्डे में शामिल हो जाएगा। अब एयरपोर्ट पर स्थापित मिस्ट सिस्टम यात्रियों को बेहतर एयर क्वालिटी का अनुभव कराएगा और राजधानी की एनवायरनमेंट को लेकर जो छवि है उसमें भी सुधार होगा।



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जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स लिमिटेड का तिमाही लाभ 14 प्रतिशत घटा, आय में जोरदार बढ़ौतरी

नई दिल्ली (एजेंसी): दिल्ली और हैदराबाद हवाई अड्डों का संचालन करने वाली जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स लिमिटेड (जी.ए.एल.) का चालू वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 की अक्टूबर-दिसंबर तिमाही में एकीकृत शुद्ध लाभ 14 प्रतिशत घटकर 173.96 करोड़ रुपए रह गया, जो पिछले वर्ष की समान तिमाही में 202.10 करोड़ रुपए था।

लाभ में गिरावट का मुख्य कारण 183.12 करोड़ रुपए के एकमुश्त खर्च रहे, जिनमें तुर्की की सेलिबी के साथ अनुबंध समाप्ति से जुड़े 113.47 करोड़ रुपए और नए श्रम नियमों से संबंधित 69.65 करोड़ रुपए शामिल हैं। हालांकि, कुल आय 2,748.22 करोड़ से बढ़कर 4,082.77 करोड़ रुपए हो गई। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने 231 करोड़ रुपए का शुद्ध लाभ दर्ज किया, जबकि पिछले वर्ष उसे घाटा हुआ था।

CM Rekha inaugurates 120 mist spray systems at Delhi airport

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■ New Delhi

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Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister noted that the Delhi Government has already installed mist spray systems on major roads across the capital and at 143 elevated Metro stations. Additionally, the real-time monitoring network has been expanded to 46 Metro stations, making it the largest such network in any city in the country. Among those present were South



Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Bijwasan MLA Kailash Gahlot, Director of GMR Group Narayan Rao Kada, along with several other dignitaries.

She said under the 'Vayu Rakshak' initiative, strict compliance with pollution control norms is also being ensured.

Describing IGI Airport as one of the busiest airports in the National Capital Region, the chief minister said it is expected to surpass the 100 million passenger mark in the coming years and

emerge as the world's fifth-largest airport.

The newly installed mist systems, she said, will provide passengers with improved air quality and enhance the environmental image of the Capital.

Thanking GMR Group for the initiative, the Chief Minister said the project reflects social responsibility and a spirit of nation-building. She added that when government and private institutions work with a shared vision, the pace of development accelerates.

एयरपोर्ट पर 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का शुभारंभ

क्लीन दिल्ली की दिशा में सरकार के साथ निजी क्षेत्र की साझेदारी भी जरूरी: सीएम रेखा गुप्ता

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने दोहराया 'क्लीन एयर दिल्ली' का संकल्प

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शनिवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट परिसर में जीएमआर द्वारा स्थापित 120 मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का उद्घाटन किया। यह पहल राजधानी में वायु प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने और यात्रियों को स्वच्छ एवं स्वस्थ वातावरण उपलब्ध कराने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए शॉर्ट टर्म, मिड टर्म और लॉन्ग टर्म रणनीति पर वैज्ञानिक तरीके से कार्य कर रही है। इस अवसर पर दक्षिण दिल्ली के सांसद रामवीर सिंह बिधुड़ी, बिजवासन के विधायक कैलाश गहलोत, जीएमआर ग्रुप के निदेशक नारायण राव काड़ा सहित अनेक गणमान्य उपस्थित थे। मुख्यमंत्री ने इस अवसर पर यह भी कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पहले ही राजधानी की प्रमुख सड़कों और 143 एलिवेटेड मेट्रो स्टेशनों पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम स्थापित कर चुकी है। साथ ही, रियल-टाइम मॉनिटरिंग नेटवर्क का विस्तार 46 मेट्रो स्टेशनों तक किया गया है, जो देश में किसी भी शहर का सबसे बड़ा नेटवर्क है। इसके अलावा, 'वायु रक्षक' पहल के माध्यम से प्रदूषण मानकों के सख्त अनुपालन को सुनिश्चित किया जा रहा है।

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने किया उद्घाटन



एयरपोर्ट पर प्रभावी होगा धूल नियंत्रण: सीएम

मुख्यमंत्री ने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट को देश का सबसे व्यस्त राष्ट्रीय राजधानी एयरपोर्ट बताते हुए कहा कि आने वाले वर्षों में 100 मिलियन यात्रियों का आंकड़ा पार कर यह विश्व के पांचवें सबसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट के रूप में स्थापित होगा। एयरपोर्ट पर स्थापित मिस्ट सिस्टम यात्रियों को बेहतर वायु गुणवत्ता का अनुभव कराएगा और राजधानी की पर्यावरणीय छवि को मजबूत करेगा। मुख्यमंत्री ने जीएमआर समूह को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि यह पहल सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व और राष्ट्र निर्माण की भावना का प्रतीक है। जब सरकार और निजी संस्थान साझा विजन के साथ काम करते हैं तो विकास की गति कई गुना बढ़ जाती है। भविष्य में इस मिस्ट सिस्टम का विस्तार 600 पोलस तक किया जाएगा, जिससे एयरपोर्ट और उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों में धूल नियंत्रण और अधिक प्रभावी होगा।

साफ हवा, ग्रीन ट्रांसपोर्ट के मार्ग पर बढ़ाना लक्ष्य

मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि दिल्ली सरकार वर्ष 2029 तक सार्वजनिक बस बड़े को पूरी तरह इलेक्ट्रिक करने, मेट्रो नेटवर्क के विस्तार, ईवी चार्जिंग इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर के विकास, शहरभर में 1,000 से अधिक वाटर सिप्रंकलर तैनात करने और निर्माण स्थलों पर एआई आधारित डस्ट मॉनिटरिंग लागू करने जैसे महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठा रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि इन पहलों से न केवल प्रदूषण में प्रभावी कमी आएगी, बल्कि दिल्ली को देश के सबसे रहने योग्य शहरों में शामिल करने का लक्ष्य भी साकार किया जा सकेगा। उन्होंने दोहराया कि दिल्ली को साफ हवा, ग्रीन ट्रांसपोर्ट और सस्टेनेबल ग्रोथ के मार्ग पर आगे बढ़ाना ही सरकार का लक्ष्य है और इस दिशा में निरंतर कार्य जारी रहेगा।

Delhi CM inaugurates 120 mist spray systems at IGI Airport



Minister said the project reflects social responsibility and a spirit of nation-building.

She added that when government and private institutions work with a shared vision, the pace of development accelerates.

The mist system at the airport will be expanded to 600 poles in the future to further strengthen dust control measures. Gupta also outlined the government's broader environmental roadmap, stating that Delhi aims to fully electrify its public bus fleet by 2029, expand the Metro network, develop EV charging infrastructure, deploy over 1,000 water sprinklers across the city, and implement AI-based dust monitoring at construction sites.

She reiterated that advancing Delhi on the path of clean air, green transport and sustainable growth remains a top priority, adding that sustained efforts will continue to make the city one of most liveable in the country.

is also being ensured, she said. Describing IGI Airport as one of the busiest airports in the National Capital Region, Gupta said it is expected to surpass the 100 million passenger mark in the coming years and emerge as the world's fifth-largest airport.

The newly installed mist systems, she said, will provide passengers with improved air quality and enhance the environmental image of the Capital. Thanking GMR Group for the initiative, the Chief

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New Delhi, 14 February

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated 120 mist spray systems installed by GMR Group at the premises of Indira Gandhi International Airport, as part of measures

to combat air pollution in the Capital.

Addressing the gathering, Gupta said the Delhi Government is working scientifically on short-term, mid-term and long-term strategies to tackle pollution. She noted that mist spray systems have already been installed on major roads across the city and at 143

elevated Metro stations.

The Chief Minister added that the real-time air quality monitoring network has been expanded to 46 Metro stations, making it the largest such network in any city in the country.

Under the 'Vayu Rakshak' initiative, strict compliance with pollution control norms



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120 mist spray systems installed at IGI Airport

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated 120 mist spray systems installed by GMR Group at Indira Gandhi International Airport and described the initiative as a significant step towards curbing air pollution in the capital.

“Our govt is working on all fronts, in collaboration with all stakeholders, to control pollution in Delhi. This initiative for dust mitigation in the airport area is commendable and strengthens our resolve for a clean and safe Delhi,” said CM Gupta. South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, who was also present at the event, said the mist spray systems will help check flight disruptions by controlling smog. “Flights departing from Delhi will no longer face disruptions,” said Bidhuri.

The mist systems, CM said, would enhance air quali-

ty for travellers and strengthen Delhi’s environmental credentials.

CM said the installation would be scaled up to 600 poles to improve dust control in and around the airport. She also outlined the govt’s broader clean-air roadmap, including full electrification of the public bus fleet by 2029, expansion of metro network, development of EV charging infrastructure, deployment of over 1,000 water sprinklers, and the introduction of AI-based dust monitoring at construction sites.

CM added that real-time air quality monitoring network was also expanded to 46 metro stations. Compliance with pollution-control norms was also enforced through the ‘Vayu Rakshak’ initiative.

These measures, she said, would help reduce pollution and move Delhi closer to becoming one of the country’s most liveable cities.



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Says govt working on strategies to combat pollution

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 14

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated 120 mist spray systems installed by the GMR Group at Indira Gandhi International Airport, describing the initiative as a significant step towards curbing air pollution in the Capital.

Speaking at the event, Gupta said the Delhi Government is working on short-term, medium-term and long-term strategies to combat pollution and ensure cleaner air for residents and visitors. She emphasised that partnership between the government and the private sector is essential to achieve the goal of "Clear Air, Clean Delhi".

The Chief Minister noted that mist spray systems had already been installed on major roads and at 143 elevated Metro stations across the city. Additionally, real-time air quality monitoring had been expanded to 46



Mist guns installed on poles at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.

Metro stations, which she described as the largest such network in any city in the country. Under the 'Vayu Rakshak' initiative, stricter enforcement of pollution control norms is also being ensured.

Calling IGI Airport one of the

busiest airports in the region, Gupta said its is expected to cross 100 million passenger mark in the coming years, potentially making it the world's fifth-largest airport. She said the installation of mist systems would improve

air quality at the airport and enhance Delhi's environmental image. The system is expected to be expanded to 600 poles in the future to strengthen dust control in and around the airport premises.

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at construction sites.

"These measures will significantly reduce pollution and help make Delhi one of the most liveable cities in the country," she said, reaffirming the government's commitment to sustainable and green growth.



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Flight in Kolkata gets hoax bomb threat

Kolkata: A Shillong-bound aircraft was stranded at Kolkata airport for around four hours on Saturday following a bomb threat, an official statement said. The IndiGo flight 6E 7304 was moved to the isolation bay after the discovery of a handwritten note claiming that a bomb had been placed on the plane, it said.

The threat, however, later turned out to be a hoax, and the flight left for its destination at 1.33 pm following a thorough search as per standard security protocols. An Airports Authority of India (AAI) spokesperson said the note was discovered in the lavatory by one of the crew members around 9.15 am, around 15 minutes before its scheduled departure time. Some of the 60 passengers had already boarded the plane. The passengers were safely deboarded, and the aircraft was moved to the isolation bay. Standard security protocols were followed and a thorough inspection was conducted by the agencies concerned, he said.

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कोलकाता से शिलांग जा रहे विमान में बम की धमकी

कोलकाता। शिलांग जाने वाली इंडिगो की एक उड़ान में बम की धमकी से शनिवार को हड़कंप मच गया और यात्रियों को नीचे उतारना पड़ा। इसके बाद विमान को तत्काल सुरक्षा जांच के लिए कोलकाता हवाईअड्डे के



आइसोलेशन बे में ले जाया गया।

हालांकि, इस दौरान कहीं कुछ नहीं मिला और धमकी को झूठी करार दे दिया

गया। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि यह घटना इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 7304 में यात्रियों के चढ़ते समय हुई। इस घटनाक्रम के चलते विमान लगभग चार घंटे हवाईअड्डे पर खड़ा रहा। भारतीय विमानन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने बताया कि चालक दल के एक सदस्य को विमान के शीचालय में हाथ से लिखा धमकी भरा नोट मिला था, जिसमें दावा किया गया था कि विमान में बम रखा गया है। हालांकि, बाद में यह धमकी झूठी निकली और मानक सुरक्षा प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार, गहन तलाशी के बाद विमान दोपहर 1:33 बजे अपने गंतव्य के लिए रवाना हो गया। ब्यूरो



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**चार घंटे तक
हवाईअड्डे में खड़ा
रहा विमान**

विमान को तत्काल सुरक्षा जांच के लिए कोलकाता हवाईअड्डे के आइसोलेशन बे में ले जाया गया। हालांकि, इस

दौरान कहीं कुछ नहीं मिला और धमकी को झूठी करार दे दिया गया। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि यह घटना इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई 7304 में यात्रियों के चढ़ते समय हुई। इस घटनाक्रम के चलते विमान लगभग चार घंटे हवाईअड्डे पर खड़ा रहा। भारतीय विमानन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने बताया कि चालक दल के एक सदस्य को विमान के शीचालय में हाथ से लिखा धमकी भरा नोट मिला था, जिसमें दावा किया गया था कि विमान में बम रखा गया है।



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एआरसी के बिना एयरबस उड़ाने पर डीजीसीए ने एयर इंडिया पर एक करोड़ का लगाया जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने एयर इंडिया पर 1 करोड़ रुपए का जुर्माना लगाया है। डीजीसीए ने यह कार्रवाई इसलिए की क्योंकि एयर इंडिया ने एक एयरबस ए320 विमान को वैध उड़ान योग्यता प्रमाणपत्र (एयरवर्थिनेस परमिट) के बिना आठ बार उड़ाया। विमानन नियामक ने इस उल्लंघन को 'गंभीर' बताया और इस सुरक्षा चूक के लिए कंपनी के शीर्ष प्रबंधन को जिम्मेदार ठहराया है। डीजीसीए के जुर्माना आदेश में कहा गया है कि एयरबस ए320 विमान को पिछले साल 24 और 25 नवंबर के बीच नई दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु, मुंबई और हैदराबाद के बीच कई उड़ानों में बिना अनिवार्य एयरवर्थिनेस रिव्यू सर्टिफिकेट के उड़ाया गया। एआरसी एक महत्वपूर्ण वार्षिक प्रमाणपत्र होता है, जिसे विमानन नियामक तब जारी करता है जब विमान तय सुरक्षा और नियमों की जांच में सफल होता है। इसके बिना उड़ान भरना विमानन सुरक्षा नियमों का गंभीर उल्लंघन माना जाता है। सूत्रों के अनुसार, डीजीसीए ने इस मामले को गंभीरता से लिया और एयरलाइन के 'लापरवाह रवैये' पर आपत्ति जताई।

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SPOTLIGHT

The air charter market is booming due to rising affluence and connectivity gaps. But infrastructure and financing reform have not kept pace with the growth

Aviation sector faces a pvt jet stress test

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icopters, and training aircraft.

Charter and general aviation movements have increased by approximately 20% in recent years as traffic rebounded strongly after the pandemic. More aircraft. More sectors flown. More landings at smaller airfields.

Kanika Tekriwal, founder and chief executive of JetSetGo, describes the shift as structural. "The Indian air charter market is experiencing a significant transition, with a projected compound annual growth rate of 13-15%. Growth is being driven by rising affluence and a persistent connectivity gap in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities," says Tekriwal.

Growth, demand and speed
Industry executives insist the expansion is structural, not speculative.

Bineesh Paul, Director of Charter Flights Aviation, says India has climbed steadily in global rankings. "We stand eleventh in the world today. Three years ago, we were around 15th. The movement has been steady, and the shift is clearly towards developing economies. In fact, in some respects, we are performing better than China," says Paul. He estimates that domestic private aviation growth has averaged 35% annually in recent years. "India is one of the biggest potential markets in the world," he adds.

Charter Flights operates from a dedicated terminal at Hyderabad's AHL Airport. Efficiency is the selling point. "All clearances can be completed in about fifteen minutes. From Bengaluru to Mumbai, we can reach in roughly one hour." The aircraft themselves are built for speed. "Our jets can fly at speeds of around 979 kilometres per hour. Commercial airlines typically cruise closer to 640 kilometres per hour."

That time differential is the core proposition. Clients are not buying luxury alone; they are buying hours. The cost reflects that.

A Bengaluru-Mumbai charter starts at approximately Rs 4.5 lakh. Landing charges can exceed Rs 1 lakh for under 20 minutes on the

ground, with parking charged separately. Depending on aircraft type and distance, one-way charters can range from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 25 lakh. Demand, executives say, is pragmatic. Time is a scarce commodity.

Tekriwal adds a perspective to the trend. "It is increasingly becoming functional rather than aspirational. We are seeing a move towards a more customer-centric model, where private aviation is utilised as a 'time machine' for efficient, on-demand mobility across the country."

The Indian air charter market is experiencing a key shift, with a projected CAGR of 13-15%. Growth is being driven by rising affluence and a service gap in connectivity to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, she points out. Yet speed in the air often collides with constraints on the ground.

Tekriwal points to "limited infrastructure at smaller airports, fragmented ground-handling processes, regulatory complexity, and a shortage of trained crew and maintenance, repair and overhaul support in tier two and tier three cities".

Paul offers a blunt assessment of metro capacity. "Delhi and Mumbai airports are completely chock-a-block. The number of private jets is growing in India today, but parking space and hangar facilities are limited," says Paul.

At smaller airstrips, the challenges are more technical.

Rajesh Kumar, Director of Blueheights Aviation, notes that many operate under visual flight rules. "Turboprop aircraft can operate from shorter runways, but jets require more robust infrastructure. Without proper facilities, growth will remain constrained," says Kumar.

It is clear that infrastructure is not merely about convenience, it is also about operational risk. Shorter runways, limited navigational aids and congestion all increase complexity.

Financing and regulation
Kumar identifies financing as the sector's most persistent structural constraint. "If financial institutions start supporting us meaningfully, India can become second only to the United States in private aviation.

The demand is certainly there," feels Kumar.

Bringing an aircraft into India can incur freight and associated costs of approximately Rs 1 crore. Banks remain cautious, often treating charter operators as riskier borrowers than scheduled carriers.

On regulation, however, Kumar strikes a more balanced tone. "The DGCA is actually very competent compared with regulators in many parts of the world," Kumar says.

India also prohibits the registration of aircraft older than 20 years, even if they are well-maintained. Operators emphasise oversight. "All aircraft are regulated by the DGCA. We are under constant scrutiny. Safety is non-negotiable," Paul says.

Tekriwal emphasises that safety requirements apply universally. Airworthiness, crew licensing and maintenance standards are mandated, she notes.

Yet transparency remains thinner than in some Western jurisdictions. India does not routinely publish operator-level enforcement statistics or detailed safety performance data for charter operators.

The decade's accident data do not point to systemic failure. Annual totals remain contained. The largest fatalities in recent years have involved scheduled airlines rather than private jets. However, the sector is accelerating—in fleet size, flight frequency, and economic importance.

If expansion continues at double-digit rates, infrastructure investment, financing reform and greater transparency will determine whether private aviation matures into a stable layer of national transport or begins to show strain.

The numbers suggest stability. The trajectory suggests momentum. Whether those two lines continue to move together will define what India's private aviation boom ultimately becomes.

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based senior aviation journalist)

Private Aviation in Indian Skies: Luxury, Speed & Strategic Connectivity

Business jets, also known as corporate or private jets, are a key segment of aviation, offering on-demand, premium air travel for businesses, HNIs, and governments. India is ascending fast in this realm, emerging now as South Asia's largest general aviation market – and growing fast.

MARKET SNAPSHOT



13-15%
Projected annual growth

\$500-550 million
Expected to reach by FY29

FLEET & SCALE

400+: Private aircraft (jets, turboprops, helicopters)

700+: Expected number of aircraft by 2029

Accounts for 8-10% of India's \$14.78 billion aviation sector (2025)

2,400+ private flights per month – tripled in recent years

WHAT'S DRIVING GROWTH?

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- Executive travel
- Cricket & sports tournaments
- Political & celebrity travel
- Medical evacuation

Private aviation is no more just indulgence – it's about speed, efficiency, and access where commercial airlines don't operate profitably.

Comforts that define Private Aviation

- Limousine pick-up & drop
- Concierge bookings
- Gourmet catering & personal chefs
- Spa & beauty services
- VIP lounges & crew briefing rooms
- Swift customs clearance

TYPES OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFT IN INDIA

Midsize & Super Midsize (7-10 passengers)
Medium-haul business travel – Examples: Hawker 750/800XP/900XP, Gulfstream G150/G200, Citation XLS/Sovereign

Light Jets (4-6 passengers)
Short regional trips – Examples: Cessna Citation Mustang, CJ2, Phenom 100/300, Beechcraft Premier



Heavy & Long-Range (10-15+ passengers)
International, non-stop travel – Examples: Challenger 604/605, Global 6000/7000, Falcon 2000/8X, BBJ, ACJ

Turboprops (6-9 passengers)
Short runways, remote airports – Examples: King Air series, Pilatus PC-12



Executive Helicopters
Short-range point-to-point – Examples: Agusta AW109, Airbus H160

CHARTER COST*
Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 20 lakh per hour (depending on aircraft size, range & luxury)

*INDUSTRY ESTIMATES





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DGCA fines Air India for operating plane without certification

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Aviation safety watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has imposed a fine of Rs 1 crore on the Tata Group-owned Air India (AI) for operating an Airbus A320neo aircraft without the requisite airworthiness certification on at least eight routes last year, according to sources.

The DGCA, on December 2 last year, said it was probing the incident of Air India operating an A320neo plane without a requisite airworthiness certification on at least eight

routes. The sources on Friday said the regulator had slapped a Rs 1-crore fine on Air India for the violations.

“Air India acknowledges the receipt of a DGCA order in relation to an incident that was voluntarily reported back in 2025.

All identified gaps have since been satisfactorily addressed and shared with the authority,” said the airline in a statement.

On November 26, 2025, the airline informed the DGCA about the flying of the A320 aircraft with the expired airworthiness review certificate

(ARC) on eight revenue sectors.

The ARC is issued annually to an aircraft after a comprehensive review of its maintenance records, physical condition and verification of compliance with all airworthiness standards. It is a validation of an aircraft’s main certificate of airworthiness.

Under the norms, Air India has been delegated the powers to issue the ARC for an aircraft.

Tata Group-owned Air India previously faced regulatory actions for certain violations as well.



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विमान में सहयात्री से छेड़छाड़ करने के आरोप में यात्री गिरफ्तार

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कोलकाता के नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर हनेई-कोलकाता उड़ान में एक महिला सह-यात्री के साथ कथित तौर पर छेड़छाड़ करने के आरोप में शनिवार को एक पुरुष यात्री को गिरफ्तार किया गया।

पुलिस ने बताया कि युवती वियतनाम के हनेई से कोलकाता जाने वाली एक निजी एयरलाइन की उड़ान में सवार हुई थी। जब विमान कोलकाता में उतरने की तैयारी कर रहा था, तभी बिहार निवासी आरोपित ने कथित तौर पर अपने बगल में बैठी युवती को परेशान करना शुरू कर दिया। युवती ने आरोप लगाया कि आरोपित ने उसे गलत तरीके से छुआ। घटना से परेशान होकर युवती ने विमान के अंदर शोर मचाया। केबिन क्रू ने तुरंत हस्तक्षेप किया और यात्री को सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उसे दूसरी सीट पर बैठा दिया। हवाई अड्डे पर विमान के उतरने के बाद चालक दल ने आरोपित यात्री को सीआइएसएफ के अधिकारियों के हवाले कर दिया। बाद

▶ आरोपित ने सह-यात्री युवती को कई बार गलत तरीके से छुआ

में, सीआइएसएफ अधिकारियों ने यात्री को हवाई अड्डे के पुलिस स्टेशन को सौंप दिया। आरोपित की पहचान अब्दुर रहमान के रूप में हुई है।

कोलकाता से शिलांग जा रहे विमान को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी : शिलांग जाने वाली एक उड़ान को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिलने के बाद विमान को शनिवार को कोलकाता स्थित नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर आइसोलेशन बे (पृथक क्षेत्र) में ले जाया गया और गहन तलाशी ली गई। विमान की तलाशी में कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। एक अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी दी। इंडिगो को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी वाला संदेश यात्रियों के विमान में सवार होने से ठीक पहले मिला। सुबह चालक दल के एक सदस्य को विमान के शौचालय के भीतर हाथ से लिखा एक नोट मिला, जिसमें कोलकाता से शिलांग जाने वाली उड़ान में बम विस्फोट की धमकी दी गई थी।

RESILIENCE OF INDIA INC DEPENDS ON HOW IT RESPONDS TO DISRUPTIONS WITH OPTIONALITY AND RELIABILITY

Anti-fragility Is About Flexibility, Not Inefficiency: IOC's Sahney

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Anti-fragility is not about building inefficiencies or excess inventories to manage market shocks, but about creating optionality and flexibility, Indian Oil Corporation chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney said.

Speaking during a session at the summit titled 'Is 2026 The Year We Pivot From Efficiency To Anti-Fragility?' on Saturday, Sahney and Akasa Air founder and CEO Vinay Dube discussed what anti-fragility means for their respective industries and how they are making their organisations resilient.

"Our job as people who are responsible for maintaining the energy lines of a country as big as India is that how I build optionality into the systems," Sahney said. He cited multiple events in recent years—from the Ukraine war to the Iran conflict and Operation Sindoor—as challenges to the energy system. The test of an anti-fragile system, he said, lies in how it responds to disruptions and how much more robust, flexible and reliable it becomes after the challenges have faded.

BUILDING ANTI-FRAGILITY

Diversification of the country's energy sources, including crude oil, LPG and natural gas, is crucial for building an anti-fragile system



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ARVINDER SINGH SAHNEY
Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation

Diversification of energy sources, including crude oil, LPG and natural gas, is crucial for building an anti-fragile system. "How I bring out different sources so that it gives me a flexibility in terms of hedging my sources of energy. How I secure my supply chains, transportation,

the movement of petroleum products and crude from the sources to Indian shores—that is all I understand from anti-fragility," Sahney said. "We have been working assiduously on these lines for building and ensuring that the energy is affordable and available at all times to all

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Founder and CEO, Akasa Air

people." Dube of Akasa Air said building redundancies is core to the airline business. "Whether it's redundancy of capital, or whether it's redundancy of people... As an example, our ability to respond to new pilot rules allowed us to create and deli-

ENERGY TRANSITION

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ver network free of cancellations in this winter," he said.

"Building in redundancies across multiple levels is what we do, and it hinges on extremely strong planning discipline, sensitivity analysis in our planning," he said. "To be able to deliver this through ups and downs requires culture building."

A culture of safety and service is important, he added. "But I think a little-known culture, particularly in aviation, allowing us to react to the ups and downs that the world throws at us is this employee-centric culture," Dube said. "Because without an employee-centric culture, you'll get a robotic response. With an employee-centric culture, you'll get a spirited response."

Dube said disciplined fleet management is critical for an airline. "We're not opportunistic in saying, let's send off or park these aircraft during down times," he said. "It's with this discipline that allows you to be both nimble but also keeps you on the path of the chosen strategy."

DECENTRALISATION OF DECISION-MAKING

Decentralisation of decision-making is important at Akasa, Dube said. "The

most critical element is to decentralise the safety decision and do it in a manner that protects the decision maker and empowers that decision maker and makes them feel free to make that safety call in a very decentralised manner," he said.

For Indian Oil, decision-making has to be both centralised and decentralised depending on the requirement, Sahney said. "The energy sourcing has to be a centralised function, but at the same time, disbursement of that energy to the general public has to be decentralised," he said.

Since Indian Oil serves hundreds of thousands of customers every day, it is important that employees are empowered to take decisions to meet customer requirements, Sahney said.

PURSUIT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Indian Oil, the nation's largest fossil fuel refiner and retailer, is seriously committed to the energy transition, chairman Sahney said.

"This wave of transition that is coming up in terms of compressed biogas, ethanol, green hydrogen—these are all God-sent opportunities for the Indian economy," Sahney said, citing their potential to reduce the country's \$135 billion annual oil import bill. Renewable energy, he said, offers immense possibilities and could be a game-changer for the Indian economy.

The 20% blending of ethanol in petrol is already weighing on demand for imported oil and represents a live example of import substitution, he said. Sustainable aviation fuel is another major opportunity, and Indian Oil is ready to meet that demand, he added.

Footloose

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Who loves turbulence, airplane food and the middle seat? They do

What the travellers who adore some common annoyances of flying can teach everyone else about the power of changing one's perspective

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PASSENGERS DON'T NEED much of a reminder that the golden age of commercial aviation is well behind us. Climate change has worsened some types of turbulence, meal service has shrunk to the size of a snack box and airlines have crammed in seats. And don't get Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy started on travellers in pajamas.

But not everyone hates the things that most of us find unlovable about air travel. Some flyers long for turbulence that feels like a Six Flags ride, savour that tiny plastic dish of lasagna or happily soak up every inch of the middle seat.

Strange as it may seem, these oddly joyful travellers may have something to teach the rest of us about enduring — and even appreciating — the small indignities of travel, if we shift our perspective.

"We all take our dignity down a level when we board an airplane," said Vicki Denig, 34, who writes about wine and travel from Paris and New York. "And I think that there's a little bit of humour to be found in that."

Middle seats: The zen masters

As you jostle for inches on the shared armrests, it is hard to imagine that rare person who becomes excited about Seats B and E. It turns out that even the middle seat has devoted fans.

"Unpopular fact, but someone needs



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to say it. The middle seat on an airplane is the best seat," the content creator Joshua Whitt wrote in a TikTok post last summer. "It's like a midair cuddle that you don't deserve, but you are privileged to have."

Others take a more philosophical view. The act of calmly occupying the middle seat, they say, is a Zen-like practice, the ultimate lifehack. Master the middle seat and nothing will master you, James Cashen, 26, works in advertising and lives in Brooklyn. But his girl-

friend moved to Utah, which means he is on an airplane two or three times a month. He admits to being "cheap," so he often ends up in the middle seat — but he doesn't mind it.

His secret coping power is to strike up conversations with the passengers who flank him. The person in the middle seat holds sway over the vibe of the entire row, Cashen said. Will the three of you zone out to podcasts, stew in silence or have a lively conversation?

"Embrace the leadership role," Cashen

Turbulence: The thrill seekers

A captain warning passengers of a "few bumps ahead" over the public address system can elicit anxiety for the many, and anticipation for the few. I asked an airline pilot what he thought drove those who felt excited. "Some people are soothed by the ripples of light turbulence," said Patrick Smith, a commercial pilot who writes about aviation. "It helps them sleep."

Of course, a pilot would say that. But some flyers genuinely relish the turbulence itself.

"It's just fun," said Harshit Baranwal, 34, a technology worker who frequently posts on social media about aviation. "It's the roller-coaster feeling that you feel in the belly when the plane goes up and down," said Baranwal, who lives in Mumbai, where monsoons can make for choppy takeoffs and landings.

Mild-to-moderate bumps, a normal part of flying, are far from the violent — and, in rare cases, deadly — shaking that has become more common in the skies as the planet warms. That kind of turbulence, unsurprisingly, does not have a discernible fan base.

Turbulence is no different from the motion of a boat rocked by waves, explained Matthew E. Cappucci, a Washington-based meteorologist, journalist and storm chaser who has



been obsessed with weather since early childhood. "The atmosphere is a fluid," Cappucci said in an interview, "just as much of a fluid as a lake or the ocean." For him, turbulence is not an uncomfortable experience, but the wonder of physics at work.

Cappucci, like Baranwal, knows that his enthusiasm is uncommon.

Several years ago, he recalled, he and his mother were on a flight that was experiencing severe turbulence.

The aircraft made several sharp drops, which thrilled Cappucci but terrified his mom. He tried to calm her with a cheerful discourse on science. "My mother told me to shut up," Cappucci said.

advised other middle-seaters. "You're the glue."

Airplane food: The single-serving optimists

Judging by social media images bemoaning pallid cuts of chicken or gravely oatmeal, passengers don't feel particularly lucky, despite efforts to perk up these meals by people like Anthony Wright, director of design and innovation at LSG Sky Chefs, which says it produces 233 million airline meals per year.

"People's taste buds change in the air," Wright said. "They say that the palate is dulled." Rather than adding salt and pepper, he said, chefs have turned to spices influenced by the cuisines of countries like India and Malaysia.

But some passengers love airplane meals just the way they are.

Linda Christina Karam, 26, a marketing executive who divides her time between Lebanon and Dubai, said she liked the predictability of airline food. In a society suffering from decision fatigue,

she finds the limited menu comforting.

The high-altitude setting also plays a big role for Karam. "There's something about airplane food that makes it good," she said. "You're only ever going to eat it on a plane." Karam scoffed at people who brought food from the terminal to eat during the flight. "That removes the whole plane experience," she said. Her advice for anyone hesitant about the lasagna, the tiny salad or one of those inexplicably cold dinner rolls works just as well in other parts of life. "You've got to just risk it." —NYT



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DGCA slaps Air India with ₹1 crore fine

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MUMBAI

The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) levied a fine of Rs1 crore on Air India for operating an aircraft without requisite airworthiness certification. The Tata Group-owned airline voluntarily reported to the DGCA that one of its Airbus A320 Neo aircraft flew on eight routes after its airworthiness review certificate (ARC) expired.

The Free Press Journal had reported on December 2 that the DGCA was probing an incident of Air India operating an A320 Neo aircraft without the ARC on at least eight routes.

The inquiry was initiated after the airline informed the aviation regulator on November 26 about the expired ARC.

On Friday, the DGCA ordered Air India to pay a fine of Rs1 crore for the violations. Upon enquiry, Air India acknowledged the fine while adding that the airline had voluntarily reported the incident to DGCA.

"All identified gaps have since been satisfactorily addressed and shared with the authority. Air India remains unwavering in its commitment to maintaining the highest standards of operational integrity and safety," said an Air India spokesperson.



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रायपुर में विमान को लैंड करने में दिक्कत

रायपुर, एजेसी। रायपुर के स्वामी विवेकानंद हवाई अड्डे पर इंडिगो के एटीआर विमान की भोपाल वापसी वाली उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई क्योंकि यह पहले प्रयास में लैंड नहीं कर सकी।

लेकिन उड़ान ने दूसरे प्रयास में सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कर ली। एक वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधिकारी ने इस मामले की जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि पायलट ने विमान को कुछ देर तक हवा में रखा इसके बाद सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की।



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‘विमान हादसे की निष्पक्ष जांच हो’

पुणे, एजेंसी। राष्ट्रवादी काँग्रेस पार्टी (एसपी) के विधायक रोहित पवार ने शनिवार को कहा कि उन्होंने गृहमंत्री अमित शाह से 28 जनवरी को हुए बारामती विमान हादसे की व्यापक और पारदर्शी जांच की मांग की है। हादसे में उपमुख्य मंत्री अजित पवार समेत पांच लोगों की जान चली गई थी।

अजित पवार के भतीजे रोहित पवार ने एक्स पर लिखा कि उन्होंने अपनी चिंताओं को दर्शाते हुए केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री अमित शाह, नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू और डीजीसीए को एक ई-मेल भेजा है। तस्वीरें साझा करते हुए कहा कि उनकी मांग का उद्देश्य राजनीतिक नहीं, बल्कि दुर्घटना के पीछे की सच्चाई को सामने लाना है।



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परिजन एयर इंडिया के समझौते को न मानें: वकील

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। एयर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई-171 दुर्घटना के 105 से ज्यादा पीड़ित परिवारों का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे वकील चक एन. चियोनुमा ने एयरलाइन द्वारा प्रस्तावित समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर न करने की सलाह दी।

चियोनुमा ने परिवारों से कोई भी निर्णय लेने से पहले एआईपी डेटा की प्रतीक्षा करने का आग्रह किया। मेरी सलाह है, इस पर हस्ताक्षर न करें बल्कि एआईपी डेटा जारी होने का इंतजार करें, ताकि हमें पता चल सके कि दोषी कौन हैं। इसके बाद ही आप वास्तविक नुकसान का आकलन कर पाएंगे।

IndiGo faces fine in relation to input tax credit



NEW DELHI: IndiGo on Friday said it has been slapped with a penalty of little over Rs 1.27 crore related to GST input tax credit (ITC), and that it will challenge the order.

In a filing to the BSE, the airline's parent Inter-Globe Aviation said it has been denied input tax credit availed, and has received demand along with interest and penalty by Office of the Joint Commissioner of State Tax, (Appeals) IV Bandra, Mumbai.

"The company believes that the order passed by the authorities is erroneous and it has a strong case on merits, backed by advice from external tax advisors," it added.

The fine totalling Rs 1.27 crore is for the July 2017 to March 2018 period.

While noting that there is no significant impact on financials, the company also said it would contest the same before the appropriate authority. PFI

‘Imports of aircraft from US likely to boost tourism & slash air fares’

India would import aircraft, engines & spare parts worth about \$100 billion from the US under interim trade pact

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday expressed hope that India would import aircraft, engines and spare parts worth about \$100 billion from the US under the interim trade pact.

Import of aeroplanes may help boost tourism, and bring down airfares, he said.

According to a joint statement issued by both sides on Saturday on the framework for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement, India has expressed its intention to purchase \$500 billion of US energy products, aircraft and aircraft parts, precious metals, technology products and coking coal over the next five years.

He also said India needs coking coal to boost its steel production and the US is a major supplier of this commodity.

“...with the US, we are hopeful to get more aeroplanes into the country, which would be good for our tourism, which would be good for our mobility and hopefully bring down the airfares for all of us...It should open up remote area connectivity into the country,” he said here at ET Now Global Business Summit.

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Highlights

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The Indian steel sector is targeting to increase production to about 300 million tonne from the current 140 million tonne.

It will lead to doubling the requirement of coking coal, he said.

“We need nothing less than \$30 billion of coking coal. Currently two countries mainly supply coking coal. If there’s more competition and if more

countries come into play and provide us our needs, will that not give us better quality, better pricing?” Goyal said.

Further, he said India’s trade pacts with the EU and US open up a market of nearly \$55-60 trillion.

Both the EU and US have high per capita income, he said adding “does anybody in this room think that they can compete with India on any product”. The minister added that India has fully protected the interests of farmers.