

North Bengaluru set for major boost with Dabaspeta-Airport Road

Government pushes to complete 21.38-km corridor, resolving land hurdles to enhance connectivity, real estate growth, and ease traffic congestion

Bengaluru's strategic development plans for the Dabaspeta-Rajanukunte-Airport Road are set to give a significant boost to North Bengaluru's infrastructure and real estate growth. The state government has initiated steps to complete the ongoing roadworks on this vital 21.38-kilometre stretch, which promises to improve connectivity and catalyse urban expansion in the region, according to Urban Development Minister Satish Jarkiholi.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly in response to a

question from Yelahanka MLA Vishwanath SR, Minister Jarkiholi said that 8.04 kilometres of the road have been completed so far, while the remaining 13.34 kilometres are still under development. Progress has been delayed due to land acquisition issues, with local resistance from farmers proving a key challenge.

The road project includes major infrastructure works, notably two railway overbridges—one at Rajanukunte and the other at Narayanapura—along the



route from Madure to Rajanukunte via M.V. Solar (Devanahalli Road). While construction of the Narayanapura bridge is progressing steadily, the Rajanukunte bridge has been delayed due to additional land

requirements following revised railway design specifications. The bridge span has been increased from 40 metres to 54 metres, pushing the revised cost estimate to 304.32 crore.

The Joint Managing Committee (JMC) is currently expediting the land acquisition process to prevent further setbacks.

Real estate developers have welcomed the government's commitment to completing the road, calling it a "catalyst" for North Bengaluru's growth. Rajesh Kumar, a senior realtor

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in the city, said the completion of the Dabaspeta-Airport road would "dramatically improve access to the northern parts of Bengaluru, reduce travel time, and open up vast tracts of land for residential and commercial development."

He added that the improved connectivity to the airport and major tech hubs via this route would likely attract more investment and

encourage balanced urban growth away from the city's congested southern zones.

Vandana Rao, a property consultant, noted that the railway overbridges would play a key role in ensuring seamless traffic flow. "Once these bridges are completed, it will not only boost real estate prices but also enhance living standards in these fast-growing suburbs," she said.

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Airport to get Metro Rail connectivity: Revanth

Rues BRS failed to expand infra project to cut traffic jams

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday reiterated his commitment to expand the Metro Rail network and connect it to the airport.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Credai Hyderabad Property Show 2025 at Hitex Exhibition Centre, the Chief Minister said the metro expansion was halted for a decade in the city.

"If Jaipal Reddy hadn't given the Metro then, would Hyderabad be the second-fastest developing metro city?... When Rajasekhar Reddy (who was then the Chief Minister) proposed the Metro, Jaipal Reddy, in addition to sanctioning the struck-down Metro, also gave a viable gap fund," he added.

However, with no expansion of the Metro over the past decade, Hyderabad slipped to ninth position, the Chief Minister noted. "We neglected it for 10 years. If the Metro had been expanded, it would have at least provided some solutions to these traffic jams," he asserted.

Further, Revanth Reddy said Hyderabad is one of the major growth engines of the country. Real estate, construction, and infrastructure, he said, are the pillars that can transform Telangana into a truly developed region.

"We are committed to creating transparent, investment-friendly policies that protect investors, encourage innovation,



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy participates in the inauguration of Credai Property Show at Hitex on Friday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

and ensure profitability for those who put their trust in Telangana," he said.

"The message to investors is simple: Telangana is open for business, and we will protect your investments with robust laws and transparent governance."

Highlighting the growth drivers, he said infrastructure development is the key and the state government will focus on large-scale projects.

Speaking about Hyderabad's past growth through Hi-Tech City, the Outer Ring Road (ORR), and the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), he said these were proof of what vision-driven projects can achieve.

"We will now take this further with the development of a Regional Ring Road (300-360 km) encircling the state's economic

hubs, connected with a regional ring rail," he said, adding that drinking water supply will also get a major boost through another infrastructure project.

"Dedicated industrial corridors on both sides of the Regional Ring Road will be created. Greenfield highways and railway corridors connecting ports, Metro rail expansion redesigned to cover more last-mile areas in Hyderabad — all will be developed," he added.

He also noted that the new infrastructure projects would reduce the commute distance from Hyderabad to Vijayawada by around 70 km.

Stating that Future City would be a role model even for developed countries, the Chief Minister outlined a triple-sector focus — Expanding the financial district, IT hubs,

and Metro connectivity in urban service sector (city up to ORR), semi-urban industrial growth in the region between ORR and RRR by building manufacturing zones and industrial parks.

Rural agricultural modernisation in the region beyond RRR by linking rural produce to urban and global markets with transport corridors and water connectivity.

"I consider real estate not just land — it is sentiment, opportunity, and business potential. Telangana's growth will be built on this sentiment, backed by infrastructure, trust, and policy clarity," said Revanth Reddy.

"We will not just dream about development — we will deliver it. And I invite every investor, entrepreneur, and citizen to join us in making Telangana a model for the world."



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर एटीआरएस मशीन से होगी बैगेज की जांच

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जेवर: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को देखते हुए उनके हैंड और केबिन बैगेज की जांच अत्याधुनिक एटीआरएस मशीन से होगी। यह मशीन सामान्य से कहीं ज्यादा सुरक्षित और कम समय में पूरा करने में सक्षम है। इस मशीन से विमान यात्रा के दौरान प्रतिबंधित वस्तुओं की पहचान कर यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को देखते हुए उन्हें विमान में ले जाने से रोका जा सकेगा। ऑटोमेटिक ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम (एटीआरएस) जांच में सामान्य मशीन की अपेक्षा बहुत तेजी से जांच को पूरा करती है।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का काम जल्द पूरा होने के बाद उड़ानें शुरू होनी हैं। विमान सेवाओं के संचालन से पहले यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्रा. लि. (यापल) एयरपोर्ट पर अत्याधुनिक मशीनों से यात्रियों को बेहतर सुविधाएं देने के प्रयास कर रही है। एयरपोर्ट पर हैंड और केबिन बैगेज की जांच कम समय में ज्यादा सटीक तरीके से कराने के लिए स्वचालित ट्रे रिट्रीवल सिस्टम (एटीआरएस) लगाई

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गई है। जिसके पहले चरण में 13 सुरक्षा लेन चालू की जाएंगी।

इन लाइन में होल्ड बैगेज सिस्टम से सामान की निरंतर ट्रैकिंग सुनिश्चित की जाएगी। विमान में यात्रा के दौरान प्रतिबंधित चीजें जैसे ज्वलनशील पदार्थ, चाकू, हथियार, कारतूस, विस्फोटक, नुकीली वस्तुएं सामान के अंदर रखी होने पर भी मशीन अलग-अलग कोणों से एक्सरे कर पकड़ने में सक्षम है।



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Parking crunch for aeroplanes stalls Hindon airport's growth

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Hindon airport's bid to become a major regional hub with Metro and RRTS links is hitting turbulence before take-off, with severe parking shortage choking both aircraft movement and passenger convenience.

The Rs 46.60-crore facility in Ghaziabad, launched under the government's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) in October 2019, is poised to gain last-mile links to the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor, the Metro network and expanded bus routes.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol told Parliament that the Uttar Pradesh Government and the Airport Advisory Committee were working to deliver seamless transport integration to boost its catchment across the National Capital Region.

But insiders warn that no amount of flashy infrastructure will matter if the ground reality remains unchanged. The airport, operating from a civil enclave within the Indian Air Force base in Sikandarpur, has just two parking bays for planes.

In late-July, both were blocked: one by an aircraft grounded due to technical trouble, the other by a plane stranded by bad weather. With nowhere to park, incoming flights were diverted or suspended, paralysing several

BOTH PARKING BAYS BLOCKED IN JULY

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"Limited parking bays combined with the night-time prohibition are leading to cancellations. We could function more efficiently with at least two additional bays," said an official at the Hindon airport's civil terminal

routes in a single day.

An official at the Hindon civil terminal admitted the airport was hamstrung by infrastructure constraints but declined to say whether this could trigger service cutbacks. Since the terminal operates out of an Air Force facility, he said, flights face multiple restrictions, including a dusk-to-dawn ban.

"Limited parking bays combined with the night-time prohibition are leading to cancellations. We could function more efficiently with at least two additional bays," the official noted, adding that the civil aviation and defence ministries, along with the Air Force, were discussing possible expansion.

An Airports Authority of India (AAI) official also conceded operational difficulties. While cancellations occur at all airports, he said Hindon suffers more because of Air Force restrictions, with technical issues adding to the disruption.

Internal estimates suggest nine acres would be needed for expansion, including 730 sq m to enlarge the terminal.

Passenger traffic has jumped from 8,000 in 2019 to nearly

80,000 annually, undermining Hindon's role in easing pressure on Delhi's IGI Airport until the Noida International Airport opens.

Space shortages extend beyond the airside. Vehicle parking is frequently full, forcing travellers to park at a distance or circle repeatedly for a slot—a problem officials admit has persisted, especially during peak hours.

Currently connected to 16 destinations, including Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Goa, Chennai and Patna, Hindon operates around 50 flights daily, entering to passengers from Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar, Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh. Once integrated with the RRTS and Metro networks, its reach is expected to grow significantly.

Responding to a question in the Lok Sabha, the minister also said no specific timeline was provided for pending flight services, as domestic aviation in India has been deregulated since 1994, allowing airlines to select routes based on market demand and commercial viability.



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IndiGo aircraft suffers tail strike while landing at Mumbai airport

MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

An IndiGo aircraft operating its Bangkok-Mumbai flight suffered a tail strike while attempting to land at the airport here on Saturday, prompting aviation safety regulator DGCA to order a probe into the incident, sources said. Both pilots of the Airbus A321neo have been derostered, pending investigation, they said.

"On August 16, an IndiGo Airbus A321 aircraft tail

struck the runway while executing a low-altitude go-around due to unfavourable weather conditions in Mumbai," an IndiGo spokesperson said.

The airline flight 6E 1060 departed from Bangkok at 12.12 am (local time) against its scheduled departure time of 11.40 pm (local time) and finally landed at the Mumbai airport at 3.04 am against its scheduled arrival time of 2.50 am. — PTI



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AI FLIGHT FAILS IN 1ST ATTEMPT AT GWALIOR

Gwalior, MP: An Air India Express flight from Bengaluru with 160 passengers on board failed to land at the Gwalior airport in the first attempt on Saturday afternoon but landed safely in the second attempt, an official said. The airline said the flight "conducted a go-around followed by a safe and uneventful landing". The aircraft later took off for Bengaluru and reached there safely, Gwalior airport director A.K. Goswami said. The failure to land in the first attempt caused panic among the passengers for a brief while, he said. "Technical staff examined the aircraft after landing and found no fault," he added. The Gwalior airport director also said that a failure to land in the first attempt is a normal occurrence. Some passengers lodged complaints with the airport and airline officials after deboarding, another official said. An Air India Express spokesperson said in a statement that "one of our aircraft conducted a go-around followed by a safe and uneventful landing at Gwalior". "Crew are trained to carry out a go-around as a precautionary measure when required," the statement said. — PTI



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इंडिगो विमान का पिछला हिस्सा रनवे से टकराया, सभी सुरक्षित

मुंबई। बैंकॉक से मुंबई आ रही इंडिगो की उड़ान 6ई-1060 शनिवार तड़के लैंडिंग के दौरान हादसे का शिकार होते-होते बची। एयरबस विमान का पिछला हिस्सा (टेल) मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे के रनवे से टकरा गया। घटना खराब मौसम में कम ऊंचाई पर गो-अराउंड के दौरान हुई।

सभी यात्री और चालक दल सुरक्षित हैं। मामले में सुरक्षा नियामक डीजीसीए ने जांच के आदेश दिए हैं। दोनों पायलटों को जांच पूरी होने तक ड्यूटी से हटा दिया गया है। फ्लाइट ने बैंकॉक से रात 12:12 बजे उड़ान भरी थी, जबकि तय समय 11:40 बजे था। विमान ने मुंबई में 3:04 बजे लैंड किया, जोकि 2:50 बजे निर्धारित था। हालांकि, पहले प्रयास के बाद दूसरे प्रयास में विमान सुरक्षित उतरा।

लगभग 6 घंटे में 15 विमान हुए गो-अराउंड :
शहर में रातभर हुई तेज बारिश के कारण जलभराव और उड़ानों में देरी हुई। 8:30 बजे शुक्रवार से 5:30 बजे शनिवार के बीच कई इलाकों में 200 मिमी से अधिक बारिश दर्ज हुई। आधी रात से सुबह 6 बजे के बीच 15 विमान गो-अराउंड पर गए। दो उड़ानें अन्य हवाईअड्डों पर डायवर्ट हुईं। इंडिगो ने कहा कि मानक प्रोटोकॉल के तहत विमान को दोबारा उड़ान भरने से पहले जांच और मरम्मत के लिए भेजा जाएगा। ब्यूरो



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मुंबई प्रेस : मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार को लैंडिंग करते समय इंडिगो विमान का पिछला हिस्सा रनवे से टकरा गया। विमान में सवार सभी यात्री और चालक दल के सदस्य सुरक्षित हैं। डीजीसीए ने घटना की जांच के आदेश दिए हैं। दोनों पायलटों को जांच पूरी होने तक रोस्टर से हटा दिया गया है। यह विमान बैंकाक से मुंबई आया था।

इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि 16 अगस्त को मुंबई में प्रतिकूल मौसम के कारण कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ान भरते समय इंडिगो एयरबस ए321 विमान का पिछला हिस्सा रनवे से टकरा गया। मानक प्रोटोकाल के अनुसार विमान की जांच और मरम्मत की जाएगी। डीजीसीए ने पिछले सप्ताह इंडिगो को एक नोटिस जारी किया था। इसमें 1,700 पायलटों को प्रशिक्षित करने के लिए कहा गया था।

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एअर इंडिया विमान में लैंडिंग के दौरान लगे जोरदार झटके, बाहर आई लाइफ जैकेट

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राजमाता विजयाराजे सिंधिया एअरपोर्ट ग्वालियर पर शनिवार दोपहर बड़ा विमान हादसा टल गया। बेंगलुरु से ग्वालियर पहुंचे एअर इंडिया के बोइंग 92742 विमान में लैंडिंग के वक्त जोरदार झटके लगने लगे। पायलट ने तुरंत ही विमान को उतरने से रोक लिया। कुछ ही पलों बाद पायलट ने दोबारा विमान उतारने की कोशिश की तो पहले प्रयास के मुकाबले कहीं ज्यादा तेज झटके लगे। इस दौरान विमान के यात्रियों में चीख-पुकार मच गई। लैंडिंग इतनी खतरनाक थी कि सीटों से लाइफ जैकेट तक बाहर आ गईं।

विमान शनिवार सुबह 10 बजकर 50 मिनट पर बेंगलुरु से रवाना होकर दो बजकर 30 मिनट पर ग्वालियर एअरपोर्ट पर पहुंचा। लैंडिंग के समय रनवे को टच

ग्वालियर एअरपोर्ट पर झटके लगने पर पायलट ने नहीं उतारा विमान

दूसरे प्रयास में असामान्य गति से रनवे पर हुई खतरनाक लैंडिंग

पहली बार लैंडिंग में दिक्कत आने पर एअर इंडिया की बोइंग की दोबारा लैंडिंग सुरक्षित तरीके से कराई गई। इस बीच यात्रियों में अफरा-तफरी की स्थिति जरूर बन गई थी।

- एके गोस्वामी, एअरपोर्ट डायरेक्टर

करते ही विमान झटका खाने लगा। पायलट ने तुरंत ही विमान को टेकआफ कर लिया। कुछ मिनट बाद दोबारा उतरते समय भी विमान असामान्य गति से रनवे पर आया। यात्रियों के अनुसार तेज झटके लगे। यात्रियों का कहना है कि लैंडिंग के समय विमान

की दाहिनी विंग का एक हिस्सा ढंग से नहीं खुला, जिससे स्पीड नियंत्रित नहीं हो पाई।

एक यात्री ने आरोप लगाया कि विमान की गति बेहद तेज थी और बिल्कुल भी स्मूथ लैंडिंग नहीं हुई। यात्रियों का कहना है कि क्रू और पायलट की ओर से न तो किसी तरह का ऐलान किया गया और न ही स्थिति को लेकर जानकारी दी गई। इस कारण घबराहट और बढ़ गई।

एअरपोर्ट अथारिटी से शिकायत कर मांगा जवाब : घटना के बाद यात्रियों ने एअरपोर्ट अथारिटी को लिखित शिकायत दी और एअर इंडिया से जवाब मांगा। यात्रियों ने मांग की है कि जांच कर जिम्मेदारी तय की जाए। उल्लेखनीय है कि एअर इंडिया पहले से अहमदाबाद हादसे को लेकर आलोचना झेल रही है। 12 जून को एअर इंडिया का बोइंग विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुआ था, जिसमें 242 यात्रियों की मौत हुई थी।

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Airbus is Set to Break Boeing's Long-held Record

After four decades, Airbus's A320 edges past Boeing's 737 to be the world's most-delivered jet

Bloomberg

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LARGE FLEET

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Air Support

Here's what those in the airline business say they do to help



AI - AIR INDIA

Air India says that recognising and addressing any form of physiological or psychological discomfort among passengers has become an integral part of Air India's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and frontline staff training. It claims that this is being reinforced through regular functional cadences and communication cascades to enhance sensitivity among teams, adding that the cabin crew is trained to identify and support passengers in discomfort, offering reassurance and, where necessary, to follow first-responder protocols with the Pilot-in-Command (PIC) informed.



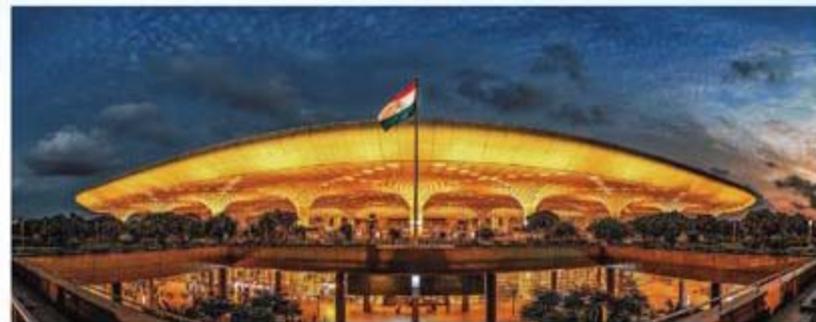
BA - BRITISH AIRWAYS

The UK's flag carrier runs day-long online courses, which give the knowledge and techniques one needs to overcome fear of flying. A short flight at the end of the course, accompanied by pilots, cabin crew and psychologists enables the theory to be put into practice.

The airline says that the 'Flying with Confidence' course is designed to give the information and tools to be in control of fears and anxieties. While many aspects of booking and travelling can trigger anxiety and behavioural changes, these courses make a difference and, according to BA, has helped thousands of people get back into the air for work or pleasure.

BOM - CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mumbai Airport re-introduced the Pawfect initiative in October 2024 that featured trained emotional support dogs at Terminal 2 to make passenger journeys pleasant and more enjoyable. These friendly companions interact with



travellers, offering comfort and helping to ease anxiety in a gentle, engaging



way, says an airport spokesperson.

The airport also features 'The ArtBeat of New India' exhibit at Terminal 2, featuring visual displays and audio narratives that enable passengers to pause, listen, and immerse themselves in the stories behind each artefact. Additionally, Mumbai Airport says that it is equipped with an on-site 24/7 medical emergency response team, staffed with qualified professionals trained to deliver immediate medical care, including assistance for passengers who may experience panic attacks.



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Airbus nears record long held by Boeing

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IN 1981, THE year Airbus SE announced it would build a new single-aisle jetliner to take on Boeing, the 737 ruled the roost. The US-made narrow-body, already in use for more than a decade, had reshaped the airline industry by making shorter routes cheaper and more profitable to operate. By 1988, when Airbus began producing its upstart A320, Boeing had built a formidable lead by delivering some 1,500 of its cigar-shaped bestseller.

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Yet it was clear even then that Airbus needed a presence in the narrowbody segment to

firmly establish itself as Boeing's top rival. Those aircraft are by far the most widely flown category in commercial aviation, typically connecting city pairs on shorter routes.

Higher fuel costs and the

deregulation of the US aviation industry in the late 1970s had given the European planemaker an opening with American airline executives, who clamored for an all-new single-aisle, according to a history of Airbus written by journalist Nicola Clark.

To set the A320 apart, Airbus took some risks. It selected digital fly-by-wire controls that saved weight over traditional hydraulic systems, and gave pilots a side-stick at their right or left hand instead of a centrally mounted yoke. The aircraft also sat higher off the ground than the 737 and came with a choice of two engines, giving customers greater flexibility. Airbus's gamble paid off. Today, the A320 and 737 make up nearly half of the global passenger jet fleet in service. And the A320's success contrasts with strategic blunders like the A380 behemoth that proved short-lived because airlines couldn't profitably operate the giant plane. Boeing maintained that smaller, nimbler planes like the 787 Dreamliner would have an edge – a prediction that proved right.

बैकॉक से दिल्ली आई थी प्लाइट

रनवे से टकराया इंडिगो का पिछला हिस्सा, अब डीजीसीए करेगा जांच

एजेसी नई दिल्ली

विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर हुई उस घटना की जांच करेगा, जिसमें इंडिगो का एयरबस ए321 विमान खराब मौसम के दौरान लैंडिंग करते समय एक लो-एल्टिट्यूड गो-अराउंड के दौरान रनवे से टकरा गया।

इस घटना पर नजर रखने वाले अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी। डीजीसीए के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने कहा, हम इस घटना की जांच करेंगे। इसके लिए औपचारिक आदेश जारी किया जाएगा।



अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, यह उड़ान 6ई 1060 थी, जो कि बैकॉक से मुंबई आ रही थी और ए321 नियो विमान द्वारा संचालित थी। शनिवार तड़के सुबह 3:06 बजे रनवे 27 पर लैंडिंग करते समय विमान की टेल रनवे से टकरा गई। प्रारंभिक जांच में माना जा रहा है कि यह घटना खराब मौसम की वजह से हुई।

{ DGCA STAFF CRUNCH }

Aviation regulator flags slow hiring via UPSC, seeks autonomy for recruitment

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NEW DELHI: India's aviation safety regulator is demanding greater autonomy from government recruitment processes, citing internal projections that show only 294 new appointments are possible in the next six months due to bureaucratic delays, at a time when the sector faces mounting safety concerns.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has told

the government that even after these additions, it will operate with only 847 officials against 1,063 sanctioned posts, using this projection as evidence that traditional recruitment methods are failing to keep pace with the world's fastest-growing aviation market.

Internal documents accessed by HT show the DGCA has proposed sweeping reforms including the ability to hire directly from premier technical institutes like IITs and NITs for up to

five years, autonomy in technical recruitment, and maintaining a pool of retired aviation officers as consultants.

"The DGCA flagged that it takes more than one year to be recruited by the UPSC. The shortage leads to limited availability of eligible officials on deputation posts for the sector," a civil aviation ministry official said, describing how the regulator is leveraging recruitment failures to argue for independent

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HT reported on July 20, 2025, about the staff shortage in DGCA, despite the aviation sector booming post pandemic.

INDIA TARIFFS

to do it," offering hints that could be construed positively in New Delhi.

Trump's statement came amid talk that had the Alaska Summit not gone well, India could be hit with a harsher levy. "We've put secondary tariffs on Indians for buying Russian oil. And I could see, if things don't go well, then sanctions or secondary tariffs could go up," US treasury secretary Scott Bessent said in a television interview on Wednesday.

The US has already imposed tariffs totalling 50% on India, including a 25% penalty for Russian oil purchases that will take effect on August 27, making India one of the most heavily penalised US trading partners.

Trump's more conciliatory tone followed his earlier revelation that the India tariffs were designed to pressure Russia by cutting off oil revenue, with the president claiming Moscow "called and wanted to meet" after losing its second-largest energy customer.

India welcomed the Alaska summit between the Russian and American leaders, expressing support for dialogue-based solutions to the Ukraine conflict.

"India welcomes the summit meeting in Alaska between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Their leadership in the pursuit of peace is highly commendable," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement released after the summit.

"India appreciates the progress made at the summit. The way forward can only be through dialogue and diplomacy. The world wants to see an early end to the conflict in Ukraine," it added.

Russia currently accounts for more than a third of India's energy purchases, up from less than 1% in 2022 following Western sanctions over the Ukraine invasion. China remains Russia's largest oil customer.

India has defended its energy purchases as necessary for economic security, calling US targeting "unjustified and unreasonable" whilst arguing that Western countries maintain their own trade relationships with Russia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with both Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Russian President Vladimir Putin this month, offering Indian diplomatic support to aid the peace process in his call with the former.

Modi has consistently called for dialogue and diplomacy since the invasion began, making separate visits to Russia and Ukraine last year whilst urging both leaders to return to negotiations.

Trump announced following the summit that he would meet Zelensky in Washington on Monday, potentially followed by a trilateral meeting with Putin, as diplomatic efforts to end the conflict continue.

DGCA-SLOW HIRING

ence from the Union Public Service Commission's hiring processes.

The demand comes as India's aviation sector handles 376 million passengers annually while operating with critical regula-

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tory gaps. As of July 1, 2025, the DGCA had 553 posts filled, leaving 48% of technical positions vacant, with projections showing 216 positions will remain unfilled even after the expected recruitment.

Of the total sanctioned strength, 961 Group A technical officer posts are to be filled through UPSC and 102 Flight Operations Inspector posts on contract.

Citing these numbers, the regulator has argued for "administrative autonomy in creation or transfer of posts, recruitment from open market, and financial powers for fixation of remuneration fee for consultants" in recent meetings with government officials, according to a second person aware of the matter.

The DGCA also cited "limited functional and financial autonomy for DGCA as an attached office" as a major obstruction, according to the person cited above.

The regulator's recruitment data underscores its case: only three officials were added in 2023, 72 in 2024, and 13 so far this year – a glacial pace that the regulator says justifies breaking free from conventional government hiring constraints.

The autonomy proposal includes specialised domestic and foreign training for officers, contractual hiring flexibility, special allowances to attract skilled manpower, and powers to create and transfer posts – reforms the DGCA says are essential given current systemic limitations.

The regulator has specifically highlighted the absence of financial incentives for officers on deputation and no special allowances to attract skilled manpower, factors that compound recruitment challenges in a sector where technical expertise commands premium private sector salaries.

The issue of staff shortage was first reported by HT on July 20, after which the matter was taken up in parliament. Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu has acknowledged the challenge while defending current efforts: "We recruited for 103 posts which was the highest number in the history of DGCA. This year we plan to recruit 190. By the end of October, we are going to recruit 190 posts for DGCA," he said at the time.

Some immediate relief is expected with 54 officials set to join, including 43 Airworthiness Officers, the second officer cited above said. A proposal to recruit 190 people directly through UPSC has been accepted, with joining expected by October.

Officials said the regulator has presented these staffing projections to the parliamentary Standing Committee, using the data to emphasise that current recruitment systems are hampering its ability to conduct airline operations oversight, aircraft certification, and safety audits.

"The DGCA urged for full freedom to hire its own technical staff," the official concluded, as the regulator leverages the recruitment crisis to push for broader operational independence.

The staffing shortage affects

oversight of airports, with each of the 553 current officials effectively responsible for monitoring 680,000 passengers – a workload disparity the DGCA argues demonstrates the urgent need for hiring autonomy.

ALASKA SUMMIT

Ukraine, had pledged confidently to bring about an end to the war on his first day back in the White House. Seven months later, after berating Zelensky in the Oval Office and stanching the flow of some US military assistance to Kyiv, Trump could not bring Putin to pause the fighting.

In a major shift, Trump also said he had agreed with Putin that the best way to end the war was to go straight to a peace settlement – not via a ceasefire, as Ukraine and its European allies, until now with US support, have been demanding.

Zelensky and European leaders spoke with Trump as the US president flew back from in Alaska. According to people familiar with the matter cited by Bloomberg, Trump said on the call that while it's up to Ukraine to decide on what to do with its territory, Putin's stance hasn't changed – he still wants Kyiv to cede control of the entire Donbas region in Ukraine's east.

Zelensky has repeatedly ruled out giving up all of Donetsk and Luhansk, which Moscow's forces partially control. Russia would halt advancing its claims over the parts of Zaporizhzhia and the Kherson region it doesn't now control, effectively freezing the battle-lines there, the people said.

Trump told the leaders that he was prepared to contribute to guaranteeing Ukraine's security as long as it didn't involve NATO, they added. The president suggested Putin would be OK with that, the people said.

For Putin, just being on U.S. soil for the first time in more than a decade was validation after his ostracization following his invasion of Ukraine.

His meeting with Trump may stall the economic sanctions that the US president had promised unless Moscow worked harder to bring fighting to a close.

It may now simply lead to more meetings, giving his forces more time to make progress on the battlefield.

Putin thanked Trump for the "friendly" tone of their conversation and said Russia and the US should "turn the page and go back to cooperation."

He praised Trump as someone who "has a clear idea of what he wants to achieve and sincerely cares about the pros-

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INDIGO JET SUFFERS TAIL STRIKE, DGCA TO PROBE INCIDENT

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NEW DELHI: Civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will be investigating an incident in which an IndiGo Airbus A321 aircraft suffered a tail strike while executing a go-around at Mumbai airport, officials said on Saturday.

The incident took place on early on Saturday, and prima facie it appears to have been caused due to unfavourable weather conditions, officials aware of the matter said.

"We will be undertaking an investigation on this incident. A formal order will be issued," a senior DGCA official said.

An IndiGo spokesperson confirmed the incident saying, "On August 16, 2025, an IndiGo Airbus A321 aircraft tail touched the runway while executing a low-altitude go-around due to unfavourable weather conditions in Mumbai. Thereafter, the aircraft carried out another approach and landed safely."

An official said the aircraft was later grounded.



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Air Canada cabin staff strike: Many flights grounded

Montreal: Air Canada's unionised flight attendants walked off the job early on Saturday after pay talks with carrier stalled, in a move that could disrupt travel plans for over 100,000 passengers.

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एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का नेटवर्क अब 58 गंतव्यों तक

- 1 सितंबर 2025 से अहमदाबाद, चंडीगढ़ और देहरादून को शामिल करने के साथ एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस अब 41 घरेलू और 17 अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों पर संचालित

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एयरलाइन अहमदाबाद-बेंगलुरु और चंडीगढ़-बेंगलुरु मार्गों पर प्रतिदिन दो उड़ानें तथा देहरादून-बेंगलुरु मार्ग पर प्रतिदिन उड़ानें संचालित करेगी।

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के प्रबंध

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At the outset, Airbus faced an uphill battle. The European planemaker, an assemblage of aerospace manufacturers formed in 1970 with backing from European governments, didn't yet offer a full aircraft lineup. Infighting hindered everything from product planning to manufacturing, and leadership decisions had to finely balance French and German commercial and political

interests. Yet it was clear even then that Airbus needed a presence in the narrowbody segment to firmly establish itself as Boeing's top rival. Those aircraft are by far the most widely flown category in commercial aviation, typically connecting city pairs on shorter routes.

Higher fuel costs and the deregulation of the US aviation industry in the late 1970s had given Airbus an opening with American airline executives, who clamored for an all-new single-aisle, according to a history of Airbus written by jour-

nalist Nicola Clark.

To set the A320 apart, Airbus took some risks. It selected digital fly-by-wire controls that saved weight over traditional hydraulic systems, and gave pilots a side-stick at their right or left hand instead of a centrally mounted yoke. The aircraft also sat higher off the ground than the 737 and came with a choice of two engines, giving customers greater flexibility. Airbus's gamble paid off. Today, the A320 and 737 make up nearly half of the global passenger jet fleet in service.

AGENCIES

मुम्बई में उतरते समय इंडिगो के विमान का पिछला हिस्सा जमीन से टकराया

डीजीसीए ने दिए जांच के आदेश

मुम्बई, 16 अगस्त (एजेंसी) : यहां हवाई अड्डे पर शनिवार को उतरते समय बैंकॉक से मुम्बई आए इंडिगो के यात्री विमान का पिछला हिस्सा जमीन से टकरा गया जिसके चलते विमानन सुरक्षा नियामक डीजीसीए ने घटना की जांच के आदेश दिए हैं। सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि 'एयरबस ए 321 नियो' के दोनों पायलट को जांच पूरी होने तक विमान से हटा दिया गया है। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने एक बयान में कहा, 'मुम्बई में 16 अगस्त को प्रतिकूल मौसम के कारण कम ऊंचाई पर उड़ान भरते समय इंडिगो के एयरबस



ए 321 विमान का पिछला हिस्सा रनवे से टकरा गया।' एयरलाइन ने कहा, 'विमान ने दो बार उतरने की कोशिश की और सुरक्षित रूप से उतर गया।' नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया, 'हम इस घटना की जांच करेंगे।'

ग्वालियर में पहले प्रयास में नहीं उतर सका विमान, दहशत में आए यात्री

ग्वालियर : ग्वालियर हवाई अड्डे पर शनिवार दोपहर एअर इंडिया के एक विमान के पहले प्रयास में उतरने में विफल होने के बाद उसमें सवार यात्री दहशत में आ गए और उन्होंने अधिकारियों से शिकायत की। एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि यह सामान्य घटना है और दूसरे प्रयास में विमान सुरक्षित उतरा गया तथा किसी को कोई खरोंच तक नहीं आई। इस विमान में 160 यात्री सवार थे। ग्वालियर हवाई अड्डे के निदेशक ए के गोस्वामी ने बताया, 'बैंगलुरु से ग्वालियर आनेवाला यह बोइंग विमान था और पहले प्रयास में उतर नहीं पाया।'

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Air Canada suspends all flight operations

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Air Canada suspended all operations as more than 10,000 Air Canada flight attendants went on strike early Saturday after a deadline to reach a deal passed, leaving travellers around the world stranded and scrambling during the peak summer travel season.

Canadian Union of Public Employees spokesman Hugh Pouliot confirmed the strike has started after no deal was reached, and the airline said shortly after that it would halt operations.

A bitter contract fight between Canada's largest airline and the union representing 10,000 of its flight attendants escalated Friday as the union turned down the airline's request to enter into Government-directed arbitration, which would eliminate its right to strike and allow a third-party mediator to decide the terms of a new contract. Flight attendants walked off the job around 1 am EDT on Saturday. Around the same time, Air Canada said it would begin locking flight attendants out of airports. Federal Jobs Minister Party Hajdu met with both the airline and union on Friday night and urged them to work harder



Air Canada flight attendants have walked out on strike

to them to reach a deal "once and for all." "It is unacceptable that such little progress has been made. Canadians are counting on both parties to put forward their best efforts," Hajdu said in a statement posted on social media. Pouliot, the spokesman for the union, earlier said the union had a meeting with Hajdu and representatives from Air Canada earlier Friday evening.

"CUPE has engaged with the mediator to relay our willingness to continue bargaining—despite the fact that Air Canada has not countered our last two offers since Tuesday," he said in an email.

"We're here to bargain a deal, not to go on strike."

A complete shutdown will impact about 130,000 people a day, and some 25,000 Canadians a day may be stranded abroad. Air Canada operates around 700 flights per day. Montreal resident Alex Laroche, 21, and his girlfriend had been saving since Christmas for their European vacation. Now their USD 8,000 trip with nonrefundable lodging is on the line as they wait to hear from Air Canada about the fate of their Saturday night flight to Nice, France. How long the airline's planes will be grounded

remains to be seen, but Air Canada Chief Operating Officer Mark Nasr has said it could take up to a week to fully restart operations once a tentative deal is reached.

Passengers whose travel is impacted will be eligible to request a full refund on the airline's website or mobile app, according to Air Canada.

The airline said it would also offer alternative travel options through other Canadian and foreign airlines when possible. But it warned that it could not guarantee immediate rebooking because flights on other airlines are already full "due to the summer travel peak."

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IndiGo flight suffers tail strike while aborting landing in rain

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New Delhi/Mumbai: An IndiGo Airbus suffered a tail strike during landing in Mumbai Saturday morning amid heavy rain. The aircraft was flying from Bangkok.

Before touching down, at around 3am, Airbus A321 descended below 550 feet before the pilots decided to abort the landing and attempt a second approach. The tail strike occurred during the go-around. The plane landed safely in the second attempt.

This is IndiGo's seventh tail strike in two years on its A321 fleet, an issue the DGCA has raised with the airline.

An IndiGo spokesperson said: "On Aug 16, an IndiGo Airbus A321's tail touched the runway while executing a low-altitude go-around due to unfavourable weather conditions in Mumbai. Thereafter, the aircraft carried out another approach

Dubai-Kochi flight diverted to TN

A SpiceJet flight from Dubai to Kochi was diverted to Coimbatore airport Friday night due to bad weather at Cochin airport. The flight, with 181 passengers on board, was scheduled to land in Kochi at 6.25pm. It landed in Coimbatore at 7.30pm. At 2am Saturday, cabs were arranged to transport around 60 passengers to Kochi. TNN

and landed safely. Following the standard protocol, the aircraft will go through necessary checks/repairs and regulatory clearance before resuming operations."

In July 2023, the DGCA had penalised IndiGo Rs 30 lakh for four tail strikes within six months. The regulator found "systemic deficiencies pertaining to operations, training procedures

and engineering procedures".

As per aviation website Skybrary: "A tail strike occurs when the aft fuselage (tail) of an aeroplane comes in contact with runway during take-off or landing. Statistically, the majority of tail strikes occur on landing. Tail strikes most often occur as a result of human error although environmental factors, such as strong gusty winds, can increase the potential for an event."

Sources indicated IndiGo did not inform Mumbai ATC about the tail strike. "A tail strike could damage the runway surface. It could take out runway centre line lights or leave foreign objects on the runway. Airlines inform ATC about a tail strike because a runway inspection should be carried out after such an incident to ensure the safety of all aircraft operating from that runway," said an aviation source.