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## निजी उड़ानों और बिना नियंत्रण वाले हवाईअड्डों की होगी गहन जांच

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि सरकार गैर-नियमित उड़ान संचालकों और बिना नियंत्रण वाले हवाईअड्डों की उड़ान व्यवस्था का गहन अध्ययन कर रही है। इसका मकसद यह पता लगाना है कि किन क्षेत्रों में सुधार की जरूरत है। यह कदम 28 जनवरी को पुणे के बारामती में हुए विमान हादसे के बाद उठाया गया है। ब्यूरो

## दिल्ली से आई थी यात्री, हाई सिक्योरिटी जोन में घटना से उठे सुरक्षा पर सवाल जयपुर का इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट; टर्मिनल टू पर महिला पैसेंजर को डाॅग ने काटा...टांके लगे

जयपुर | जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-2 पर कुत्ते ने महिला पैसेंजर को काट लिया। महिला गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गई। उसके पैर से खून बहने लगा। महिला को इलाज के लिए एयरपोर्ट से हॉस्पिटल लेकर गए। घटना रविवार दोपहर करीब 2:20 बजे की है। एयरपोर्ट मैनेजमेंट ने बताया कि महिला दिल्ली से जयपुर आई थी। एयरपोर्ट से बाहर निकल रही थी। तभी अराइवल एरिया के गेट के बाहर एक कुत्ते ने महिला पर हमला किया। कुत्ते का पहले ही वैक्सीनेशन किया जा चुका था। इस वजह से खतरे की कोई बात नहीं है।

प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों ने बताया- जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल-2 क्षेत्र में अचानक कुत्ते ने महिला के पैर पर काट लिया। वहां मौजूद लोगों ने महिला को तुरंत संभाला और एयरपोर्ट प्रशासन को सूचना दी। घायल महिला को एयरपोर्ट मैनेजमेंट तुरंत पास के प्राइवेट हॉस्पिटल लेकर पहुंचा। जहां प्राथमिक इलाज के बाद डॉक्टरों ने उसे छुट्टी दे दी।

### इंदौर में चूहे ने एयरपोर्ट लाउंज में यात्री को काटा था



एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन की ओर से परिसर की फेंसिंग का काम चल रहा है। वहीं एयरपोर्ट एरिया के आसपास कुत्तों को फकड़कर टीकाकरण भी करवाया जा रहा है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट की गाइडलाइन के अनुसार कुत्तों को फकड़ उनकी नसबंदी कर फिर से उसी स्थान पर छोड़ा जाना चाहिए जहां से उन्हें फकड़ा गया है।

• **इंदौर एयरपोर्ट** : इंदौर (एमआईए) एयरपोर्ट पर एक यात्री को चूहे ने काटा था, जो टर्मिनल के डिपार्चर हॉल में बैठे थे। चूहे ने पैट में घुसकर काटा, जिससे घायल यात्री को टिटनेस-टीका और बाद में रेबीज की खुराक लगनी पड़ी। यह भारत के एयरपोर्ट पर सबसे सीधा 'बाइट' मामला था।

• **चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट** : चेन्नई अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट के पास और टर्मिनल के बाहर आवारा कुत्ते अक्सर घूमते हैं, जो यात्रियों के लिए सुरक्षा एवं स्वास्थ्य का खतरा पैदा कर रहे हैं। इसके अलावा अहमदाबाद में 11 जनवरी 2018 को गाय रनवे के पास आ गई थी। इस कारण दो विमानों को अहमदाबाद में लैंडिंग रद्द की गई थी। बेंगलुरु एयरपोर्ट में 2008 में रनवे पर कुत्ता आने से विमान का लैंडिंग गियर क्षतिग्रस्त हुआ।



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## जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर विदेशी महिला को कुत्ते ने काटा

जयपुर, एजेंसी। जयपुर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा के टर्मिनल-2 पर रविवार दोपहर एक कुत्ते ने दिल्ली से यहां पहुंची विदेशी महिला यात्री को काट लिया। वहां मौजूद लोगों ने महिला को तुरंत संभाला और हवाई अड्डा प्रबंधन को इसकी सूचना दी। महिला को निजी अस्पताल ले जाया गया।

हवाई अड्डा प्रबंधन ने बताया कि इजरायली महिला यात्री बेट-एल नूरियल एक अन्य विदेशी यात्री संग दोपहर दो बजे दिल्ली से जयपुर पहुंची थीं। हवाई अड्डे से बाहर निकलते वक्त आगमन क्षेत्र के द्वार के बाहर एक कुत्ते ने उन पर हमला किया। कुत्ते के काटने से महिला के पैर से खून बहने लगा। इस

■ दिल्ली से जयपुर पहुंची इजरायली यात्री, अस्पताल में भर्ती

दौरान लोगों ने शोर मचाकर कुत्ते को भगाया। हवाई अड्डे पर ही प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद महिला यात्री को निजी अस्पताल ले जाया गया। उन्हें इलाज के बाद अस्पताल से छुट्टी दे दी गई।

हवाई अड्डा प्रबंधन के मुताबिक, कुत्ते का पहले ही टीकाकरण किया जा चुका है। इस वजह से खतरे की कोई बात नहीं है। जयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर पहले भी कई बार कुत्तों द्वारा यात्रियों को काटने की घटनाएं सामने आ चुकी हैं, पर स्थायी समाधान नहीं निकल सका है।



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## अनियंत्रित हवाई क्षेत्रों का अध्ययन कर रहे: नायडू

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। नागर विमानन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने रविवार को कहा कि सरकार गैर-निर्धारित ऑपरेटर और अनियंत्रित हवाई पट्टियों द्वारा किए जा रहे उड़ान संचालन का गहन अध्ययन कर रही है। इसके बाद यह देखा जाएगा कि किन क्षेत्रों में कदम उठाने की आवश्यकता है।

मीडिया से बात करते हुए केंद्रीय विमानन मंत्री नायडू ने कहा कि सरकार का ध्यान कम परिचालन वाली एयरलाइनों को बढ़ावा देने पर है। ज्ञात हो कि 28 जनवरी को बारामती विमान दुर्घटना के बाद गैर-निर्धारित परिचालकों के उड़ान

### ‘अहमदाबाद हादसे की जांच अभी जारी’

सांगली। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राज्यमंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोत ने शनिवार को एक विदेशी मीडिया द्वारा अहमदाबाद एयर इंडिया विमान हादसे की कथित रिपोर्ट को खारिज किया है। कहा कि इस मामले की जांच अभी जारी है।

संचालन नियामक जांच के घेरे में आ गए हैं। बता दें कि इस दुर्घटना में महाराष्ट्र के उपमुख्यमंत्री अजित पवार और चार अन्य लोगों की जान चली गई थी।



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MILLENNIUM POST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGENCIES

— **TURNED OUT TO BE HOAX** —

## Second bomb scare in a day at Kolkata Airport



### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**KOLKATA:** A security alert was reported on Saturday during boarding of IndiGo flight 6E-7304 scheduled to operate from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport to Shillong after a suspicious note was found onboard, officials said.

As a precautionary measure, all passengers were safely deboarded and the aircraft was moved to an isolation bay. Standard security protocols were followed and a thorough inspection was carried out by the concerned agencies, the statement said.

Upon completion of all safety checks and clearance by security authorities, the aircraft

was declared safe for operations. The flight subsequently departed for Shillong at 13:33 hrs.

Meanwhile, hours after the threat received to Shillong bound flight that later turned out to be a hoax, another security threat was reported this evening on IndiGo flight 6E6894 (A-320) operating from Dibrugarh to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport after a suspicious message, reportedly written with lipstick inside the aircraft toilet, indicating a bomb threat, officials stated.

The aircraft landed safely at 19:37 hrs IST and was immediately moved to the isolation bay as per established security protocols. All passengers were safely deboarded.



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NAVBHARAT TIMES

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## असम में बनेगे 4 नए हवाई अड्डे: CM

■ आईएनएस, गुवाहाटी:  
असम के मुख्यमंत्री हिमता  
बिस्वा सरमा ने रविवार को  
राज्य में हवाई और कनेक्टिविटी  
से जुड़ी कई बड़ी घोषणाएं की।  
उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य सरकार  
असम में 4 नए हवाई अड्डे  
बनाने की योजना पर काम कर  
रही है। ये हवाई अड्डे माजुली,  
दीफू, उमरांगसो और मानस में  
बनाए जाएंगे। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा  
कि इससे रणनीतिक इलाकों में  
हवाई संपर्क बेहतर होगा।



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THE STATESMAN

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## Bomb threat delays Shillong-bound Indigo flight at city airport

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**

*Kolkata, 14 February*

There was panic at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport on Saturday morning after a bomb threat was reported on a Shillong-bound Indigo flight.

According to airport sources, the aircraft, flight 6E-7304, was scheduled to depart from Kolkata for Shillong at 9.15 a.m.

However, before take-off, airline staff discovered a handwritten note inside the aircraft's lavatory claiming that a bomb had been placed on board.

The message immediately triggered panic among passengers.

Following the alert, the

**PANIC ERUPTED AT KOLKATA'S NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AFTER A BOMB THREAT WAS REPORTED ON INDIGO FLIGHT 6E-7304 BOUND FOR SHILLONG.**

aircraft was moved to an isolated bay and all passengers deboarded.

Security agencies began a thorough search of the plane. Airport authorities said an investigation is underway to determine who placed the note inside the aircraft.

Sources indicated that after the completion of security checks, the flight departed for its destination around 11.30 a.m.

This is not the first such

incident involving the airline.

In January, a Delhi-Bagdogra Indigo flight carrying 222 passengers received a bomb threat after take-off, following which it was forced to make an emergency landing at Lucknow, where a search was conducted.

Last year, a Kolkata-Mumbai Indigo flight (6E-5227) also faced a bomb scare after an unidentified person made a phone call to the airport claiming an explosive was on board. All 195 passengers were evacuated and the aircraft was searched, though nothing suspicious was found.

Airport officials said security protocols were followed in the latest incident and no explosives have been detected so far.



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THE TELEGRAPH

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An aircraft at the Pakyong airport in Gangtok, Sikkim, in March 2023

## Centre seeks to reopen Sikkim's Pakyong airport

### OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**Siliguri:** The Union civil ministry is planning to connect Gangtok, Sikkim's capital, with Guwahati via a nine-seater aircraft, almost two years after flight services from the mountain state's Pakyong airport were halted.

K. Rammohan Naidu, the Union minister of civil aviation, wrote to Indra Hang Subba — the sole Lok Sabha member from Sikkim — on January 31. The letter said that the ministry has issued a letter of intent to Jet Wings, a private airline company, for the nine-seater aircraft on the Pakyong-Guwahati route.

"The proposal was initiated under the UDAN 5.3 scheme, which was a specialised bidding round of the regional connectivity scheme to revive and resume flight operations in discontinued, neglected and underserved routes of India," said a source.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pakyong airport in September 2018, making it the country's 100th operational airport.

Flights to Calcutta, Guwahati and Delhi were introduced. However, operations were suspended in June 2024 because of adverse monsoon conditions.

"Since then, flights have stopped operating from Pa-

kyong, and the residents of Sikkim, tourists and others visiting the Himalayan state have had to depend on Bagdogra again, which is around 130km away. The state and lawmakers have been insisting on the resumption of flights from Sikkim," said a hotelier based in Gangtok.

"It is good even if a nine-seater flight is introduced for the Guwahati route. Many people from Sikkim travel to the Northeast regularly," he added.

The Union minister, in his letter to Subba, has mentioned that the proposition to resume flights has been forwarded to all domestic airlines to explore the feasibility of operating the airport.

"The Airports Authority of India is fully prepared to facilitate flight operations, subject to airlines opting to operate from the airport," reads the letter.

However, airline companies will decide after considering the market demand, commercial viability and their internal policies, a source said.

Subba wrote in a social media post on February 7: "I will continue to engage with the Government of India and airline operators to ensure the early resumption of flight services from Pakyong airport for the benefit of Sikkim and its people."

## Flying out of Hyd airport now costlier than any other metro

**UDF 3x More Than What Mum & Delhi Airports Charge**

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**Hyderabad:** Flying out of Hyderabad is now more expensive than any other major Indian metro. The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) currently levies the nation's highest User Development Fee (UDF), according to ministry of civil aviation (MoCA) data recently tabled in the Rajya Sabha.

RGIA charges Rs 750 per passenger as UDF for domestic departures, the highest ra-

### MASSIVE SURGE

City	Domestic	Intl
Hyderabad	₹750	₹1,500
Bengaluru	₹550	₹1,500
Delhi	₹129	₹650
Mumbai	₹175	₹615

(Embarking fee only. Source MoCA)

te among major airports. For international departures, passengers pay Rs 1,500 per person.

In comparison, Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru charges Rs 550

for domestic departures, while its international UDF matches Hyderabad at Rs 1,500. However, Delhi and Mumbai airports charge significantly lower rates. At the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi, domestic passengers pay Rs 129 for embarking and Rs 56 for disembarking, while international passengers pay Rs 650 for embarking and Rs 275 for disembarking. In Mumbai, domestic passengers pay Rs 175 for embarking and Rs 75 for disembarking. International flyers pay Rs 615 for embarking and Rs 260 for disembarking.

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## Passengers flying out of Hyd paid ₹2,500 crore in UDF in last 4 years

► From P 1

According to the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the UDF or passenger service fee (PSF) is collected as part of the airfare and remitted to the airport operator. Greenfield airports like Hyderabad and Bengaluru levy these fees primarily to bridge viability gaps and recover infrastructure investments.

Over the past four years, passengers flying out of Hyderabad have collectively paid nearly ₹2,500 crore in UDF. MoCA data shows annual collections rose sharply from ₹80 crore in FY 2020-21 to over

### SOARING CHARGES

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- UDF (domestic) rose from ₹281 per passenger in 2020-21 to ₹750 now



₹1,000 crore in FY 2024-25, reflecting both a surge in air traffic and revised tariff structures.

The financial burden on passengers increased steeply post-pandemic. The domestic UDF rose from ₹281 per pas-

senger in 2020-21 to the current ₹750.

For international departures, the fee jumped nearly fivefold—from ₹393 to ₹1,500—during the same period. The Centre established the Airports Economic Regu-

latory Authority of India (AERA) to determine these tariffs at major airports.

"AERA determines aeronautical charges, such as landing and parking fees and the UDF, by considering factors like return on investment for aeronautical assets, operating expenditure, depreciation, and tax for a five-year control period. The regulator aims to optimally balance the interests of service providers and end-users, ensuring the airport operator maintains and operates the facility with a reasonable return on investment," stated Murlidhar Mohol, minister of state for civil aviation.



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BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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## DGCA tightens alcohol-testing rules for pilots and cabin crew

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

The DGCA has tightened alcohol-testing rules for pilots and cabin crew, introducing mandatory video-recorded breath-analyser tests, along with stricter reporting requirements and tougher penalties.

As per a new Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) reviewed by *businessline*, the DGCA has laid down detailed procedures for pre-flight and post-flight breath analyser examinations of crew members. A key addition is that the breath analyser examinations be recorded on camera, with recordings preserved for six months. Besides, operators are required to report all positive or missed breath analyser cases within 24 hours through the pre-

scribed digital reporting system.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The regulation sets out a graded enforcement mechanism, with penalties ranging from warnings and counselling in minor cases to suspension or cancellation of licences for repeat or serious violations. Apart from this, tampering with testing equipment or records can attract disciplinary action.

All scheduled operators must ensure that flight crew and cabin crew undergo pre-flight breath-analyser testing at the first departure airport during a flight duty period.

### **POST-FLIGHT TESTS**

Post-flight testing is required in specific situations, including flights arriving from destinations outside

India and cases where a pre-flight test was not conducted. The regulator has also empowered authorities to order breath analyser examinations at their discretion.

Notably, the CAR specifies that when a designated VIP is to be carried on board, operators must ensure that crew members assigned to such flights undergo pre-flight breath analyser testing.

In another major change, the new norms have been applied to non-scheduled operators, flying training institutes and government aviation departments.

Additionally, the regulation reiterated that no pilot, cabin crew member or other operating crew member may consume alcohol within 12 hours before the commencement of a flight.



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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## Non-scheduled Flights, Uncontrolled Airfields Under Scanner, says Naidu

**New Delhi:** The government is conducting a "very thorough study" of flight operations by non-scheduled operators and uncontrolled airfields to look at areas where steps need to be taken, according to Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu.

Flight operations by Non-Scheduled Operators (NSOPs) have come under increased regulatory scrutiny in the wake of the fatal crash of a VSR Ventures-owned LearJet 45 plane that killed Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and four others on January 28.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has already initiated a special safety audit of NSOPs earlier this month. Naidu told PTI that the civil aviation ministry is doing a "thorough study" of the NSOPs, as well as the uncontrolled airfields.

Areas where something needs to be done with respect to NSOPs and uncontrolled airfields will be looked into, he said.

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## इंडिगो जल्द एक हजार पायलट की भर्ती करेगी

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो ने बड़े स्तर पर पायलट भर्ती की तैयारी शुरू कर दी है। बताया जा रहा है कि कंपनी 1,000 से ज्यादा पायलटों की नियुक्तियां करेगी।

यह फैसला दिसंबर 2025 में सामने आए परिचालन संकट के बाद लिया गया है, जब स्टाफ की कमी के चलते एयरलाइन को सिर्फ सात दिनों में 5000 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ी थीं। खबरों के मुताबिक, नई भर्ती प्रक्रिया में ट्रेनी फर्स्ट ऑफिसर, सीनियर फर्स्ट ऑफिसर और कैप्टन शामिल होंगे। यह हाल के वर्षों में किसी भारतीय

### यूबीएस नियुक्तियां करेगी

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## Uncontrolled airports are being studied, says Minister

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NEW DELHI

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### OUR CORRESPONDENT

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An uncontrolled aerodrome is an aerodrome without a control tower, or one where the tower is not in operation, according to the website SKYbrary.

In a detailed statement on the Learjet 45 crash, the ministry, on January 28, said the "aircraft was cleared to land on runway 11 at 0843IST; however, they did not give a read-back of the landing clearance".

"Next, the ATC saw the flames around the threshold of runway 11 at 0844 IST. The emergency services then rushed to the crash site," it had said.

Meanwhile, the minister, on the sidelines of an event here this week, also said the focus is to boost airlines with smaller operations.



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## IndiGo faces fine in relation to input tax credit



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

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

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

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

While noting that there is no significant impact on financials, the company also said it would contest the same before the appropriate authority. P11



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## इंडिगो करेगी 1,000 से ज्यादा पायलटों की भर्ती

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली: देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो दिसंबर में बड़े ऑपरेशनल संकट के बाद 1,000 से अधिक पायलटों की भर्ती करने जा रही है। पिछले दिसंबर में कंपनी को 7 दिन के भीतर 5,000 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ी थी। इसके बाद कंपनी ने बड़े पैमाने पर भर्ती की तैयारी की है। नई भर्ती में ट्रेनी फर्स्ट ऑफिसर, सीनियर फर्स्ट ऑफिसर और कमांडर शामिल होंगे। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, एयरलाइन एयरबस A-320 विमान का अनुभव न रखने वाले उम्मीदवारों के आवेदन भी स्वीकार करेगी।



दिसंबर में उड़ानें रद्द होने के बाद लिया है फेसला

नए नियमों के तहत रात 12 बजे से सुबह 6 बजे के बीच लैडिंग की संख्या सीमित की गई है और पायलटों के साप्ताहिक रेस्ट टाइम को बढ़ाया गया है। DGCA की जांच में पाया गया कि

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## एअर इंडिया फ्लाइट में क्रू मेंबर-पैसेंजर मिड़े

स्वतंत्र भारत ब्यूरो लखनऊ। लखनऊ आ रहे एअर इंडिया विमान में यात्री और क्रू मेंबर भिड़ गए। लखनऊ में लैंड करने पर छट्टस्त्र ने यात्री को पत्नी और उसके 3 साल के बेटे के साथ उतार लिया। दोनों पक्षों ने पुलिस से शिकायत दी है। आरोप है कि बिजनेस क्लास का टिकट लेने के बावजूद इकोनॉमी सीट दी गई। नॉनवेज खाना ऑर्डर किया था तो वेज खाना दिया गया। इन्हीं बातों का विरोध करने पर बदतमीजी की गई। पुलिस ने 5 घंटे थाने में बिठाए रखा।

बेंगलुरु निवासी अंकित सहाय ने बताया- मैं पत्नी शालिनी प्रिया और तीन वर्षीय बेटे के साथ बेंगलुरु से लखनऊ की यात्रा कर रहा था। मैंने बिजनेस क्लास का टिकट लिया था। बिजनेस क्लास का टिकट होने के बावजूद बेंगलुरु एयरपोर्ट पर इकोनॉमी क्लास में बैठाया गया। उन्होंने नानवेज खाना प्री-बुक किया था, लेकिन उन्हें वेज खाना परोसा गया। आपत्ति जताने

पर क्रू मेंबर ने उनके साथ अभद्रता की। पानी तक नहीं दिया। मैंने फीडबैक फॉर्म मांगकर अपनी आपत्ति जतानी चाहिए, तो मेरा बोर्डिंग पास छीन लिया। उसका फोटो खींचा। उसके बाद मेरे आगे और पीछे के पैसेंजर से मेरे खिलाफ झूठी शिकायत ली।

अंकित सहाय ने बताया- फ्लाइट करीब 11 बजे लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर पहुंची। मुझे, मेरी पत्नी और बेटे को फ्लाइट से उतरने नहीं दिया गया। एयरलाइन की ओर से भी शिकायत दर्ज कराई गई है। एयरलाइन का आरोप है कि अंकित सहाय ने क्रू मेंबर पर बोर्डिंग पास फेंका और विमान में हंगामा किया, जिससे उड़ान संचालन प्रभावित हुआ। सरोजनीनगर पुलिस ने बताया कि उन्हें दोनों पक्षों से तहरीर मिली है। मामले की जांच की जा रही है। पुलिस के अनुसार, फिलहाल दंपती को छोड़ दिया गया है। जांच के आधार पर आगे की कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

## Bomb threat note on IndiGo's Shillong flight

### OUR BUREAU

**Calcutta:** An IndiGo flight to Shillong had to be evacuated at the Calcutta airport on Saturday morning after a note suggesting a possible bomb threat was found in the aircraft's lavatory.

Airport sources said it was an ATR 72 aircraft with 65 passengers on board.

A check was conducted, but it yielded nothing, and the flight departed over four hours after its scheduled departure, airport officials said. The original departure time was around 9am.

"A security alert was reported earlier today during boarding of IndiGo flight 6E-7304 scheduled to operate from the Calcutta airport to Shillong after a suspicious note was found on-board," an airport official said.

The handwritten note, indicating a possible bomb threat, was discovered in the aircraft lavatory by one of the crew members, sources said. It had the words "Bomb in the flight" written in English, they said.

"As a precautionary measure, all passengers were de-



Security personnel at the Calcutta airport conduct a check after the bomb threat on Saturday morning

boarded and the aircraft was moved to an isolation bay. Standard security protocols were followed and a thorough inspection was carried out by the concerned agencies. Upon completion of all safety checks and clearance by security authorities, the aircraft was declared safe for operations. The flight subsequently departed for Shillong at 1.33pm," the official said.

It is almost impossible to find out who left the note because the washroom does not have CCTV cameras, airport sources said.

An IndiGo spokesperson said: "A security threat was noticed onboard IndiGo

flight 6E 7304... Following the standard operating procedure (SOP), we informed the relevant authorities immediately and are fully cooperating with them in carrying out the necessary security checks..."

Police sources said the preliminary inquiry has revealed that a tissue paper was found in the plane's toilet.

"We received a complaint from the Bomb Threat Assessment Committee, based on which a case has been started against unknown persons," said Alshwarya Sagar, deputy commissioner (airport division), Bidhannagar police.

### Dibrugarh flight

A second security threat was reported on Saturday evening, this time on IndiGo flight 6E-6894, operating from Dibrugarh to Calcutta. A suspicious message, reportedly written in lipstick inside the aircraft toilet, indicated a possible bomb threat.

"The A-320 aircraft landed safely at 7.37pm and was moved to the isolation bay as per security protocols. All passengers were safely deboarded," the airline said.



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## 38,475 civilian drones registered across India

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Country's civilian drone ecosystem has expanded to 38,475 registered unmanned aerial vehicle, with the National Capital Region (NCR) accounting for a significant share in North India, according to data (till January 31) recently placed in Parliament.

The figures reflect a widening footprint of regulated drone operations across states, including border and hill regions, under the Centre's evolving aviation framework.

Data tabled in the Lok Sabha reveals that in north India, Delhi has 3,070 registered drones, followed by Haryana with

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2,179, Punjab (285), Jammu and Kashmir (201) and Himachal Pradesh (146), indicating a sharper concentration in and around the NCR than in neighbouring agrarian and mountainous states.

Chandigarh has 56 registered drones, while Ladakh has reported zero registrations so far. The numbers, as on January 31, 2026, are based on Unique Identification Numbers (UINs) issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).