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### Smuggled exotic reptiles seized at B'luru Airport

**C**ustoms officials at Kempegowda International Airport have intercepted a passenger arriving from Bangkok and seized a consignment of exotic and protected reptiles, including snakes, that were being smuggled into the country. The seizure took place on Tuesday during routine baggage screening, when officials discovered boxes hidden inside the passenger's luggage containing the

live animals.

Authorities confirmed that the reptiles were being brought into India illegally and were immediately confiscated. The passenger is currently under investigation for wildlife trafficking offences. The seized animals have since been handed over to the Forest Department, which will take appropriate measures for their care and initiate further legal action. **BMB**



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## आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो सिटी बनेगी

जासं, नई दिल्ली: आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स कार्गो सिटी 50.5 एकड़ भूमि पर विकसित करेगा। कार्गो सिटी परियोजना में आइजीआइ के भीतर अत्याधुनिक कार्गो और लाजिस्टिक्स सुविधाओं का विकास शामिल है, जिसमें भविष्य में उपयोग के लिए 10 एकड़ वैकल्पिक भूमि भी शामिल है।

जीएमआर एयरपोर्ट्स को इस कार्गो सिटी के संचालन की जिम्मेदारी 2036 तक मिलेगी, जिसे 30 वर्षों तक और बढ़ाया जा सकता है। यह परियोजना राजस्व हिस्सेदारी भुगतान मॉडल पर आधारित है, जो कार्गो सिटी व्यवसाय से होने वाली आय के आधार पर सालाना तय होगी, जिसमें कंपनी द्वारा जीएमआर की सहायक कंपनी डायल को न्यूनतम मासिक गारंटी भुगतान शामिल है।

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# BLR Airport exports record 31.5L mangoes to 51 global destinations

**Pess Trust of India**

**BENGALURU**

Kempegowda International Airport exported 921 metric tonnes of mangoes—equivalent to 31.5 lakh fruits—this season, airport officials said on Wednesday.

The figure marks a 12 per cent increase over last year's exports, they added. The mangoes were sourced from Karnataka's mango belts and neighbouring regions.

"The success of this mango season speaks of the collaborative efforts of our regulatory bodies, airline partners, cargo handlers, trade promotion councils, trade bodies, and farming communities," said Satyaki



Raghunath, chief operating officer of Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL).

Shipments reached 51 international destinations, with 19 new locations added to the network this year. The top five destinations were Dulles (IAD), Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), San Francisco (SFO), Chicago (ORD), and Seattle (SEA), according to BIAL.

## Exotic reptiles seized from passenger at B'luru airport

**NT Correspondent**

**BENGALURU**

Customs officials at Kempegowda International Airport near Devanahalli said they had seized several exotic and protected reptiles, including snakes, from a passenger who arrived from Bangkok.

The seizure was made on Tuesday during luggage screening, when reptiles were found packed in boxes concealed inside the passenger's baggage, they said.

The animals, smuggled



illegally into the country, were confiscated, and the passenger is under investigation.

The seized reptiles have been handed over to the Forest Department for further action, they added.

## IGI एयरपोर्ट पर मेगा मॉक ड्रिल को लेकर तैयारी शुरू

■ नवीन निश्चल, एयरपोर्ट

अहमदाबाद में प्लेन हादसे को 2 महीने पुरे हो गए हैं, लेकिन उस भीषण और दर्दनाक हादसे की याद अब भी लोगों के जेहन में है। दिल्ली का IGI एयरपोर्ट भी उस हादसे से सबक लेकर अलर्ट है और एक बड़े मॉक ड्रिल की तैयारी कर रहा है। इसके पीछे यही मकसद है कि यदि अहमदाबाद जैसा कोई हादसा यहां भी हो जाए तो कैसे सभी एजेंसियों की टीम बेहतर कोऑर्डिनेशन करके तुरंत मौके पर पहुंचकर राहत बचाव कार्य को बेहतर तरीके से अंजाम दे सके।

IGI एयरपोर्ट दुनिया का सबसे ज्यादा भीड़ भाड़ वाले एयरपोर्ट में से एक है। यह यात्रियों की संख्या में दुनिया में 9वें नंबर पर है। रोजाना 1400 से ज्यादा उड़ानों को संभालता है। एक घंटे में 70 से 80 उड़ानें यहां से टेक ऑफ होती है या लैंड करती है। यहां तीन टर्मिनल T 1, T 2 और T 3 हैं और विमान के लिए 4 रनवे यहां पर काम कर रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार, मेगा मॉक ड्रिल नई दिल्ली के डिस्ट्रिक्ट मैजिस्ट्रेट की देखरेख में होने वाला है। इसमें DDMA की टीम की अहम भूमिका रहेगी जो एयरपोर्ट से जुड़ी हुई सभी एजेंसियां CISF,

### ताकि रहें सेफ

- अहमदाबाद जैसा हादसा होने की स्थिति में तुरंत राहत और बचाव को परखना है मकसद
- दुनिया के 9वें सबसे भीड़ भाड़ वाले एयरपोर्ट पर होगी ड्रिल
- 6 एजेंसियां, एयरपोर्ट स्टाफ, CISF, एयरलाइंस होगे ड्रिल में शामिल



एयरपोर्ट पुलिस, GMR के स्टाफ, प्राइवेट गार्ड, ट्रैफिक पुलिस के अलावा एयरलाइंस से जुड़ी टीमों को शामिल करके कोऑर्डिनेट करेगी। एक दिन बाद होने जा रहे 15 अगस्त समारोह के बाद इसकी तैयारी को लेकर जरूरी मीटिंग शुरू होने वाली है। जब पहलगाह हमले के बाद भारत ने पाकिस्तान पर ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के तहत वार किया था, ठीक उससे पहले भी एक बार यहां भी मॉक ड्रिल हुआ था। उसमें भी कई एजेंसियों ने हिस्सा लिया था

**MOST RESORTS AND HOTELS FROM GOA TO GIR-SOMNATH HAVE 'OCCUPANCY FULL' SIGNS**

# Travel rush this weekend strains wallets

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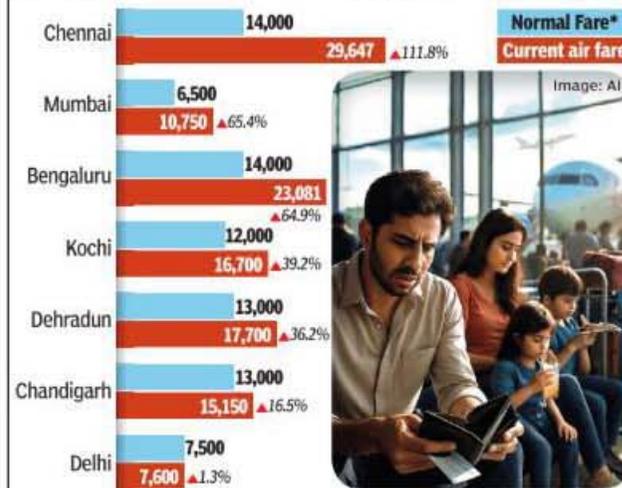
**Ahmedabad:** If you are thinking of putting together a last-minute escape for the upcoming Aug 15-17 long weekend, think again, or brace yourself for packed resorts and price tags that bite. From beach shacks in Goa to palaces in Rajasthan and eco-stays in Gujarat, the state's favourite short-haul destinations are already booked to the hilt.

For those who imagine a break as a quiet communion with nature, perhaps a misty morning in the hills or a lazy afternoon by a lake, this weekend may serve up the opposite: swelling crowds, inflated rates, and scarce breathing space. Travel operators say that hotels and homestays in popular spots across Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Goa are almost entirely sold out.

In Rajasthan, Udaipur, Kumbhalgarh, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jawai, Jhadol, and Dungarpur are booked to capacity. Closer to home, Gir-Somnath, Diu, Daman, Saputara, Polo Forest, Kutch, and the Statue of Unity are showing 'occupancy full' signs.

## FARE AFFAIR

\* When booked two days before travel;  
Source: Online portals, travel operators



My work lets me take weekdays off, so I usually plan trips in the off-season or midweek. But on a long weekend like this, I am sure that even a last-minute dash to any holiday destination would mean bumping into half of Ahmedabad there

**Esha Shah** | CORPORATE TRAINER

"Late planners may still find a bed for the night, but it will come at nearly twice the usual tariff," said Ankit Bajaj, a travel industry consultant.

Goa, perennially favoured for its mix of beaches and nightlife, is seeing both flight fares and room tariffs soar.

We usually avoid long weekend rush to travel to any destination mid-year unless it is a well-planned holiday to a remote destination or a visit to another city to meet friends and family. This time, we are staying in or probably considering a staycation over the break

**Anusha Iyer** | PROFESSIONAL



I have planned my leaves around the long weekend to take a holiday in Lisbon. I am looking forward to sipping wine, wandering past pastel-coloured buildings, and soaking in the serene views of the Atlantic, a welcome escape from my everyday routine

**Debhshri Das** | HR EXECUTIVE



Virendra Shah, another travel expert, said, "People have taken Thursday or Monday off to make The three-day weekend longer."

## Airport travel to become smoother

**Ahmedabad:** Adani Digital Labs (ADL), the tech arm of Adani Airport Holdings, unveiled a suite of digital initiatives to enhance passenger experience across its airports.

The rollout includes Adani Rewards, India's first airport-focused loyalty programme, a revamped Adani OneApp, and a digital lounge booking system. The upgrades aim to cut queues, improve access to amenities, and personalise travel.

"Our goal is to reduce travel anxiety and deliver an exclusive digital-first experience," said Srushti Adani, director, ADL.

The OneApp now offers live flight updates, Wi-Fi access, F&B and duty-free shopping, pre-booked lounge access, gate delivery, group orders, and Park & Fly parking. ADL also opened a new 150-seater office in Ahmedabad to drive future innovations in airport hospitality. **TNN**

## KIA exports record 31.5L mangoes

**Bengaluru:** Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) wrapped up its most successful mango export season to date, shipping 921 metric tonnes (MT) of the fruit to 51 destinations worldwide, a 12 per cent increase from 822 metric tonnes in 2024. The record volumes translate to 31.5 lakh mangoes exported in FY 2025, sourced from Karnataka's mango belts and neighbouring regions.

The exports reached a record number of markets this year, with 19 destinations added to the airport's network, marking a 21% jump in global reach. A total of 24 airlines participated in transporting the consignments, with US emerging as the top market. The five leading destinations were Dulles, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Francisco, Chicago and Seattle.

Satyaki Raghunath, COO of BIAL, said, "At KIA, we take great pride in being a trusted link between our farmers and global consumers. This season's achievement is the result of collaboration between regulatory bodies, airline partners, cargo handlers, trade bodies and farming communities." TNN

### 6 flights from city cancelled, 9 re-routed

**Hyderabad:** Bad weather in the city hit air traffic movement through the day. At least six flights from Hyderabad — three departures and three arrivals — were cancelled on Wednesday while nine other flights headed to the city's Shamshabad airport were diverted to different locations.

Among the sectors that were affected were Ahmedabad, Cochin, Patna and Chennai as flights to and from these destinations were cancelled owing to poor weather conditions. Meanwhile, flights from Mumbai, Delhi, Kanpur, Goa, Patna and Coimbatore among others were diverted to Vijayawada, Bengaluru and Tirupati.



**WEATHER HITS AIR TRAFFIC**

All the flights later brought passengers back to Hyderabad. Meanwhile, RGIA issued an advisory to all passengers to stay updated on the weather and travel to and from the airport accordingly. "Please factor in additional time for travel and explore alternate options if required," the advisory stated. RGIA issued a separate notice for those travelling on Aug 14. It advised passengers to expect longer wait times at security touchpoints, "in light of high alert issued on account of Independence Day." TNN

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DAINIK BHASKAR

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## फ्लाइट रिशेड्यूल करती रही एयरलाइंस कू मेंबर नहीं पहुंचे, इंडिगो की फ्लाइट कई घंटे लेट

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली

इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की लापरवाही के कारण गुरुवार को दिल्ली के आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। यात्रियों के अनुसार कू मेंबर के नहीं आने के कारण इंडिगो को कई फ्लाइट को रिशेड्यूल करना पड़ा। हैरत की बात यह है कि इंडिगो ने खराब मौसम का बहाना बतकर अपना पल्ला झाड़ते हुए पैसेंजर्स की कोई सुध नहीं ली। पैसेंजर देर रात तक परेशान होते रहे। एक के बाद एक फ्लाइट का टाइम कई-कई घंटे आगे रिशेड्यूल करने के कारण यात्री देर रात तक टर्मिनल-1 पर इंडिगो के ऑफिस में फ्लाइट की जानकारी लेने पहुंचते रहे, लेकिन उन्हें निराश होना पड़ा। कुछ यात्रियों ने बताया कि हमें इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई2791 से दिल्ली से भोपाल जाना था। फ्लाइट

का समय शाम 7 बजे का था जिसे पहले रात 11 बजे बताया गया और बाद में रात 12 बजे के लिए अनाउंस कर दिया गया। असली कारण यह है कि इंडिगो ने फ्लाइट रिशेड्यूल कर दी थी, जबकि फ्लाइट में देरी की वजह कू मेंबर का नहीं आना था। इसी फ्लाइट के यात्रियों ने बताया कि इंडिगो बाकायदा फ्लाइट देरी के लिए मौसम का हवाला देते हुए एडवाइजरी जारी कर खानापूति कर रही है।

इंडिगो के सूत्रों के अनुसार, फ्लाइट को रिशेड्यूल का कारण खराब मौसम है। आज दिल्ली में भारी बारिश हुई है। बारिश ने उड़ान को प्रभावित किया है। हम रोजाना 2200 फ्लाइट का संचालन करते हैं। बारिश के कारण फ्लाइट प्रभावित हैं। मौसम पर हमारा जोर नहीं है। विमान देर होने की कोई तकनीकी या अन्य कोई कारण नहीं है।



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# Drizzle, bad weather disrupt flights in Hyd

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HYDERABAD, AUG. 13

Heavy rain and bad weather on Wednesday caused major disruptions at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), resulting in multiple flight delays, diversions and cancellations, leaving passengers stranded. According to RGIA officials, 11 flights diverted due to poor weather later returned to Hyderabad. These included services from Delhi, Ahmedabad, Coimbatore, Patna, North Goa, Agartala, Kanpur, Jammu, Mumbai, Chennai and Vadodara.

Many passengers took to social media to voice their frustration over the delays and disruptions. "Hyderabad to Tirupati is scheduled at 1.55 pm, but it is delayed to 5.30 pm. We have had some urgent work in Tirupati, but it is so late for us right now and there is no support. This is so ridiculous," tweeted a passenger named Gokul.

Another passenger, Manoj S.K., whose flight was diverted to Vijayawada, said, "I am travelling from

Coimbatore to Hyderabad. The flight is diverted and I have a connecting flight to Ahmedabad. We were told we might return to Hyderabad after an hour, but I am concerned about my onward journey to Ahmedabad."

In addition, four flights scheduled to arrive from Ahmedabad, Kochi, Chennai and Patna, and four flights scheduled to depart for Patna, Ahmedabad, Kochi and Chennai were cancelled. Passenger R. Mukund, whose flight to Kochi was cancelled, said, "I have a wedding to attend, and now my plans are disrupted."

Other travellers voiced frustration over delays and the lack of information. Aparna Sanghi said, "Flight from Hyderabad to Indore was delayed multiple times. There was no ground staff to answer our queries." Arindam Saha added, "My flight from Hyderabad to Kolkata was delayed due to bad weather, causing inconvenience."

Passengers were advised to check flight statuses before heading to the airport, as weather conditions remain unstable.



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## प्रस्थान की 90 प्रतिशत से अधिक उड़ानें विलंबित

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर प्रस्थान की 90 प्रतिशत से अधिक उड़ानें विलंबित रही। विलंबित उड़ानों में औसत विलंब की दर 50 मिनट से भी अधिक रही। आगमन पर प्रस्थान की तुलना में कम असर रहा लेकिन यहां भी करीब 40 प्रतिशत उड़ानें विलंब से पहुंचीं। यहां विलंब का औसत करीब पांच मिनट रहा।

एयरपोर्ट आने जाने वाली अधिकांश

सड़कों पर जलभराव का सामना वाहन चालकों को करना पड़ा। दिल्ली कैट स्थित द्वारका अंडरपास जो एयरपोर्ट के टेक्निकल एरिया से एकदम नजदीक है, यहां सुबह से ही भयानक जाम का आलम था। यहां वाहन कतार में घंटों तक फंसे नजर आए। जाम की चपेट में विभिन्न उड़ानों से जुड़े क्रू के सदस्य भी रहे। विलंब से पहुंचने पर उनसे जुड़ी उड़ानों का विलंबित होना स्वभावित था।



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### IndiGo ready to resume flights to China



**I**ndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers on Wednesday said the airline stands ready to resume direct flights between India and China. On Tuesday, people familiar with the matter said India and China are in an "advanced stage" of negotiations to resume direct flights between the two countries soon,

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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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# Over 350 flights delayed due to rains, traffic jams

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**NEW DELHI:** More than 350 flights were delayed at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on Thursday after heavy morning rainfall triggered massive traffic jams across the National Capital Region, preventing both passengers and flight crew from reaching the airport. Even hours after the rain had stopped, gridlock on key roads left many unable to reach the airport in time, with several missing their flights altogether.

Delhi airport authorities issued advisories urging travellers to opt for the Metro instead of road transport. The Metro's Magenta Line is connected to the airport Terminal 1 and the Airport Express Line (Orange) connects to Terminal 3.

"Heavy rainfall and waterlogging across the Delhi-National Capital Region since morning led

to traffic jams on roads to and from the Delhi airport. Our on-ground teams are working diligently, with all stakeholders to ensure smooth journey of passengers. We recommend that passengers consider alternative modes of transportation, such as the Delhi Metro, to avoid potential delays," the Delhi airport's post on X said.

Data from the flight tracking website FlightRadar24 showed by 6pm, at least 377 flights were delayed – with an average delay time of 32 minutes. Passengers used social media to share their ordeal, stating cars remained stuck in traffic for several hours – in some cases longer than the actual flight journey.

Among the flights delayed was also a Delhi to Bagdogra flight, after a crew member was unable to reach the airport. The flight eventually departed in the evening. "A flight crew member got stuck in traffic. This was the only instance of a flight being delayed due to the staff. In other cases,

flights were delayed due to the weather," an airline official said.

A passenger, Arun, posted on X that he was able to move only 2km in three hours. "3 hours for 2 km at Delhi Airport. Missed my domestic flight. @DelhiPolice — this isn't traffic management, it's a masterclass in incompetence. #DelhiAirport," the post said.

Dheeraj Gaur, another user, said he reached office after travelling 6.5km in 1.5 hours. "The entire Thimayya Marg in the Delhi Cantonment area and the traffic signal outside Airforce Station Palam is choked. People are walking with luggage in hands to reach the airport on time," said Gaur around 11.30am.

"I've been stuck at Palam Airport Road near Krishan temple for the last two hours. Delhi Traffic Police personnel are nowhere to be seen. It's total chaos here — vehicles are moving left, right and centre. One person was driving on the wrong side, too," said another, at 1.04pm.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

DELHI

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## Flyers face delays as crew struggles to reach airport

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

FLIGHT departures from Delhi saw massive delays on Thursday for an unusual reason—pilots and cabin crew were unable to reach the airport on time due to traffic snarls caused by hours of heavy rain and waterlogged roads. In some cases, passengers too arrived late at Indira Gandhi International Airport and missed their flights.

A source said a SpiceJet flight from Delhi to Bagdogra (SG 914) was delayed by over three hours after one cockpit crew member was stuck in traffic. "The flight cannot operate without both crew members. It finally took off at 6.18 pm, instead of the scheduled 3.10 pm, and reached Bagdogra at 8.55 pm," the source said.

Akasa Air reported delays of over 40 minutes for two Delhi-Mumbai departures—QP 1411 and QP 1972—due to late arrival of cabin crew. "Some passengers too were delayed. Our staff assisted them in clearing security checks on priority," an airline source said. An Air India Express spokesperson said no significant delays were reported for the airline, but confirmed that in some cases crew faced difficulty reaching the airport due to the rain.

Delhi airport posted on X: "Due to heavy rainfall and waterlogging across the Delhi-NCR, road traffic to and from Delhi airport has been observed to be slower than usual."



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## SpiceJet expands fleet with lease of five more Boeing 737s ahead of winter travel surge

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Country's low-cost carrier-SpiceJet has finalised a lease agreement for five additional Boeing 737 aircraft, further bolstering its fleet in preparation for the upcoming winter travel season. The new aircraft will be inducted under damp lease arrangements, with most set to join the fleet in October 2025, and a few arriving several weeks earlier.

The lease term extends through May 2026, allowing the airline to serve not only peak winter demand but also carry the capacity through the early summer travel

season next year.

This latest move follows last month's announcement that SpiceJet would induct five Boeing 737s on damp lease from another operator, bringing the total new fleet additions to ten aircraft. The airline is also in advanced negotiations to lease additional aircraft ahead of the Winter 2025 schedule.

"SpiceJet is fully geared to meet the surge in travel demand for the upcoming winter and early summer seasons," said Debojo Maharshi, Chief Business Officer of SpiceJet. "With the induction of these additional Boeing 737s, we are

ensuring that our passengers have more choices, greater connectivity, and a reliable, on-time travel experience."

The expanded fleet is expected to support SpiceJet's efforts to boost frequencies on high-demand routes, improve connectivity to tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and maintain operational efficiency during the peak travel months.

The airline's continued focus on short-term leasing options reflects a flexible growth strategy as it seeks to adapt to market dynamics while enhancing passenger experience and route competitiveness.

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# इको फ्रेंडली विमान ईंधन उत्पादन का प्रमाणपत्र पाने वाली पहली कंपनी बनी आईओसी

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की इंडियन ऑयल कॉरपोरेशन (आईओसी) अपनी पानीपत रिफाइनरी में पर्यावरण अनुकूल विमान ईंधन के उत्पादन के लिए प्रतिष्ठित आईएससीसी- सीओआरएसआईए प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करने वाली देश की पहली कंपनी बन गई है। देश की स्वच्छ ऊर्जा यात्रा में यह महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि है।

कंपनी ने बयान में कहा, 'यह प्रमाण पत्र पर्यावरण अनुकूल ईंधन (एसएएफ) के वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन

के लिए एक पूर्व शर्त है। यह एसएएफ के उत्पादन, प्रमाणन और वितरण के लिए भारत की क्षमता में एक महत्वपूर्ण प्रगति है।'

एक विशेष समारोह में कोटेकना ने पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव रोहित माथुर और नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के संयुक्त महानिदेशक मनीष कुमार की उपस्थिति में आईओसी के चेयरमैन ए.एस. साहनी को औपचारिक रूप से प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान किया। अंतरराष्ट्रीय नागर विमानन संगठन द्वारा अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन

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पर्यावरण अनुकूल और कार्बन प्रमाणन)-सीओआरएसआईए

प्रमाणन प्रमाणित करता है कि एसएएफ उच्चतम पर्यावरण अनुकूल और जीवनचक्र कार्बन उत्सर्जन मानकों को पूरा करता है।

एसएएफ पारंपरिक विमान ईंधन का एक स्वच्छ विकल्प है। यह ईंधन जीवाश्म ईंधन (कोयला, पेट्रोल) के बजाए नवीकरणीय या अपशिष्ट से बने उत्पादों के जरिये बनाया जाता है। इसे विमान यात्रा से होने वाले ग्रीनहाउस गैस उत्सर्जन को उल्लेखनीय रूप से कम करने के लिए तैयार किया गया है। साथ ही यह मौजूदा विमान इंजन और ईंधन संरचना के साथ पूरी तरह से अनुकूल है।

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# DGCA warns AI on pilot duty violations

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making pilots fly for longer than the 10 hours allowed as per the FDTL given to AI at that point of time.

On Aug 11, the DGCA told AI that its “response to (that) show-cause notice has been duly examined and found to be unsatisfactory in addressing the regulatory lapses and deficiencies noted”.

It also noted that the airline’s “accountable manager (CEO Campbell Wilson) failed to ensure compliance with the rules”. “Accordingly, the accountable manager of AI is hereby warned and advised to exercise utmost diligence and responsibility in ensuring strict compliance with the applicable civil aviation requirements (DGCA rules),” the DGCA warning letter said.

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## 'Misused Air Space Closure Exemption'

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An AI spokesperson said the carrier remains fully compliant with the rules.

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# Heavy rain pushes Aug into 'excess' zone; temp drops, flights affected

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**New Delhi:** The city was drenched by the fifth heaviest rainfall of the year on Thursday, knocking down trees, slowing traffic and delaying over 350 flights.

The downpour meant that Delhi has recorded a total rainfall of 254.8mm till 5.30pm on Thursday against the August monthly normal of 233.1mm. The city also went past its annual rainfall mark of 774.4mm, the weather log showing 818.1mm to date — the fastest Delhi has crossed the annual mark since 2021. Aug will continue to be wet with the Met office predicting light rain till Aug 20, including some spells of very light to light rain on Independence Day.

The city's base weather station at Safdarjung recorded 13.1mm of precipitation in the 24 hours till 8.30am, but logged 79.4mm over the next nine hours till 5.30pm. Experts attributed Thursday's driving rain to the monsoon trough moving closer to the city. "The monsoon trough moved south of Delhi," explained Mahesh Palawat, vice-president, climate change and meteorology, Skymet. "With easterly winds to persist and a low-pressure area also building up, we will continue to see scattered light to moderate rains in Delhi over

the next three to four days."

Most city weather stations logged moderate rain on Thursday, with only some recording heavy rainfall. Palam logged 49.4mm till 8.30 am and 45mm in the next nine hours. Lodhi Road recorded 12.6mm till 8.30am, but added 66.8mm to that by 5.30pm. Ayanagar recorded 57.4mm till 8.30am and 66mm subsequently, while the Ridge recorded 17.4mm till 8.30am and 37.2mm thereafter till the evening. In west Delhi's Pusa, the station measured rainfall at 5mm till 8.30am only to see 49mm of additional precipitation till 5.30pm.

The maximum temperature fell by over seven degrees Celsius. The maximum temperature was at 27.7 degrees Celsius, a full six below normal and over 7 degrees lower than the 35 degrees Celsius of the previous day. The minimum temperature was 23.6 degrees Celsius, which was three degrees below normal and also almost three degrees lower than Wednesday's 26.8 degrees.

According to the weather department, the maximum temperature on Friday is likely to be 31-33 degrees Celsius.

The rain helped Delhi's air quality return to the 'satisfactory' category from the 'moderate' of Wednesday. The AQI, on a scale of 0 to 500, read 90 on Thursday against 120 a day earlier.



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## **IN TALKS TO RESUME DIRECT FLIGHTS**

China on Thursday said it was in close communication with India to resume direct flights between the two countries, amid speculation that the two sides are preparing to restart air connectivity soon after a gap of five years.



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## SC asks Centre, DGCA to respond to plea on U'khand copter crashes

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The Supreme Court has sought responses from the Centre and the DGCA, among others, on a plea over a series of helicopter

crashes, particularly in Uttarakhand's Kedamath. "The concern is over a series of crashes, particularly in Kedamath," the petitioners' counsel said. — PTI