

## Flyers seek continuation of Air India's Silchar-Kolkata flight

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 15: Quite against the run of play, Air India's suspension of the solitary flight to and from Silchar to Kolkata has jolted the people of Barak Valley, especially those who are frequent fliers and also those who fly for medical reasons from southern Assam.

Credible sources informed that an internal mail has been served to the employees at Silchar, stating that the service on the Silchar-Kolkata route, which had an average passenger traffic of over 120 passengers every day, will be available till May 31, after which the flight will be suspended. Despite several attempts to contact them, officials of Air India and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Silchar airport were not available for a response regarding the reasons behind the withdrawal of flight service from here.

In the words of Babul Hore, a veteran sports ad-

ministrator and businessman of the region who had returned to Silchar from Kolkata by an Air India flight on April 26 last, this decision by Air India – which is now run by the TATA Group – to suspend the Silchar-Kolkata flight service will adversely impact the communication sector of the region.

"The flight service began back in the 1950s and since then Air India, formerly Indian Airlines, was the solitary airline operating in Silchar till other airline companies started operating from here. The situation after May 31 might trigger an absurd surge in the prices of tickets of flights by other airline companies operating from Silchar. With monsoon approaching, the valley might face surface communication disruptions yet again. Hence, our elected representatives must raise their voices before it is too late," Hore said.

Vivek Podder, chairman of Silchar Management Association and another frequent



flyer, said, "More than a luxury, the Silchar-Kolkata flight operated by Air India every morning is the lifeline for the people of Barak Valley, as it gives the passengers the option to catch flights or even trains to various parts of the country after reaching Kolkata. We are hearing that the flight will be replaced by Air India Express, which is largely vague as of now. In our experience, if this flight service is withdrawn, passengers might face price hikes and other hardships, especially ahead of the monsoon season," Podder said, adding that an appeal not to withdraw the flight service between

Silchar and Kolkata will be sent soon to Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.

Another frequent flyer from Silchar, Mridul Mazumder, said, "From the facilities to prices of tickets to comfort and everything else, this Air India flight to and from Silchar is an emotion and a huge necessity for us in Barak Valley. The flight, which reaches here at 6:45 am, gives us the scope to reach Kolkata, go to other places on the same day, finish our work, and return early in the morning the next day. I wonder what led to the decision to withdraw the

flight from Silchar despite the airline being taken over by the Tata Group. We have requested our MP to raise the issue before the government of India."

When contacted, Silchar MP Parimal Suklabaidya told *The Assam Tribune* that he will write to the Union Civil Aviation Minister to request that the flight service between Silchar and Kolkata should continue.

"Reading the news of Air India suspending its Silchar-Kolkata flight from June 1 was unfortunate. I understand the gravity of the situation and shall write to the Union Civil Aviation Minister soon, drawing his attention to the fact that the flight on the said route should continue in the larger interest of the people of southern Assam. If at all the flight service is withdrawn, Air India must provide substitute flight services for the people. Also, I have placed demands for some additional flights to and from Sil-

char," Suklabaidya said.

Former Silchar MP Dr Rajdeep Roy also expressed surprise over the development and said that he will speak to the Union Civil Aviation Minister, requesting the latter to intervene in the matter as it will affect a significant section of air passengers here.

On the other hand, Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev, while reacting to the issue, said, "I am shocked and taken aback by what I heard about Air India suspending the Silchar-Kolkata flight. Despite being a remote territory of the country, there is enough traffic from Silchar. But what led Air India to withdraw its flight services between Silchar and Kolkata? I will be writing to Air India authorities and I shall also meet the Union Civil Aviation Minister to state that air connectivity, especially between Silchar and Kolkata, is an absolute necessity and it should continue to operate sans disruptions."

## Navi Mumbai airport's opening delayed till Aug, says advisory notice for pilots

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** The under-construction Navi Mumbai airport was scheduled to be opened by May 15 according to the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) document brought out in March this year. But since the airport has not been commissioned yet, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) issued a NOTAM (notice to airmen) stating that the airport will not be available until Aug.

An AIP is a user manual of sorts carrying general and navigational information about an aerodrome, largely for use by airlines and pilots.

"The notice, issued on Tuesday, states that the aerodrome at Navi Mumbai will not be available for operations till Aug 6," said a source. If the airport is not commissioned by then, another NOTAM will need to be issued, the source added.

The purpose of the NOTAM is to keep pilots updated about the non-functional status of the Navi Mumbai airport and its runway.

In case of a forced landing or an emergency, the pilots concerned would know that the runway strip at Navi Mumbai hasn't been commissioned and so it doesn't have the facilities available at other operational airports.

In India, the AIP is published by Airports Authority of India, the country's air navigation provider. When it was published in March, Navi Mumbai AIP hadn't carried departure and arrival routes. It had vital information on runway, taxiways, aprons, parking bays, firefighting, and emergency services, fuelling capacity, cargo facilities, information on disabled aircraft removal, equipment and radars installed, meteorological services, etc.

The Navi Mumbai Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) document also carries a list of airport obstacles with 225 obstacles, which include 86 residential buildings, 79 points on the hills nearby, 23 pylon masts, 12 cell phone masts, eight floodlights, four electric poles, three silos, three cranes, etc. The AIP gives information on the type of obstacle, its elevation, and location in coordinates.

### IMPACT OF AIRPORT SLOT DECISION

#### WHAT DECISION MEANS FOR PASSENGERS

Without reinstated slots, some foreign airlines would have reduced their flight frequencies to Mumbai for winter 2025

#### Passengers with existing bookings could have faced

- ▶ Flight cancellations
- ▶ Shift of operations to Navi Mumbai Airport



#### NOW RESOLVED: MUMBAI AIRPORT HAS DECIDED NOT TO CANCEL THESE SLOTS

#### FREIGHTER OPERATIONS

- ▶ Mumbai handles 4-5 cargo flights daily, connecting India with the Middle East, Europe, and the US
- ▶ Without reinstated slots, exporters and importers would have faced disruption after Aug 16
- ▶ **Relief for now:** Slots reinstated for Summer 2025, valid until end of October



#### SLOT COORDINATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Formed on May 8

#### OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Ensure non-discriminatory slot allocation
- ▶ Promote efficient use of airport infrastructure
- ▶ Minimise delays and congestion
- ▶ Maintain transparency, fairness, accountability

#### MEMBERS INCLUDE

- ▶ Airport operator
- ▶ Airports Authority of India representative
- ▶ Airline Operators Committee

#### KEY DISCUSSIONS FROM FIRST MEETING

Committee reviewed and reversed Mumbai airport's slot cancellations for:

- ▶ Freighters
- ▶ Certain foreign airlines

#### Requested airport operator to:

- ▶ Provide timely updates on demolition/reconstruction of T1
- ▶ Share hourly terminal capacity details for T1 and T2 for operational planning

#### Share airside development plans, specifically:

- ▶ Construction of parallel taxiway for secondary runway

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## Celebi moves court, says govt nixed deal on 'vague' concerns

**Reuters**  
New Delhi

Turkiye-based Celebi, which provides airport ground handling in India, has launched a legal challenge to New Delhi's decision to overturn its security clearance, arguing that "vague" national security concerns were cited without reasoning.

Amid growing public anger in India about Turkiye's stance on Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict, the Centre on Thursday revoked Celebi's security clearance in the "interest of national security".

Celebi Airport Services India, in a May 16 filing seen by *Reuters*, asked the Delhi High Court to set aside that decision, arguing that it would impact 3,791 jobs and investor confidence, and was issued without any warning to the company.

### 'MERE RHETORIC'

"Mere rhetoric of national security without elaborating upon in what manner is an entity a threat to national security is unsustainable in law," the company said in the filing, which is not public.

The order "fails to dis-



**CONTROLLING INTEREST.** In its court filing, Celebi stated that the group is mainly controlled by non-Turkish companies

close any specific or substantive reason except for a vague and general reference to 'national security'... (it) provides no reasons or justification," it added.

The government did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The case is likely to be heard on Monday. In its filing, Celebi said that while its shareholders were registered in Turkiye, "majority end control" of the group is held by companies that do not have Turkish incorporation or origin.

In revoking Celebi's clearance on Thursday, India's junior Aviation Minister Murlidhar Mohol said on X that the government had received requests from across India to ban Celebi.

"Recognising the seriousness of the issue and the call to protect national in-

terests, we have taken cognisance of these requests," he said. The Shiv Sena, a key government ally, held protests against Celebi in Mumbai this week, demanding the city's airport sever ties with it.

### SECURITY CLEARED

Celebi, in its filing, said it was providing ground handling services at airports in New Delhi, Kerala, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Goa. It had undergone background checks and security verifications by various national security and intelligence agencies in India before starting work, it added.

The Delhi airport, late on Thursday, said on X it had "officially ended its association with Celebi" for ground handling and cargo operations.

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# Mumbai, Ahmedabad airports pick Indo Thai as interim service provider

**KEY DECISION.** Move follows termination of ground handling contract with Celebi

**Aneesh Phadnis**  
Mumbai

Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports have roped in Indo Thai Airport Services to provide ground handling services to airlines on a temporary basis until the finalisation of a new service provider.

The airports informed the airlines about the interim measures being put in place after revocation of ground handling firm Celebi's security clearance.

Incidentally, Indo Thai, which offers ground handling services at nine airports, has already been selected as one of the ground handlers at the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport.

Within the next three days, the Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL)



**HOLDING FORT.** Other airports are working with existing service providers to ensure continuity of operations REUTERS

will invite bids to select a new ground handling partner for the long term, and the partner will be onboarded in three months, MIAL said in a statement.

## **BID PROCESS**

"The current arrangement is due to emergency circumstances. We have committed to the Airports Authority of India and the Civil Aviation

Ministry to run bid process for a new ground handling agency," an airport source said. "Indo Thai Airport Services will work under the direct supervision of MIAL to provide highest level of service with same service level agreements and all condition existing with Celebi NAS," MIAL's CEO Vishnu Jha said in a letter to airlines.

It is learnt that Celebi

NAS staff would be given employment letters by the new ground handler for three months.

While the Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports have roped in a handler for the interim period, other airports are working with existing service providers to ensure continuity of operations.

Celebi has a presence in nine airports. Its contracts have been terminated after revocation of the security clearance. An executive with a ground handling company said that airlines and companies were signing letters of intent to enable uninterrupted provision of services.

"We are coordinating the transition in collaboration with all existing aviation stakeholders and government authorities," the Bangalore International Airport Ltd said.



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## तुर्किये की ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग फर्म सेलेबी पर सख्ती दिल्ली के बाद मुंबई, बेंगलुरु, गोवा एयरपोर्ट ने भी सेलेबी से तोड़े संबंध

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देश भर के एयरपोर्ट्स ने तुर्किये की ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सर्विसेज कंपनी सेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड से अपने संबंध तोड़ लिए हैं। यह कदम नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएस) द्वारा 'राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा' के हित में सेलेबी की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द करने के बाद उठाया है। हालांकि सेलेबी ने फैसले को दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट में चुनौती दी है। अदाणी समूह द्वारा संचालित मुंबई और अहमदाबाद एयरपोर्ट्स के साथ-साथ बेंगलुरु इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड ने भी सेलेबी के साथ अपने समझौते रद्द कर दिए हैं। गोवा और हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट का संचालन करने वाली कंपनी ने भी सेलेबी के साथ अपने रिश्ते खत्म कर लिए हैं। इन

### सफाई... एर्दोगन फैमिली का कोई निवेश नहीं: सेलेबी

सेलेबी ने कहा कि सेलेबी एविएशन इंडिया में 65% हिस्सेदारी अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थागत निवेशकों की है जिनमें कनाडा, अमेरिका, ब्रिटेन, सिंगापुर, यूएई के निवेशक हैं। 35% हिस्सेदारी संस्थापक सेलेबीओग्लू फैमिली की है। एर्दोगन की पोती की कोई हिस्सेदारी नहीं है।

एयरपोर्ट्स का संचालन करने वाली कंपनियों के प्रवक्ताओं ने कहा कि सेलेबी को निर्बाध संचालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सुविधाओं को तुरंत हमें सौंपने का निर्देश दिया गया है। ताकि ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग संचालन पूरी तरह अप्रभावित रहे।



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## Celebi moves High Court as Indian airports end ties

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Even as the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) and two more Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports have officially terminated its association with Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd on Friday, the Turkish firm has moved the Delhi High Court against the decision of aviation watchdog



BCAS revoking its security clearance in the "interest of national security".

According to statement is-

sued by DIAL, "In compliance with the directive from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to revoke the security clearance of Celebi Airport Services India, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has formally ended its association with Celebi entities responsible for ground handling and cargo operations at Indira Gandhi International Air-

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port (IGIA)."

The security clearance of the firm was revoked days after Turkey backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country.

A lawyer associated with the case confirmed the filing and the plea is likely to

be listed next week.

Celebi, operating in the Indian aviation sector for over 15 years and employing over 10,000 people, offers its services at nine airports.

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

## Carpool firms rush to fill vacuum at KIA after exit by e-taxi firms

### BIAL onboarding firms to meet growing demand for cabs

ASRA MAVAD  
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The abrupt collapse of Refex eVeez and BluSmart, the country's two top all-electric taxi service companies, and its subsequent exit from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), has opened the door for carpooling firms in the city to capitalise on the growing demand for cabs at the airport.

From carpooling to shared taxis, each firm is experimenting with its own format to help travellers get to the airport with ease.

Ride-hailing firm Quick Ride, with a fleet of 800 electric vehicles, is set to open its pick-up zone at both terminals by next week. The firm will offer the option of both private taxis and carpooling. "With

carpooling, people use their own vehicles and through our platform, find people travelling in the same direction as them. These are not taxis," clarifies KNM Rao, founder and CEO.

On the other hand, QuickReach, another ride-hailing company, offers only shared cabs.

The firm uses yellow-board vehicles and provides cab-sharing services for long distance travel from Bengaluru.

A majority of their bookings are, however, to KIA.

On an average, the company receives 100 bookings to the airport everyday.

"A shared cab brings down the cost of travelling to the airport by around 40%-60%, and it doesn't increase the overall travel time by much," said Shubham Jain, founder.

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BluSmart cabs at the Kempegowda International Airport.

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#### Price difference

On cab-aggregator apps like Ola, Namma Yatri and Uber, a trip from MG Road to Terminal 2 at KIA at 7 pm costs around Rs 790 to Rs 1,050. A shared cab is almost 50% cheaper at Rs 390-Rs 500.

resident, prefers booking a shared cab from the airport. "I have only been using shared cabs. It saves money and you don't have to haggle with the other drivers at the airport.

#### Carpooling Vs cab-pooling

Carpooling refers to an arrangement where a group of people travel together by car. While carpooling makes use of private vehicles, cab-pooling uses yellow board vehicles.

As per the Motor Vehicles rules, only yellow board vehicles are allowed to transport passengers and goods.

You get a shared cab quicker than booking an Ola or Uber nowadays," she said.

Go Pool, a two-year-old startup, offers the option of 'cab-pooling'.

"If two to three people from the same vicinity are travelling to the airport around the same time, we put them in touch with each other and then they can book a cab and split the costs," shared Akash Jadhav, founder.

Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow, WRI India, said that while shared cabs are a step in the right direction, more people

must opt for mass public transportation.

"Shared mobility is always better. As of today, approximately 20% of trips to the airport are by BMTc buses. There is more scope here as most of the usage is from the airport and not "to" the airport."

The Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) is currently in the process of onboarding multiple cab service firms to meet the growing demand for cabs, sources told DH.



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# Air services unaffected by revocation of Turkish firm's security clearance

**BIAL shifts operations to existing ground-handling service providers**

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Services at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) remain unaffected despite the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) revoking the security clearance of Çelebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd, a Turkish firm handling ground operations at the airport.



As of May 15, according to a letter from BCAS — the apex aviation security body — the security clearance for the ground-handling agency was revoked with immediate effect. The move was made “in the interest of national security”, the statement said.

Çelebi Airport Services India provides ground-handling operations at nine airports across the country, including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai,

Delhi, Hyderabad, Cochin, Kannur, Goa, and Ahmedabad.

At KIA, Çelebi mainly services international airlines. “Since many of them do not have their own staff here, they rely on Çelebi for multiple operations, including ticketing, check-in, and baggage and cargo handling. However, the airport assures passengers, airlines, and cargo stakeholders that necessary measures are being taken to maintain

service and operational efficiency during this period,” a well-placed source at the airport told *DH*. Çelebi also manages ramp services, load control, flight operations, and warehouse services.

Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) has shifted operations managed by Çelebi to its existing ground-handling service providers. Alongside the Turkey-based company, Air India SATS and GlobeGround India also handle ground services at KIA.

Çelebi entered India through a joint venture at the Mumbai International Airport in 2008. It currently handles over 58,000 flights and 5.4 lakh tonnes of cargo annually, with a workforce of 7,800.



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## आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 42 उड़ानों में देरी

जास, नई दिल्ली: इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आइजीआइ) एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को खराब मौसम और अन्य परिचालन कारणों से उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित हुआ। दिनभर में 42 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि 14 उड़ानों को रद्द करना पड़ा। इनमें एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान भी शामिल है। सबसे ज्यादा असर श्रीनगर जाने वाली उड़ानों पर पड़ा, जहां कई उड़ानों में या तो विलंब हुआ या रद्द कर दी गईं। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में प्रस्थान की 10 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि एक उड़ान को रद्द करना पड़ा। आगमन की बात करें, तो चार उड़ानों में विलंब हुआ, लेकिन कोई भी उड़ान रद्द नहीं हुई। घरेलू उड़ानों की बात की जाए, तो एयरपोर्ट से जाने वाली 28 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि 12 रद्द कर दी गईं।

वर्षा व आंधी की वजह से एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित हो सकता है। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने बताया कि उनकी जमीनी टीम यात्रियों को सुगम और कुशल अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए लगातार काम कर रही है। यात्रियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे देरी से बचने के लिए दिल्ली मेट्रो जैसे वैकल्पिक परिवहन साधनों का उपयोग कर एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंच सकते हैं।



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## हवाई अड्डों पर जेलेबी के कर्मचारियों को शामिल कर रही कंपनियां

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस : विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर जेलेबी एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज इंडिया के कर्मचारियों को सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली एआइएसएल, एआइएसएटीएस, बर्ड वर्ल्डवाइड फ्लाइट सर्विसेज और इंडो थर्ड एयरपोर्ट मैनेजमेंट सर्विसेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड जैसी विभिन्न ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग कंपनियों में शामिल किया जा रहा है। साथ ही उन्हें उन कंपनियों के नए एयरपोर्ट पंटी पास (एईपी) जारी किए जा रहे हैं जो उन्हें शामिल कर रही हैं।

आपरेशन सिंदूर के दौरान तुर्किए द्वारा पाकिस्तान की सहायता करने पर राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के आधार पर जेलेबी की सुरक्षा मंजूरी रद्द कर दी गई थी। इसके कुछ ही घंटों बाद नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने गुरुवार को कहा था कि यात्रियों के साथ कार्गो की सुचारू हैंडलिंग सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सभी प्रभावित हवाई अड्डों पर प्रबंध किए गए हैं। साथ ही यह सुनिश्चित करने के प्रयास भी किए

इस कर्मचारियों को जारी किए जा रहे नए एयरपोर्ट एंटी पास

बीसीएस ने इसके लिए 19 मई निर्धारित की है समयसीमा

जा रहे हैं कि जेलेबी में कार्यरत कर्मचारी बरकरार रहें और अपना योगदान देना जारी रखें। जेलेबी के भारत में 10 हजार से ज्यादा कर्मचारी हैं। ब्यूरो आफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्यूरिटी (बीसीएस) ने इन कर्मचारियों को नए एईपी जारी करने की समयसीमा 19 मई निर्धारित की है। जेलेबी देश में नौ हवाई अड्डों पर अपनी सेवाएं उपलब्ध करा रही थी। ये हैं- मुंबई, दिल्ली, कोच्चि, कन्नूर, बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, गोवा, अहमदाबाद और चेन्नई। अधिकारियों का कहना है कि प्रभावित हवाई अड्डों पर संबंधित एयरपोर्ट आपरेटर्स जल्द ही ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सर्विस प्रोवाइडर्स की नियुक्ति के लिए निविदा जारी करेंगे।



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## जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्रेफिक कंजेशन कई फ्लाइट्स डायवर्ट और लेट

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर गुरुवार को एयर ट्रेफिक कंजेशन के चलते विमानों की लैंडिंग में परेशानी हुई। इसके चलते विमानों को डायवर्ट भी किया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार गुरुवार को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर ट्रेफिक कंजेशन के चलते इंडिगो की दिल्ली से जयपुर और इंडिगो की मुंबई से जयपुर आई फ्लाइट को एटीसी ने लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं देते हुए कुछ देर होल्ड पर रखा। इसके बाद फ्लाइट को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। इसी प्रकार एयर ट्रेफिक कंजेशन के चलते फ्लाइट्स को लैंडिंग में भी समय लगा। इस दौरान कुछ विमानों को होल्ड पर भी रखा गया। इंडिगो की दिल्ली से जयपुर, इंडिगो की कोलकाता से जयपुर, इंडिगो की मुंबई से जयपुर, स्टार एयर को बेलगाम से जयपुर और इंडिगो की इंदौर से जयपुर की फ्लाइट की लैंडिंग में करीब 15 से 20 मिनट का समय लगा। इनमें से कुछ फ्लाइट्स को होल्ड पर भी रखा गया।

## जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट शुरू

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट गुरुवार से दोबारा शुरू हो गई है। 7 मई से बंद चल रही इस फ्लाइट का संचालन एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ने तीन दिन पहले ही शुरू कर दिया था, लेकिन तकनीकी कारणों से जयपुर से चंडीगढ़ की उड़ानें नहीं हो पा रही थीं। अब यात्रियों को राहत मिल सकेगी। यह फ्लाइट गुरुवार से नियमित रूप से संचालित होगी। इसके अलावा जयपुर से कुल्लू और गाजियाबाद की फ्लाइट्स भी गुरुवार से शुरू हुई हैं।



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## Celebi Cos Move HC Against Aviation Ministry, DGCA



**NEW DELHI:** Turkish company Celebi Airport Services India on Friday approached

the Delhi High Court, a day after the government revoked its security clearance, citing national security concerns. Celebi claimed that the revocation violated the principles of natural justice, as it was done without any prior show-cause notice, hearing, or adequate justification for raising vague "national security" concerns. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had on Thursday announced immediate cancellation of Celebi's security clearance, impacting the company's operations at nine Indian airports, including Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. Seeking urgent judicial intervention to quash the BCAS order and restoration of its right to operate, Celebi urged the court to restrain the civil aviation authorities from taking any "coercive action" against it. Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India also moved a separate petition before the HC, seeking quashing of the revocation order. —Indu Bhan



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## Mumbai Airport Signs on IndoThai for Ground Handling Operations

Our Bureau

**Mumbai:** Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) on Friday named IndoThai Airport Management Services as its new ground handling operator, succeeding Turkish firm Celebi Airport Services India a day after the latter's security clearance was cancelled by the government.

IndoThai, which is currently operating at nine airports across India, "has been appointed as the interim ground handling provider at CSMIA for the next three months, effective immediately," Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) said.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had on Thursday announced immediate cancellation of Celebi's security clearance, citing national security concerns.

This decision affected Celebi's operations at nine major Indian airports, including Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. Adani Airport Holdings, which operates Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports, has terminated its partnership with Celebi. "Celebi NAS has been directed to hand over to us all ground handling facilities at CSMIA," Vishnu Jha, chief airport officer at MIAL, wrote in an internal letter to partners.

**PTI adds:** Multiple ground handling companies, including AIASL, Bird Worldwide Flight Services and Indo Thai, are onboarding the staff of Celebi at various airports and fresh airport entry passes are being issued, industry executives said.

## Turkish firm loses footing in 9 airports

**Dhairya Gajara**

MUMBAI

In a decisive move prompted by national outrage, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has revoked the security clearance of Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd, a Turkish company operating ground-handling services at nine Indian airports, including Mumbai. The revocation, effective immediately, has been issued in the interest of "national security," according



to an official order released on Thursday.

The action follows widespread condemnation over Turkey's open support to Pakistan

after India launched Operation Sindoor in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians. Celebi's presence in strategic In-

dian airports had come under sharp scrutiny, particularly after BJP-backed Andheri East MLA Murji Patel raised concerns and demanded the cancellation of the company's contract.

Patel, who led a protest at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) along with Shiv Sena workers earlier this week, stated, "These Turkish companies earn money from India and support our enemies."

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### Turkish firm loses...

Celebi was handling nearly 70% of the ground services at Mumbai Airport 1 called for the boycott, and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde stood by me." On Thursday, BCAS joint director of operations issued the formal revocation order, citing "the powers conferred upon DG BCAS" and "the interest of national security." Celebi's contract covered Bridge Mounted Equipment (BME) services at both Terminals 1 and 2 of Mumbai Airport.

Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Murlidhar Mohol, affirmed the move, saying, "Recognising the seriousness of the issue, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has revoked the security clearance. Protecting national interests is our top priority." The backlash against Turkey has spread beyond aviation. The Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia announced the suspension of MoUs with Turkish academic institutions.

The All Indian Cine Workers Association declared a total boycott of Turkey for all film shoots and cultural collaborations.

"No Bollywood or Indian film projects will be shot in Turkey, effective immediately," AICWA said in a post on X.

Meanwhile, Udaipur's Marble Processors Association has banned Turkish marble imports, which make up 70% of India's supply, citing patriotic duty.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan further inflamed tensions by reiterating support for Pakistan, prompting stronger calls in India to economically and diplomatically isolate Ankara.



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## **Purandar Airport**

Pune district administration will meet protesting villagers next week to address concerns about the proposed Purandar international airport. The talks follow clashes that halted a drone survey of 2,673 hectares across seven villages. State Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule assured farmers of a "fair compensation package", potentially revising land acquisition terms. He blamed social media misinformation for confusion but stressed the project's inevitability, urging dialogue to resolve the deadlock.



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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 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 comfortable lounge experience".



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## एयरपोर्ट पर आपात स्थिति के लिए सड़क तैयार

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ग्रेटर नोएडा, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर आपात स्थिति में यात्रियों को सुरक्षित निकालने के लिए आपातकालीन सड़क का निर्माण पूरा हो गया है। एयरपोर्ट पर 3900 मीटर लंबे पहले रनवे के सामने 142 मीटर लंबी और सात मीटर चौड़ी यह सड़क बनकर तैयार है।

प्राधिकरण के अधिकारी ने बताया कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का काम तेजी से

### कच्ची होती है यह सड़क

बताया जाता है कि रनवे पर यदि विमान फिसलकर अनियंत्रित हो जाता है तो उसे पक्की सड़क पर नियंत्रित करना मुश्किल होता है, ऐसे में यह कच्ची सड़क ही विमान को नियंत्रित करने में सहायक होती है, क्योंकि कच्ची सड़क पर टायर या अन्य हिस्सा घसने से विमान रुक सकता है। एएआई और डीजीसीए के मानकों के अनुरूप ही यह सड़क तैयार की गई है, जिसका कुछ हिस्से उबड़ खाबड़ भी है।

पूरा किया जा रहा है। जल्द ही एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई), नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय और नागरिक सुरक्षा ब्यूरो की टीम एयरपोर्ट का निरीक्षण करने के लिए पहुंचेगी।

यमुना प्राधिकरण के सीईओ डॉ.

अरुणवीर सिंह ने बताया कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर आपातकालीन सड़क का काम पूरा हो गया है। किसी भी प्रकार की आपात स्थिति में इस सड़क से यात्रियों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकालने में मदद मिलेगी।



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### Bengaluru, Kochi airports take over ops from Turkiye firm Çelebi

**The Hindu Bureau**  
BENGALURU/KOCHI

In the wake of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) revoking the security clearance for Turkish airport service provider Çelebi with immediate effect on the ground of national security, airports in southern States have begun to take necessary action against the firm.

Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL), which operates the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and the Cochin International Airport in Kerala, have formally discontinued the ground handling services offered by the Turkish firm.

BIAL has said that it has transitioned its ground handling operations from the Turkish firm to other existing service providers.

“BIAL is actively coordinating the transition to maintain seamless operations. The airport assures passengers, airlines, and cargo stakeholders that all necessary measures are being taken to uphold service and operational efficiency,” a BIAL spokesperson said.

Kochi airport, in a statement, said despite the transition, all operations remain disruption-free, thanks to coordination with authorised alternative service providers. The airport is making arrangements to keep the operations smooth and efficient.

“All necessary steps are being taken to uphold operational continuity while meeting national security requirements,” the statement said.



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## Adani ends pact with Celebi at Mumbai, Ahmedabad airports

**The Hindu Bureau**  
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

Adani Airport Holdings Ltd. said it has terminated the ground handling concession agreement with Turkish firm Celebi at Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports with immediate effect and has asked it to handover all ground handling facilities for seamless service at these airports.

“Following the government of India’s decision to revoke Celebi’s security

clearance, we have terminated the ground handling concession agreements with Celebi at Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport and Ahmedabad’s Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport,” a spokesperson said on behalf of the Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports.

### **Interim arrangement**

Meanwhile, Mumbai airport has appointed Indo Thai Airport Services as

the interim ground handling provider for three months. “Indo Thai Airport Services will work with Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) to provide the highest level of service aimed at meeting the existing Service Level Agreements (SLA) and conditions,” a spokesperson for the airport said in a statement. A tender process would also be initiated in three days for onboarding a long-term ground handling partner.



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# 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 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.

The decision triggered a scramble at major airports to avoid disruption of ground servi-

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". →P7

### ÇELEBI HANDLES GROUND-BASED SERVICES AT 9 AIRPORTS, INCLUDING DELHI AND MUMBAI

ces. 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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# 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.

## COMPANY TO PURSUE 'ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REMEDIES'

# Celebi's share price plunges nearly 20% in 2 days after India's action

SUKALP SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 16

TURKEY-BASED airport ground handling major Celebi Aviation Holding's shares lost almost 20 per cent value on Thursday and Friday in the wake of India's decision to revoke the security clearance of the company's India arms, effectively bringing its India operations to a sudden halt.

Meanwhile, the Istanbul-headquartered company told investors that it will "pursue all administrative and legal remedies" to reverse the Indian government's decision. The company said that a third of its consolidated revenue in 2024 came from its Indian subsidiaries.

Amid the backlash in India over Turkey's support for Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict, India's aviation security regulator Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on Thursday revoked the security clearance of an Indian arm—Celebi Airport Services India—of Celebi on grounds related to "national security" with immediate effect. The revocation also applies to other associate entities of Celebi in India. Defending itself, Celebi Airport Services India said that it is "truly an Indian enterprise" led and managed by Indian professionals, and is "not a Turkish organisation by any standard".

Following the revocation of security clearance by BCAS, the company's shares tanked 10 per

## Celebi sues India over 'vague' clearance pullback amid conflict

*New Delhi:* Turkey-based airport ground handling provider Celebi has launched a legal challenge to India's decision to overturn its security clearance, arguing in a court filing that "vague" national security concerns were cited without reasoning.

Celebi Airport Services India, in a May 16 filing seen by Reuters, asked the Delhi High Court to set aside that decision, arguing it

would impact 3,791 jobs and investor confidence, and was issued without any warning to the company. "Mere rhetoric of national security without elaborating upon in what manner is an entity a threat to national security is unsustainable in law," the company said in the filing, which is not public. The Centre did not immediately respond to a request for comment. **REUTERS**

cent on Borsa Istanbul (Istanbul Stock Exchange) on Thursday and closed at 2,224 Turkish Lira (TL). Then on Friday morning, the Celebi scrip crashed by another 10 per cent to 2,002 TL. Trading had to be suspended more than once as the stock crashed. The scrip had been under pressure for the past few days, given the growing dissatisfaction with Turkey in India for the former's support for Islamabad in last week's military conflagration between India and Pakistan.

"Our company will pursue all administrative and legal remedies to clarify these unfounded allegations and to reverse the imposed orders," Celebi said in a regulatory filing on Thursday. On Friday, following the unilateral termination by various Indian airports of their contracts with

Celebi's India subsidiaries, the company said that it will pursue administrative and legal remedies to seek the annulment of the contract terminations.

"Since the beginning of our operations, our subsidiaries have never engaged in any activity that violates India's national security interests or relevant legislation. We believe the revocation of security clearances based on unjust and false allegations by administrative authorities is inappropriate," Celebi said in regulatory filings. It also said that as the largest foreign investor in India's ground handling and air cargo sector since 2009, the company has provided employment to over 10,000 Indians and invested over \$250 million in the country.

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## Indian airports announce termination of services

SUKALP SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 16

IN THE WAKE of the Centre's decision to revoke the security clearance of Turkey-based airport ground handling major Celebi, various Indian airports have ended their association with the company, and are working with other ground handling service providers to ensure uninterrupted and smooth flight operations. Between Thursday and Friday, operators of airports including Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, and Goa (Mopa) announced the discontinuation of Celebi's services.

The government's decision has brought Celebi's India operations to a halt, and airports and airlines that were working with the company are turning to the other major ground handling players in India's aviation sector like AI Airport Services, Air India SATS Airport Services, the Bird group, and Indo Thai Aviation Services.

Celebi provided ground handling services to various international and domestic airlines operating out of nine airports—Mumbai, Delhi, Kochi, Kannur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, and Goa

(Mopa). According to Celebi's website, its India operations spanned 58,000 flights and 5.4 lakh tonnes of cargo annually. Celebi said it directly employed over 10,000 Indians.

Adani group-operated Mumbai and Ahmedabad airports announced the termination of their ground handling concession contracts with Celebi, adding that the company has been directed to immediately hand over all its ground handling facilities, according to a statement by the two airports.

The announcement from these two airports came after the GMR group-led Delhi International Airport Ltd on Thursday severed ties with Celebi entities for ground handling and cargo operations at the Capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Hyderabad and Goa (Mopa) airport, which are also operated by the GMR group, posted on social media platform X that they were working with alternative service providers and regulatory authorities to facilitate a smooth transition. Bengaluru and Kochi airport operators also posted public statements on X, announcing the discontinuation of Celebi's services, with other authorised service providers stepping in to fill the gap.



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## Celebi sues India on airports issue

Most of its investors are not of Turkish origin, it argued

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NEW DELHI

**T**urkey-based Celebi, which provides airport ground handling in India, has launched a legal challenge to New Delhi's decision to overturn its security clearance, arguing that the "vague" national security concerns were cited without any reasoning.

Amid growing public anger in India about Turkey's stance on Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict, the government on Thursday revoked Celebi's security clearance in the "interest of national security".

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The order "fails to disclose any specific or substantive reason except for a vague and general reference to 'national security'... (it) provides no reasons or justification," it added.

The Indian government did not immediately respond to a request for comment from Reuters. The case is likely to be heard on Monday.



Istanbul-based airport services firm's clearance was revoked at Indian airports over Turkey's pro-Pakistan stance. [AP/REUTERS](#)

In its filing, Celebi said that while its shareholders were registered in Turkey, "majority end control" of the group is held by companies that do not have Turkish incorporation or origin. In revoking Celebi's clearance on Thursday, India's junior aviation minister, Murlidhar Mohol, said on X that the government had received requests from across India to ban Celebi.

"Recognizing the seriousness of the issue and the call to protect national interests, we have taken cognizance of these requests," he said.

The Shiv Sena party, a key ally in Modi's government, had held protests against Celebi in Mumbai this week, demanding that the city's airport sever ties with it.

Meanwhile, Air India has lobbied Indian officials to halt rival IndiGo's tie-up with Turkish Airlines, citing busi-

ness impact and security concerns sparked by Istanbul's support for Pakistan, according to a person in the know and a document seen by Reuters.

Amid growing public anger in India against Turkey's stance on Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict, Indians have been cancelling holidays. Since 2023, IndiGo has had a leasing arrangement with state-backed Turkish Airlines, which has provided two planes with pilots and some crew to IndiGo to operate on New Delhi- and Mumbai-to-Istanbul routes. Air India asked the civil aviation ministry to disallow repeated extensions of the leasing deal, which must be renewed every six months, arguing it is benefiting Turkey and hurting Indian aviation, according to the person and a document Air India submitted to government departments, seen by Reuters.



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## आईजीआई पर फिर बढ़ने वाली हैं मुश्किलें

नई दिल्ली, 16 मई (नवोदय टाइम्स): इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल (आईजीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर एक बार फिर यात्रियों की मुश्किलें बढ़ने वाली हैं।

वजह है एयरपोर्ट का रनवे संख्या 28/10 का 15 जून से 90 दिनों तक के लिए बंद होना। इससे कई फ्लाइट कैंसिल होने की भी संभावना है। हालांकि, इस दौरान यात्रियों को कम

**15** जून से बंद हो रहा है एक रनवे

**90** दिनों तक बंद रहेगा रनवे

से कम असुविधा हो, इसे लेकर केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय व तमाम एयरलाइंस कंपनी एक्शन मोड में आ गई हैं।

गौरतलब है कि आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट की गिनती देश के सबसे व्यस्ततम एयरपोर्ट के रूप में होती है। इस एयरपोर्ट की व्यस्तता का अंदाजा आप इसी (शेष पृष्ठ 7 कालम 3 पर)

### क्या है रनवे 28/10 की अहमियत

रनवे 28/10 की अहमियत का अंदाजा बीते दिनों सभी विमान यात्रियों को हो गया था। 18 अप्रैल को जैसे ही यह रनवे अपग्रेडेशन के लिए बंद किया गया, फ्लाइट के डिले और डायवर्सन का सिलसिला शुरू हो गया था। हालात इतने खराब हो गए थे कि एयरपोर्ट पर डिले होने वाली फ्लाइट की संख्या सैकड़ों में पहुंचने लगी थी। दर्जनों की संख्या में फ्लाइट को जयपुर सहित समीपवर्ती एयरपोर्ट के लिए डायवर्ट किया जाने लगा था। हालात बिगड़ते देखकर नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के हस्तक्षेप के बाद रनवे को फ्लाइट ऑपरेशन के लिए खोल दिया गया था।

### आईजीआई पर फिर...

बात से लगा सकते हैं कि एयरपोर्ट से रोजाना करीब 1400 पैसंजर फ्लाइट का मूवमेंट होता है। इस लिहाज से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर दो फ्लाइट के बीच मूवमेंट का औसत महज 21 सेकेंड है। हर मिनट दो से तीन फ्लाइट का मूवमेंट संभालने के लिए एयरपोर्ट पर कुल चार रनवे हैं। इनमें रनवे 28/10 की गिनती मुख्य रनवे के तौर पर होती है। रनवे को कैट 3 इक्विपमेंट और इंस्ट्रूमेंट लैंडिंग सिस्टम (आईएलएस) इंस्टॉलेशन के लिए बंद किया जा रहा है। यह तकनीक विमानों को केवल 50 मीटर विजिबिलिटी में भी सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की सुविधा देती है। यह खासतौर पर दिल्ली की सर्दियों में बहुत जरूरी हो जाती है क्योंकि उस दौरान कोहरा काफी घना रहता है।

यात्रियों को परेशानी से बचाने के निर्देश : रनवे को अपग्रेडेशन के लिए 15 जून से एक बार फिर 90 दिन के लिए बंद किया जा रहा है। इसके लेकर नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय की तरफ से एयरलाइंस को निर्देश दिए गए हैं। एयरलाइंस को कहा गया है कि फ्लाइट कैंसिलेशन का प्लान पहले से तैयार करें जिससे यात्रियों को कम से कम

दिवकत हो।



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## Celebi moves HC over revoked clearance

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A day after its security clearance was revoked by the Centre citing national security reasons, Turkey-based aviation firm Celebi Aviation Holding has approached the Delhi High Court challenging the decision. Soon after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) revoked its security clearance to it in the "interest of national security", Celebi Aviation Holding has seen its shares plunge nearly 20 per cent since Thursday, effectively bringing its operations in the country to a sudden halt. The security clearance of the firm was revoked days after Turkey backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country.

Celebi Aviation has argued that the action taken against it is sudden and not justified. "The national security reason for revocation is vague," the company has said. According to the petition, the government's move was not properly explained and has badly affected the company's work in India. It has asked the Court to set aside that decision, arguing it would impact

hundreds of jobs and investor confidence, and was issued without any warning to the company. The case is likely to be heard on Monday. Earlier, in a regulatory filing to the Turkish stock exchange on Friday, Celebi revealed that four key agreements between its Indian subsidiaries and airport authorities have been terminated without prior notice. Among these is a concession agreement valid until 2034 between Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd and Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL). Celebi holds a 74 per cent stake in this venture. Similarly, the licence agreement for ground handling services between Celebi GH India Pvt Ltd (CGHI)—61 per cent owned by Celebi and Ahmedabad International Airport Ltd (AIAL), valid until 2032, has also been terminated.

Also, the licence agreement for ground handling services between Celebi GH India Pvt Ltd (CGHI), which is 61 per cent owned by Celebi, and Ahmedabad International Airport Ltd (AIAL) has been terminated. The pact was valid till 2032, it stated.

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Following the BCAS decision, operations of various entities of Celebi Hava Servisi AS have been suspended. They are Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd (CASI), Celebi GH India Pvt Ltd (CGHI), Celebi Nas Airport Services India Pvt Ltd, Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd, and Celebi GS Chennai Pvt Ltd (CGSC).

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta called for a complete boycott of nations that support terrorism in India while praising Azadpur Mandi traders for deciding to stop importing apples from Türkiye.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of her visit to Azadpur Mandi, the chief minister thanked the traders for boycotting Turkish apples. "It is absolutely right. If any nation is involved against India, the people of this country will boycott them completely. "I thank these traders for boycotting the import. This is their patriotism," she said. The chief minister said India is united and there should be no trade, talks or relations with countries that are "masters of terrorism".

The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) urged the industry to suspend all business transactions with Türkiye and Azerbaijan in a show of support for Operation Sindoor, while reputed educational institutions, such as the IIT-Roorkee, cancelled MoUs signed with the universities of the two countries.

"IIT-Roorkee stands firmly in support of national policy and strategic interests. As a leading institution, we are committed to ensuring that our global partnerships reflect the values, priorities, and security considerations of our country. Our focus remains on building meaningful and responsible academic collaborations that contribute to India's growth and global standing," Director Kamal Kishore Pant said.

Punjab's Lovely Professional University (LPU), Hyderabad-based Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) and Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) in Kanpur have also announced the termination of their memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with educational institutions of Türkiye and Azerbaijan. Jalandhar-based LPU became the first private university to terminate its associations with institutions in the two countries.

"When our brave armed forces are risking their lives — whether in covert operations, air defence, or patrolling our borders — we, as an institution, cannot remain indifferent. LPU's mission has

always been aligned with the growth and integrity of India, and we will never associate with any institution that undermines India's sovereignty," the university's founder-chancellor and Rajya Sabha member Ashok Kumar Mittal said.

The MANUU, a central university, has announced the cancellation of its academic MoU with the Yunus Emre Institute in Türkiye for a diploma course with immediate effect. Several trade bodies have given a call to boycott Turkish products, whereas Indian universities, including the JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia, have suspended their agreements with the two countries.

Nearly 125 top trade bodies and organisations have already passed a resolution halting imports from these two countries.

The trade associations also stated that Indian exporters, importers, and business delegations will be discouraged from any engagement with companies or institutions based in Türkiye and Azerbaijan. The trade bodies also appealed to the Indian Film Industry not to undertake shooting of any film in Turkey and Azerbaijan. In case, the traders pledged, if any shooting is done, the business community and the people will boycott such films. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta called for a complete boycott of nations that support terrorism in India while praising Azadpur Mandi traders for deciding to stop importing apples from Türkiye.



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## एयरपोर्ट से जाने वाली 42 उड़ानों में देरी, 14 उड़ानें टली

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में प्रस्थान की 10 उड़ानों में देरी, एक को करना पड़ा रद्द

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): खराब मौसम का असर विभिन्न गंतव्यों की ओर जाने वाली उड़ानों पर भी पड़ा। इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय (आईसीआई) एयरपोर्ट पर शुक्रवार को दिनभर में कुल 42 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि 14 उड़ानों को रद्द करना पड़ा। इनमें एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान भी शामिल है। रद्द हुई उड़ानों में चंडीगढ़, धर्मशाला, कुल्लू, लेह, भडिंडा, बोकानेर, जयपुर, अमृतसर जैसे गंतव्यों की उड़ानें शामिल हैं। वहीं श्रीनगर की तीन उड़ानें रद्द हुईं। आगमन में कोई खिलब तो नहीं हुआ, लेकिन जम्मू से आने वाली एक उड़ान को रद्द करना पड़ा। सबसे ज्यादा असर श्रीनगर जाने वाली उड़ानों पर पड़ा, जहाँ कई उड़ानों में या तो खिलब हुआ या रद्द कर दी गई। अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में प्रस्थान की 10 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि एक उड़ान को रद्द करना पड़ा। चार उड़ानों में खिलब दर्ज किया गया, लेकिन कोई भी उड़ान रद्द नहीं हुई। धरेलू उड़ानों की बात की जाए तो एयरपोर्ट से जाने वाली 28 उड़ानों में देरी हुई, जबकि 12 उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गईं।



### श्रीनगर, लेह और अन्य पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों की यात्रा मुश्किल

उड़ानों में देरी और रद्द होने से यात्रियों को असुविधा का सामना करना पड़ा। खासकर श्रीनगर, लेह और अन्य पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों की यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को सबसे ज्यादा दिक्कत हुई। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने यात्रियों से अनुरोध किया कि वे उड़ान की स्थिति की जानकारी पहले ही ले लें। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन ने बताया कि उनकी टीम यात्रियों को सुगम और कुशल अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए लगातार काम कर रही है। यात्रियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे देरी से बचने के लिए दिल्ली मेट्रो जैसे वैकल्पिक परिवहन साधनों का उपयोग कर एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंच सकते हैं। साथ ही उड़ान से संबंधित जानकारी के लिए संबंधित एयरलाइन से संपर्क करें।



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## Adani Airport Holdings Ltd axes ties with Turkish firm Celebi and Chinese DragonPass

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Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) has terminated its association with Turkish airport ground handling company Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd as well as Chinese company DragonPass, it has been officially announced.

Chinese company DragonPass, which provides access to airport lounges and DragonPass users were allowed to access the lounges at all the airports operated by AAHL, until recently.

However, these lounges will be inaccessible for DragonPass users henceforth, according to the AAHL statement.

"DragonPass customers will no longer have access to lounges at Adani-managed airports. This change will have no impact on the airport

lounge and travel experience for other customers," an AAHL spokesperson stated.

After Turkey expressed solidarity with Pakistan when India launched Operation Sindoor in response to a terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) under the Union Civil Aviation Ministry revoked the security clearance of the Turkish ground handling services company Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd on Thursday, citing national security interest.

After the Union Civil Aviation Ministry's action, other airport operators have announced breaking ties with Turkish company Celebi. GMR Airports Ltd. terminated its ground handling concession agreements with Celebi at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, while AAHL terminated its agreement

with the Turkish company at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) and Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (SVPIA).

"Celebi has been directed to immediately hand over to us all ground handling facilities to ensure uninterrupted operations. We will continue to provide seamless service to all airlines without disruptions through new ground handling agencies selected by us. All existing employees of Celebi at CSMIA and SVPIA will be transferred to the new ground handling agencies on their existing terms and conditions of employment," an AAHL spokesperson said.

However, Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd refuted allegations regarding its ownership as well as operations

in India, in an official statement. The Turkish company also refuted the claim that Turkish PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan's daughter Sumeyye is a part owner of the company. It said that nobody named Sumeyye owned any shareholding in the parent organisation, adding that members of the founding family have no political affiliations of any kind.

Celebi's official statement claimed that it is majority-owned (65 per cent) by international institutional investors from across Canada, US, UK, Singapore, UAE and Western Europe. It claimed that a Jersey-registered fund Actera Partners II L.P. holds 50 per cent ownership in Celebi Havacilik Holding.

While Celebi claimed that it is not a Turkish organisation by any standard, it also

stated that the company was originally established in 1958 in Turkey and the founding Celebioglu family, which holds 35 per cent stakes in the company, are of Turkish origin. It claimed that Celebi's business in India is an Indian enterprise, led and managed completely by Indian professionals.

"In India, Celebi has proudly operated for over 15 years and is a key player in the private ground handling sector. We 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. We operate at nine of India's busiest airports and are an essential part of the nation's aviation ecosystem," Celebi's official statement mentioned.



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## No disruption at major airports as other ground handlers step in

Saurabh Sinha | TNN

**New Delhi:** Govt rule mandating airports handling over a crore passengers annually have at least three ground handling agencies (GHA) meant that flights and passengers at a majority of the nine airports from where Turkiye's Celebi was barred on Thursday, were not affected. Other ground handlers equally took over share of the job Celebi was doing. This is an interim arrangement and the airport operators will now issue tenders inviting bids for appointing their third GHA.

The exceptions included Goa (Mopa) where the Turkish company was the only JV and where the GMR Group has made alternate arrangements for now. The other eight airports — Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad and Cochin — asked the other GHAs to chip in.

Among the leading GHAs in India are Air India Airport Services Ltd (AIASL), Air India SATS Airport Services (AI-SATS), Bird Group's Bird



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Flight Services (BFS) and Agile Airport Services (of IndiGo). "Air India & IndiGo mostly do their own self handling through these companies. Other GHAs cater to smaller domestic and international airlines. When the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) order came on Thursday revoking security clearance to Celebi and its associated companies, airport operators reached out to us and asked us to do Celebi job for some time," said a leading non-airline GHA.

The handover from Celebi was completed within 24 hours, say people in the know. "Over 10,000 employees of Ce-

### Mumbai airport gets interim ground handler

**W**ithin 24 hours of Celebi's exit from the ground handling scene, Mumbai airport operator appointed an interim service provider to ensure airlines and passengers are not affected. Celebi's ground handling equipment will be leased by this company, and its employees will be transferred to this interim service provider to ensure continuity of service, said Mumbai International Airport Ltd on Friday. TNN

lebi have been absorbed across interim handlers. About 35-40% of them have joined Bird Group, while the rest have been placed with AI-SATS and AIASL," said another ground handler.

Barring a few hiccups — mostly administrative — GHAs say "operations have stabilised and there are no reported flight delays or passenger disruption."



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## Celebi moves Delhi HC against revocation of security clearance

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Turkish-origin firm Celebi Airport Services India, which handled ground handling operations at various airports in India, including in the capital, approached Delhi high court on Friday challenging the decision of aviation watchdog BCAS to revoke its security clearance in the "interest of national security".

The plea questions the move to act against the firm on "vague" national security concerns, a decision taken by govt days after Turkiye backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country. It is likely to be taken up for hearing next week. Celebi, operating in the Indian aviation sector for over 15 years and employing over 10,000 people, offers its services at nine airports.

According to sources, it argued that the Indian govt's decision to revoke its security clearance, which provides airport ground handling ser-



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vices across India, will jeopardise thousands of jobs and threaten investor confidence. Celebi maintains that its operations in India are independent and professionally governed, distancing itself from any political affiliations. It is likely to seek an urgent stay, arguing that mere rhetoric of national security can't be a ground to take such action as govt's move fails to reveal grounds or reasons why such an action is called for and gives no justification.

Following the revocation of Celebi NAS Airport Services' security clearance, Union civil aviation minister Ram

Mohan Naidu assured that efforts are underway to retain employees. A press release from the civil aviation ministry stated that BCAS revoked Celebi's security clearance on grounds related to national security. Govt reaffirmed its commitment to national security, passenger convenience, and uninterrupted cargo operations while managing the fallout from the decision.

The firm handles around 58,000 flights and 540,000 tonnes of cargo annually in India, according to its website. It is present at Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin, Kannur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Goa, Ahmedabad, and Chennai airports.

In a statement issued earlier, Celebi Aviation India said it remains in full compliance with Indian aviation, national security, and tax regulations, and operates with complete transparency. It rejected all allegations regarding the company's ownership and operations in India and reaffirmed its long-standing commitment to the country's aviation sector.



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# Govt withdraws security nod to Turkish handler at 9 airports

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Pakistan had fired Turkish-origin drones on Indian cities during Operation Sindoor. Türkiye is facing massive backlash for its support to Pakistan with tour operators reporting widespread cancellations. There are also protests against Turkish gods, such as marbles and apples, sold in India.

In a statement, **Celebi denied links with Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan's daughter Sümeyye**, who, reports said, was part owner of the company. Sümeyye is married to Selçuk Bayraktar — chairman of BAYKAR, the company that makes drones that were used by Pakistan.

Amid fears that operations at some of the airports may be impacted, Delhi airport assured "smooth operations and employee continuity", while announcing it had ended ties with CASIPL. Most airports ha-

### Adanis terminate deal with DragonPass

Eight days after Adani Group announced a tie-up with China's DragonPass to provide lounge access at Indian airports it manages, the conglomerate ended the deal. "Our association with DragonPass...has been terminated with immediate effect," Adani Airport Holdings said on Thursday. 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 like China and Türkiye. Earlier, Reliance Industries withdrew its application to trademark "Operation Sindoor," after social media backlash. The partnership drew criticism following Pahalgam attack and subsequent Operation Sindoor. "This change will have no impact on...lounge and travel experience for other customers," it said. **TW**

ve more than one ground handler with Bird Flight Services and Air India SATS Airport Services operating in Delhi. Ground handlers provide multiple services to ensure efficient and safe operation of aircraft

on the ground.

Meanwhile, India on Thursday postponed the credential ceremony for foreign ambassadors, including new Turkish envoy, because of "scheduling issues".



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# Mum airport historical slots: Panel agrees unanimously to retain all for winter schedule

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**Mumbai:** The decision to reinstate slots to carriers was taken following discussions between airline representatives and the Mumbai airport's operator at the first 'Slot Coordination Committee' meeting held for the airport.

A slot is a specified bracket of time granted to an airline to carry out a landing or take-off and use the airport infrastructure. Time slots help manage airport capacity and check congestion.

"Airline representatives advocated for the reinstatement and

approval of all historical slots for the 2025 winter schedule, particularly for international airlines that previously received communication from Mumbai airport on April 21 indicating slot reductions. The Airports Authority of India supported the airline representative, and following discussions, the committee unanimously agreed that all historical slots for winter 2025 will be retained," said a source. Mumbai airport did not comment.

The issue began on April 21. Mumbai airport's operator informed cargo carriers that all their slots post-Aug 16 were cancelled -

they could not operate to Mumbai airport, that is. At the same time, the airport informed certain Middle Eastern passenger airlines that slots granted to them for the period between the end of Oct and the end of March (winter schedule 2025) were reduced. For instance, if an airline was granted two landing and two take-off slots per day, the airport informed them that they would get only one landing and one take-off slot in the upcoming winter schedule.

Airlines, through their trade body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), fought

this decision and sought govt intervention to restore the cancelled legacy slots. IATA, in its protest letter, said the "seemingly permanent withdrawal of historic slots for passenger airlines... is not what one would expect of a major hub airport in India".

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved slots at Mumbai airport for freighters for summer 2025, that is, till the end of Oct. This will continue without interruption, the slot committee decided.



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# Aviation watchdog BCAS revokes security clearance for Turkish firm Celebi

NEW DELHI, May 15: Aviation watchdog BCAS today revoked the security clearance of ground handling company Celebi Airport Services India, a unit of Turkiye's Celebi, with immediate effect in the "interest of national security".

The move by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) came against the backdrop of Turkiye's backing for Pakistan and its condemnation of India's recent strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under 'Operation Sindoor'. Pakistan had also used Turkish drones on a large scale in the military conflict with India.

Official sources, meanwhile, said the government may discourage people from going to Turkiye as well as Azerbaijan, which had also actively supported Pakistan in the conflict. As a result, there is likely to be a significant drop in visits of Indian tourists, hosting of destination weddings and shooting of Indian films in the two countries in the coming days, the sources said.

"... the security clearance in r/o Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of national security," the BCAS said in an order. The security clearance under the category 'Ground Handling Agency' was approved by the BCAS in November 2022.

There are also calls in certain quarters for boycotting Turkish goods and tourism.

**Ground handling company offers services at Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin, Kannur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Goa - GOX, Ahmedabad, Chennai airports**



Some online travel portals and associations have issued advisories asking people not to visit Turkiye.

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 Turkiye or

are considering it.

In a post on X, Jamia Millia Islamia said it has suspended all academic collaborations with institutions affiliated with the Government of Turkiye.

Çelebi 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.

"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 in a statement.

In compliance with the BCAS directive, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) formally ended its association with Çelebi entities responsible for ground handling and cargo operations at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

Celebi Airport Services India, which is part of Turkiye-based Celebi, offers services at nine airports – Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin, Kannur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Goa (GOX), Ahmedabad and Chennai. Celebi has been operating in India for the past 15 years.

Official sources told PTI the government is actively considering discouraging Indians from visiting Turkiye and Azerbaijan. – PTI

# टर्किश एयरलाइंस से इंडिगो का करार खत्म करने की मांग

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**प्रमुख** विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया प्रतिस्पर्धी विमानन कंपनी इंडिगो के टर्किश एयरलाइंस संग पट्टा करार को खत्म करने के लिए सरकारी अधिकारियों से गुहार लगा रही है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया ने न केवल अपने कारोबार पर उसके प्रभाव का उल्लेख किया है बल्कि उसने तुर्किये द्वारा पाकिस्तान को दिए गए समर्थन के मद्देनजर सुरक्षा चिंताओं का भी हवाला दिया है।

भारत-पाकिस्तान सैन्य संघर्ष के दौरान तुर्किये का रुख भारत के खिलाफ था। इससे देश में तुर्किये के खिलाफ जनक्रोश काफी बढ़ गया है और लोग तुर्किये की अपनी यात्राएं रद्द कर रहे हैं। भारत सरकार ने गुरुवार को राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का हवाला देते हुए तुर्किये की ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सेवा फर्म सेलेबी की सुरक्षा मंजूरी को भी रद्द कर दिया।

तुर्किये की सरकारी विमानन कंपनी टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ इंडिगो का पट्टा अनुबंध 2023 से ही है। उसने इंडिगो को नई दिल्ली और मुंबई से इस्तांबुल के मार्गों पर उड़ानों का संचालन करने के लिए पायलट एवं चालक दल के साथ दो विमान उपलब्ध कराए हैं।

एयर इंडिया ने नागर विमानन मंत्रालय से आग्रह किया है कि इंडिगो के पट्टा सौदे को बार-बार विस्तार न दिया जाए। उसे हर छह महीने में नवीनीकृत किया जाना चाहिए क्योंकि इससे तुर्किये को फायदा और भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र को नुकसान हो रहा है। एयर इंडिया ने सरकारी विभागों को सौंपे गए दस्तावेजों में ऐसा कहा है, जिसे रॉयटर्स ने भी देखा है। दस्तावेज में कहा गया है कि पट्टे पर विमान देने की इस व्यवस्था से तुर्किये में सीटों की क्षमता काफी बढ़ी है। इससे वहां के पर्यटन को भी बढ़ावा मिला है। इस बारे में जानकारी के लिए एयर



■ एयर इंडिया को इंडिगो सौदे से अपने कारोबार के प्रभावित होने की आशंका

■ इंडिगो-टर्किश एयरलाइंस की साझेदारी को खत्म कराने के लिए सरकार से लगाई गुहार

■ तुर्किये द्वारा पाकिस्तान को दिए गए समर्थन से देश में फूटा गुस्सा

इंडिया, टर्किश एयरलाइंस और नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय को भेजे गए सवालों का खबर लिखे जाने तक कोई जवाब नहीं आया।

इंडिगो ने एक बयान में कहा कि टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ उसकी साझेदारी में कोडशेयर करार भी शामिल है। इससे भारतीय यात्रियों को कई तरह के फायदे हो रहे हैं। यह साझेदारी विमानन क्षेत्र की वृद्धि को रफ्तार देने और रोजगार सृजित करने में मदद करती है। साथ ही यह इंडिगो को यूरोप और अमेरिका जैसे लंबी दूरी के मार्गों पर मौजूदगी दर्ज करने में समर्थ बनाती है।

विमानन नीतियों के अनुसार सरकार आपातकालीन अथवा अप्रत्याशित परिस्थितियों में ऐसे पट्टा सौदों को छह महीने के लिए मंजूरी दे सकती है और उन्हें बढ़ाया भी जा सकता है। इंडिगो के ऐसे पट्टों के लिए पिछला विस्तार 31 मई तक वैध है। वह विस्तार के लिए आवेदन पहले ही कर चुकी है।



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## नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर आपातकालीन निकासी गेट का निर्माण शुरू

- एक माह में पूरा होगा गेट का निर्माण कार्य
- एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण कार्य तेजी से पूरा करने के लिए श्रमिकों की संख्या बढ़ाई

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 16 मई (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल जेवर एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को और मजबूत करने के लिए एक नया इमरजेंसी एग्जिट गेट बनाया जा रहा है। एयरपोर्ट के पूर्वी दिशा में इमरजेंसी एग्जिट का निर्माण कार्य शुरू हो गया है। एक माह के अंदर इसका निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो जाएगा। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण इस मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य कर रहा है। दस्तमपुर गांव की कुछ जमीन पर विवाद होने के कारण इस गेट का निर्माण कार्य नहीं हो पा रहा था। जिला प्रशासन और नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के अधिकारियों ने किसानों के साथ बैठक कर जमीन का विवाद हल कर दिया। वृहत्समित्वार को अधिकारियों ने मौके पर जाकर



आपातकालीन निकासी गेट का निर्माण कार्य शुरू कराया।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी डॉक्टर अरूणवीर सिंह के अनुसार रनवे के करीब पूर्वी दिशा में गेट का निर्माण कार्य किया जा रहा है। आपातकालीन निकासी द्वार सात मीटर चौड़ा और 142 मीटर लंबा है। इसका निर्माण कार्य एनएचआई कर रहा है। एक माह के अंदर इसका निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो जाएगा। एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी एग्जिट गेट बनाने का मुख्य उद्देश्य यात्रियों और कर्मचारियों की सुरक्षा

सुनिश्चित करना है। ये गेट आपातकालीन स्थितियों, जैसे आग, आतंकी हमला, तकनीकी खराबी, या अन्य खतरों के दौरान त्वरित और सुरक्षित निकासी के लिए बनाए जाते हैं।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय और राष्ट्रीय विमानन नियमों के अनुसार एयरपोर्ट को आपातकालीन निकासी की व्यवस्था करनी होती है। सामान्य निकासी गेटों पर भीड़ होने की स्थिति में इमरजेंसी गेट वैकल्पिक रास्ता देते हैं, जिससे अव्यवस्था कम होती है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का पहला चरण जो 1,334 हेक्टेयर में फैला है,

जुलाई 2025 से उड़ानें शुरू करने की तैयारी में है। यह एयरपोर्ट न केवल दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर दबाव कम करेगा, बल्कि क्षेत्र के आर्थिक विकास को भी बढ़ावा देगा।

**एयरपोर्ट के अधूरे कार्यों को तेजी से किया जा रहा पूरा**

नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से जुलाई 2025 से पहले व्यवसायिक विमानों का उड़ान पूरा करने के लिए अधूरे कार्यों को तेजी से पूरा किया जा रहा है। शुक्रवार को विकासकर्ता कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट

लिमिटेड के सीईओ क्रिस्टोफ श्नेलमैन और नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी डॉक्टर अरूणवीर सिंह के बीच बैठक हुई। जिसमें यापल के सीईओ ने जानकारी दी कि एयरपोर्ट का तकनीकी कार्य शेष रह गया है, जिसे तेजी से पूरा किया जा रहा है, इसके लिए तकनीकी श्रमिकों की संख्या बढ़ा दी गई है। वाटर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट और सीवेज ट्रीटमेंट का निर्माण कार्य भी शुरू हो गया है। टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में स्टील फ्रेमिंग का भी निर्माण करीब पूरा हो गया है।



## Grounded by govt, Celebi moves court

● Says order revoking security clearance is vague, mere rhetoric

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New Delhi, May 16

**TURKEY-BASED AVIATION GROUND** handling company Celebi on Friday moved the Delhi High Court against the government's decision to revoke its security clearance, calling it vague and legally unsustainable. The move comes amid rising political tensions between India and Turkey over the latter's vocal support for Pakistan since Operation Sindoor.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had on Thursday revoked the security clearance of Celebi Airport Services India, citing national security concerns. The action followed increasing public and political pressure, with several voices calling for the company to be barred from operating in India due to Turkey's perceived anti-India stance in the latest India-Pakistan conflict.

Meanwhile, the Mumbai airport operator on Friday said IndoThai Airport Services will be carrying out the ground handling works at the airport for three months.

Celebi which operated at nine Indian airports including Mumbai, in its petition filed on Friday, stated that the government order was issued without warning or detailed reasoning. The company said the revocation directly affects nearly 3,800 jobs and could seriously dent investor confidence in India's aviation sector. It termed the government's reasoning vague and lacking any substantive or specific grounds.

### IN THE CROSSFIRE

■ Celebi operated at nine Indian airports: Mumbai, Delhi, Kochi, Kannur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, and Goa



■ A third of the Istanbul-based company's consolidated revenue in 2024 came from its five Indian subsidiaries

■ Since 2009, the company said, it has provided employment to over 10,000 Indians and invested over \$250 mn here

"Mere rhetoric of national security without elaborating upon in what manner is an entity a threat to national security is unsustainable in law," the company has said. It also pointed out that while its shareholders are based in Turkey, the controlling interests lie with entities that are not of Turkish origin. It pointed out that 65% of the company is owned by international institutional investors from regions including Canada, the US, the UK, Singapore, the UAE, and Western Europe.

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"ACTERA PARTNERS II LP, a Jersey-registered fund, holds 50% ownership in Celebi Havacilik Holding AS. The remaining 15% is held by Alpha Airport Services BV, a Dutch-registered entity," Celebi said in a statement.

The matter is expected to come up for hearing in the coming week.

Celebi has been operating in India for over 15 years and provides ground handling services at nine airports, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Goa. It handles around 58,000 flights and over 500,000 tonne of cargo annually. The company has also said in its filing that it had undergone thorough background and security verifications by Indian intelligence and security agencies before commencing its operations.

In a separate statement, Celebi reaffirmed its commitment to the Indian market and said it remains fully compliant with all Indian laws, including those related to national security and taxation. It denied all



allegations about its ownership structure and operational integrity.

The revocation came after widespread political backlash. Minister of state for civil aviation, Murlidhar Mohol said on X that there had been numerous calls from across the country to ban Celebi in the interest of national security.

The development comes after Turkey criticised Operation Sindoor — India's strike on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians, mostly tourists were killed. Islamabad had also used Turkish drones in the conflict, according to Indian officials.

Meanwhile, following the government's move, Delhi

International Airport Ltd (DIAL) late on Thursday said that it has formally ended its association with Celebi for both ground handling and cargo terminal management. Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India, which was overseeing cargo functions at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, has also been affected by the government action.

In its statement, Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) said, "IndoThai Airport Services has been appointed as the interim ground handling provider at the airport for the next three months with immediate effect." It added that a joint meeting was held with airlines to ensure a smooth and stable transition. Currently, IndoThai Airport Services operates at nine airports.



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## Air India up in arms over IndiGo's Turkey ties

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New Delhi, May 16

**AIR INDIA HAS** lobbied Indian officials to halt rival IndiGo's leasing tie-up with Turkish Airlines, citing business impact as well as security concerns sparked by Turkey's support for Pakistan during the latest conflict with India, according to a source and a document seen by Reuters.

Amid growing public anger in India against Turkey's stance on Pakistan, the government on Thursday revoked security clearance of Turkish ground handling service firm, Celebi, citing national security. Since 2023, IndiGo has had a leasing arrangement with state-backed Turkish Airlines, which has provided two planes with pilots and some crew to IndiGo to operate on New Delhi- and Mumbai-to-Istanbul routes.

Air India has asked the civil aviation ministry to disallow repeated extensions of the leasing deal, which must be renewed every six months, arguing it is benefiting Turkey and hurting India's aviation sector, according to the source and a document Air India submitted to some Indian government departments.

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## AI up in arms over IndiGo's Turkey ties

THE AIRCRAFT LEASING arrangement had led to "a substantial increase in seat capacity" to Turkey, boosting that country's tourism as well, the document said.

Air India and Turkish Airlines, as well as India's aviation ministry, did not respond to Reuters queries.

In a statement, IndiGo said its partnership with Turkish Airlines, which also include a code-share deal, "provides multiple benefits to Indian travellers", boosts aviation growth and jobs, and also "enabled IndiGo to build its presence in the long-haul markets in Europe and the US." Under aviation policies, the government can approve such leasing deals for six months in cases of "emergent" or "unforeseen" circumstances, but they can be extended. The last extension for IndiGo for such leases is valid until May 31, and the carrier has already applied for an extension, said another source with direct knowledge.

The development comes after Turkey criticised India's strike on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians, mostly tourists were killed. Islamabad had also used Turkish drones in the conflict, according to Indian officials. Amid growing public anger in India against Turkey, Indians have been cancelling holidays.

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## IndiGo begins direct flights to Fujairah

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**MUMBAI**

IndiGo commenced daily direct flights connecting Mumbai to Fujairah, which has become its 41st international destination. The announcement comes days after many travel sites suspended bookings to Turkey and Azerbaijan after bookings to these countries had declined. This marks IndiGo's fifth destination with direct connectivity in the UAE after Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, and Ras Al Khaimah. On Thursday, IndiGo launched its direct flights between Mumbai and Fujairah. The inaugural flight 6E1509 departed from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport at 8.10am and reached Fujairah at 9.30am.

### **Daily flights**

The route will see regular daily services from Friday as Flight 6E1501 will depart from Mumbai at 1.10am and reach Fujairah at 2.40am.



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## **Tech fault disrupts flights at Dabolim**

**VASCO:** A technical fault in the runway lighting system at Goa International Airport, Dabolim on Thursday disrupted flight operations and led to the diversion of two incoming flights to Mopa. According to airport officials, the issue occurred when the runway lights malfunctioned temporarily, making it unsafe for aircraft to land.



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## Aviation watchdog BCAS revokes security clearance for Turkish firm Celebi

**Press Trust of India**  
New Delhi, May 15

Aviation watchdog BCAS on Thursday revoked the security clearance of ground handling company Celebi Airport Services India, a unit of Turkiye's Celebi, with immediate effect in the "interest of national security".

The move by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security came against the backdrop of Turkiye's backing for Pakistan and its condemnation of India's recent strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under 'Operation Sindoor'. Pakistan had also used Turkish drones on a large scale in the military conflict with India.

Official sources, meanwhile, said the government may discourage people from going to Turkiye as well as Azerbaijan, which had also actively supported Pakistan in the conflict. As a result, there is likely to be a significant drop in visits of Indian tourists, hosting of destination weddings

and shooting of Indian films in the two countries in the coming days, the sources said.

"... the security clearance in r/o Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd is hereby revoked with immediate effect in the interest of national security," the BCAS said in an order. The security clearance under the category 'Ground Handling Agency' was approved by the BCAS in November 2022.

There are also calls in certain quarters for boycotting Turkish goods and tourism. Some online travel portals and associations have issued advisories asking people not to visit Turkiye.

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 Turkiye or are considering it.

In a post on X, Jamia Millia Islamia said it has suspended all academic collaborations with insti-

tutions affiliated with the government of Turkiye.

"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 Turkiye stands suspended with immediate effect, until further orders. Jamia Millia Islamia stands firmly with the Nation," the university said.

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.

"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 in a statement.

In compliance with the BCAS directive, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) formally ended

its association with Celebi entities responsible for ground handling and cargo operations at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

Following the termination, DIAL is working closely with existing service providers to ensure uninterrupted operations while safeguarding employee welfare, a DIAL statement said.

Celebi Airport Services India, which is part of Turkiye-based Celebi, offers services at nine airports – Mumbai, Delhi, Cochin, Kannur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Goa (GOX), Ahmedabad and Chennai. Celebi has been operating in India for the past 15 years.

According to Celebi's website, its presence in India grew exponentially with three different entities.

Official sources told PTI the government is actively considering discouraging Indians from visiting Turkiye and Azerbaijan. A large number of Indian tourists visit the two countries every year bringing in a sizeable amount of revenue, they noted.



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## 'Air India lobbies govt. to axe IndiGo lease with Turkish carrier'

**Reuters**  
NEW DELHI

Air India has lobbied Indian officials to halt rival IndiGo's leasing tie-up with Turkish Airlines, citing business impact as well as security concerns sparked by Istanbul's support for Pakistan, according to a source and a document reviewed by *Reuters*.

Amid growing public anger in India against Tur-

key's stance on Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict, Indians have been cancelling holidays.

The Centre on Thursday revoked security clearance of Turkish ground handling service firm, Celebi, citing national security.

Celebi, however, has moved the Delhi High Court to set aside the decision, arguing it was issued without any warning to the company.



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■ Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol inaugurated the new ATC Tower cum Technical Block cum Fire Station at Kolhapur Airport, and flagged off the inaugural Star Air flight between Kolhapur and Nagpur.

## 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.



Anjali Bhargava

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## समर्थन

## यह राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए खतरनाक

# इंडिगो-टर्किश एयरलाइंस डील का एयर इंडिया ने विरोध किया

- कारोबार में सोना 1,100 रुपये से लेकर 1,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक महंगा हो गया है

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य

एअर इंडिया ने सरकार से इंडिगो की टर्किश एयरलाइंस के साथ विमान लीजिंग डील पर रोक लगाने की अपील की है। रॉयटर्स के अनुसार एअर इंडिया ने कहा है कि यह डील राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए खतरनाक साबित हो सकती है। इससे भारतीय एविएशन कंपनियों

को नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है।

एअर इंडिया ने यह अपील तुर्किये के पाकिस्तान को समर्थन देने के बाद की है। पहलगाम आतंकी हमले का जवाब देने के लिए भारत द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के बाद तुर्किए ने पाकिस्तान का समर्थन किया था। इसके बाद से भारतीय टूरिस्ट भी तुर्किये के लिए अपनी ट्रिप को कैसिल कर रहे हैं।

इंडिगो ने तुर्किये एयरलाइंस से लीज पर लिए दो विमानों से दिल्ली-मुंबई और इस्तांबुल के बीच उड़ानें शुरू की थीं। डील में विमानों के लिए तुर्किये एयरलाइंस के पायलट



और क्रू सदस्य भी शामिल हैं।

यह करार 6 महीने के लिए होता है। इसे हर छह महीने में नए सिरे से अप्रूव कराना होता है। एअर इंडिया ने सिविल एविएशन मंत्रालय से इसे आगे बढ़ाने से मना किया है।

तुर्किए की फर्म से अडाणी ने पार्टनरशिप खत्म की

इससे पहले अडाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स ने मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट और अहमदाबाद के सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सर्विसेज के लिए तुर्किए की फर्म सेलेबी के साथ अपनी पार्टनरशिप खत्म कर

दी। भारत के सिविल एविएशन सिविलियरी ब्यूरो (BCAS) के एक नोटिफिकेशन के बाद ये पार्टनरशिप खत्म की गई है। 15 मई को BCAS ने सेलेबी का सिविलियरी क्लीयरेंस कैसिल कर दिया था। ऐसे में सेलेबी को तुरंत सभी ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग फैसिलिटीज अडाणी को ट्रांसफर करनी होगी।

तुर्किये-अजरबैजान का बॉयकॉट कर रहे भारतीय टूरिस्ट भारत-पाकिस्तान तनाव के बीच भारतीय टूरिस्ट तुर्किये और अजरबैजान का बॉयकॉट कर रहे हैं। मेकमाइड्रिप के अनुसार पिछले एक हफ्ते में तुर्किये-अजरबैजान जाने

वाले यात्रियों के कैसिलेशन 250% बढ़े हैं।

इसी के साथ बुकिंग्स में 60% गिरावट आई है। वहीं अजरबैजान के लिए 30%, तुर्किये के लिए 22% कैसिलेशन बढ़े हैं। हर्ष गौयनका ने तुर्किये और अजरबैजान जाने वाले भारतीय पर्यटकों से ना जाने की गुजारिश की। उन्होंने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म X पर लिखा 'भारतीयों ने इन देशों को पिछले साल 4,000 करोड़ रुपए दिए। हमने इनकी इकोनॉमी को सपोर्ट किया, लेकिन आज ये हमारे दुश्मन के साथ खड़े हैं। भारत और दुनिया में ढेरों खूबसूरत जगहें हैं।



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## Post-Celebi, no hiccups in baggage handling

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DESPITE the sudden termination of the contract with Turkish-based ground handling firm, Celebi Airport Services Pvt Ltd, and urgent measures adopted on Thursday night, ground handling operations at the nine airports and the airlines it served remained smooth, said multiple sources across the country.

The retention of the employees and the distribution of the workload among other ground handling agencies have facilitated the smooth transition.

Nearly 7,800 employees of Celebi annually handled 5,40,000 tonnes of cargo for 54,000 flights at Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Chennai, Goa, Ahmedabad and Kannur.

The civil aviation ministry and airports have gone all out to ensure that passengers were not inconvenienced in any manner due to the sudden decision.

A top official at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport told this newspaper: "We entrusted the responsibility to both AISATS (Tata owned Air



India SATS Airport Services Pvt Ltd) and the Bird Group. Celebi's staff has migrated to the new groups. We have not had any confusion at all."

A source at Indigo, India's biggest airline, said, "Our ground handling operations across flights and airports were handled by our own subsidiary, Agile Airport Services. So, we were not impacted in any manner." A Spicejet spokesperson said there was no major issue reported at any of the airports for its flights.

An official at Chennai airport said, "There was limited usage of Celebi here as only Scoot, Spicejet, Cathay Pacific, British Airways, Royal Brunei

### Turkish firm moves court against India's decision

A day after the Centre revoked its security clearance citing national security concerns, aviation services firm Celebi is reported to have approached the Delhi High Court challenging the decision. Celebi Airport Services India reportedly filed a petition in the Delhi High Court contesting the Centre's decision, arguing that the cited security concerns lacked sufficient explanation, according to a Reuters report. This development was independently verified by this newspaper.

Airlines and US-Bangla airlines availed the services of the Turkish firm. They flew only few flights and have moved to other ground handlers."

The spokesperson of Bangalore International Airport Limited, which operates Kempegowda International Airport said, "All operations are fine here." A source at Hyderabad airport too reported no glitches. Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu released a statement after the termination of the contract on Thursday night stating that he was personally monitoring the situation at all the airports. He assured the Ministry was going all out to ensure smooth operations.

In an official statement in the aftermath of the termination, Celebi Aviation India said it is a professionally governed, glo-

bally operated aviation services company which has operated in India for 15 years. "Today it is majority-owned (65%) by international institutional investors from across Canada, the US, the UK, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and Western Europe." Actera Partners II LP, a Jersey-registered fund, holds 50% ownership in Celebi Havacılık Holding. The remaining 15% is held by Alpha Airport Services BV, a Dutch-registered entity.

Meanwhile, Celebi India has reportedly moved a plea in Delhi High Court stating that it operates as an Indian entity, employing over 3,000 Indians, with management also led by Indian citizens, underscoring the substantial local workforce and leadership impacted by the Centre's decision.

## Celebi पर बैन, हवाई सेवा बेसअर 'ऑपरेशन सिंदूर' के दौरान तुर्किये द्वारा पाकिस्तान का समर्थन करने पर ऐक्शन

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नई दिल्ली : जम्मू-कश्मीर के पहलगाम में 22 अप्रैल को हुए आतंकी हमले के बाद भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच चली सैन्य कार्रवाई में पाकिस्तान ने तुर्किये के ड्रोन का इस्तेमाल किया था। इसके बाद देश की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए दिल्ली और मुंबई समेत नौ एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो और ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सर्विस देने वाली तुर्किये की कंपनी सेलेबी (Celebi) को 15 मई को सिविलियरिटी क्लियरेंस को तत्काल प्रभाव से कैसल कर दिया गया था। वहीं, दूसरी तरफ इसके खिलाफ सेलेबी ने हाई कोर्ट में याचिका दायर की है।

**हवाई सेवाओं का क्या हो रहा है ?**  
सेलेबी की सेवाएं खत्म करने के बाद सबसे बड़ा सवाल यही है कि आखिर हवाई सेवाओं का क्या हो रहा है? अधिकारियों का कहना है कि फिलहाल सेवाएं लगभग सामान्य हैं। एयर इंडिया और अन्य एयरलाइंस को पहले से अपनी सेवाएं दे रही AISATS और बर्ड ग्रुप कंपनियों के माध्यम से सेलेबी के स्टाफ का टेपरैरी एयरपोर्ट एंटी पास बनवाकर



### 'IndiGo-तुर्किये एयरलाइंस लीज रह हो'

Air India ने केंद्र सरकार से गुजारिश की है कि वो IndiGo के तुर्की एयरलाइंस से विमान लीज करने के समझौते पर रोक लगा दे। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक एयर इंडिया का कहना है कि इससे देश की सुरक्षा को खतरा हो सकता है और धरलु एविएशन पर भी बुरा असर पड़ेगा। ये मांग इसलिए की गई है क्योंकि भारत में तुर्की के खिलाफ लोगों का गुस्सा बढ़ रहा है। तुर्की ने भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच टकराव में पाकिस्तान का साथ दिया था, जिससे भारत में लोगों की नाराजगी बढ़ी है। IndiGo साल 2023 से तुर्की एयरलाइंस से दो विमान लीज पर चला रही है। ये विमान दिल्ली और मुंबई से इस्तांबुल के बीच उड़ान भरते हैं। इस समझौते के तहत तुर्की एयरलाइंस ही पायलट और कुछ कू मेबर भी मुहैया कराती है।

उनसे काम लिया जा रहा है। सूत्रों का कहना है कि सेलेबी के बाद थोड़ी बहुत दिक्कत जरूर आई। लेकिन बड़े स्तर पर अभी तक कहीं से कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं है।

जिस वजह से कोई फ्लाइट लंबी देरी तक डिले हुई हो या कैसल करनी पड़ी हो। कुछ दिनों में नई कंपनी पूरे सिस्टम को टेकओवर कर लेगी।

### MakeMyTrip का चीन से संबंध का आरोप

**पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली :** EaseMyTrip के संस्थापक निशांत पिंडी ने शुक्रवार को एक पोस्ट में दावा किया कि MakeMyTrip के 10 में से 5 डायरेक्टरों के सीधे चीन से ताल्लुक है। एक्स (फहले टिवटर) पर उन्होंने लिखा कि MakeMyTrip की चार में से तीन सबसे अहम कमिटियों पर चाइनीज कनेक्शन वाले डायरेक्टर्स का काफी दबदबा है। MakeMyTrip ने इन आरोपों पर कोई जवाब नहीं दिया। कंपनी ने अपना बयान दोहराया कि वो एक भारतीय कंपनी है और देश के सारे कानूनों और डेटा प्राइवैसी नियमों का पालन करती है।

### क्या सेवाएं दे रही थी कंपनी ?

एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो और ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग की सर्विस के अलावा एयरक्राफ्ट को पार्क कराने, बिना एरोब्रिज वाली फ्लाइट में यात्रियों और कू मेबर को फ्लाइट से टर्मिनल तक लाने-ले जाने, एयरक्राफ्ट के केबिन, गोल्फ कार्ट सर्विस, टॉयलेट और अन्य चीजों को साफ-सफाई और एयरक्राफ्ट के कूलिंग सिस्टम को देखना जैसी सर्विस सेलेबी दे रही थी। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो अपने स्तर पर यह सब कर लेती है, लेकिन अन्य एयरलाइंस और सेवाएं सेलेबी ही देखती थी। सेलेबी कंपनी में 35 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी 1958 में तुर्किये में बनी कंपनी

के फाउंडर के परिवार में दो सदस्यों मिस्टर कैन और मिस कैनन के पास है। 65 फीसदी इनवस्टर्स अमेरिका, यूके, कनाडा, सिंगापुर, यूएई और वेस्टर्न यूरोप के देशों की है।

### कौन कर रहा मॉनिटरिंग ?

ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के दौरान ही CISO ने तमाम बड़े एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो, लगेज चेक-इन सिस्टम और अन्य संवेदनशील जगहों की निगरानी अपने हाथों में ले ली थी। देश के 69 हवाई अड्डों की सुरक्षा संभालने वाली सीआईएसएफ मौजूदा समय में हवाई अड्डों पर उन तमाम जगहों की मॉनिटरिंग कर रही है। इसका जिम्मा पहले प्राइवेट कंपनियों के हाथों में था। इसमें सेलेबी वाला सेक्टर भी शामिल है।



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## यात्रियों को अब एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में निःशुल्क इंटरनेट

रायपुर. स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट से दिल्ली जाने वाली एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट को पहली बार इंटरनेट सुविधा से लैस किया गया है। यह व्यवस्था यात्रियों को निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराई गई है। यात्री अपने लैपटॉप, टैबलेट और स्मार्टफोन को वाई-फाई डिवाइस के जरिए इसका लाभ ले सकेंगे। इसके लिए अ प न

डिवाइस को फ्लाइट एयरप्लेन मोड में डालने के बाद वाई-फाई चालू कर 'विफाई' नेटवर्क कनेक्ट करना पड़ेगा। इसके बाद क्यूआर कोड को स्कैन करते ही डिवाइस इंटरनेट से कनेक्ट हो जाएगा। यह सेवा एयरक्राफ्ट से 10000 फीट की ऊंचाई पर भी मिलेगी। विमानन कंपनी के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि एयर इंडिया ने घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में एयरबस ए-350, बोइंग 787-9 और चुनिंदा एयरबस ए 321 नियो विमानों में वाई-फाई इंटरनेट कनेक्टिंग सेवाएं शुरू की गई हैं।





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## IndiGo seeks extension of wet lease of Turkish planes

**New Delhi:** IndiGo has requested Indian aviation authorities to extend the lease period by another six months for two Turkish Airlines' wide body Boeing 777, which the budget carrier uses on routes between Delhi/Mumbai and Istanbul. Govt sources said this request is being considered against the backdrop of Turkey's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. Since early 2023, IndiGo has used these wet leased (hired with operating crew) Turkish planes.

India had less than two years ago tweaked the policy for leasing aircraft — in view of continuing and in fact worsening supply chain constraints due to which both Boeing and Airbus have not been able to deliver aircraft to customers globally, including Air India Group, IndiGo and Akasa. The situation is such that Indian carriers currently have a freeze on hiring pilots for some months as they are not getting new planes. TNN



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## IndiGo plans Madurai-Abu Dhabi flight

**Madurai:** IndiGo Airlines will launch its first direct flight from Madurai to Abu Dhabi on June 13. The service will operate thrice a week — on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Flight 6E1513 will depart Madurai. The airline confirmed that the Abu Dhabi route is a permanent addition, targeting both labour and leisure segments. Bookings are open.

TN Chamber of Commerce and Industry president N Jegatheesan said this will benefit businesspeople, overseas workers, and travellers in southern TN. IndiGo officials said about 50 passengers currently travel daily from Madurai to Chennai to catch connecting flights to Abu Dhabi.

Initial one-way fares are priced around ₹2,000. TNN



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## IndiGo defends Turkish tie-up

**New Delhi:** Indian aviation's Turkish ties have been a sore point in the past, too. When Tata 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 Erdogan in 1994 when the now Turkish president was Istanbul mayor. 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 flights a day. **TNN**