

AAI delays report on 2nd B'luru airport; to submit by July now

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It will take the Airports Authority of India (AAI) another 15 days to submit its report on the construction of a second international airport in Bengaluru, the state's infrastructure development and industries minister MB Patil informed the media on Friday. The exercise is clearly running behind schedule, given that earlier in April Patil had said that the feasibility report will be out in a month.

Also, this comes almost four months after the state government had sent a proposal to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, identifying three locations around Bengaluru for the construction of a second international airport in the city. As *DH* has reported earlier, the locations are near Harohalli, Kanakapura Road and Kunigal Road in Nelamangala.

EIA on Baldota Steel Plant

The state government will commission an independent study to assess the environmental impact of the stalled Baldota Steel Plant in Koppal district. "If the study finds environmental concerns, the project will be relocated. If not, the government will convince those protesting against the project," Patil added.

Following demonstrations by environmental groups and an official directive from the Koppal district administration (directive from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah), Baldota Steel & Power Limited (BSPL) had to cease work on its proposed

steel plant earlier in March.

Karnataka-based Baldota Group in February announced investment of Rs 54,000 crore for this steel plant with a production capacity of 10.50 million tonnes per annum. The company had signed a memorandum of understanding with the state government at the global investors' summit.

Other investments

Patil also spoke of developments by the government in the past two years including 115 (MoUs) over the last two years, investments worth Rs 6.57 crore which are expected to generate over 2.32 lakh jobs across the state.

He also reiterated that the Industrial Policy 2025-30 is poised to attract Rs 7.5 lakh crore in investments and create 20 lakh jobs over the next five years. The state's five year clean mobility policy is also expected to bring in Rs 50,000 crore in green mobility investments.



MB Patil

AAI flags security concern at Patna airport, alerts Bihar govt

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PATNA: The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently sounded out the Bihar government that Patna airport is unsafe for air operation given its short runway length and operational constraints on both sides of Runway 25 and Runway 07, said officials.

While there are trees of the Sanjay Gandhi Botanical Park and the secretariat clock tower on Runway 25, the overhead electricity traction line of the railways on Runway 07 pose obstructions to any incoming aircraft, said officials.

The Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday has again brought into focus how unsafe the Jayprakash Narayan International (JPNI) airport in Patna is.

The AAI recently wrote twice in the previous two months of April and May to the Bihar government, highlighting the unsafe operations at the Patna airport. It has, in fact, been persistently pursuing since 2012 with the Bihar government for additional land to extend the runway length from the existing 2072 metres to at least 2500 metres.

In its last letter to the Patna district magistrate in May, before the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Patna on May 29, the AAI while mentioning about unsafe air operations at Patna airport, requested not only for cutting of trees at the adjoining zoo, but also for providing 500 metres of additional land towards the botanical park and trimming by 17.5 metres the height of the 56 metres (184

feet) tall secretariat clock tower, as per the Bihar tourism website. However, barring the occasional pruning of trees, nothing tangible has been done on ground from the Bihar government side, said officials.

The last obstruction limitation assessment survey (OLAS) to identify and assess obstacles that could pose a safety risk to aircraft operations around an airport, undertaken by the AAI in 2022-23, had pointed to around 100 obstacles, including trees, the clock tower atop the old pre-Independence secretariat building, mobile towers and apartments beyond the permissible height around the Patna airport.

Technical experts said the glide angle of aircraft, which is the angle between its flight path and the ground (runway) when an aircraft is descending to land, is steeper at 3.15 degrees at the Patna airport, as compared to the normal 3 degree. A smaller glide angle indicates a more efficient glide, meaning the aircraft can travel a greater distance for a given altitude loss.

Given the 3.15 degree glide slope an approaching aircraft has to maintain, the total distance available (TDA) for landing is lesser than the existing runway length of 2072 metres because of the tall trees and clock tower and the overhead traction lines around the Patna airport, said officials.

Aviation experts said that for a category C aircraft like the Boeing 737 or the Airbus 320, which operate at the Patna airport, the ideal minimum runway length should be 2500 metres.

Given that making available additional land for extending runway length, cutting trees in the adjoining biological park, a protected forest area, or trimming the height of the clock tower atop the state's secretariat came under the Bihar government, the ball for ensuring safe air operations at Patna airport, is clearly in the state government's court, said officials.

An Alliance Air Boeing 737-2A8 flight (CD 7412) crashed in Patna on July 17, 2000, killing 55 people on board the aircraft and five on ground. The incident happened around 7.30am at Patna's Gardanibagh area, barely 2km from the runway of the JPNI airport, when the aircraft from Kolkata to Patna enroute to Delhi via Lucknow was on its approach to land.

The twitterati, meanwhile, called for immediate extension of Patna airport runway in light of the Ahmedabad air crash on Thursday. Users on X said, "Shiny terminals won't take away the risks associated with short runway at Patna airport."

The PM inaugurated the new integrated terminal building of Patna airport, built at a cost of Rs 1200 crore, on May 29, and it was made operational on June 3. However, nothing has been done to improve its operational safety by increasing its runway length.

Bihar's additional chief secretary cabinet secretariat, S. Siddharth, did not respond to HT's calls or text messages on his cellphone on Friday. Efforts to contact AAI chairman Vipin Kumar, a Bihar cadre IAS officer, proved futile as he did not respond to this reporter's calls, text message or email.



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Plea for affordable airport cafes in Assam

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GUWAHATI, June 13: Debabrata Saikia, Leader of the Opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly, has urged the Civil Aviation Ministry to facilitate the opening of 'Udan Yatri Cafes' in all airports across Assam.

Saikia has addressed a letter to Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu regarding this matter.

"I am writing this letter to bring to your notice that the prices of food items/eatables in the private shops inside the airports are exorbitantly high due to which the people find it very difficult to purchase them," the senior Congress party leader stated in the letter.

"Even the contractual workers, labourers, and other staff working in the airport under various contrac-

tors etc., also find it very difficult to purchase tea, snacks etc., inside the airport. As such, in the greater interest of the public, I would like to request you to kindly take steps for opening Udan Yatri Cafes inside all the airports of Assam, including LGBI Airport, Guwahati, as the shop provides edible and other items at concessional rates to facilitate and make travel more convenient."

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100 से अधिक भूखंडों की स्कीम जल्द, उद्योगों और आईटी कंपनियों को मिलेगा मौका, रोजगार के हजारों अवसर होंगे सृजित

एयरपोर्ट से पहले चमकेगा ग्रेनो, आएगी निवेश की बड़ी योजना

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ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के संचालन से पहले ग्रेनो प्राधिकरण ने क्षेत्र के सभी सेक्टरों को निवेश हब में बदलने की दिशा में तैयारी शुरू कर दी है। योजना के तहत 100 से अधिक औद्योगिक, आईटी और अन्य व्यवसायिक भूखंडों की योजना जल्द लाने की प्रक्रिया तेज कर दी गई है। इसका उद्देश्य हर सेक्टर को विकसित बनाना और एयरपोर्ट के संचालन से पहले निवेशकों को अवसर देना है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट, दिल्ली-मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे, ईस्टर्न पेरीफेरल और बुलेट ट्रेन जैसे बड़े प्रोजेक्ट्स के बीच वसे ग्रेटर नोएडा को उत्तर भारत का सबसे बड़ा औद्योगिक हब बनाने का रोडमैप सामने आया

डिजिटल आवेदन और पारदर्शी आवंटन

नई योजना को डिजिटल पोर्टल से लॉन्च किया जाएगा। इसमें आवेदन से लेकर भूखंड आवंटन तक की पूरी प्रक्रिया पारदर्शी होगी। छोटे और बड़े निवेशकों के लिए अलग-अलग भूखंड उपलब्ध कराए जाएंगे, जिससे संतुलित औद्योगिक पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र बन सके। यह भी प्रस्तावित है कि जिन क्षेत्रों में उद्योग और आईटी इकाइयां लगेंगी, वहां स्थानीय युवाओं के लिए कौशल विकास केंद्र भी स्थापित किए जाएंगे।

है। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, यहां तीन वर्षों में 5,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का पूंजी निवेश और 20,000 से अधिक रोजगार के अवसर पैदा होने का अनुमान है। यह योजना केवल औद्योगिक विकास तक सीमित नहीं होगी, बल्कि आईटी,

“ हम केवल सेक्टर विकसित नहीं कर रहे, हम भविष्य का भारत बना रहे हैं। हमारा लक्ष्य है कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से पहले हर सेक्टर में आधारभूत ढांचे के साथ निवेश की राह खोल दी जाए। इससे आने वाले वर्षों में ग्रेनो देश को सबसे अग्रणी निवेश गंतव्यों में शामिल होगा। - एनजी रवि कुमार, सीईओ, ग्रेनो प्राधिकरण

वेयरहाउसिंग, स्टार्टअप हब, इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर, और लॉजिस्टिक्स जोन तक विस्तारित की जाएगी। योजना का मुख्य फोकस है कि आने वाले वर्षों में ग्रेटर नोएडा को राष्ट्रीय और वैश्विक निवेश केंद्र के रूप में स्थापित किया जा सके।

इस महत्वाकांक्षी योजना से न केवल क्षेत्र में हजारों युवाओं के लिए रोजगार के अवसर पैदा होंगे, बल्कि स्थानीय उद्यमियों और निवेशकों को भी अपनी इकाइयों को स्थापित करने का व्यापक मौका मिलेगा। एयरपोर्ट के चलते जिस तरह रियल एस्टेट और लॉजिस्टिक्स सेक्टर में तेजी आ रही है, उसे देखते हुए यह पहल महत्वपूर्ण मानी जा रही है। प्राधिकरण के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के अनुसार, जैसे-जैसे नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की तस्वीर साफ हो रही है, देश-विदेश के निवेशकों की ग्रेटर नोएडा में रुचि तेजी से बढ़ी है। इसका लाभ उठाने को हर सेक्टर में योजनाबद्ध ढंग से भूखंड उपलब्ध कराए जाएंगे ताकि निवेशक एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से पहले ही अपनी इकाइयों को स्थापित करना शुरू कर सकें।

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एयरपोर्ट का एक रनवे आज से बंद, हो सकती है परेशानी

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के रनवे संख्या 28/10 की मरम्मत का काम रविवार से शुरू किया जाएगा। मरम्मत कार्य में लगभग तीन महीने का समय लग सकता है और तब तक यह रनवे बंद रहेगा।

इसके चलते लगभग 114 विमानों की उड़ान को विभिन्न एयरलाइंस की ओर से रद्द किया गया है, जबकि लगभग 80 की उड़ान का समय बदला गया है। इसके बावजूद विमानों की उड़ान में देरी देखने को मिल सकती है। एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन की तरफ से यात्रियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वह उड़ान के समय को लेकर एयरलाइंस के संपर्क में रहें। बता दें कि दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के रनवे संख्या 28/10 पर बीते अप्रैल माह में मरम्मत कार्य किया जा रहा था। लेकिन उस दौरान हवा की दिशा बदलने के चलते विमानों की उड़ान बहुत ज्यादा प्रभावित हो रही थी। एक तरफ जहां विमानों को उतरने में समय लग रहा था तो वहीं

- रनवे संख्या 28/10 की मरम्मत शुरू होगी
- 114 उड़ानें रद्द की गईं, 80 का समय बदला गया

दूसरी तरफ इसका असर एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने वाले विमानों पर भी पड़ रहा था। समस्या काफी बढ़ने पर एयरपोर्ट की देखरेख करने वाली कंपनी डायल ने इस मरम्मत कार्य को बीच में ही रोक दिया था। मई माह के पहले सप्ताह से इस रनवे को विमानों के लिए खोल दिया गया था और इससे स्थिति सुधर गई थी।

डायल सूत्रों ने बताया कि इस रनवे की मरम्मत का काम अब रविवार से शुरू किया जाएगा। यह कार्य 15 सितंबर तक पूरा होगा। इस दौरान रनवे पर विमानों की उड़ान बंद रहेगी। व्यवस्था को बेहतर करने के लिए सभी एयरलाइंस एवं एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूद एजेंसियों को इस जानकारी से अवगत करा दिया गया है।

IGLA to slow down as it shuts runway for 3 mths

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NEW DELHI: Runway 28/10 of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport will be closed for maintenance work from Sunday for three months till September 15, during which more than 200 flights will be affected daily, officials aware of the matter said.

The closure is bound to affect passenger movement as 114 flights will be cancelled and another 86 rescheduled on a daily basis, according to airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL).

One of the four runways at the Delhi airport, Runway 28/10 is set to undergo upgradation work to make it CAT-III B compliant for the upcoming fog season.

The flight management plan, developed after detailed deliberations with airlines and other stakeholders, aims to prevent a repeat of the widespread chaos that erupted in April when the same runway maintenance work was attempted without adequate coordination.

However, in the coming days, some additional flights may be impacted due to the changing airspace situation amid the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel.

Officials, meanwhile, said that they are confident about the new plan.

"We are better prepared now for this exercise and detailed deliberations and stakeholder



Schedules affected

Runway 28/10 is undergoing upgrades to make it CAT-III B compliant for the upcoming fog season

Runway shut till
September 15

1,450: Daily flights at IGI
114: Daily flights cancelled
86: Flights shifted daily to non-peak hrs

WHY IT IS NEEDED

Only 15 flights can land per hr in peak fog conditions. This upgrade will let 30 flights land per hr.

ARRIVALS REDUCED

Mumbai	From 56 to 54
Bengaluru	From 38 to 36
Kolkata	From 22 to 21
Chennai	From 20 to 19
Ahmedabad	From 21 to 19
Patna	From 13 to 12

consultations were held in the last few weeks," DIAL chief executive officer Videh Kumar Jaipuria earlier said.

At present, only one runway at the airport is CAT-III B compliant. During peak fog conditions, only 15 flights can land every hour on the runway. Making another runway CAT-III B compliant will allow 30 flights to land every hour, significantly improving winter operations when Delhi's dense fog typically causes widespread flight delays.

CAT III refers to an Instrument Landing System (ILS)

which allows flights to land in adverse weather conditions like fog, snow, or rain.

"For every one hour where flights are delayed, it takes three hours for the flight schedule to become normal, as there is a cascading effect on the remaining schedule," Jaipuria had earlier said, highlighting why proactive cancellations are necessary this time.

The Delhi airport typically handles close to 1,450 flights daily, meaning around 7.8% of all flights will be cancelled on a daily basis—marginally above

the typical 3-4% daily flight cancellations.

Officials aware of the matter said that IndiGo will be cancelling 33 daily flights, while Air India will have to cancel 25 flights daily.

Delhi airport operates four runways: 27/9, 28/10, 29R/11L and 29L/11R. Following closure of 28/10, runway 29R/11L will handle departures, 29L/11R will handle all arrivals, and runway 27/9 will be hybrid, handling both arrivals and departures.

If westerly winds prevail, the three operational runways will handle 42 arrivals and 42 departures each per hour. However, in case of easterly winds — which caused major problems in April — they will be able to handle 42 departures but only 32 arrivals.

The upgradation works will coincide with the monsoon season, when wind patterns can vary and force the airport into orienting operations for the easterly winds scenario.

DIAL said flights from major airports will not be impacted significantly, with only a 4-8% reduction in daily flights. For Mumbai, arrivals will decrease from 56 to 54; for Kolkata, from 22 to 21; for Ahmedabad, from 21 to 19; for Bengaluru, from 38 to 36; for Chennai, from 20 to 19; and for Patna, from 13 to 12.

DIAL said a slot adjustment plan was shared with the airlines for feedback and was later approved to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.



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On a wing & a prayer, passengers return to Ahmedabad airport

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AHMEDABAD, JUNE 14

PRECISELY 48 hours after the Air India Boeing Dreamliner crashed in the afternoon of June 12, Ali Mohammad Khan (25) from Jharkhand's Garhwa district was among four young men at the airport, waiting to board a flight to the UAE, where a "better life" hopefully awaits. The group said they are "nervous" but "placing faith in God" as they prepared for takeoff, scheduled for 4 pm.

Looking at the clock showing 1:40 pm — the exact time when AI-171 had gone down on Thursday — and the information screen which showed that the scheduled flight to London Gatwick airport on Saturday had been cancelled, Ali said, "The incident makes me anxious... In any case, the idea of taking a flight is overwhelming, but the crash has turned it into a fear of sorts. I am praying and leaving the rest to God. It is the first such crash in many years, so it does not happen regularly."

Bilal Khan (26), who is accompanying Ali, said that "life must go on". "Once we take this flight and land safely, we might overcome this nervousness," he said. "We have a new life to look forward to."

The two men, along with Shoaib Akhtar from Gopalganj and Ashok Kumar from Muzaffarpur, got this job through a common agency. Ashok (28) is the most on edge. "I always had a fear of flying... I am leaving it to God... My wife and children are

back home, and I am going to make a better life for all of us. I am reminding myself of that."

Just a few benches away at the almost deserted drop-off area, Swati Kuldeep Soni, a resident of Banswara in Rajasthan, is waiting with her seven-year-old son, Shivam, who is excited to board his first flight. Swati said, "I have the crash at the back of my mind, but I also know that it is not usual for planes to crash. I am flying after several years to be with my husband, who works in Dubai in a shipping company. But it is my son's first flight. When we saw the news of families lost in the crash, along with young children, my thoughts went there for a moment..."

Shivam, predictably, can't contain his enthusiasm: "I made my mother select a window seat as I want to see what the world looks like from the sky."

At the airport gates, security personnel could be overheard discussing the cancellation of the Ahmedabad-Gatwick flight and the "anxiety among passengers".

Saiyed Masoom Raza Naqvi, a labourer from Kodinar, arrived to drop off his 18-year-old son, who is travelling to Dubai on a short trip to "explore career opportunities". Raza said the crash cannot become an impediment to flying.

"Accidents can happen everywhere. Humanity survived a pandemic; being scared is not an option. We have to accept the accident as an unfortunate moment for the victims and pray for their families, but my son is flying without fear," he said.



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फ्लाइट्स में बार-बार तकनीकी खराबी, एयरलाइंस की जांच प्रणाली सवालों में

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट... यहां भी इंजन फेल, एटीसी अलर्ट, विमान लौटाए



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जयपुर. जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने वाले विमानों में तकनीकी खामियां अब चिंताजनक ट्रेंड बनती जा रही हैं। हर महीने ऐसे मामले सामने आ रहे हैं, जब विमान या तो उड़ान से पहले रनवे से लौटा दिए गए या टेकऑफ के बाद हवा में तकनीकी गड़बड़ी के कारण इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। हालांकि हर बार हालात को पायलटों की सूझबूझ, कॉकपिट अलर्ट सिस्टम और एटीसी की तत्परता से संभाल लिया गया। अधिकतर समय एयरलाइंस कंपनियों ने 'ऑपरेशनल कारण' बताकर अंतिम समय पर उड़ान रद्द कर दी, लेकिन सवाल यह है कि क्या एयरलाइंस की मॉनिटिंग प्रक्रियाएं पर्याप्त हैं? क्या डीजीसीए का निरीक्षण तंत्र इन घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए पर्याप्त सख्त है?

इंजन से जुड़ी तकनीकी गड़बड़ियां सबसे ज्यादा: एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार, अधिकतर घटनाओं में विमान के इंजन में ही तकनीकी खराबी सामने आई। चिंता की बात यह है कि कई मामलों में केवल सामान्य जांच के आधार पर ही विमान को दोबारा उड़ान की अनुमति दे दी



वर्ष 2017 में एयरोब्रिज से टकराने की घटना भी दर्ज:

वर्ष 2017 में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर एक बड़ा हादसा होते-होते टल गया था,

जब दिल्ली से आए इंडिगो विमान का पंख एयरोब्रिज से टकरा गया था। उस वक्त विमान में 178 यात्री सवार थे। हालांकि कोई घायल नहीं हुआ, लेकिन घटना ने सुरक्षा व्यवस्था पर गंभीर सवाल खड़े किए थे।

बीते कुछ महीनों में सामने आए प्रमुख मामले

- **मई 2025:** इंडिगो की जयपुर-चंडीगढ़ फ्लाइट के दोनों इंजनों में खराबी, चंडीगढ़ में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करवाई गई।
- **मई 2025:** एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की जयपुर-मुंबई फ्लाइट टेकऑफ से पहले ही रद्द, यात्रियों को दूसरी फ्लाइट से भेजा गया।
- **मार्च 2025:** जयपुर-चेन्नई फ्लाइट के टेकऑफ के बाद रनवे पर टायर रबर का बुरादा मिला।

वजन कम करने के लिए हवा में फ्यूएल टैंक खाली किया गया, फिर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हुई।

■ **नवंबर 2024:** जयपुर-देहरादून फ्लाइट में इंजन की खराबी के कारण दिल्ली में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग हुई।

■ **अगस्त 2024:** जयपुर-भोपाल फ्लाइट टेकऑफ से पहले एप्रन पर लौटाई गई, यात्रियों को दूसरी फ्लाइट दी गई।

गई, जिससे सुरक्षा मानकों पर सवाल खड़े हो रहे हैं।

जांच प्रक्रिया और सख्त करने की जरूरत: एविएशन विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि उड़ान से पहले विमानों

की तकनीकी जांच अनिवार्य प्रक्रिया है, लेकिन इन घटनाओं की आवृत्ति यह बताती है कि मॉनिटिंग और निगरानी व्यवस्था को और सख्त और पारदर्शी बनाए जाने की जरूरत है।



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BULLET FOUND IN PASSENGER'S PURSE AT COIMBATORE AIRPORT

A bullet was seized from a woman passenger at the Coimbatore Int'l Airport on Saturday. During checking, CISF personnel found a bullet in the handbag of the Bengaluru-bound passenger. A probe revealed she had inadvertently carried a bullet that belonged to her grandfather.

Fed by fish mkt, threat of bird strikes looms on Ahmedabad airport

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Ahmedabad: As a bird strike is being named as one of the probable reasons behind Thursday's plane crash, the tragedy puts the focus back on the risk to aircraft from birds circling the temporary fish market in Asarwa, located close to Ahmedabad air-

CIVIC BODY YET TO DECIDE ON MOVING IT

port. Despite the looming threat, authorities have failed to move on shifting the market farther away, to Makarba, as decided.

In 2011, Gujarat Fisheries Central Co-operative Association limited (GFCCA) decided to establish a fish market on a 10,24sq m plot in Asarwa, a plan which faced opposition from local leaders. GFCCA then demanded it be given a plot in the city's west. After AMC's estate department showed GFCCA several options, a 5,601 sq. m plot in Makarba was finalised.

It was decided to give

GFCCA the Makarba plot in exchange for the Asarwa plot. This plot exchange proposal was presented before the standing committee in Oct 6, 2022, but has not been approved since. As a result, AMC provided temporary shops for the fish market in Asarwa, which still exists.

An official said, "There has been no decision on the matter and currently the market runs from shops allocated by AMC in Asarwa."

The bane of pigeon racing

Led by the then additional chief secretary of Gujarat govt, a meeting of environment committee was held on Oct 6, 2022, to prevent bird strikes at the airport. The most discussed issue was pigeon racing competitions near Ahmedabad airport.

Airport authorities had requested AMC to ban such competitions, but the civic body purportedly washed its hands off the matter. Finally, it was decided that AMC and airport operators would conduct joint visits in areas around the airport.

■ Black box data being decoded: Naidu ■ Death toll rises to 270

Govt forms panel to probe AI plane crash, report in 3-mnth

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NEW DELHI/AHMEDABAD,
JUNE 14

As the death toll in the Air India (flight AI 171) crash rose to 270, the government on Saturday set up a high-level multidisciplinary committee headed by the home secretary to examine the causes leading to the crash in Ahmedabad on June 12. The officials from the Intelligence Bureau (IB), Indian Air Force (IAF), forensics, civil aviation bodies and Gujarat government will be part of the probe panel constituted by the Centre.

The Union civil aviation ministry said that this probe committee will not be a substitute for the investigations being conducted by other relevant agencies but will examine, in a holistic way, the existing standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines to prevent and handle such occurrences and suggest comprehensive measures for dealing with such instances in the future.

The committee will have access to all records, including flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance logs, ATC logs and witness testimonies. The first meeting of the committee



Wreckage of the crashed Air India plane being lifted through a crane in Ahmedabad on Saturday. — PTI

is scheduled for Monday and it will submit its report within three months.

This committee will examine the root cause of the crash and will assess contributing factors including mechanical failure, human error, regulatory compliance, etc. It will also recommend suitable SOPs, as per best international practices, to prevent such incidents in future and operational improvements to handle post-crash situations

Briefing about the accident, civil aviation secretary S.K. Sinha said the air traffic control (ATC) at Ahmedabad responded immediately to the pilot's MAYDAY call of 1.39 pm, but there was no response from the cockpit, and after a minute, the plane

crashed in Meghaninagar, located about 2 km from the airport. He added the investigation is going on into the crash. Various agencies, including the National Investigation Agency (NIA), have visited the crash site in Meghaninagar and lifted samples for the probe.

The official death toll from the crash has reached 270 on Saturday after rescue teams recovered more dead bodies and some human body parts from the site.

"Around 270 bodies have been brought to the civil hospital so far from the plane crash site," president of the Junior Doctors' Association of B.J. Medical College Dr Dhaval Gameti said. The process of identification

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NSG joins relief ops at Air India plane crash site

Ahmedabad, June 14: Apart from Central and state government agencies, a team of the National Security Guard (NSG) has been deployed at the site of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad, where 265 people lost their lives.

According to official sources, the NSG team is at the site to assist other agencies in relief operations, and they do not have any investigative powers. London-bound Air India flight — Boeing 787 Dreamliner — with 242 people on board crashed into a medical college complex in the Meghaninagar area moments after taking off from the airport on Thursday afternoon. Around 265 people were killed in the crash.

NSG commandos were seen at the crash site on the hostel building. Agencies, including the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, DGCA, Ahmedabad crime branch and local police, among others, are involved in the probe into the incident. — PTI

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of victims by matching the DNA samples is currently underway.

Authorities of the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital have so far identified six victims on the basis of the DNA samples and initiated the process to hand over the bodies to the relatives. Earlier, eight victims, who were identified by their relatives and did not need DNA profiling as their bodies were not damaged, were handed over to their families by the hospital.

The tail of the crashed plane was removed from the medical college building and taken for investigation. More bodies are expected as debris is cleared from the site. Hostels of the B.J. Medical College that were damaged in the Air India plane crash are being vacated for the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) probe.

"We will do everything to improve safety, which is already robust. We have strict safety standards and robust protocols in the country, which we follow all the time," civil aviation minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu said on Saturday.

Amid concerns of a possible terror act, the minister added that all "theories floating" are being investigated to determine the cause of the crash of this plane that had completed the Paris-Delhi-Ahmedabad sector trip without any glitch before the crash. Mr Naidu said decoding the black box will provide in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash.

The civil aviation minister said that as an extended surveillance, all Boeing planes are being inspected. At present Air India has 34 Boeing

787s, out of which inspection of eight has already been completed after the DGCA ordered enhanced safety inspection of all Air India B787-8/9 fleets following the crash.

Air India on Saturday said it is in the process of completing the safety checks on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India before being cleared for their next operations.

"Air India has completed such checks on nine of the Boeing 787 aircraft and are on track to complete this process for the remaining 24 aircraft within the timeline provided by the regulator. Some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes, especially those to airports with operating curfews. Customers will be duly notified about any delays. They are advised to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport. For customers affected by this disruption, refunds on cancellation or complimentary rescheduling are being offered to those who opt for it," the airline spokesperson said on Saturday.

The Tata Group will provide ₹1 crore to the families of each person who lost their lives, including passengers, crew members and individuals on the premises. Medical expenses of all those injured will also be covered while ensuring necessary care and support, Tata Sons spokesperson said.

Air India said it will be providing an interim payment of ₹25 lakh each to the families of the deceased and to the survivor to help address immediate financial needs. This is in addition to the ₹1 crore support already announced by Tata Sons.

AIR INDIA PLANE CRASH

Black box found; DGCA orders inspection of Dreamliner fleet

AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI, June 13: The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on Friday said that the black box of Air India's crashed Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft was recovered from the rooftop of the residential quarters of BJ Medical College in Ahmedabad.

Meanwhile, aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday ordered enhanced safety inspection of Air India's Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet powered by GENx engines, a day after 241 people died in the plane crash.

The plane from Ahmedabad to London's Gatwick had crashed into the residential quarters of BJ Medical College. An official said that the black box was recovered from the rooftop of the resi-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the site of the Air India plane crash, in Ahmedabad on Friday.- PTI

dential quarters. full force immediately. Over
"AAIB began work with 40 staff from the State gov-

ernment joined efforts to augment the MoCA (Ministry of Civil Aviation) teams on site. The DFDR (black box) has been recovered from the rooftop," a statement said.

The black box is a small device that records information about an aircraft during its flight. It helps in the investigation of aviation accidents.

The enhanced inspection by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will include checks of various systems and a review of take-off parameters of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft of Air India owned by Tata Group. There are 26 Boeing 787-8s and 7 Boeing 787-9s in the Air India fleet.

Black box found ...

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The DGCA has directed Air India to carry out additional maintenance actions on its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 planes equipped with GENx engines with immediate effect. These actions will be carried out in coordination with the DGCA regional offices concerned.

With effect from January 15, the regulator had ordered various one-time checks of the Boeing 787 planes, including inspection of fuel parameter monitoring and associated system checks.

Inspection of cabin air compressor and associated systems, electronic engine control system test, engine fuel driven actuator-operational test, and oil system checks have also been ordered. Besides, DGCA has directed to carry out a serviceability check of the hydraulic system and review of takeoff parameters.

According to an order issued by the watchdog,

flight control inspection has to be introduced in transit inspection till further notice, apart from having power assurance checks within two weeks.

Also, DGCA has said there should be "closure of maintenance actions based upon the review of repetitive snags during the last 15 days on B787-8/9 aircraft at the earliest". Reports of these checks have to be submitted to the regulator for review.

The London Gatwick-bound Boeing 787 aircraft that crashed on Thursday was powered by GENx engines. GENx engines are made by GE Aerospace, which said that it is prepared to support Air India and the investigation into the plane crash in Ahmedabad.

"We have activated our emergency response team, and we are prepared to support our customer and the investigation," a GE Aerospace spokesperson said in a statement. - PTI

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Over 1,100 787s Dreamliners criss-crossing skies; a flight path of connectivity

NEW DELHI, June 13: Considered an airline's work horse for long-haul flights, Boeing's Dreamliners took to the skies 14 years ago and now, more than

craft suffered a fatal accident resulting in hull loss.

The Boeing 787-8 aircraft – VT-ANB – involved in the



1,100 such planes are in service.

And the Air India plane crash on Thursday that snuffed out the lives of 241 people onboard was also the first time that the best-selling wide-body Dreamliner or Boeing 787 air-

craft was 11.5 years old and had flown for over 41,000 hours, according to aviation analytics firm Cirium.

There are 1,148 Boeing 787 variants in service globally, with an average age of 7.5 years, it said.

Indian airlines & 787s

Currently, Air India and IndiGo are the two Indian airlines operating the B787 planes.

Of the 34 B787s in the Air India fleet,

27 B787-8s are legacy aircraft. The first of the legacy B787-8 is slated to go for retrofit in July. The remaining seven B787-9 joined the Air India fleet after the merger of Vistara with it last year.

Globally, the Ahmedabad crash is the first time that hull loss has happened for a B787 aircraft, according to an official.

Cirium on Thursday said the aircraft

operated its first flight on December 14, 2013. The plane was delivered to Air India on January 28, 2014, and it was 11.5 years old.

"The aircraft had 18 business class seats and 238 economy class seats. It had more than 41,000 hours of flying time, and almost 8,000 takeoffs and landings, including some 700 cycles in the past 12 months. This is average for that aircraft build year/period," Cirium said.

Air India, which is expanding its fleet and overseas network, has an additional 20 B787s on order and a letter of intent for options for an additional 24 aircraft, as per Cirium.

Recently, IndiGo started operating a B787 leased from Norwegian carrier Norse Atlantic. IndiGo is to lease a total of six such planes for long-haul op-

erations.

Headwinds

A few years back, the US watchdog Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had stopped deliveries of the Dreamliners due to certain issues but the plane was never involved in any fatal crash till Thursday.

When it comes to India, Air India had problems with Dreamliners due to battery issues back in 2013.

The battery troubles had also forced then government-owned Air India to briefly ground its fleet of Dreamliners. At that time, the carrier had around six such planes.

Also, the airline had received compensation from Boeing for the issues.

Best seller

Boeing, which has faced multiple headwinds in recent years, describes B787

as the "best selling passenger wide-body of all time".

The Dreamliners come in three models – 787-8, 787-9 and 787-10. The 787-8 has a range of up to 13,530 kilometres.

The plane's length is 57 metres, height is 17 metres and the wingspan is 60 metres, as per Boeing website.

The Dreamliner fleet has carried more than 1 billion passengers in less than 14 years, faster than any other wide-body jet in aviation history, according to the aircraft maker's website.

"A lighter and robust composite structure enables airlines to reduce fuel use by up to 25 per cent compared to the airplanes it replaces. The 787 has unlocked more than 425 new non-stop routes around the world, many of which were never served previously," it says. – PTI

अहमदाबाद हादसा : उड़ान से पहले ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों की जांच शुरू उच्चस्तरीय कमेटी करेगी जांच, तीन महीने में रिपोर्ट...डीएनए से 19 शवों की पहचान

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली/अहमदाबाद। एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए केंद्रीय गृह सचिव गोविंद मोहन की अध्यक्षता में उच्चस्तरीय समिति बनाई गई है। समिति विस्तृत जांच कर तीन माह में केंद्र सरकार को रिपोर्ट सौंपेगी। वहीं, नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के निर्देश पर सभी बोइंग-787 ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों की उड़ान से पहले सघन जांच शुरू हो गई है। देश में 34 ड्रीमलाइनर हैं, जिनमें से नौ की जांच पूरी कर ली गई है। एअर इंडिया ने बताया कि बाकी 24 विमानों की जांच भी जल्द पूरी होगी। कंपनी ने इसके चलते उड़ानों में देरी होने की आशंका जताते हुए माफी मांगी है। इस बीच, हादसे में मरने वालों की संख्या शनिवार को 275 हो गई। डीएनए जांच से 19 शवों की पहचान होने के बाद परिजनों को सौंप दिए गए हैं।

नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने बताया कि गोविंद मोहन की अध्यक्षता वाली केंद्रीय समिति का सोमवार को पहली बैठक होगी। समिति भविष्य में अहमदाबाद जैसे हादसों को रोकने के लिए व्यापक दिशा-निर्देश भी सुझाएगी। नायडू ने बताया, छात्रावास की छत से मिले ब्लैक बॉक्स के डाटा को डिकोड किया जा रहा है। इससे पता चलेगा कि त्रासदी से कुछ पल पहले क्या हुआ था? राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा गार्ड (एनएसजी), राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रतिक्रिया बल (एनडीआरएफ), वायुसेना, फोरेंसिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (एफएसएल),

275 दुर्घटना में मृतक संख्या ■ 34 बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलाइनर में से नौ की जांच पूरी ■ मंत्री बोले-डिकोड कर रहे ब्लैक बॉक्स का डाटा



अहमदाबाद में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए एअर इंडिया के विमान का मलबा शनिवार को हटाया गया। मेडिकल कॉलेज के छात्रावास की छत से मलबे को उठाने के लिए क्रेन की मदद ली गई। एनईसी

उड़ानों में देरी संभव, किराया रिफंड करेंगे

एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि कई ड्रीमलाइनर विमान विदेश में हैं, लौटने पर उनकी जांच की जाएगी। इसके बाद ही अगली उड़ान होगी। ऐसे में संभव है कि तय उड़ानों में विलंब होगा। इसके लिए खेद है। विलंब के कारण टिकट रद्द करने पर पूरा रिफंड या यात्रा की तारीख बदलने की मुफ्त सुविधा दी जाएगी।

फ्लाइट नंबर 171 अब नहीं : सूत्रों का दावा है, एअर इंडिया और एअर इंडिया (एआई) एक्सप्रेस फ्लाइट नंबर 171 का अब इस्तेमाल नहीं करेंगे। दुर्घटनाग्रस्त फ्लाइट का नंबर एआई 171 ही था।

विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एआईबी), नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) और केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआईएसएफ) की टीमों

जांच में जुटी हैं। मलबे से सुराग जुटाने के साथ हादसे के सभी संभावित कारणों का पता लगाने की कोशिश की जा रही है। इनमें 11 वर्ष पुराने विमान के दोनों

इंजनों में गति की कमी, कई पक्षियों का टकराना या फ्लैप में संभावित समस्या भी शामिल है। नायडू ने कहा, भारत में विमानन सुरक्षा के बहुत

डीएनए जांच से पहचान के बाद परिवारों को सौंपे जा रहे शव

बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज के जूनियर डॉक्टरस एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष डॉ. भवल गमेती ने बताया कि घटनास्थल से अब तक 275 शव सिविल अस्पताल लाए जा चुके हैं। डीएनए नमूनों का मिलान कर परिवारों को शव सौंपे जा रहे हैं। डीएनए के आधार पर अब तक 19 शव सौंपे जा चुके हैं। उन्होंने बताया, पहचान के बाद आठ और शव परिजनों को सौंपे गए हैं। अतिरिक्त मुख्य अग्निशमन अधिकारी जयेश खांडिया ने कहा, जांच में फोरेंसिक व विमानन विशेषज्ञों की मदद कर रहे अग्निशमन कर्मियों को शुक्रवार को कैटोन के मलबे से कुछ शव के अंग मिले थे, जबकि शनिवार सुबह एक शव मिला।

दूसरे ब्लैकबॉक्स का पता नहीं

अब तक दूसरा ब्लैक बॉक्स-कॉकपिट बॉक्स रिकॉर्डर (सीवीआर) का कुछ पता नहीं चला है। यह उपकरण कॉकपिट में रेडियो प्रसारण और अन्य आवाजें रिकॉर्ड करता है, जैसे पायलटों के बीच बातचीत और इंजन की आवाजें। इसके मिलने से हादसे के कारणों पर स्थिति और साफ हो सकती है।

एअर इंडिया मृतकों के परिवारों को

25 लाख अंतरिम मुआवजा भी देगी

एअर इंडिया ने हादसे में मरने वालों व घायलों के परिवारों को 25 लाख रुपये का अंतरिम मुआवजा देने का एलान किया है। यह भुगतान मूल कंपनी टाटा संस की ओर से पहले ही घोषित एक करोड़ रुपये के मुआवजे के अतिरिक्त है। यह पीड़ित परिवारों की तत्काल वित्तीय जरूरतों को पूरा करने में मदद करेगा। एयरलाइंस ने कहा, यह हादसे में अपनों को खोने वाले परिवारों के साथ एकजुटता से खड़ी है।

छात्रावास कराए खाली

डीन बोले-जांच में होगी मदद

हादसे में क्षतिग्रस्त बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज के छात्रावास खाली करा लिए गए हैं। डीन मोनाक्षी पारीख ने कहा, विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो जांच करना चाहता है, इसलिए क्षतिग्रस्त हुई चार इमारतों-अतुल्यम 1, 2, 3 व 4 को खाली कराया जा रहा है। वहां रहने वालों को वैकल्पिक आवास दिए जाएंगे।

सख्त मानक और मजबूत प्रोटोकॉल हैं। सुरक्षा को बेहतर बनाने के लिए हरसंभव प्रयास किए जाएंगे। >> हादसे का दंश : पेज 17

High-level panel on Ahmedabad crash will submit its report in 3 months: Minister

Rohit Vaid

New Delhi

The high-level committee set up by the Centre to find the reasons behind the Air India's Ahmedabad-Gatwick flight is expected to submit its report within three months, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said.

Speaking to the media here on Saturday, the Minister said the committee will be headed by the Union Home Secretary, with experts from multiple disciplines. It is slated to meet on Monday.

"We will work with all stakeholders to put in more robust safety mechanisms to prevent the repeat of such an incident. For this purpose, we have formed a high-level committee to look into aviation safety issues," the Minister said. Besides, the high-level committee in-



Civil Aviation Minister
Ram Mohan Naidu

cludes the Union Civil Aviation Secretary and representatives from the Gujarat government's Home Department, the State Disaster Response Authority, the Indian Air Force's Director General for Inspection and Safety, along with the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, among others.

Furthermore, the committee can include aviation experts, accident investigators and legal advisors as it

deems fit, Naidu said.

According to Naidu, the technical investigations into the air tragedy will be taken care of by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), while the committee will work to strengthen aviation safety.

BLACK BOX RECOVERED

"The 'black box' has been recovered, and the investigation is going on. At this time we thought that it would be best to have the 787s checked once," Minister Naidu said.

"The DGCA has asked Air India to conduct these thorough checks, and until today 8 such aircraft out of 34 in the country have already been inspected."

On Friday, the country's civil aviation regulator ordered enhanced inspections of Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 aircraft models.

Notably, *businessline* first reported on Thursday that

the Directorate General of Civil Aviation was exploring the possibility of having all the Boeing 787s in service checked. The regulator has directed Air India to conduct enhanced safety inspections on its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 aircraft fleet, equipped with 'GenX' engines.

As per the DGCA order, starting June 15, 2025, Air India will need to conduct one-time checks before the aircraft's departure from India. Additionally, Air India will implement 'flight control inspections' during transit until further notice and carry out power assurance checks within two weeks.

In addition, the airline is required to review and address recurring snags on its B787-8 or -9 aircraft reported in the last 15 days. "The report of the checks is to be submitted to DGCA for review," the DGCA order said.

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15 JUNE 2025

AI crash death toll climbs to 270; DNA matching still on; Tatas to give ₹1 cr to on-ground victims, too

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As search for the charred wreckage of the ill-fated Air India aircraft continued for a third consecutive day, the remains of one more victim was found on Saturday.

The body was recovered when the tail portion of the aircraft, which had got stuck atop a building, was being brought down. The body was identified as that of a crew member. Two large cranes were deployed to bring down the tail fin.

SILENCE ON TOLL

The Gujarat government maintained a stoic silence on the death toll even after more than 48 hours of the accident.

Civil Hospital authorities estimated the number of received 270, including 241 on board and on-ground victims. As the DNA sample collection and matching with



UNDER THE LENS. A Forensic Science Laboratory team examining the crashed Air India aircraft in Ahmedabad VJAY SONEJI

the recovered bodies and body parts was still underway, the exact number of persons killed is not known.

Hospital authorities on Friday said two medical students were still missing in the incident.

The State government has begun handing over bodies of the crash victims, whose DNA samples matched with those taken from the relatives.

Of the 250-odd DNA samples taken so far, 11 DNA have matched and on Sat-

urday evening, one body was handed over to the kin. The families of 11 nationals of foreign origin have been contacted by embassies of their countries and arrangements have been made to send samples for DNA matching.

Thirty-six forensic experts of the Gujarat government assisted their counterparts from the Centre in scanning the wreckage for clues.

The Tata Group said on Saturday that the ₹1 crore compensation will also be

given to the on-ground victims. "As stated earlier, Tata Group will provide ₹1 crore to the families of each person who lost their lives including passengers, crew members and individuals on the premises. Medical expenses of all those injured will also be covered while ensuring necessary care and support," a Tata Group spokesperson stated.

AI's COMPENSATION

Air India on Saturday announced that it will provide an interim payment of ₹25 lakh to the families of the deceased and survivors of the plane crash. This interim payment is in addition to the ₹1 crore compensation already announced by the parent company, Tata Sons, Air India said in a statement.

On Saturday, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge visited the aircraft crash-site and the civil hospital where 30-odd injured were still being treated.



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SpiceJet posts record Q4 net of ₹319 cr on high load factor, cost optimisation

Rohit Vaid
New Delhi

Budget airline SpiceJet reported a record high quarterly net profit of ₹319 crore for Q4FY25 from a loss during the corresponding previous period.

The airline said Q4 marked SpiceJet's second consecutive profitable quarter, underscoring the success of its "financial and operational turnaround" strategy. SpiceJet cited improved yields, high load factor, and cost optimisation measures for its healthy performance.

REVENUE UP 17.6%

Accordingly, the airline's revenue for Q4 rose 17.6 per cent on quarter to ₹1,942 crore, while the EBITDA increased to ₹527 crore from ₹209 crore in Q3. The passenger load factor stood at 88.1 per cent, showing "strong demand".

SpiceJet said that the Promoter Group completed an equity infusion of ₹500 crore, including the final

tranche of ₹294.09 crore, in Q4.

FULL-YEAR PROFIT

Furthermore, for the full fiscal year ended March 31, 2025, the airline posted a net profit of ₹48 crore from a loss of ₹404 crore in FY24. The revenue for FY25 stood at ₹6,736 crore, and the airline achieved a positive net worth of ₹683 crore at the end of this period.

"SpiceJet has delivered a strong set of results, marking a significant turnaround in our operational and financial performance," said Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh.

"Posting a profit for the second consecutive quarter and for the full financial year after seven years is a reflection of the tireless efforts of our team, the continued trust of our passengers, and the resilience of our brand. With a strengthened balance-sheet, renewed investor trust, and continued network expansion, SpiceJet is well-positioned for sustainable growth," he said.

विमान हादसे पर जांच कमेटी गठित

केंद्रीय गृह सचिव के नेतृत्व में गठित समिति तीन माह में सौंपेगी जांच रिपोर्ट

■ जांच दल में डीजीसीए व आईबी के अधिकारी शामिल

■ विमान हादसे में मरने वालों का आंकड़ा 275 पहुंचा

नई दिल्ली, 14 जून (एजेंसियां)। अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे पर शनिवार को केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने राजधानी दिल्ली में आयोजित प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में बताया कि पहले दिन से हादसे की जांच जारी है। केंद्रीय गृह सचिव के नेतृत्व में जांच कमेटी गठित की गई है। जो 3 महीने में अपनी रिपोर्ट सौंपेगी। उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि ब्लैक बॉक्स मिल चुका है। एएआईबी के माध्यम से हो रही तकनीकी जांच की जा रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे देश में बहुत सख्त सुरक्षा मानक हैं। जब यह घटना हुई तो हमें भी लगा कि बोइंग 787 सीरीज का इंस्पेक्शन करने की जरूरत है। उन्होंने कहा, जैसे-जैसे विमानों की जांच आगे बढ़ेगी रिपोर्ट आएगी। उस आधार पर आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाएंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि हर पहलू से हादसे की जांच की जा रही है। शुक्रवार शाम 5 बजे ब्लैक बॉक्स बरामद हुआ है। विमान ने



1.39 बजे टेक ऑफ किया था। ब्लैक बॉक्स से हादसे का कारणों का पता चलेगा। 650 फीट की ऊंचाई पर खराबी आई। पायलट ने इमरजेंसी सूचना दी थी। पेरिस दिल्ली उड़ान में कोई दिक्कत नहीं। तीन महीने में जांच टीम अपनी रिपोर्ट सौंपेगी। इस जांच टीम में डीजीसीए और आईबी के अधिकारी शामिल हैं। अहमदाबाद में विमान हादसे में मरने वालों का आंकड़ा 275 पहुंचा गया है। शवों को रखने के

जैसे-जैसे विमानों की जांच आगे बढ़ेगी रिपोर्ट आएगी उस आधार पर आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाएंगे।
राम मोहन नायडू किजरापु

लिए 170 ताबूत का ऑर्डर दिया गया। बड़ोदरा के शस्त्र ने बताया कि एअर इंडिया के मैनेजर ने फोन कर ताबूतों का ऑर्डर दिया। नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय ने भारतीय विमान बेड़े में मौजूद बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर 787 सीरीज के विमानों की जांच बढ़ाने का आदेश जारी किया है। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू किजरापु ने कहा 8 बोइंग 787 सीरीज के विमानों की पहले ही तत्काल जांच और

हादसे की जिम्मेदारी हो तय : खरगे

अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल में भर्ती प्लेन हादसे के पीड़ितों से मुलाकात के बाद कांग्रेस के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने कहा कि विमान का ब्लैक बॉक्स मिल गया है, जिससे हादसे की सच्चाई सामने आ जाएगी। जो सामने आएगा, उसके आधार पर हम कुछ कह सकते हैं। अभी किसी पर आरोप लगाना ठीक नहीं है। यह तकनीकी मामला है। इस घटना में मुआवजा मिलना चाहिए, लेकिन जिम्मेदारी भी तय होनी चाहिए। खरगे, कर्नाटक के डिप्टी सीएम डीके शिवकुमार, कांग्रेस के राष्ट्रीय मीडिया प्रभारी पवन खेड़ा व गुजरात कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष शक्तिसिंह गोहिल ने अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल पहुंचकर घायलों का हाल जाना।



फ्लाइट नंबर 171 को बंद करेगी एअर इंडिया

एअर इंडिया और एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने विमान हादसे के बाद फ्लाइट नंबर 171 को बंद करने का फैसला किया है। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, आमतौर पर किसी घातक विमान हादसे के बाद एयरलाइंस उस फ्लाइट नंबर का इस्तेमाल बंद कर देती हैं। 17 जून से अहमदाबाद-लंदन गैटविक रूट की फ्लाइट एआई 171 की जगह एआई 159 के नंबर से चलेगी। बुकिंग सिस्टम में जरूरी बदलाव कर दिए गए हैं। नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव एसके सिन्हा ने बताया कि विमान दुर्घटना की जांच सुचारू रूप से चल रही है। 16 जून को जांच अधिकारियों की बैठक होगी।

निरीक्षण किया जा चुका है।

डीएनए जांच में 11 की पहचान

अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल के डिप्टी सिविल सुपरिंटेंडेंट रजनीश पटेल ने कहा अब तक 248 शवों का

डीएनए सैप्लस का क्रॉस वेरिफिकेशन हुआ है, जिसमें से 11 का डीएनए मैच हुआ है। पूर्णिमावेन पटेल का शव उनके परिवार को सौंपा गया है। एक और परिवार को बॉडी हैंडओवर की प्रक्रिया जारी है।

India urges deescalation of Iran, Israel stand-off

Tells to use diplomatic channels to de-escalate tensions

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India on Friday said it is "deeply concerned" by the latest confrontation between Iran and Israel and is "closely monitoring the evolving situation, including reports of attacks on nuclear sites," after Israeli strikes reportedly hit about 100 Iranian military and nuclear targets and Tehran retaliated with a swarm of drones. New Delhi urged both sides to "avoid any escalatory steps," advised Indian nationals in Israel and Iran to exercise caution and follow local security advisories, and noted that its missions remain in touch with the Indian community in both countries.

The external affairs ministry said it stands ready to extend support and called for the use of existing diplomatic channels to de-escalate tensions and address underlying issues.

Meanwhile, India abstained on Thursday as the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted a resolution calling for an "immediate, unconditional and permanent" ceasefire in Gaza.

The Spanish-drafted text passed with 149 votes in favour, 19 abstentions and 12 votes against. Alongside India, those abstaining included Albania, Cameroon, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Malawi, Panama, South Sudan and Togo.

Explaining India's position, Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish told the Assembly that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned at the deepening humanitarian crisis" and condemns the loss of civilian life.

He noted India had abstained on earlier Gaza-related resolutions and said Thursday's stance was "in continuation of this, in the belief that there is no other way to resolve conflicts but through dialogue and diplomacy. A joint effort should be directed towards bringing the two sides closer."



Flights parked on the runway at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, in Mumbai on Friday. Several Air India flights were either diverted or returned to origin amid escalating tensions between Iran and Israel. Iran has closed its airspace due to the ongoing conflict. — PTI

Kashmir leaders upset over attack

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 13

Kashmir political parties and their leaders are outraged by Israel's launching a wave of military strikes on Iran, asserting this "unjustified and provocative" act has hurt the sentiments of Muslims in the Valley and beyond.

Meanwhile, several predominantly Shia areas of the Kashmir Valley and Kargil on Friday witnessed protests by surging crowds against Israel with speakers calling its attack on Iran an act of terrorism. After attending Friday congregational prayers, Shia Muslims took to the streets in several areas of capital Srinagar and the Valley's Budgam and Baramulla districts to chant 'Marg Bar Israel (Death to Israel)'. Similar protests were held in Kargil and neighbouring Sankoo township, a report received here said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah while speaking to reporters here said, "As far as I know, Iran did not give Israel any reason for

this attack. Israel waged war on a country after, by its own avowal, calling it a preemptive attack. If the world powers remain silent on this then, I think, it would be an unfortunate thing."

He added, "Today Israel has done the same thing that Russia did in Ukraine. You raise your voice against Russia; you launch a campaign against Russia. But when Israel attacks Iran, the world powers, be it the United States of America or Europe, they fall silent. If one country's attacking another is wrong...I'm talking about Russian...then Israel's attacking Iran is not justified either at all."

Abdullah said Israeli attacking Iran would escalate tensions risking a wider regional conflict and leaving an adverse impact on the economy.

The Chief Minister has while expressing concern over the safety of J&K students enrolled in various institutions in Iran urged the MEA to take urgent steps towards safeguarding them.

16 LONG-HAUL FLIGHTS FORCED TO GO BACK

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Air India was forced to divert or turn back 16 long and ultra-long-haul flights on Friday after Iran closed its airspace in the wake of Israeli strikes, the carrier said in a travel advisory.

Citing passenger safety, the airline confirmed several reroutings: AI 130 (London Heathrow-Mumbai) landed in Vienna; AI 102 (New York-Delhi) diverted to Sharjah; AI 116 (New York-Mumbai) to Jeddah; and AI 2018 (London Heathrow-Delhi) to Mumbai. Outbound services AI 129 (Mumbai-London Heathrow) and AI 119 (Mumbai-New York) returned to their origin, as did AI 103 (Delhi-Washington). AI 106 (Newark-Delhi) was redirected to Vienna. Air India said alternative arrangements were being made to carry affected passengers to their destinations.

IndiGo also warned on social media that the Iranian airspace closure could lengthen flight times or cause cancellations on some routes.



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FLEET FOCUS: Boeing 787 Dreamliner under scrutiny after deadly Ahmedabad crash

DGCA orders enhanced safety inspections

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A day after a Dreamliner aircraft crashed in Ahmedabad, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday ordered “enhanced safety inspections” of Air India’s Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet with immediate effect, in coordination with its local offices. Air India operates 27 Boeing

787-8s and seven Boeing 787-9s.

In its order, the civil aviation regulator mandated six additional maintenance actions for B787-8/9 aircraft equipped with Genx engines as a “preventive measure” with immediate effect. In the crash on Thursday afternoon, 241 of the 242 people on board were killed within a minute of the Ahmedabad-Gatwick flight’s takeoff.

The inspections would be car-

ried out by the airline in coordination with the regional offices of the DGCA. According to the order, a one-time check should be conducted before the departure of Dreamliner flights from India on six parameters with effect from June 15.

The parameters include inspection of fuel parameter monitoring and associated system checks, cabin air compressor and related systems, electronic engine control system

tests, engine fuel driver actuator operational tests and oil system checks. A serviceability check of the hydraulic system and a review of takeoff parameters are also required.

It also mandates the introduction of ‘flight control inspection’ during transit inspections until further notice. Power assurance checks must be conducted within two weeks.

The order also said that there

should be closure of maintenance action based on the review of repetitive snags during the last 15 days on B787-8/9 aircraft at the earliest. The DGCA has asked the airline to submit a report on the additional checks ordered by the regulator.

The order came amid speculation that the government may order the grounding of Dreamliners. Air India and IndiGo are the two Indian airlines operating the B787 planes.

The Boeing 787-8 aircraft (VT-ANB) involved in the crash was 11.5 years old, having logged over 41,000 flight hours with around 8,000 takeoffs and landings. This marks the first-ever hull loss for a Dreamliner aircraft.

The plane completed its maiden flight on December 14, 2013, and was delivered to Air India on January 28, 2014. It had 18 business class seats and 238 economy class seats.

एअर इंडिया विमान हादसे की जांच के लिए गठित की गई उच्चस्तरीय समिति

जामरुण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने 12 जून को हादसे का शिकार हुई अहमदाबाद से लंदन जा रही एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर एआइ-171 के हादसे की जांच के लिए गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में उच्चस्तरीय समिति का गठन किया है। यह समिति तीन महीने (13 सितंबर तक) में अपनी रिपोर्ट पेश करेगी। यह समिति न केवल एआइ-171 विमान हादसे की जांच करेगी, बल्कि भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने व भारतीय नागरिक उड्डयन क्षेत्र को अधिक सुरक्षित बनाने के लिए सिफारिशें भी करेगी। साथ ही घरेलू विमानन कंपनियों के लिए एक मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) निर्धारित करेगी, जिसके आधार पर भारत सरकार निर्देश जारी करेगी। यह निर्देश भारतीय उड्डयन क्षेत्र को सुरक्षित बनाने का रोडमैप होगा। बता दें कि अहमदाबाद में हुए इस हादसे में विमान में सवार 242 में से 241 लोगों समेत कुल 270 लोगों की मौत हुई थी।

शुक्रवार देर रात नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी आदेश में कहा गया है कि गृह सचिव गोविंद मोहन की अध्यक्षता वाली यह उच्चस्तरीय बहु-विषयक समिति विमान दुर्घटना के कारणों की गहन जांच करेगी। समिति में नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा, गृह मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त/संयुक्त सचिव, गुजरात सरकार के गृह विभाग और राज्य आपदा प्रतिक्रिया प्राधिकरण के प्रतिनिधि, अहमदाबाद के पुलिस आयुक्त, भारतीय वायुसेना के महानिरीक्षक (निरीक्षण



नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू, किजाराणु, राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले और नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा के साथ नई दिल्ली में प्रेस वार्ता करते हुए • एनआइ

- गृह सचिव की अगुआई में गठित समिति को तीन महीने में देनी होगी रिपोर्ट
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और सुरक्षा), नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के महानिदेशक, विमानन महानिदेशालय के महानिदेशक, खुफिया ब्यूरो के विशेष निदेशक और भारत सरकार के फोरेंसिक विज्ञान सेवा निदेशालय के निदेशक शामिल होंगे। इसके अलावा विमानन विशेषज्ञों, दुर्घटना के जांचकर्ताओं और कानूनी सलाहकारों को भी समिति में शामिल किया जा सकता है।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा- 'समिति का गठन दीर्घकालिक उद्देश्यों से किया गया है। उच्चस्तरीय समिति की जांच मंत्रालय की एजेंसी एयरक्राफ्ट

एक्सप्लैट इन्वेस्टिगेशन ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) द्वारा की जाने वाली जांच से अलग होगी।'

बोइंग के अलावा ब्रिटेन और अमेरिका की जांच टीमों भी पहुंचीं: विमान हादसे की जांच पहले दिन (12 जून) ही एएआइबी ने शुरू कर दी थी। नागरिक विमानन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा ने बताया - 'एएआइबी ने गुजरात राज्य प्रशासन से मिलकर हादसे के कुछ ही घंटों बाद दुर्घटनास्थल को जांच के लिए सुरक्षित कर दिया है। 13 जून को शाम ब्लैक बाक्स भी मिल गया है। दुर्घटना की जड़ तक जाने के लिए सभी एजेंसियों के बीच तालमेल है।' वहीं, ड्रीमलाइनर को बनाने वाली बोइंग ने भी अपनी जांच टीम भेज दी है। ब्रिटेन, अमेरिका की एविप्रेशन जांच से जुड़ी टीमों अहमदाबाद पहुंच गई हैं। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है, सामान्यतः विमान हादसे की जांच में एक से दो वर्ष का समय लगता है।



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एअर इंडिया के 33 बोइंग-787 विमानों में से अब तक नौ की जांच

डीजीसीए के निर्देश पर बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों का परीक्षण शुरू

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : गुरुवार को अहमदाबाद में एआइ-171 विमान हादसे के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने भारत में जितने भी बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर विमान हैं, उनकी उड़ान से पहले अतिरिक्त जांच-परीक्षण के आदेश दिए हैं। शुक्रवार को जारी इन आदेशों का पालन शुरू हो गया है। पहले 24 घंटे के भीतर ही एअर इंडिया ने नौ ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों का उक्त आदेश के आधार पर जांच-परीक्षण पूरा किया है। 24 की जांच अभी बाकी है। एअर इंडिया ने यह जानकारी देते हुए ग्राहकों को ताकीद भी की है कि नए परीक्षण की वजह से विमान सेवा में देरी भी हो सकती है। साथ ही ग्राहकों को आश्वस्त किया है कि उड़ानों के बाधित होने की स्थिति में अगर टिकट रद्द कराया जाता है तो उनके पैसे नियमानुसार वापस किए जाएंगे या फिर दूसरी उड़ानों में उन्हें जगह दी जाएगी।

एअर इंडिया की तरफ से बताया गया- 'विमानन क्षेत्र की नियामक एजेंसी डीजीसीए के नए आदेश के मुताबिक विमानों के वन-टाइम

24 विमानों की जांच बाकी है अभी, नए परीक्षण की वजह से विमान सेवा में देरी भी हो सकती है



परीक्षण की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी गई है। बोइंग-787 विमान जैसे-जैसे बाहर से आ रहे हैं तो उनकी अगली उड़ानों से पहले नए आदेश के मुताबिक परीक्षण किया जा रहा है। नौ बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलाइनरों की एक बार की सुरक्षा जांच हो चुकी है और शेष 24 ऐसे विमानों की जांच पूरी करने की दिशा में अग्रसर हैं। एयरलाइन के बड़े में अब 26 बोइंग 787-8 और सात बोइंग 787-9 हैं। यह नियामक एजेंसी के निर्देश के मुताबिक निर्धारित अवधि में पूरा किया जाएगा। इसकी वजह से कुछ उड़ानों में विलंब हो सकता है। इस बारे में ग्राहकों को समय पर सूचना दे दी जाएगी। ग्राहकों से आग्रह है कि वह अपनी उड़ानों की स्थिति की अग्रिम जानकारी एयरपोर्ट प्रस्थान

करने से पहले हासिल करें।'

डीजीसीए ने अपने आदेश में बताया था कि 15 जून के बाद बोइंग-787 की आठ व नौ माडलों के विमानों का हर उड़ान से पहले छह बिंदुवार जांच करनी होगी। इन विमानों के उड़ानों के दौरान विशेष जांच 'फ्लाइंग कंट्रोल इंस्पेक्शन' की जाएगी। हर पखवाड़े इन विमानों की हर छोटी-बड़ी दिक्कत को दूर करके उसकी रिपोर्ट डीजीसीए को सौंपी जाएगी। डीजीसीए ने जिन बिंदुओं की जांच उड़ान से पहले पूरी करने का आदेश दिया है, वो सामान्य उड़ान जांच प्रक्रिया के अतिरिक्त हैं। यह पहला मौका है जब बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों के लिए इस तरह की जांच का आदेश किसी देश में दिया गया हो।



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बोइंग विमान की समग्र जांच दिसंबर में होनी थी

नई दिल्ली: अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान की जून 2023 में समग्र रखरखाव जांच हुई थी और इस साल दिसंबर में उसकी फिर से समग्र जांच निर्धारित थी। इस साल मार्च में इसके इंजन की मरम्मत हुई थी। अधिकारियों ने कहा, विमान पीटी-एनबी की जून 2023 में 'सी' (काम्पिहेंसिव) यानी व्यापक जांच हुई थी और अगली ऐसी जांच इस साल दिसंबर में निर्धारित थी। 'सी' जांच एआइ इंजीनियरिंग सर्विसेज लिमिटेड द्वारा की गई थी। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि लगभग 12 साल पुराने विमान के दाहिने हिस्से के इंजन की मरम्मत मार्च 2025 में की गई थी, जबकि बाएं हिस्से के इंजन का निरीक्षण इंजन निर्माता के प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार अप्रैल 2025 में किया गया था। विमान में जीई एयरोस्पेस द्वारा निर्मित जीईएनएक्स इंजन थे। अधिकारियों ने दावा किया कि इंजन या विमान में कोई समस्या नहीं थी। इस संबंध में एअर इंडिया की ओर से बयान नहीं आया है। (प्रेट)



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भावुक हुए नायडू, पिता के साथ हुआ हादसा याद आया

नई दिल्ली: नागरिक उड़डयन मंत्री नायडू हादसे का जिक्र करते वक्त भावुक हो गए। उन्हें एक हादसे में हुई अपने पिता की मौत याद आ गई। नायडू ने कहा- मैंने व्यक्तिगत रूप से सड़क दुर्घटना में अपने पिता को खो दिया था, इसलिए मैं उन परिवारों के दर्द को समझ सकता हूँ जिन्होंने अपने प्रियजनों को खोया है। नायडू के पिता पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री किन्जरापु येरॉन नायडू का निधन दो नवंबर 2012 को आंध्र प्रदेश के श्रीकाकुलम में सड़क हादसे में निधन हो गया था। (जाब्यु)



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25 लाख का और अंतरिम मुआवजा देगी एअर इंडिया

मुंबई : एअर इंडिया ने अहमदाबाद विमान दुर्घटना के मृतकों और जीवित बचे लोगों के परिवारों के लिए 25 लाख रुपये की अंतरिम सहायता की घोषणा की है। यह राशि पहले से घोषित एक करोड़ रुपये के मुआवजे के अतिरिक्त है, जोकि एअर इंडिया की मूल कंपनी टाटा सस द्वारा पहले ही घोषित किया जा चुका है। एअर इंडिया ने कहा- एअर इंडिया उन परिवारों के साथ एकजुटता से खड़ा है, जिन्होंने हाल की दुर्घटना में अपने प्रियजनों को खो दिया। उसकी ग्राउंड टीम इस अत्यंत कठिन समय में देखभाल और मदद करने के लिए प्रयास कर रही है। (प्रेट)



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सात वर्ष बाद लाभ में आई स्पाइसजेट

मुंबई, ग्रेट: वित्तीय और परिचालन में बदलाव की रणनीति के चलते बजट एयरलाइन स्पाइसजेट सात वर्ष बाद लाभ में आई है। कंपनी ने शनिवार को बताया कि बीते वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के दौरान उसका शुद्ध लाभ 48 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। प्रमोटर समूह ने कंपनी में 500 करोड़ रुपये का इक्विटी निवेश किया है। अंतिम किस्त के रूप में चौथी तिमाही (जनवरी-मार्च 2025) के दौरान 249.09 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश किया गया है।

कंपनी ने शेयर बाजारों को बताया कि बीते वित्त वर्ष की चौथी तिमाही में उसका क्र-परचात लाभ (पीएटी) तीन गुना बढ़कर 324.87 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। जनवरी-मार्च 2024 में कंपनी का पीएटी 119 करोड़ रुपये रहा था। हालांकि, बीते तिमाही में कंपनी का संचालन राजस्व 16 प्रतिशत घटकर 1,446.37 करोड़ रुपये रहा है जो पिछले वर्ष समान अवधि में 1,719.3 करोड़ रुपये था। पूरे वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के दौरान कंपनी का पीएटी 58 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष में कंपनी को 409.43 करोड़ रुपये का घाटा हुआ था।

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Air Safety Panel Set up to Advise on Policy Revamp

Wake-up Call

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A UK AAIB team will also assist in the investigation, as will Boeing and other major component manufacturers like GE, which supplied engines for the aircraft.

The committee will hold its first meeting next week, according to a senior government official. It will study steps taken by other countries following such accidents and its suggestions will be incorporated in the National

Civil Aviation Policy, which was launched in 2016.

There have been three fatal crashes in the US this year, which sparked calls for overhauling of the Federal Aviation Authority.

"This accident is a jolt for all of us. But it is also a wake-up call and the committee will suggest measures to make it safer, looking at the scenario where aviation is no more a luxury but an essential mode of transport and transforming India into an aviation hub," said the official cited.

Report from home secretary-headed committee will be given in 3 months

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: A committee led by Union home secretary Govind Mohan will suggest steps to overhaul India's aviation safety policy as the government is looking to prevent a recurrence of incidents such as Air India's Boeing 787-8 plane crash that killed more than 270 people.

Announcing formation of the panel two days after the country's worst air crash, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday said it will examine the existing standard operating procedures and make recommendations on how to prevent and handle such occurrences.

This is besides the investigation that statutory body Aircraft

Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) will conduct.

"We have put a time limit of three months for them to sit down, talk to various stakeholders, involve and discuss with any other important expert that is necessary," Naidu said at his first media briefing after Thursday's crash.

The committee will include the heads of civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and security regulator Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, as well as joint secretary-level officers from the state and central governments. It will also consult experts in aviation safety, accident investigators and lawyers.

AAIB, under the civil aviation ministry, is investigating the crash, while the US National Transportation Safety Board will also be involved in the detailed probe, given that the aircraft was manufactured by an American company, Boeing, and was made in the US.

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Investigators at the scene on Saturday as a crane retrieves part of the Air India plane that crashed in Ahmedabad. GETTYIMAGES

GUJARAT CITY GRIEVES EX-CM'S DEATH IN CRASH

Rajkot Bids Farewell to Rupani



The streets of Rajkot wore a sombre look Saturday as the city shut down till noon as a mark of respect for former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani. DP Bhattacharya reports. ►► 2



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SpiceJet Profit Rises Nearly 3-fold to ₹325 cr in March Qtr

Our Bureau

New Delhi: SpiceJet on Saturday reported a nearly three-fold jump in its standalone net profit for the fourth quarter of 2024-25 to ₹324.8 crore. It marked a 174% increase from ₹118.9 crore in the year-ago period.

The company's revenue from operations, however, fell 16% to ₹1,446.4 crore from ₹1,719.4 crore during this period. SpiceJet achieved a passenger load factor of 88.1% during January-March, while revenue per available seat kilometre was ₹5.33.



"While the revival of our grounded fleet has taken longer than anticipated due to complex global supply chain and engine overhaul challenges, momentum is now clearly building," said Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director, SpiceJet.

"Our partnerships with world-class OEMs and MROs (maintenance, repair and operations firms) like StandardAero and Carlyle Aviation are bearing fruit, and engine overhauls are underway. With overhauled engines now returning, we expect a steady ramp-up in operational capacity in the weeks ahead."

For 2024-25, SpiceJet reported a standalone profit after tax of ₹580.7 crore against a loss of ₹409 crore in the year-ago period.

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TOLL TOUCHES 270

Panel to probe crash set up; report in 3 months

● Air India begins checks of entire Dreamliner fleet

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, June 14

UNION CIVIL AVIATION minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday said a high-level committee set up to investigate the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad, which has claimed 270 lives so far, will hold its first meeting on Monday. The panel will be chaired by the Union home secretary and will submit its report within three months.

"We have set a time limit of three months for them (the high-level panel) to sit down, talk to various stakeholders, and consult with any other experts necessary for their investigation," Naidu said.

The committee will include the secretary or joint secretary of the

KINJARAPU RAM MOHAN NAIDU
CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

India maintains very strict aviation safety standards...and everything will be done to further improve safety



SOME RELIEF

■ Air India to provide additional ₹25-lakh interim payment to kin of deceased & survivor

■ More insurers, including SBI Life & ICICI Lombard, have relaxed the claims settlement process for the crash victims

ministry of home affairs, the secretary of civil aviation, representatives from Gujarat's home department and state disaster response authority,

the Ahmedabad police commissioner, the director general of inspection and safety at the Indian Air Force, the directors general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, a special director from the Intelligence Bureau, and the director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

The committee may also bring in additional members as needed, including aviation experts, legal advisers, and accident investigators.

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High-level panel to probe plane crash

STATING THAT INDIA maintains very strict aviation safety standards, the minister said the government has ordered surveillance of all Boeing 787 aircraft models post the crash and everything will be done to further improve safety. "Any theory going around will be analysed," he said.

"There are 34 aircraft from this series in our Indian fleet today. I believe that some have already been inspected, and all of them will be thoroughly checked with immediate urgency," Naidu said.

Air India had 34 B787 in its fleet before the crash. IndiGo has a B787-9 aircraft but with a foreign registration.

Air India said it has conducted one-time safety checks on nine of its Boeing 787 Dreamliners and is on track to complete checks on the remaining 24. "Air India is in the process of completing the one-time safety checks directed by the Indian aviation regulator, DGCA. These checks are being carried out on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India, before being cleared for their next operations," said an Air India spokesperson. "Some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes especially those to airports with operating curfews. Customers will be duly notified



King Charles III wears a black armband to mourn victims of the Air India crash, during his annual birthday parade in London on Saturday. Silence was also observed on the occasion

about any delays," the airline said.

Naidu shared that the aircraft's black box had been recovered from the crash site, saying the the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) will decode its contents. The black box captures vital flight data and cockpit audio, playing a key role in helping investigators determine the cause of a crash. It is specifically designed to endure extreme conditions, including high impact and intense fires.

In Ahmedabad, the process of identification of victims by

providing an interim payment of ₹25 lakh or approximately 21,000 GBP each to the families of the deceased and to the survivor, to help address immediate financial needs," Air India said.

The plane underwent comprehensive maintenance checks in June 2023 and was due for the next scheduled comprehensive checks in December this year.

Insurance companies like SBI Life, HDFC Life and ICICI Lombard, said they have relaxed the claim settlement process for Air India plane crash victims. SBI Life has eased the claim process to offer faster financial assistance. Claim can be intimated with minimum documents like claim form, policy document and details of KYC and bank account of the nominee. HDFC Life said it has simplified its claim process. Nominees/legal heirs can now initiate claims with just a proof of death from local authorities. ICICI Lombard said it is working closely to ensure a thorough and timely assessment of claims.

King Charles III and other members of the royal family in uniform wore black armbands and observed a moment of silence during his annual birthday parade Saturday as the monarch commemorated those who died in this week's Air India plane crash.



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Q4 STANDALONE PAT UP THREEFOLD

SpiceJet back in black in FY25

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, June 14

BUDGET CARRIER SPICEJET on Saturday said its standalone profit after tax (PAT) surged nearly threefold to ₹324.87 crore in the March 2025 quarter. The Gurugram-based airline had posted a PAT of ₹119 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24, according to a regulatory filing.

However, the revenue from operations for the quarter declined 16% year-on-year to ₹1,446.37 crore from ₹1,719.3 crore in Q4 FY24, SpiceJet said in the filing.

For the 2024-25 fiscal, SpiceJet posted a standalone PAT of ₹58 crore against a loss of ₹409.43 crore in the year-ago period.

The revenue from operations fell 25% to ₹5,284 crore in FY25 from ₹7,050 crore a year ago, as per the exchange filing.

The airline, in a statement, said it posted its highest-ever quarterly profit of ₹319 crore for Q4 FY25, marking its second consecutive profitable quarter, and a full-year

REPORT CARD

■ SpiceJet had posted PAT of **₹119 cr** in Q4 FY24



■ The budget carrier's full-year net profit stands at **₹48 cr**

■ FY25 standalone PAT **₹58 cr** against loss of **₹409 cr** in year-ago period

net profit of ₹48 crore, the first in seven years, underscoring the "success of its financial and operational turnaround strategy".

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SpiceJet back in black for FY25

THE PROMOTER GROUP completed an equity infusion of ₹500 crore, including the final tranche of ₹294.09 crore in Q4 FY25, emphasising its strong confidence in the company's long-term vision and potential.

"SpiceJet has delivered a strong set of results, marking a significant turnaround in our operational and financial per-

formance. Posting a profit for the second consecutive quarter and for the full financial year after seven years is a reflection of the tireless efforts of our team, the continued trust of our passengers, and the resilience of our brand," said Ajay Singh, chairman & MD, SpiceJet.

"While the revival of our grounded fleet has taken longer

than anticipated due to complex global supply chain and engine overhaul challenges, momentum is now clearly building. Our partnerships with world-class OEMs and MROs like Standard Aero and Carlyle Aviation are bearing fruit, and engine overhauls are underway. With overhauled engines now returning, we expect a steady ramp-up in

operational capacity in the weeks ahead," Singh added.

Stating that the heartbreaking tragedy of the Air India plane crash has deeply affected all, he said, "Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of those lost in this devastating crash. The entire aviation community stands together in this moment of grief".

● **FIRST 787 MODEL TO CRASH**

Air India accident is a learning moment for industry: Airbus

BLOOMBERG
Paris, June 14

AIRBUS SE said the fatal accident on Thursday in India involving a Boeing Co airliner should spur the industry as a whole to advance its safety culture, dismissing the notion that the crash could bring a competitive edge to one plane-maker over the other in the global duopoly.

"Safety is in everything that we do, so the tragedy in India, we don't see that in any way, shape or form as a competitive input," Christian Scherer, who oversees Airbus's commercial aircraft operation, said at a press meeting in Paris. "It is, if anything, a reminder to us all that aviation has become so safe that, statistically speaking, every accident is totally unacceptable." The crash of an Air India 787 Dreamliner on Thursday killed more than 240 people on the aircraft as well as people in the densely populated urban area where the plane exploded.

The episode has added to several high-profile incidents that have shaken confidence in the safety of flying in recent years, after the industry enjoyed a long phase of few crashes, including 2023 where there was not one fatal accident involving a large jetliner. The cause of the crash, which ranks as the worst civil aviation disaster in more than a decade, remains unknown. For Boeing, the tragedy was the first time the company has lost a 787 model, one of its most popular aircraft. Airbus competes in that space with its A350 jetliner and the smaller A330neo plane. Scherer spoke alongside Chief Executive Officer Guillaume Faury ahead



Caskets carrying the remains of some of the victims of Thursday's Air India plane crash are loaded onto a vehicle at a hospital in Ahmedabad on Saturday

of the Paris Air Show, which kicks off next week and marks the key annual gathering for the industry. Faury's counterpart at Boeing, Kelly Ortberg, has canceled his appearance at the event in order to help coordinate his company's response to the India tragedy. "Every incident in this industry is an immediate remainder of what can go wrong," Scherer said.

Faury said the company still plans to ramp up output, but that the goal of doing so has become "a little bit more difficult" as global volatility and supply-chain constraints persist. At the same time, the company reiterated its goal of delivering 820 aircraft to customers this year, and Scherer said there's a "meaningful decline" in missing parts as the overall supply chain improves.

Chief Financial Officer Thomas Toepfer, who appeared alongside other executives at the event, said that given the continued volatility in the market, the company would be less inclined to consider buybacks as a financial tool for the time being.

AI, AI Exp to do away with '171'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 14

AIR INDIA and Air India Express will do away with flight number '171' after the fatal crash of the Air India plane that killed 241 people onboard on Thursday, according to sources. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft that went down soon after take-off was operating the flight 'AI 171' from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick.

From June 17 onwards, the flight number of Ahmedabad-London Gatwick will be 'AI 159' instead of 'AI 171'. Another source said that Air India Express has also decided to do away with its flight number 'IX 171'.



Raj Singh; spot from where the video was shot MOHAMED THAYER



Teen in shock after filming AI plane crash

MOHAMED THAYER
Ahmedabad, June 14

STANDING ON the terrace of a three-storey building, Aryan Asari watched with amazement as the planes flew overhead, seemingly within touching distance.

Visiting his father in Ahmedabad's Laxminagar area, which is close to the airport, the Class 12 student decided to shoot a video of one of these planes and send it to friends back home in a village in Aravalli district.

It was this video — showing the Air India plane struggling to stay in the air and crashing in a massive fireball — that would go viral globally, becoming the subject of analysis. Aryan, however, found himself traumatised and struggling to sleep at night. On Saturday, police took him away from the Ahmedabad house, both to seek details about the video and keep him out of the media spotlight. Earlier in the day, Aryan told a local channel that he had shared the video with his father as well as on his Instagram account. He said he was too scared to step foot on an airplane ever again.

Raj Singh, 16, who was with Aryan when he shot the video, said that this was the first time the boy and his sister were visit-

ing the rented apartment where their father, a retired army officer who now worked as a metro supervisor, had been staying for the past six months.

"He came around noon and was amazed when he saw planes fly so close overhead as the area is in the flight path. The planes fly so close, one almost feels that one can touch it. He said he wanted to show his friends how close he was to the planes and started shooting them on his phone," Raj, who resides in the same building, told *The Indian Express*.

"As soon as the Air India flight came, he started shooting it. When he saw it going down, he asked me why it is moving down. However, when we saw the ball of fire, he rushed back to his room," said Raj.

Sunita Singh, another building resident said: "His father told him to stay in doors and not talk to anyone. The father may have shared the video which then went viral."

Later, a team from the Ahmedabad crime branch took him away for questioning regarding the video. When *The Indian Express* visited the building, the house was locked. An official said that Aryan and his sister had been sent to a relative's place as per instructions by senior officials.



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'DGCA warned AI on safety lapses'

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AHMEDABAD

As a high-level investigation gathers momentum, a chilling revelation has emerged, casting a shadow of doubt over Air India's safety protocols. Sanat Kaul, former Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), disclosed on Friday that the civil aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), had repeatedly issued letters to Air India, highlighting "improper safety inspections and other lapses."

Kaul's comments, made as experts from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Boeing, and British investigators delve into the wreckage, hint at potentially grave oversights. He sug-

gested that "possible omissions on the part of Air India employees responsible for safety checks or poor implementation of the regulatory inspections and audits by regulators could be among the contributory factors for the disaster." This revelation amplifies concerns about the airline's adherence to stringent safety standards.

"The DGCA had written to Air India several times, pointing out multiple issues, mainly regarding safety, things like improper inspections and other lapses," Kaul stated to IANS, emphasizing the persistent nature of these warnings. "So, the question now arises about the maintenance procedures followed by Air India."

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'DGCA warned AI...

The former bureaucrat specifically zeroed in on "line maintenance," the critical routine checks and repair tasks performed on aircraft between flights, often on the airport tarmac.

"There's concern about what's called 'line maintenance', the checks by inspectors before every flight," Kaul added. "How thorough and effective those checks were - is now under scrutiny." The

meticulousness of these pre-flight inspections is paramount to aviation safety, and any compromise could have catastrophic consequences.

Kaul clarified that matters related to civil aviation safety are handled by the DGCA, an independent regulator operating under the Ministry. While acknowledging the presence of a "robust and well-defined regulatory framework" in the country, he underscored the crucial question: "how well is it being implemented in practice?" The gap between regulation and its real-world application could be a key area of the ongoing probe. "In such a vast system, if there were any lapses, which airline, which area, that will be investigated now," he affirmed.

Kaul's comments align with the investigators' primary focus: decoding data from the aircraft's Black Box. This crucial evidence is expected to narrow down the reason for the suspected engine failure that preceded the crash.

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केंद्र की उच्चस्तरीय समिति हर पहलू की जांच करेगी

सतर्कता

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। अहमदाबाद में विमान हादसे की जांच को लेकर शनिवार को केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने कहा कि हर पहलू पर मामले की जांच की जाएगी। उच्चस्तरीय समिति घटना के कारणों के साथ भविष्य में विमानन क्षेत्र की सुरक्षा को कैसे और अधिक पुख्ता बनाया जाए उसकी भी अनुशंसा करेगी। उन्होंने बताया कि घटना वाले दिन से ही विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) ने जांच शुरू कर दी है। ब्लैक बॉक्स मिल गया है, जिसकी अब फॉरेंसिक जांच की जा रही है। देश में सुरक्षा मानकों से उड़ान सेवा का संचालन हो, यह हमारे लिए

महत्वपूर्ण है। हम यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि बिना किसी रुकावट के सभी सुरक्षा इंतजाम को पुख्ता किया जाए। हादसे के बाद हमने त्वरित रिस्पॉस किया। घटना के बाद तत्काल एएआईबी के पांच सदस्यों को दुर्घटना स्थल पर भेजा गया, जिसकी अध्यक्षता एएआईबी के महानिदेशक कर रहे हैं। इस टीम में अन्य दो लोगों को जोड़ा गया है, जिसमें फॉरेंसिक और मेडिकल विशेषज्ञ शामिल हैं।

एएआईबी अन्य एजेंसियों के साथ मिलकर दुर्घटना के कारणों और तकनीकी पहलुओं पर जांच करेगी। वहीं, उच्च स्तरीय कमेटी हर उस थ्योरी (चर्चा) से जुड़े पहलुओं की जांच करेगी, जिन्हें घटने के पीछे कारण माना जा रहा है। इसके लिए कमेटी तमाम हितधारकों से मिलेगी।

नायडू बोले- जांच समिति के पास कई अधिकार होंगे



नई में शनिवार को प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस कर जानकारी देते केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू। • प्रे

केंद्रीय समिति विमान हादसे के कारणों की जांच करेगी और सरकार सुझाव देगी जिससे भविष्य में इस तरह की घटनाओं को रोका जा सके। समिति विमान सुरक्षा के लिए मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) भी तैयार करेगी। आपात स्थिति की तैयारियों के साथ राहत और बचाव कार्यों के लिए समन्वय के मानक तय करेगी। समिति को फ्लाइट डाटा, कॉकपिट वॉइस रिकॉर्डर, विमान के रखरखाव और एटीसी में दर्ज रिकॉर्ड देखने का पूरा अधिकार होगा। बयान भी दर्ज कर सकती है।

इसलिए कमेटी को तीन महीने का समय दिया गया है।

गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में बनी समिति: उच्च स्तरीय कमेटी का गठन

केंद्रीय गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में किया गया है। 11 सदस्यी कमेटी में नागर विमान मंत्रालय के सचिव, गृह मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव,

बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर 787 के नौ विमानों की जांच पूरी

मंत्री ने बताया कि घटना के बाद नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने बोइंग 787 विमानों की निगरानी बढ़ाई। आपात स्थिति में उनकी तकनीकी जांच कराने का निर्देश दिया गया। भारत में इस समय बोइंग के बी-787 विमानों की कुल संख्या 34 है, जिसमें से नौ विमानों की तकनीकी जांच पूरी कर ली गई है। बाकी विमानों की जांच जल्द पूरी होगी। हम यह सुनिश्चित कर रहे हैं कि बिना किसी रुकावट के सुरक्षा से समझौता नहीं किया जाए।

अहमदाबाद पुलिस कमिश्नर, राज्य के गृह विभाग के साथ आईबी, एयरफोर्स, फॉरेंसिक साइंस व अन्य विभागों के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी शामिल हैं।



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दोनों इंजन की हाल में की गई थी मरम्मत

नई दिल्ली, एजेसी। हादसे का शिकार हुए एयर इंडिया के विमान बोइंग ड्रीमलाइन की दिसंबर में पूर्ण जांच होनी थी। इससे पहले जून 2023 में उसकी पूर्ण तरीके से जांच हुई थी।

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि कॉम्प्रिहेंसिव चेक का काम एयर इंडिया इंजीनियरिंग सर्विसेज लिमिटेड करती है। इसी साल मार्च में 12 साल पुराने विमान के दाएं इंजन की पूर्ण जांच के बाद मरम्मत की गई थी। इसी तरह बाएं इंजन का काम अप्रैल 2025 में इंजन निर्माता ने नियमों के अनुसार किया था। विमान का इंजन अमेरिकी कंपनी जीई एयरोस्पेस का था। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान के इंजन में कोई दिक्कत नहीं थी। हालांकि एयर इंडिया ने इस मामले में बयान नहीं आया है।



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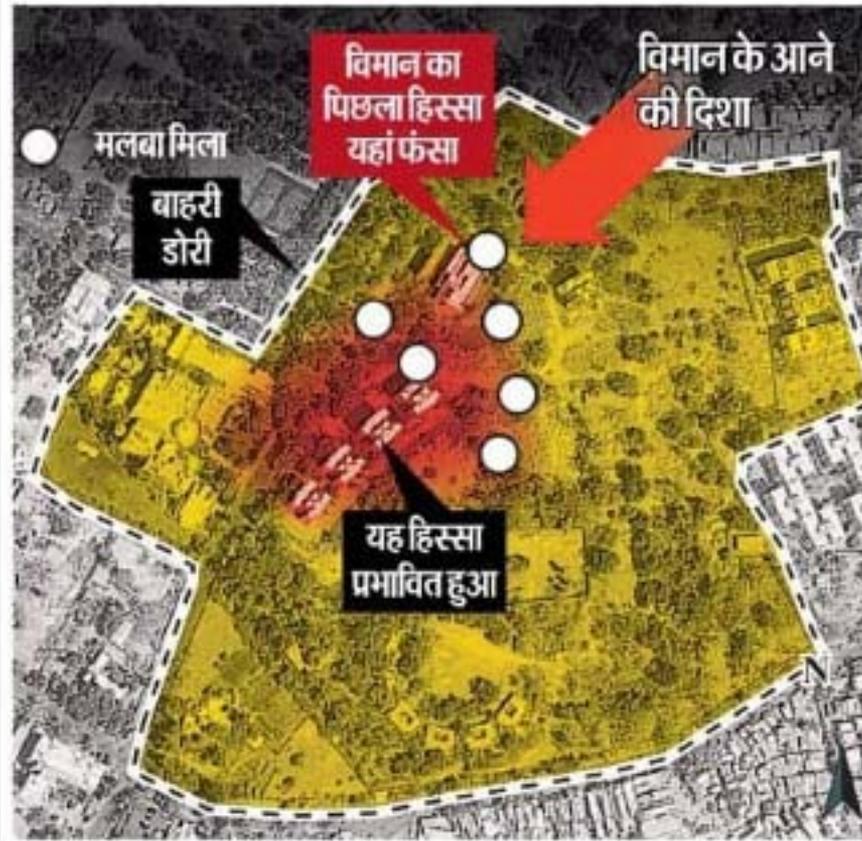
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गुजरात के सभी फॉरेंसिक विशेषज्ञ डीएनए जांच में जुटे, भीषण आग के चलते डीएनए पर भी असर, कई बार लेने पड़ रहे सैंपल

मलबे से पांच शव और मिले, 270 पहुंची संख्या

सांसत

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। अहमदाबाद एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे में मृतकों की संख्या 270 हो गई है। बीते 24 घंटे में पांच नए शव बरामद किए गए हैं। सिविल अस्पताल के डॉक्टरों ने शनिवार को ये जानकारी दी।

बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज के जूनियर डॉक्टर्स एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष डॉ. धवल गमेती ने बताया कि विमान हादसे के बाद सिविल अस्पताल में कुल 270 शव पहुंचे हैं। बुरी तरह से जले शवों के डीएनए की जांच जारी है। उनके परिवारीजनों द्वारा दिए गए सैंपल से डीएनए का मिलान किया जा रहा है। सिविल अस्पताल के अधीक्षक डॉ. रजनीश पटेल ने बताया कि डीएनए से अबतक 19 शवों की पहचान हो गई है। जल्द ही शव सौंपने की प्रक्रिया शुरू होगी। इससे पहले आठ शवों को उनके परिवारीजनों को शिनाखती के आधार पर सौंप दिया गया है।

अग्निशमन अधिकारी जयेश खादिया ने बताया कि शुक्रवार को जब घटना की जांच के लिए टीम ने मोर्चा संभाला तो छात्रावास की कैटीन के मलबे से मानव शरीर के कुछ हिस्से बरामद किए गए। शनिवार सुबह एक शव बरामद किया गया। मालूम हो

19 शवों की पहचान डीएनए से की जा चुकी, आठ शव पीड़ितों को सौंपे गए

36 विशेषज्ञों को जांच में लगाया गया, ताकि शव जल्दी पहचाने जा सकें

48 घंटे तक का समय एक डीएनए नमूने की जांच में लगता है



अहमदाबाद में शनिवार को दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान के मलबे को केन से बाहर निकाला गया। इसी के मलबे से शव मिले हैं। • एपी

शुक्रवार तक कुल मृतकों की संख्या 265 थी। गुजरात के राजस्व सचिव आलोक पांडे विमान हादसे में मारे गए लोग 18 जिलों के हैं, अन्य लोग देश के अन्य राज्यों से हैं।

गर्मी का डीएनए पर असर :

अहमदाबाद, एफएएसएल के निदेशक एचपी संघवी ने शनिवार को बताया, बिना डीएनए जांच और मिलान के मृतकों की पहचान असंभव है। उन्होंने बताया विमान में भयंकर आग लगने की वजह से मृतकों के डीएनए पर भी प्रभाव

पड़ा है, ऐसे में कई बार सैंपल लेने को जरूरत पड़ रही है।

उन्होंने बताया कि पोस्टमार्टम के दौरान ये जरूरी होता है कि शरीर के दाहिने हिस्से का पता चले जिससे डीएनए सैंपल लिया जाए।

पीड़ित परिजनों को 25-25 लाख मिलेंगे

विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने शनिवार को घोषणा की कि वह अहमदाबाद विमान दुर्घटना में मारे गए लोगों के परिजन और जीवित बचे लोगों को 25-25 लाख रुपये का अंतरिम भुगतान करेगी। एक बयान में बताया कि यह अंतरिम भुगतान मूल कंपनी टाटा संस द्वारा पहले घोषित किए गए एक-एक करोड़ रुपये के मुआवजे के अतिरिक्त है।

राजकोट में पूर्व सीएम रुपाणी का अंतिम संस्कार होगा

हादसे में मारे गए गुजरात के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री विजय रुपाणी का अंतिम संस्कार राजकोट में होगा। भाजपा नेता भूपेंद्रसिंह चूडासमा ने शनिवार को ये जानकारी दी। रुपाणी के बेटे रुषभ रुपाणी घटना के बाद गांधीनगर पहुंच गए हैं। शोक व्यक्त करने के लिए शनिवार को राजकोट के बाजार आधे दिन तक बंद रहे। स्थानीय लोगों का कहना है कि वे विजय रुपाणी को कभी भुला नहीं सकते हैं।

जांच में तेजी पर जोर

डीएनए जांच प्रक्रिया में तेजी के लिए गुजरात सरकार के मंत्री हर्ष सांघवी ने एफएएसएल अधिकारियों के साथ बैठक की। मीडिया से बात करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार का पूरा जोर ये है कि जल्द से जल्द जांच प्रक्रिया पूरा कर शव परिवारीजनों को सौंपा जाए।

पुराने कॉलेजों में शुमार

अहमदाबाद स्थित बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज गुजरात और देश के सबसे पुराने मेडिकल कॉलेजों में शुमार है। कॉलेज में एमबीबीएस की 250 सीटें हैं, जबकि पीजी में 400 सीटें हैं। 100 से अधिक एकड़ में फैला ये मेडिकल कॉलेज देश में मौजूद मेडिकल कॉलेजों का सबसे बड़ा कैम्पस है। वर्ष 1871 में इसकी शुरुआत अहमदाबाद मेडिकल स्कूल के रूप में हुई थी और पहली बार 14 छात्रों को अस्पताल सहायक के रूप में प्रशिक्षण दिया गया था।

ब्रिटेन का मदद केंद्र बना

हादसे में 52 ब्रिटिश नागरिकों के मारे जाने को लेकर ब्रिटेन ने अहमदाबाद के उमेद होटल में पीड़ितों के परिवारों की मदद के लिए विशेष केंद्र खोला है। ब्रिटेन के उच्चायोग ने शनिवार को बताया कि हादसे में जो लोग मारे गए हैं उनके परिवारीजन भारत पहुंच रहे हैं। वहीं, भारतीय भी उनकी मदद कर रहे हैं।



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टिकट रद्द करने पर रिफंड दिया जाएगा : एयर इंडिया

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। एयर इंडिया ने अपने ग्राहकों के लिए एडवाइजरी जारी की है, जिसमें उनसे कहा गया है कि बोइंग 787 विमान के जरिए यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को टिकट रद्द करने पर रिफंड दिया जाएगा।

एयर इंडिया की तरफ से कहा गया है कि डीजीसीए के निर्देश पर विमानों की आवश्यक तकनीकी जांच की जा रही है, जिससे विमानों के परिचालन में देरी हो रही है। कंपनी के वेबे में शामिल

विमानों के भारत लौटने पर उन्हें आवश्यक तकनीकी जांच के लिए भेजा जा रहा। अभी तक नौ विमानों की जांच पूरी कर ली है और नियामक द्वारा प्रदान की गई समय-सीमा के भीतर शेष 24 विमानों की जांच पूरी करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।

संभावित देरी को देखते हुए ग्राहकों को सलाह दी जाती है कि हवाई अड्डे पर जाने से पहले www.airindia.com के माध्यम से यात्रा की जानकारी लें।



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विमान की गर्जना सुनकर सहम रहे हैं स्थानीय लोग

अहमदाबाद, एजेसी। अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे को कई घंटे गुजर गए हैं लेकिन स्थानीय लोग की आंखों से नींद गायब है। लोग विमानों की गर्जना से सहम जा रहे।

स्थानीय महिला रेखा क्षत्रिय ने बताया कि मैं 13 साल से यहां रह रही हूं। विमान को हमेशा करीब से उड़ते देखा लेकिन उस दिन जो हुआ उसे मैं कभी भुला नहीं सकती। धमाके की आवाज इतनी तेज थी मानों पूरी धरती

ही कांप गई। मैं कुछ समझ पाती उससे पहले आसमान में आग का गोला उठा और हर तरफ चीख पुकार मच गई।

मानो ज्वालामुखी धधक रहा हो: घटनास्थल से महज 500 मीटर दूर रहने वाले बहादुर क्षत्रिय ने बताया कि धमाका हुआ तो घर की हर चीज हिल गई थी। मैं सीधे घटनास्थल की ओर दौड़ा लेकिन कोई करीब नहीं जा सका क्योंकि आग की लपटें और तपिश इतनी ज्यादा थी मानों ज्वालामुखी धधक रहा हो।

Air India warns of delays as govt orders 787 checks

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NEW DELHI: Eight out of the total of 34 Boeing 787 aircraft in the Indian fleet have been inspected, said civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday, while addressing the media on the Air India flight that crashed on Thursday. "As per extended surveillance ordered by the DGCA on Friday, eight of the total 34 B787 have already been inspected," Naidu said.

Separately, in a statement, Air India warned passengers of potential delays due to the checks. "Some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes especially those to airports with operating curfews. Customers will be duly notified about any delays," the airline said in a post on X. The airline said it is in the process of completing the one-time safety checks directed by DGCA. →P2

{ RAM MOHAN NAIDU } AVIATION MINISTER

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All theories still on table, says aviation minister

NEW DELHI: The government will look into all possible theories of what could have caused the Air India plane crash this week, aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said on Saturday during the government's first briefing into the tragedy on Thursday.

Naidu said the Centre has also set up a multi-disciplinary panel to ascertain the "root cause" of the crash and assess any contributing factors in addition to the investigation being conducted by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB). →P2

Teen who shot crash video gives statement to police

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AHMEDABAD: Last Thursday, Aryan Ansari had just walked up to the terrace of a two-storey building in Ahmedabad's Omkar Nagar when the 17-year-old was fascinated by the roar of aeroplanes flying at low altitudes. Visiting his father from Samalaji hamlet in Aravalli district, the Class 12 student took out his mobile phone and started shooting a video. What he caught was the ill-fated AI-171 that crashed 33 seconds after taking off from the nearby Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel airport – his short grainy video, capturing the last seconds of the flight, then was beamed around the world and became the basis for both expert reconstructions and amateur investigations.

On Saturday, Aryan recorded his statement before the Gujarat Police.

"Within 24 seconds of the recording, the plane crashed. My sister was the first one to see the video. I feel very scared because of what I saw," Aryan told PTI.

"I felt very scared because of what I witnessed. My sister was the first one to see my video, who



A screen grab of the video shot by the 17-year-old seconds before the plane crashed.

then informed my father. I had no idea the flight would crash," Aryan added.

On seeing the flames and thick black smoke that billowed out of the crash site, Aryan rang his father, a retired army man, who now is employed with Ahmedabad Metro.

"I had never seen a plane before in my life and this was the first time I saw a plane and recorded the video," he told Gujarati portal VTV News.

His family said Aryan is traumatised. His sister said he was not able to speak properly. "Aryan has been in a state of shock and keeps himself indoors. He did not sleep the

entire last night," said his friend Raj Singh, 16, who was with Aryan when he was shooting the video.

Raj said Aryan had arrived in Omkar Nagar around 12pm on Thursday. "I accompanied him to befriend him as he came in the same building as where I live," added Raj. The structure has residences on the ground and first floors as well as a room on the terrace. "While filming, Aryan first said that the aircraft might be landing ahead, but I said there is no airport ahead," Raj said.

A Crime Branch official said that Aryan was not detained and his statement was recorded in half-an-hour. "We had brought him to the police station with his father for recording his statement regarding his video. Both father and son after recording of the statement were allowed to leave," a senior Crime Branch official said.

He added that the boy was asked why and how he made the video, the exact time of the recording, and other people present.

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8 Dreamliner aircraft inspected, says Naidu

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NEW DELHI: Eight out of the total 34 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft in the Indian fleet have been inspected, Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said on Saturday while addressing the media on the June 12 crash of Air India flight 17L.

"As per extended surveillance ordered by the DGCA on Friday, eight of the total 34 B787 have already been inspected," he said.

To be sure, Air India had 34 Boeing 787 airframes in its fleet before the crash. IndiGo has a 787-9 aircraft, but with a foreign registration.

The crash of the London Gatwick-bound Air India flight from Ahmedabad claimed the lives of 241 out of 242 people onboard the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

The jet crashed moments after taking off on Thursday afternoon, marking the worst air tragedy in the country in three decades. Officials said at least 50 others were injured in the medical college hostel where the jet crashed.

While the minister did not comment on the result of the inspections, people familiar with the matter said no issues had been detected.

"Air India B787-8 aircraft flew to Paris-Delhi, and Delhi-Ahmedabad route without any issues before the crash," said civil aviation secretary Samir Kumar Sinha.

"The crash happened at 1.40pm and a team of DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Avi-



Air India had 34 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft prior to the June 12 crash in Ahmedabad.

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ation), BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security), AAI (Airports Authority of India), CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) and myself reached the crash site around 6pm until when the fire was doused by local authorities," Sinha said.

The airline separately said that the checks could lead to delays on certain long-haul routes.

"Some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes especially those to airports with operating curfews. Customers will be duly notified about any delays," the airline said in a post on X.

The government issued an order on Saturday stating that a high-level multi-disciplinary committee, headed by the Union home secretary, will carry out a broader review of the inci-

dent.

While Naidu said that the committee will have a "holistic" approach, he remained tight-lipped on the progress of the investigation.

Later in the day, Air India announced an interim compensation of ₹25 lakh for the families of those who lost their lives in the June 12 Ahmedabad plane crash. The relief package comes in addition to the ₹1 crore already announced by the parent company, Tata Group.

"To provide immediate financial support, Air India will be making an interim payment of ₹25 lakh, or approximately ₹21,000 to each of the families of the deceased and also to the survivor. This is in addition to the ₹1 crore, or approximately ₹85,000, already committed by Tata Sons," said Campbell Wilson, CEO and MD of Air India.

{ BJ MEDICAL COLLEGE }

40 years after jet crash, Guj hospital at heart of yet another airline tragedy

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AHMEDABAD: Its 100 acre campus – which has four four-storey buildings and two-storey dining halls and hostel buildings – bore the brunt of India's worst single-aircraft crash this week. But Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College in Ahmedabad was also at the heart of the rescue-and-relief operations four decades ago when 133 people died in another tragic air crash just 2.5km from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel airport.

"It was the backbone during the 1988 Indian Airlines air crash in Ahmedabad, where there were only 2 survivors," said Dr MF Shaikh, former head of the burns and plastic surgery department, BJ Medical College. Shaikh was referring to the October 19, 1988 tragedy of flight 113, which crashed on its final approach to Ahmedabad airport. He said since the medical college was in close proximity to the airport, many of the passengers were brought in for treatment.

Established in 1871 as Ahmedabad Medical School with only



The hospital previously treated passengers from the 1988 Indian Airlines crash that claimed 133 lives.

RAJU SHINDE/HT PHOTO

14 students, BJ Medical College is the oldest medical college in Gujarat and among the oldest in India.

It has one main campus in the Meghaniagar neighbourhood, where a 2,500 bed hospital stands. Another 1,200 bed hospital came up within the same campus in 2019. The government-run Civil Hospital shares the same compound.

Thursday's crash took place close to the main campus area, with the Boeing 787 Dreamliner hitting the medical college's hos-

tel buildings and dining halls. While the four hostel buildings' facade was charred, the two mess buildings were partially collapsed.

"Every year, 256 MBBS students secure admission here, apart from over 400 post graduation seats," said Ahmedabad-based Dr Javed Vakil, a senior consultant nephrologist at Aartham Multi Super Speciality Hospital.

Dr Vakil said over 300 kidney transplants are conducted in the government-run institute annu-

ally, and patients come from distant corners of the state.

"In 1879, a generous donation of ₹20,000 by Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy led to the school being renamed BJ Medical School. The institution steadily expanded, securing affiliation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay in 1917 and later with Bombay University in 1946, earning its status as BJ Medical College, offering London College of Professional Studies diplomas," said the hospital website.

The postgraduate courses are offered across 24 branches and super speciality courses are offered across 11 branches.

The hospital was also the backbone during the 2001 Bhuj earthquake relief, the 2002 Akshardham Temple attack, and medical emergencies such as the 2009-10 swine flu outbreak and the 2020-21 pandemic. "This hospital has been handling such mass casualties since the beginning," said Dr Shaikh. "In fact, the Civil Hospital saw its worst time when the trauma centre was bombed in the 2008 Ahmedabad bombings. Yet, the hospital did not come to a standstill."

Air India says pre-flight checks completed for nine of 33 of its Dreamliner jets

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India said on Saturday that it had completed the one-time pre-flight checks ordered for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation on nine of the 33 aircraft.

“These checks are being carried out on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India, before being cleared for their next operations,” it said in a press statement about the fresh inspection guidelines ordered by the aviation safety regulator a day after the crash.

The airline is also “on track” to complete this process for the remaining 24 aircraft, Air India added.



An assistance centre opened at the airport for the relatives of the victims, in Mumbai, on Saturday. AFP

The inspections include one-time pre-flight checks of six different items, such as fuel parameter monitoring and associated system, inspection of cabin air compressor, and electronic engine control system

test. Additionally, the airline has to also carry out flight control inspection as part of checks while the aircraft is in transit. A power assurance check within two weeks also needs to be performed.



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SpiceJet profit after tax jumps nearly threefold to ₹325 crore

Budget carrier Spicejet on Saturday said its standalone profit after tax (PAT) surged nearly threefold to ₹324.87 crore in the March 2025 quarter. The Gurugram-based airline had posted a PAT of ₹119 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24, according to a regulatory filing. However, the revenue from operations for the reporting quarter declined 16% year-on-year to ₹1,446.37 crore from ₹1,719.3 crore in Q4 FY24, SpiceJet said in the filing. PTI

REPORT IN 3 MONTHS, AAIB PROBE GOING SMOOTHLY: GOVT

Centre sets up high-level panel to probe A-I crash, review SOPs

8 of airline's 33 Boeing 787 planes inspected so far, says minister

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THE CENTRE has set up a high-level multi-disciplinary committee to look into Thursday's crash of the Air India London-bound flight (AI 171) in Ahmedabad, which killed 241 people on board and many on the ground too.

While the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is already leading a technical investigation into the crash, the committee is also expected to focus on "formulating SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for preventing and handling such occurrences in the future", the Ministry of Civil Aviation said.

Addressing a press briefing on Saturday, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said the committee would hold its first meeting on Monday, and was expected to submit its report within three months.

Soon after Thursday's crash, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had sought enhanced safety inspection of the aircraft type. On Saturday, Naidu



Cranes bring down the Dreamliner's tail from a building in which it was stuck, in Ahmedabad Saturday. Sankhadeep Banerjee



Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu at a press meet in New Delhi. PTI

said eight of Air India's 33 Boeing 787 aircraft have been inspected so far. In a statement, Air India said it has completed the mandated checks on nine aircraft so far.

While the minister did not elaborate on the checks, a senior government official told *The Indian Express* that the inspections have not revealed any issue or adverse observation so far.

Meanwhile, Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said the AAIB's investigation was "going smoothly".

Asked why the committee was constituted when the AAIB-led probe was already on, Naidu said the AAIB investigation was

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Govt sets up committee to probe AI crash

technical and specific to the plane crash in Ahmedabad, while the government's high-level committee would take a more holistic approach and look at further strengthening of the aviation safety ecosystem.

The committee, headed by the Home Secretary, includes senior officials from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Gujarat government, the Indian Air Force, the Intelligence Bureau, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, and Directorate General of Civil Aviation, among others.

"The committee will examine the existing SOPs and guidelines issued to prevent and handle such occurrences and suggest comprehensive guidelines for dealing with such instances in the future. The committee will not be a substitute to other enquiries being conducted by relevant organisations but will focus on formulating SOPs for preventing and handling such occurrences in the future," the ministry said in a release late on Friday night.

Naidu said the AAIB probe will comprehensively analyse all angles and factors that could have possibly been behind the crash.

According to flight tracking data, the signal from the aircraft was lost at an altitude of just 625 feet, moments after take-off. It then descended with a vertical speed of 475 feet per minute and crashed. According to DGCA, the pilots gave a Mayday call — signaling severe distress — to the Ahmedabad airport Air Traffic Control upon take-off, after which it crashed outside the airport perimeter.

The aircraft's flight data recorder, which has been recovered, is expected to provide in-depth insights into what happened in the moments leading to the crash, the deadliest aviation disaster involving an Indian aircraft in decades.

FDR is one of the so-called black boxes placed on board, and records flight data on scores of parameters. The aircraft's other black box — cockpit voice recorder (CVR) — is yet to be

found. The AAIB has taken over the crash site and evidence collection is on.

The AAIB is being assisted in the probe by the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), given that the aircraft was manufactured by an American company — Boeing — and was made in the US.

A UK AAIB team will also help with the investigation, and so are Boeing and other major component manufacturers like GE (engine manufacturer). According to aircraft accident investigation protocol, the probe report should be finalised within a year.

The world has its eyes set on the probe as scores of Boeing 787 aircraft are operating all over the globe, and this was the first-ever crash involving the 787.

At the briefing on Saturday, Naidu said that while India has a strict and robust protocol on aviation safety, which has also been recognised by global bodies including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the government still went ahead and

ordered an extensive surveillance of the 787 fleet in India. He said whatever steps may be required to further enhance aviation safety would be taken without any hesitation.

In its directive soon after the crash on Thursday, the DGCA had asked Air India to carry out a number of technical checks on its Boeing 787 fleet. Air India had a total of 34 Boeing 787 aircraft before the Ahmedabad crash. Now it has 26 787-8 aircraft and seven 787-9 planes.

These enhanced checks include a one-time pre-departure check of aircraft systems and parameters, including fuel parameters monitoring and associated system, cabin air compressor and associated systems, electronic engine control system, engine fuel driven actuator and oil system, hydraulic system serviceability, and take-off parameters. Additionally, flight control inspection is to be introduced in transit inspection till further notice. Power assurance checks have also been mandated.

माता-पिता ने बच्चों को छत पर जाने से रोका

अहमदाबाद हादसा

कई लोग डर के कारण ठीक से सो नहीं पाते

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जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 14 जून।

अहमदाबाद के मेघाणी नगर के बच्चों के लिए अपने घरों के ऊपर से उड़ते हुए विमान को देखना एक मजेदार गतिविधि हुआ करती थी, लेकिन उनके इलाके में एअर इंडिया के विमान के गिरने के बाद यह साधारण खुशी भी उनसे छीन गई है।

सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के निकट स्थित मेघाणी नगर और असरवा क्षेत्रों के लोगों के लिए चीजें कभी सामान्य नहीं होंगी, जिन्होंने देश की सबसे भयावह विमान दुर्घटनाओं में से एक देखी। इस हादसे में कुछ ही सेकंड में 265 लोगों की मौत हो गई।

यश परमार पुराने दिनों को याद करते हुए बताते हैं कि बचपन में हम छत के ऊपर से गुजरते विमानों की आवाजें

सुनते थे और अपने दोस्तों के साथ छत पर खड़े होकर आकाश में उड़ते इन विशाल विमानों को देखते थे। वह कहते हैं कि हम विमानों को देखकर हाथ हिलाते थे। इस हादसे पहले तक यह हमारी पसंदीदा गतिविधि थी लेकिन अब, जब भी कोई विमान हमारे नजदीक से गुजरता है, तो हमें घबराहट होने लगती है। इंजन की आवाज अब हमें बेचैन कर देती है। हम अब विमानों को देखकर हाथ हिलाने के लिए छतों पर नहीं जाते। हमारे माता-पिता ने चिंता के कारण हमें छत पर जाने से रोक दिया है।



असरवा निवासी हितेश शाह ने एअर इंडिया के विमान को गिरते देखा था। उन्होंने कहा कि दुर्घटना के बाद विमानों के प्रति लोगों का नजरिया बदल गया है। इस क्षेत्र के लोग हर घंटे अपने घरों के ऊपर से बड़े विमानों को उड़ते हुए देखने के आदी हो चुके हैं। हमने कभी नहीं सोचा था कि कोई विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो जाएगा। लेकिन अब, हर कोई डरा हुआ है, जब भी वे विमान के इंजन की आवाज सुनते हैं, तो वे प्रार्थना करते हैं। अब हम हर विमान को संदेह की नजर से देखते हैं, और उम्मीद करते हैं कि यह हमारे ऊपर

दुर्घटनाग्रस्त न हो जाए। इस दुर्घटना ने न केवल विनाश और मृतकों के शोकाकुल परिवारों के लिए जिंदगी भर जख्म दिया है, बल्कि इसने उन इलाकों के निवासियों के मन पर भी गहरा आघात पहुंचाया है जो विमान की आवाज सुनने के आदी हो चुके थे।

मेघाणी नगर निवासी हीराबेन प्रजापति ने कहा कि उनकी जैसी कई महिलाओं को लगा कि दुश्मन के विमानों ने हवाई अड्डे पर बमबारी की है, और लोग आग और धुएं का विशाल बादल देखकर छिपने के लिए भागे। कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ने वाले विमान और हमारे घरों के अंदर कंपन हमारे जीवन का हिस्सा थे, और हम कभी परेशान नहीं होते थे। लेकिन अब, जब भी कोई विमान दोपहर में गुजरता है, हम अपने घरों से बाहर निकल आते हैं और उम्मीद करते हैं कि यह उस दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण विमान की तरह दुर्घटनाग्रस्त न हो। कई लोग डर के मारे ठीक से सो नहीं पाते हैं।

खुलासा: 650 फीट की ऊंचाई पर 'ऊंचाई' खोने लगा था विमान

- सरकार ने दी विमान हादसे की विस्तृत जानकारी
- उड्डयन मंत्री ने कहा-ब्लैक बॉक्स से पता चलेगी वजह
- तीन महीने में होगी जांच पूरी, जांच में हर पहलू शामिल



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नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्या

अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे को लेकर केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने कुछ जानकारियां साझा की हैं। उन्होंने संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा कि यह दुर्घटना उस समय हुई जब विमान 650 फीट की ऊंचाई पर था। पायलट ने एटीसी को आपातकालीन सूचना दी थी। एटीसी ने जब पायलट से संपर्क करने की कोशिश की तो वहां से कोई जवाब नहीं आया। टेकऑफ के तुरंत बाद एयरपोर्ट से दो किलोमीटर दूर मेघानी नगर में विमान

दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया।

उन्होंने कहा कि पिछले दो-तीन दिन बहुत मुश्किल भरे रहें। अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट के पास हुई दुर्घटना ने पूरे देश को झकझोर कर रख दिया है। उन्होंने दुर्घटना में जान गवाने वाले सभी परिवारों के प्रति संवेदना व्यक्त की।

● ब्लैक बॉक्स से पता चलेगी असलियत: मंत्री नायडू ने कहा कि विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) ने शुक्रवार शाम पांच बजे के आसपास घटनास्थल से ब्लैक बॉक्स बरामद किया था। एएआईबी टीम का मानना है कि ब्लैक बॉक्स की डिकोडिंग के बाद यह बात सामने आ पाएगी कि असल में हुआ क्या था। वे इस बात का इंतजार कर रहे हैं कि एएआईबी द्वारा पूरी जांच के बाद क्या रिपोर्ट सामने आती है।

● निगरानी के आदेश

उन्होंने कहा कि जब यह घटना घटी तो सरकार ने बोइंग 737 सीरीज में विस्तृत निगरानी का आदेश दिया। इसके बाद डीजीसीए ने भी बोइंग 787 डीम लाइनर विमानों की सुरक्षा जांच करने का आदेश दिया है। उन्होंने बताया कि फिलहाल भारतीय विमान बेड़े में 34 विमान हैं। 8 विमानों की पहले ही जांच हो चुकी है बाकी अन्य की तत्काल जांच की जाएगी

● 1.39 बजे पायलट ने सूचना दी, एक मिनट बाद क्रैश

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा ने बताया कि दोपहर 1:39 बजे पायलट ने अहमदाबाद एटीसी को मे डे की सूचना दी यानी पूरी तरह से इमरजेंसी थी। जब उसने विमान से संपर्क करने की कोशिश की तो उसे कोई जवाब



अहमदाबाद विमान हादसे की विस्तृत जानकारी देते केंद्रीय उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू।

नहीं मिला। ठीक एक मिनट बाद यह विमान मेघानीनगर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया।

● पेरिस-दिल्ली-अहमदाबाद की यात्रा सही रही थी

सचिव के मुताबिक विमान के कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल और फर्स्ट ऑफिसर क्लाइव सुंदर थे। इस दुर्घटना से पहले विमान ने पेरिस-दिल्ली-अहमदाबाद सेक्टर की उड़ान बिना किसी परेशानी के पूरी की थी।

● हर पहलू का विश्लेषण होगा:

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने जांच में हर पहलू का विश्लेषण होगा। तीन महीने में विस्तृत रिपोर्ट जारी होगी। रिपोर्ट में हादसे के अलावा भविष्य में ऐसी घटना न हो, इस पर सिफारिशें की जाएंगी।

● विमान हादसे में मृतक संख्या 270 पहुंची: एयर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के बाद अब तक कुल 270 शव अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल में लाए गए हैं। अस्पताल के चिकित्सकों ने शनिवार को बताया कि अहमदाबाद फायर ब्रिगेड एवं इमरजेंसी सर्विस (एएफईएस) ने

दुर्घटनास्थल से पिछले 24 घंटों में एक शव परिजनों को सौंपा है। अभी तक मृतक संख्या 265 बताई जा रही थी।

● शव से जुड़ी जानकारी के लिए अस्पताल ने नंबर जारी किए
अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल ने शवों को जानकारी के लिए नंबर जारी किए हैं। इसमें कहा गया है कि केवल इन नंबरों अधिकृत व्यक्ति के किए कॉल पर ही ध्यान दें। यह कॉल DNA मैच और शव के आने की सूचना देगा। 9429915911,

9429916096, 9429916118, 9429916378, 9429916608, 9429916622, 9429916682, 9429916758, 9429916771, 9429916875।

● मृतकों में गुजरात के 18 जिलों के लोग शामिल: गुजरात के स्टेट इमरजेंसी कर्मिश्नर आलोक पांडे ने कहा-अहमदाबाद प्लेन हादसे में मरने वालों में राज्य के 18 जिलों के लोग हैं। हमने पीड़ित परिवारों से संपर्क किया है। इसके लिए 230 टीमें बनाई हैं। रविवार को शवों को उनके परिजनों को सौंपना शुरू किया है।

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Death toll goes up to 274

MPOST BUREAU

AHMEDABAD/ NEW DELHI: The death toll in the London-bound Air India Dreamliner crash in Ahmedabad rose to 274 on Saturday.

Stepping up the efforts to examine the causes that may have led to the disaster, the Centre set up a high-level multi-disciplinary panel headed by the Union Home Secretary to examine the causes that led to the disaster.

As investigators pore over wreckage at the BJ Medical College hostel and canteen complex for clues after the crash of the Air India flight 171, operated by Boeing 787-8 aircraft on Thursday, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said aviation regulator DGCA has ordered "extended surveillance" for the Tata-owned airline's Boeing 787 series planes.

Meanwhile, the pilots of the London-bound Air India flight which crashed 36 seconds after take-off from Ahmedabad - sent one last radio message to Air Traffic Control at 1.39 pm, the Civil Aviation Ministry said Saturday. *Continued on P4*



Wreckage of the crashed Air India plane being lifted through a crane PTI

KEY POINTS

- » There was no word yet on recovery of another Black box — the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR)
- » DNA of 11 plane crash victims matched with family members so far, says official

- » Air India also announced it will provide an interim payment of Rs 25 lakh to the families of the deceased and survivors of the Ahmedabad plane crash
- » 'This interim payment is in addition to the Rs 1 crore compensation already announced'

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The Ministry said the pilots made the distress call after the plane failed to rise above 650 feet. But the ATC's responses got no reply; the plane had crashed by then.

"Mayday, Mayday..." were the final words of Captain Sumeet Sabharwal and his crew before the heavily-fuelled Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed into a college students' hostel in a residential area near the airport, exploding into a fireball that killed all but one of the 242 people on board.

Overall 274 deaths have been confirmed, including those on the ground, in India's worst aviation disaster in nearly 15 years; that was in May 2010 when an Air India Boeing 737 flight from Dubai overshot the runway at Mangaluru airport and crashed into a gorge, killing 158 people on board.

"The plane took off at 1.39 pm and, within a few seconds, after reaching a height of about 650 feet, it started sinking, i.e., it started losing height. The pilot informed Ahmedabad ATC that it was a 'mayday', i.e., a full emergency. When ATC tried to contact, it did not receive a response."

"After exactly a minute the plane crashed in Medhaninagar, which is two kilometres from the airport," he said.



Meanwhile, in the wake of speculation about the readiness of the plane and possible mechanical, electronic, or technical issues, the Aviation Ministry said the same plane had completed the Paris-Delhi-Ahmedabad sector "without any accident".

As investigators looked into all possible causes for the crash, including loss of thrust in both engines of the 11-year-old aircraft, multiple bird strikes, or a potential flap issue, Naidu told reporters in Delhi that decoding of the Black box is going to give "in-depth insight" into what happened moments before the tragedy.

The Digital Flight Data Recorder (DFDR), commonly known as the Black box, was recovered from the "rooftop" of the hostel building at the crash site on Friday.

There was no word yet on recovery of another Black box -- the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR). This instrument records radio transmissions and other sounds in the cockpit, such as conversations between the pilots and engine noises.

Naidu said India has very strict aviation safety standards and robust protocols, and everything will be done to further improve safety. The central panel headed by the Union home secretary will also suggest comprehensive guidelines to prevent incidents like the Ahmedabad crash in the future. It will have its first meeting on Monday. The panel will publish its report in three months, a statement by the Civil Aviation ministry said.

The panel will ascertain the root cause of the crash and

assess the contributing factors, including mechanical failure, human error, weather conditions, regulatory compliances and other reasons, it said.

The ministry said the committee will not be a substitute to other enquiries being conducted by relevant organisations. The panel has the civil aviation secretary and the additional secretary in the home ministry as members, according to an order dated June 13.

Representatives from Gujarat home department, Gujarat disaster response authority, Ahmedabad police commissioner, Indian Air Force's director general of inspection and safety, director generals of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are part of the committee. Other members include special director of the Intelligence Bureau and director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

The panel will have access to all records, including, among others, flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance records, ATC (Air Traffic Control) log and witness testimonies. The committee will also collaborate with international agencies if foreign nationals or aircraft manufac-

turers are involved.

Meanwhile, authorities of the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital have so far identified eleven victims through DNA testing and started the process to hand over the bodies to their relatives, officials said.

Earlier, eight victims, who were identified by their relatives and did not need DNA profiling as their bodies were not damaged, had been handed over to their families by the hospital, they said.

Apart from central and state government agencies, a team of the National Security Guard (NSG) has also been deployed at the crash site.

Air India also announced it will provide an interim payment of Rs 25 lakh to the families of the deceased and survivors of the Ahmedabad plane crash.

This interim payment is in addition to the Rs 1 crore compensation already announced by the parent company, Tata Sons, Air India said in a statement.

"Air India stands in solidarity with the families of the passengers who tragically lost their lives in the recent accident," the airline said. The carrier said its teams on the ground are doing everything possible to extend care and support during this incredibly difficult time.



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Air India, AI Express to do away with flight number '171'

NEW DELHI: Air India and Air India Express will do away with flight number '171' after the fatal crash of the Air India plane that killed 241 people onboard on Thursday, according to sources. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft that went down soon after take-off was operating the flight 'AI 171' from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick.

Sources on Saturday said it is a general practice that airlines stop using particular flight numbers after fatal flight accidents. From June 17 onwards, the flight number

of Ahmedabad-London Gatwick will be 'AI 159' instead of 'AI 171'. The required changes to the booking system were made on Friday, one of the sources said. Another source said that Air India Express has also decided to do away with its flight number 'IX 171'.

The discontinuation of the flight number '171' is also a mark of respect for the departed souls, they added.

In 2020, Air India Express also discontinued using the flight number of the aircraft that crashed in Kozhikode, killing 21 people onboard. **PI**

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Spicejet PAT jumps to ₹325 cr in Q4 FY25

MUMBAI: Budget carrier Spicejet on Saturday said its standalone profit after tax surged nearly three-fold to Rs 324.87 crore in the March 2025 quarter.

The Gurugram-based airline had posted a PAT of Rs 119 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24, according to a regulatory filing. However, the revenue from operations for the reporting quarter declined 16



per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,446.37 crore from Rs 1,719.3 crore in Q4 FY24, SpiceJet said in the filing.

For the 2024-25 fiscal,

SpiceJet posted a standalone PAT of Rs 58 crore against a loss of Rs 409.43 crore in the year-ago period. The revenue from operations fell 25 per cent to Rs 5,284 crore in FY25 from Rs 7,050 crore a year ago, as per the exchange filing.

The airline, in a statement, said it posted its highest-ever quarterly profit of Rs 319 crore for Q4 FY25, marking its second consecutive prof-

itable quarter, and a full-year net profit of Rs 48 crore, the first in seven years, underscoring the success of its financial and operational turnaround strategy. The promoter group completed an equity infusion of Rs 500 crore, including the final tranche of Rs 294.09 crore in Q4 FY25, underscoring its strong confidence in the company's long-term vision and potential, it added. #11

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RIGHT-SIDE ENGINE OVERHAULED IN MAR

Officials: Crashed AI plane's comprehensive check was due in Dec

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Air India's ill-fated Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner that crashed soon after take off from Ahmedabad airport on June 12 underwent comprehensive maintenance checks in June 2025 and was due for the next scheduled comprehensive checks in December this year, according to airline officials.

The plane enroute to London Gatwick crashed into the residential quarters of BJ Medical College in Ahmedabad. Apart from 241 people onboard the plane, many others on the ground also died.

Officials said on Saturday that the aircraft VT-ANB underwent C checks or comprehensive checks in June 2025 and the next such scheduled checks were to happen in December this year.

The C checks were done by AIESL (AI Engineering Services Ltd).

The right side engine of the nearly 12-year-old aircraft was overhauled and installed in March 2025, while an inspection of the left side engine was done as per the engine manufacturer's protocol in April 2025, the officials said.

The aircraft was powered by GE9x engines, manufactured by GE Aerospace.

The officials also claimed that there were no issues with the engines or the aircraft.

There was no official statement from Air India.

Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday ordered enhanced safety checks of Air India's Boeing 787-8/9 planes.

Air India, on Saturday, said the one-time safety checks of



Wreckage of the crashed Air India plane being lifted through a crane, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Saturday. The London-bound Air India flight, a Boeing 787 Dreamliner (AI 171) with 242 people on board, crashed into a medical hostel and its canteen complex in the Meghrajnagar area on Thursday afternoon. (I)

Highlights

- ▶ The plane enroute to London Gatwick crashed into the residential quarters of BJ Medical College in Ahmedabad
- ▶ Apart from 241 people onboard the plane, many others on the ground also died
- ▶ The officials also claimed that there were no issues with the engines or the aircraft

the aircraft are on track and the checks have been completed for nine planes.

The airline has 26 legacy Boeing 787-8s and seven Boeing 787-9s in its fleet.

On Friday, GE Aerospace said it supports the action being taken by the Director-

ate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for enhanced safety inspections of the Air India 787-8/9 fleet.

"We continue to work closely with the appropriate regulatory and investigative agencies, and we are committed to providing all technical support necessary to understand the cause of this accident," a GE Aerospace spokesperson had said in a statement.

Meanwhile, former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel on Friday said after three-and-a-half years of the takeover of Air India by the Tata, the management needs to fine-tune various aspects of running a world-class airline, including maintenance.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is probing the crash and a high-level multi-disciplinary committee has also been set up to examine the causes for the accident.

विमान क्रैश से जुड़ी सभी पहलू की हर ऐंगल से करेंगे जांच: विमानन मंत्री

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■ नई दिल्ली: केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने शनिवार को कहा कि देश में बहुत सख्त एयर सेफ्टी स्टैंडर्ड और मजबूत प्रोटोकॉल हैं, लेकिन फिर भी सुरक्षा को और बेहतर बनाने के लिए हर संभव प्रयास किया जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि प्लेन क्रैश मामले से जुड़ी जितनी भी थ्योरी चल रही है, उन सभी को ध्यान में रखते हुए जांच की जाएगी।

उन्होंने कहा कि गुजरात सरकार के साथ काम करते हुए घटनास्थल पर मिले शवों को उनके परिजनों को सौंपने के लिए डीएनए जांच होते ही दिए जा रहे हैं। जैसे तो हमारे देश में बहुत कड़े सुरक्षा मानक हैं लेकिन इसके बाद भी जब यह घटना हुई है तो हमने यह भी महसूस किया कि बोइंग-787 सीरीज वाले सभी एयरक्राफ्ट की डिटेल्ड जांच होनी चाहिए। इसलिए डीजीसीए के माध्यम से हमने 787 विमानों के लिए विस्तारित निगरानी करने का भी आदेश दिया।

उन्होंने कहा कि विमानन सुरक्षा में सुधार के लिए जो भी आवश्यक कदम होंगे, वे उठाए जाएंगे। मामले में पहले दिन से ही एएआईबी ने जांच शुरू कर दी। ब्यूरो का कहना है कि ब्लैक बॉक्स



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सभी ड्रीमलाइनर की जांच चल रही

एयर इंडिया ने बताया है कि DGCA के आदेशानुसार वह अपने बेड़े के सभी 33 ड्रीमलाइनर की जांच करने में लग गया है। जांच बोइंग-787 बेड़े के विमानों की भारत लौटने के बाद की जा रही है। इसके बाद ही उन्हें अगली उड़ानों के संचालन के लिए मंजूरी दी जाएगी। एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि

नौ बोइंग-787 ड्रीमलाइनर की जांच पूरी कर ली गई है। बाकी बचे 24 ड्रीमलाइनर की

बोइंग-787 बेड़े के विमानों की भारत लौटने के बाद जांच की जा रही है।

जांच भी तय समय सीमा में कर ली जाएगी। जांच की वजह से लंबी दूरी वाले कुछ रूटों पर देरी हो सकती है। केंद्रीय गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में जो हाई लेवल कमिटी बनाई गई है, इसमें नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा, केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय के एडिशनल सेक्रेटरी, गुजरात सरकार के होम और स्टेट डिजास्टर अथॉरिटी के अधिकारी आदि शामिल किए गए हैं।

देश में बहुत सख्त एयर सेफ्टी स्टैंडर्ड और मजबूत प्रोटोकॉल हैं, लेकिन फिर भी सुरक्षा को और बेहतर बनाने के लिए प्रयास किया जाएगा। - राममोहन नायडू, मंत्री

की डिक्लीयरिंग से ही हादसे की असल सच्चाई का पता लग सकेगा। पता लग सकेगा कि असल में हादसे के दौरान और हादसे से ठीक पहले हुआ क्या था। मामले में नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा ने कहा कि एयर इंडिया हादसे की जांच सुचारू रूप से चल रही है। विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (AAIB) इस हादसे की जांच कर रहा है।



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विसलब्लोअर के वकीलों की मांग, FAA तुरंत जारी करे बोइंग रिपोर्ट

■ NBT रिपोर्ट

बोइंग कंपनी के वरिष्ठ इंजिनियर और विसलब्लोअर सेम सालेहपुर के वकीलों ने अमेरिका की फेडरल एविएशन एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन (FAA) से मांग की है कि वह बोइंग 787 विमानों में कथित निर्माण खामियों पर अपनी जांच रिपोर्ट तुरंत सार्वजनिक करे। यह मांग एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट AI-171 की अहमदाबाद में 12 जून को हुई दुर्घटना के बाद की गई है।

TOI की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, सालेहपुर ने 2024 की शुरुआत में आरोप लगाया था कि बोइंग के 787 और 777 विमानों के निर्माण में गंभीर खामियां हैं, जो विमानों की संरचनात्मक मजबूती और सुरक्षा को प्रभावित कर सकती हैं। उन्होंने यह भी दावा किया था कि उत्पादन प्रक्रिया के दौरान कई शॉर्टकट लिए गए, जिससे विमान के

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विमानों में गंभीर
निर्माण दोष
का आरोप**

जोड़ों पर अतिरिक्त दबाव पड़ा और उनमें डिजिटिंग के मलबे फंस गए। उन्होंने बताया कि इस मुद्दे को उठाने पर उन्हें धमकियां मिलीं और महत्वपूर्ण बैठकों से बाहर रखा गया।

FAA ने मार्च 2024 में इस पर जांच शुरू की थी और दिसंबर में वकीलों को बताया गया था कि जांच पूरी हो चुकी है

और सालेहपुर की कई चिंताएं सही पाई गई हैं। रिपोर्ट शीघ्र जारी करने का वादा किया गया था, लेकिन छह महीने बाद भी यह रिपोर्ट सार्वजनिक नहीं हुई।

सालेहपुर के वकीलों ने FAA को भेजे पत्र में लिखा, "जब तक यह रिपोर्ट सामने नहीं आती, तब तक बोइंग की निर्माण प्रक्रिया से जुड़े जोखिमों को सही तरह नहीं समझा जा सकता।"



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अगला मेंटिनेंस दिसंबर में तय था: अधिकारी

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली

अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट से उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद ही क्रैश हुए एयर इंडिया के बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान की पिछली व्यापक जांच जून 2023 में की गई थी। अगली C-चेक यानी कॉम्प्रिहेंसिव मेंटिनेंस दिसंबर 2025 में होनी थी। यह जानकारी एयरलाइन अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को दी। एयर इंडिया इंजीनियरिंग सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (AIESL) ने विमान का पिछला C-चेक किया था।

करीब 12 साल पुराने इस विमान के दाहिने इंजन को मार्च 2025 में ओवरहॉल कर फिर से लगाया गया था, जबकि बाएं इंजन की जांच अप्रैल 2025 में इंजन निर्माता के प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार की गई थी। यह विमान GE एयरोस्पेस के GENx इंजन से लैस था। अधिकारियों ने दावा किया कि दुर्घटना से पहले विमान या उसके इंजनों में कोई तकनीकी गड़बड़ी नहीं



दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान के मलबे को क्रेन की मदद से हटाते राहतकर्मी।

पाई गई थी। हालांकि, एयर इंडिया की ओर से इस पर कोई अधिकारिक बयान नहीं आया। वहीं, दुर्घटना के बाद एयर इंडिया और एयर इंडिया (एआई) एक्सप्रेस उड़ान संख्या '171' का इस्तेमाल नहीं करेंगी। 17 जून से अहमदाबाद-लंदन गैटविक की उड़ान संख्या 'AI 171' के बजाय 'AI 159' होगी।

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स्पाइसजैट का लाभ मार्च तिमाही में 3 गुना होकर 325 करोड़ रुपए हुआ

बुई (एजेंसी): किफायती एयरलाइंस स्पाइसजैट ने कहा कि बीते वित्त वर्ष की मार्च 2025 तिमाही में उसका कर पश्चात एकल मुनाफा लगभग तीन गुना होकर 324.87 करोड़ रुपए पर पहुंच गया। स्पाइसजैट ने बताया कि समीक्षाधीन तिमाही में परिचालन राजस्व सालाना आधार पर 16 प्रतिशत घटकर 1,446.37 करोड़ रुपए रह गया, जो 2023-24 की चौथी तिमाही में 1,719.3 करोड़ रुपए था।

वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में स्पाइसजैट का घाटा सालाना आधार पर 409 करोड़ से बढ़कर 580.74 करोड़ रुपए हो गया। इस अवधि में परिचालन राजस्व 25 प्रतिशत घटकर 5,284 करोड़ रुपए रह गया।

पांच सेकंड का आपात संदेश, फिर सब खत्म

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एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट 171 के मेघानीनगर में एक मेडिकल कॉलेज के आवासीय क्वार्टर में गिरने से कुछ ही क्षण पहले, जिसमें 270 लोग (जहाज पर और जमीन पर) मारे गए, वरिष्ठ पायलट कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल ने दोपहर 1.39 बजे अहमदाबाद एयर ट्रांफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को एक संक्षिप्त संकट कॉल भेजा। केवल पांच सेकंड तक चलने वाले इस संदेश में कॉकपिट में चल रहे आतंक को कैद किया गया है। ऑडियो में पायलट को यह कहते हुए सुना जा सकता है- मेडे...मेडे...मेडे...शक्ति नहीं...जोर नहीं...नीचे जा रहा है... मेडे रेडियो संचार में इस्तेमाल की जाने वाली एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मान्यता प्राप्त संकट कॉल है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने शनिवार को विस्तृत जानकारी दी कि गुरुवार दोपहर को यह घटना कैसे हुई।



नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू, नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले और नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा के साथ शनिवार को प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस को संबोधित करते हुए

एक प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में, उड्डयन मंत्रालय के सचिव समीर कुमार सिन्हा ने शनिवार को कहा कि अधिकारियों को दोपहर 2 बजे के आसपास दुर्घटना की सूचना दी गई, जो विमान के दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने के लगभग 20 मिनट बाद की बात है। सिन्हा ने कहा, हमें सूचना मिली कि अहमदाबाद से लंदन के गैटविक जा रहा विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया है। हमें अहमदाबाद एटीसी के माध्यम से तुरंत इस बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी मिली। विमान में कुल 242 लोग सवार थे, जिनमें 230 यात्री, 10 चालक दल के सदस्य और दो पायलट शामिल थे। विमान ने दोपहर 1.39 बजे उड़ान भरी और कुछ ही सेकंड के भीतर, लगभग 650 फीट की ऊंचाई पर पहुंचने के बाद, यह डूबने लगा, यानी इसकी ऊंचाई कम होने लगी। पायलट ने अहमदाबाद एटीसी को सूचित किया कि यह मेडे है, यानी पूरी तरह से आपातकाल। जब एटीसी ने पायलट के आपातकालीन मेडे कॉल

का जवाब दिया, तो कोई प्रतिक्रिया नहीं मिली, सिन्हा ने कहा। ठीक एक मिनट बाद, विमान मेघानीनगर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया, जो हवाई अड्डे से दो किलोमीटर दूर है। कैप्टन सुमित सभरवाल और फर्स्ट ऑफिसर क्लाइव सुंदर थे। सिन्हा ने कहा कि शुरुआती जांच से पता चला है कि विमान उड़ान भरने के बाद 650 फीट की ऊंचाई पर पहुंच गया था, जिसके बाद यह तेजी से नीचे उतरने लगा और अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे से 2 किमी दूर मेघानी नगर में जमीन से टकराया। सिन्हा ने कहा कि अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ान संचालन दोपहर 2.30 बजे निलंबित कर दिया गया और सभी आपातकालीन प्रोटोकॉल पूरे होने के बाद शाम 5 बजे आंशिक रूप से फिर से शुरू किया गया। सिन्हा ने आगे बताया कि दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान का फ्लाइट डेटा रिकॉर्डर मिल गया है। दुर्घटना में केवल एक यात्री, भारतीय मूल का ब्रिटिश नागरिक बच गया।



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भाषा। कोलकाता

पूर्व वायुसेना अध्यक्ष एयर चीफ मार्शल अरूप राहा (सेवानिवृत्त) ने शनिवार को दावा किया कि 12 जून को अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे के निकट दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए एअर इंडिया के विमान के इंजन में निश्चित रूप से महत्वपूर्ण चरण में ऊर्जा बाधित हो गई थी और उसे ठीक करने का कोई समय नहीं था।

उन्होंने कहा कि दुर्घटना के पीछे कई अन्य कारण भी हो सकते हैं, जैसे ईंधन में मिलावट, तथा सॉफ्टवेयर और नियंत्रण प्रणालियों में गड़बड़ी राहा ने कुछ लोगों द्वारा जताई गई तोड़फोड़ की आशंका को खारिज करते हुए कहा कि सभी तरह की अटकलों से बचना चाहिए और नागरिक विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) द्वारा जांच पूरी होने तक इंतजार किया जाना चाहिए। अहमदाबाद से लंदन के गैटविक जा रही एअर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई171 बुधवार को सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही देर बाद एक मेडिकल कॉलेज परिसर की इमारतों से टकरा गया, जिससे विमान में सवार 242 लोगों में से 241 लोगों की मौत हो

गई, तथा जमीन पर भी कई अन्य लोग मारे गए। पूर्व वायुसेना प्रमुख ने रक्षा क्षेत्र में एमएसएमई की भूमिका पर आईसीसी के एक कार्यक्रम से इतर संवाददाताओं से कहा, यह बहुत दुखद और हृदय विदारक है। इतने सारे लोग एक साथ मारे गए। अभी यह कहना बहुत मुश्किल है कि क्या गलत हुआ है। उन्होंने कहा, निश्चित रूप से ऊर्जा में कमी आई और एक महत्वपूर्ण चरण में... आप जमीन से हवा में उड़ रहे हैं, आपकी ऊंचाई कम है। संभलने का कोई समय नहीं था। और इंजन की शक्ति में कमी के परिणामस्वरूप विमान रक जाएगा... (विमान) फिर बहुत तेजी से नीचे गिरेगा और दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो जाएगा। और यही हुआ था।

वायुसेना के पूर्व अधिकारी ने कहा कि बोइंग 787-8 डीमलाइनर के इंजन धकेलते हैं और एक साथ दोनों इंजनों की ऊर्जा बाधित होना बहुत दुर्लभ है - शायद एक अरब मामलों में एक राहा ने कहा कि यह कहना कठिन है कि कहां गलती हुई। उन्होंने अन्य संभावनाओं के बारे में भी बात की राहा ने कहा, सॉफ्टवेयर में कोई समस्या हो सकती है, नियंत्रण (प्रणाली) में कुछ समस्या हो

सकती है, ईंधन में संदूषण हो सकता है... लेकिन मैं तोड़फोड़ की बात पर विश्वास नहीं करता। ऊर्जा आपूर्ति बंद हो जाना किसी गड़बड़ी का संकेत है। उन्होंने कहा, जब तक डीजीसीए और सरकार की अन्य एजेंसियां जांच पूरी नहीं कर लेतीं, हमें कोई बेबुनियाद दावा नहीं करना चाहिए। राहा ने जमीन पर काम करने वाले कर्मियों की भूमिका के बारे में पूछे जाने पर कहा कि उन्हें विमान द्वारा उठाए गए वजन का प्रमाण पत्र देना होता है। राहा ने कहा, जमीन पर मौजूद इन सूचनाओं के आधार पर पायलट उड़ान भरता है। आप निर्धारित आंकड़ों में कई किलोग्राम नहीं जोड़ सकते। लेकिन जैसा कि मैंने कहा कि जांच से कारण और कारक सामने आएंगे। वायुसेना के पूर्व अधिकारी ने कहा कि उन्हें नहीं लगता कि बोइंग 787-8 विमान के दुर्घटनाग्रस्त होने का कारण पक्षी का टकराना हो सकता है। राहा ने कहा, उनकी अपनी ही कंपनी के व्हिसलब्लोअर द्वारा शिकायतों की गई थीं। मुझे लगता है कि उनकी जांच होनी चाहिए। इससे पहले आईसीसी कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए उन्होंने विमान इंजन का निर्माण देश में ही करने की वकालत की।

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मुंबई से सीधी उड़ान न मिलने पर अहमदाबाद के रास्ते ब्रिटेन जाने का फैसला परिवार पर पड़ा भारी

मुंबई। (भाषा) लंदन के एक होटल में प्रबंधक के रूप में काम करने वाले जावेद अली सैयद अपने परिवार के तीन सदस्यों के साथ अपनी बीमार मां से मिलने भारत आए थे लेकिन मुंबई से सीधी उड़ान न मिलने के बाद उन्होंने अहमदाबाद के रास्ते लंदन जाने का फैसला किया और यह उनकी अंतिम यात्रा साबित हुई। मुंबई के मलाड ईस्ट से ताल्लुक रखने वाले ब्रिटिश नागरिक जावेद अली, अपनी पत्नी मरियम (35) और दो बच्चों जैन (छह) व अमानी (चार) के साथ एअर इंडिया के उस विमान में सवार थे, जो बृहस्पतिवार दोपहर उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद अहमदाबाद में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया। बीमार मां को देखने के लिए जावेद अपने परिवार के साथ पिछले सप्ताह भारत आए थे जावेद को मां को दिल की बीमारी है और उनका उपचार यहां जारी है जावेद 11 वर्ष पहले ब्रिटेन गए थे, जहां उनकी मुलाकात मरियम से हुई और उन्होंने उनसे शादी कर ली उन्होंने बाद में ब्रिटिश नागरिकता हासिल कर ली और लंदन के कैसिंग्टन में बस गए मरियम लंदन के मशहूर लग्जरी डिपार्टमेंट स्टोर हैरोल्ड्स में ब्रांड एंबेसडर के तौर पर काम करती थीं, जबकि जावेद बेस्ट वेस्टर्न कैसिंग्टन ओलंपिया होटल का प्रबंधन करते हैं। जावेद के चचेरे भाई सऊद मेमन ने बताया, वे (जावेद का परिवार) लंदन में खुशहाल जिंदगी जी रहे थे। जावेद के छोटे भाई इम्तियाज अली ने बताया, वे अपनी मां का इलाज कराने और परिवार के साथ ईद-उल-अजहा मनाने के लिए यहां आए थे। चूंकि उन्हें मुंबई से कोई सीधी उड़ान नहीं मिल पाई, इसलिए वे वापस लंदन जाने के लिए अहमदाबाद चले गए। विमान दुर्घटना के बाद, इम्तियाज और उनके चाचा शर्वा की पहचान करने में अधिकारियों को मदद करने के लिए डीएनए नमूने लेकर अहमदाबाद गए हैं।

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दुर्घटनाग्रस्त विमान की समग्र जांच दिसंबर में होनी थी, मार्च में इंजन की हुई थी मरम्मत

नई दिल्ली। (भाषा) अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद 12 जून को दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान की जून 2023 में समग्र रखरखाव जांच हुई थी और इस साल दिसंबर में उसकी फिर से समग्र जांच निर्धारित थी। लंदन गैटविक जा रहा विमान बृहस्पतिवार को अहमदाबाद के बी जे मेडिकल कॉलेज के आवासीय क्वार्टर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था। विमान में सवार 241 लोगों के अलावा जमीन पर मौजूद कई अन्य लोगों की भी मौत हो गई। अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को कहा कि विमान वीटी-एएनबी को जून 2023 में सी (कार्मप्रिहेंसिव) यानी व्यापक जांच हुई थी और अगली ऐसी जांच इस साल दिसंबर में निर्धारित थी। सी जांच एआईईएसएल (एआई इंजीनियरिंग सर्विसेज लिमिटेड) द्वारा की गई थी। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि लगभग 12 साल पुराने

विमान के दाहिने हिस्से के इंजन की मरम्मत कर उसे मार्च 2025 में लगाया गया था, जबकि बाएं हिस्से के इंजन का निरीक्षण इंजन निर्माता के प्रोटोकॉल के अनुसार अप्रैल 2025 में किया गया था। विमान जीई एयरोस्पेस द्वारा निर्मित जीईएनएक्स इंजन द्वारा संचालित था। विमान जीई एयरोस्पेस द्वारा निर्मित जीईएनएक्स इंजन द्वारा संचालित था। अधिकारियों ने यह भी दावा किया कि इंजन या विमान में कोई समस्या नहीं थी इस संबंध में एअर इंडिया की ओर से कोई आधिकारिक बयान नहीं आया। विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने शुक्रवार को एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 787-819 विमानों की सुरक्षा जांच बढ़ाने का आदेश दिया। एअर इंडिया ने शनिवार को कहा कि विमानों की एक बार की सुरक्षा जांच सही दिशा में की जा रही है और नौ विमानों की जांच पूरी हो चुकी है।

Black box to reveal truth behind Air India 171 tragedy

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on Saturday announced the constitution of a high level, multi-disciplinary committee headed by the Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan to ensure disasters like the Air India crash on June 12 do not happen in the future. The Committee will formulate SOPs for preventing such mishaps as well as the manner of handling them in the events of their occurrence. The Ministry has given them a three-month deadline to complete the task. "The Committee will not be a substitute to other inquiries being conducted by relevant organisations but will focus on formulating SOPs for preventing and handling such occur-

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— RAM MOHAN NAIDU, UNION CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

rences in future," it said.

Union Civil Aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said on Saturday afternoon that the Government will look into every possible angle and each piece of information in its quest to find the truth behind the Air India crash on June 12. Naidu, in his first briefing after the Air India flight crash in Ahmedabad on Thursday, said that the black box data from the

ill-fated aircraft is being decoded, while multiple agencies and high-level panels are conducting an extensive probe into the incident. The black box data is expected to provide crucial information about the cause of the crash.

The minister said that the Government had set up an additional committee besides the one by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) as well as international investigations to look into all aspects related to it. Before the press conference, a one-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the victims of the Air India plane crash.

"Decoding of the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash," Naidu said. The black box of Air

India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane that crashed on Thursday was recovered from the site on Friday evening.

"The Ministry is taking the utmost seriousness to the incident. The AAIB was immediately mobilised. The DG AAIB immediately rushed to the site to take stock of the situation. One update from the technical investigation team which is happening through AAIB is the recovery of the black box from the accident site at around 5 pm yesterday," the minister said.

He added, "the AAIB team believes that this decoding of the black box is going to give a, in depth insight into what would have actually happened during the process of the crash or moments before the crash itself. We are also eagerly waiting for what the results or the

AI TO DO AWAY WITH FLIGHT NUMBER 171

New Delhi: Air India and Air India Express will do away with flight number 171 after the fatal crash of the Air India plane that killed 241 people onboard on Thursday, according to sources.

The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft that went down soon after take-off was operating the flight AI 171 from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick. Sources on Saturday said it is a general practice that airlines stop using particular flight numbers after fatal flight accidents.

From June 17 onwards, the flight number of Ahmedabad-London Gatwick will be AI 159 instead of AI 171. The required changes to the booking system were made on Friday, one of the sources said.

Another source said that Air India Express has also decided to do away with its flight number IX 171.

The discontinuation of the flight number 171 is also a mark of respect for the departed souls, they added.

In 2020, Air India Express also discontinued using the flight number of the aircraft that crashed in Kozhikode, killing 21 people onboard.

report is going to be once the AAIB goes through its full investigation".

"We have very strict safety standards in the country... and very strict protocols we follow

every time. Now after this incident, we felt we should do an extended surveillance of the 34 Dreamliners in operation in the country," he said.

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Continued from >> P1 The minister added that eight of these have already been inspected following the directive issued Friday by aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for enhanced safety inspection of the aircraft type.

He, however, did not elaborate on the checks.

The minister said he expected the Government committee to submit its findings within the few months and that "once the report comes, we will ensure, without hesitation, we are going to improve every necessary thing that comes our way. We are going to conduct the investigation with seriousness. Every information and every theory will be analysed," he said.

The order issued by the Ministry in the wee hours said the Committee will include representatives who are at the rank of Joint Secretary level in the State and Central Governments. Members of the panel include the Union Home

Secretary, secretary or joint secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, secretary of civil aviation, representatives from Gujarat's home department, the State disaster response authority, Ahmedabad's police commissioner, the DG of Inspection and Safety at the Indian Air Force, DGs of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, a special director from the Intelligence Bureau, and the director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services. The committee may also rope in additional members as needed, including aviation experts, legal advisors, and accident investigators.

The Committee will have access to all records, including flight data, cockpit voice recorders, aircraft maintenance, ATC log and witness testimonies. It will conduct spot inspections, interview the crew, Air traffic Control and relevant personnel. It will coordinate with international agencies if

foreign nationals or aircraft manufacturers are involved.

The Committee would analyse the root cause of the crash. "It will assess contributing factors including mechanical failure, human error, weather conditions, regulatory compliances and other reasons," the order said.

It will recommend necessary improvements and formulate SOPs to prevent such incidents in the future. The SOP will include best international practices on preventing and handling such incidents.

"It will assess emergency response from various stakeholders, both State and Central Governments, including rescue operations and coordination among them. The Committee will examine past aircraft incidents and draw a comprehensive SOP on the role to be played by all agencies and organisations in a post-crash incident handling and management," the order read.

The AAIB is investigating the

crash, while the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) would also be involved in the detailed probe, given that the aircraft is manufactured by an American company-Boeing and was manufactured in the US. A UK AAIB team is also going to help with the investigation, and so are Boeing and other major component manufacturers like GE (engine manufacturer). According to aircraft accident investigation protocol, the probe report should be finalised within a year.

Naidu also said the Government had requested Air India to assist the families of passengers and "whatever else (that) may be required." He also said that DNA testing was also progressing fast, so that the bodies of passengers can be returned to their loved ones at the earliest.

"We are hoping the process is complete as soon as possible, but (at the same time) we have to ensure there are no lapses in the protocol to be followed."

विमान हादसे की जांच को लेकर कमेटी गठित

तीन महीने में जांच रिपोर्ट सौंपेगी समिति

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सरकार ने शनिवार को कहा कि अहमदाबाद विमान दुर्घटना के कारणों की जांच के लिए एक उच्च स्तरीय समिति गठित की गई है और जांच सुचारू रूप से आगे बढ़ रही है। बृहस्पतिवार को दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान का 'ब्लैक बॉक्स' शुक्रवार शाम को घटनास्थल से बरामद किया गया। गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में एक उच्च स्तरीय बहु-विषयक समिति सोमवार को एक बैठक करेगी और उम्मीद है कि समिति तीन महीने में अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेगी।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा, "ब्लैक बॉक्स की डिकोडिंग से, विमान दुर्घटना से कुछ क्षण पहले क्या हुआ था, इसकी पूरी जानकारी मिल सकेगी।"

मंत्री ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि इस घटना को न केवल तकनीकी जांच के रूप में देखा जाना चाहिए, बल्कि इसे मानवीय प्राथमिकता के रूप में भी देखा जाना चाहिए तथा शोक संतप्त परिवारों को हर संभव सहायता प्रदान की जानी चाहिए। मंत्री ने कहा कि देश में विमानन सुरक्षा के बहुत सख्त मानक और मजबूत प्रोटोकॉल हैं तथा सुरक्षा



घटनास्थल पर मलबा उठाने का काम शनिवार को शुरू हो गया। (छाया : प्रेस)

270 शव अस्पताल पहुंचाए गए

एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के बाद अब तक कुल 270 शव अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल में लाए गए हैं। अस्पताल के चिकित्सकों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। अधिकारियों ने पहले मरने वालों की संख्या 265 बताई थी। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि पिछले 24 घंटे में, शहर की दमकल टीम ने विमान दुर्घटनास्थल से एक शव और शरीर के कुछ अंग बरामद किए हैं। बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज के जूनियर डॉक्टर एस्तिरेशन के अध्यक्ष डॉ. घवल गमेती ने कहा, विमान दुर्घटनास्थल से अब तक लगभग 270 शव सिविल अस्पताल लाए गए हैं।

को और बेहतर बनाने के लिए हर संभव प्रयास किया जाएगा। मंत्री ने कहा, "विमान दुर्घटना के बारे में जो भी सिद्धांत हैं, उनका विश्लेषण किया जाएगा।"

नागर विमानन सचिव समीर कुमार

सिन्हा ने कहा कि एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना की जांच सुचारू रूप से जारी है। विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) दुर्घटना की जांच कर रहा है। (पृष्ठ-3 भी देखें)



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सख्ती शुरू डीजीसीए ने जारी किए आदेश

एयर इंडिया के 33 ड्रीमलाइनर विमानों की होगी जांच, तब ही भर सकेंगे उड़ान

नवनीत मिश्र@नई दिल्ली.
अहमदाबाद हादसे के बाद डीजीसीए ने एयर इंडिया को बेड़े में शामिल बोइंग के सभी विमानों की जांच के निर्देश दिए हैं। अब हर उड़ान से पहले विमान की सात पैरामीटर्स पर जांच होगी। एयर इंडिया अपने स्तर पर विमानों की जांच करेगा ही साथ में डीजीसीए के क्षेत्रीय ऑफिस की निगरानी में भी

जांच करानी होगी। पिछले 15 दिन में दो या दो से अधिक बार दर्ज हुई एक जैसी समस्याओं की फिर से समीक्षा करने के निर्देश हैं। ये सभी रिपोर्ट्स डीजीसीए को सौंपी जाएंगी। यह आदेश 15 जून से लागू हो जाएगा। एयर इंडिया के पास इस समय 33 बोइंग ड्रीमलाइनर विमान हैं, जिसमें 26 बोइंग 787-8 और सात विमान 787-9 हैं।

उड़ान से पहले ये जांचें

1. केबिन एयर कंप्रेसर और इससे जुड़े सिस्टम की जांच।
2. इलेक्ट्रॉनिक इंजन कंट्रोल-सिस्टम टेस्ट
3. इंजन फ्यूएल एंड ऑपरेशनल टेस्ट
4. ऑयल सिस्टम चेक
5. हाइड्रोलिक सिस्टम की जांच
6. टेक ऑफ पैरामीटर्स की समीक्षा

विमान हादसा : अब तक मिले 270 शव

गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में उच्चस्तरीय समिति गठित

अहमदाबाद (भाषा)। एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के बाद अब तक कुल 270 शव अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल में लाए गए हैं। अस्पताल के चिकित्सकों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि अहमदाबाद अग्निशमन एवं आपातकालीन सेवा (एएफईएस) ने विमान दुर्घटना स्थल से पिछले 24 घंटों में एक शव और कुछ मानव शरीर के अंग बरामद किए हैं। अधिकारियों ने पहले मरने वालों की संख्या 265 बताई थी। केंद्र सरकार ने दुर्घटना के कारणों की जांच करने तथा भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए व्यापक दिशा-निर्देश सुझाने के लिए केंद्रीय गृह सचिव की अध्यक्षता में एक उच्च स्तरीय समिति गठित की है।

उधर, अहमदाबाद में एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना स्थल पर केंद्रीय और राज्य सरकार की एजेंसियों के अलावा, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा गारद (एनएसजी) की एक टीम को तैनात किया गया है। एनएसजी टीम राहत कार्यों में अन्य एजेंसियों की सहायता के लिए घटनास्थल पर है और उसके पास कोई जांच करने की शक्ति नहीं है।

अब एअर इंडिया, उड़ान संख्या '171' का इस्तेमाल नहीं करेगी

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। एयर इंडिया के विमान की बृहस्पतिवार को घातक दुर्घटना के बाद एयर इंडिया और एयर इंडिया

के बाद एयर इंडिया और एयर इंडिया (एआई) एक्सप्रेस उड़ान संख्या '171' का इस्तेमाल नहीं करेगी। उड़ान भरने के तुरंत बाद दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुआ बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान अहमदाबाद से लंदन गैटविक के लिए उड़ान संख्या 'एआई



■ समिति विमानों के संचालन के लिए बनाएगी एसओपी

बृहस्पतिवार दोपहर अहमदाबाद से 242 यात्रियों और चालक दल के सदस्यों को लेकर जा रहा बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलाइनर (एआई 171) विमान सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरने के कुछ ही क्षण बाद मेघाणी नगर में एक मेडिकल हॉस्टल और उसके कैटीन परिसर में दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था। बीजे मेडिकल कॉलेज के जूनियर डॉक्टर एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष डॉ. धवल गामेती ने कहा, "विमान दुर्घटनास्थल से अब तक

171' का संचालन कर रहा था। सूत्रों ने बताया कि यह एक आम चलन है कि घातक उड़ान दुर्घटनाओं के बाद

घातक उड़ान दुर्घटनाओं के बाद एयरलाइंस विशेष उड़ान संख्या का उपयोग करना बंद कर देती है। एक सूत्र ने बताया कि अब 17 जून से अहमदाबाद-लंदन गैटविक की उड़ान संख्या 'एआई 171' के बजाय 'एआई 159' होगी।

19 शवों के डीएनए का मिलान परिजनों से हुआ

गुजरात के मंत्री हर्ष सांघवी ने शनिवार को बताया कि अहमदाबाद सिविल अस्पताल के प्राधिकारियों ने 12 जून को हुई एयर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना के मृतकों में से 19 लोगों के शवों की डीएनए जांच के जरिए पहचान कर ली है। चूंकि कई शव इतनी बुरी तरह जल गए हैं या क्षत-विक्षत हो चुके हैं कि उनकी पहचान कर पाना मुश्किल है, इसलिए अधिकारी बृहस्पतिवार को हुई त्रासदी में मारे गए शवों की पहचान करने के लिए डीएनए जांच कर रहे हैं। गुजरात के गृह राज्य मंत्री सांघवी ने शनिवार देर शाम 'एक्स' पर लिखा, रात नौ बजे तक 19 डीएनए नमूनों का मिलान हो चुका है और शवों की पहचान की पुष्टि हो गई है।

और शवों की पहचान की पुष्टि हो गई है।

लगभग 270 शव सिविल अस्पताल लाए गए हैं। डीएनए नमूनों का मिलान करके शवों की शिनाख्त की प्रक्रिया अभी जारी है और प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के बाद शव रिश्तेदारों को सौंप दिए जाएंगे।

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● 9 killed, 32 injured as Air India flight to Gatwick slams into BJ hospital ● High-level probe panel to give report within 3 months

2 days on, med college tries to pick up pieces

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

A tragedy of unimaginable scale struck the heart of the medical fraternity when an Air India flight crashed into the mess building of BJ Medical College on Thursday, killing five doctors and four of their family members. More than 60 doctors and mess staff were inside when the aircraft tore through the structure, turning a normal lunch hour into a nightmare.

The MBBS students who died in the crash have been identified as Rakesh Deora, a second-year medical student, along with first-year students Jay-aprakash Chaudhary, Aryan Rajput, and Manav Bhadu. Dr Bhavesh Seta was also among the dead. A representative of the Junior Doctors' Medical Association told the media, "Four medical students lost their lives in the plane crash while around 50 to 60 boys were having lunch in the mess. The missing individuals are being identified through DNA sampling."

Among those who lost their lives was the pregnant wife of Dr Pradeep Solanki, a neurosurgeon. She had been resting in their hostel room when the debris fell. Dr Neelkanth, an onco-surgery student, lost mother, maternal uncle, and maternal aunt who had come to visit him.



The hostel mess of BJ Medical College that the Air India plane crashed into

For the survivors, the emotional toll is staggering. The next day, many doctors returned to salvage what little was left — items charred or buried under the debris.

But even amid loss, came another blow—evacuation. As the Air Accidents Investigation Bureau launched its probe, hostel buildings were marked unsafe and residents were asked to vacate. A video that soon went viral showed a doctor breaking down. "My daughter is admitted. Please show some humanity," he said, begging for just two or three more days.

Medical College Dean Dr Meenakshi Parekh clarified the evacuation was necessary for safety. "Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau has vacated all the hostels of Atulyam for investigation. The accommodation of the postgraduate students living in those hostels has been arranged..."

IMA seeks clarity on relief

Ahmedabad: The Tata Group announced a compensation of ₹1 crore for the families of each deceased passenger. The IMA has written to the TATA Sons Chairman, seeking clarity on whether similar assistance will be provided to the crash victims on the ground.

Kharge says it is 'no time to claim credit'...

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

CONGRESS national president Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC media head Pawan Khara and Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar on Saturday visited the site of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad.

Addressing the media on the occasion, Kharge emphasised, "Now that the black box has been recovered, we must wait for more details to emerge. Those found responsible must be held accountable. But let's not rush to blame anyone for the mishap. Also, this is not the time to take credit by visiting the site or meeting the injured." He further stressed the need for adequate compensation to the kin of the victims.

Taking a sharp swipe at the ruling party, Kharge said, "Such accidents must not be dismissed as just being normal. In times like these, the entire nation must come together. I urge my party workers and leaders to continue helping those in need." Kharge said he and his party colleagues had met the medical students injured in the accident and the lone survivor, Vishwaskumar Ramesh.

Meanwhile, AAP leader Atishi also visited the crash site and Ahmedabad Civil Hospital.

... meanwhile, minister says decoding black box data

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday said an extended surveillance of all Boeing 787s aircraft in the Indian aviation market was being carried out. Eight out of 34 such Boeing aircraft have already been inspected.

Briefing newsmen on the measures taken in the aftermath of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad on June 12, Naidu said, "From the DGCA, we have given orders on our behalf for extended surveillance. It will be done with immediate urgency."

A high-level multi-disciplinary panel, chaired by the home secretary, has been set up to investigate the causes of the

Ahmedabad plane crash. It will hold a meeting on Monday, and the committee is expected to submit its report in three months, Naidu said.

The black box of Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane that crashed was recovered from the site on Friday evening. "Decoding the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash," he said.

"Any theory going around the plane crash will be analysed," he added.

Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said, "The investigation is going on smoothly. The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is probing the crash."



STATE OF AI AFFAIRS: 'GOD SAVED ME'



Even during the landing, there was a rattling sound. It wasn't normal.

Hinaben Kalaria, passenger

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

IN a major revelation, a passenger who disembarked from the same aircraft just hours before the crash, has come forward with a harrowing account of multiple technical faults experienced during her journey.

Hinaben Kalaria, a Surat resident, had arrived in Ahmedabad on Air India flight AI172

from London, which landed at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport at around 12 noon—a little over an hour before the aircraft was scheduled for its onward journey to London, when it crashed near the Meghanagar area shortly after takeoff, claiming hundreds of lives on June 12.

Recounting a series of unsettling technical issues she experienced aboard, Hinaben said,

"As soon as the flight took off from London, the AC system was shut off." She also said that all display screens inside the aircraft were non-functional.

"Even during landing in Ahmedabad, there was a strange rattling sound inside the plane. It wasn't normal. There was a vibration and noise as if something wasn't right with the plane's structure or wheels," Hinaben said.

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AI announces additional ₹25 lakh compensation to families of victims

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA said on Saturday that it will provide an interim payment of ₹25 lakh to the families of the deceased and survivors of the Ahmedabad plane crash. This interim payment is in addition to the ₹1 crore compensation already announced by the parent company Tata Sons.

"To provide immediate financial support, Air India will be making an interim payment of 25 lakh rupees, or approximately 21,000 GBP to each of the families of the deceased and also to the survivor.

This is in addition to the 1 crore rupees, or nearly 85,000 GBP already committed by Tata Sons," said Air India Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson.

The crash of Air India flight, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner bound for London Gatwick, shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad on Thursday afternoon is set to place a huge fi-

nancial burden on Air India.

Under the international Montreal Convention, the airline is liable to pay a compensation amounting to 151,880 Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) per deceased passenger. This translates to approximately Rs. 1.8 crore at current exchange rates to the next of kin.

Wilson stated that the process of reuniting next of kin with their loved ones and personal effects has begun.

He added that

Air India is also in the process of completing precautionary safety checks on Boeing 787 aircraft, as directed by our regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

"We will complete all checks within the timelines prescribed by the regulator. As has been confirmed by the authorities, the aircraft's data recorder has been recovered, which will form part of the official investigation, and Air India continues to fully cooperate with these investigations," he said.



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The latest Air India catastrophe was another devastating blow to the aerospace giant's credibility. Belated reforms in the company appear grossly insufficient to salvage its safety reputation

Boeing 787-8/9 fleet, starting Sunday.

Air India on Saturday said it has done one-time safety checks on nine of its Boeing 787 Dreamliners and is on track to complete the checks on the remaining 24 such planes. In all, Air India has 33 Dreamliners. The Tata Group airline shared that some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes, especially those to airports with operating curfews.

Boeing President and CEO Kelly Ortberg said that a Boeing team stands ready to support the investigation led by India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB). Boeing stated that they will defer to AAIB to provide information about Air India Flight 171, in adherence with the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization protocol.

Spate of accidents

The latest Air India accident marks yet another sordid chapter in Boeing's troubled history of fatal and near-fatal aviation disasters. In December 2024, a Boeing 737-800 operated by South Korea's Jeju Air crashed into a concrete barrier and burst into flames as it tried to land, killing 179 people. The flight was approaching Muan (South Korea) from Suvarnabhumi Airport near Bangkok when a bird strike occurred. The pilots issued a mayday alert, performed a go-around and made a second attempt at landing. Since the landing gear did not deploy, the airplane belly-landed well beyond the normal touchdown zone.

In January 2024, an Alaska Airlines flight scheduled for Portland to Ontario suffered a major scare. Shortly after takeoff, a door plug on the Boeing 737 MAX 9 blew out, causing uncontrolled decompression of the aircraft. Fortunately it returned to Portland for emergency landing. All 171 passengers and six crew survived the accident, with three receiving minor injuries. A preliminary probe report highlighted that four bolts, intended to secure the door plug, had been missing when the accident occurred.

Then in March 2024, a LATAM Airlines (Boeing 787-9) on a scheduled international passenger flight from Sydney Australia to Santiago, Chile, with a stopover at Auckland,

New Zealand, experienced an in-flight upset around two hours into the first leg of the flight. Of the 272 people on board, 30 were injured, with 12 taken to hospital after landing in Auckland.

Boeing faced a major setback in March 2019 when aviation regulators around the world, including India, started grounding 737 MAX aircraft following its involvement in two fatal crashes that killed 396 people. The first crash took place in Indonesia in October 2018 (killing 189 passengers) while the second accident happened in March 2019, when Ethiopian Airlines flight 302 crashed, killing 157 people.

While most of the recent accidents involved Boeing's bestseller 737 aircraft, a whistleblower's allegations prompted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to investigate his claims about assembly defects in the company's 787 Dreamliner.

Whistleblowers' pitch

Boeing stands apart in corporate history for a series of whistleblower allegations on safety compromises. Among them is engineer Sam Salehpour, who alleged critical structural flaws in the Dreamliner's fuselage. His testimony painted a picture of a broken safety culture where truth-tellers face systematic retaliation - ignored, marginalised, and even threatened into silence.

Salehpour alleged that improper assembly and rushed manufacturing practices could

pose a catastrophic risk over time, especially as these jets age. In a complaint filed with the FAA in January 2024, Salehpour claimed that Boeing took production shortcuts that could pose long-term safety risks as the aircraft age. He estimated that the issues affect more than 400 Boeing 777s and over 1,000 Dreamliners. One of his important claims is that tiny gaps between fuselage sections are improperly filled and this could eventually lead to fatigue cracks. "These planes are being flown with a ticking time bomb," Salehpour warned.

The Air India crash also brings a renewed focus on John Barnett, a former quality manager and Boeing whistleblower who flagged safety lapses in the Dreamliner programme before his mysterious death last year. Joshua Dean, a Boeing whistleblower who warned of manufacturing defects in the planemaker's 737 Max, died after a short illness, the second Boeing whistleblower to die this year.

A long timer at Boeing, Barnett raised red flags about what he described was a steady decline in safety protocols. According to him, employees were being pressured to overlook defects and meet production quotas. Barnett also claimed that about one in four oxygen masks might not work in an emergency.

Richard Cuevas, a subcontractor mechanic who worked on Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, alleged last year that he was retaliated against after raising concerns about work he observed on the plane. He alleged "substandard

manufacturing and maintenance practices" on the 787's forward pressure bulkhead—a dome shaped piece located in the jet's nose that's critical to maintaining cabin pressure. Then there is Ed Pierson - the ex-high-level Boeing manager-turned-whistleblower, who testified before the US Congress in 2019 that he had flagged safety issues with the company's 737 Max variant.

These cases highlight persistent concerns over Boeing's safety culture, with whistleblowers paying a heavy price for speaking out. As investigations continue, the aviation industry faces urgent questions about accountability and passenger safety.

Declining market share

Boeing's mounting safety crises, supply chain disruptions, and historic 2024 worker protests have crippled production, with aircraft deliveries plunging by a third year-on-year. The company managed just 348 jetliner deliveries in 2024 compared to 520 the previous year. This is less than half of Airbus's 766 deliveries during the same period. This operational collapse translated into staggering financial losses of \$11.8 billion in 2024 alone, pushing total losses since 2019 past the \$35 billion mark. Despite losses and falling deliveries, Boeing remains the go-to choice for Indian carriers with Air India and Akasa Airlines placing record orders.

Boeing is also facing multiple legal cases, regulatory probes, lawsuits related to manufacturing defects, safety failures, and whistleblower retaliation. The company recently agreed to pay \$1.1bn to avoid prosecution over two plane crashes that killed 346 people, in a deal that a lawyer for 16 families of the victims described as morally repugnant.

Amidst mounting safety scandals and a leadership shakeup with Kelly Ortberg succeeding David Calhoun, Boeing has launched a multi-pronged damage control campaign. The company is scrambling to overhaul its safety protocols through workforce retraining, whistleblower protections, and factory-floor quality interventions. Yet, these belated reforms appear insufficient after the latest Air India catastrophe — another devastating blow to the aerospace giant's credibility.

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ONCE a crown jewel of American innovation, Boeing's reputation nosedived after a series of safety failures in recent decades. Founded over a century ago as the gold standard in aviation, the company now faces unprecedented scrutiny as its aircraft, once synonymous with reliability, have suffered multiple catastrophic failures. These tragedies have not only shattered public trust but also triggered alarm among global regulators, raising existential questions about the company's commitment to safety.

In the most recent incident, Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed in Ahmedabad, killing 241 passengers. While its cause is yet to be ascertained and there is no reason to believe it was due to a manufacturing or design fault, the tragedy added to global concerns after multiple safety incidents involving Boeing aircraft. Boeing's most advanced widebody aircraft is under the lens at a time when the company is still addressing quality control issues across its product line.

India's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on Friday directed Air India to carry out additional maintenance check on the Dreamliners in the aftermath of the crash. In a letter to Air India, the regulator listed out the checks the airliner will have to carry out on all of its

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Govt sets up committee to probe Air India plane crash

The committee will go into the circumstances and reasons of the air crash and submit a report within three months, says Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu

RAHUL CAHLAWAT
NEW DELHI, 14 JUNE

The government on Saturday set up a high-level committee, headed by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, to probe the crash of Air India AI171 in Ahmedabad on 12 June, in which 241 people on board were killed, along with several killed and injured on the ground.

The committee, which includes experts from multiple disciplines, will go into the circumstances and reasons of the air crash and submit a report within three months, Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said at a press conference.

The committee will also give recommendations to strengthen aviation safety to prevent such incidents in the future, Mr Naidu added.

The high-powered panel includes the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, one representative of the Gujarat state disaster response force, the Police Commissioner of Ahmedabad, DG (inspection and safety Indian Air Force), DG (DGCA), Special Director (IB) and Director (PSL).

The minister clarified that the committee is dif-



ferent from the one set up by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) committee. The AAIB committee, headed by the DG, AAIB, will carry out the technical investigation, which is a standard procedure after a crash.

Addressing the press briefing, the Minister said: "One important update from the technical investigation which is happening through the AAIB is the recovery of the black box yesterday around 5 p.m. from the site, the AAIB team believes that this decoding of the black box is going to give an in depth insight into what actually happened during the process of the crash or moments before the crash itself. We are also

eagerly waiting for what the results or the report are going to be once the AAIB goes through its full investigation."

Before the press conference, a one-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the victims of the plane crash.

Mr Naidu said: "We have very strict safety standards in the country. When the incident happened, we also felt that there is a need to do an extended surveillance of the Boeing 787 Series. DGCA has also given an order to do the extended surveillance for the 787 planes."

He said there are 34 Dreamliners in the Indian aircraft fleet, and 8 have already been inspected,

and all of them are going to be inspected with immediate urgency.

He said that the last two days have been very difficult, adding that the accident shook the entire nation.

He said on hearing the accident news, he rushed to the site to oversee what needs to be done and what support needed to be provided, and that was the attitude of the government of Gujarat also.

"Once we rushed to the site, we already saw the response teams from all the concerned departments were working on the ground, actively trying to rescue whatever is possible, trying to cut down the fire and to move the debris so that the bodies can be sent to the hospital at the earliest."

Recounting the last moments before the crash, Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said that the plane, after taking off at 1:39 pm and attaining 650 feet of elevation suddenly started losing altitude.

The Air Traffic Control (ATC) at Ahmedabad received a Mayday call and when the ATC sent a message to the pilots at 1:39 p.m., the same went unanswered and the plane crashed in Medhanagar, situated two km away from the airport.

Nine Boeing 787s inspected; Air India on track to meet deadline

NEW DELHI, 14 JUNE

Air India on Saturday informed that nine aircraft have completed the one-time safety check directed by the DGCA while the process for the remaining 24 aircraft will be completed within the timeline provided by the regulator.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday directed enhanced safety inspections of Air India's Boeing 787 models in the wake of the fatal plane crash near Ahmedabad airport.

In a press statement, the airline said: "Air India is in the process of completing the one-time safety checks directed by the Indian aviation regulator, DGCA. These checks are being carried out on the Boeing 787 fleet as they return to India, before being cleared for their next operations."

It has completed such checks on nine of the Boeing 787 aircraft and is on track to complete this process for the remaining 24 aircraft within the timeline. ANS

Summer Holidays Hit By Turbulence

From Tense Airspace Maps To The Recent Air Tragedy, There's A Lot On Flyers' Minds

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New Delhi: It's the season when suitcases come out and travel plans take off. But this summer, for many outbound flyers, wanderlust is tempered with worry. From tense airspace maps to the recent air tragedy, there's a lot of re-think going on at what is otherwise peak carefree vacation time.

The skies between India and the west have become a minefield with airlines avoiding ever-expanding no-fly zones. Air India resumed overflying Iran after Pakistan airspace was closed to Indian carriers on April 24 to make the longer detours bearable. But with Iran closing its airspace following the Israeli attacks on its nuclear sites, the longer routes between India and the west will get even longer. The deadly Air India crash in Ahmedabad has also created a fear of flying.

"There's concern among flyers. Many are opting for airlines other than AI," claimed Anil Kalsi, vice-president, Travel Agents Federation of India. "The current

uncertainty about routes and the memory of the horrific air crash have caused nervousness among travellers. Many people are deferring non-essential travel until the situation stabilises on either or both of these fronts."

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has asked Air India to inspect its Dreamliner fleet, employed in routes to Europe and the Far East. These craft are being checked as they fly into India and are cleared for the next flight only after passing the checks. "AI has completed checks on nine of the B787s. Some of these inspections could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes, especially those to airports with operating curfews. Customers will be duly notified about any delays. They are advised to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport," AI posted on X on Saturday.

The closure of Iranian airspace led to 16 AI flights being affected on Friday. Some were diverted to cities en route such as Vienna, Jeddah and Sharjah, while others re-



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turned to their port of origin. IndiGo's once non-stop flights between Delhi and Tbilisi and Baku are now one-stop routes.

"Safety is any traveller's first concern. The crash pushed Air India's image back by at least three years. Both family and solo travellers are equally rattled," said M. Iqbal Mulla, president, Global Tourism Council, and former head of Travel Agents' Asso-

ciation of India. "Then, the impact of the Iran airspace closure has proved severe."

The bottlenecks in the sky could get worse. The airspace of Jordan and Lebanon closes whenever there's conflict in the region and has shut several times since the Hamas attack in Israel in Oct 2023.

Expectedly, travel agents are inundated with panicked calls, airports are grappling

with unscheduled landings, and passengers are coming to terms with the uncertainty. Sunil Kumar R, president, Travel Agents' Association of India, said, "The confidence of international travellers has been affected. Many of them are now undecided and awaiting stabilisation of the situation. This indecision is having a negative impact on outbound travel. While some of this may benefit domestic

tourism temporarily, continued uncertainty will discourage overseas travel altogether. We're receiving several calls from customers confused about whether to book or postpone travel."

Jyoti Mayal, chairperson, Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council and former TAAI president, reiterated, "The Israel-Iran conflict and airspace closure have disrupted over 1,800 flights and prompted diversions, especially on routes from India and southeast Asia to Europe and the US. Amid this, Air India has faced a wave of cancellations and change requests, particularly from those booked on similar flights."

The India-Pakistan airspace standoff whenever there is tension also forces carriers to take detours and passengers to think twice. There is discussion every day among potential travellers whether it is the right time to be travelling. Sonalika said, "I remember cancelling my flight tickets from Canada to India because of the tension between the two countries earlier. I can only imagine how it feels right now."

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Urgent checks on AI 787 fleet, says aviation minister

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New Delhi: Air India's Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet is undergoing urgent safety checks following the June 12 crash, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said Saturday while promising "all necessary steps" to strengthen aviation safety.

Air India posted on X that checks directed by DGCA are underway across its 787s. "Checks have been completed on nine aircraft. We are on track to complete the remaining 24 within the regulator's timeline," the airline said.

AI warned of possible delays on long-haul routes due to extended turnaround times. "Customers will be duly notified about any delays. They are advised to check the status of their flights before heading to the airport," the airline said.

Addressing his first presser since the tragedy, Naidu said Modi govt had set up a high-level committee led by Union home secretary Govind Mohan to examine the crash and recommend long-term aviation safety reforms. The committee was announced after Modi visited the crash site Friday. Naidu said the panel will not interfere with ongoing investigations but will focus on systemic reforms to prevent future disasters.

Airports Accident Investigation Bureau is conducting the primary probe. The committee will work in parallel, identifying the root cause and



Civil aviation mantri Naidu said a high-level panel has been formed to recommend safety reforms

contributing factors, including mechanical failure, human error, and regulatory lapses. The panel will also draft updated SOPs, benchmarked to international practices. Its report is due by Sept 13.

"The black box has been recovered," Naidu said, adding that decoding the data will clarify what went wrong.

Union aviation secretary Samir Sinha said the same aircraft had arrived uneventfully from Paris to Ahmedabad. "On Ahmedabad-London flight, pilot gave a Mayday call to ATC just after take-off. ATC responded, but there was no reply from the cockpit. It crashed 2km from airport," he added.

Meanwhile, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson announced, "Air India will be making an interim payment of Rs 25 lakh to each of the families of the deceased and also to the survivor. This is in addition to Rs 1 crore already committed by Tata Sons."

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Thrust not achieved...falling... Mayday: AI pilot's last words

AI 171 Exhausted 3.5km Runway During Take-Off

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: "Thrust not achieved... falling... Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!" Those were the last words from the cockpit of Air India Flight 171 moments before the Boeing Dreamliner slammed into BJ Medical College hostel in Ahmedabad Thursday afternoon.

Ahmedabad police confirmed the pilot's chilling distress call. It reached air traffic control (ATC) seconds before all communication ceased. Top officials said the jet had nearly exhausted the 3.5km runway at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport — usually, 2.5 to 3km is needed for a wide-bodied jet.

"The longer runway roll hints at a possibility of the aircraft not having adequate thrust for take-off," said a source clo-

TWO DAYS ON, 2 MORE BODIES FOUND

> One body, believed to be that of an air hostess, recovered from the tail of the aircraft that was lodged atop the hostel mess building. Another body found in debris of hostel mess

> Identities of 6 passengers confirmed as DNA matches with samples of relatives. Bodies handed over to families

> DNA samples collected from 230 individuals; 21 individuals, including those living abroad, expected to arrive in Ahd



Caskets arrive at Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, on Saturday for bodies of crash victims

> In addition to ₹1cr for each victim's family, Air India to make interim payment of ₹25 lakh to each family and to the sole survivor

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se to the investigation. "The facts can be ascertained only after the black box is decoded."

No earlier warnings were flagged. "There were no requests for runway changes, thrust adjustments or flap re-configurations. Weather was stable, visibility was clear. Temperature was high, but within operational limits," said an airport source.

CCTV footage from the airport confirmed the exten-

ded take-off roll. No visual or radar anomalies were noted. No engine irregularities or pitch deviations were detected by ATC or ground personnel. All communication and safety protocols were followed, sources said.

Authorities now await data from the flight data and cockpit voice recorders to piece together what triggered the fatal failure of thrust that doomed the flight.

Urgent checks on AI's 787 fleet: Aviation minister

Air India's fleet of 33 Boeing 787 Dreamliners is undergoing urgent safety checks following the June 12 crash, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said Saturday in his first press conference since the tragedy. Naidu said a high-level committee led by Union home secretary Govind Mohan has been set up to study the crash and recommend safety reforms. The panel will not interfere with ongoing investigations but will focus on systemic reforms to prevent future disasters, the minister said.

"Checks have been completed on nine aircraft. We are on track to complete the remaining 24 within the regulator's timeline," Air India posted on X. AI warned of possible delays on long-haul routes due to extended turnaround times. P 21

'Bird-hit' grounds Air India Express plane in Bangkok

May Fly To Surat Today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Surat: Passengers on two Surat-bound flights were forced to de-board on Friday due to technical issues. The affected flights were from Thailand to Surat and the one operating on the Jaipur-Bengaluru-Surat route.

Air India Express Surat-Bangkok flight of Friday suffered a suspected bird arrival when it was about to land at its destination. The Boeing 737MAX landed safely and was grounded there. As a result, the aircraft could not operate the return Bangkok-Surat flight.

"There were about 180 passengers who were supposed to fly to Surat. All guests were provided with hotel accommodation by the airline and gave them options including rescheduling to any other date or cancellation with full refund," said AI Express sources.

The airline is flying engineering



The Boeing 737MAX landed safely and was grounded in Bangkok. As a result, the aircraft could not operate the return Bangkok-Surat flight

support and material on a flight to Bangkok. The aircraft is expected to take off from Bangkok on Saturday afternoon.

Akash Mashruwala, a Surat-based professional returning from Bangkok, said, "We were made to sit inside the aircraft even as the ground crew worked to fix a technical issue. After an hour, the crew announced that we would have to deboard. We were told the issue would be resolved in a couple

of hours, but we ended up waiting at the departure terminal for nearly six hours. Eventually, around 10pm, we were allotted hotel accommodation. A replacement flight has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon."

A similar situation unfolded on Air India Express flight IX-2749, scheduled to arrive in Surat from Jaipur via Bengaluru. A passenger working with a private firm told TOI, "The same aircraft had already reported an AC failure on its incoming leg (IX-2768) but was still cleared for another journey."

The flight, originally scheduled for 11:30 am, was first delayed due to a 'technical fault', and later further postponed to 5pm citing a runway closure at Jaipur from 2pm to 5pm. At 5pm, passengers were informed that the aircraft's engine needed to cool down after overheating.

"As the cabin became unbearably hot and suffocating, with infants crying, several passengers demanded to deboard. Initially, the crew resisted, but eventually opened the gates when the situation worsened," he added.

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Closure of Iran airspace to lengthen flights to West

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New Delhi: Flights between the West and India — mainly Delhi and Mumbai — will get even longer following Iranian airspace closure on Friday after Israel attacked that country's nuclear sites. Sixteen Air India flights alone were impacted on Friday, with the majority being diverted and the others returning to origin.

AI had resumed overflying Iran shortly after Pakistan had closed its airspace to Indian carriers on April 24, 2025 to partially mitigate the longer route its flights had to take since then. While AI will have to take longer routes to and from the West, In-

diGo between Delhi and Tbilisi and Delhi and Baku will become one-stop flights now. With both Pakistan and Iran becoming no go areas, Indian carriers will have to take really longer routes to reach Central Asia. "We are study-

16 AIR INDIA FLIGHTS AFFECTED ON FRIDAY

ing the situation and some AI flights may become one-stop after the closure of Iran airspace," said sources.

Also, if and when Iran retaliates, the airspace of countries near Israel, like Jordan and Lebanon, will also get impacted. This has in the past forced airlines to take longer detours in that area whenever conflict escalates

there since the Oct 7, 2023 attack on Tel Aviv.

"Due to the emerging situation in Iran, the subsequent closure of its airspace, and in view of the safety of our passengers, (some) Air India flights are either being diverted or returning to their origin. We regret the inconvenience caused to our passengers due to this unforeseen disruption and are making every effort to minimise it, including providing accommodation for passengers," Air India said on Friday. "Refund on cancellation or complimentary re-scheduling is also being offered. Alternative arrangements are being made. We advise passengers to check flight status," AI added.

DGCA orders added checks on AI Dreamliners

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New Delhi: Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliners powered by General Electric GEnx engines will now operate under enhanced safety inspections, according to a Directorate General of Civil Aviation directive issued on Friday, a day after an AI Dreamliner crashed in Ahmedabad.

As a "preventive measure", the regulator has directed AI to "carry out additional maintenance actions on B787-8/9 aircraft equipped with GEnx engines with immediate effect in coordination with the concerned regional DGCA offices".

For passengers shaken by the AI 171 crash who are to take flights on AI Dreamliners in coming days, these steps may help bolster confidence.

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Air India's fatigue waiver draws flak from airline pilots



It is not yet known what caused the crash, experts said

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A large number of pilots say DGCA must re-examine the dispensation given to Air India on flight duty limitation after the closure of Pakistani airspace, when longer routes taken by flights to and from Europe/UK and North America required the airline to make its pilots work longer than earlier.

"Fatigue and stress among pilots impact safety. DGCA should not just give AI dispensation from flight duty limitations indefinitely. Pakistan airspace closure is now into its second month and pilots have been stressed for a long time now. It is safest to avoid fatigued and overworked pilots on the flight deck to reduce chances of human error, which is already being talked about as one of the many factors that could have been responsible for Thursday's tragedy," one of the pilots said.

It is not yet known what caused Air India flight 171 to crash, experts said, adding that only the ongoing investigation would be able to say exactly what happened and why.

The additional checks mandated for AI are a "one-time check before departure of flight from India from June 15, 2025 (12am) onwards, inspection of fuel parameter monitoring and associated system checks, inspection of cabin air com-

pressor and associated systems, and electronic engine control-system test".

Also among the additional checks are "engine fuel driven actuator operational test and oil system check, serviceability check of hydraulic system, review of take-off parameters, 'flight control inspection' to be introduced in transit inspection till further notice, power assurance checks to be carried out within two weeks, closure of maintenance action based on review of repetitive snags during the last 15 days on B787-8/9 aircraft at the earliest".

Air India has to submit reports of these checks to the aviation watchdog for review.

Of the additional checks ordered, three points — electronic engine control-system test, engine fuel-driven actuator operational test and oil system check and review of take-off parameters — are among the factors being seen as possible contributory factors to Thursday's deadly crash.

Like all initial Dreamliners, VT-ANB had its share of troubles, like windshield cracks soon after it was inducted in the Air India fleet in 2014. But Boeing was able to overcome these teething troubles — the most serious being overheating of lithium-ion batteries — with its mid-range wide-body aircraft.

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Multi-agency panel to probe crash, submit findings in three months; toll mounts to 270

Black box being decoded | DNA tests underway to identify victims

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The death toll in Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad rose to 270 on Saturday even as the Centre formed a high-level probe panel led by the Union Home Secretary. The committee, tasked with determining the cause of the London-bound flight's disaster, will submit its findings within three months. The aircraft's black box was currently being decoded, officials said.

AHMEDABAD TRAGEDY

The ill-fated Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, carrying 242 people on board, crashed just minutes after takeoff for London Gatwick, nosediving into the students' hostel of BJ Medical College in Meghaniganagar, about 2 km from the runway.

Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha, in the first official briefing on the crash, revealed that the last communication from the cockpit came at 1.39 pm on June 12, a distress call of "Mayday", after which all contact was lost with Air Traffic Control. Within



An investigation team inspects the wreckage of the Air India plane. MANAS RANJAN BHUI IN AHMEDABAD

AIR INDIA VOWS ₹25L INTERIM AID

Air India has said it will provide an interim payment of ₹25 lakh each to the families of the deceased of the Ahmedabad plane crash. This is in addition to the ₹1 crore compensation already announced by the parent company, Tata Sons, the airline said.

a minute, the plane plummeted from 650 feet and crashed.

"The aircraft had taken off at 1.39 pm. Shortly after reaching 650 feet, it began losing altitude. The ATC tried to re-establish contact but received no response,"

Sinha said. Captain Sumit Sabharwal and first officer Clive Sundar were piloting the aircraft. Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) recovered the black

NSG TEAM DEPLOYED AT CRASH SITE

Apart from central and state agencies, a team of the National Security Guard (NSG) has been deployed at the plane crash site in Ahmedabad. It will assist other agencies in relief operations and will not have any investigative powers, officials said.

box from the debris on Friday evening. "Decoding it is crucial to understanding what went wrong in those final moments," he said. To ensure a thorough investigation, the government has

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Mishap sparks scrutiny of 787s, AI inspects 9 jets

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Air India on Saturday said it had completed one-time safety checks on nine of its Boeing 787 Dreamliners and was working to inspect the remaining 24 aircraft as per regulatory directives. The move follows the DGCA's mandate for all locally operated Boeing 787s to undergo inspections.

"Air India has completed checks on nine Boeing 787 aircraft and is on track to finish the remaining 24 within the regulator's stipulated timeline," the airline said, adding, "Some of these checks could lead to higher turnaround time and potential delays on certain long-haul routes." The carrier currently operates a fleet of 26 Boeing 787-8s and seven Boeing 787-9s.

Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu stated, "We have ordered extended surveillance of these planes. There are 34 such aircraft in India's fleet." While Air India operates 33 Boeing 787s, rival airline IndiGo has one in its inventory.



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Air India to do away with flight number '171'

NEW DELHI: Air India and Air India Express will do away with flight number '171' after the fatal crash of the Air India plane that killed 241 people onboard on Thursday, according to sources. The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft that went down soon after take-off was operating the flight 'AI 171' from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick. Sources on Saturday said it is a general practice that airlines stop using particular flight numbers after fatal flight accidents. — PTI