

दिल्ली में स्मॉग का असर, 9 फ्लाइट जयपुर डायवर्ट

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सर्दी भले ही दूर है और कोहरा भी उतना नहीं छा रहा है, लेकिन फ्लाइट्स का संचालन गड़बड़ाने लगा है। दिल्ली में छाए स्मॉग के चलते बुधवार सुबह दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट्स की लैंडिंग नहीं हो सकी। इस कारण दिल्ली जाने वाली 9 फ्लाइट्स को जयपुर डायवर्ट किया गया।

दिल्ली में सुबह 8 बजे से स्मॉग का असर दिखना शुरू हुआ। दृश्यता कम होते ही फ्लाइट्स की लैंडिंग में परेशानी होने लगी और विभिन्न शहरों से दिल्ली



पहुंची फ्लाइट्स को जयपुर सहित नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। करीब 2 घंटे तक दृश्यता कम रही। इस दौरान कुल 9 फ्लाइट जयपुर डायवर्ट हुईं। इसमें एक इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट भी शामिल थी। एयर इंडिया की यह इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट फ्रैंकफर्ट से दिल्ली जा रही थी। इसके अलावा

8 अन्य घरेलू शहरों की फ्लाइट्स भी डायवर्ट होकर जयपुर पहुंची। इस सीजन में ऐसा पहली बार हुआ, जब एक साथ 9 फ्लाइट्स डायवर्ट होकर जयपुर पहुंची। हालांकि जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर यात्री विमानों में ही बैठे रहे। करीब 3 घंटे में सभी फ्लाइट्स वापस दिल्ली के लिए रवाना हो गईं।

ये फ्लाइट्स हुईं डायवर्ट

- एयर इंडिया की फ्रैंकफर्ट-दिल्ली फ्लाइट एआई-2026
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अब 30 नवंबर को होगा नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर कामर्शियल फ्लाइट का ट्रायल

जागरण संवाददाता, ग्रेटर नोएडा: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर अब केवल एक दिन 30 नवंबर को कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल होगा। इसके लिए महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन 25 नवंबर को स्वीकृति देगा। एक दिन के ट्रायल पर ही एयरपोर्ट लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया जा सकेगा। एयरपोर्ट के रनवे, लैंडिंग सिस्टम व कैलिब्रेशन अप्रूवल के आधार पर केवल कामर्शियल फ्लाइट ट्रायल को एयरपोर्ट लाइसेंस के लिए पत्राप्ता बताया है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. की ओर से पहले 15 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर तक बिना यात्री के ट्रायल का दावा किया गया था।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट से अगले साल कामर्शियल सेवा शुरू होगी। इससे

पहले एयरपोर्ट पर जांच प्रक्रियाओं को पूरा किया जा रहा है। 15 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर तक ट्रायल प्रस्तावित था। ट्रायल के आंकड़ों से तैयार रिपोर्ट पर एयरपोर्ट के लिए एयरपोर्ट लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन होना है, लेकिन अब केवल तीस नवंबर को कामर्शियल फ्लाइट की ट्रायल रिपोर्ट के आधार पर ही एयरपोर्ट लाइसेंस के लिए आवेदन किया जा सकेगा। डीजीसीए से 20 मार्च तक एयरपोर्ट लाइसेंस मिल जाएगा। साथ ही एयरपोर्ट से कामर्शियल सेवा शुरू करने का रास्ता साफ होगा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी डा. अरुणवीर सिंह का कहना है कि एयरपोर्ट पर कामर्शियल सेवा को चार प्रक्रिया पूरी करना जरूरी है।



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट ने बनाया सर्वाधिक यात्रीभार संभालने का नया रिकॉर्ड



व्यूरो/नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने 12 नवंबर को सबसे अधिक यात्रियों का प्रबंधन करके एक नया मानक स्थापित किया। इस दिन एयरपोर्ट पर 19 हजार 717 यात्रियों ने यात्रा की जो जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की स्थापना के बाद से अब तक का सबसे अधिक यात्रीभार है। इस दिन घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री यातायात भी सबसे अधिक रहा, जिसमें 17 हजार 768 घरेलू यात्री और 1 हजार 947 अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों ने जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से यात्रा की। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार इस महीने में वह दूसरी बार है जब जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने एक दिन में सबसे ज्यादा यात्रियों को हैंडल करने का नया कीर्तिमान स्थापित किया है। गत 5 नवंबर को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट ने 19 हजार 411 यात्रियों को हैंडल किया, जिसमें 17 हजार 534 घरेलू यात्री और 1 हजार 877 अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री शामिल थे।

15 नवंबर से बढ़ेगी कनेक्टिविटी

15 नवंबर से जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से कनेक्टिविटी और भी बढ़ जाएगी जब स्पाइस जेट और एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस जैसी एयरलाइंस कंपनियां वाराणसी, अमृतसर, अहमदाबाद, मुंबई, गुवाहाटी और पुणे जैसे गंतव्यों के लिए रोजाना उड़ानें शुरू करेंगी।



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एयरपोर्ट जाने से पहले संपर्क करें

नई दिल्ली, प्र.सं। राजधानी में सुबह के समय हल्का कोहरा छाने लगा है। ऐसे में दृश्यता घटने लगी है और इसका असर विमान सेवा पर भी देखने को मिल रहा है। इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट की तरफ से यात्रियों के लिए दिशानिर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। इसमें कहा गया है कि यात्रा के लिए घर से निकलने से पूर्व एयरलाइंस से संपर्क कर लें, ताकि इंतजार न करना पड़े।



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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Airport gears up for wider low-visibility ops

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NEW DELHI: Following flight delays due to fog-induced low visibility at the Delhi airport on Wednesday, officials said that at least three of the four runways have been equipped with CAT III instrument landing system (ILS) to reduce disruptions.

"The airport has put in place strategic measures to improve resilience and reduce disruptions during low visibility which includes equipping advanced CAT III ILS in the three runways," said one of at least two

officials who confirmed the development.

The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has four operational runways, the oldest being 27-09, along with 28-10, southernmost runway 29L-11R, and 29R-11L. The 29L-11R was inaugurated by former civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia last year.

An ILS helps pilots land during poor visibility and is an important navigation system during extreme weather conditions, such as zero visibility. The systems have been installed at three runways, barring 27-09,

THREE OF THE 4 RUNWAYS HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH CAT III INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM

where there are hurdles to its installation, officials said.

"The airport has implemented several strategic measures to enhance its resilience and minimise disruptions during low visibility periods... CAT III ILS and approach-lighting systems (ALS)

have been installed at the three runways...enabling precision landing in low visibility conditions," a spokesperson of the Delhi International Airport Ltd, which operates the IGI Airport said.

An ILS is a critical safety feature during low visibility that helps pilots align their aircraft with a runway's centreline during the final approach.

"The airport operator also conducts several meetings with airlines, AAI (Airports Authority of India) and other stakeholders to discuss the airport's preparedness for the season and any

changes or additions, if any," the official said.

An airport official said, "The season's first instance (of low visibility) was seen on Wednesday night when the visibility dropped below 100m, making the air traffic control activate 'low visibility procedures'."

"CAT III was in use when the visibility in Delhi dropped below 100m on Wednesday night. Due to the CAT III, few flights were delayed marginally and no cancellation was seen," a second airport official said.

Aviation safety expert Captain Mohan Ranganathan said, "CAT

III compliance of three runways will help in reducing delays for arrivals and departures. Only when RVR is below 50m will it affect operations."

"Configuring all three active runways to CAT III B and C at Delhi is a progressive step, but that will not solve the airport terminal congestion problem, check-ins will continue to take time. DIAL must start on its approved master plan, Terminal 4, which is much needed as total passenger throughput has breached 55 million, the saturation limit," Mark D Martin, CEO of Martin Consulting, said.



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जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रीभार 19 हजार पार

जयपुर @ पत्रिका. जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रीभार में लगातार वृद्धि हो रही है। मंगलवार को एयरपोर्ट पर रेकॉर्ड यात्रीभार दर्ज किया गया। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के अनुसार, सामान्यतः एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रीभार 15 से 16 हजार के बीच रहता है, लेकिन 12 नवंबर को यह संख्या 19,717 तक पहुंच गई। इस दिन 17,768 यात्रियों ने डोमेस्टिक और 1,947 यात्रियों ने इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट्स से यात्रा की। इसके पूर्व 5 नवंबर को भी यहां 19,411 यात्रियों ने सफर किया था। यात्रीभार में वृद्धि का मुख्य कारण पर्यटन सीजन और विंटर शिड्यूल की शुरुआत है। इस बार शिड्यूल में नई फ्लाइट्स भी शुरू हुई हैं। इसके अलावा, 15 नवंबर से जयपुर से वाराणसी, अमृतसर, अहमदाबाद, मुंबई, गुवाहाटी और पुणे जैसे गंतव्यों के लिए नई फ्लाइट्स भी शुरू हो रही हैं, जिससे यात्रीभार और बढ़ेगा।



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Poor visibility at IGI and other airports, over 300 flights delayed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Low visibility impacted flight operations at IGI for the second consecutive day as 300 flights were delayed.

Flight Radar24 said the total delayed flights were 357 flights on Thursday. The average delay was for 36 minutes.

An official at Delhi airport, however, said that visibility at IGI was better on Thursday than the day before and many flights were delayed due to adverse weather conditions at the airport of origin.

Flightradar24 said that on

Wednesday, 586 flights were delayed at IGI.

According to IMD, the lowest visibility at IGI airport was 300 metres from 7am to 8.30 am on Thursday. It improved to 500 metres at 10am.

Delhi airport saw very dense fog on Wednesday. For over an hour, visibility was zero.

An airport official said: "The visibility at IGI airport on Thursday was better (than Wednesday). However, some flights were delayed as they arrived late from the origin airport due to adverse weather conditions there. It had a

cascading effect."

IMD said the airports at Amritsar, Bareilly, Bhisiana, Hindon, Sarsawa and Kushinagar recorded zero visibility early on Thursday. Dense fog was reported at airports in Gorakhpur, Ayodhya, Pant Nagar and Halwara, with visibility around 50 to 100 metres.

The IGI official added that "since there was no flight diversion from Delhi, it shows that fog did not disrupt the flight movement."

On Wednesday, 10 Delhi-bound flights were diverted to Jaipur and Lucknow.



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AHMEDABAD

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Fog swallows Delhi's IGI, 10 flights diverted, over 100 get delayed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A very dense fog over IGI Airport on Wednesday compelled 10 Delhi-bound flights to divert to Jaipur and Lucknow. Over 100 flights were delayed in a cascading effect of slow take-offs and landings.

The flights that are not CAT III compliant are impacted, so airlines are informing passengers via phone, email and social media about the delays.

According to India Meteorological Department, the dense fog blanketed the airport from 6am to 10am. Visibility was less than 200 metres at this time, and for one hour it even reduced to zero. Met officials said CAT III procedures were initiated at IGI Airport as runway visibility ranged from 125 metres to 500 metres.

Delhi airport wrote on X, "While landing and takeoffs continue at Delhi Airport, flights that are not CAT III compliant may get affected. Passengers are requested to contact the airlines concerned for updated flight information. Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted." Of the total flight diversions, nine were sent to Jaipur and one to Lucknow.

However, even after visibility improved during the daytime, the cascading effect of the delays continued. Harsh Singh, a passenger, said: "My flight to Lucknow was scheduled to take off at 12.20pm on Wednesday. However, it left the national capital after a delay of an hour."

Officials said the airport initiates low visibility procedures (LVP) — measures aimed at making landings easier.



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HYDERABAD

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Delhi airport sees 10 flight diversions

Ten flights were diverted and many were delayed at the Delhi airport on Wednesday morning as low visibility conditions impacted operations, according to officials. The IMD reported that very dense fog began forming around 5.30 am, resulting in a thick haze. PTI

IN BRIEF

AI-Vistara ready for aviation revolution: N Chandrasekaran

Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran (*pictured*) on Thursday said the best qualities of Vistara are being brought to Air India, which was in decline for a number of systemic reasons when Tatas took over the airline two years back, and fulfil the “sky high expectations”. “We are fully aware that expectations for the new Air India are sky high. We expect nothing less, and we expect to



deliver nothing less,” he said and asserted that the merged entity will be ready for the country's coming aviation revolution. Nearly two years after announcing the merger, the integration of Vistara with Air India was completed on November 12 and Singapore Airlines now has a 25.1 per cent in the enlarged Air India. Vistara was jointly owned by Tatas and Singapore Airlines. **PTI**

SpiceJet settles with EDC; gets ownership of 13 Q400 planes

SpiceJet on Thursday said it has settled a \$90.8 million dispute with Export Development Canada (EDC) for a total consideration of \$22.5 million, leading to the airline taking ownership of 13 Q400 planes. This resolution will result in savings of ₹574 crore (\$68.3 million), it said. The crisis-hit airline, which recently raised ₹3,000 crore, has also acquired the full ownership of 13 EDC-financed Q400 aircraft and the development will help in reducing operational costs. In a release, the carrier said it has “fully settled a ₹763 crore (\$90.8 million) dispute with EDC for a total of \$22.5 million”. **PTI**

Uber lines up new features for million-plus drivers

Ride-hailing app Uber on Thursday announced a host of new features such as SOS integration, helmet selfie and women rider preference for female drivers – all aimed at making experience for million-plus drivers on its platform “safer, easier and fairer”. Further, in support of the government's Code on Social Security (CoSS). To encourage participation and accelerate registrations, Uber is offering cash incentives to the first 10,000 drivers who register on the portal. **PTI**

Mexico fines Dr Reddy's ₹27 lakh for 'deviation' from guidelines

Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Thursday said Mexico's drug regulator has imposed a fine of ₹27 lakh on it for deviation from prescribed guidelines in filing intimation of import for a product. The drug regulatory body of Mexico has imposed a penalty of ₹27 lakh on the company for deviation from prescribed guidelines in filing intimation of import of a reference standard for one of the APIs, the Hyderabad-based firm said. Shares of Dr Reddy's Laboratories were trading 0.70 per cent down at ₹1,237 apiece on BSE. **PTI**

EPC contracts adopting 'open book' model: Tata Projects

Newer engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts are now being entered under an “open book” model, to factor in new-age risks like weather changes, executives from Tata Projects said. Vinayak Pai, MD & CEO of Tata Projects on Thursday said that intense weather changes are also impacting the number of days available to execute projects. Pai said that in a bid to factor in such new risks, some clients and contractors are entering into “open book” modelled contracts in the EPC space. **BS REPORTER**

IndiGo operates first flight with business class seats

IndiGo on Thursday operated its first flight with business class seats on the Delhi-Mumbai route. In due course, these seats will be available on the airline's flights connecting business and busiest routes in the country. In a LinkedIn post, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said the day was the “inaugural business class IndiGoStretch flight”. The airline also put out a post on X saying, “a new chapter takes flight! Celebrating our inaugural #IndiGoStretch flight from #Delhi to #Mumbai”. **PTI**

Passenger on IndiGo flight held for hoax bomb info

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Raipur, 14 November

An IndiGo flight from Nagpur to Kolkata with 187 passengers on board was forced to make an emergency landing at the Raipur airport on Thursday morning after one of the passengers told the crew there was a "bomb" on the aircraft, officials said.

After landing at the airport in Chhattisgarh, the aeroplane was thoroughly checked by security personnel, but nothing suspicious was found. The passenger who gave false information about the presence of a "bomb" on the aircraft was later arrested, they said.

The flight 6E-812 landed at the Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur sometime after 9 am following the passenger's claim, said Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Santosh Singh.

According to preliminary information, a passenger, identified as Animesh Mandal, told aircraft crew members about the presence of a "bomb" in the flight when it was mid-air, he said.

The Air Traffic Control was immediately informed and the flight was diverted to Raipur. Upon landing, the aircraft was immediately taken to the isolation bay for mandatory security checks, the police official said.

A police team along with a bomb detection and disposal squad reached the airport. All passengers were deboarded and the aircraft and luggage in it were thoroughly checked by CISF and Raipur police personnel, he said.



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कोहरे की वजह से 303 उड़ानों में विलंब

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को भी घने कोहरे और धुंध का असर देखने को मिला। कोहरे की वजह से जहां एक तरफ 303 उड़ानों में विलंब हुआ, वहीं सात उड़ानों को रद्द भी करना पड़ा। हालांकि बुधवार की तरह गुरुवार को उड़ानों को डायवर्ट नहीं किया गया, पर खराब मौसम के कारण आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानों के परिचालन के लिए कम दृश्यता को लेकर विशेष सुरक्षा उपाय लागू किए गए। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने कोहरे को लेकर जानकारी भी दी।

गुरुवार शाम पीने सात बजे तक 60 अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में विलंब देखने को मिला। इनमें से 34 उड़ानों के प्रस्थान और 26 उड़ानों के आगमन में विलंब देखने को मिला। वहीं, सिआम्पिनो रोम व बाली जाने वाली दो उड़ानों को रद्द किया गया। घरेलू उड़ानों की बात करें, तो कुल 243 उड़ानों में विलंब रहा। 137 उड़ानों ने देरी से प्रस्थान किया, तो 106 उड़ानों का आगमन देरी से हुआ। आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर आने व जाने वाली पांच उड़ानें रद्द की गईं। इनमें जयपुर, जम्मू, कोलकाता और बेंगलुरु को उड़ान शामिल हैं। घरेलू उड़ानों में आवागमन के दौरान यह विलंब 15 मिनट से लेकर 55 मिनट का रहा। डायल ने गुरुवार सुबह सात बजे एक्स पर पोस्ट अपडेट की कि आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर कम दृश्यता की स्थिति में उपयोगी विशेष सुरक्षा उपाय किए गए हैं। डायल ने यात्रियों से अनुरोध किया कि वे उड़ान की जानकारी के लिए संबंधित विमानन कंपनी से संपर्क करें।

CAT SCAN: Navigating the Smog of Uncertainty

Official of aviation ministry and DGCA to meet airline and airport execs on Monday to check preparedness for fog and smog season

Forum Gandhi

Mumbai: Government authorities, airlines and airport operators will meet in New Delhi next week to review their preparedness to cope

with the approaching fog and smog season, when a thick mixture of smoke and fog envelops several cities, including the national capital, diminishing visibility and disrupting traffic.

Officials of the ministry of

aviation and directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) will meet airline and airport execs on Monday to discuss the matter, people familiar with the matter said.

The fog, or smog, season in India starts on December 10 and extends

up to three months, when landing and take-off become difficult in several of the airports, especially in the North, throwing flight schedules into turmoil. Government officials have informed aviation industry players that fog will en-

velop airports in cities like Delhi, Amritsar, Jaipur and Lucknow during this period, the people said.

Other cities also often get affected. In an early sign of what

lies ahead, dense fog disrupted operations at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport last Sunday and Monday, delaying 37 flights. Low visibility also caused at least 10 flights to be diverted on

Wednesday. Elsewhere, IndiGo issued a warning on microblogging platform X about potential disruptions to flights to and from Amritsar, Varanasi, and Delhi.

In 2023, more than 3,210 flights were cancelled and another 3,430 delayed—the most since 2019—due to adverse weather. IndiGo had the most cancellations (2,185).

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi, which handles around 1,400 flight movements daily, has already enhanced its capabilities, a DIAL spokesperson said. All three runways are now equipped with CAT-III instrument landing system (ILS) and visibility sensors to improve safety in low visibility conditions.

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CAT-III ILS aids pilots in landing during poor visibility.

The airport has introduced new zones for off-schedule international departures, a swing zone to optimise resources for arrivals and departures and provided training on low-visibility operations to airside personnel, the spokesperson said.

Airlines are also preparing for the fog season.

Air India sources said the airline has added more CAT-III compliant pilots this year and that in case of a possibility of flight delay, the airline is proactively reaching out to passengers, offering alternative flight options.

Akasa said it has implemented measures to minimise passenger inconvenience.

"A dedicated travel advisory section on the website and social media channels will provide real-time updates," and passengers affected by delays will receive care packs, Akasa said. IndiGo, SpiceJet, Air India and Air India Express did not respond to request for comment.

CAT-READY AIRPORTS

Six major airports, including Delhi and Bengaluru, are certified for CAT-III operations to handle low visibility. The DGCA required airlines to establish emergency control rooms at metro airports. By December 2023, 6,191 pilots were trained in CAT II and CAT III operations—a 16% increase since October. Experts, though, call for more trained pilots.

It Begins...

Fog or smog season officially starts on Dec 10 and extends up to three months

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37 flights delayed in Bengaluru

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SpiceJet Settles Row with EDC, Gets Ownership of 13 Planes

Our Bureau

Mumbai: SpiceJet on Thursday said it has settled a \$90.8 million (₹767 crore) longstanding dispute with Export Development Canada (EDC) for \$22.5 million, allowing the airline to take full ownership of 13 Bombardier Q400 aircraft. The settlement will save SpiceJet \$68.3 million in operatio-

nal costs, the financially-stressed airline said on Thursday.

“The agreement represents one of the largest settlements in SpiceJet’s history, strengthening the airline’s fiscal position, eliminating a significant liability from its balance sheet, and paving the way for sustained growth and operational efficiency,” the company said.

The move also relieves SpiceJet from paying monthly rentals for



the 13 planes, offering desperate financial relief.

SpiceJet described the settlement as a crucial step in improving its balance sheet, removing a significant liability, and reducing its operational costs. The debt-laden airline recently raised ₹3,000 crore to tide over its financial pressures.

“The resolution allows the airline to move forward with a strengthened balance sheet and focus on getting the Q400 aircrafts back into service as quickly as possible,” Ajay

Singh, chairman of SpiceJet said.

Shares of SpiceJet closed 3.2% higher at ₹55.37 on the BSE on Thursday, outperforming a nearly flat broader market.

SpiceJet plans to deploy the newly acquired Q400 aircrafts on regional and UDAN routes. Starting October 27, it has started services on new routes including Delhi-Amritsar, Guwahati-Patna, Kolkata-Patna, Delhi-Patna, and Delhi-Darbhanga.



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'AI-Vistara Merger will Create World-Class Airline'

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The merger of Air India and Vistara will create world class airline, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Thursday.

"From its pre-privatisation size, the fleet has grown over 2.5x, and its 300 aircraft carry nearly 200,000 passengers across 100 global destinations every day. Through its partners, the fleet offers worldwide connectivity to over 800 destinations," Chandrasekaran said in a LinkedIn post.



N CHANDRASEKARAN
TATA SONS CHAIRMAN



Deal will take time to fully align as businesses were at different points of maturing during merger'

Chandrasekaran though indicated that the merger will face teething issues. "It is important to acknowledge that a merger is undoubtedly a time of change—distinct cultures are put together to create something new and lasting.

Such mergers take time to play out," he said.

A day after the merger, barely 3 out of 10 flights of the Air India group flew on time on Wednesday, data from ministry of civil aviation shows. "Different parts of the business were at different points of maturity when the merger commenced, so they will take time to fully align," Chandrasekaran noted.

Chandrasekaran assured that the Vistara service experience will continue even after the merger, and will bring some of its best practices to Air India as well.

RAM MOHAN NAIDU MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION

It's Important We Don't Let Any Airline go Bankrupt or Leave

Minister says govt will go all out to make it easier for airlines to start business in the country

At 37, Ram Mohan Naidu is the youngest minister in the Union cabinet. The first-time minister is helming India's burgeoning civil aviation sector which, however, has almost become a duopoly between IndiGo and Air India. In a conversation with Vinay Pandey at **ET India Ascends** event on Wednesday, Naidu said he doesn't want to encourage a duopoly and intends to make it easier for airlines to start business in the country. Edited excerpts:

A brief overview of the sector's progress under the current government...

Over the past decade, we've seen unprecedented growth in civil aviation. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014, we had only 74 airports. Today, that number has risen to 157. No other country has added 83 airports in such a short span... The number of daily air passengers has also doubled, from around 20 million in 2014 to over 40 million, with 500,000 passengers flying daily. This puts us right behind the US. Additionally, our aircraft fleet has grown from 400 in 2014 to more than 800, with another 1,500 aircraft on order. This growth is not just about infrastructure but also job creation and connectivity.

On plans to capitalise on this growth, in terms of job creation...

Our focus is not only on expanding infrastructure but also on boosting the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) sector. Right now, 95% of engine maintenance is done abroad, but we are working to bring this expertise to India. This will benefit our youth by creating jobs and allowing skilled engineers to work domestically. Policy changes, such as a uniform 5% GST on MRO components and extending the warranty on MRO services from three year to five, have made India attractive for aviation maintenance. Before, MRO components faced varying GST rates—5%, 12%, 18%, or higher—making it hard for businesses to thrive. Now, with a single 5% GST rate, we're creating a stable environment for growth. By extending the import timeframe for MRO parts to one year, we're ensuring operational flexibility.

On moves to keep air travel affordable and connected to far flung areas...

Through the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, we've improved connectivity to underserved and unserved airports across India. This scheme provides financial support to airlines on routes that may not be commercial-



KEEPING PRICES IN CHECK

To boost competition, we're encouraging smaller airlines to enter the market. This leverages supply and demand to naturally moderate ticket prices

ly viable otherwise. As a result, 600 routes have been launched and over 120 are fully operational today. By lowering costs and increasing route options, we're enabling travellers from tier-2 and tier-3 cities to fly affordably.

On ensuring fair pricing in an effective duopoly...

We monitor airfare trends closely. When we see unusual price fluctuations, we engage with airlines to keep rates in check. And we want more airlines to come in. To boost competition, we are encouraging smaller airlines to enter the market, especially on regional routes. This approach leverages supply and demand to naturally moderate ticket prices, making air travel accessible to more people.

On plans for airlines facing financial hardships...

The industry is sensitive to global changes such as fuel prices or geopolitical conflicts. To support airlines during tough times, we provide policy aid and maintain open communication. Our objective is to keep airlines afloat, preventing any from shutting down due to temporary financial turbulence. We are not just leaving the industry because it is private. We keep talking to them, we discuss with them, to see what best we can do so that the airlines continue their business. For us as an industry, it is very important that we don't let any airline go bankrupt or leave the industry. Through Udan, we provide viability gap funding on unprofitable remote routes, and we've requested state governments to lower taxes on aviation fuel to reduce operating costs for airlines.

On working with states to encourage support to the aviation industry...

States have realised the economic impact of aviation, particularly in job creation and tourism. Many are now building airports on their own initiative. While the Centre guides and facilitates, states are proactively pushing forward. Our approach is holistic, aimed at maximising benefits for both passengers and industry stakeholders.

● PILOT PROJECT

E-comm export: Shiprocket, cargo firm to run hubs

MUKESH JAGOTA
New Delhi, November 14

LOGISTICS ENABLER FOR e-commerce Shiprocket and air cargo handling company Cargo Service Centre (CSC) have been selected by the government to run pilots on setting up e-commerce export hubs in the country, a senior official said on Thursday.

The hubs will be set up in and around Delhi airport and will be rolled out in February next year, director general of foreign trade Santosh Kumar Sarangi told reporters. While Shiprocket is headquartered in Gurugram, CSC is based in Mumbai.

"The hub will have facilities for expedited customs and security clearance in house. Provision for quality and certifying agency will happen with the hub. It will also have a very easy reimport policy," he added. Reimport policy will enable the return of e-commerce consignments and rejects without payment of import duty.

Based on the feedback received on running of these pilots, the government will come out with detailed guidelines for setting up more such hubs across the country. The guidelines may require policy or regulatory tweaks in different departments, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BACS) and DGFT.

"Our expectation is that the successful rollout of the pilot and subsequent scaling up will have a large number of ECEH (e-commerce export hubs) operating in different parts of the country," Sarangi said.

He said e-commerce exports have the potential to grow to \$100 billion-plus by 2030 and then further to \$200-250 billion. Global e-commerce exports are expected to touch \$2 trillion in 2030 from \$800 billion now. India's exports through this medium is only

about \$5 billion as compared to China's \$250 billion annually.

China, which is a leader in e-commerce exports, is also a pioneer in export hubs for e-commerce. China's exports through this route were 6.4% of its total merchandise exports in 2023, while for India this figure stood at \$1.14%. "This (ECEH) will be a key element in furthering our exports," Sarangi said.

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Further to Newspaper Publication subject and Notice dated 28th C Extraordinary General Meeting from amongst shareholders of the following the nominations from the following "Fit and Proper" by the Nominating Committee.

Name of the Candidate
Shri. Hemant Buch
Shri. Deepak Arora

Accordingly, election of one shareholding Candidate desiring to withdraw 21st November, 2024. Further, in EGM notice will take place 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 26th November Extraordinary General Meeting

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 14.11.2024





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New Air India will meet sky-high expectations: Chandrasekaran

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, November 14

THE BEST QUALITIES of Vistara are being brought to Air India and the merged entity will be ready for the country's upcoming aviation revolution, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran said in a LinkedIn post on Thursday. He described the merger as an important milestone in the transformation of Air India into a world-class global airline with an Indian heart. "We are fully aware that expectations for the new Air India are sky high. We expect nothing less and we expect to deliver nothing less," Chandrasekaran said.

"Two years ago, when we took over, Air India was in decline for a number of systemic reasons. The turnaround it needed could not be achieved simply by allocation of resources, but by rethinking every aspect of functioning from the ground up," he added.

The merger was completed on November 11 with the final Vistara flight taking off from Mumbai for Delhi, paving the way for an enlarged Air India with 300 aircraft (including that of Air India Express) and a domestic market share of nearly 29%.

"This merger is undoubtedly a time of change—distinct cultures are put together to create something new and lasting. Such mergers take time to play out. We have moved quickly, completing the process in two years," he added.

He mentioned that different parts of the business were at different points of maturity when the merger commenced, so it will take time to fully align them. In two months, the Tata group will have completed three years of ownership of Air India. The process of merging the two and rejuvenating Air India itself was done simultaneously.

Besides placing mega

orders for 470 planes with Airbus and Boeing, the Tata group established South Asia's largest training academy for pilots, cabin crew and staff. A facility that will service its growing fleet of wide-body and narrow-body aircraft is also coming up.

"The airline we are strengthening today will be ready for India's coming aviation revolution. There is still more work to do, and we are bringing Vistara's best qualities to this merger," Chandrasekaran added.

Though the brand has been phased out, Air India will continue to offer Vistara's services on board specific aircraft for an unspecified amount of time. This includes its unchanged interiors, in-flight meals and the original uniforms of the crew.

N CHANDRASEKARAN, CHAIRMAN, TATA SONS

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INDIA AVIATION NEEDS 'WINGS'

Pieter Elbers, CEO, IndiGo

There are some larger airlines emerging in the market. So, this consolidation phase that has taken place in the US and Europe, and now it's taking place in India. So, if we want to compete, we need airlines matching that size and IndiGo clearly is going to be one of them

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इंडिगो विमान में बम की धमकी, आपात लैंडिंग

रायपुर, एजेसी। नागपुर से कोलकाता जाने वाली इंडिगो के विमान में बम होने की धमकी मिलने के बाद रायपुर में आपात स्थिति में उतारा गया। हालांकि, बाद में यह धमकी झूठी निकली। पुलिस ने बताया कि झूठी सूचना देने के आरोप में एक को गिरफ्तार किया गया है।

रायपुर के वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षक संतोष सिंह ने बताया कि विमान

संख्या 6 ई.812 में 187 यात्रियों और चालक दल के छह सदस्यों सवार थे। गुरुवार को जब विमान हवा में था तब यात्रियों में से एक ने चालक दल के सदस्यों को बम की सूचना दी। इसके बाद हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण को इसकी सूचना दी गई।

मुंबई हवाई अड्डे को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी: मुंबई में बुधवार को छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। एक अज्ञात शख्स ने सीआईएसएफ कंट्रोल रूम में बम की धमकी दी। कॉल करने वाले ने बताया कि मोहम्मद नाम का व्यक्ति मुंबई से अजरबैजान के लिए विस्फोटकों के साथ यात्रा कर रहा है।

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प्रशासनिक अधिकारी/निर्माण/रोड सुरक्षा : नई दिल्ली निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए यो है।

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New rest norms for pilots will reduce their salary: Air India

Implementation of the proposed norms on duty and rest timings for pilots will hurt the interests of the cockpit crew, Air India has informed the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), in a meeting on Wednesday. Pilots have rejected the claim. “Shouldn’t safety be paramount? How can the commercial interests of the airline supersede safety at a time of mounting pilot fatigue?”

Captain C.S. Randhawa, president, Federation of Indian Pilots, said. The meeting was part of the mediation exercise ordered by the Delhi High Court on October 24. The next date of hearing on the matter is December 6. There was another meeting scheduled by the DGCA earlier, but no one from Air India attended it.



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Flights to Bali cancelled after volcanic eruption

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

IndiGo and Air India on Wednesday cancelled their flights to Bali due to ash clouds from a volcanic eruption in the Indonesian island.

The Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki volcano located on a remote island in East Nusa Tenggara province erupted earlier this month and has resulted in ash clouds. These clouds could pose a threat to flight operations and as a result, many airlines have cancelled their services to Bali.

IndiGo and Air India operate daily flights to Bali from Bengaluru and Delhi, respectively.

Air India said its flights from Delhi to Bali and return (AI 2145 and AI 2146 respectively), scheduled to operate on Wednesday, have been cancelled due to unfavourable weather caused by the recent volcanic eruption.

Congress leader Pawan Khera tagged Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu in a post on X asking for help for passengers stuck in Bali.

In response, Mr. Naidu said the Ministry was working with Air India on the issue and would ensure the safety and convenience of the passengers.



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Air India, Tourism Australia sign MoU on visitors

Mumbai: Tourism Australia and Air India on Thursday signed a three-year marketing agreement to sustain and drive the positive trend in Indian visitor arrivals to Australia as the air carrier expands its presence in the market. Under the MoU, Tourism Australia and Air India will explore opportunities to jointly undertake and implement marketing activities to showcase Australia's appeal and drive future growth in visitation, Tourism Australia said in a statement. **PTI**



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PREMIUMISATION STRATEGY

A new flight path

IndiGo's business class is set to give Air India a run for its money

GEETIKA SRIVASTAVA

IN A REMARKABLE two-day span, India's aviation landscape shifted dramatically. Just as Air India completed its long-awaited merger with Vistara, bringing the two full-service carriers under one roof, IndiGo — known for its steadfast low-cost model — rolled out its business-class seats on select domestic routes. Together, the two command over 90% of the domestic aviation market.

IndiGo's new business class, branded IndiGo Stretch, was launched on Thursday on the high-traffic Delhi-Mumbai sector. The offering includes spacious seats in a 2-2 configuration, a healthy vegetarian meal selection from Oberoi Catering, a power outlet, and various other comforts at an introductory price of ₹18,018, almost 30% cheaper than rival Air India's business class, which is priced around ₹26,000.

For a brand that has worn affordability and simplicity as a badge of honour, this shift is driven as much by competition as by evolving customer needs, say experts. It is also indicative of a broader industry trend toward improved passenger experiences, even among budget carriers. "IndiGo's move is both a response to competition and a step to fill the gap left by Jet Airways," says Anjali Chopra, associate professor of marketing at KJ



Somaiya Institute of Management.

IndiGo had to move fast given the massive advantage the merger with Vistara offers Air India, which had also acquired 470 new jets last year to bolster its presence in both domestic and international markets. In fact, the airline's low-cost subsidiary, Air India Express, is also set to reconfigure planes with business class seats in April 2025. "By offering a differentiated service, IndiGo can strengthen its position and potentially mitigate the impact of increased competition and potential market consolidation," says Yasir Hamidani, director, Media Care Brand Solutions.

Flying high

India is the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, following the US and China. In April this year,

UP, UP & AWAY

Passenger traffic in Oct '24

Domestic passenger traffic

~13.85 mn

Sequential growth of

~6.3%

y-o-y growth of

~9.6%

Capacity deployment in Oct '24

Domestic capacity

~97,795 departures

Sequential growth of

~5.2%

Y-o-y growth of

~7.6%

Source: ICA

Air India dominates the premium market, offering full-service perks on metro routes and long-haul flights. "By bridging the gap between budget and premium travel, IndiGo is giving customers the opportunity to enjoy high-end services at a competitive price, effectively democratising luxury air travel," adds Nishant Pitti, CEO of EaseMyTrip.

In other words, premiumisation is a necessity for IndiGo rather than an option. "At one point in time, the low-cost airline strategy worked as there were multiple players and hence customers had options. The good-better-best approach to pricing needs to move beyond price-sensitive customers and also serve high-end customers who are ready to pay," says KJ Somaiya Institute's Chopra. This is possible through a multi-tiered offering, where the good option is a basic, stripped-down product, while a better option would be premium economy and the best option is where customers pay for better and superior service (business class, priority check-in and luggage arrival, more legroom, better in-flight services etc).

IndiGo's business class is a sign that the boundaries between budget and premium are blurring, opening the skies to a newer, where affordable and high-end options coexist, say observers. While one might expect IndiGo's business-class entry to spark a price war in the segment, the real contest will likely revolve around value rather than slashing ticket prices, says Yatra Online's Malik. Instead of engaging in direct price competition, he envisions airlines competing through enhanced offerings and tiered pricing models. As airlines add unique amenities, the focus will likely shift to the experience and perceived value rather than cost alone.

India's domestic airline capacity reached approximately 15.6 million, a substantial increase from 8 million in April 2014.

Stretch gives IndiGo access to the lucrative business travel sector, which, though small in India, is growing at a double-digit growth rate. Premium seats — comprising business and first class — constitute only about 1% of the total domestic capacity currently but are growing at a rate that exceeds that of the economy segment. According to industry data, premium economy seating selections doubled and business class selections grew three times in the post-Covid period.

"IndiGo's business class is a direct response to the growing need among travelers for comfortable, adaptable options," notes Bharatt Malik, senior VP at Yatra Online.



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Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director of SpiceJet.

SpiceJet, Canada's EDC settle dispute

SpiceJet on Thursday said it has settled a \$90.8 million dispute with Export Development Canada for a total consideration of \$22.5 million, leading to the airline taking ownership of 13 Q400 planes.

This resolution will result in savings of \$68.3 million (₹574 crore), it said.

The crisis-hit airline, which recently raised ₹3,000 crore, has also acquired the full ownership of 13 EDC-financed Q400 aircraft and the development will help in reducing operational costs. In a release, the carrier said it has "fully settled a \$90.8 million (₹763 crore) dispute with Export Development Canada (EDC) for a total of \$22.5 million".

Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director of SpiceJet, said the resolution allows the airline to move forward with a strengthened balance sheet and focus on getting Q400 aircraft back into service as quickly as possible.

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SpiceJet ने EDC संग विवाद सुलझाया

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नागपुर-कोलकाता फ्लाइट: 3000 फीट की ऊंचाई पर यात्री ने ही बम की आशंका जताई विमान में बम की अफवाह के बाद रायपुर में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

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रायपुर. इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की नागपुर से कोलकाता जा रही फ्लाइट में बम की सूचना पर रायपुर एयरपोर्ट में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। फ्लाइट में यात्रा कर रहे व्यक्ति ने ही बम की आशंका जताई थी। जिसके बाद पायलट ने रायपुर एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड किया। मिली जानकारी के अनुसार इंडिगो की फ्लाइट ने नागपुर से गुरुवार की सुबह करीब 8 बजे 181 यात्रियों को लेकर कोलकाता के लिए उड़ान भरी। फ्लाइट राजनांदगांव के पास करीब 3000 फीट की ऊंचाई थी, इसी दौरान फ्लाइट में सवार यात्री अनिमेष मंडल ने बम से उड़ाने और क्रेझ होने की आशंका जताते हुए हंगामा शुरू कर दिया। जिसके बाद फ्लाइट की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। 4 घंटे की गहन जांच के बाद कोलकाता रवाना किया गया।



रायपुर में लैंड होता विमान। इनसेट आरोपी

अफवाह फैलाने वाला गिरफ्तार, जेल भेजा

झूठी जानकारी देकर अफवाह फैलाने वाले को पुलिस ने भेजा जेल फ्लाइट में बम होने की झूठी सूचना देने वाले को पुलिस ने जेल भेज दिया। एसएसपी संतोष सिंह ने बताया कि गुरुवार सुबह 8.40 बजे माना एयरपोर्ट में अचानक नागपुर-कोलकाता इंडिगो फ्लाइट की रूट डायवर्ट कर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग जानकारी मिली। एटीसी (एयर ट्रांफिक कंट्रोल) के जरिए जानकारी दी गई कि इंडिगो फ्लाइट संख्या 6 ई812 विमान जो नागपुर से कोलकाता के लिए उड़ान भरी है। इसमें सवार यात्री अनिमेष मंडल ने

मुख्य कैबिन कू को विमान में बम होने की सूचना दी थी। इसके बाद नियमानुसार सीआईएसएफ और रायपुर पुलिस की टीम ने सभी यात्रियों को बाहर निकाला। मौके पर सीएसपी लंबोदर पटेल और टीआई भावेश गौतम ने बीडीएस की टीम के साथ विमान की तलाशी ली। विमान में बम होने से फ्लाइट क्रेझ हो जाने की झूठी सूचना देने पर यात्री अनिमेष मंडल के खिलाफ माना पुलिस ने अफवाह दर्ज किया है। आरोपी मंडल को गिरफ्तार कर जेल भेज दिया गया है। विमान में 187 यात्री सहित 6 कू सदस्य थे।

भागते निकले यात्री

रनवे पर फ्लाइट के लैंड होते ही यात्री भागते हुए बाहर निकले। वहीं बीडीएस, डीग स्वबाड, राज्य पुलिस और फायर ब्रिगेड की टीम फ्लूची। विमान से यात्रियों के उतरने के बाद सुरक्षा घेरा बनाकर सड़कता के साथ पूरे फ्लाइट की जांच की गई। उनके सामानों को स्कैन करने के साथ ही सभी को खोलकर देखा गया। वहीं बम की सूचना देने वाले से पूछताछ करने के बाद पुलिस के हवाले कर दिया गया।

यात्रियों का बढ़ा बीपी

उड़ान के दौरान फ्लाइट को बम की जानकारी मिलते ही यात्री दहशत में आ गए थे। फ्लाइट से उतरने के बाद बंदहवासा हालत में भागते हुए एयरपोर्ट के लाउंज में पहुंचे। हालांकि एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के अधिकारियों ने उन्हें दांडस बंधाया। कुछ यात्रियों का बीपी और शुगर हाई हो गया था। उन्हें दवाइयां दी गईं। बता दें कि कुछ दिनों पहले ही रायपुर से अहमदाबाद जाने वाली फ्लाइट में बम होने की सूचना पर 2 घंटे तलाशी के बाद रवाना किया गया।



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स्पाइसजेट ने कनाडा की ईडीसी के साथ विवाद सुलझाया

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

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संकटग्रस्त एयरलाइन ने हाल ही में 3,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाए हैं। इसने 13 ईडीसी-वित्तपोषित क्यू400 विमानों का पूर्ण स्वामित्व भी हासिल कर लिया है और इस विकास से परिचालन लागत को कम करने में मदद मिलेगी।



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DGCA 'advises' airlines to deploy CAT II/III aircraft to Delhi, Jaipur

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New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has "advised" airlines to deploy CAT II/III-compliant aircraft with pilots trained to land in low visibility at airports in places like Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur and Amritsar in view of the prevailing smog in the region.

This is possibly the first time this advisory has been issued so early in winter, that too during an unusually warm one so far this year.

"The DGCA has not issued a directive, but an advisory to airlines for deploying aircraft

and crew that can land in low visibility for late evening to morning flights. Airlines have been advised to do so at CAT II/III-compliant airports currently witnessing low visibility," an official said.

The traditional fog window is Dec 10 to Feb 10 but this year while temperatures are yet to dip, several factors have already led to low visibility, affecting flights. On Wednesday, many Delhi-bound flights were diverted. On Thursday, many were delayed.

Unlike last winter when Delhi airport could handle CAT IIIB on only one end of one of its runways, this time three of IGA's four airstrips have the

required instrument landing system up and running.

"For the past few days, Delhi was seeing eastern winds due to which landings were happening from the Dwarka side and takeoffs towards Vasant Vihar. Now Delhi is getting westerlies which along with other factors like a dip in temperature, increased humidity and pollutant levels and still winds was experiencing low visibility on Wednesday. This, in turn, led to diversions for arrivals and delays for departures as early as Nov 13. Five ends of IGA's three runways are CAT III-enabled and airport & ATC-wise are ready," an air traffic controller said.

Bringing Vistara's best to merger with AI: Chandra

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid teething troubles in Vistara's Nov 12 merger into Air India that has seen some flights of the erstwhile airline getting delayed, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran on Thursday assured people that AI is on its way to become a "world-class global airline with an Indian heart". Since Oct 1, the Group has consolidated its airlines by first merging erstwhile AirAsia India into AI Express and then Vistara into AI.

Airline mergers in India have never gone smoothly—AI-Indian Airlines, Jet-Sahara & Kingfisher-Deccan — and Chandrasekaran admitted challenges while promising a great future for the consolidated AI. He also assured that "Vistara will continue to deliver the service experience it is known for, while bringing to AI some of its best practices. Customers will continue to experience Vistara's in-flight service and the cabin crew that they are accustomed to." Erstwhile Vistara flights are now operated with AI-2xxx code. He says the group is "bringing Vistara's best qualities to this merger."

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“...it is important to acknowledge that a merger is undoubtedly a time of change — distinct cultures are put together to create something new and lasting. Such mergers take time to play out. We have moved quickly, completing the process in two years, while keeping our eye on the ultimate goal: to realise AI's potential and turn it into a world-class global airline



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TATA SONS CHAIRMAN

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Tatas had taken over AI and AI Express in Jan 2022. Now four Tata airlines have been consolidated into one big AI group.



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DGCA may prepone annual 'fog window'

New Delhi: This is the ultimate irony. This delayed winter, airlines may be required to deploy aircraft that are equipped to land in low visibility, along with pilots trained to operate in those conditions, earlier than ever before for morning and night flights to Delhi.

DGCA's "traditional" fog window has been Dec 10 to Feb 10, when airlines are supposed to do so. However, with low visibility affecting flights so early in winter, possibly for the first time ever, that traditional window is likely to be postponed this year, say sources, reports **Saurabh Sinha**.



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IndiGo flight redirected after passenger says bomb aboard

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

After a brief lull in false alerts about bombs placed in planes, an IndiGo flight on Thursday encountered the menace once again, although in a new form.

An IndiGo flight from Nagpur to Kolkata with 187 passengers on board was forced to make an unscheduled landing at the Raipur airport on Thursday morning after one of the passengers told the crew there was a bomb on the aircraft.

Flight 6E 812 operating from Nagpur to Kolkata, was redirect-

ed to Raipur due to a security-related alert. Upon landing, the aircraft was taken to the isolation bay and all the customers were safely disembarked," IndiGo said. The flight, with six crew members on board, landed at the Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur sometime after 9 am following the passenger's claim, a police official at Raipur said. A passenger, a male who is a resident of Nagpur, told the crew about the presence of a bomb in the flight when it was already airborne. —TNS