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'UDAN YATRI CAFE' TO SOON COME UP AT AIRPORT

MoCA minister unveils new logo for Kolkata airport on 100 years of service

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KOLKATA: Unveiling a new logo for the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport, Kolkata on its 100 years of service the Minister of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said special focus was laid on the airport with significant developments made over the last five years.

The minister announced a series of initiatives that include the release of a commemorative stamp and coin to honour the 100 years of Kolkata Airport, the launch of an art book showcasing India's cultural heritage reflected in modern airport architecture, and three-month-long celebrations involving the people of Kolkata and Bengal, along with the Airport Authority of India (AAI).

Additionally, a unique 'UDAN Yatri Café' is set to be introduced at Kolkata Airport to cater specifically to passengers travelling under the UDAN scheme. Highlighting the importance of Kolkata



(Left) Dignitaries during a Press conference on Friday and (right) the new logo for Kolkata airport PICS/MPOST



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Airport, he noted: "The airport has served through various historical periods, representing the pre-independence struggle, the growth of the country post-Independence and the LPG reforms.

Today, under the leadership of our Prime Minister, the airport sector has been

transformed. Special focus has been put on Kolkata Airport, with significant upgrades in capacity, additional services, and world-class infrastructure over the last five years." Reflecting on the impact of the UDAN scheme, he remarked, "The UDAN scheme has been revolutionary in the civil avia-

tion sector. Over the last eight years, we have launched more than 600 flights, transporting crores of people.

The scheme has made the vision of 'Hawai Chappal in Hawai Jahaz' a reality. Today, as we celebrate 100 years of Kolkata Airport, we see this as a source of inspiration and a sense of pride for the entire country."

He further added: "We are now the third-largest domestic aviation hub in the whole world. The country aims to achieve the goal of becoming the number one domestic hub in the world."

Udan Yatri Cafe scheme offers affordable refreshments at airports



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Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu on Friday announced 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' (air passenger cafe) scheme for providing affordable refreshments at airports while creating employment opportunities in the country.

He said a pilot project in this regard will be launched at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata on December 21 as part of its centenary celebrations and the eighth anniversary of the UDAN regional connectivity scheme. The initiative will later be implemented across the country.

"Passengers traveling under the UDAN scheme will benefit from the new Udaan Yatri Cafe. It is designed to cater specifically to these passengers, offering refreshments like tea, coffee, snacks, and water at affordable prices," the minister said at a press conference.

He said the government is working towards making the air passenger experience more cost-effective and inclusive.

Initially, the scheme will be available at airports operated by the Airports Authority

of India (AAI), and will later be taken to other airports in the country.

Naidu noted that the kiosks are also set to create employment opportunities at airports.

"Kiosks will be set up in the departure area of Kolkata Airport as part of the initiative, which will later be expanded to other airports managed by the Airports Authority of India. The aim is to make air travel more inclusive and accessible while addressing the growing concerns about overpriced food and beverages at airports," he added.

The minister also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of showcasing India's rich cultural heritage through airport architecture. He emphasized that efforts are underway to make airports more inclusive as the aviation sector in India experiences rapid growth and increased employment opportunities.

"We will host three months of celebrations so that the entire city of Kolkata and Bengal can join in the festivities. On December 21, we will commemorate the occasion by releasing a special stamp and coin to honour 100 years of the airport," he said.

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Aviation minister unveils centenary celebration logo of city airport

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Minister of civil aviation, Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu, today unveiled the centenary celebrations logo of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata. This marks a momentous milestone in Indian aviation history as the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata celebrates its 100 years of service.

It is a historic airport, a pre-independence marvel, stands as a testament to the legacy and progress of the civil aviation sector. The event witnessed the presence of Vumlunmang Vualnam, secretary, ministry of civil aviation, Vipin Kumar, chairman AAI, Sharad Kumar, member (operations), Pankaj Malhotra, member (finance), H Srinivas, member (HR),



Rubina Ali, joint secretary, ministry of civil aviation. Additionally, Pravat Ranjan Beuria, Kolkata Airport director, Nivedita Dubey, regional executive director, eastern region and HoDs joined through videoconferencing.

Speaking at the launch event, Mr Ram Mohan Naidu said, "This is a proud moment for all of us, where we are continuing the legacy built by our nation and drawing inspiration from it for future achievements. The airport has catered to crores of pas-

sengers and stood as a vital gateway for Bengal and the country through significant historical milestones. Our Prime Minister always says very dearly, 'Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi,' so this is a proud moment for us."

He further added, "In the last 10 years, especially for civil aviation, the way airports have expanded, the way passenger capacity has expanded, airline fleets have grown, and cargo operations have surged, all verticals related to civil aviation have pushed boundaries under the leadership of our Prime Minister. We are now the third-largest domestic aviation hub in the whole world. And now, we need to take it forward, break barriers once again, level up the civil aviation sector, and achieve the goal of becoming the number one domestic hub in the

world."

Reflecting on the transformative impact of the UDAN scheme, he remarked, "The UDAN scheme has been revolutionary in the civil aviation sector. Over the last eight years, we have launched more than 600 flights, transporting crores of people. The scheme has made the vision of 'Hawai Chappal in Hawai Jahaz' a reality. Today, as we celebrate 100 years of Kolkata Airport, we see this as a source of inspiration and a sense of pride for the entire country."

Highlighting the importance of Kolkata Airport, he noted, "The airport has served through various historical periods, representing the pre-Independence struggle, the growth of the country post-Independence, and the LPG reforms," he said.

भास्कर एक्सक्लूसिव • 1100 करोड़ में आंबेडकर सर्किल से जवाहर सर्किल तक एलिवेटेड की घोषणा थी एयरपोर्ट के लिए एलिवेटेड का प्लान रुका, पहले टॉक रोड पर मेट्रो की दिशा तय होगी

2200 करोड़ के रोड, पुल, आरओबी आदि के प्लान पर सीएम की बैठक में चली कैंची

महेश शर्मा | जयपुर

भाजपा सरकार के पहले बजट में शहर में एलिवेटेड, फ्लाईओवर, आरओबी-आरयूबी को लेकर हुई करीब 2200 करोड़ की बम्पर घोषणाओं पर कैंची चली है। सीएम भजनलाल शर्मा की अध्यक्षता में हुई रिज्यू बैठक में तय हुआ कि आंबेडकर सर्किल से ओटीएस-जवाहर सर्किल तक 1100 करोड़ की लागत से बनने वाली एलिवेटेड रोड फिलहाल रोक दी जाए। सरकार की ओर से जारी मिनिट्स के मुताबिक इससे इस मार्ग की विशिष्टता व सौंदर्य पर विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ेगा। बैठक में सामने आया कि यहां टोक रोड पर मेट्रो प्रस्तावित है। इसलिए एलिवेटेड की जरूरत नहीं है। मेट्रो का प्लान बदलता है तो एलिवेटेड पर पुनर्विचार होगा।

इस एलिवेटेड का उद्देश्य एयरपोर्ट के लिए फास्ट रूट बनाना था, जो मेट्रो से हो रहा है। इसी तरह 5 अन्य प्रोजेक्ट पर भी फिर से परीक्षण के नाम पर विराम लगा है। जबकि, जेडीए ने इनके लिए करीब 25 करोड़ खर्च कर कंसल्टेंसी रिपोर्ट तैयार कराई थी। तय हुआ है कि इनमें से सीबीआई-इंटरूनी फाटक पर 95 करोड़ से करीब 1 किमी रेलवे ओवर ब्रिज और सालीग्रामपुरा फाटक पर 86 करोड़ से करीब 900 मीटर आरओबी का निर्माण होगा। इसके लिए मुख्यमंत्री के निर्देश पर जल्द ही डिटेल्ड प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट बनाकर टेंडर जारी करने को कहा है। इसके अलावा सहकार मार्ग, इमली फाटक पर फ्लाईओवर निर्माण की डिजाइन को भी फिर से परीक्षण कराने के निर्देश हैं।

सांगानेर से चौरड़िया पेट्रोल पंप तक घोषित एलिवेटेड अब मालपुरा गेट तक बढ़ाने का प्लान

सांगानेर फ्लाई ओवर से चौरड़िया पेट्रोल पंप तक एलिवेटेड (घोषणा 170 करोड़ की)

अब क्या: बैठक में चर्चा हुई कि यहां फागी तक विकास हो रहा है, यहीं पर रेलवे भी अपने अंडरपास को चौड़ा कर रहा है। ऐसे में इस एलिवेटेड को आगे तक लेकर जाना चाहिए। मुहानामंडी, चौरड़िया के आगे ट्रैफिक जाम रहता है तो एलिवेटेड को आगे मालपुरा गेट तक लेकर जाएं। यह अतिरिक्त दूरी करीब 2 किमी तक बढ़ेगी। इससे फागी रोड जाने वालों को सहूलियत हो जाएगी। मौजूदा घोषणाओं में ये करीब सवा 2 किमी का है।



जेडीएने एलिवेटेड की कंसल्टेंसी रिपोर्ट तैयार कराती।

रिद्धि-सिद्धि पर फ्लाईओवर निर्माण (घोषणा 72 करोड़ की)

अब क्या: ये अभी 700 मीटर प्रस्तावित है। मुख्यमंत्री के सामने चर्चा हुई कि इसको आगे तक गोपालपुरा आरओबी तक ले जाना चाहिए, ताकि भविष्य के लिहाज से ट्रैफिक की समस्या का समाधान हो। इसके लिए नए तरीके से संभावना देखनी है।

बजट घोषणाओं में इन योजनाओं पर अभी यथास्थिति

- कलेक्ट्रेट सर्किल से राजमहल पैलेस होटल चौराहे (सरदार पटेल मार्ग) तक एलिवेटेड रोड की डीपीआर (400 करोड़)
- सहकार मार्ग, इमली फाटक पर फ्लाई ओवर निर्माण का कार्य (65 करोड़)
- पृथ्वीराज नगर दक्षिण क्षेत्र में वंदे मातरम सड़क पर पत्रकार कॉलोनी जंक्शन पर फ्लाईओवर निर्माण (98 करोड़)
- महिंद्रा सेज जयपुर के पास 250 फीट व 200 फीट सड़क इंटरक्शन पर फ्लाईओवर (90 करोड़)

ट्रैफिक जाम से बेहाल इन मार्गों के लिए योजना बनेगी

- सीकर रोड, जेएलएन मार्ग, टॉक रोड, 200 फीट रोड, 22 गोदाम सर्किल व सहकार मार्ग के लिए आसपास अक्सर ट्रैफिक जाम के हालात रहते हैं। इसके लिए मुख्यमंत्री की बैठक में ट्रैफिक सुधार के लिए प्लान बनाने को कहा है।
- टॉक फाटक पुलिया के नीचे रेलवे की खाली पड़ी भूमि को अवाप्त आदि करके चौड़ा करने के निर्देश हैं। इस संबंध में जेडीए आगे की कार्रवाई करनी है।
- गांधी सर्किल से मुख्य न्यायाधीश के निवास की ओर जाने वाली सड़क (जो आगे टॉक रोड की ओर घूमती है) पर अंडरपास बनाने के लिए फिजिबिलिटी परीक्षण होगा।
- कलेक्ट्रेट को पुलिस मुख्यालय के पास मेट्रो की खाली पड़ी भूमि पर शिफ्ट करने के लिए सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग द्वारा परीक्षण होगा।
- मेट्रो का विस्तार विद्याधर नगर से आगे चौमू तक और टॉक रोड पर सीतापुरा से आगे रिंग रोड चाकसू तक और जगतपुरा में करने के लिए नए सिरे से परीक्षण होगा।
- आईपीडी टावर प्रोजेक्ट में पार्किंग की समस्या का समाधान तलाशना है। इसके लिए कॉलेज प्रशासन आदि से प्रभावित पक्षकारों, विभागों से बातचीत कर समाधान तय होगा।

यूडीएच के अन्य प्रस्तावों पर बैठक में ये निर्देश दिए गए

आवासन मंडल के खाली पड़े फ्लैट्स और प्लॉट्स की सूची तैयार कर ऑनलाइन किया जाए। नवीन राजस्थान टाउनशिप पॉलिंसी, भूमि आवांटन नीति और मुख्यमंत्री जन आवासीय योजना को जल्द से जल्द अंतिम रूप प्रदान किया जाए। इसके साथ ही जेडीए में संविदाकर्मियों के स्थान पर स्थाई कर्मियों को लगाने के लिए खाली पदों पर जल्द भर्ती कराई जाए। भ्रष्टाचार निरोधक अधिनियम की धारा 17A एवं विचाराधीन अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाइयों का निष्पत्तन समय से किया जाए।

हवाई अड्डे के पास सीआइएसएफ के इशारे पर 'नाचेगा' बाहरी ड्रोन खतरा भांपते ही ड्रोन को अपने नियंत्रण में ले लेगा दस्ता

जागरण संवाददाता, कानपुर : केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआइएसएफ) विमानन सुरक्षा बढ़ाने पर तेजी से काम कर रहा है। हवाई अड्डे के आसपास ड्रोन प्रतिबंधित है, फिर भी कभी-कभी ड्रोन नजर आते रहते हैं। इन्हें नष्ट कर दिया जाता है। सीआइएसएफ अब डीएआरडीए की मदद से साफ्टवेयर तैयार करा रहा है। इसके तहत फ्रिक्वेंसी भी बढ़ाई जाएगी। अगर हवाई अड्डे के पास कोई ड्रोन नजर आया तो हाईजैक कर सीआइएसएफ का दस्ता उसे नियंत्रित कर लेगा और मनचाहे स्थान पर उतार देगा। इस तरह की सुरक्षा मार्च तक मिलने की उम्मीद है।

सीआइएसएफ ने नागरिक विमानन सुरक्षा बढ़ाने के लिए गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण इकाई महिपालपुर नई दिल्ली में तैयार की है। इसके तहत वहां एविएशन सिम्युलेशन कंट्रोल सेंटर बनाया बनाया गया है। मुख्य हवाई अड्डा सुरक्षा अधिकारी सीआइएसएफ कुलदीप सिंह राठौर ने बताया कि कंट्रोल सेंटर से कैमरों के माध्यम से चकेरी हवाई अड्डा जोड़ दिया जाएगा। इससे दिल्ली में बैठे अफसर शहर के हवाई अड्डे पर नजर रख सकेंगे। इस दिशा में भी काम तेजी से चल रहा है।

उन्होंने बताया कि इस समय बीच-बीच में डमी उतारकर हवाई



कानपुर हवाई अड्डा • जागरण आर्काइव

50 एकड़ क्षेत्रफल में बना हुआ है एयरपोर्ट टर्मिनल

400 यात्रियों की एक साथ आवाजाही की सुविधा

रांची से प्रशिक्षण पाए दो कुत्तों की तैनाती

रांची से प्रशिक्षण पाए दो कुत्ते केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल के दस्ते में तैनात हुए हैं। दो माह पहले यहां तैनात रहे दो कुत्ते उम्र ज्यादा होने पर दस्ते से हटा दिए गए थे। हवाई अड्डे की सुरक्षा में 103 जवान लगे हैं। बम निरोधी दस्ता भी है।

इस तरह बना है चकेरी एयरपोर्ट

यहां पर एक साथ तीन तीन हवाई जहाज खड़े होने की व्यवस्था है। डिपार्चर साइड में 300 व एराइवल साइड में 150 यात्रियों के बैठने की क्षमता है। 6243 वर्गमीटर में बने टर्मिनल का कुल भूमि का क्षेत्रफल 50 एकड़ का है। 400 यात्रियों की एक साथ आवाजाही हो सकती है। आठ चेक इन काउंटर से यात्रियों के लिए आवाजाही होती है। 200 यात्री वाले बड़े विमान भी यहां पर आ और जा सकते हैं।

अड्डे की सुरक्षा परखी जाती है। किसी जवान को वेश बदलकर डमी के रूप में नकली टिकट और कोई वस्तु छिपाकर हवाई अड्डे में प्रवेश करने के लिए भेजा जाता है। इसके बाद देखा जाता है कि वह

पकड़ में आता है या नहीं। सुरक्षा में कोई चूक तो नहीं हो रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस तरह आंतरिक गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण इकाई हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा के लिहाज से अहम साबित होगी।

Parandur villagers reiterate opposition to airport project as rain adds to their woes

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Aim is to make India world's top domestic aviation hub: Naidu

NEW DELHI: India's civil aviation sector has witnessed rapid growth over the last ten years and now the aim is to make the country the top global domestic aviation hub, Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Friday.

The civil aviation sector in India has witnessed rapid growth over the last ten years and the aim should be now to become the number one domestic hub globally, Naidu said.

Launching the centenary celebration logo on completion of 100 years of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport Kolkata, he noted that the last ten years have been glorious for the civil aviation sector with expansion of several airports and the way the number of passengers has expanded.



Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu

“Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, we have pushed all the boundaries, and now we are the third largest domestic country a civil aviation hub in the whole world itself, and now we need to take it forward,” Naidu said.

“We need to break the barriers once again, level up the civil aviation sector in the country, and achieve to be the number one domestic hub in the whole world,” he added.

Terming the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme as revolutionary, Naidu said crores of people have taken to the skies in over 600 flights in the last 8 years under the initiative.

“The civil aviation sector, we believe, is one of the growing sectors in the country, and the kind of effect it has on the economy, we have seen in the last 10 years,” the minister said.

From the point of economic growth or job creation, it is a very important sector, he added.

“So we have the challenge of taking it to a new level in the next five years,” Naidu said.

The minister unveiled the centenary celebrations logo of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan here.



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अब एयरपोर्ट पर सस्ती चाय, कॉफी... कोलकाता में 21 दिसंबर से शुरुआत

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■ अभी एयरपोर्ट पर चाय, कॉफी तो छोड़िए पानी की कीमत भी होश उड़ाती है, लेकिन अब इससे निजात मिलने वाली है। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री किजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने घोषणा की है कि जल्द ही सभी एयरपोर्ट्स पर किफायती दामों में

खाने पीने का सामान मिलेगा। 21 दिसंबर से 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' शुरू होने जा रहा है। जिसमें 10 रुपये की चाय और 10 रुपये में पानी की बोलत मिलेगी। इसके अलावा कॉफी, मिस्ट्री दही, रसगुल्ला, समोसा, कचौड़ी और पेटीज जैसी चीजें 20-20 रुपये प्रति पीस में मिलेंगी।

यह पहल कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से शुरू होगी, जो नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के 100 साल और



10-10 रुपये में चाय-पानी मिलेगा।

'UDAN' योजना के 8 साल पूरे होने के मौके पर लॉन्च की जाएगी। मंत्री ने यह घोषणा दिल्ली में शताब्दी समारोह का लोगो लॉन्च करते हुए की। कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट के डोमेस्टिक डिपार्टर एरिया में 'यात्री उड़ान कैफे' बनाया जा रहा। सूत्रों ने बताया कि अगले साल 13 जनवरी से प्रयागराज में शुरू हो रहे महाकुंभ को देखते हुए इसी तरह का एक किफायती दरों वाला उड़ान यात्री कैफे इलाहाबाद एयरपोर्ट पर भी खोलने की योजना बनाई जा रही है।



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80 एकड़ में बनेगा एयरपोर्ट का कार्गो टर्मिनल

● आईजीआई का
आधा सामान जेवर से
मेजा जाएगा

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नोएडा

जेवर में बन रहे नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट में देश का सबसे बड़ा कार्गो टर्मिनल बनाया जाएगा।

अंदाजा इस बात से लगा सकते हो कि दिल्ली में स्थित इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का आधे से ज्यादा माल जेवर हवाईअड्डे पर ट्रांसफर हो जाएगा। पहले दिन ही 0.5 मीट्रिक टन जेवर एयरपोर्ट से विदेश के लिए विमान के जरिए ट्रांसफर



होगा। इसकी जानकारी यमुना प्राधिकरण के सीईओ डॉ.अरुणवीर सिंह ने दी है।

सीईओ ने बताया कि जेवर में बन रहे आगामी तीन सालों के भीतर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की कार्गो क्षमता 1.0 मीट्रिक टन हो जाएगी। इसके अलावा जिस दिन नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की क्षमता 12 होगी, उस दिन कार्गो

टर्मिनल की क्षमता 2.5 मीट्रिक टन हो जाएगी। मतलब, दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के बराबर जेवर एयरपोर्ट की कार्गो टर्मिनल क्षमता हो जाएगी और आगे चलकर 11 मीट्रिक टन होगी। जिसके बाद यह देश का सबसे बड़ा कार्गो टर्मिनल बन जाएगा। जिसका क्षेत्रफल 80 एकड़ होगा।

नोएडा और ग्रेटर नोएडा में बहुत सारी कंपनियां हैं। जो अपना माल विदेश में भेजती हैं। अभी फूड कंपनियां, गारमेंट्स कंपनियां और मिल्क प्रोडक्शन दिल्ली पर निर्भर रहती हैं। जेवर एयरपोर्ट से गौतमबुद्ध नगर के अलावा वेस्ट यूपी और करीब 20 जिले के व्यापारियों को सीधे फायदा होगा।

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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट

गड़बड़ाया फ्लाइट का संचालन, देरी से उड़ीं आधा दर्जन

जयपुर@पत्रिका। जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार का आधा दर्जन फ्लाइट का संचालन प्रभावित हुआ। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी से जूझना पड़ा। एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने इसकी वजह ऑपरेशनल समस्या बताया है। इस संबंध में एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन के अनुसार स्पाइसजेट एयरलाइन की सुबह 11:35 बजे वाराणसी जाने वाली फ्लाइट का संचालन रद्द रहा। इसी एयरलाइन की सुबह 5:35 बजे जयपुर से पुणे जाने वाली फ्लाइट सुबह 9:15 बजे रवाना हुई। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस एयरलाइन की दोपहर 12:20 बजे दिल्ली जाने वाली फ्लाइट दोपहर 2:10 बजे रवाना हुई। इसी प्रकार एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की दोपहर 2:15 बजे जयपुर से गुवाहाटी जाने वाली फ्लाइट भी करीब 3 घंटे की देरी व स्पाइसजेट जेट की शाम 5:05 बजे अहमदाबाद जाने वाली फ्लाइट रात 8:10 बजे रवाना हुई।

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TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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MINISTER UNVEILS CENTENARY LOGO

7 flights in a year to 400 daily, airport turns 100

SANJAY MANDAL

- November 1924: A KLM flight landed at the Calcutta airport at night assisted by kerosene-powered goose-neck lights fixed along the edges of the runway.
- December 2024: Planes land at the airport at night with the help of electric lights fixed along the runway edges. When visibility is very low, the airport has the Category III B Instrument Landing System to help aircraft land.
- 1924: Barely seven flights operated annually, according to the airport authorities.
- 2024: More than 400 aircraft operate out of the airport daily.

Calcutta: The city airport will start celebrating 100 years of its operations on December 21 and the logo for the three-month programme was launched on Friday.

"The (Calcutta) airport has served through various historical periods, representing the pre-Independence struggle, the growth of the country post-Independence, and the LPG reforms. Today, under the leadership of our Prime Minister, the airport sector has been transformed. Special focus has been put on Kolkata



A poster of KLM's first intercontinental flight from Amsterdam to Batavia through the Calcutta airport in 1924



The logo launched to mark 100 years of the airport

Airport, with significant upgrades in capacity, additional services, and world-class infrastructure over the last five years," Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said after unveiling the logo on Friday.

Officials said a US circumnavigation aircraft had landed at the Calcutta

airport on April 4, 1924. Later that year, a flight from Paris to Tokyo landed at the airport.

"On November 13, 1924, KLM operated its first intercontinental test flight from Amsterdam to Batavia (now Jakarta) in Indonesia with a single-engine Fokker F-VII aircraft. This demonstrated that Europe and Asia could be safely connected by air," said an airport official.

"The flight landed at the Calcutta airport at night. In those days, there were no runway edge lights. Gooseneck lights were placed to facilitate the landing," said the official.

"A picture exhibition will be unveiled on December 21. It will be open to passengers, too," said airport director Pravat Ranjan Beuria.



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MUMBAI

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Air gun cork, pellets in cargo go off at Nagpur airport

**Shishir Arya &
Soumitra Bose** | TNN

Nagpur: A consignment carrying air gun sound-cork and pellets went off, before it was loaded in the aircraft belly as cargo, triggering a bomb scare at Nagpur airport. The parcel, which was to be loaded onto a Mumbai-bound Indigo Airlines flight, was to be couriered to an address at Goregaon East.

A Washim resident had booked the cargo through a courier firm, said sources.

As per initial reports, the parcel weighing 500 gm was

declared as console cargo. The person manning the screening machine found the contents suspicious and informed his senior. There was a minor blast inside the

parcel, when it was placed on the ground for a physical check. No one suffered injuries. When security personnel opened the parcel, they

found the sound cork of an air gun and pellets. Sources said these were labelled as long-range air rifle pellets. The incident raised questions how the courier firm

accepted items like air gun pellets and cork as air cargo.

The cargo is scanned by certified screeners, who are private employees. A probe will unearth whether the parcel went past the screening process. Chances are that the consignment went off during handling, said sources. Any parcel containing air gun pellets should not have reached the airport through a courier firm.

CONSIGNMENT WAS GOREGAON BOUND

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ASIAN AGE

NEW DELHI

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■ Airlines apologises and hails passengers cooperation IndiGo to send planes to fly back people stuck Istanbul

New Delhi, Dec. 14: IndiGo is sending two planes to Istanbul to bring back passengers stranded in the Turkish capital after their flight to Delhi was cancelled on Friday due to a technical issue.

On Thursday, hundreds of IndiGo passengers were stuck at Istanbul airport after their flights to Delhi and Mumbai were delayed. They were stranded for over 24 hours, and many took to social media to complain about the delays and lack of facilities.

There was a cascading effect on the airline's scheduled flights on the two routes.

IndiGo, on Friday evening, said all necessary steps were taken to ensure customers were apprised and provided with refreshments

Jeddah-bound aeroplane makes emergency landing in Karachi

Karachi/ New Delhi, Dec. 14: A Jeddah-bound IndiGo plane was diverted to the Karachi airport on Saturday due to a medical emergency on board and later flew back to Delhi. Sources in the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in Pakistan said the aircraft was in the Pakistani airspace when a male passenger fell seriously ill, following which the plane made an emergency landing at the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi. "There was a medical emergency on board

and accommodation, where possible.

On Saturday, IndiGo said

IndiGo flight 6E 63, operating from Delhi to Jeddah," the airline said in a statement. IndiGo said the captain diverted the flight to Karachi, where a doctor attended to the passenger upon arrival.

"After completing the necessary formalities, the flight departed Karachi and returned to its origin to provide further assistance to the medical passenger," the airline said, adding, after the passenger was deboarded in Delhi, the flight departed for Jeddah. —PTI

its flight 6E 12, operating from Istanbul to Delhi, was cancelled due to a technical

issue.

The cancellation happened on Friday.

The airline operates two daily flights to Istanbul with leased Boeing 777 aircraft — one from Delhi and another from Mumbai.

"Alternative aircraft have been arranged to transport passengers to their destination. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused and appreciate their understanding in this matter," the airline said in a statement on Saturday.

A source in the know the airline will be sending two A321 planes to Istanbul to bring the passengers from there.

Details about the number of passengers who were booked on the cancelled flight on Friday could not be immediately ascertained. —PTI



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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वाराणसी उड़ान रद्द, 4 फ्लाइट रहीं घंटों लेट

जयपुर | जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को फ्लाइट्स का संचालन गड़बड़ा गया। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार सबसे पहले स्पाइसजेट की वाराणसी की फ्लाइट रद्द रही। फ्लाइट संख्या एसजी-2958 जयपुर से सुबह 11:45 बजे वाराणसी जाती है, लेकिन गुरुवार को एयरलाइन ने फ्लाइट का संचालन कारणों के चलते ऐनवक्त पर रद्द कर दिया। स्पाइसजेट की पुणे की फ्लाइट एसजी-1077 जयपुर से सुबह 5:35 की बजाय तकनीकी कारणों के चलते 9:15 बजे रवाना हो सकी। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की दिल्ली की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1199 जयपुर से दोपहर 12:20 बजे की बजाय 2:10 बजे, गुवाहाटी की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1953 जयपुर से दोपहर 2:15 की बजाय शाम 5 बजे और स्पाइसजेट की अहमदाबाद की फ्लाइट एसजी-2961 जयपुर से शाम 5:05 बजे की बजाय 8:10 बजे रवाना हुईं।

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HINDUSTAN

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तीसरे दिन भी इस्तांबुल में फंसे रहे यात्री, विमानों ने नहीं भरी उड़ान

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: तुर्किये के इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर नई दिल्ली व मुंबई की उड़ान के इंतजार में 12 दिसंबर की शाम से फंसे यात्रियों की मुसीबत कम होने का नाम नहीं ले रही है। 13 दिसंबर यानी शुक्रवार को जिन दो वैकल्पिक विमानों से यात्रियों को नई दिल्ली व मुंबई लाने की बात कही गई, उनमें भी तकनीकी गड़बड़ी सामने आ गई और उन्हें रद्द करना पड़ा। इसके बाद शनिवार को इंडिगो ने दो एयरबस विमान यात्रियों की वापसी के लिए भारत से इस्तांबुल भेजे। इनमें से एक विमान को भारतीय समयानुसार शाम आठ बजे उड़ान भरना था, समाचार लिखे जाने तक विमान उड़ान नहीं भर सका। दूसरे विमान के रात 11 बजे उड़ान भरने की बात कही गई है।

यात्रियों ने वी वांट जस्टिस के नारे लगाए: नई दिल्ली व मुंबई के लिए



इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों ने वी वांट जस्टिस के लगाए नारे • सौ. इंटरनेट बीडिया

दो उड़ानों को शुक्रवार रात प्रस्थान करना था, लेकिन यात्रियों को जब डिबोर्ड कर कहा गया कि तकनीकी अड़चन के कारण उड़ान रद्द की जा रही है, तब यात्रियों का सन्न टूट गया।

उन्होंने एयरपोर्ट परिसर में ही धरना दे वी वांट जस्टिस के नारे लगाने शुरू कर दिए। जितेंद्र राय नामक यूजर ने एक्स पर यात्रियों की नारेबाजी से जुड़ी एक वीडियो साझा की। इधर,

- शुक्रवार को नाकाम कोशिश के बाद यात्रियों को लाने को शनिवार को भारत से भेजे दो विशेष विमान
- हालात बिगड़ते देख भारतीय दूतावास ने किया हस्तक्षेप, यात्रियों को मदद की कही बात

परेशान यात्रियों ने एक्स पर अपनी पीड़ा बयां करनी शुरू कर दी। उन्होंने कहा कि तुर्किये की यात्रा के लिए इंडिगो का किराया सस्ता है, लेकिन यह मुसीबतों से भरा है। यात्रियों की परेशानियों को कम होता न देख अंत में तुर्किये स्थित भारतीय दूतावास ने मामले में हस्तक्षेप किया। दूतावास ने यात्रियों को भरोसा दिया कि उनकी हरसंभव मदद की जाएगी। दूतावास अधिकारियों ने बताया कि यात्रियों के लिए एयरपोर्ट परिसर में लाउंज व भोजन की व्यवस्था की गई है।

यह है पूरा मामला

तुर्किये स्थित इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर 12 दिसंबर को दो अलग-अलग उड़ानों 6ई12 (नई दिल्ली) व 6ई18 (मुंबई) से नई दिल्ली व मुंबई की यात्रा करने वाले 400 यात्री जब तय समय पर एयरपोर्ट पहुंचे तो एयरलाइंस ने पहले अपनी उड़ानों को दो बार विलंबित किया और अंत में बिना ठोस कारण बताए रद्द कर दिया। यात्रियों का आरोप है कि कड़कें की टंड, इंडिगो के असहयोग व इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट कर्मियों के साथ संवाद में भाषाई दिक्कत ने उनके लिए मुसीबतों का पहाड़ खड़ा कर दिया। दोनों उड़ानों को इस्तांबुल से शाम सवा आठ बजे नई दिल्ली व मुंबई के लिए प्रस्थान करना था। करीब आठ से नौ घंटे में इन्हें नई दिल्ली व मुंबई पहुंचना था।

यात्री की तबीयत बिगड़ी, कराची में विमान की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: जेद्दा जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान को तब पाकिस्तान के कराची एयरपोर्ट पर अचानक इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करनी पड़ी, जब विमान में सवार एक यात्री की तबीयत काफी खराब हो गई। लैंडिंग के बाद बीमार यात्री को चिकित्सक को दिखाया गया। इसके बाद विमान वापस नई दिल्ली पहुंचा हुआ। जेद्दा पहुंचने में यात्रियों को करीब नौ घंटे का विलंब हुआ।

जेद्दा के लिए विमान ने आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट से शुक्रवार रात सवा नौ बजे उड़ान भरी थी। करीब तीन घंटे बाद विमान को जेद्दा एयरपोर्ट पर लैंड करना था, लेकिन सफर के बीच में ही एक 55 वर्षीय यात्री की तबीयत खराब हो गई। उड़ान के दौरान आवसीजन देकर उन्हें मदद पहुंचाने की कोशिश की गई, लेकिन जब बात नहीं बनी, तब पायलट ने कराची एयरपोर्ट के एटीसी से संपर्क कर लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी। लैंडिंग की अनुमति मिलने पर देर रात करीब पौने बारह बजे विमान ने कराची एयरपोर्ट पर लैंडिंग की। इसके बाद विमान ने नई दिल्ली लौटने का फैसला किया। बाद में यहां से विमान को जेद्दा के लिए रवाना किया गया।

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इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर 23 घंटे भूख और टंड से बेहाल रहे 400 यात्री

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की मुंबई और दिल्ली की दो उड़ानें रद्द होने से करीब चार सौ यात्री तुर्किये के इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर भूख, प्यास और टंड से परेशान रहे। ये यात्री गुरुवार शाम से 23 घंटे तक एयरपोर्ट पर फंसे रहे। परेशान यात्रियों ने इंडिगो की कार्यप्रणाली पर जमकर भड़ास निकाली और इसे पूरी तरह गैरजिम्मेदाराना व्यवहार बताया। उनका आरोप है कि कड़ाके की ठंड, इंडिगो के असहयोग और एयरपोर्ट के कर्मियों के साथ संवाद में भाषाई दिक्कत ने उनके लिए मुसीबत का पहाड़ खड़ा कर दिया।

इंडिगो ने खेद जताते हुए उड़ानों के रद्द होने के लिए आपरेशनल कारणों को जिम्मेदार बताया है। उसका कहना है कि एयरपोर्ट पर फंसे यात्रियों को सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई गईं और शुकवार शाम दो उड़ानों से नई दिल्ली व मुंबई भेजने की व्यवस्था की गई। सूत्रों का कहना है कि आंतरिक जांच की जा रही है कि आखिर एक ही समय में जिन दो उड़ानों को प्रस्थान करना था, उन्हें

● इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की नई दिल्ली व मुंबई की उड़ानें रद्द होने से परेशान हुए यात्री

रद्द करने की नौबत क्यों आई।

जानकारी के मुताबिक, इस्तांबुल से 6ई12 उड़ान को रात सवा आठ बजे नई दिल्ली व 6ई18 को मुंबई के लिए प्रस्थान करना था। एयरपोर्ट पर फंसी यात्री सारा फिलिसिस ने अपने एक्स हैंडल पर लिखा कि वह पहली बार भारत जा रही हैं, लेकिन एयरपोर्ट पर फंसी हैं। इंडिगो बार-बार उड़ान रद्द कर रही है। भोजन तक की व्यवस्था नहीं है। इंडिगो का कोई प्रतिनिधि उपलब्ध नहीं है। शशिकांत मिश्रा ने अपने एक्स हैंडल पर लिखा है कि उनकी बेटी इस्तांबुल एयरपोर्ट पर फंसी है। इंडिगो सूत्रों का कहना है कि उड़ान के रद्द होने पर जिन यात्रियों के पास तुर्किये का वीजा था, उनके लिए एयरपोर्ट के बाहर होटल में ठहरने का प्रबंध कराया गया, जिनके पास वीजा नहीं था, उनके लिए एयरपोर्ट पर ही लाउंज में व्यवस्था की गई।

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ज्यादा विद्युत हानियां दिखा कर रहे निजीकरण

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण, लखनऊ : उत्तर प्रदेश पावर आफिसर एसोसिएशन ने प्रदेश के दो विद्युत वितरण निगमों का निजीकरण करने के लिए उग्र पावर कारपोरेशन पर कम विद्युत हानियां होने के बावजूद उसे गलत ढंग से बढ़ा-चढ़ाकर अधिक बताए जाने का आरोप लगाया है। एसोसिएशन ने एनर्जी टास्क फोर्स के आंकड़े पेश किए और दावा किया कि विद्युत हानियां लगातार कम हो रही हैं। उसका कहना है कि बिजली कंपनियों में लगातार सुधार होने के बावजूद पूर्वांचल व दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम का निजीकरण किया जा रहा

● पावर आफिसर एसो. बोला, उद्योगपतियों को लाभ पहुंचाने को तैयार हुआ मसौदा



है। उग्र पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड सिर्फ उद्योगपतियों को लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए ऐसा कर रहा है।

उग्र पावर आफिसर एसोसिएशन के कार्यवाहक अध्यक्ष अवधेश वर्मा ने शुक्रवार को इसके संबंध में आंकड़े जारी किए। उन्होंने कहा कि 49.22 प्रतिशत तक विद्युत हानियां दिखाकर

निजीकरण किया जा रहा है। हकीकत यह है कि दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लिमिटेड की वर्ष 2021-22 में विद्युत हानियां 38.24 प्रतिशत थीं। वर्ष 2022-23 में 31.06 प्रतिशत, वर्ष 2023-24 में 25.26 प्रतिशत और इस वर्ष अभी तक 18.97 प्रतिशत विद्युत हानि हुई है। विद्युत कर्मचारी संयुक्त संघर्ष समिति ने शुक्रवार को निजीकरण विरोधी दिवस मनाया। पूर्वांचल व दक्षिणांचल डिस्कॉम के प्रस्तावित निजीकरण को रोकने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य विद्युत उपभोक्ता परिषद शुक्रवार को नियामक आयोग पहुंच गया।

Akasa Pilots Accuse Airline's Trainers of Bias

Seek aviation min's intervention, call for DGCA probe into training practices; airline denies allegations

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: A group of Akasa Air pilots are accusing the airline's trainers of indulging in favouritism, alleging that pilots with limited experience or with a history of safety violations are being promoted while deserving ones are being failed. The airline has denied the allegations.

In a letter to civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu, the pilots have sought a probe into the airline's training practices by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and enforcement of rules. ET has seen a copy of the letter. The pilots have also met the minister along with officials from DGCA.

In a statement, Akasa Air termed the allegations as "baseless and untrue."

"Our commitment to employee centricity is at the heart of everything we do. Our monthly employee

survey reveals that pilots, among all employee groups, have consistently reported the highest levels of job satisfaction, highlighting the effectiveness of our supportive culture," said a spokesperson for the budget airline.

She said 324 pilots have joined Akasa since October 2023. "During this same period, we have recorded an annualised attrition of less than 1%,"

Senior DGCA officials said they

are investigating the matter and have sought a response from the airline on the issues raised by the pilots.

Last year, Akasa Air had taken pilots to court after they had resigned to join another airline without serving the mandatory notice period. The airline subsequently dropped the case.

The allegations come at a time when the airline is raising fresh capital and has signed a non-bin-

ding term sheet with Premji Invest and the family office of Manipal group owner Ranjan Pai.

The pilots named Floyd Gracious, vice president, operations, at Akasa, saying that the "favouritism and bias" is happening at his behest.

"The primary cause of these issues lies in the airline's management, notably under Captain Floyd Gracious and his associates. He is indulging in divisive politics and mismanagement, which continue to erode trust and morale within the industry," the pilots wrote in the letter.

Gracious, a seasoned aviation professional, earlier led flight operations at Jet Airways, and has been instrumental in the airline's steady growth.

After starting in August 2021, Akasa was able to exploit a Covid-induced drop in aircraft rentals and easy availability of pilots and cabin crew to add 25 aircraft.

Turbulence in the Sky

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● ANONYMOUS LETTER TO CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER

Akasa pilots complain against management, demand probe

The airline denies the allegations as baseless & untrue

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
Mumbai, December 14

A GROUP COMPRISING an unspecified number of pilots of Akasa Air has written to civil aviation minister K. J. Somaiya, seeking investigation into the airline's management practices, training method and professional conduct.

The letter dated December 11 raised concerns about 'harassment and unfair practices' during training sessions conducted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)-designated examiners and instructors.

A total of more than 84 pilots resigned previously, serving a one-day notice, the letter further claimed though it did not provide the timeframe of these resignations.

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In addition to an independent investigation, this group of pilots is seeking a comprehensive review of the examiners and instructors to ensure unbiased and professional conduct.

They named seven such examiners and instructors.

They are also seeking strict enforcement of DGCA Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) provisions to protect trainees and ensure fair assessments and a safety audit to address

concerns about unfit pilots holding critical positions.

An Akasa Air spokesperson said, "We categorically deny these allegations as baseless and untrue, nor do they represent the views of Akasa pilots. At Akasa Air, our commitment to employee-centricity is at the heart of everything we do."

The Mumbai-based airline said that its pilots have the 'highest levels of job satisfaction'; a claim it derived from its monthly employee survey.

"This dedication is further evidenced by the minimal number of pilots seeking

opportunities outside of Akasa Air throughout 2024.

For context, 324 pilots have joined Akasa since October 2023. During this same period, we have recorded an annualised attrition of less than 1% for this employee group," the Akasa spokesperson further added.

In September 2023, Akasa Air had decided to take legal action against 43 pilots, or 10% of its pilot pool, who had joined other airlines without serving their notice periods. Because of these sudden departures, the airline had to cancel several flights.

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Union Minister Naidu says

'Aim is to make India world's top domestic aviation hub'

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NEW DELHI

India's civil aviation sector has witnessed rapid growth over the last ten years and now the aim is to make the country the top global domestic aviation hub, Union minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said on Friday.

The civil aviation sector in India has witnessed rapid growth over the last ten years and the aim should be now to become the number one domestic hub globally, Naidu said.

Launching the centenary celebration logo on completion of 100 years of Netaji



Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport Kolkata, he noted that the last ten years have been glorious for the civil aviation sector with expansion of several airports and the way the number of passengers has expanded.

"Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, we have

pushed all the boundaries, and now we are the third largest domestic country a civil aviation hub in the whole world itself, and now we need to take it forward," Naidu said.

"We need to break the barriers once again, level up the civil aviation sector in the country, and achieve to be

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the number one domestic hub in the whole world," he added.

Terming the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme as revolutionary, Naidu said crores of people have taken to the skies in over 600 flights in the last 8 years under the ini-

ative.

"The civil aviation sector, we believe, is one of the growing sectors in the country, and the kind of effect it has on the economy, we have seen in the last 10 years," the minister said.

From the point of economic growth or job creation, it is a very important sector, he added.

"So we have the challenge of taking it to a new level in the next five years," Naidu said.

The minister unveiled the centenary celebrations logo of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan here.



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इंडिगो फंसे यात्रियों को लाने विमान भेजेगा

नई दिल्ली। तुर्किये की राजधानी में फंसे यात्रियों को वापस लाने के लिए इंडिगो दो विमान इस्तांबुल भेजेगा। शुक्रवार को उड़ान 6ई-12 की तकनीकी खराबी के कारण इस्तांबुल से दिल्ली आने वाली उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई थी। अब विमानन कंपनी ने बताया है कि दो विमान भेजकर यात्रियों को वापस लाया जाएगा। गुरुवार को इस्तांबुल हवाई अड्डे पर सैकड़ों यात्री दिल्ली और मुंबई जाने वाली इंडिगो की उड़ानों में 24 घंटे से अधिक की देरी के कारण फंस गए।

IndiGo sends two planes to bring back passengers who were stranded in Istanbul

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

IndiGo on Saturday sent two aircraft to Istanbul to ferry nearly 500 stranded passengers to New Delhi after its Boeing 777 aircraft developed a technical glitch the previous day, resulting in a flight cancellation.

The airline's flight 6E 12 scheduled to take off from Istanbul at 8.15 p.m. local time was cancelled on Friday after a technical "snag" on the 538-seater Boeing 777 aircraft it has leased from Turkish Airlines. This is the second time this week that this flight was cancelled because of a malfunction.

IndiGo operated two 222-seater Airbus A321s to bring back the passengers. One of these planes also had to make a fuel stop on its way back at Ras al Khai-



The airlines had cancelled flights due to technical snags.

mah because of the aircraft's shorter range. The airline did not mention how many passengers were stranded in Istanbul, nor could it confirm how many were being flown back.

On Thursday, the same flight was cancelled because of a snag, but the airline arranged another Boeing 777 aircraft the following day, it said.

However, some complained of being stuck at the airport for more than 24 hours.

"From past 35 hours there are more than 500

people waiting for flight in Istanbul airport, but still they are not able to board us on flight even after paying lakhs to travel. They are not even providing accommodation and food," @koushikbhuma posted on X.

"People are stuck at Istanbul airport for more than 3 days without any support and help. No action from Indigo," wrote @ait_jitendra on Saturday.

Early in 2023, IndiGo had leased two Boeing 777 aircraft from Turkish Airlines to operate a daily flight each from Mumbai and New Delhi to Istanbul as part of its efforts to overcome the grounding of over 70 planes on its fleet because of issues with Pratt & Whitney engines. These are the only widebodied planes the airline has on its fleet of Airbus A320 and ATR aircraft.



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IndiGo flight diverted to Karachi due to emergency

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Jeddah was forced to divert to Karachi last night following a medical emergency on board.

IndiGo's 6E 63 flight departed from Delhi at 8.30 p.m., but two hours later deviated from its path to turn towards Karachi.

"The captain diverted the flight to Karachi, where a doctor attended to the passenger upon arrival. After completing the necessary formalities, the flight departed Karachi and returned to its origin to provide further assistance to the medical passenger," the airline said in a press statement.

According to *Geo News*, the passenger was a 55-year-old Indian man.

The air traffic control allowed the aircraft to land in Karachi on humanitarian grounds.

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Section of Akasa Air pilots flags unfair practices; airline denies

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

A section of Akasa Air pilots has raised concerns about alleged training and safety issues at the airline and sought the intervention of the civil aviation ministry, while the carrier termed the allegations as untrue.

Akasa Air, which has been flying for over two years, had faced pilot issues earlier also, and this time, the section of the pilots has also claimed that 84 pilots have resigned on one-day notice.

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less and untrue. Nor do they represent the views of Akasa pilots," an airline spokesperson said in a statement on Saturday.

Akasa Air also said that

324 pilots have joined the airline since October 2023, and during this period, it has recorded an annualised attrition of less than 1% for this employee group.

In a letter dated December 11, written to Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammoohan Naidu, the section of the pilots has sought an independent probe into the airline's management practices, training methods and safety standards.

Seeking to counter the allegations, Akasa Air, in the statement, also said its monthly employee survey reveals that pilots, among all employee groups, have

consistently reported the highest levels of job satisfaction, highlighting the effectiveness of our supportive culture.

"This dedication is further evidenced by the minimal number of pilots seeking opportunities outside of Akasa Air throughout 2024," it added.

In October, the aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a fine of ₹30 lakh on Akasa Air for certain lapses in the training of crew.

Akasa Air has a fleet of 26 planes and flies to 27 destinations, including five overseas cities.

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SpiceJet 'clears' ₹160-crore pending provident fund dues

SpiceJet said it has cleared all employees' provident fund (EPF) dues worth ₹160.07 crore pending for over two years. The low-cost carrier, which had been facing multiple headwinds, recently raised ₹3,000 crore, following which it had been clearing statutory Goods and Services Tax, and other dues. According to a release, since October, SpiceJet had been utilising internal cash flows to meet statutory obligations, including EPF and taxes deducted at source.



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FLIGHT CANCELLATION

IndiGo dispatches 2 planes to bring back passengers stranded in Istanbul

SUKALP SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 14

INDIGO IS flying two Airbus A321 aircraft to Istanbul to ferry passengers that are stuck at the airport there after the airline's Istanbul-Delhi flight scheduled for Friday night was cancelled due to a technical issue with the aircraft. The flight was the latest among IndiGo flights between Istanbul and India that were disrupted over the past three days. The disruptions had left scores of passengers stranded at the Istanbul airport, a number of them for over 24 hours. Many among the affected passengers took to social media to vent their frustration. The Consulate General of India in Istanbul also stepped in to assist passengers affected by the disruptions.

"IndiGo flight 6E 12, operating from Istanbul to Delhi, was cancelled due to a technical issue. Alternative aircraft have been arranged to transport passengers to their destination. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused and appreciate their understanding in this matter," the airline said in a statement on Saturday. On Friday night, IndiGo had said that disruptions of the previous two days had been sorted and operations on the Istanbul routes had been normalised. However, Friday night's flight from Istanbul to Delhi ended up being affected again. IndiGo flies daily between Delhi



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and Istanbul and Mumbai and Istanbul. Flights to Istanbul from both Indian cities depart early morning (India time), while the return flights from Istanbul depart late in the evening (Turkey time).

IndiGo operates its flights to and from Istanbul using its two wet-leased wide-body Boeing 777s, which have more than double the seating capacity of the airline's regular narrow-body Airbus A320 family planes. These two 777s are used only for IndiGo flights to and from Istanbul. The wide gap in the passenger capacity between the 777s and the A320 family planes is the reason why IndiGo is sending two aircraft to Istanbul to bring back the stranded passengers.

According to flight-tracking data, the first major delay on the Istanbul-Delhi flight 6E12 was on Wednesday (December 11). The flight was supposed to depart

from Istanbul at 8:15 pm local time but finally took off at around 5 pm the next day, which had a cascading effect on IndiGo's service to and from Turkey. Thursday's Istanbul-Mumbai flight was also delayed by nearly 16 hours. Consequently, return flights to Istanbul were also hit as the same aircraft was to operate these flights, per flight tracking data.

"Due to technical issues, IndiGo flights from Mumbai and Delhi to Istanbul experienced delays. This led to cascading delays in the return sectors. All necessary steps were taken to ensure customers were apprised, and they were provided with refreshments and accommodation, where possible. We regret the inconvenience caused to customers and appreciate their understanding and patience," the airline said on Friday night with regard to disruptions that started Wednesday.

EXPLAINED

E First delay on Wednesday

THE FIRST major delay on the Istanbul-Delhi flight 6E12 was on Wednesday (Dec 11). The flight was supposed to depart from Istanbul at 8:15 pm local time but finally took off at around 5 pm the next day.

"The Consulate was in touch with the airlines regularly and responding to all calls from the passengers. The flights were delayed due to a technical issue related to safety. The passengers were provided lounge, stay, and food. The flights had finally departed Istanbul after the necessary checks," the Consulate General of India in Istanbul posted on social media platform X regarding flight disruptions that had taken place on Wednesday and Thursday.

Regarding the latest disruption involving Friday's Istanbul-Delhi flight, the Consulate General said that it was responding to all the calls of passengers under any distress and its phone lines continued to be open. Many passengers had complained on social media that IndiGo and its partner Turkish Airline were mishandling the situation. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Section of Akasa Air pilots allege mismanagement, favouritism; airline rejects accusations

SUKALP SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 14

A SECTION of the pilots of the fledgling Akasa Air has approached the Civil Aviation Ministry alleging mismanagement, favouritism, harassment, and compromised safety standards in the airline's pilot training and evaluation processes. Reacting to the development, Akasa Air dismissed the allegations and termed them as "baseless and untrue".

The pilots wrote to Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu on December 11, listing their grouses and concerns, and requested an immediate independent investigation into the carrier's management practices, training methods, and safety standards, it is learnt.

A copy of the letter was also marked to the aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which had fined Akasa Air in October for certain lapses in crew training.

Akasa Air, while having been operational for just over two years, has had problems related to pilots earlier as well. Last year in September, the carrier even took some pilots to court for breach of contract, alleging that they quit the airline without serving the regulation six-month notice period. Around that time, Akasa Air was forced to cancel a number of its flights due to such resignations.

Reacting to the latest allega-



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tions by a section of the pilots, Akasa Air said that these are not the views of most of its pilots. The airline claims high job satisfaction levels and low attrition among its pilots, even as the unhappy pilots claimed in their letter to Naidu that 84 of Akasa Air pilots resigned on a day's notice.

"We categorically deny these allegations as baseless and untrue. Nor do they represent the views of Akasa pilots. At Akasa Air, our commitment to employee centricity is at the heart of everything we do. Our monthly employee survey reveals that pilots, amongst all employee groups have consistently reported the highest levels of job satisfaction, highlighting the effectiveness of our supportive culture. This dedication is further evidenced by the minimal number of pilots seeking opportunities outside of Akasa Air throughout 2024," an Akasa Air spokesperson said.

"For context, 324 pilots have joined Akasa since October 2023. During this same period, we have recorded an annualised at-

trition of less than 1 per cent for this employee group," the airline's spokesperson added.

The unhappy pilots have alleged that a few senior airline officials, mainly examiners and instructors, subjected them to harassment and humiliation during training sessions, and were biased in assessments and unprofessional in conduct, it is learnt. These pilots are also understood to have alleged an unusually high failure rate in pilots' simulator and aircraft evaluations, biased assessments, violation of DGCA norms, and hiring and promotion of pilots deemed unfit and unsatisfactory by other airlines.

Apart from seeking an independent investigation into Akasa Air's management practices, training methods, and safety standards, the unhappy pilots are also learnt to have sought a detailed review of the airline's DGCA-designated examiners and instructors, and a safety audit to address their concerns over allegedly unfit pilots holding key positions.



इंडिगो इस्तांबुल से यात्रियों को लाने के लिए विमान भेजेगी

नई दिल्ली, 14 दिसंबर (भाषा)।

एअरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो तुर्किये की राजधानी में फंसे यात्रियों को वापस लाने के लिए दो विमान इस्तांबुल भेज रही है। शुक्रवार को तकनीकी खामी के कारण इस्तांबुल से दिल्ली आने वाली उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई थी।

गुरुवार को इंडिगो के सैकड़ों यात्री इस्तांबुल हवाई अड्डे पर फंस गए, क्योंकि दिल्ली और मुंबई जाने वाली उनकी उड़ानें देरी से चल रही थीं। वे 24 घंटे से ज्यादा समय तक फंसे रहे और कई लोगों ने सोशल मीडिया पर देरी और सुविधाओं की कमी की शिकायत की। इन दोनों मार्ग पर एअरलाइन की निर्धारित उड़ानों पर इसका व्यापक असर पड़ा। इंडिगो ने शुक्रवार शाम को कहा कि यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए

सभी आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं कि ग्राहकों को सूचित किया जाए और जहां संभव हो, उन्हें जलपान और आवास प्रदान किया जाए। शनिवार को इंडिगो ने कहा कि इस्तांबुल से दिल्ली के लिए संचालित होने वाली उसकी उड़ान 6ई 12 को शुक्रवार को तकनीकी समस्या के कारण रद्द कर दिया गया था।

एअरलाइन किराए पर लिए गए बोइंग 777 विमानों के साथ इस्तांबुल के लिए दो दैनिक उड़ानें संचालित करती है। इनमें एक उड़ान दिल्ली से और दूसरी मुंबई से है। एअरलाइन ने शनिवार को एक बयान में कहा कि यात्रियों को उनके गंतव्य तक पहुंचाने के लिए वैकल्पिक विमानों की व्यवस्था की गई है। हमें यात्रियों को हुई असुविधा के लिए खेद है और इस मामले में उनकी समझदारी की सराहना करते हैं।



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Jeddah-bound
IndiGo plane makes
emergency landing
in Karachi; later
flies back to Delhi

KARACHI/ NEW DELHI: A Jeddah-bound IndiGo plane was diverted to the Karachi airport on Saturday due to a medical emergency on board and later flew back to Delhi.

Sources in the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in Pakistan said the aircraft was in the Pakistani airspace when a male passenger fell seriously ill, following which the plane made an emergency landing at the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi.

"There was a medical emergency on board IndiGo flight 6E 63, operating from Delhi to Jeddah," the airline said in a statement.

IndiGo said the captain diverted the flight to Karachi, where a doctor attended to the passenger upon arrival.

"After completing the necessary formalities, the flight departed Karachi and returned to its origin to provide further assistance to the medical passenger," the airline said. AGENCIES



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Cleared pending EPF dues of ₹160 cr: SpiceJet

NEW DELHI: SpiceJet on Friday said it has cleared all employee provident fund (EPF) dues worth Rs 160.07 crore that were pending for over two years.

The low-cost carrier, which has been facing multiple headwinds, recently raised Rs 3,000 crore, following which it has been clearing statutory, GST (Goods and Services Tax) and other dues.

Employee provident fund dues amounting to Rs 160.07 crore, spanning over two years, have been cleared, the airline said in a release.

According to the release,



since October, SpiceJet has been utilising its internal cash flows to meet its statutory obligations, including provident fund and TDS (Tax Deduction at Source) payments, the release said.

The airline has also resolved various disputes with aircraft lessors and other creditors.

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PIONEER

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Thousands of passengers impacted by technical issues on IndiGo flights on Istanbul-India sector

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Thousands of passengers continue to be impacted by technical issues faced by IndiGo flights on the Istanbul-India sector after their flight to Delhi and Mumbai was cancelled on Friday due to a technical issue, the Consulate General of India, Istanbul, has stepped in to aid passengers. As hundreds of passengers scheduled to fly to India remain stranded, IndiGo despatches two Airbus A321 planes to Istanbul which will likely bring the fliers back in around 20 hours.

The airline's flights on December 11 to both Delhi and Mumbai were delayed by almost two days. Then Istanbul-Delhi of December 13 was also delayed, adding to the number of flyers stranded there. IndiGo has been asked to take care of passengers. Other steps by the government will be



considered after the report of IndiGo is received," a civil aviation ministry official said. The Consulate was in touch with the airlines regularly and responding to all calls from passengers. The passengers were provided lounge, stay, and food. Turkey had abolished visa on arrival for eligible Indian travellers in April 2014. All Indian passport holders need to have an

electronic visa (e-visa) or a sticker visa issued by a Turkish diplomatic or consular mission abroad in order to be able to enter into Turkey. Which means that a significant number of IndiGo passengers stuck at Istanbul airport were not able to leave the airport. Passengers took to social media to express their frustration about the long wait and lack of adequate

facilities at the airport. Meanwhile, another IndiGo flight to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, was on Saturday forced to make an emergency landing at the Jinnah International Airport in Pakistan's Karachi city following a medical emergency onboard. The aircraft, which departed from New Delhi, was in Pakistani airspace when a male passenger fell seriously ill, according to sources from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

On Thursday, hundreds of IndiGo passengers were stuck at Istanbul airport after their flights to Delhi and Mumbai were delayed. They were stranded for over 24 hours, and many took to social media to complain about the delays and lack of facilities. There was a cascading effect on the airline's scheduled flights on the two routes. IndiGo, on Friday evening,

said all necessary steps were taken to ensure customers were apprised and provided with refreshments and accommodation, where possible.

On Saturday, IndiGo said its flight 6E 12, operating from Istanbul to Delhi, was cancelled due to a technical issue. The cancellation happened on Friday.

The airline operates two daily flights to Istanbul with leased Boeing 777 aircraft - one from Delhi and another from Mumbai.

"Alternative aircraft have been arranged to transport passengers to their destination. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused and appreciate their understanding in this matter," the airline said in a statement on Saturday.

Details about the number of passengers who were booked on the cancelled flight on Friday could not be immediately ascertained.

IndiGo Airlines apologises 'On-Time, Every Time'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

Days after being tagged as the worst airlines in the world, IndiGo on Friday apologised to the passengers stranded in Istanbul airport for hours owing to delays in flights to New Delhi and Mumbai. The airliner apologised for the inconvenience and assured that the issue would be sorted at the earliest. Passengers took to social media to recount their terrible experience.

The trouble began when a flight from Istanbul to Delhi, scheduled to depart at 8.10 pm on December 12, was initially delayed to the next day at 1.30 pm. Passengers were left at the airport with little information or support from IndiGo staff. Similarly, the flight from Istanbul to Mumbai, originally set to depart at 8.15 pm on December 12, was first pushed to 11.00 pm, then delayed again to the following morning at 10 am. IndiGo operates one flight each daily from Delhi and Mumbai to Istanbul with Boeing 777 aircraft. Many of them have been stranded since Thursday.

While the exact details of the impacted flights could not be immediately ascertained. Frustrated travellers took to

social media to express their dissatisfaction, saying they received no communication from IndiGo regarding the ongoing delays. Despite promises of lounge access as compensation, the lounge at Istanbul Airport was overcrowded and unable to accommodate all the stranded travellers, they claimed on social media. "We are aware of the delays on the IndiGo flight connections to Istanbul. We accord the highest priority towards customer convenience and our teams are available at all contact points to assist customers," IndiGo said in a statement on Friday. The airline also apologised for the "inconvenience" caused to the passengers. Some passengers also shared pictures of people stuck at the airport. In a post on X, a passenger said, "first time to India and stranded at the Istanbul Airport for the last 24 hours because the IndiGo flight keeps cancelling. No food. No clarity. No representative, No compensation, Pathetic treatment". "Lot of people stranded at the airport due to pathetic services by @IndiGo6E and @TurkishAirlines operators. Never book flights with them as they don't value passengers time. You can never be on time with @IndiGo6E,"

another passenger said in a post on X. Another passenger took to X on Friday at 3:50 AM (IST) to express his frustration about the delay, writing, "Hey @IndiGo6E, your handling of flight 6E0018 from Istanbul to Mumbai on Dec 12 has been a disaster. Scheduled to depart at 8:15 PM, it was delayed to 11 PM on the same day. Fine, we waited. Then it was shockingly pushed to 10 AM the next day. What's going on?"

He added, "To make matters worse, NO ONE from IndiGo was present at the gate to explain the situation. The news came from Turkish Airlines crew, and there was no formal announcement, just complete chaos. We were told we'd get lounge access at Istanbul airport as compensation. But the lounge was far too small to accommodate the huge number of stranded passengers. Many of us were left standing for hours without proper facilities. Seriously, @IndiGo6E?" IndiGo responded to his complaint, stating, "we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience and will connect with you." Earlier this month, IndiGo was ranked among the "world's worst airlines" in the 2024 AirHelp Score report, securing 103rd place out of 109 with a score of 4.80.



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PUNJAB KESARI

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इंडिगो की उड़ान को आपात स्थिति में कराची में उतारा गया

कराची / नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): सऊदी अरब के जेद्दा जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान में एक यात्री के अस्वस्थ हो जाने के



कारण विमान को पाकिस्तान के कराची स्थित जिन्ना अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उतारना पड़ा। बाद में विमान ने दिल्ली लौटने के लिये उड़ान भरी। पाकिस्तान में नागरिक उड्डयन प्राधिकरण के सूत्रों के अनुसार, शनिवार को नयी दिल्ली से रवाना हुआ विमान जब पाकिस्तान के हवाई क्षेत्र में था तब एक पुरुष यात्री गंभीर रूप से बीमार हो गया। इसके बाद, विमान ने कराची के जिन्ना अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर आपात लैंडिंग की। दिल्ली से जेद्दा जा रही इंडिगो की उड़ान 6ई 63 में आपातकालीन स्वास्थ्य स्थिति थी। "इंडिगो ने कहा कि कैप्टन ने विमान को कराची की ओर मोड़ दिया, जहां पहुंचने पर एक डॉक्टर ने यात्री का इलाज किया। एयरलाइन

ने कहा, "आवश्यक औपचारिकताएं पूरी करने के बाद विमान कराची से रवाना हुआ और यात्री को उपचार मुहैया कराने के लिए अपने मूल प्रस्थान स्थान पर लौट आया।" उसने कहा कि यात्री को दिल्ली में उतारने के बाद विमान जेद्दा के लिये रवाना हो गया। जियो न्यूज की खबर के अनुसार, वह यात्री 55 वर्षीय एक भारतीय था। सीए के सूत्रों ने कहा कि विमान के पायलट ने यात्री को ऑक्सीजन दिए जाने पर भी उसकी तबीयत ठीक नहीं होने के बाद, कराची हवाई अड्डे पर हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण से संपर्क किया। उन्होंने कहा कि हवाई यातायात नियंत्रण ने मानवीय आधार पर इंडिगो की उड़ान को कराची में उतरने की अनुमति दी।



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इंडिगो के 400 यात्री इस्तांबुल में फंसे

इस्तांबुल। इंडिगो का सिस्टम एक बार फिर ठप हो गया। नई दिल्ली-मुंबई और तुर्किये के बीच यात्रा करने वाले करीब 400 यात्री इस्तांबुल हवाईअड्डे पर 24 घंटे तक फंसे रहे। जब परेशान यात्रियों ने सवाल करना शुरू किया तो एयरलाइन का कहना था कि परिचालन संबंधी कारणों से उड़ान में देरी हुई। यात्रियों ने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स और लिंकडइन पर अपना गुस्सा जताया। उन्होंने दावा किया कि उड़ान में पहले देरी हुई और फिर बिना किसी जानकारी के उसे रद्द कर दिया गया। अनुश्री भंसाली नाम की एक यात्री ने बताया कि उड़ान पहले दो घंटे देर हुई और फिर अचानक बताया गया कि उसे रद्द कर दिया गया है।



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SpiceJet dues

■ **NEW DELHI:** SpiceJet on Friday said it has cleared all employee provident fund dues worth ₹160.07 crore that were pending for over two years. The low-cost carrier, which has been facing multiple headwinds, recently raised ₹3,000 crore, following which it has been clearing dues. [PTI](#)



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IndiGo Delhi-Jeddah flight diverts to Karachi due to medical emergency, returns to IGI Airport

New Delhi: IndiGo's Delhi-Jeddah flight (6E 63) was diverted to Karachi late on Friday night due to a medical emergency. The aircraft had taken off from Delhi at 9.15 pm on Dec 13 and it landed in Karachi at 11 pm (all timings local). The Airbus A321 left Karachi three hour later and returned to Delhi at 3.54 am Saturday. In a statement, IndiGo said: "There was a medical emergency on board IndiGo flight 6E 63, operating from Delhi to Jeddah. The captain diverted the flight to Karachi, where a doctor attended to the passenger upon arrival. After completing the necessary formalities, the flight departed Karachi and returned to its origin to provide further assistance to the medical passenger. The flight then departed for Jeddah. We wish the customer a speedy recovery." TNN



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IngiGo sends 2 planes to bring back 400 flyers stuck in Turkiye

New Delhi: IndiGo passenger woes at Istanbul continue unabated in peak travel season. A Turkish Airlines wide-body Boeing 777 wet-leased (hired with operating crew) by IndiGo to operate to Delhi on Friday at 8.15pm developed a snag and the flight was cancelled. That left about 400 passengers stranded at the airport, with many complaining of getting no food, water, resting place or information of alternate travel plans. IndiGo sent two 222-seater narrow-body Airbus A321 aircraft from Delhi on Saturday to fly them home. They are expected to take off from Istanbul late Saturday.

This was the second instance of Turkish Airlines wide-body planes (wet-leased by IndiGo) developing snags. The Istanbul-to-Delhi and -Mumbai flights of Dec 11 were similarly affected, and those passengers arrived at their destinations after a delay of over two days. A aviation ministry official said: "IndiGo has been asked to take care of passengers. Other steps by govt will be considered after report of IndiGo is received." TNN

400 IndiGo flyers stuck in Istanbul for nearly 2 days

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"We were told we'd get lounge access at Istanbul airport as compensation. But the lounge was far too small to accommodate the huge number of stranded passengers. Many of us were left standing for hours without proper facilities. No alternative flights were offered, no proper communication was made, and to top it all off — no plans for reparations were shared," another passenger posted on X, while lashing out at IndiGo's "blatant failure of basic customer service", and saying it owed passengers an apology and fair compensation.

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Rejecting this report, IndiGo had criticised the methodology, saying the survey does not disclose the sample size from India, "casting doubt on the survey's credibility."

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IndiGo flight to Jeddah makes emergency landing in Karachi

KARACHI/NEW DELHI, DEC 14

A Jeddah-bound IndiGo plane was diverted to the Karachi airport on Saturday due to a medical emergency on board and later flew back to Delhi.

Sources in the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in Pakistan said the aircraft was in the Pakistani airspace when a male passenger fell seriously ill, following which the plane made an emergency landing at the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi.

"There was a medical emergency on board IndiGo flight 6E 63, operating from Delhi to Jeddah," the airline said in a statement.

IndiGo said the captain diverted the flight to

AIRLINE TO SEND 2 PLANES TO BRING PASSENGERS FROM ISTANBUL

- IndiGo is sending two planes to Istanbul to bring back passengers stranded in the Turkish capital after their flight to Delhi was cancelled on Friday due to a technical issue.
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Karachi, where a doctor attended to the passenger upon arrival.

"After completing the necessary formalities, the flight departed Karachi and returned to its origin to provide further assistance to the medical passenger," the airline said, adding, after the passenger was deboard-

ed in Delhi, the flight departed for Jeddah.

According to Geo News, the passenger was a 55-year-old Indian man. Sources in the CAA said the flight's pilot contacted the air traffic control at the Karachi airport after the passenger did not get better even after he was given oxygen. — PTI