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मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग स्टाफ का प्रदर्शन, उड़ानें प्रभावित

मुंबई। मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सेवाएं देने वाली एजेंसी एआईएसएल के कर्मचारियों ने सोमवार को वेतन वृद्धि और अन्य मांगों को लेकर विरोध प्रदर्शन किया, जिससे एअर इंडिया- एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानें प्रभावित हो गईं और यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, प्रदर्शन के कारण बेगैज हैंडलिंग और तकनीकी सेवाएं पूरी तरह ठप हो गईं, जिससे परिचालन पर व्यापक असर पड़ा। कुछ यात्री विमानों के अंदर फंसे रहे तो कई को घंटों तक अपने सामान का इंतजार करना पड़ा। व्यूरो

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BUSINESS LINE

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TVK government faces a crucial call on Parandur airport in TN

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Chennai

The newly-formed Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government in Tamil Nadu faces a key decision on whether to press ahead with the greenfield airport project at Parandur or risk Chennai missing out on a much-needed second airport.

The question is weighing heavily on the minds of passengers, industry and investors alike, especially after TVK leader and Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay had initially backed the villagers and farmers opposing the project over concerns about livelihood loss.

As reports emerged that Vijay had held a review meeting on the Parandur airport project, multiple government sources denied that such consultations had taken place.

However, with S Keerthana appointed as the Industries Minister and officers of the Industries and Investment Promotion department now in place, all eyes are now on the decision around Parandur.

Sources in the know also pointed out that Vijay had only opposed the specific Parandur site in question in the past and not the idea of a second airport.

One of the final gazette notifications issued by the previous DMK government declared the Parandur New Greenfield Airport Project a special project under the Tamil Nadu Land Consolidation (for Special Projects) Act, 2023.

The notification was published on March 2, days before the Model Code of Conduct came into force.

However, government sources said there is no legal restriction preventing the new administration from discontinuing the project despite its special project status.

MAJOR SETBACK

Industry representatives warned that scrapping the airport project would be a major setback for Chennai.

"We have already lost ground to the Hyderabad and Bengaluru airports. Chennai needs the Parandur airport to support industry and passengers," said an official from a leading automobile company in Sriperumbudur.

The previous DMK government had accelerated



land acquisition, securing more than 2,500 acres out of the 5,746 acres required for the proposed airport in Kancheepuram district, with compensation significantly above market rates.

The existing Chennai airport currently handles more than 2.2 crore passengers annually. Once the ongoing modernisation works end, capacity is expected to rise to 3.5 crore passengers a year — sufficient for only the next seven years — roughly aligning with the timeline for the Parandur airport to be operational.

The proposed airport is designed to handle up to 10 crore passengers annually, and will include two runways, terminal buildings, taxiways, an apron and a cargo terminal.

Residents of Parandur, however, are hopeful that the project will be shelved.

When industrialists met Chief Minister Vijay recently, the issue of the Parandur airport was not discussed. However, they urged him to focus on infrastructure development.

"One of the best meetings we ever had, spent nearly 45 minutes. CM's willingness to hear is a great pleasure and his leadership is a visionary one," said M Ponuswami, Managing Director, Pon Pure Chemicals Group and Co-Chair of the CII MSME National Council & National Task Force on EoDB, on X.

Vijay requested the CII delegation to give their suggestions in writing so that action could be taken.

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Air India flights delayed at Mumbai airport due to ground staff strike

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, 18 May

Several flights of Air India and Air India Express were delayed on Monday as employees of government-owned ground handling agency AIALS carried out a protest at the Mumbai airport for a wage hike and other demands.

AIALS provides ground handling services to Air India Group — Air India and Air India Express — as well as international airlines at the Mumbai International Airport, along with other airports in the

country. Air India, in a statement, said that an industrial action by employees of a third-party ground-handling agency at the Mumbai airport is impacting operations.

"Our airport teams are working closely with all stakeholders to minimise inconvenience to guests and normal operations at the earliest," the airline said.

Air India, however, did not reveal how many flights were impacted.

AIALS said its employees resumed work after getting an assurance from the manage-

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ment that their demands would be looked into. "There was a silent Morchha by a certain section of employees, and we requested them to give us in writing (their demands) for discussion. They have been kind enough to go back and join back the work," said Rambabu, CEO at AIALS.

He said the company will go through all requests (of the agitating employees).

"They have given us a letter. We have told them that we will go through the same in terms of the policies," Rambabu said AIALS, which caters to 80 airlines, including foreign airlines such as Flydubai, Saudia, Oman Air and Salam Air, besides domestic carriers, at 84 airports in the country, has 20,000 employees.

It handles 650 flights per day at these 84 airports, with 35 per cent of international flights and 65 domestic operations.



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HYDERABAD

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India eyes strategic foothold in Sri Lanka with airport bid

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India is closely monitoring Sri Lanka's move to invite foreign investors to take control of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport near the China-controlled Hambantota port, amid strategic considerations in the Indian Ocean region, sources said on Sunday.

The Sri Lankan government has invited expressions of interest from

domestic and international investors by June 9 for the airport under a 30-year build-operate-transfer (BOT) model.

The development assumes significance as China secured control of the Hambantota port in 2017 under a 99-year lease, raising concerns in New Delhi over its strategic location.

The Mattala airport, located about 250 km from Colombo, was commissioned in 2013 at a cost of \$209 million, largely funded by China's Export-

Import Bank. Sources said the proposal offers flexibility and scope for diversified investment, and is being viewed in India in the context of China's influence in Sri Lanka.

They said an Indian presence in Hambantota would align with India's "Neighbourhood First" policy and its strategic interests in the Indian Ocean. The opportunity follows an earlier proposal involving an Indo-Russian joint venture that did not materialise.



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अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होलिडिंग्स व आइएचजी होटल्स में समझौता

नई दिल्ली, वि.: अदाणी समूह की कंपनी अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होलिडिंग्स लिमिटेड ने वैश्विक हास्पिटैलिटी कंपनी आइएचजी होटल्स एंड रिजार्ट्स के साथ पांच होटल के विकास के लिए समझौता किया है। यह होटल नवी मुंबी, जयपुर, मंगलुरु और तिरुवनंतपुरम समेत प्रमुख हवाई अड्डों के आसपास बनाए जाएंगे।

अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होलिडिंग ने बताया कि इस समझौते से विभिन्न ब्रांडों के नेटवर्क में 1,500 कमरे जुड़ेंगे। इसके साथ ही आइएचजी के लक्जरी लाइफ स्टाइल बुटीक ब्रांड, किम्पटन होटल्स एंड रेस्टोरेंट्स ने भी घरेलू बाजार में कदम रखा है। अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज के निदेशक प्रणव अदाणी ने कहा कि आइएचजी के साथ हमारा सहयोग आर्थिक विकास के अनुरूप उच्च-गुणवत्ता वाले हास्पिटैलिटी इन्फ्रा को मजबूत करने में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।



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राज्य ब्यूरो मुंबई : मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर सोमवार को उस समय अफरातफरी मच गई, जब सकाराई स्वामित्व वाली ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग एजेंसी एअर एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (एअरएसएल) के कर्मचारियों ने बिना किसी पूर्व सूचना के अचानक काम बंद कर दिया।

इस 'फ्लैश स्ट्राइक' के कारण एअर इंडिया और एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की कम से कम 15 उड़ानें डेढ़ से दो घंटे की देरी से संचालित हुईं, जिससे सैकड़ों यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी का

● 15 उड़ानें डेढ़ से दो घंटे की देरी से हुईं संचालित, यात्री परेशान

सामना करना पड़ा। हालांकि, प्रबंधन और कर्मचारी संघ के बीच त्वरित बातों के बाद दोपहर बाद सेवाएं पूरी तरह सामान्य हो गईं।

अचानक हुई इस हड़ताल का सबसे बुरा असर उड़ानों के आगमन और प्रस्थान पर पड़ा। विमानतल पर सामान की लोडिंग-अनलोडिंग और रैप सेवाएं ठप होने से हैदराबाद से मुंबई पहुंची एअर इंडिया की उड़ान के यात्रियों को उतरने के लिए आधे घंटे

● वेतन वृद्धि और लंबित पदोन्नति को लेकर की गई थी हड़ताल

से अधिक समय तक विमान के भीतर ही इंतजार करना पड़ा। कई नाराज यात्रियों ने इंटरनेट मीडिया पर अपना गुस्सा जाहिर करते हुए विमानन कंपनी के कुप्रबंधन और संवाद की कमी की शिक्षा दे दी। पता चला है कि यह हड़ताल वेतन वृद्धि और लंबे समय से लंबित पदोन्नति को लेकर की गई थी।

अखिल भारतीय कामगार कर्मचारी महासंघ से जुड़े कर्मचारियों का

आरोप है कि कई बार मांग करने के बावजूद प्रबंधन संविदा व नियमित कर्मचारियों की वेतन विसंगतियों को दूर करने में विफल रहा है। सोमवार को हड़ताल शुरू होते ही एअरएसएल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) रामबाबू के नेतृत्व में कर्मचारी संघ के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ एक आपातकालीन बैठक बुलाई गई। प्रबंधन ने कर्मचारियों की मांगों को लिखित रूप में स्वीकार करते हुए नीतिगत दायरे में जल्द से जल्द उचित समाधान निकालने का आश्वासन दिया।

वडोदरा से दिल्ली जा रही इंडिगो फ्लाइट में बिजली गुल होने से गर्मी में बेहाल रहे यात्री

मुंबई फोटो : वडोदरा में रविवार रात इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई 657 में बिजली गुल हो गई। विमान का ग्राउंड पावर यूनिट में खराबी आने से फ्लाइट में सवार लगभग 160 यात्रियों को आधे घंटे तक अंधेरे में पसीना बहाते हुए बैठना पड़ा। हवाई अड्डे के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि उस समय विमान को ग्राउंड पावर यूनिट (जीपीयू) से बिजली

मिल रही थी, लेकिन वह खराब हो गई। खराबी ठीक करने में लगभग 12-15 मिनट लगे और विमान को बिजली की आपूर्ति बहाल करने में 15 मिनट और लगे। इस दौरान कैबिन में पूरी तरह अंधेरा था और एसी भी काम नहीं कर रहा था, जिससे यात्री बेहाल हो गए थे। इंडिगो ने इस घटना के संबंध में कोई जवाब नहीं दिया है।

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प्रतीकात्मक

करना पड़ा। कई नाराज यात्रियों ने इंटरनेट मीडिया पर अपन गुस्सा जाहिर करते हुए विमानन कंपनी के कुप्रबंधन और संवाद की कमी की शिकायत की। पता चला है कि यह हड़ताल वेतन वृद्धि और लंबे समय से लंबित पदोन्नति को लेकर की गई थी।

अखिल भारतीय कामगार कर्मचारी

महासंघ से जुड़े कर्मचारियों का आरोप है कि कई बार मांग करने के बावजूद प्रबंधन संविदा व नियमित कर्मचारियों की वेतन विसंगतियों को दूर करने में विफल रहा है। उनका कहना है एअर इंडिया के विस्तार के साथ ही ग्राउंड स्टाफ पर काम का बोझ लगातार बढ़ रहा है, लेकिन उस अनुपात में उनकी सुविधाओं और भत्तों में कोई सुधार नहीं किया गया है। दूसरी ओर संविदा पर काम कर रहे सैकड़ों कर्मचारी भी लंबे समय से अपनी नौकरियों को स्थायी करने की मांग कर रहे हैं। मामले की गंभीरता को देखते हुए नागरिक उड्डयन प्राधिकरण और एआइएएसएल के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने तुरंत मोर्चा संभाला। सोमवार को हड़ताल शुरू होते ही एआइएएसएल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) रामबाबू के नेतृत्व में कर्मचारी संघ के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ एक आपातकालीन बैठक बुलाई गई। प्रबंधन ने कर्मचारियों की मांगों को लिखित रूप में स्वीकार करते हुए नीतिगत दायरे में जल्द से जल्द उचित समाधान निकालने का आश्वासन दिया।



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नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का एफकॉम और एआईसैट्स से करार

ग्रेटर नोएडा। उत्तर प्रदेश के जेवर स्थित नोएडा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा ने अपने एयरकार्गो परिचालन के विकास और विस्तार के लिए एफकॉम होल्डिंग्स और एयर इंडिया सैट्स एयरपोर्ट सर्विसेज के साथ करार किया है। एफकॉम एक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मालवाहक एयरलाइंस और हवाई माल परिवहन के लिए एकीकृत सेवा देने वाली कंपनी है। उसका मुख्यालय चेन्नई में है। एआईसैट्स हवाई अड्डों पर ग्राउंड सेवा तथा कार्गो हैंडलिंग के क्षेत्र में काम करने वाली एक संयुक्त उपक्रम है।



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India watching closely SL move to lease airport

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NEW DELHI

India is closely monitoring Sri Lanka's decision to offer foreign investors control of an airport near the China-controlled Hambantota port, as it could present a rare opening for Indian firms seeking strategic footholds in the Indian Ocean, people familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The Sri Lankan government has already called for expressions of interest from domestic and international investors by June 9 to take control of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) in Hambantota under a 30-year build-operate-transfer (BOT) model.

In 2017, China gained control of the strategic Hambantota port through a 99-year lease that had raised concerns in New Delhi in view



of the location of the mega transit hub.

New Delhi is watching the new opportunity with a keen eye, as both neighbouring countries have been looking to forge greater trade and strategic relations following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the island nation in April last year.

The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, located about 250 km from the capital Colombo, has endured a troubled first decade, the people said.

Launched in 2013 with grand ambitions, the project cost USD 209 million, funded primarily by China's Export-Import Bank.



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मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर एआईएसएल कर्मियों का प्रदर्शन, उड़ानों में देरी

मुंबई, एजेंसी। मुंबई हवाई अड्डे पर सोमवार को एयर इंडिया की कई उड़ानें प्रभावित रहीं। सरकारी ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग एजेंसी (एआईएसएल) के कर्मचारियों ने वेतन बढ़ाने और अन्य मांगों को लेकर प्रदर्शन किया। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

जानकारी के अनुसार, मुंबई हवाई अड्डे से रवाना होने वाली 15 उड़ानें 90 मिनट से लेकर दो घंटे तक देरी से चलीं। वहीं कई आने वाली उड़ानों के यात्रियों को विमान में ही लंबे समय तक इंतजार

करना पड़ा। बता दें कि एआईएसएल देश के 84 हवाई अड्डों पर 80 एयरलाइन को सेवाएं प्रदान करती है। उसके 20,000 कर्मचारी हैं। कंपनी इन 84 हवाई अड्डों पर हर दिन 650 उड़ानों का परिचालन संभालती है। इनमें 35 प्रतिशत अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान और 65 घरेलू उड़ान हैं। हैदराबाद से मुंबई पहुंची एयर इंडिया की एक उड़ान सुबह 11:45 बजे उतरी, लेकिन यात्रियों को एक घंटे तक विमान से बाहर नहीं निकलने दिया गया।



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चीन की तर्ज पर तीन सेक्टरों में व्यावसायिक केंद्र बनाने की योजना का जल्द होगा प्रस्तुतिकरण

हवाई अड्डे के पास कारोबार केंद्र में किराए पर मिलेगी जगह

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 18 मई।

जेवर में नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पास विकसित होने वाले तीन सेक्टरों को चीन के कारोबारी केंद्र के रूप में विकसित होंगे। योडा के मास्टर प्लान में औद्योगिक सेक्टर-7, 8 और 8ए में व्यवसायिक गतिविधियों के लिए जगह बनाई गई है। जहां करीब 20-20 एकड़ क्षेत्रफल में विकसित होने वाले व्यावसायिक इन केंद्रों का आबंटन किराए के आधार पर किए जाने की योजना है। खास तौर पर एक जनपद- एक उत्पाद (ओडीओपी) के तहत बनने वाले उत्पादों को यहां लोगों तक आसानी से पहुंचाया जा सकेगा।



अंतरराष्ट्रीय कारोबार और व्यावसायिक केंद्र बनाने की योजना के तहत विशेषज्ञ कंपनी ने अपनी कार्य योजना समुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण को सौंप दी है। जिसका आने वाले दिनों में प्रस्तुतिकरण

बताया गया है कि यहां किसी एक को जगह आबंटित करने के बजाए किराए पर देने की नीति ही कारगर रहेगी क्योंकि एक उत्पाद को हटाकर यहां किसी भी नए उत्पाद को जगह दी जा सकेगी। जबकि मूल आबंटन की शर्त में उत्पाद को बदलने की प्रक्रिया जटिल रहती है।

प्रस्तावित है। जिसके तहत एक ही छत के नीचे देश के सभी तरह के उत्पाद उपलब्ध कराए जा सकेंगे। लोगों को रोजमर्रा समेत खास उत्पादों के लिए दूर नहीं जाना पड़ेगा। इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स उत्पाद, वस्त्र व परिधान, फर्नीचर आदि सभी

यहां उपलब्ध होंगे। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक चीन के यीवू शहर की तर्ज पर यहां व्यावसायिक केंद्र बनाने की योजना है। प्रस्तुतिकरण के बाद इस प्रस्ताव को अमलीजामा पहनाया जाएगा। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के नजदीक होने के चलते यह वहां आने वाले मुसाफिरों को खरीदारों के लिहाज से अलग एहसास भी कराएगा। बताया गया है कि यहां किसी एक को जगह आबंटित करने के बजाए किराए पर देने की नीति ही कारगर रहेगी क्योंकि एक उत्पाद को हटाकर वहां किसी भी नए उत्पाद को जगह दी जा सकेगी। जबकि मूल आबंटन की शर्त में उत्पाद को बदलने की प्रक्रिया जटिल रहती है।



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IGI: हुई मॉक एक्सरसाइज

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IGI एयरपोर्ट पर सोमवार को सुरक्षा एजेंसियों की भारी हलचल देखने को मिली। सीआईएसएफ ने यहां बड़ी जॉइंट टेररिस्ट विरोधी मॉक एक्सरसाइज की। इसका नेतृत्व और निगरानी विमानन सुरक्षा समूह (एसजी) दिल्ली के उप महानिरीक्षक (डीआईजी) और मुख्य विमानन सुरक्षा अधिकारी (कैसो) ने की। इस एक्सरसाइज का उद्देश्य आपातकालीन स्थिति में विभिन्न सुरक्षा और नागरिक एजेंसियों के बीच तालमेल को मजबूत करना और रियल टाइम में विपत्ति से निपटने की क्षमता को जांचना था।



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मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर ग्राउंड कर्मचारियों की हड़ताल से घंटों परेशान रहे सैकड़ों यात्री

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

देश में सोमवार को दो अलग-अलग जगह 400 से अधिक हवाई यात्रियों को भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। इसमें मुंबई और वडोदरा एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को यह समस्या सामने आई। मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर सरकारी ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग एजेंसी AIASL के कर्मचारियों द्वारा सैलरी बढ़ाए जाने और अन्य मांगों को लेकर किए गए धरना-प्रदर्शन की वजह से एयर इंडिया की हैदराबाद से मुंबई लैंड की एक फ्लाइट पर बड़ा असर पड़ा।

एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों ने बताया कि इसमें पहले तो करीब 40 मिनट तक लैंड करने के बाद फ्लाइट टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग में एरोब्रिज पर नहीं लग सकी। करीब छह घंटे तक यात्री परेशान रहे।



AI की लापरवाही से फैला पैनिक?

आरोप है कि एयर इंडिया की तरफ से भी यात्रियों को कोई सही बात नहीं बताई जा रही थी। इससे यात्रियों में पैनिक फैल गया। ऐसे कुछ यात्री जिन्हें आगे जरूरी काम था। वह अपना लगेज लिए बिना ही एयरपोर्ट से चले गए। ढाई घंटे बाद यात्रियों को लगेज मिलना शुरू हुआ।

जब हुई फ्लाइट में अचानक बत्ती गुल

दूसरा मामला, गुजरात के वडोदरा एयरपोर्ट पर सामने आया। जहां वडोदरा से दिल्ली आ रही इंडिगो की एक फ्लाइट में अचानक बत्ती गुल हो गई। इससे फ्लाइट के अंदर बैठे यात्री इतनी गर्मी करीब आधा घंटे तक बिना एसी और अंधेरे में रहने पर मजबूर रहना पड़ा।



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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

JAIPUR

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पर्यावरण संरक्षण, सतत विकास के क्षेत्र में उपलब्धि जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट को मिला 'ग्रीन एयरपोर्ट' सम्मान

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इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट ने पर्यावरण
संरक्षण और सतत विकास के क्षेत्र में
नई उपलब्धि हासिल की है। एयरपोर्ट
को एसीआइ एशिया-पैसिफिक एंव
मिडिल ईस्ट ग्रीन एयरपोर्ट्स
रिकॉग्निशन 2026 में सिल्वर सम्मान
से नवाजा गया है।

यह सम्मान जलवायु अनुकूलन,
ऊर्जा दक्षता और पर्यावरण के प्रति
जिम्मेदार संचालन के लिए दिया
गया। अर्ध-शुष्क क्षेत्र और हीट वेव
की चुनौती को देखते हुए एयरपोर्ट
पर कूल टर्मिनल इकोसिस्टम
विकसित किया गया है। टर्मिनल-दो
में हाई परफॉर्मेंस ग्लास, इंसुलेटेड



रूफिंग, एलईडी और स्मार्ट लाइटिंग
सिस्टम लगाए गए हैं। ऊर्जा खपत
में करीब 35 प्रतिशत तक कमी दर्ज
की है। इससे टर्मिनल का तापमान
भी 6 से 10 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक कम
हुआ है। जीरो वेस्ट टू लैंडफिल
और लेवल तीन एंक्रिडेशन भी
हासिल हुआ।



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

AHMEDABAD

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Flyer from Bangkok held with 6.5kg marijuana

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the customs department seized 6.5kg of marijuana from a passenger arriving from Bangkok at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport on Saturday. The man was arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.

“Based on specific intelligence and passenger profiling, officers of the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU), SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad intercepted one Indian national who arrived from Bangkok at Ahmed-

abad during the intervening night of May 16 and 17,” stated a release issued by the department.

“During examination of the passenger’s baggage, officers recovered six vacuum-sealed packets containing a green-coloured dried plant-like substance hidden inside a trolley bag. On testing, the substance was found positive for Marijuana (Cannabis). A total of 6.540 kilograms of the contraband was recovered and seized under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985,” the release added.

Expect Air Train To Chug Into IGIA In 30 Months

DIAL To Fund Automated People Mover; To Be Free For Transit Flyers

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New Delhi: Delhi airport's long wait for an air train will end in 30 months, its operator has said. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) will now fund the setting up of a Rs 3,000 crore-4,000 crore automated people mover (APM) that will link Terminals 3/2, T1, Aerocity and cargo city for seamless transfers.

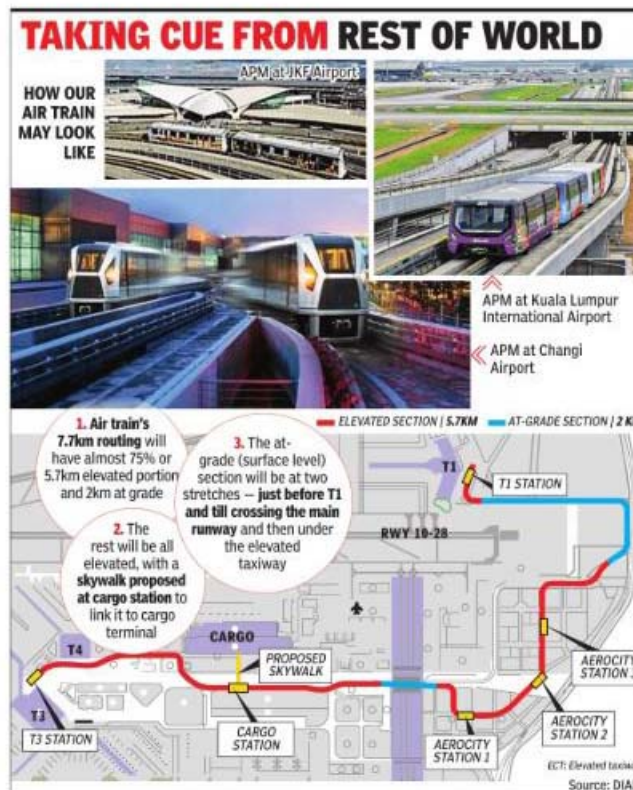
The airport operator took the decision on funding as its earlier plan of doing the project through a concessionaire — in which a third party incurs the expense and recovers it through advertising and other means — virtually drew a blank.

The air train will be free of charge for transit flyers. Non-passengers will have to pay.

In an exclusive interaction with **TOI** on Monday, GBS Raju, the chairman of GMR Airports that operates IGIA, said: "We have to do it (APM) to create a world-class hub. When we started in 2006, the transfer passengers were 5%. Today it is 25% and growing. So inter-terminal connectivity is important. Just like runways and terminals, the APM is crucial for IGIA and will be ready in 30 months (by or in 2029)."

DIAL learnt a lesson from its experience two years ago when its tender for building a 7.7-km APM on a design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) model did not make headway. It got just one bid. The operator will make the investment through internal accruals and recover the money through tariffs and other sources, such as ads, to minimise the impact of the tariff.

"In the hub-and-spoke model, there are peak hours for transit connections — from international to international, domestic to international, international to domestic and domestic to domestic. At those times, the APM will run non-stop between T1 and T3/2 without stopping at the stations of Aerocity and the cargo terminal," said Raju, son of GMR



group founder and chairman GM Rao. As this is the first time an Indian airport is getting an air train, the rolling stock (train) technology provider

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and operator is likely to be from abroad. The laying of the tracks and building of stations will be done by an Indian company. "The stations will be at terminal entrances and about 2-3 minute walking distance of

other multi-modal stations," Raju said.

"Passengers will scan their boarding card to hop on the APM and proceed to the terminal their flight is from," Raju said. This is being done as, unlike most hubs abroad where no such scanning is required, Indian airports see a large number of people going to an airport to see off and receive passengers. The airport operator will put the APM expense it incurs in its submission to Airports Economic Regula-

ry Authority, based on which tariff will be determined.

"We are soon going to call for bids (from rolling stock service providers). DIAL will treat the two jobs — laying tracks, building stations; and rolling stock — separately. The civil work will be given to good construction companies. We have studied the technology used in South Korea, Jakarta, Italy and Switzerland. We visited them all and zeroed in on the most user-friendly and latest options," he said.



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रनवे पर विमान की बत्ती गुल, यात्री रहे परेशान

बडोदरा। गुजरात के बडोदरा हवाईअड्डे के रनवे पर खड़े इंडिगो के विमान की अचानक बिजली गुल हो गई, जिससे कूलिंग सिस्टम पूरी तरह बंद हो गया। भीषण गर्मी के बीच घुटन होने लगी और कई यात्रियों की तबीयत बिगड़ गई। नाराज यात्रियों ने हंगामा शुरू कर दिया और हवाईअड्डे पर मौजूद अधिकारियों व चालक दल को विरोध का सामना करना पड़ा।

वायरल वीडियो में गर्मी से परेशान यात्री अखबारों से हवा करते नजर आए। 25 मिनट बाद जब बिजली आपूर्ति बहाल हुई तो हालात सामान्य हुए। हवाईअड्डे के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि विमान की ग्राउंड पावर यूनिट में तकनीकी समस्या से ये हालात बने। बताया गया है कि रविवार रात इंडिगो की उड़ान संख्या 6ई657 बडोदरा से दिल्ली रवाना होने की तैयारी में थी। तभी 8:50 बजे अचानक बिजली गुल हो गई। इसके बाद एयरलाइन के तकनीशियनों की टीम ने तुरंत मरम्मत कार्य शुरू किया और करीब 9.15 बजे बिजली आपूर्ति बहाल की। एजेंसी



इंडिगो के विमान में बिजली गुल होने से रहा अंधेरा।



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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हवाई यात्रा 44% तक महंगी, कई रूट्स पर किराया दोगुना

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घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई मार्गों पर मार्च से किराए में बढ़ोतरी हुई है। ऑनलाइन ट्रेवल एजेंसियों इक्सगो, क्लीयरट्रिप और वेगो के आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि अप्रैल और मई में अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों की एवरेज बुकिंग वैल्यू (एबीवी) में तेज इजाफा हुआ है। वेगो के मुताबिक, फरवरी में अंतरराष्ट्रीय एबीवी ₹22,700 थी, जो मई तक बढ़कर ₹32,600 हो गई। वहीं, घरेलू उड़ानों की एबीवी इसी दौरान ₹8,800 से बढ़कर ₹9,400 हो गई। एबीवी किसी एक बुकिंग पर यात्री द्वारा किया गया कुल खर्च होता है, जो एयरलाइन या प्लेटफॉर्म की प्रति बुकिंग कमाई का अहम पैमाना है। क्लीयरट्रिप के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, अप्रैल-मई 2026 के दौरान औसत अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई किराया ₹74,500 रहा, जबकि पिछले साल इसी अवधि में यह ₹52,000 था। यानी 43% इजाफा हुआ। घरेलू किराया भी बढ़कर औसतन ₹8,450 हो गया, जो एक साल पहले ₹5,850 था यानी 44% की वृद्धि हुई। इक्सगो के डेटा में कई अंतरराष्ट्रीय रूट्स पर उछाल दिखा। मसहान मुंबई-कुआलालंपुर किराया मार्च में ₹10,778 था, जो अप्रैल में ₹22,650 हो गया। बेंगलुरु-सिंगापुर किराया मार्च के ₹12,417 से बढ़कर मई में ₹19,914 हो गया। मुंबई-दिल्ली का किराया भी ₹6,530 से बढ़कर ₹7,526 हो गया।



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Flight cancellations hit AP flyers

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International flights from AP, particularly via Vijayawada (Gannavaram) and Visakhapatnam, are facing severe disruptions due to cancellation of services to Sharjah, which connect to the US and Europe connections.

Further, 95 per cent of scheduled flights are facing cancellation.

These issues have been triggered by the increase

in fuel price. The process of restructuring airline fares is causing major delays for travellers.

"Flight to Sharjah had been withdrawn when the US-Israel and Iran war began on February 28. Only IndiGo is operating flights to Singapore thrice a week," said Vijayawada Airport director M. Laxmikanth Reddy.

Off Visakhapatnam, Scoot Airlines reduced its operations to Singapore from four days a week to three days.

Roughly, 95 per cent of international flights pre-booked by passengers are receiving last-minute messages of the flights being cancelled or being rescheduled, creating chaos, travel agents said.

Founder and chief executive officer of Welfare Holiday and World Tours K. Vijay Mohan told this correspondent on Sunday that Thai Air Asia has cancelled its flights to Hyderabad, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, and Cochin. Thai Airw-

ays has downsized its aircraft capacity from 320 passengers to 170 passengers. Vijay Mohan pointed out that fare from Hyderabad to Bangkok, which was around ₹22,000, is now priced around ₹38,000. Airfare to Malaysia, around ₹20,000 has shot up to ₹30,000.

Fare to Bali of ₹30,000 last month has shot up to around ₹45,000. Other sources say shortage of aviation turbine fuel led to price hike in fares.

When private is not always better: The Air India Story

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For decades, Air India under government ownership was a byword for inefficiency. Delayed flights, ageing aircraft, overstuffed terminals, and bailout after bailout paid for by the Indian taxpayer. Yet for all that, it never lost \$2.8 billion in a single year. Its new owner, Tata Group managed to do that in 2025-26. This single fact underlines the uncomfortable truth behind the much-hyped privatisation of Air India.

The crash of Air India Flight AI-171 last June brought much of this into sharp focus.

Air India Flight AI-171, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, bound for London from Ahmedabad, crashed seconds after takeoff, killing 241 of the 242 people on board and 19 on the ground, last June. The preliminary report released a month after the crash, gave an indication of how the crash happened. The report also published snatches of a conversation between the pilots leading to speculation about the involvement of one of the pilots responsible for the crash. The final report from India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau is expected next month, according to the civil aviation minister K. Rammohan Naidu. Its findings will land on an airline already struggling to explain itself. To understand how Air India arrived at this point, it is necessary to go back to the moment of the sale.

The maths

On January 27, 2022, the Government of India transferred 100% of Air India's shares to Tata Sons' fully-owned subsidiary Talace Pvt Ltd. The Tatas paid Rs 2,700 crore (\$358 million) upfront in cash and took over Rs 15,300 crore of debt — for a total bid of Rs 18,000 crore (approximately \$2.39 billion). At the point of handover, Air India was losing Rs 20 crore every single day and it had around 12,000 employees on its rolls.

Post-sale, the airline has gone from roughly 12,000 employees and \$9.5 billion in accumulated losses at acquisition, to 30,000-plus employees and a fresh \$2.8 billion loss in a single year under private ownership. It is the kind of loss which has continued to mount at a pace the govern-

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ment era never quite matched in a single financial year.

Soon after takeover of the airline, its management under the leadership of a Singapore Airlines veteran, Campbell Wilson, unveiled Vihaan.AI, a five-year transformation plan. The plan was built on five key pillars: exceptional customer experience, robust operations, industry-best talent, industry leadership, and commercial efficiency and profitability.

While the acquisition of new aircraft has been rolled out at a faster pace — 600

new aircraft with a list price of around \$70-80 billion — and is quite laudable, the airline has been found wanting in terms of the goals it set out to achieve. For example, the country's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation identified 51 specific safety lapses at Air India — seven classified as critical safety risks requiring immediate correction, and 44 categorised as serious systemic failures in its audit report, soon after the crash. The findings spanned systemic neglect of safety management, inadequate

monitoring of flight operations, maintenance record forgery, crew fatigue mismanagement, and the operation of aircraft without proper emergency equipment checks.

There have been other instances too: A Chicago to Delhi flight was forced to turn back after five hours because eight of its twelve lavatories had become unusable. A Delhi to Vancouver service flew for nearly eight hours before returning because nobody had verified the aircraft had regulatory approval to enter Canadian airspace. If one adds a litany of complaints from the pilots, ranging from claims that they were treated as bonded labour to regular threats from the HR department, it is clear that a key part of the workforce is in open conflict with the management.

Assumptions

The transformation plan had always assumed that the hardware was the difficult problem — that if you ordered enough new aircraft, hired enough new people, and rebranded aggressively enough, the culture would follow. It hasn't.

The main reason for the privatisation of Air India was that if it remained in the public sector, inefficiencies and losses would spiral out of control, forcing the Government to shut it down. Its sale to a private sector company was based on the logic that it would remove all these challenges and India would get a highly-efficient airline. The downside to that is that if one assumes that the private sector is automatically more capable than the state, one fails to provide enough scrutiny whenever the private sector fails.

This perhaps has led to Air India's underperformance. The management poured enormous amounts of money into ordering more aircraft, merging four airlines, hiring about 9,000 employees, and expanding routes, all at the same time: the pace of what the management wanted to achieve ran far ahead of the pace of what the organisation was actually capable of achieving.

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इंडिगो फ्लाइट में 30 मिनट उमस में बैठे रहे यात्री

मुंबई। गुजरात के वडोदरा से दिल्ली जा रही इंडिगो की एक उड़ान में रविवार रात तकनीकी खराबी के चलते बिजली आपूर्ति बाधित हो गई। जिसके चलते यात्रियों को लगभग 30 मिनट तक अंधेरे में बिना एसी के बैठना पड़ा। विमान में 160 यात्री यात्री सवार थे। इंडिगो के विमान 6ई 657 को रात 8:40 बजे वडोदरा से उड़ान भरनी थी, लेकिन जीपीयू में तकनीकी खराबी आने से आपूर्ति बंद हो गई।



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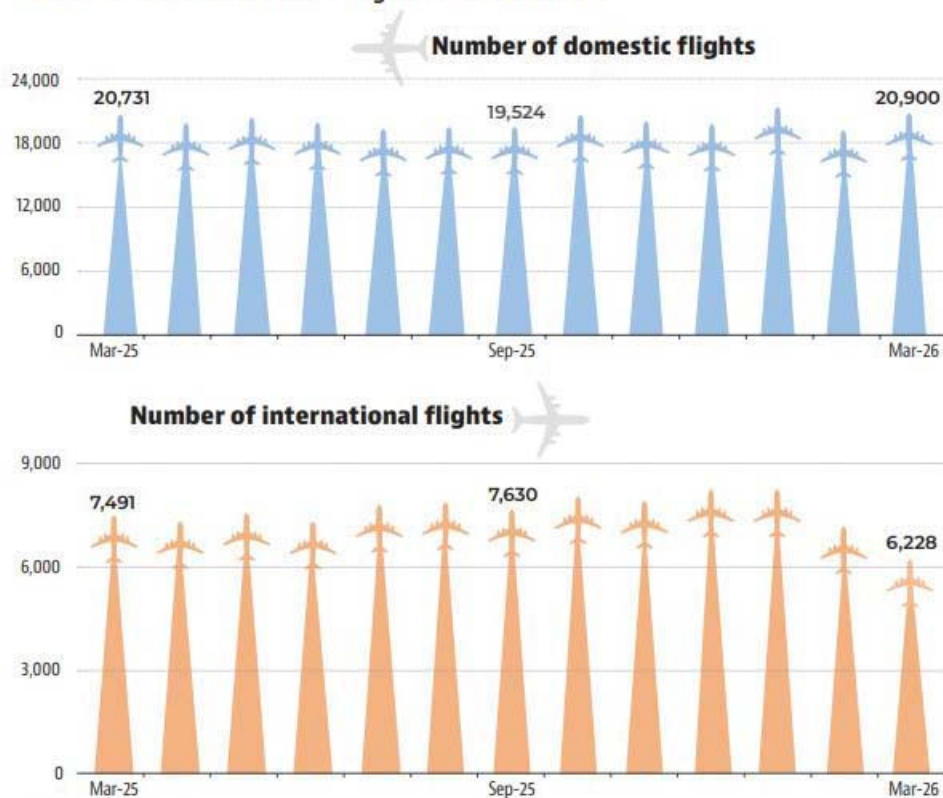
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Air Traffic

In March 2026, the number of domestic flights from Mumbai rose around 1% over March 2025 levels. International flights declined about 17%.



Source: Airports Authority of India



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Ground staff protest hits Mumbai flights

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NEW DELHI: At least 36 flights at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport were delayed on Monday after a protest by around 100 ground staff disrupted baggage handling and aircraft turnaround operations, affecting several airlines across terminals.

The protest was carried out by employees of AI Air Services Limited (AIASL), a government-owned ground handling agency that services Air India group carriers as well as more than 70 foreign airlines operating from Mumbai.

According to Flightradar24, around 58% of the airport's departing flights were delayed as of 8 pm.

An airline official said at

least 25 of Air India's roughly 120 daily departures from Mumbai were delayed because of the disruption. However, the impact was not limited to the Air India group.

Officials familiar with the matter said the protest severely affected baggage handling operations for flights managed by AIASL.

"Baggage of 39 flights—six international and 33 domestic—was delayed," an official said.

The official added that 31 departure flights and five arrival flights were delayed during the protest, which lasted around 90 minutes.

"The disruption had a cascading effect on turnaround times, impacting aircraft handling, baggage services and boarding processes," the official said.

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Fuel price hike fuels inflation pressure across sectors

Airlines are likely to be among the most affected sectors, as ATF costs rise with crude prices

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India's petrol and diesel price hike, alongside a volatile crude oil outlook, is set to ripple across key sectors and is already feeding early market pressure, with analysts warning of further inflation if global oil prices climb.

Oil marketing companies (OMCs) finally bit the bullet and raised prices of petrol and diesel by around ₹3 a litre on Friday amid elevated global prices. More hikes are expected going ahead as under-recoveries remain high.

Higher fuel prices are expected to feed quickly into logistics and freight costs, with transport operators unlikely to absorb higher diesel expenses, triggering cost pass-through across supply chains and sectors dependent on transportation and energy-intensive inputs, potentially widening inflation pressures across the economy, according to experts.

"We raise FY27 headline inflation to 5% versus 4.6% earlier assuming a ₹10 per litre hike in retail fuel prices, along with the impact of El Niño-led adverse monsoons," said Madhavi Arora, chief economist at Emkay Global.

The cost pressures come at a time when corporate earnings in consumption- and transport-linked sectors are already under strain from elevated



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input costs and uneven demand recovery.

Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies are expected to face higher distribution and input costs, even as they continue to grapple with already elevated raw material inflation.

Large FMCG players have already begun raising prices as fuel, packaging and food commodity costs continue to rise. Higher prices of edible oils, milk, wheat and crude-linked packaging materials have added pressure on margins, with companies warning that prolonged inflation could slow demand recovery

in the coming quarters.

"While FMCG companies may attempt to pass on the increase to consumers, low-ticket consumption products are highly price-sensitive and hence companies will not fully pass on the increased costs there," said Aniruddha Sarkar, co-founder at Equinova Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd, a Portfolio Management Services company. "This will make full cost transfer difficult and potentially hurt margins."

The Nifty FMCG index is down 0.8% since Friday, compared with a nearly 0.9% fall in the Nifty 50.

Airlines are expected to be among the most affected sectors as aviation turbine fuel (ATF) costs rise in line with crude prices. Higher fuel costs could also lead to fare increases, potentially weighing on demand.

"Along with ATF, expensive airfares could dampen travel demand, especially on international routes, creating a double impact on both revenues and profitability," said Vinit Bolinjkar, head of equity research at Ventura.

Shares of IndiGo and SpiceJet have fallen 12% and 3.4%, respectively, since Friday.

Rising crude prices are also expected to push up costs of petroleum-linked inputs such as polymers, rubber, and fertilizers, affecting manufacturing margins across industries.

In the auto sector, higher fuel prices are likely to weigh on demand in price-sensitive segments while also increasing input costs for manufacturers.

Higher petrol and diesel prices increase vehicle ownership costs, particularly impacting entry-level two-wheelers and small cars, said Bolinjkar. At the same time, elevated crude prices are also pushing up commodity and raw material costs, which could force automakers to raise vehicle prices further.

The Nifty auto index is down 1.5% since Friday.

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The increase in price per litre of fuel effected Friday

0.8%

The fall in Nifty FMCG index since Friday



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DESPITE STRONG RECOVERY IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Aviation Security Fee dues hover around Rs 3,200 cr

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NEW DELHI: India's civil aviation sector continues to face a major financial challenge, with pending Aviation Security Fee (ASF) dues still estimated at nearly Rs 3,200 crore despite the strong recovery in passenger traffic after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Though movement through airports has rebounded sharply, settlement of these fees lags behind expected timelines. Recovery in travel demand does little to erase accumulated obligations tied to safety funding mechanisms. Authorities continue monitoring cash flow gaps linked to delayed payments under current regulatory frameworks.

Despite growing expenses and pandemic-related interruptions, the fees gathered from travellers for airport safety managed by the Cen-

tral Industrial Security Force remain strained. At present, protection at 72 civilian airfields throughout the nation is maintained by the CISF. While financial demands climb, support continues without pause.

On July 1, 2019, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched the National Aviation Security Fee Trust (NASFT). Managed as a single nonprofit entity, it gathers airport security fees under one system. Instead of scattered oversight, funds now flow into a unified structure. Created for clarity, its purpose centres on organised financial control.

With consolidation came improved tracking – each contribution accounted for separately. Though formed by government directive, operations follow strict neutrality. Pooling resources allows consistency where variation once existed.

Beginning in 2017, structural adjustments to the ASF occurred multiple times, driven by growing expenses tied to security operations. While held unchanged at Rs 130 for close to twenty years through the prior fee framework, the local ASF amount moved upward – first reaching Rs 150 during mid-2019. Later, a further shift brought it to Rs 160 near the end of 2020; then, starting April 2021, it settled at Rs 200. On overseas routes, fees climbed too: beginning below four dollars, they now stand at twelve per passenger.

Even after adjustments, revenue dropped sharply due to the pandemic since fewer passengers meant lower receipts, but CISF expenses stayed constant. At its highest point, unpaid amounts reached about Rs 4,707 crore by November 2022. By March 2026, what remained outstanding had

declined to roughly Rs 3,200 crore. Of that sum, close to Rs 2,100 crore came from privately managed and jointly operated terminals. Publicly administered facilities accounted for nearly Rs 1,100 crore within the total balance. Unexpectedly, during 2024, airport operators took on financial responsibility for securing approximately 1,200 CISF staff stationed at freight hubs – part of a broader move to reduce strain on the ASF fund. While not formally announced, the change quietly reshaped cost distribution across aviation infrastructure. Because operational demands shifted, funding flows followed. Thus, a new burden fell upon terminal authorities without altering overall security mandates.

Following this adjustment, budgetary relief emerged elsewhere, though details remain sparse.



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Essar Energy Transition completes Pre-FEED for UK sustainable aviation fuel production hub

NEW DELHI: Essar Energy Transition (EET) has completed the Pre-Front End Engineering Design (Pre-FEED) stage for its Stanlow Methanol to Jet (MtJ) project, which is expected to become one of the UK's largest sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production hubs.

Integrated with the Stanlow refinery infrastructure, the planned facility will produce over 200,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of advanced SAF using nearly 550,000 tpa of renewable e-methanol and bio-methanol feedstock.

The project will enable on-site blending of SAF with conventional jet fuel produced by Essar Energy Transition Fuels. Through existing export infrastructure, including the Manchester Jet, Midlands and UKOP pipeline systems, along



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with road and marine distribution routes, the fuel can be supplied directly to major UK airports and airlines.

Renewable e-methanol and

bio-methanol feedstock will be sourced from domestic and international suppliers. Existing import and storage infrastructure at Stanlow Terminals Ltd is expected to reduce capital expenditure and improve access to low-cost, low-carbon feedstock.

The Pre-FEED stage, partly funded through an up to £2.5 million grant under the UK Government Department for Transport's Advanced Fuel Fund, was completed in partnership with Genesis. The study evaluated site suitability, technology readiness, refinery integration, carbon intensity and environmental compliance.

According to the company, the study confirmed that the Stanlow Manufacturing Complex can accommodate the facility and identified no major barriers related to permitting

and approvals. It also highlighted strong market interest in renewable methanol supply and integration opportunities that could lower costs and emissions.

The project will now target participation in the UK SAF Revenue Certainty Mechanism process. Front-end engineering design (FEED) is scheduled for later this year, while the Final Investment Decision (FID) is targeted by early 2028.

EET said the project forms a key part of its multi-billion-dollar energy transition investment programme in North West England and will support high-skilled employment. The UK's SAF mandate requires 22 per cent of total jet fuel consumption to come from SAF by 2040, with the Stanlow project expected to play a major role in meeting that target.

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हैदराबाद। हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर नीदरलैंड से आ रही कुआलालंपुर एयरवेज की एक फ्लाइट को ईमेल के जरिए बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। धमकी के बाद से पूरा हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट हाई अलर्ट पर है। मेल में दावा किया गया कि प्लेन में बम है, जो कभी भी फट सकता है। हालांकि फ्लाइट सुरक्षित हैदराबाद पहुंच गई। इससे पहले शुक्रवार शाम 6.30 बजे हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर बम की धमकी का एक ईमेल मिला था। जिसके बाद पूरे एयरपोर्ट की जांच हुई थी। इसमें कहा गया था कि मलेशिया से हैदराबाद आने वाली एयरएशिया की एक फ्लाइट को उसके पहुंचने से पहले ही बम से उड़ा दिया जाएगा।



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Flyers stranded in Mumbai as ground staff go on flash strike

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Mumbai: Thousands of passengers booked on Air India, Air India Express and some foreign airlines on their Mumbai flights scheduled between 10am and 1pm on Monday had a harrowing time after employees of AI Airport Services Ltd (AIASL), a ground handling company, staged an impromptu demonstration demanding better employment terms. A total of 31 departures were delayed, five arrival flights saw delayed parking, and baggage delivery for six international and 33 domestic flights was delayed, sources said.

Apart from the Air India group, AIASL does ground handling for 37 foreign carriers.

The disruption affected check-in, baggage handling and cargo loading and unloading operations, leading to delays for Air India and Air India Express flights.

Passengers on at least one Delhi-Mumbai flight were made to remain seated inside the aircraft for close to two hours after landing as ground staff were unavailable, sources said. Several departing flights, including those to Delhi, Chandigarh, Udaipur, Kolkata and Bhuj, were delayed.

The protest was organised by workers affiliated to Akhil Bhartiya Kamgar Karmachari Sangh, which had earlier issued a "final ultimatum" to the management over long-pending demands. In a statement issued after the protest, the union said the management agreed in writing to address the workers' demands following the agitation near the airport.

In a letter to the AIASL management dated May 18, the union sought permanent employment status for fixed-term contract workers who had completed five years of service; implementation of a wage revision pending since 2017; "same work, same pay" policy; transport and canteen facilities; a promotion policy; refund of salary deductions made during Covid; compensation for employees retiring during their service tenure; medical and accident insurance coverage; and a halt to recruitment of retired staff members.

The union had warned that failing resolution of issues, workers could resort to strike.