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SRINAGAR

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Flight operations resume at Srinagar International Airport



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Srinagar, May 13

Flight operations at the Srinagar International Airport resumed on Tuesday afternoon after remaining suspended for four days due to tension between India and Pakistan, officials said.

The resumption follows a temporary suspension of air traffic at 32 civilian airports, including

Srinagar, located in states bordering Pakistan. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) had banned commercial flight operations on May 9, citing security concerns arising from a military standoff between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

"Flight operations have restarted at Srinagar Airport. Four flights landed today, and the same number departed," Director of Srinagar Interna-

tional Airport, Javid Anjum, told Greater Kashmir. He added that the number of flights is expected to increase on Wednesday as normalcy gradually returns.

Despite the partial resumption, airport sources said many flights to and from the Valley continued to face delays. Several airlines also announced cancellations for the day, leaving passengers stranded or facing rescheduled travel.

The reopening of Srinagar airport comes a day after the AAI issued a countrywide directive to lift the restrictions on civilian flights at all 32 impacted airports.

Security around the airport remains tight, with paramilitary forces maintaining a strong presence. Travellers have been advised to reach the airport well in advance and to remain in contact with airlines for updates.



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GUWAHATI

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LGBI Airport initiatives to deal with exigencies

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 14: As part of its ongoing preparedness drive for the forthcoming monsoons, LGBI Airport has taken a series of measures to deal with any exigencies.

To augment the airport's drainage, cleaning of both internal and external drains has started to ensure smooth flow of rainwater. Besides the existing drainage, new internal drainage systems are under construction to further support effective water management within the airport premises.

"We have started a collaborative initiative with the Water Resources Department, Government of Assam, to clean the external drains, including the Kalmoni river located outside the airport boundary. To address waterlogging or flooding, especially in the airside area, Guwahati International Authority Limited (GIAL) is also constructing a total of 7.5-km-long drainage channel. This will divert the water effectively towards the external drains, which are connected to the Kalmoni river

and will ultimately flow into the Brahmaputra," an airport official said.

Terming the efforts as crucial in safeguarding the airside and overall airport infrastructure from waterlogging, the official said that it would ensure uninterrupted operations during heavy rains.

"As Assam is known to be heavily impacted by the prolonged monsoons, GIAL is committed to ensuring operational continuity of airport and passenger safety through proactive monsoon preparedness," the official added.



BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

16 MAY 2025

Govt cancels security clearance of Turkish airport ground handling company Celebi

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The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security revoked the security clearance of Turkish airport ground handling company Celebi, citing national security. The action, a direct fall out of the Turkish government's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, was initiated on Thursday.

Celebi provides passenger and cargo handling services to major foreign airlines at nine airports, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. In Delhi, it also runs the cargo terminal.

According to an industry source, Celebi handles around 160 flights daily at the nine airports. It has 7,800 employees in India.

Celebi's contracts and its employees in India are expected to be taken over by other ground handling companies, such as Bird Group,



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AISATS, and AI Airport Services Ltd, to ensure continuity of flight operations. The validity of airport entry passes of Celebi's staff is likely to be extended to enable the transition.

"Our endeavour is to ensure normal operations and avoid job losses," said the Chief Executive Officer of one of the airports. "For the past two days, we have been in discussion with airports and have expressed our readiness to take over Celebi's operations to mitigate inconvenience to passengers," said AIASL CEO Rambabu Ch. In a statement, Delhi airport said it has severed business ties with Celebi and is

working with existing service providers to ensure uninterrupted operations while safeguarding employee welfare.

Celebi, which has been in present in India for over a decade, began operations in Mumbai in a JV and gradually expanded to eight other cities. It came under attack over the past week following Turkey criticising Operation Sindoor. Questions were raised about the security risks of having a Turkish origin ground handler at airports and calls were made for termination. On Thursday, Celebi Aviation Holding's group CEO Dave Dorner met Civil Aviation Ministry offi-

cials to persuade them against taking this action.

'NO TURKIYE LINKS'

Separately, the CEO of Celebi's India operations wrote to Mumbai airport insisting it had no political affiliation with Turkey.

In a statement, Celebi said its business in India is truly an Indian enterprise, led and managed by Indian professionals, deeply invested in the country, and committed to its growth. "We are not a Turkish organisation by any standard and adhere fully to globally accepted practices of corporate governance, transparency and neutrality, with no political affiliations or links to any fore."

Celebi also denied that the daughter of Turkish President Recep Erdogan owns a stake in the company. It said the company is majority-owned (65 per cent) by institutional investors from various countries.

‘तुर्किये की एयरलाइन के साथ साझेदारी से लाभ’



देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने गुरुवार को कहा कि टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ उसकी साझेदारी से भारतीय यात्रियों और देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को कई लाभ मिलते हैं क्योंकि इससे

कनेक्टिविटी बेहतर होती है और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा भी अधिक किफायती हो जाती है। इंडिगो की यह टिप्पणी ऐसे समय आई है जब पाकिस्तान का समर्थन करने और आतंकी ठिकानों पर भारत के हालिया हमलों की तुर्किये द्वारा निंदा करने के बाद कुछ हलकों में तुर्किये के सामान और पर्यटन का बहिष्कार करने की मांग उठ रही है। कुछ ऑनलाइन यात्रा सुविधा मंचों और संगठनों ने भी लोगों को तुर्की न जाने की सलाह जारी की है। फिलहाल इंडिगो टर्किश एयरलाइंस से किराये पर लिए गए दो विमानों के साथ इस्तांबुल के लिए सीधी उड़ानें संचालित करती है।

इसके अलावा यह यूरोप और अमेरिका में 40 से अधिक स्थानों पर कोडशेयर सीटें भी मुहैया कराती है। कोडशेयर भागीदारी के तहत एयरलाइन अपने यात्रियों को अपनी साझेदार एयरलाइन पर बुक कर सकती है और टिकट एक ही रहता है। इंडिगो के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि भारत और तुर्किये के बीच जारी हवाई यातायात को द्विपक्षीय हवाई सेवा समझौते (एएसए) और भारत से अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई सेवाओं के समग्र निर्माण के संदर्भ में देखा जाना चाहिए। एएसए के तहत तुर्किये और भारत की एयरलाइंस को दोनों देशों के बीच प्रति सप्ताह कुल 56 उड़ानें संचालित करने की अनुमति मिली है। घरेलू एयरलाइंस भारत से तुर्किये और तुर्किये से भारत के लिए हर सप्ताह 14-14 उड़ानें संचालित करती हैं। इतनी ही उड़ानों के संचालन की अनुमति तुर्किये की एयरलाइंस को भी है। इंडिगो के अधिकारी ने कहा कि टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ साझेदारी से भारतीय यात्रियों और देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को कई लाभ मिलते हैं।

MIAL drops plan to reduce flight slots, halt cargo ops

Aviation ministry intervened after protest from airlines, cargo operators

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New Delhi, 15 May

Mumbai airport operator, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), has dropped its plan to cut passenger flight slots for the upcoming winter schedule and stop cargo operations from August 16. This comes after strong protests from airlines and cargo operators that led to an intervention by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, sources told *Business Standard*.

With the existing flight schedule now set to continue from Mumbai airport till March next year, it remains unclear when the demolition of Terminal-1 will take place and how many flights will shift to Navi Mumbai airport in the near term.

Earlier this year, Adani Group-run MIAL had announced that Terminal-1 would be demolished in one go by November, with some flights shifting to Terminal-2 of the same airport and the rest to the soon-to-be-operational Navi Mumbai airport.

The new airport, being developed by MIAL's subsidiary, is slated to open next month. MIAL and the Ministry of Civil Aviation did not respond to *Business Standard's* queries regarding the revised timeline for the demolition or the transition plan for flight operations.

In March, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) stated that demolition of Terminal-1 at Mumbai International Airport was necessary for public safety after an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay audit revealed corrosion, seepage, and cracks.

On April 21, MIAL informed airlines and cargo operators that all air cargo operations at Mumbai airport would be suspended from August 16 due to the demolition of Terminal-1 and construction of new taxiways for the secondary runway.

Major carriers, especially international ones like Emirates and Etihad, were also told their airport slots would be reduced for the upcoming winter schedule, which would have



Cracks were observed in Terminal-1 after an IIT audit in March. It remains unclear when the demolition of Terminal-1 will take place. PHOTO: AERA REPORT

Story so far

- **March 2025:** AERA deems Terminal 1 demolition necessary for public safety after an IIT audit
- **April 21, 2025:** MIAL informs airlines of cargo suspension from August 16 due to T1 demolition
- **April 22, 2025:** Navi Mumbai airport urges airlines to shift operations there for a first-mover advantage
- **May 9, 2025:** MIAL convenes first Slot Coordination Committee meeting, announces passenger flights and cargo operations would continue as scheduled

meant fewer flights operating from Mumbai airport.

A day later, on April 22, Navi Mumbai airport reached out to airlines, urging them to take the first-mover advantage and shift operations there. While the new airport listed several facilities, positioning it as an ideal cargo hub, airlines strongly resisted what they saw as a forced suspension of flights at Mumbai.

Airlines protested any reduction in winter slots, while cargo operators opposed the complete suspension of

freighter operations from August 16. Both groups escalated the issue to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, requesting immediate intervention. International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global airline body, also raised objections, citing a lack of consultation and accusing MIAL of forcing airlines to shift to the Navi Mumbai airport without adequate justification.

These objections led to what sources described as a "strong nudge" from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, urging MIAL to ensure operational stability.

In response, MIAL convened its first Slot Coordination Committee meeting on May 9, where it informed stakeholders that passenger flights — including several international services — would continue as scheduled from Mumbai and that cargo operations would not be suspended. This marked a full reversal from its earlier communications in April to airlines and air cargo operators. The decision not to move a significant number of flights from Mumbai airport to Navi Mumbai airport this year is expected to impact network planning and revenue strategies for both airports, sources stated.



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एयरपोर्ट: 3 शहरों की फ्लाइट रद्द, दुबई की फ्लाइट अब शाम 4:15 बजे जाएगी

जयपुर | एयरपोर्ट से मंगलवार को जयपुर-कुल्लू सहित 3 शहरों की 4 फ्लाइट रद्द रही। अलायंस एयर की कुल्लू की उड़ान 9आई-805 रद्द रही। ये जयपुर से सुबह 8:25 बजे कुल्लू जाती है। इंडिगो की सुबह 9:10 बजे जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली फ्लाइट 6ई-7718 और शाम 7:50 बजे जाने वाली फ्लाइट 6ई-7414 रद्द रही। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की सुबह साढ़े नौ बजे जयपुर से गाजियाबाद की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1178 भी रद्द कर दी गई। वहीं एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की दुबई की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-195 के डिपार्चर समय में बदलाव किया है। ये अब सुबह 5:30 की बजाय शाम 4:15 बजे दुबई जाएगी। एयरलाइंस द्वारा इसकी जानकारी यात्रियों को मैसेज के जरिए दी जा रही है।

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा उड़ान तकनीकी मानकों को परखा

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 15 मई (देशबन्धु)। देश के सबसे बड़े और अत्याधुनिक हवाई अड्डों में शुमार नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट उड़ान भरने के लिए सुरक्षा मानकों पर पूरी तरह खरा उतर पाया है।

इसकी जांच करने वृहस्पतिवार को ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी की एक विशेषज्ञ टीम जेवर नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पहुंची। टीम ने हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षा से जुड़े सभी पहलुओं जैसे टर्मिनल की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था, स्क्रीनिंग प्रक्रिया, एंटी-एग्जिट प्वाइंट्स, और सुरक्षाकर्मियों की तैनाती को गहनता से जांच किया। जांच के बाद इसकी रिपोर्ट तैयार करेगी। एयरपोर्ट की उड़ान सुरक्षा और तकनीकी मानकों की जांच बकायदा उच्च स्तरीय एजेंसियों द्वारा की जा रही। बकास के बाद अब डीजीसीए

- टीम ने आतंकी हमले, बम विस्फोट जैसी आपात स्थितियों से निपटने की तैयारियों का किया निरीक्षण
- 'बकास' की रिपोर्ट पर अब डीजीसीए करेगी तकनीकी मानकों की जांच

की टीम जांच करने पहुंचेंगी। डीजीसीए की जांच रिपोर्ट के आधार पर हवाई अड्डा से विमानों का उड़ान भरने के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी किया जाएगा। अगर कोई कमी पाई जाती है तो विकासकर्ता एजेंसी को उसे पूरा करने के लिए समय प्रदान किया जा सकता है।

टीम ने आतंकवादी हमलों, बम विस्फोट और अन्य आपातकालीन स्थितियों से निपटने की तैयारियों को



परखा। टीम ने एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूद सुरक्षात्मक ढांचे की बारीकी से जांच की और देखा कि क्या अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर की सुरक्षा मानकों का पालन हो रहा है या नहीं। इसमें बम निरोधक दस्तों की तैनाती, सीसीटीवी निगरानी प्रणाली, फेंसिंग, सुरक्षा गार्डों की स्थिति, प्रवेश-निकास प्वाइंट की निगरानी और सैंडिध गतिविधियों पर प्रतिक्रिया की क्षमता जैसे बिंदु शामिल थे।

जांच के बाद सूत्रों के अनुसार,

बकास की टीम ने नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर मौजूदा सुरक्षा उपायों पर संतोष जताया है। टीम ने कहा कि कुछ छोटे तकनीकी सुधारों के बाद यह एयरपोर्ट एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस के लिए तैयार हो सकता है। अब अगला कदम डायरेक्टोरेट जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) की ओर से होगा। डीजीसीए की टीम अगले सप्ताह नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण कर सकती है। अगर वहां भी सब कुछ मानकों के अनुरूप पाया गया, तो नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस जारी किया जा सकता है, जो किसी भी कमर्शियल उड़ान की शुरुआत के लिए अनिवार्य होता है। एयरपोर्ट निर्माण का कार्य अंतिम चरण में है और आगामी कुछ महीनों में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानों की शुरुआत संभव हो सकती है।

भारतीय हवाईअड्डों पर अब काम नहीं कर पाएगी तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी सर्विसेज

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर सरकार ने ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग कंपनी का सुरक्षा लाइसेंस किया रद्द

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: देश के हवाईअड्डों पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग, कागो प्रबंधन, एयरसाइड संचालन से जुड़ी तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया के सुरक्षा लाइसेंस को भारत सरकार ने तत्काल प्रभाव से रद्द कर दिया है। उसे 21 नवंबर, 2021 को लाइसेंस दिया गया था। नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो ने गुरुवार को आदेश भी जारी कर दिया और बताया कि राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का ध्यान रखते हुए यह निर्णय लिया गया है। सेलेबी नौ हवाईअड्डों - दिल्ली, मुंबई, कोचीन, कन्नूर, बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, गोवा, अहमदाबाद और चेन्नई पर सेवाएं प्रदान करती है। इस आदेश को पहलगायाम हमले के बाद पाकिस्तान के साथ भारत के संघर्ष के दौरान तुर्किये सरकार की तरफ से पाकिस्तान को दी गई मदद के संदर्भ में देखा जा रहा है। तुर्किये के राष्ट्रपति तैय्यप एर्दोगन ने न सिर्फ पाकिस्तान को सैन्य मदद भेजी, बल्कि कई बयान जारी कर भारतीय कार्रवाई की निंदा भी की।

उधर, सेलेबी इंडिया ने कहा है



- इसे भारत-पाक संघर्ष के दौरान तुर्किये से पाक को दी गई मदद के संदर्भ में देखा जा रहा है
- कंपनी की दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, गोवा, चेन्नई समेत नौ हवाईअड्डों पर सेवाएं

फर्म का आंशिक स्वामित्व तुर्किये के राष्ट्रपति की बेटी के पास

रिपोर्टों के अनुसार, फर्म का आंशिक स्वामित्व तैय्यप एर्दोगन की बेटी सुमेये एर्दोगन के पास है। सुमेये एर्दोगन की शादी सेल्फुक बेराकटार से हुई है, जो 'बेराकटार सैन्य ड्रोन' का उत्पादन करते हैं। इसका इस्तेमाल पाकिस्तान ने भारत के खिलाफ किया था। इससे पता चलता है कि पाकिस्तान को समर्थन केवल तुर्किये की सरकारी नीति का मामला नहीं है, बल्कि इसमें एर्दोगन का अपना परिवार सीधे तौर पर शामिल है।

कि वह तुर्किये की कंपनी नहीं है। वह इंटरनेट मीडिया में कंपनी के शेयरधारकों व संचालन को लेकर फैलाई जा रही झूठी सूचनाओं को खारिज करती है। उसकी 65 फीसद हिस्सेदारी कनाडा, अमेरिका, यूएई, ब्रिटेन, सिंगापुर व अन्य पश्चिमी

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के साथ कोई समझौता नहीं किया जा सकता। सारे प्रभावित एयरपोर्ट पर आवश्यक व्यवस्था की गई है, ताकि यात्रियों को परेशानी न हो। यह कोशिश भी की जा रही है कि सेलेबी कंपनी में काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों को बनाए रखा जाए और किसी की नौकरी नहीं जाए। - राम मोहन नाबडू, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री

देशों के प्रोफेशनल एजेंसियों के पास है। कंपनी में सीधे 10 हजार भारतीयों को रोजगार मिला है।

सेलेबी की गतिविधियों को लेकर कुछ रक्षा विशेषज्ञों ने भी सवाल उठाए थे। ये सवाल आपरेशन सिंदूर के जवाब में पाक की तरफ

से भारत पर तुर्किये निर्मित ड्रोन से नाकाम हमले के दौरान उठे।

बताया जा रहा है कि भारत में सेलेबी करीब 160 उड़ानों को अपनी सेवा देती है। इन उड़ानों की हैंडलिंग अब कैसे होगी, इसपर नागरिक विमानन मंत्रालय की तरफ से कोई जवाब नहीं आया। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि बहुत संभव है कि जो एविएशन कंपनियां सेलेबी की सेवा ले रही हों, वह तत्काल कोई नई व्यवस्था करेंगी। साथ ही जिस नई कंपनी को सेलेबी का काम सौंपा जाए, उसमें उसके कर्मियों को भी एडजस्ट किया जाए।

दूसरी ओर, अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स के प्रवक्ता ने कहा है कि ड्रैगनपास के साथ हमारा सहयोग, जो एयरपोर्ट लाउंज तक पहुंच प्रदान करता था, तत्काल प्रभाव से समाप्त हो गया है। ड्रैगनपास के ग्राहकों को अब अदाणी द्वारा प्रबंधित एयरपोर्ट पर लाउंज तक पहुंच नहीं मिलेगी। इस बदलाव का एयरपोर्ट लाउंज और अन्य ग्राहकों के यात्रा अनुभव पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा। **संबंधित >> पृष्ठ 4 व 10**



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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर असीमित मुफ्त वाई-फाई सेवा की शुरुआत

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों के लिए हाईस्पीड और असीमित मुफ्त वाई-फाई सेवा शुरू की गई है। पहले जहाँ यात्रियों को सिर्फ 2 घंटे की वाई-फाई सुविधा मिलती थी, अब उन्हें असीमित वाई-फाई का लाभ मिलेगा। इस नई सेवा का लाभ विशेष रूप से घरेलू यात्रियों को मिलेगा। यात्री इस सेवा का उपयोग अडानी वन एप के माध्यम से कर सकते हैं। वाई-फाई से कनेक्ट होने



के लिए उन्हें नेटवर्क चुनने के बाद ओटीपी आधारित सत्यापन प्रक्रिया को पूरा करना होगा। एक बार कनेक्ट होने के बाद यात्री इंटरनेट का उपयोग, ईमेल चेक करने, सोशल मीडिया पर एक्टिव रहने और वीडियो स्ट्रीमिंग जैसी सुविधाओं का आनंद उठा सकते हैं। यह सेवा यात्रियों के लिए एक बड़ी सुविधा साबित होगी, जो उनकी यात्रा के दौरान कनेक्टिविटी को बेहतर बनाएगी।



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Turkish airport services firm loses security clearance

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, May 15

THE GOVERNMENT ON Thursday revoked the security clearance for Çelebi Airport Services, a Turkish ground-handling firm operating at nine of India's busiest airports, including Delhi and Mumbai.

The decision was made "in the interest of national security" amid escalating diplomatic tensions following Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's vocal support for Pakistan on the Kashmir issue.

Ankara also reportedly backed Pakistan with drone technology during the recent India-Pakistan standoff following the Pahalgam terror attack and India's retaliatory 'Operation Sindoor'.

These developments have significantly strained India-Turkey relations. In response, India has adopted a multi-pronged diplomatic and strategic approach, strengthening ties with Turkey's regional rivals and deepening partnerships with major powers in the region.



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Adani Airport terminates deal with DragonPass

ADANI AIRPORT HOLDINGS on Thursday said it has terminated its association with airport lounge services membership programme DragonPass with immediate effect.

Adani Digital Labs, the digital arm of the Adani Group, had only last week announced its partnership with DragonPass to offer "a wide network of lounges at Adani-managed airports and beyond, offering passengers convenience and a seamless and comfortable lounge experience."

"Our association with DragonPass, which provided access to airport lounges, has been terminated with immediate effect. DragonPass customers will no longer have access to lounges at Adani-managed airports," spokesperson for Adani Airport Holdings said. —PTI



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GREATER KASHMIR

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Flights to resume from Jammu airport today

GK News Service

Jammu, May 13

Flight operations, which remained suspended on Tuesday from Jammu airport, are likely to be resumed from tomorrow i.e., May 14, 2025.

"Scheduled operations to and from Jammu, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Leh, Srinagar and Rajkot will progressively resume from May 14, 2025. Each flight is being reinstated with meticulous coordination -ensuring every journey is seamless, secure and on track," one of the prominent airlines, Indigo posted on 'X'.

Jammu air space, after day-long operation, was again closed late Monday evening in the wake of drone activities in Samba and other areas, till further instructions.

Full text on greaterkashmir.com

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विरोध | ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग, कार्गो प्रबंधन और एयरसाइड ऑपरेशन का काम भी देख रही थी, पाक को ड्रोन मुहैया दिए जाने के बाद लोग कंपनी को लेकर सवाल उठ रहे

नौ हवाई अड्डों पर जिम्मेदारी संभाल रही थी तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी

नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। तुर्किये से जुड़ी सेलेबी एविएशन कंपनी भारत में नौ हवाई अड्डों से जुड़ी अहम जिम्मेदारी संभाल रही थी। कंपनी के पास इन हवाई अड्डों पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग, कार्गो प्रबंधन और एयरसाइड ऑपरेशन का जिम्मा था।

भारत-पाक संघर्ष के दौरान तुर्किये द्वारा पाकिस्तान को ड्रोन उपलब्ध कराए जाने का भारत में भारी विरोध हो रहा है। लोग तुर्किये से आने वाले उत्पादों का बहिष्कार कर रहे हैं। तुर्किये से जुड़ी कंपनियों को लेकर भी विरोध हो रहा है। ऐसे समय में एयरपोर्ट से जुड़े कार्यों को संभाल रही सेलेबी एविएशन को लेकर भी सवाल उठ रहे थे। सेलेबी एविएशन यात्री सेवाएं, लॉड कंट्रोल, फ्लाइट

ऑपरेशन, जनरल एविएशन, डाक और माल सेवाएं, चेयर हाउसिंग और ब्रिज ऑपरेशन से जुड़ी सेवाओं को संभालने का अनुभव रखती है। हालांकि, भारत में कुछ चुनिंदा श्रेणी में ही अपनी सेवाएं देती थी, लेकिन उन्हें सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से काफी अहम माना जाता है।

कई अन्य एयरलाइनों को सेवाएं दे रही थी: कंपनी भारत में इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया समेत कई अन्य एयरलाइनों को सेवाएं दे रही थी। हालांकि 75 फीसदी कारोबार विदेशी एयरलाइनों के साथ मिलकर करती थी। विदेशी से आने वाली एयरलाइंस के कार्गो मैनेजमेंट, फ्लाइट ऑपरेशन से लेकर लॉड कंट्रोल तक का काम संभालती थी।



कंपनी से जुड़े तथ्य

- 06** देशों के 70 एयरपोर्ट पर कार्यरत
- 58** हजार विमानों का संचालन
- 7,800 कर्मचारी एविएशन में कार्यरत
- 5.4 लाख टन कार्गो हर वर्ष संभालने की जिम्मेदारी

भारत में 2008 में प्रवेश

तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी ने 1958 में सबसे पहले ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग के साथ विमान उद्योग में कदम रखा। कंपनी को भारत में सबसे पहले 2008 में जवाइट वेंचर के तौर पर मुंबई एयरपोर्ट का काम मिला। एक साल के भीतर कंपनी ने भारत में दो कंपनियों के तहत अपना कामकाज आधिकारिक तौर पर पंजीकृत कराया। इसमें एक कंपनी ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग के लिए 'सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया' और दूसरी कार्गो सेवा के लिए 'सेलेबी दिल्ली कार्गो टर्मिनल मैनेजमेंट इंडिया' के नाम से शुरू की।

10 साल में शहरों की संख्या बढ़ी

कंपनी ने भारत में प्रवेश करने के 10 साल में ही विमान क्षेत्र में अपनी उपस्थिति का विस्तार कर लिया। अभी वह भारत के नौ शहरों में मौजूद एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा से जुड़े कार्यों में जुटी थी। इसमें मुंबई, दिल्ली, कोच्चि, कन्नूर, बैंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, गोवा, अहमदाबाद और चेन्नई शामिल हैं। वहीं भारत के अलावा जर्मनी, हंगरी, इंडोनेशिया और तंजानिया में भी कंपनी हवाई अड्डे पर काम देखती है।

उच्च सुरक्षा वाला काम संभाल रही कंपनी

भारत में कंपनी द्वारा उच्च सुरक्षा वाले कार्यों को संभाला जा रहा। हालांकि, कंपनी के कर्मचारियों को उचित जांच के बाद ही एयरपोर्ट पर काम करने की अनुमति दी जाती थी, लेकिन तुर्किये द्वारा पाक को ड्रोन मुहैया दिए जाने के बाद लोग कंपनी पर सवाल उठा रहे थे।

मेट्रो परियोजनाओं से भी जुड़ी हैं कंपनियां

देश के अलग हिस्सों में काम कर रही तुर्किये की कंपनियों पर भी सरकार की नजर है। भारत में एविएशन के साथ मेट्रो परियोजनाओं में भी तुर्किये की कंपनियां काम कर रही हैं। लखनऊ, पुणे और मुंबई की मेट्रो रेल परियोजनाओं से तुर्किये की कंपनियां जुड़ी हैं।



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Flight ops restored at Jammu, Srinagar airports



Shikaras anchored at a deserted Dal Lake on Thursday.

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NEW DELHI: Flight operations were restored across all airports, including Srinagar and Jammu airports, on Thursday, Union civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said.

“Civilian aircraft operations have now been fully restored across all airports in India, including Jammu and Srinagar airports,” a statement from the minister’s office said. “With the lifting of the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), all airlines are in the

process of fully resuming their normal schedules and Jammu and Srinagar airports are now completely functional.”

On Thursday, Naidu visited the Jammu airport where he reviewed the construction of a new civil enclave which is on track for commissioning by June 2026. The state-of-the-art facility, built with an investment of approximately ₹850 crore, will have an annual passenger handling capacity of 4.5 million, significantly enhancing connectivity and supporting the region’s economic aspirations.

The minister also visited the Srinagar airport to review ongoing development work. “As I reviewed the ongoing development work at airport today, I’m also pleased to share that flight operations have now been fully restored, reaffirming our commitment to passenger safety, security, and normalcy in the region,” he said in a post on X.

Over 30 airports across northern and western India were temporarily closed for civil flight operations amid the escalation of the border conflict with Pakistan.

Airports rush transition as Turkish firm blocked

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NEW DELHI: Major Indian airports are racing to avoid disruptions to services after the government on Thursday revoked the security clearance of Turkish-founded Celebi Aviation, which handles ground based services in nine major airports, citing national security concerns.

The development comes amid mounting tensions between India and Turkey over the latter's diplomatic and military ties to Pakistan.

Industry analysts suggest that while airport operators appear to have contingency plans in place, the immediate challenge will be maintaining services at the affected airports while new service providers fully assume responsibilities.

Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said efforts were being made to accommodate Celebi employees with other ground-handling firms to ensure continuity. Celebi has over 10,000 employees in India, according to a company statement.

The company provides services at Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Kannur, Chennai, and the MOPA airport in Goa. It also runs one of Delhi airport's two cargo terminals as a joint venture with the airport operator.

The operators of Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Goa said they were ending ground handling agreements with Celebi and making alternative arrangements for avoiding disruptions.

Officials close to the development said that BCAS is working directly with airport operators to ensure smooth transitions.

"The Celebi staff in all nine airports will be moved to other ground handling agencies. BCAS has taken up the task of helping in smooth transitioning of staff and will issue special

OPERATORS OF DELHI, MUMBAI, BENGALURU, AHMEDABAD AND GOA AIRPORTS HAVE SAID THEY WERE ENDING TIES WITH CELEBI

passes to Celebi staff to enable them to work for other ground handling agencies," said an official familiar with the matter, who requested anonymity.

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), which manages India's busiest airport, announced it has formally severed ties with Celebi. DIAL said it is coordinating with existing service providers AISATS and Bird Group to maintain ground handling operations, and is working to onboard pre-approved cargo handlers to ensure uninterrupted cargo services.

It also stated that all employees currently working for Celebi at the Delhi airport will be transitioned to new employers "with immediate effect" and will continue under their existing terms and conditions of employment.

Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL) said in a statement it is "working closely with existing ground handling service providers to ensure continuity and operational stability" and "actively coordinating the transition to maintain seamless airport operations."

Celebi Aviation on Thursday denied "misleading and factually incorrect allegations" about its ownership structure and operations, a reference to unconfirmed reports that its ownership was linked to the government in Ankara. The company said it is majority-owned (65%) by international institutional investors from Canada, the US, the UK, Singapore, the UAE, and Western

Adani ends ties with China's DragonPass

MUMBAI: Adani Airport Holdings on Thursday said it has terminated its association with airport lounge services membership programme DragonPass with immediate effect.

Adani Digital Labs, the digital arm of Adani Group, only last week announced its partnership with DragonPass to offer "a wide network of lounges at Adani-managed airports and beyond, offering passengers convenience and a seamless and comfortable lounge experience".

"Our association with DragonPass... has been terminated with immediate effect..." Spokesperson for Adani Airport Holdings said.

Europe.

Mark D Martin, CEO of Martin Consulting, warned of potential disruptions: "The government withdrawing the security clearance of Celebi will have a rippling effect on domestic and international import and export cargo movement. Costs for cargo handling are expected to skyrocket. The public can expect delays in import and export cargo clearance, transshipment, and customs processing dwell time."

Martin added that "aviation should be kept away from geopolitical dynamics" and noted that "Celebi has had an impeccable safety and security track record in India working with CISF and the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, raising the bar with airport security and bomb detection."

Airport ops firm's clearance junked amid Turkey rift

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NEW DELHI: Citing national security concerns, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has revoked the security clearance of Turkish-founded Çelebi Airport Services Pvt Ltd, which handles ground-based services at 9 airports, including Delhi and Mumbai.

The development comes amid mounting tensions between India and Turkey over the latter's diplomatic and military ties to Pakistan. The Shiv Sena, a coalition partner in the Maharashtra government, had demanded that Mumbai airport cut ties with Çelebi.

"Nothing is above the security of our nation and our fellow citizens. National interest and public safety are paramount and non-negotiable," said Civil Aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said in a press release, adding in a subsequent statement that the order would apply to the Turkish firm's associated companies in India.

Çelebi and associated companies have around over 10,000 employees in India providing services such as passenger handling, baggage processing, aircraft loading, cargo management, and ramp services, according to a company statement. It also said that reports on its ownership structure and ties to Ankara were "misleading" and

Talks with Pak will be about terror alone: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI: India is willing to hold talks with Pakistan only on the issue of terror and the Indus Waters Treaty will remain in abeyance until cross-border terrorism by Pakistan is "irrevocably stopped", external affairs minister S Jaishankar said. In an apparent reference to offers of mediation on the Kashmir issue by US President Donald Trump, Jaishankar said that India's relations and dealings with Pakistan "will be bilateral and strictly bilateral". →P8

that it adheres to India's laws.

The company operates in Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Kannur, Chennai, and the MOPA airport in Goa. It also runs one of Delhi airport's two cargo terminals as a joint venture with the airport operator.

The decision triggered a scramble at major airports to avoid disruption of ground services. Delhi International Airport said it is coordinating with other service providers to ensure uninterrupted operations, while minister Naidu assured that arrangements have been made at all affected airports to ensure "seamless handling of passengers and cargo."

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Adani ends ties with China's DragonPass

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"Our association with DragonPass... has been terminated with immediate effect..." Spokesperson for Adani Airport Holdings said.

Cabinet clears HCL-Foxconn semiconductor unit in Jewar

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NEW DELHI: The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved a new semiconductor manufacturing facility, a joint venture between India's HCL and Taiwan's Foxconn, which will come up in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh, Union Information technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

Vaishnaw said the facility will be near Jewar airport, an "up and coming area" within the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) region.

This is the sixth semiconductor unit being planned in the country under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and is slated to begin commercial production in 2027. It will serve as an outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility for display driver integrated circuits (ICs).

This is Foxconn's second attempt to set up a semiconductor unit under the ISM. In 2023, the Taiwan-based company had teamed up with Vedanta, but the partnership ultimately fell through.

"HCL has a very long history



A jet takes off from the newly built Jewar airport. HT PHOTO

of manufacturing electronics and computers," the minister said, adding that the new unit will use wafer-level packaging technology, specifically tailored for assembling display driver chips.

"Once the display driver ICs get properly assembled here, then the display panel plant will also come to India," Vaishnaw said. The facility is expected to cost ₹3,706, said Vaishnaw. It wasn't disclosed how this investment will be split between HCL and Foxconn.

The two companies could not be reached for comments. In January 2024, the two companies had announced their joint venture to build the facility.

The facility will assemble display driver chips, which are a small but important part in electronic devices that control how images, videos, and graphics appear on a screen. They are used in devices such as phones, laptops, and computers.

"The plant is designed for 20,000 wafers per month. The design output capacity is 36 million units per month," a government statement said.

The minister said the Foxconn-HCL facility was expected to cater to 40% of India's domestic demand for display driver chips, and support Foxconn's global supply chain needs.

Over the past decade, the country's electronics manufacturing output has grown five-fold, according to government data. With the addition of this unit under the ISM, the government moves a step closer to its goal of increasing value addition in electronics from the current 20% to over 35% by 2030, a target the minister has repeated on multiple occasions. He did not indicate when the next phase of the mission, dubbed 'ISM 2.0' would be launched, insisting that government's focus was on execution of current projects.



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PM to unveil Patna airport terminal

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PATNA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new terminal building of Patna's Jayaprakash Narayan International (JPNI) Airport on May 30, increasing its passenger handling capacity from 30 lakh to more than one crore annually, said Bihar's deputy chief minister Samrat Chaudhary, according to a press release issued by his office in Patna on Wednes-

day.

The PM will inaugurate or lay the foundation stone of many development schemes related to roads, electricity and airport during his visit later this month, said Chaudhary, who reviewed arrangements related to the PM's visit. Among the projects, the PM will lay the foundation stone of Patna to Sasaram in Bihar, Varanasi-Ranchi four-lane highway, a 600 MW power plant in Nabinagar and expansion of the Bihta airport by con-

structing a civil enclave there.

He said the PM's rally at Vikramganj in Rohtas district was expected to witness lakhs of people. The deputy CM said there was an air of excitement, especially among women, about the PM's first visit to Bihar after the commencement of Operation Sindoor, a military action against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack in Kashmir on April 22 that claimed lives of 26 men — 25 of them tourists and 24 Hindus.



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First action against Turkey: India arm of airport firm loses its security status

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 15

IN THE FIRST official action against Turkey post the Pahalgam terror attack, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) Thursday revoked with immediate effect the security clearance of ground handling firm Celebi Airport Services, the Indian arm of Turkey-headquartered Celebi Aviation Holding, in the interest of "national security".

The regulator's decision comes amid a backlash in India over Turkey's open support for Islamabad and widespread use of Turkish drones by Pakistan against India during the four-day military conflict. Many tour operators and airlines have also seen cancellation of bookings by Indian tourists to Turkey.

Incidentally, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was in Turkey when the Pahalgam terror attack happened on April 22. He had met President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan to discuss defence cooperation.

Ground handling refers to operations critical for flights to be prepared and operated. These include passenger handling and check-in, baggage handling, cargo handling and management, aircraft servicing and maintenance, ramp services, and catering.

Following the BCAS order, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) immediately severed ties with Celebi entities for ground

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handling and cargo operations at the IGIAirport in Delhi. Celebi provides ground handling services in eight other airports — Mumbai, Kochi, Kannur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, and Goa (Mopa).

In a statement, Celebi Airport Services India said it is "truly an Indian enterprise" led and managed by Indian professionals, and is "not a Turkish organisation by any standard".

The decision effectively brings Celebi's India operations to a grinding halt, which could lead to problems for airlines availing its services. Airlines would have to make quick arrangements for ground handling by other firms.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said while national interest and public safety were paramount and non-negotiable, it was fully committed to ensuring that passenger convenience, cargo operations,

and service continuity remain unaffected. It said it is in active coordination with other operators to smoothly manage the transition and efforts are being made to ensure employees working with Celebi are retained by other service providers. The other ground handling players include AI Airport Services, Air India SATS Airport Services, and the Bird group.

In Delhi, DIAL assured that all staff currently on the rolls of Celebi entities for cargo and ground handling services at IGIAirport will be transitioned to the new employers. It is working with other ground handling players and cargo handlers to ensure "continuity and operational stability".

In its statement, Celebi Airport Services India said it is a globally operated aviation services company with no political links, and is majority-owned by international institutional investors from vari-

ous parts of the world.

The Civil Aviation Ministry said the security clearance revocation also applies to Celebi's other associate firms. Apart from Celebi Airport Services India, the group is present in India through CelebiNAS Airport Services India and Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India. CelebiNAS Airport Services India, a joint venture between Celebi and Kuwait-based NAS, is a ground handling agent at Mumbai airport, while Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management is a joint venture between Celebi and DIAL, and provides cargo services. According to information on Celebi Aviation Holding's website, its India operations span 58,000 flights and 5.4 lakh tonnes of cargo annually. Celebi said it employs over 10,000 Indians and has contributed over \$220 million in long-term infrastructure investments in India.



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नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री ने की श्रीनगर, जम्मू हवाई अड्डे की सुरक्षा इंतजामों की समीक्षा

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 15 मई।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच हालिया तनाव के बाद गुरुवार को पहली बार जम्मू-कश्मीर का दौरा किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने श्रीनगर एवं जम्मू हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षा इंतजामों की समीक्षा की। श्रीनगर और जम्मू समेत देश के 32 हवाई अड्डों को भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच टकराव के कारण अस्थायी तौर पर नागरिक उड़ानों के लिए बंद कर दिया गया था।

केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू गुरुवार सुबह श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डा पहुंचे और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों सहित तमाम संबंधित पक्षों के साथ विस्तृत चर्चा की। मंत्री कार्यालय की ओर से जारी बयान के मुताबिक, उन्होंने श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों को दी जा रही सुविधाएं और बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास की समीक्षा भी की। बाद में मंत्री ने जम्मू हवाई अड्डे का दौरा कर वहां की भी सुरक्षा व्यवस्था का जायजा लिया।



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कोल्हापुर हवाई अड्डे पर नए एटीसी टावर का उद्घाटन

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 15 मई।

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने कोल्हापुर हवाई अड्डे पर नए एटीसी टावर सह तकनीकी ब्लॉक सह फायर स्टेशन का उद्घाटन किया। इस दौरान मंत्री ने कोल्हापुर और नागपुर के बीच पहली स्टार एअर उड़ान को हरी झंडी दिखाई। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के मार्गदर्शन में हवाई अड्डे के उन्नयन का उद्देश्य हवाई सुरक्षा को बढ़ाना, आपातकालीन सेवाओं को सुदृढ़ करने सहित महाराष्ट्र में क्षेत्रीय हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करना है। सरकार सभी क्षेत्रों में आधुनिक और समावेशी विमानन अवसंरचना प्रदान करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।



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India bars Çelebi over national security

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The government has withdrawn the security clearance of Turkish firm Çelebi's Indian airport services arm, citing national security risks and halting its operations at nine airports, including Delhi and Mumbai.

In a statement on Thursday, the government said the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has revoked with immediate effect security clearance of Çelebi Airport Services, putting a halt to its operations in India.

New Delhi's decision comes days after the end of a military conflict between India and Pakistan, in which Ankara had openly sided with Islamabad, and provided weapons to it.

In the aftermath of India's military action against Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, it was found that Turkey had aided Pakistan. China and Azerbaijan had also backed Pakistan during New Delhi's Operation Sindoor, launched in retaliation to Islamabad-sponsored terror attack in



BCAS has revoked with immediate effect security clearance of Turkish firm Çelebi Airport Services at Indian airports

Kashmir's Pahalgam on 22 April in which 26 tourists were killed.

In a media statement, Çelebi refuted all allegations and said it is a globally-operated aviation services company. "Çelebi Aviation India unequivocally refutes all allegations circulating on social media regarding the company's ownership and operations in India. The company is 65% owned by

international institutional investors from across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and Western Europe," it said.

It added, "Actera Partners II L.P., a Jersey-registered fund, holds 50% ownership in Çelebi Havaş Holding A.Ş. The remaining 15% is held by Alpha Airport Services BV, a Dutch-registered entity."

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Union civil aviation minister Rammohan Naidu said national security is paramount and necessary actions were being taken to ensure there is no disruption.

"We are also deploying special teams to oversee operations and address emerging issues in real time. We will continue to uphold national security while ensuring ease of travel and cargo movement across the country," Naidu said in the statement.

After BCAS's order, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) and Bengaluru International Airport Ltd (BIAL) in separate statements officially severed their ties with Çelebi. Delhi International Airport said,

"In compliance with a directive from BCAS, the airport has formally ended its association with Çelebi entities responsible for ground handling and cargo operations. All employees currently on the rolls of Çelebi entities for cargo and ground handling services at IGI Airport will be transitioned to the new employers with immediate effect."

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Adani Airport Holdings terminates deal DragonPass

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Adani Airport

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- 1 "Our association with DragonPass, which provided access to airport lounges, has been terminated with immediate effect. DragonPass customers will no longer have access to lounges at
- 2 Adani-managed airports," spokesperson for Adani Airport Holdings said in a statement. The spokesperson added that "this change will have no impact on the airport lounge and travel experience for other customers".

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Turkish firm's airport security clearance revoked

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday evening revoked the security clearance given for the Turkish-based ground handling firm, Celebi Airport Services Pvt Ltd. The reason cited in the order issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), which comes under the ambit of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, was in the interest of national security. The move is set to have a crippling effect on the aviation industry in India as it dominates these services at nine airports.

Celebi is responsible for ground handling at the airports in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kannur, Chennai, Goa, Ahmedabad and Cochin.

The order by said, "The security clearance in respect of Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd under the category Ground Handling Agency was approved by DG, BCAS vide letter no 15/99/2022-Delhi-BCAS/E-219110 dated 21.11.2022. In the exercise of power conferred upon DG, BCAS, the security clearance in r/o Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of national security."

Before the #BoycottTurkey campaign, it was reported that the Eknath Shinde faction of Shiv Sena had protested in

Mumbai demanding the cancellation of the Turkish firm's contract at Mumbai International Airport Limited. Meanwhile, airports are looking for alternatives, following the government backing the boycott of tourists to Turkey.

Delhi International Airport Limited said it was looking at roping in one of the existing cargo handlers to ensure uninterrupted operations. "DIAL is working closely with existing service providers to ensure uninterrupted operations while safeguarding employee welfare.

To ensure continuity, DIAL is actively coordinating with the existing Ground Handling service providers - AISATS, and Bird Group."

A spokesperson of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said it was working closely with existing ground handling service providers to ensure continuity and operational stability. "BIAL is actively coordinating the transition to maintain seamless airport operations. However, Celeri Aviation India refuted allegations regarding the company's ownership and operations in India.

Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday night said arrangements have been made at all affected airports to ensure seamless handling of passengers and cargo.

'MUST NOT FIRE A SINGLE SHOT': INDIA, PAK DGMOs HOLD TALK



MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE militaries of India and Pakistan decided on Thursday to work further on confidence-building measures and agreed not to initiate any aggressive or inimical actions against each other. This was the third round of talks between the two countries' DGMOs, with the first one on Saturday. Pakistan said that the ceasefire will now be valid until May 18.

The Army said, "Further to the understanding between the two DGMOs on May 10, 2025, it has been decided to continue the confidence building measures to reduce the alert level."

According to the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai of the Indian Army and Major General Kashif Chaudhry of the Pakistan Army discussed the matter at 5:00 pm.

The DGMOs discussed "issues related to continuing the commitment that both sides must not fire a single shot or initiate any aggressive and inimical action against each other".

It was also agreed that both sides would consider immediate measures to ensure troop reduction from the borders and forward areas, the Army added.

The dialogue followed a period of intense military operations between the two countries. The DGMOs got talking on Saturday, and announced an agreement to cease all firing and military actions across land, air, and sea. The Pakistani offensives came in response to India's launch of Operation Sindoor to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and PoK.

Ensure troop reduction

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एयरपोर्ट का काम संभालने वाली तुर्किये की कंपनी का लाइसेंस रद्द



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■ नई दिल्ली : केंद्र सरकार ने दिल्ली-मुंबई समेत देश के 9 हवाई अड्डों पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग और अन्य सेवाएं देने वाली तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी (Celebi) का सिक्वोरिटी लाइसेंस तत्काल प्रभाव से फैंसल कर दिया है। सुरक्षा मानक तैयार करने और उन्हें लागू करने वाले रेगुलेटर BCAS ने राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह आदेश गुरुवार को जारी किया। तुर्किये के बॉयकॉट के बीच यह फैसला आया। सेलेबी की ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग एजेंसी के साथ ही एयर कार्गो सेक्टर में मिला सिक्वोरिटी क्लीयरेंस लाइसेंस भी फैंसल कर दिया गया है। लगेज चढ़ाने-उतारने समेत अन्य कई सर्विस पर असर पड़ने की आशंका है। हालांकि, सूत्रों का कहना है कि तैयारी पूरी है। एविएशन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने कहा, स्टाफ पहले की तरह काम करता रहेगा।

कंपनी लगेज चढ़ाने-उतारने जैसे काम करती है।

एयरपोर्ट पर सेवाएं देने वाली तुर्की की कंपनी की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द

राजेश कुमार। नई दिल्ली

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो ने तुर्की की ग्रांड हेंडलिंग कंपनी सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द कर दी है, जो मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर लगभग 70 प्रतिशत ग्रांड संचालन का काम संभालती है, जिसमें यात्री सेवाएं, लोड नियंत्रण, उड़ान संचालन, कार्गो और डाक सेवाएं, गोदाम और ब्रिज संचालन शामिल हैं। कंपनी यात्री सेवाओं और भार नियंत्रण तथा उड़ान परिचालन से लेकर रैम्प सेवाओं तक सब कुछ संभालती है। यह निर्णय कई भारतीय हवाई अड्डों पर उच्च सुरक्षा वाले कार्यों को संभालने वाली तुर्की कंपनी पर सवाल उठाए जाने के बाद लिया गया है, तथा इस्तांबुल, तुर्की में मुख्यालय वाली इस कंपनी के बहिष्कार की बढ़ती मांग के बीच यह निर्णय लिया गया है। तुर्की वह देश है जिसने पहलगाय आतंकवादी हमले और ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के बाद भारत के साथ तनाव बढ़ने में पाकिस्तान का साथ दिया था।

नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के संयुक्त निदेशक (संचालन) सुनील यादव द्वारा जारी आदेश में कहा गया है: ग्रांड हेंडलिंग एजेंसी श्रेणी के तहत सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के मामले में सुरक्षा मंजूरी को महानिदेशक, बीसीएएस द्वारा पत्र संख्या 15/99/2022-दिल्ली-बीसीएएस/ई-219110 दिनांक 21.11.2022 के तहत अनुमोदित किया गया था। महानिदेशक, बीसीएएस को प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के हित में सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के मामले में सुरक्षा मंजूरी को तत्काल प्रभाव से रद्द किया जाता है। सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द होने पर केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने कहा, सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड तुर्की की कंपनी है जो देश के कई एयरपोर्ट पर ग्रांड सेवाएं देती है। तुर्की ने पाकिस्तान का खुलकर

समर्थन किया था। मौजूदा हालात को देखते हुए यह राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का मुद्दा बन गया है। सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए सेलेबी को देश में प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है।

इससे सुरक्षा के प्रति संवेदनशील ग्रांड हेंडलिंग प्रभावित होगी। तुर्की की सेलेबी एविएशन, सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया के रूप में ग्रांड हेंडलिंग और सेलेबी दिल्ली कार्गो टर्मिनल मैनेजमेंट इंडिया के रूप में कार्गो सेवाएं प्रदान करती है। सेलेबी एनएस एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर लगभग 70 प्रतिशत जमीनी परिचालन संभालती है और दिल्ली, मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, चेन्नई, अहमदाबाद, गोवा, कोचीन और कन्नूर सहित नौ भारतीय शहरों में परिचालन करती है। सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया की सुरक्षा मंजूरी अचानक रद्द होने से इसकी सेवाएं लेने वाली एयरलाइनों के लिए कुछ समस्याएं पैदा हो सकती हैं, जिन्हें अब अन्य फर्मों द्वारा ग्रांड हेंडलिंग की व्यवस्था जल्दी से करनी होगी।

बीसीएएस के आदेश के बाद, दिल्ली हवाई अड्डा परिचालक डायल ने गुरुवार को कहा कि उसने ग्रांड हेंडलिंग और कार्गो परिचालन के लिए तुर्की की कंपनी सेलेबी के साथ अपना सहयोग औपचारिक रूप से समाप्त कर दिया है। सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड और सेलेबी दिल्ली कार्गो टर्मिनल मैनेजमेंट इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड क्रमशः ग्रांड हेंडलिंग और कार्गो टर्मिनल कार्यों को देखरेख कर रहे थे। दिल्ली अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड (डायल) ने एक बयान में कहा, सेवा समाप्ति के बाद, डायल कर्मचारी कल्याण की सुरक्षा करते हुए निर्बाध परिचालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए मौजूदा सेवा प्रदाताओं के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहा है। निरंतरता और परिचालन स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए, एड्युमौजूदा ग्रांड हेंडलिंग सेवा प्रदाताओं - बर्ड ग्रुप के साथ सक्रिय रूप से समन्वय कर रहा है। कार्गो परिचालन के मामले में, डायल निर्बाध

कार्गो परिचालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए पूर्व-अनुमोदित कार्गो संचालकों में से एक को शामिल करने की दिशा में काम कर रहा है। यह किसी तुर्की कंपनी के खिलाफ भारत का पहला खुला कदम है, हालांकि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से सरकार ने तुर्की के पारंपरिक विरोधियों - ग्रीस, आर्मेनिया, साइप्रस और अरब ब्लाक में सऊदी अरब और संयुक्त अरब अमीरात - के साथ अपने संबंधों को बढ़ाया है।

कुछ दिन पहले शिवसेना के एक विधायक ने मुख्य हवाई अड्डा अधिकारी को पत्र लिखकर सेलेबी की परिचालन अनुमति रद्द करने की मांग की थी। सेलेबी एविएशन इंडिया ने भारत में कंपनी के स्वामित्व और परिचालन के संबंध में आरोपों को खारिज कर दिया और देश के विमानन क्षेत्र के प्रति अपनी दीर्घकालिक प्रतिबद्धता को पुष्टि की। कंपनी ने कहा कि भारत में सेलेबी का कारोबार वास्तव में एक भारतीय उद्यम है, जिसका नेतृत्व और प्रबंधन भारतीय पेशेवरों द्वारा किया जाता है, उन्होंने देश में गहरा निवेश किया है और इसकी वृद्धि के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं। उन्होंने कहा, हम किसी भी मानक से तुर्की संगठन नहीं हैं और कॉर्पोरेट प्रशासन, पारदर्शिता और तटस्थता को विश्व स्तर पर स्वीकृत प्रथाओं का पूरी तरह से पालन करते हैं, तथा हमारा किसी भी विदेशी सरकार या व्यक्ति से कोई राजनीतिक संबंध या संबंध नहीं है। सेलेबी ने एक बयान में कहा, इसके अतिरिक्त, हम सुश्री सुमेये एर्दोगन की बेटी के सह-स्वामी होने के बारे में प्रचारित किए जा रहे एक अन्य झूठे दावे को स्पष्ट रूप से अस्वीकार करते हैं। रिकॉर्ड के लिए और पूरी पारदर्शिता के अनुरूप, सुमेये नाम का कोई भी व्यक्ति मूल संगठन में कोई शेयरहोल्डिंग का मालिक नहीं है। तुर्की की शेयरहोल्डिंग केवल संस्थापक सेलेबिओग्लू परिवार के सदस्यों तक ही सीमित है; कैन सेलेबिओग्लू और कैनान सेलेबिओग्लू (प्रत्येक के पास 17.5 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी है), न ही किसी भी व्यक्ति के पास ऐसी हिस्सेदारी है। (शेष पृष्ठ 9)

एयरपोर्ट....

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में उनके पिता द्वारा तुर्की की पहली निजी और स्वतंत्र ग्रांड हेंडलिंग कंपनी के रूप में की गई थी। दोनों भाई-बहनों का किसी भी तरह का कोई राजनीतिक जुड़ाव या संगठन नहीं है। सेलेबी का स्पष्टीकरण उन रिपोर्टों के बाद आया है जिनमें कहा गया था कि कंपनी का आंशिक स्वामित्व तुर्की के राष्ट्रपति रेसेप तय्यप एर्दोगान की बेटी सुमेये एर्दोगान के पास है, जिनकी शादी तुर्की के व्यवसायी ओजदेमिर बयराकटार के बेटे सेल्कुक बयराकटार से हुई है - जिनकी कंपनी के बयराकटार अकिंचो यिहा ड्रोनों पर पाकिस्तान द्वारा उत्तर और पश्चिमी भारत के सीमावर्ती शहरों पर हमला किया गया था, लेकिन इस दावे को कोई सबूत नहीं है। इसमें आगे कहा गया है कि भारत में, सेलेबी ने गर्व से 15 वर्षों से अधिक समय तक काम किया है और निजी ग्रांड हेंडलिंग क्षेत्र में एक प्रमुख खिलाड़ी है और 10,000 से अधिक भारतीयों को सीधे रोजगार देता है, हजारों परिवारों को आजीविका का समर्थन करता है और दीर्घकालिक बुनियादी ढांचे के निवेश में 220 मिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर से अधिक का योगदान दिया है।



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India grounds Turkish firms from airports security

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The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security of the Ministry of Civil Aviation has revoked the security clearance for Turkish ground handling firm Celebi Airport Services India Private Limited, which handles around 70 per cent of the ground operations at Mumbai airport, including passenger services, load control, flight operations, cargo and postal services, warehouses and bridge operations. The company handles everything from passenger services and load control and flight operations to ramp services.

The decision comes after questions were raised over the Turkish company handling high-security tasks at several Indian airports, amid growing demand for boycotting the firm headquartered in Istanbul, Turkey — the country that sided with Pakistan in the recent escalation of tensions with India after the Pahalgalam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

The order issued by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security joint director (operations) Sunil Yadav reads: "The security clearance in r/o Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd, under the category Ground Handling Agency was approved by DG, BCAS vide letter no. 15/99/2022-Delhi-BCAS/E-219110 dated 21.11.2022. In the exercise of power conferred upon DG, BCAS, the security clearance in r/o Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of National Security. This issues with the approval of DG, BCAS".

On Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd's security clearance being cancelled, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Ram Mohan Naidu has made it clear that nothing is above the security of our nation and our fellow citizens. National interest and public safety are paramount and non-negotiable. At the same time, the Ministry of Civil Aviation is fully committed to ensuring that passenger convenience, cargo operations, and service continuity remain

JAMIA CANCELS MOU WITH TURKEY

Amid growing sentiments against Turkey for supporting Pakistan in the recent conflict with India, Jamia Millia Islamia on Thursday said it was suspending all Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with it citing national security.

While India's trade ties with the two countries have already come under scrutiny, multiple educational institutions, including Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) have either suspended their collaboration with universities in Türkiye or are considering it. The university has said that it stands with the nation amid the recent developments regarding Turkey helping Pakistan.

Ankara provided Pakistan with drones and arms during its recent escalation of conflict with India. "Due to national security considerations, any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, and any institution affiliated with the Government of the Republic of Türkiye stands suspended with immediate effect, until further orders. Jamia Millia Islamia stands firmly with the Nation," the university said in a statement.

Professor Saima Saeed, PRO of Jamia Millia Islamia, said, "We have suspended all MoUs with institutions affiliated with Turkey. Jamia stands with the nation and the Government of India." Students and faculty affected by this move are advised to await further updates from the university.

The development follows Jawaharlal Nehru University's (JNU) suspension of its academic agreement with Inonu University in Malatya, Türkiye, citing national security concerns.

unaffected. Arrangements have been made at all affected airports to ensure seamless handling of passengers and cargo. The Minister is personally monitoring the situation and the Ministry is in active coordination with airport operators to manage the transition smoothly. "Efforts are being made to ensure that employees working with Celebi are retained and continue to contribute," he said.

This will impact the security-sensitive ground handling Turkey's Celebi Aviation provides ground handling as Celebi Airport Services India and cargo services as Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India at Delhi International Airport. Celebi NAS Airport Services handles approximately 70 per cent of ground operations at Mumbai airport and operates across nine Indian cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Goa, Cochin and Kannur.

The sudden cancellation of Celebi Airport Services India's security clearance could lead to some problems for airlines that are availing its services, who would now have to quickly make arrangements for ground handling by other firms.

Following the BCAS order, Delhi airport

operator DIAL on Thursday said it has formally ended its association with Turkish firm Celebi for ground handling and cargo operations. Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd and Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd. Were overseeing ground handling and cargo terminal functions, respectively. "Following the termination, DIAL is working closely with existing service providers to ensure uninterrupted operations while safeguarding employee welfare," Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) said in a statement.

To ensure continuity and operational stability, DIAL is actively coordinating with the existing Ground Handling service providers — AISATS, and Bird Group. In the case of cargo operations, DIAL is working towards onboarding one of the pre-approved cargo handlers to ensure uninterrupted cargo operations, it added.

This is India's first overt move against a Turkish firm, though for the last few years, the government has ramped up its engagement with the traditional opponents and antagonists of Turkey — Greece, Armenia, Cyprus and Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates in the Arab bloc.

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A couple of days back, a Shiv Sena MLA wrote to Chief Airport Officer, demanding revocation of Celebi's operational permission. Celebi Aviation India rejected allegations regarding the company's ownership and operations in India and reaffirmed its long-standing commitment to the country's aviation sector. The company said Celebi's business in India is truly an Indian enterprise, led and managed by Indian professionals, deeply invested in the country, and committed to its growth.

"We are not a Turkish organisation by any standard and adhere fully to globally accepted practices of corporate governance, transparency, and neutrality, with no political affiliations or links to any foreign government or individuals", it said.

"Additionally, we categorically reject another false claim being propagated around Ms. Sümeyye Endogan's daughter being a part owner. For the record and in line with complete transparency there is no one named Sümeyye owning any shareholding in the parent organisation. The Turkish shareholding is solely limited to members of the founding Çelebioglu family; Can

Çelebioglu and Canan Çelebioglu (each holding 17.5 per cent), nor any individuals with the same. The company was originally established in 1958 by their father as Turkey's first private and independent ground handling company. Both siblings have no political affiliations or associations of any kind," Celebi said in a statement.

Celebi's clarification came after some reports linked linked that the company is part-owned by Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan's daughter Sümeyye Erdogan who is married to Turkish businessman Ozdemir Bayraktar's son Selcuk Bayraktar — whose company's Bayraktar Akinci Yihu drones were fired upon at border cities of north and western India by Pakistan but the claim has not been established with any evidence.

It further stated that In India, Celebi has proudly operated for over 15 years and is a key player in the private ground handling sector and directly employ over 10,000 Indians, supporting the livelihood of thousands of families, and have contributed more than USD 220 million in long-term infrastructure investments. In India, the company handles 58,000 flights, 5,40,000

tons of cargo and has about 7,800 employees, the website says.

Celebi entered the Indian landscape in 2008 through a joint venture at the Mumbai International Airport, where it provided ground handling services. In a year, Celebi officially registered its operations in India under two entities- Celebi Airport Services India for ground handling and Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India for cargo services at New Delhi International Airport.

On the trade front, visits of Indian tourists, hosting of destination weddings and shooting of Indian films are likely to significantly drop in Türkiye and Azerbaijan in the coming days as the government may discourage people from going to the two countries which had actively supported Pakistan in the recent conflict. "A large number of Indian tourists visit both Türkiye and Azerbaijan every year bringing in a sizeable amount of revenue. There is active consideration in the government to discourage Indians from visiting the two countries," sources privy to the development said.

Besides the visit of a large number of tourists, rich Indians and non-resident

Indians (NRIs) hosting weddings in exotic locations is the latest trend. Indians visit the two countries for their scenic beauties, charming cafes and luxurious restaurants among others. "Indians spend crores of rupees in destination weddings, giving very good revenue to the two countries. We will see how we can slow down the hosting of such events by the Indians in Türkiye and Azerbaijan which supported Pakistan against India," the sources said.

The Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) and All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) on Wednesday appealed to Indian artists and producers to boycott Türkiye as a shooting destination for its pro-Pakistan stance. "From the government side also, there will be no support to film-makers shooting films in Türkiye and Azerbaijan," the sources said.

The Confederation of All India Traders or CAIT is contemplating an end to all trade agreements with Turkey.

The CAIT will meet in New Delhi tomorrow to discuss complete trade boycott of Turkey and Azerbaijan. The organization is already running a similar campaign against China.

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कश्मीर में पर्यटकों की वापसी के लिए हर संभव प्रयास करेगी सरकार

श्रीनगर (भाषा)। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के राम मोहन नायडू ने वृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि सरकार कश्मीर में पर्यटकों की वापसी के लिए हर संभव प्रयास करेगी। पहलगाम में हुए आतंकवादी हमले के बाद कश्मीर में पर्यटकों की संख्या में कमी आई है। नायडू ने श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ान परिचालन की समीक्षा की। भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सैन्य कार्रवाई को रोकने पर बनी सहमति के बाद बुधवार को श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर परिचालन फिर से शुरू हो गया।

नायडू ने यहां पत्रकारों से कहा, मैं हवाई अड्डे के बाहर भी घूमना चाहता था इसलिए, मैं पोलो व्यू बाजार गया और स्थानीय लोगों से बातचीत की। वे पर्यटन को हुए नुकसान को लेकर चिंतित हैं। घटना (पहलगाम हमले) के बाद पर्यटन में



गिरावट आई है और हमें इसे पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए काम करना होगा। पिछले पांच वर्षों में कश्मीर में पर्यटन में तेजी आई है, जिसका श्रेय श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर आने वाले पर्यटकों को

■ श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ान परिचालन की समीक्षा की

जाता है। नायडू ने कहा, हवाई अड्डों पर आने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या 2019 में 25 लाख से बढ़कर 2024 में लगभग 45 लाख हो गई। इससे यहां के लोगों को फायदा हुआ है। सरकार जल्द से जल्द पर्यटन को बहाल (हमले से पहले की स्थिति) करने की कोशिश करेगी और इसे और बढ़ावा भी देगी। उन्होंने कहा, नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय से जो भी सहायता की आवश्यकता होगी, हम प्रदान करेंगे। हम प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के मार्गदर्शन में काम कर रहे हैं, जिन्होंने एक दूरदृष्टि के साथ कश्मीर को आगे बढ़ाया है और लोगों को इसका लाभ मिला है।

AERODROME OFFICER'S WAR DIARIES

1971 from airport tower

SANJAY MANDAL

Gnat fighter aircraft parked at both ends of the runway and then doing aerial surveys, the Indian Prime Minister's plane making a stealth take-off, Pakistani prisoners of war sitting on the tarmac, handcuffed — these are the memories of a retired airport official who was on duty at the Calcutta airport during the war that started on December 3, 1971.

Calcutta: Now 87, D.N. Ghosh was the aerodrome officer at the Calcutta airport and was on duty at the control tower on December 3, 1971.

"In the evening, we received a call from a senior officer of the Eastern Command," Ghosh said earlier this week.

"War has started on the western front. You take all measures regarding blackout and other things," Ghosh remembered the army officer telling the airport authorities.

The airport was immediately closed for civilian aircraft operations, and runway and taxiway lights were put out.

Ghosh, originally of Salt Lake's Karunamoyee, now stays with his daughter in Lancashire, England. He



The Calcutta airport in the 1960s

retired in 1996 as the deputy director, aerodrome (ATM).

Ghosh recounted his memories of the war.

Stealth take-off

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was in Calcutta to address a rally on the Maidan on December 3. The director-general of civil aviation had told the Calcutta airport that the Prime Minister should not be allowed to fly because of safety reasons, but she was determined to return to Delhi that night.

"It was pitch dark, but we had to facilitate the Prime Minister's take-off. The radio transmission communication with the pilot could not take place because the enemy could detect it," Ghosh said.

"We could only see the aircraft take off on the radar screen. It was escorted by two Indian Air Force aircraft."

After the closure of the airport on December 3, a Scandinavian commercial plane to Europe wanted to fly over Calcutta and Karachi.

"We told the pilot that the Pakistan air space was closed and so, he wanted to

divert to Sri Lanka and we helped him do that," he said.

Unidentified aircraft

A couple of days after the war broke out on December 3, the Indian Air Force asked the control tower in the city if any aircraft had communicated with them to enter Calcutta's flight information region.

"The IAF was coordinating with us and some of their personnel were also sitting in the tower. The IAF had its own radar, which probably caught two aircraft," said Ghosh.

"We told the IAF personnel that no aircraft had communicated with us. They said these were then unidentified aircraft. These were enemy aircraft. These were surveillance planes entering India's sky from then East Pakistan," he said.

The airport officials on duty saw the heightened security measures after the two aircraft were spotted.

"Since the war broke out, two Gnat fighter aircraft were stationed on the two edges of the runway to protect the Calcutta airport from enemy attack," said Ghosh.

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1971 from airport tower

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"After the two intruder aircraft were spotted, the two Gnat fighter jets would constantly be in the sky, and not on the ground," Ghosh said.

Civilian aircraft

The Calcutta airport was closed and only IAF planes would operate.

"All civilian aircraft were evacuated from the Calcutta airport. Indian Airlines had several aircraft parked at the airport. Those were flown to Nagpur," said Ghosh.

This was done because the Calcutta airport was close to the East Pakistan border and there was a danger of an enemy attack on the airport.

Prisoners of war

After Pakistan surrendered to India and the war was over, one day, Ghosh and his colleagues saw a large number of soldiers from East Pakistan — prisoners of war — sitting on the tarmac of the Calcutta airport, handcuffed.

"They were in transit to some unknown destination. Calcutta airport's huge tarmac was lying vacant because the civilian planes had been shifted. The prisoners of war were sitting there and we could see them from the tower. All of them were handcuffed," said Ghosh.



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Why Delhi Turned Into A Sudden Dust Bowl

Dust-Laden Winds From Western Rajasthan Cause Sharp Drop In Visibility, But CAQM Refrains From Invoking GRAP

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New Delhi: A thick layer of haze blanketed Delhi and neighbouring regions in the National Capital Region, causing poor visibility for nearly 11 hours from Wednesday night to Thursday morning. At Indira Gandhi International Airport, visibility levels deteriorated within 90 minutes on Wednesday night from 4,500 metres to 1,200 metres at 11.30pm. Met officials explained that the visibility was affected by strong dust-laden winds from western Rajasthan.

Not surprisingly, the dust caused the city's air quality to fall to the 'poor' category with an Air Quality Index of 292 at 4pm on Thursday when the Central Pollution Control Board released its pollution bulletin. By 7pm, the AQI worsened to fall in the 'very poor' category at 305. A day earlier at 4pm, AQI was 135 in the 'moderate' category and was forecast to stay within the same range on Thursday.

According to the India Meteorological Department, the visibility at Safdarjung, the city's base weather station, fell due to dust with the lowest reading of 1,500m at 8.30am on Thursday.

RK Jenamani, senior scientist, IMD, said sudden winds hit Palam a speed of 30-40 kmph and though the winds slowed down to 3-7 kmph after this, the visibility remained poor at 1,200-1,500 metres at both Safdarjung and Palam because of the presence of dust in the air.

An IMD statement explained that there was a high north-south pressure gradient over northwest India, which caused strong dust-raising surface winds of 30-40 kmph over Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and north Rajasthan from the night of May 14 to the



Photo: Tanish Rawat

morning of May 15. "Under the influence of these strong winds, dust was advected from west Rajasthan to Delhi NCR across north Rajasthan, south Punjab and south Haryana, leading to a reduction in visibility with IGI Airport reporting the lowest visibility of 1,500 metres intermittently during the period," the statement said. It added that IMD Jaipur predicted a dust storm over Rajasthan for May 14, while IMD Delhi forecast thundery development accompanied by strong wind speed of 15-25 kmph, gusting up to 35 kmph.

Visibility improved during the day: "The dust gradually moved eastwards and Palam reported a visibility of 4,000m at 1 pm," said Krishna

Mishra, IMD scientist.

Abhishek Kar, senior programme lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), said, "Dust storms are common before the onset of monsoon in north India. This is a natural source of air pollution, so we cannot avoid elevated pollution levels. We only need to protect ourselves from exposure."

He added, "The authorities should leverage the available forecasting information on the Air Quality Early Warning System (AQEWS) and the weather bulletins of the India Meteorological Department and provide timely guidance to citizens before such episodes to help them reduce their exposure by wearing masks."

The maximum temperature on Thursday was 40.6 degrees Celsius, one above normal and slightly higher than Wednesday's 40.4 degrees. IMD predicted chances of very light rain in the city on Friday evening till Saturday morning, with thunderstorms and gusts reaching up to 56kmph. The mercury is likely to be 40-42 degrees Celsius on Friday and 39-41 degrees Celsius on Saturday.

Despite the AQI falling in the 'very poor' category on Thursday night, the Commission for Air Quality Management decided not to invoke Stage I of the Graded Response Action Plan because it felt that the AQI level would fall from its high point. Explaining this, a CAQM statement said, "The sudden and sharp deterioration in AQI to long-range transport of dust caused by substantial wind speeds is purely episodic in nature. Further, the forecast by IMD/ITM also predicts the overall AQI of Delhi to fall back to the 'moderate' category in the coming days. However, the PM2.5/PM10 concentrations started to decline significantly after 8am on Thursday, and this trend is expected to continue further with no adverse meteorological factors and subsiding of the dust storm." The pollution management panel will review the situation on Friday.

There was a political exchange of words over the haze on Thursday with AAP claiming that AQI had crossed 500 in many areas of Delhi-NCR due to "dust and poisonous air". AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal posted on X: "Air pollution was never this bad during the AAP regime at this time of the year." Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva countered that citing the effect of the dust storm as proof of deteriorating pollution situation in May was evidence of AAP's deceitful and dishonest politics.



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Govt withdraws security nod to Turkish handler at 9 airports

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New Delhi: Citing the “interest of national security”, Modi govt on Thursday revoked security clearance to Turkish ground service provider Celebi and its associated companies, in a move that will impact the security-sensitive ground handling services provided by the company at nine airports, both passenger and cargo terminals.

“Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has revoked the security clearance of Celebi and its associated companies on grounds related to national security. Nothing is above the security of our nation and our fellow citizens. National interest and public safety are paramount and non-negotiable. Efforts being made to ensure that employees working with Celebi are re-

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➤ **After JNU, Jamia Millia Islamia suspends all academic collaborations with institutions affiliated to Turkiye govt**, citing national security concerns, officials say

➤ **Adani Group ends its partnership with Chinese co DragonPass**, which is a platform offering airport lounge access service. Adani currently runs 7 airports, including Mumbai's

tained and continue to contribute and ensure seamless handling of passengers and cargo at all affected airports,” Union aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said.

Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd (CASIPL) and two other Celebi companies in India provide ground handling in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Goa, Cochin and Kannur airports.

The BCAS order, which is with immediate effect, is seen as a clear message from PM Narendra Modi that supporting Pakistan will have an economic cost for countries doing so. Pakistan had fired Turkish-origin drones on Indian cities during Operation Sindoor.

Turkey is facing massive backlash for its support to Pakistan with tour operators reporting widespread cancellations. There are also protests against Turkish goods, such as marbles and apples, sold in India. **P 12**

AMID TENSIONS WITH TÜRKIYE

India revokes Çelebi's security clearance

DEEPAK PATEL
New Delhi, 15 May

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday revoked the security clearance of Istanbul-headquartered ground-handling firm Çelebi Airport Services India, citing concerns over national security. The order, effective immediately, comes amid escalating diplomatic tensions following Türkiye's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor.

Çelebi, which employs more than 10,000 people in India, currently provides ground services at nine major airports across the country.

During Operation Sindoor, the precision military campaign launched by India in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, Türkiye extended diplomatic and military backing to Pakistan. On Wednesday, Türkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reaffirmed Ankara's support, calling Pakistan-Türkiye ties "one of the best



India footprint

- **No. of airports where Çelebi operates:** 9 including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai
- **Employees:** Over 10,000
- **Annual cargo handled:** 540,000 tonnes

Source: Çelebi Airport Services India

examples of true friendship", and asserting that it would stand by Islamabad in "good and bad times".

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Çelebi: Claims on ownership 'misleading'

In its order, BCAS stated: "The security clearance in respect of Çelebi Airport Services India is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of national security." Later, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol posted on X that the government had received requests from across India to ban Çelebi, a "Turkish company operating ground handling services" at Indian airports. "Recognising the seriousness of the issue and the call to protect national interests, we have taken cognizance of these requests..." he added.

Reacting to the development, Çelebi issued a statement in the evening, "unequivocally" refuting what it described as "misleading and factually incorrect allegations" concerning its ownership and operations in India. The company said that Çelebi Aviation India is 65 per cent owned by international institutional investors based in Canada, the US, the UK, Singapore, the UAE, and Western Europe. The remaining 35 per cent is held by the founding Çelebioğlu family in Turkey, with equal shares held by Can Çelebioğlu and Canan Çelebioğlu. Çelebi emphasised that neither Can

nor Canan has any "political affiliations or associations" of any kind. It also rejected claims that Erdogan's granddaughter had a stake in the firm.

The company described itself as a global aviation services provider with over 15 years of operations in India and investments exceeding \$220 million in long-term infrastructure. It added that all of its facilities are regularly audited by Indian authorities, including BCAS, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The company maintained it remains fully compliant with Indian aviation, security, and tax regulations. It further warned that "inaccurate narratives" surrounding its ownership and operations could undermine years of cooperation and threaten the livelihoods of "thousands of employees and their families".

Çelebi's Indian operations span nine major airports — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Kannur, and Goa. Its services include ground handling, cargo and warehouse operations, passenger bridge operations, lounge management, general aviation support, and meet-and-greet services.

Following the BCAS directive, GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) confirmed it had formally terminated its association with both Çelebi Airport Services India and Çelebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India. Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) stated that it was

working closely with existing ground handling service providers to ensure continuity and operational stability. "The airport assures passengers, airlines, and cargo stakeholders that necessary measures are being taken to uphold service and operational efficiency during this period," it said.

IndiGo defends Turkish codeshare; Adani ends alliance with China firm

IndiGo on Thursday defended its codeshare agreement with Turkish Airlines, calling the partnership a "win-win" that supports connectivity, economic growth, and access to affordable long-haul travel for Indian passengers. The airline said the agreement aligns with the bilateral air services treaty between India and Türkiye. It noted that Turkish Airlines had previously held a monopoly on the route, and IndiGo's entry had brought "balance" and set the groundwork for India's future long-haul aviation ambitions. "Through the codeshare agreement, international travel has become more accessible and affordable as passengers benefit from cost-effective two-stop flights from India's smaller cities to Europe and the USA," IndiGo said.

Meanwhile, the Adani group announced the immediate termination of its partnership with Chinese company DragonPass, thereby ending lounge access for DragonPass customers at all Adani-managed airports. The group clarified that lounge access for other customers remains unaffected, and all other services will continue without disruption.



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चंडीगढ़ की 3, पुणे की 1 फ्लाइट रही रद्द

जयपुर | भारत-पाक तनाव के चलते बंद किए गए सभी 32 एयरपोर्ट से फ्लाइट संचालन शुरू हो गया, लेकिन जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से बुधवार को भी चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट्स रद्द रहीं।

एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार इंडिगो की जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ की सुबह 5:50 बजे की फ्लाइट 6ई-7742, सुबह 9:10 बजे वाली फ्लाइट 6ई-7718 और शाम 7:50 बजे वाली चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट

6ई-7414 रद्द रही। इसी प्रकार स्पाइसजेट की पुणे फ्लाइट एसजी-1077 ऐनवक्त पर रद्द हुई। इसकी वजह से एयरपोर्ट पहुंचे यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। दरअसल फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 5:05 बजे पुणे जाती है। बुधवार को एयरलाइन ने फ्लाइट को संचालन कारणों का हवाला देते हुए रद्द कर दिया। एयरलाइन से जुड़े सूत्रों की मानें तो विमान की अनुपलब्धता के चलते फ्लाइट रद्द की गई।



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इंडिगो ने तुर्की एयरलाइंस से कोड शेयरिंग का किया बचाव

नई दिल्ली। बजट एयरलाइन्स इंडिगो ने गुरुवार को तुर्की एयरलाइंस के साथ अपनी कोड शेयरिंग साझेदारी का बचाव किया। इसके साथ ही, इसे भारतीय यात्रियों और अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए फायदेमंद भी बताया। ऑपरेशन सिंदूर में भारत-पाकिस्तान संघर्ष के दौरान तुर्की ने पड़ोसी देश का खुलकर समर्थन किया था। इसके बाद पूरे देश में सोशल मीडिया पर इंडिगो से तुर्की एयरलाइंस के साथ अपना करार रद्द करने की अपील की जा रही है। इंडिगो ने कहा कि मौजूदा व्यवस्था भारतीय और तुर्की एयरलाइंस को द्विपक्षीय एयर सर्विस एग्रीमेंट (एएसए) के तहत 56 साप्ताहिक उड़ानें संचालित करने की अनुमति देती है। एयरलाइन्स ने कहा कि यह व्यवस्था भारतीय यात्रियों और देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को कई प्रकार के फायदे उपलब्ध कराती है।



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Post-ceasefire, the travel bug is back; but with some caution

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If the Indo-Pak crossfires had taken the steam out of travel plans in the peak summer vacation, the ceasefire has brought a revival. To the relief of the travel industry, they are seeing the stream of cancellations die out, though travellers are still treading with caution.

"While the reopening of the 32 airports is a positive step, demand recovery will take time. The rebound is expected to be gradual as travellers regain confidence and airlines re-establish routes. Travellers are increasingly preferring departures from safe metro cities, preferably southern ones," said Hari Ganapathy, Co-founder, Pickyourtrail.

Pickyourtrail, along with other travel brands, is seeing strong, sustained demand for Southeast Asia and European destinations like Greece, France, and Netherlands.

"Flights to Thailand, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka are picking up, along with those to the UK and European Union. Still, the steam is lost. With so many people dropping their travel plans, the market will



be at less than 50% of what we saw last year," according to Sanjay Dang, Managing Director of Le Travel World.

On the domestic front, travellers are opting for nearby religious places, Dang added.

"In the last two days (May 12 to 13), booking volumes have stabilised and passenger traffic has returned to normal. Interestingly, cancellations in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir have suddenly increased, possibly as people who may have booked tickets to leave did not see the need to after the ceasefire was declared," highlighted a spokesperson from RedBus.

From May 8 to 10, RedBus saw a drop in seat bookings to pilgrimage and leisure destinations (such as a 13% drop from Delhi). Other northern states saw a 15% upsurge in seat booking (driven by Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir), as travellers looked to exit these regions.



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आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 53 उड़ानों में हुआ विलंब, 24 रद्द

जागरण संवाददाता, पश्चिमी दिल्ली: आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर बृहस्पतिवार को भी उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित रहा, हालांकि काफी दिनों के बाद लेह, श्रीनगर आदि शहरों के लिए उड़ानों का आवागमन दोबारा शुरू हुआ, लेकिन कुछ उड़ानें अभी भी रद्द रहीं। बृहस्पतिवार को 17 उड़ानें देरी से रवाना हुईं, जबकि ब्रैकअक जाने वाली एक उड़ान को रद्द कर दिया गया। आगमन की बात करें, तो पांच उड़ानें देरी से पहुंचीं और दुबई से आने वाली एक उड़ान रद्द रही। घरेलू उड़ानों की बात करें, तो प्रस्थान करने वाली 31 उड़ानें देरी से उड़ीं, जबकि 21 उड़ानें बीते दिनों की तरह रद्द कर दी गईं। रद्द उड़ानों में जोधपुर, चंडीगढ़, अमृतसर, भुज, देहरादून, मुंबई, नागपुर, श्रीनगर, भोपाल और कोलकाता जैसे प्रमुख शहरों की उड़ानें शामिल रहीं। घरेलू आगमन में राहत की बात रही कि किसी उड़ान में देरी नहीं हुई, लेकिन लेह से आने वाली एक उड़ान रद्द रही।



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LOWER FARES WEIGH ON OPERATING PROFIT

AI Merger Boosts Singapore Air's FY25 Net



BENGALURU | SEOUL Singapore Airlines reported a record annual net profit on Thursday, boosted by a one-off gain from the Air India-Vistara merger, but lower airfares in response to increased competition weighed on operating profit. The airline group recognised a one-time gain of about S\$1.1 billion after merging its 49%-owned Indian carrier, Vistara, with Air India last November. Net profit for the year ended March 31 was S\$2.8 billion, up from S\$2.7 billion the previous year. However, operating profit fell 37% year-on-year to S\$1.7 billion, as passenger yields— a proxy for airfares—dropped 5.5%. —Reuters



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Akasa to Spread its Wings to SE Asia

Noida, Navi Mumbai airports will be catalyst for growth of flight connections: Sr exec

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: Akasa Air, which has a 5% market share in India's domestic air traffic, is planning to ramp up expansion in this financial year after a year of slow growth. This will include the launch of flights to Southeast Asia, a top destination for outbound Indian travellers.

The airline that flies a fleet solely of Boeing planes has faced challenges in expanding operations amid an aircraft shortage.

"The good news is the worst is behind the supply. The constraints seem to have been addressed to a large extent. Boeing had a peculiar issue and that's resolved, which is go-

od news," Akasa chief commercial officer Praveen Iyer told ET.

"As a result, we, it appears, will be on track for more deliveries this year and we are happy with how the deliveries are scheduled for the rest of the year." The airline, he said, is looking to expand available seat kilometres by 30-40%.

This metric shows the passenger-carrying capacity of an airline.

The airline in 2022 placed an initial order for 72 Boeing 737 Max aircraft and later added four more planes to the order. In January, it followed it up with an order for another 150 aircraft of the same variant. But the deliveries got delayed, with a slowdown in Boeing's production amid increased scrutiny from regulators, airlines and lawmakers following a January incident

when a door plug blew off a plane.

Iyer said the airline will aggressively expand on international routes and launch flights to Southeast Asia soon.

"We have been consistently adding capacity on the international markets. Over the next several months you will see us making some announcements about addition of flights to Far East destinations," Iyer said.

Iyer said the two new airports in Delhi and Mumbai — Noida and Navi Mumbai — will be a catalyst for growth of flight connections from India's two largest cities.

"Two of the most critical markets have been slot constrained for quite some time now. I see it as a proxy to Delhi which has been capacity constrained and the other airport is Navi Mumbai, which has been a proxy to Mumbai which has been capacity constrained as well. So, considering that there are new spaces opening up at Delhi and Mumbai, we will see much more increase in growth," Iyer said.



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Air India merger fuels Singapore Airlines' record annual profit

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Following warnings from other carriers world-wide, Singapore Airlines said US-led tariffs were likely to hit consumer and business confidence and weigh on passenger and cargo markets. Annual cargo revenues rose 4.4% on strong e-commerce and perishables demand, and from disruption to Red Sea shipping, but freight yields fell 7.8% due to increased competition. —REUTERS





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Flight ops normal at all 8 airports

All eight airports in Gujarat that had suspended civilian flight operations due to escalating tensions between India and Pakistan have now resumed normal services. Airlines began operating flights as usual on Tuesday after receiving clearance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airports in Bhuj, Kandla, Keshod, Jamnagar, Naliya (AFS), Mundra, Hirasar (Rajkot), and Porbandar were closed following a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) issued by the DGCA amid heightened border security concerns. These airports were among 32 across the country where civilian flights were temporarily halted following the Indian Armed Forces' Operation Sindoor.



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Govt. revokes security clearance for Turkish ground handling firm

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The aviation security regulator on Thursday revoked the security clearance for Turkish ground handling service provider Celebi with “immediate effect” on the ground of “national security”.

“The security clearance is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of national security,” according to an order from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) issued for Celebi Airport Services India Private Ltd. A press statement from the Ministry of Civil Aviation said

Clearance has been revoked with immediate effect in interest of national security, it said

that security clearances of associated companies were also cancelled.

Celebi, a key player in ground and cargo handling, operates at nine Indian airports.

Minister for Civil Aviation K. Rammohan Naidu said special teams would be deployed at airports to oversee operations and address any emerging issues in real time.

Air India's flight plan & its hits and big misses

I recently wrote about the horrifying experience of 180-odd passengers bound for Bengaluru from Delhi on an Air India flight on the night of Delhi's unexpected dust storm that threw schedules into disarray. The flight in question remained attached to the aerobridge and on the tarmac for 10 hours, a nightmarish experience. Many readers expressed horror and some in the government declared, as they are apt to do, that Air India was better managed under their control — a refrain that reeks of bureaucratic insecurity and seems to have stuck since the Tatas took charge of the airline in January 2022.

I also received at least five messages from readers on the airline's improved services on both domestic and international routes. Although in dribbles rather than a flood, many reports of the airline's improvements on both in-flight service standards, including food quality, and on-time performance are coming in, albeit mostly with respect to the newer-leased planes.

Almost universally, the reports are positive on the airline's in-flight cabin crew and their handling of passengers and situations. Given the airline's losses have fallen (as per recent reports), I beg to differ with those who argue that the government was managing the airline better than the Tatas.

The we-did-it-better brigade also conveniently forgets the fact that under government control, you and I were footing the bill for the airline's inefficiencies and inability to compete, not to forget all the excesses and frills employees, MLAs, MPs, and their kith and kin enjoyed. Now that it is the Tatas, it sounds better to me as a taxpayer. Nobody is denying that it has taken inordinately long to get here, but Air India does seem to be on the path to some sort of recovery.

There is no denying, though, that almost no week goes by without some politician, celebrity, or business or media personality taking to social media to air grievances against perceived unfair treatment or poor-quality service. The barrage of complaints has been incessant since the beginning of the year. Many members of the Air India senior management privately believe that there is a sustained campaign to malign their efforts, but even they can't deny that things are far from perfect.

I believe Air India is currently going through a phase of bipolarity wherein, on some days and certain aspects, things seem to have fallen in place, while on others, all hell breaks loose from time to time. The latter is particularly acute when other factors that need to be in harmony and do their bit go awry — such as a dust-storm or dense fog

or torrential rains. In short, the airline's standard operating protocol seems to fall apart in crises, and the carrier resembles a headless chicken at such times. This, despite a new state-of-the-art emergency control centre and integrated operational control centre.

To understand the problem, I spoke to some former and present management members, and here is what I gathered. The overwhelming consensus appears to be that the carrier is yet to fully get a grip on its operations — particularly, in crisis situations. The two mergers, the breakneck speed of expansion, and several changes at the management level are yet to settle into an equilibrium.

While Air India did have SOPs in place before the sale, those have been upended now, to some extent. Those vested in the airline say that the top management seems more preoccupied with fighting the perceptions battle and is excessively focussed on visible and on-the-surface changes rather than on taking the bull by its horns. The massive, expensive rebranding exercise undertaken in 2023 was labelled by most as putting the cart before the horse.

An even bigger problem identified is the failure to fix responsibility and establish a clear line of accountability: Who takes the final call and are they available to take it during crisis situations? During the Delhi dust storm fiasco, the head cabin crew member said that she had no clear instructions and they were unable to get hold of those who could take the final call.

A more serious failure to fix responsibility within the airline was cited by sources recently when the airline fired a simulator trainer instructor and removed 10 pilots trained under him from flying duty after finding evidence of poor training practices and flouting of standard procedures. Many argued that the instructor was made a scapegoat while those senior to him, who were equally culpable, went scot-free. Observers say that fixing responsibility has never been a strength for the airline, and this aspect has not changed despite the new ownership: Old habits die hard.

What has flummoxed many is the studied silence from the Tata stable on the never-ending bloopers since these reflect directly on the group.

Why the Tata leadership has given the airline such a long rope and for how long this would continue is the question many ask, but no answers are forthcoming — at least yet. If the screws are indeed being tightened on the Air India management, it is happening behind closed doors and with plenty of discretion.

The group's role in the whole exercise has come into sharp focus with respect to another aspect. Many aviation industry insiders question the filling up of several top-level positions with people from non-aviation backgrounds — Tata-trusted aides and professionals, most of whom don't know too much more than a regular flier about the business. Other airlines have demonstrated the benefits of putting the right people in the cockpit — and the cost of putting the wrong ones. The Tatas don't need to look too far: AirAsia India is a glaring case in point.



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तुर्किये की एयरलाइन के साथ साझेदारी से भारतीय यात्रियों को लाभ : इंडिगो

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ उसकी साझेदारी से भारतीय यात्रियों और देश की अर्थव्यवस्था को कई लाभ मिलते हैं क्योंकि इससे कनेक्टिविटी बेहतर होती है और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा भी अधिक किफायती हो जाती है।

इंडिगो की यह टिप्पणी ऐसे समय आई है जब पाकिस्तान का समर्थन करने और आतंकी ठिकानों पर भारत के हालिया हमलों की तुर्किये द्वारा निंदा करने के बाद कुछ हलकों में तुर्किये के सामान और पर्यटन का बहिष्कार करने की मांग उठ रही है।

कुछ ऑनलाइन यात्रा सुविधा मंचों और संगठनों ने भी लोगों को तुर्की न जाने की सलाह जारी की है। फिलहाल इंडिगो टर्किश एयरलाइंस से किराये पर लिए गए दो विमानों के साथ इस्तांबुल के लिए सीधी उड़ानें संचालित करती है। इसके अलावा यह यूरोप और अमेरिका में 40 से अधिक स्थानों पर कोडशेयर सीटें भी मुहैया कराती है।

कोडशेयर भागीदारी के तहत एयरलाइन अपने यात्रियों को अपनी साझेदार एयरलाइन

पर बुक कर सकती है और टिकट एक ही रहता है। इंडिगो के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि भारत और तुर्किये के बीच जारी हवाई यातायात को द्विपक्षीय हवाई सेवा समझौते (एएसए) और भारत से अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई सेवाओं के समग्र निर्माण के संदर्भ में देखा जाना चाहिए। एएसए के तहत तुर्किये और भारत की एयरलाइंस को दोनों देशों के बीच प्रति सप्ताह कुल 56 उड़ानें संचालित करने की अनुमति मिली है। धरेलू एयरलाइंस भारत से तुर्किये और तुर्किये से भारत के लिए



हर सप्ताह 14-14 उड़ानें संचालित करती है। इतनी ही उड़ानों के संचालन की अनुमति तुर्किये की एयरलाइंस को भी है।

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Amid anti-Ankara sentiments, IndiGo defends Turkish tie-up

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New Delhi: Indian aviation's Turkish ties have been a sore point in the past, too. When Tatas chose Turkish Airlines former chairman Ilker Ayci as Air India CEO & MD in Feb 2022, govt did not give him the required security clearance. Ayci was an adviser to Recep Erdogan in 1994 when the now Turkish president was mayor of Istanbul.

IndiGo code share and wet lease: Turkey has for years been seeking upward revision of bilaterals that allow only one flight each between Istanbul and Delhi and Istanbul and Mumbai daily by a Turkish and an Indian carrier each, which means eight one-way direct flights a day.

Turkish Airlines operates four daily flights. And for the Indian side, it has wet-leased wide-body planes (given on hire with pilots) to IndiGo to do that job. A majority of passengers on all four daily flights transit to the rest of the world via Istanbul, which houses Europe's biggest airport. India has not revised the bilaterals with Turkey so far.

After the withdrawing of Celebi security clearance, IndiGo tie-ups could face the heat. IndiGo has defended its code share and wet-lease of

Adanis terminate deal with DragonPass

Mumbai: Eight days after the Adani Group announced a partnership with China's DragonPass to provide lounge access at Indian airports managed by it, Adani Airport Holdings on Thursday ended the deal "with immediate effect".

This move is part of a larger trend where Indian companies are changing plans because of tensions with Pakistan, which has received support from countries such as China and Turkiye.

The Adani-DragonPass partnership had drawn criticism following the attack in Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor. "This change will have no impact on the airport lounge and travel experience for other customers," Adani Airport Holdings said.

DragonPass, founded in 2005, is a series B company based in Guangzhou, according to data collected by Tracxn. DragonPass, backed by Chinese investors like Ocean Link, Addor Capital, and Govtor, offers access to airport lounges worldwide. TNN

planes with Turkish Airlines. In a detailed statement, IndiGo said: "The India-Turkey air services agreement (ASA or bilaterals) allows carriers of Turkey and India to operate a total of 56 flights per week between India and Turkey. Currently, IndiGo operates direct flights to Istanbul via leased 500-plus-seater aircraft and offers codeshare seats to travellers to more than 40 points in Europe and the US supported by its domestic network. This arrangement provides multiple benefits to Indian travellers, and the country's economy. The additional long-haul capacity has enabled availability of seats for Indian passengers at reasonable fares, coming at a time when long-haul

international airfares have increased substantially owing to the impact of Covid."

"It is also fuelling both aviation and economic growth, creating numerous job opportunities in India... serves as a vital engine for economic activity to support trade worth billions of dollars between the two countries that spans several verticals beyond just travel, IndiGo said.

"Through the codeshare agreement, international travel has become more accessible and affordable as passengers benefit from cost-effective two-stop flights from India's smaller cities to Europe and the US," IndiGo added.

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Flights to Delhi, Shimla resume from Kangra

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Flight operations at the Kangra airport officially resumed on Wednesday after seven days. The flights were suspended on May 7 following heightened tensions with Pakistan.

The Union Ministry of Civil Aviation had on Monday directed the reopening of all 32 airports in the western

and northern regions.

A total of three flights operated from the Kangra Airport today. According to Kangra Airport Director Dharendra Singh, Indigo and Alliance Air operated flights from Delhi and Shimla to Kangra and back.

An Indigo Airlines flight (IGO768C) arrived from Delhi to Dharamsala with 53 passengers on board. On return, 10 passengers flew

from Dharamsala to Delhi by flight (IGO7484). Two flights of Alliance Air operated from here.

The flight (LLR823) arrived in Dharamsala from Shimla with four passengers, while the return flight (LLR824) from Dharamsala to Shimla carried eight passengers. The second flight (LLR711) arrived in Dharamsala from Delhi with 33 passengers on board while the return flight (LLR712) to

Delhi carried 30 passengers. In total, 138 passengers travelled on three flights from the Kangra Airport.

