



**Slow progress:** The beautification work under way outside the domestic terminal of Chennai airport. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

# Beautification of airport's domestic terminal to be completed by end of Feb.

It was expected to be completed in October 2024. Though work began in 2023, it was delayed by a couple of months over issues in handing over the site to the contractor

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**M**uch to the disappointment of flyers, the beautification work in progress outside domestic terminal T1 at the airport has been delayed. The work, which should have been completed by October last year, may now be over only by the end of next month.

Two years ago, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) had made plans for a facelift to the airport premises. The plan included landscaping and the building of a new walkway and seating area. The idea behind

the beautification was that those visiting the airport to send off their friends and family could stop for a little break before leaving. Though the work began in 2023, with the target for completion being October 2024, it was delayed by a couple of months due to issues in handing over the site to the contractor.

AAI officials said nearly 90% of the work had been completed already, and by the end of February, the canopy installation would be finished. "We are expediting the work, and it will be completed soon. Once opened, it will not only be helpful to visitors but also to departing passengers. If they arrive hours in

advance, they can wait here, relax, and then enter the terminal," an official said. Food and beverage outlets and commercial points, wherein small retail products can be put on display, are also likely to come up in this space, but this will take some time, sources said.

Govindarajan, a frequent flyer, said: "Some construction work or the other is constantly going on at the airport. While one can understand some delays in large projects, at least smaller projects such as the beautification should be completed on time. For a first-time visitor to the city, it could be an eyesore."



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## दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर 8 दिन पाबंदियां, 2 घंटे उड़ानें नहीं

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दिल्ली पुलिस ने गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह के मद्देनजर सुरक्षा इंतजाम को लेकर कई नियम लागू किए हैं। 1 फरवरी तक पैराग्लाइडर, पैरामोर्स, ड्रोन उड़ान पर पाबंदी रहेगी। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पर 26 जनवरी तक सुबह 10:20 बजे से दोपहर 12:45 बजे (2:25 घंटे) तक कोई भी उड़ान आगमन या प्रस्थान नहीं करेगी। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे उड़ानों की जानकारी के लिए एयरलाइनों से संपर्क करें।

# A fashion first at BLR airport

This event brought the spotlight on the 'airport look' for travellers, says Prasad Bidapa

## Fashion Notes

**B**engaluru's Kempegowda International Airport recently turned heads with Runway Retail, India's first-ever fashion show held in an airport. This landmark event redefined the travel experience, combining high fashion with entertainment in the heart of the airport, at the Quad, the fashionable shopping and restaurant street that connects the two terminals.

The show's focus was on 'airport look', a trend that has become a global sensation. Celebrities, influencers, and now every traveller wants to look their best while flying because, let's face it, who doesn't want to be Instagram-ready at 35,000 feet? The runway was lined with a diverse array of international brands, offering everything from the casual to sleek sophistication.

As the models strutted down the runway in their curated airport looks, passengers in the terminal couldn't help but take a break from their travel routine to enjoy the spectacle. It was a sight to behold - travellers, often seen in cozy sweatpants, suddenly found themselves inspired to look a little more runway-ready for their flights. Some even found themselves snapping a few selfies - who wouldn't want to be seen at an airport fashion show?

But the fun didn't stop there. As if the fashion wasn't enough, a rock band took the stage, turning the event into a full-blown rock concert. The energy was electric, with passengers and fashion lovers alike soaking in the music, the fashion, and the vibrant atmosphere of

the airport, all while waiting for their flights.

The airport truly made a statement with Runway Retail, proving that airports can be much more than just a place to catch a flight. With world-class fashion, live performances and an experience that was as entertaining as it was stylish, this event made every traveller feel like a celebrity. After all, the runway isn't just for the red carpet anymore - it's for the runway of your flight!

Event and pic courtesy: EBlitz Creations  
Stylist: Anil Hosamani



Brand: Satya Paul  
Model: Chinmaie and Esha Lankesh



Brand: Forever New  
Model: Esha Lankesh



Brand: Satya Paul  
Model: Amrutha Prashanth



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# 26 जनवरी तक एयरपोर्ट से रोजाना दो घंटे तक विमानों की आवाजाही पर पाबंदी

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: गणतंत्र दिवस के मद्देनजर दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (डायल) की ओर से यात्रियों के लिए एक एडवाइजरी जारी की गई है। आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर 19 जनवरी से लेकर 26 जनवरी तक रोजाना दो घंटे से अधिक समय के लिए विमानों के उड़ान और प्रस्थान पर पाबंदी रहेगी। गणतंत्र दिवस की तैयारियों और कर्तव्यपथ पर होने वाले कार्यक्रम के चलते यह फैसला लिया गया है। इसलिए यात्री इन दिनों एयरपोर्ट जाने से पहले अपनी संबंधित एयरलाइंस से विमान के उड़ान का समय पता कर के ही जाएं।

इंदिरा गांधी इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट (आइजीआइ) पर घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय के रोजाना करीबन 1,300 विमानों का आवागमन है, जिसमें दो लाख से अधिक लोग रोजाना यात्रा करते हैं। डायल ने शनिवार को अपने एक्स पर पोस्ट कर एडवाइजरी जारी कर बताया कि गणतंत्र दिवस के मद्देनजर 19 जनवरी से लेकर 26 जनवरी तक सुबह 10.20 बजे से दोपहर 12.45 बजे के बीच एयरपोर्ट से विमानों का उड़ान और प्रस्थान नहीं होगा। डायल ने यात्रियों से अनुरोध कर कहा कि विमान के उड़ान की जानकारी के लिए यात्री संबंधित एयरलाइंस से संपर्क कर के ही घर से निकलें।

● यात्री विमान के उड़ान का समय पता करके ही जाएं

● कर्तव्यपथ पर कार्यक्रम के चलते लिया गया यह फैसला

## दिल्ली में हवा में उड़ने वाली चीजों पर प्रतिबंध

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इस पूरे समय के दौरान दिल्ली पुलिस ने गणतंत्र दिवस समारोह के मद्देनजर राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में पैराग्लाइडर, पैरामोटर्स, हिंग ग्लाइडर, मानव रहित हवाई वाहन (यूपीवी) और मानव रहित विमान प्रणाली (यूपीएस) सहित सभी तरह की हवा में उड़ने वाली चीजों की उड़ान पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है। दिल्ली पुलिस आयुक्त संजय अरोड़ा के मुताबिक, कुछ आपराधिक या असामाजिक तत्व, आतंकवादी पैरा-ग्लाइडर, पैरा-मोटर्स जैसे



**15** दिनों के लिए लागू रहेंगे प्रतिबंध, पालन न करने पर होगी कानूनी कार्रवाई

हवाई साधनों के उपयोग से खतरा पैदा कर सकते हैं। इनमें हिंग ग्लाइडर, मानव रहित हवाई वाहन (यूपीवी), मानव रहित विमान प्रणाली (यूपीएस), माइक्रो-लाइट विमान, गर्म हवा के गुब्बारे, छोटे आकार के विमान, क्वाडकाप्टर या यहां तक कि विमान से पैरा-जॉपिंग आदि भी शामिल हो सकते हैं। इसको मद्देनजर रखते हुए दिल्ली पुलिस ने सभी तरह के उप-पारंपरिक हवाई प्लेटफार्मों की उड़ान पर रोक लगा दी है। इनका पालन नहीं करने पर लोगों को कानूनी कार्रवाई का सामना करना पड़ेगा।



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## चीफ एयरपोर्ट ऑफिसर बने अनिमेष भट्ट

नवज्योति, जयपुर। अडानी समूह प्रबंधन ने अनिमेष भट्ट को चीफ एयरपोर्ट ऑफिसर बनाया गया है। वहीं, विष्णु मोहन झा



को छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट मुंबई के चीफ एयरपोर्ट ऑफिसर की जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। जानकारी के अनुसार विष्णु मोहन झा इससे पहले जयपुर एयरपोर्ट के चीफ एयरपोर्ट ऑफिसर के पद पर कार्यरत थे। 3 साल 4 माह तक के कार्यकाल में झा ने कई महत्वपूर्ण कार्य किए हैं।

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## Parandur airport project: Vijay to meet protesters tomorrow

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Facing criticism for not meeting people nearly a year after floating a party, actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay will meet villagers protesting against Chennai's second airport project at Parandur on Monday.

Though the actor has been granted permission, the Kancheepuram district police have said the TVK leader cannot go around villages meeting people, and must only meet those who will assemble in an indoor wedding hall.

TVK office-bearers, led by treasurer Venkatraman, met Kancheepuram District Superintendent of Police K. Shanmugam on Saturday and discussed the modalities for the meeting.



Vijay

The party cadre were asked to choose one of the three places suggested by them, including the indoor wedding hall at Ekanapuram, to prevent any untoward incident, the police said. The party leaders were asked to ensure that there was no hindrance to traffic and members of the public. Though senior functionaries could attend the meeting with the protesters, outsiders and activists would not be allowed entry, police sources said.

**Villagers have been protesting for over 900 days against the acquisition of farmland for Chennai's second airport project**

At the meeting, the TVK office-bearers submitted a letter seeking permission for the event. Later, Mr. Venkatraman told reporters that there was no restriction for the visit, and Mr. Vijay's route would be decided on Saturday night or Sunday.

The villagers have been protesting for more than 900 days against the acquisition of farmland for the project. Activists have also been against the project as the airport would come up on wetlands.



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MILLANIUM POST

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## Curbs on flights, drones as Republic Day nears

**NOIDA:** Delhi airport operator DIAL on Saturday said there will be no flight arrivals and departures between 10.20 am and 12.45 pm for the next eight days till January 26 in view of the Republic Day week.

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) is the country's busiest airport and handles around 1,300 flight movements daily.

Details about the impact of the curbs on the earlier scheduled flights of various airlines could not be immediately ascertained. "As per the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) issued for Republic Day week from 19th to 26th Jan 2025, no flights would be arriving or departing from Delhi Airport between 10:20 AM to 12:45 PM IST," DIAL said in a post on X.

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The operation of sub-conventional aerial platforms has also been prohibited over the national capital, a Delhi Police statement read. The restriction, which came in effect on January 18, will remain in force until February 1, according to an order issued by the Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora. The use of paragliders, para-motors, hang gliders, UAVs, unmanned aircraft systems, micro-light aircraft, etc, all are banned.

AGENCIES



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# German nat'l held with banned GPS device at IGI

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**New Delhi:** A banned GPS device was recovered from the baggage of a German national at IGI Airport, marking the seventh such case this month. A case was registered, and the individual was bound down. Police investigations revealed that foreign nationals caught with these devices often claimed they brought them for research or navigation purposes.

The incident was reported on Jan 13 when security officials identified an unspecified device in the passenger's baggage.

The German citizen, en route to Ahmed-

abad, arrived at IGI Airport around 10.24 am and submitted his hand baggage for screening. During the screening, CISF personnel noticed a suspicious image of an electronic device in the passenger's hand baggage, prompting a physical check. Upon inspection, a GPS device was discovered. The passenger did not have the necessary permission from the Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) or the department of telecommunications to carry the device in India.

A case was registered under Section 42 (3)(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 2023 at IGIA police station.

Earlier this month, similar cases were reported involving nationals from New Zealand, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tokyo, the UK, and the US. An assistant professor from a university in Varanasi was also found with a banned GPS device.

To "be bound down" means being required to appear before an investigating officer on a specified date. Police sources explained that satellite phones are banned in India to mitigate security risks and unauthorised surveillance. Those apprehended maintained that they brought the devices for research or navigation purposes.



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## मुंबई फ्लाइट सवा, हैदराबाद की फ्लाइट दो घंटे लेट गई

जयपुर | एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की तीन शहरों की फ्लाइट्स का संचालन शुक्रवार को गड़बड़ा गया। जयपुर-मुंबई फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1212 एक घंटे से अधिक देर से गई। ये फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 9:25 की बजाय 10:40 बजे मुंबई रवाना हो सकी। हैदराबाद की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-2872 जयपुर से दोपहर 12:10 की बजाय 2:05 बजे हैदराबाद गई। पिछले 15 दिन से लेट चल रही दिल्ली की फ्लाइट आईएक्स-1199 दोपहर 12:20 की बजाय 1:15 बजे रवाना हुई।



This is the second warning received by Akasa Air. PT

## BCAS WARNS AKASA AIR OVER AVIATION SECURITY RULES VIOLATION

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**NEW DELHI:** Akasa Air has received a second warning, this time from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), for failing to comply with the aviation security rules.

The warning comes after a surprise check by BCAS on April 18 last year found that the airline's cargo at Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport was being handled by AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited (AAICLAS) without a valid agreement for security procedures. BCAS stated that this was a violation of Rule 3(l) of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, which requires aircraft operators to engage a regulated agent for applying security control on cargo.

Akasa Air responded to BCAS, stating that its license agreement with AAICLAS was only for office space and not for handling security control on cargo. However, the airline later signed a Standard Ground Handling Agreement with AAICLAS on June 29, 2024.

BCAS has warned Akasa Air to be more careful in the future and avoid further violations of aviation security norms.

A former aviation ministry official said that this was a major safety lapse and that both Akasa Air and AAICLAS were at fault. "In other countries, this offense could have even led to the cancellation of the airline's license," the official added.

This is the second warning received by Akasa Air, after the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a warning letter to the airline's CEO, Vinay Dube, on January 13, asking him to ensure strict compliance with rules to prevent regulatory lapses.

## INBRIEF



### Guwahati-bound flight makes emergency landing in city

An IndiGo flight bound to Guwahati returned to Chennai airport and made an emergency landing on Friday evening. The flight, with 165 passengers, departed for Guwahati at 3.50 p.m. After being airborne for almost 50 minutes, it turned back and made an emergency landing due to a technical issue. In a statement, IndiGo said, “Flight 6E 6011 operating from Chennai to Guwahati returned to origin due to technical reasons. An alternative aircraft was arranged to operate the flight, and customers were provided with refreshments in the interim. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to customers due to this delay.” The passengers departed for Guwahati in the alternative aircraft around 6.30 p.m.



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**कोहरा : 100 से अधिक**

**फ्लाइट्स लेट, सात रद्द**

मुंबई। उत्तर भारत में खराब मौसम का असर अब हवाई सफर पर पड़ने लगा है। शुक्रवार को दिल्ली में कम विजिबिलिटी की वजह से 100 से अधिक फ्लाइट देरी से उड़ीं और 7 को रद्द करना पड़ा। पंजाब, हरियाणा, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश के हवाई अड्डों पर भी ऐसा ही हाल देखने को मिला। दिल्ली के पालम एयरपोर्ट, पंजाब के अमृतसर एयरपोर्ट, उत्तर प्रदेश के वाराणसी, आगरा और लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर सुबह 5-30 बजे तक शून्य विजिबिलिटी दर्ज की गई। भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने नई दिल्ली में घने कोहरे का ऑरेंज अलर्ट जारी किया है।



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TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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## Flight boost for Indian visitors to Penang

**DEBRAJ MITRA AND  
ANUBHAB MANDAL**

**Calcutta:** A Malaysian melting pot, which is a popular holiday destination, is now looking to welcome more Indians.

Penang, located around 300km north of the capital city of Kuala Lumpur, is wooing Indians with direct air connectivity and visa exemption, besides its beaches, hills and food.

Starting December 21 last year, IndiGo added direct flight service between Chennai and Penang. Earlier, Indians headed to Penang would mostly fly via Kuala Lumpur.

In addition, Malaysia has officially extended its visa exemption for Indians until December 31, 2026. This exemption allows Indian visitors to enter Malaysia without a visa for up to 30 days.

"This new connection strengthens the bond between our regions, making Penang more accessible and enabling greater collaboration. It will undoubtedly foster long-term growth in tourism and business events," said Ashwin Gunasekaran, chief executive officer of Penang Convention and Exhibition Bureau (PCEB), a body set up in 2016 to promote the island as a destination.

The PCEB is hosting the eighth edition of the Penang Roadshow to India 2025 from January 13 to 20.

This year's roadshow visited Mumbai on January 13 and New Delhi on January 15 before stopping in Calcutta on Friday, Chennai (January 20) is the last stop.

In 2024, Malaysia welcomed 1,009,114 Indian visitors from January to November, surpassing its target of one million. This represents a 71.7 per cent increase compared to 2023, organisers of the roadshow said.

One-third of the total Indian travellers visit Penang, they said.

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MUMBAI

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# State fin dept OKs funds to buy Air India building, govt offices to soon move into it

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**Mumbai:** The state finance department has approved funds to buy the Air India building in South Mumbai, and the state govt offices will soon move into the iconic building. Officials said the state public works department (PWD) carried out an inspection of the building recently and also cleared the takeover.

The state govt is facing a massive space crunch, so major offices will move to the Air India building across Mantralaya. Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis told TOI that the takeover is in the last phase and money will be transferred to the centre's AI Assets Holdings Ltd, which



The state will pay around Rs 1,601 crore for the Air India building

owns the building, soon.

The state cabinet cleared

the plan in Nov 2023 to buy the

Air India building in Nari-

man Point to expand Mantralaya and house state govt offices there. The cabinet decided to waive all unearned income and other penalties of Air India so that the state govt can take possession of the iconic building soon.

The state govt will pay around Rs 1,601 crore for the building. With the acquisition, 46,470 square metres of space will be available for govt offices in this 22-storey building.

In 2022, then DCM Fadnavis met then Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and urged him to give preference to 'get the building'. Apart from the Maharashtra govt, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was said to be in the fray to buy the bu-

ilding.

Fadnavis said that the state govt was facing a space crunch to house government offices in Mantralaya and the annexe building. "Met Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in New Delhi and requested to give the Air India building in Mumbai to the state government. At present, even with the Mantralaya and an annex building, the space for government offices is insufficient, hence the demand for this building. We gave this proposal when I was Chief Minister. But in the meantime, that proposal was withdrawn. After that, we corresponded again. Currently, both the RBI and state govt have demanded this space," Fadnavis said in a tweet.