

यीडा में एयरपोर्ट के साथ औद्योगिक विकास पकड़ रही गति

ग्रेटर नोएडा, 18 दिसम्बर (देशबन्धु)। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के साथ यमुना प्राधिकरण के सेक्टरों का विकास भी गति पकड़ने लगा है। प्राधिकरण ने औद्योगिक विकास को तेज करने के लिए सेक्टरों में आवंटियों को भूखंडों पर कब्जा देने की गति भी बढ़ा दी है। प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र में अभी तक छह इकाईयां क्रियाशील हो चुकी हैं, लेकिन अगले चार साल में पचास प्रतिशत से अधिक इकाईयां क्रियाशील हो जाएंगी।

प्राधिकरण ने अभी तक सेक्टर 28, 29, 32, 33, 24, 24ए आदि में कुल 3040 भूखंडों का आवंटन किया है। सबसे पहले औद्योगिक भूखंड योजना 2013 में निकाली गई थी। इसके बाद प्राधिकरण ने अलग अलग सेक्टर में औद्योगिक पार्क के लिए भूखंडों का आवंटन किया। इसमें टॉय पार्क, अपैरल पार्क, एमएसएमई पार्क, हैंडीक्राफ्ट पार्क, मेडिकल डिवाइस पार्क आदि शामिल हैं।

मिश्रित भूमि उपयोग के सभी भूखंडों पर दिया कब्जा



- यीडा में अब 3040 औद्योगिक भूखंड आवंटित
- चार साल में 50 फीसदी इकाईयां हो जाएगी क्रियाशील

प्राधिकरण ने मिश्रित भूमि उपयोग श्रेणी में आठ भूखंडों का आवंटन किया है। इसमें से सभी की लीजडीड हो चुकी है। इसके अलावा मेडिकल डिवाइस पार्क में कुल 73 आवंटित भूखंड के सापेक्ष 15 से अधिक की लीजडीड हो चुकी है। मेडिकल

यमुना प्राधिकरण का गठन औद्योगिक विकास के लिए हुआ है। प्राधिकरण औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के विकास पर विशेष जोर दे रहा है। आवंटियों को भूखंड की लीजडीड व कब्जा दिया जा रहा है। कुछ भूखंडों पर निर्माण भी शुरू हो चुका है। अगले चार साल में बड़े पैमाने पर यीडा क्षेत्र में लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा : **डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह, मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी**

डिवाइस पार्क में लीजडीड के दो साल के अंदर उत्पादन शुरू करने की अनिवार्यता है।

अपैरल व टॉय पार्क में बड़े पैमाने पर रोजगार

सेक्टर 33 में टॉय पार्क व 29 में अपैरल पार्क में बड़े पैमाने पर लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा। टॉय पार्क में प्राधिकरण ने 139 भूखंडों का आवंटन किया है। इसमें से 74 की लीजडीड हो चुकी है। अपैरल पार्क में 149 भूखंडों के सापेक्ष 75 की लीजडीड हो चुकी है।

। इसमें आवंटियों ने इकाईयां का निर्माण कराना भी शुरू कर दिया है। डाटा पार्क में दो में से एक आवंटि की लीजडीड हो चुकी है।

2021-22 में 35 भूखंडों की हुई थी लीज

प्राधिकरण ने 2021-22 तक महज 35 औद्योगिक भूखंडों की लीजडीड के साथ आवंटियों को कब्जा दिया था, लेकिन अगले दो साल में यह संख्या बढ़कर 1373 तक पहुंच गई है। प्राधिकरण के नियमानुसार लीजडीड होने के चार साल में इकाई को क्रियाशील करना अनिवार्य है।

लीजडीड के लिए भेजा जाएगा पत्र

कई आवंटि हैं, जिन्हें प्राधिकरण पूर्व में लीजडीड के लिए चेकलिस्ट जारी कर चुका है, लेकिन उन्होंने अभी तक लीजडीड नहीं कराई है। ऐसे आवंटियों को रिमाइंडर भेजा जाएगा। चेकलिस्ट जारी होने के छह माह में लीजडीड कराना अनिवार्य है। इसके बाद शुल्क लेकर समय विस्तार दिया जाता है।



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2nd airport location will benefit B'lureans: Min

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Industries Minister M B Patil on Tuesday said the second airport in Bengaluru will come up at a location beneficial for Bengalureans and industrialists.

He was replying in the Council to JD(S) member T N Javarayi Gowda who sought latest updates about the second airport and suggested to consider Kunigal-Nelamangala road as a location.

He said, "We have identified 3-4 locations and the one we finalise will be beneficial for Bengalureans and industrialists on merit basis."



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JAIPUR

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रीभार पिछले साल की तुलना में 17 प्रतिशत बढ़ा

पिछले माह 5.6 लाख से अधिक यात्रियों ने किया सफर

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से नवंबर, 2024 में 5.6 लाख से अधिक लोगों ने यात्रा की। यह आंकड़ा नवंबर, 2023 की तुलना में लगभग 17 प्रतिशत से अधिक है। इसमें 5.13 लाख घरेलू यात्री और 44 हजार 012 अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री शामिल हैं।

अक्टूबर, 2024 की तुलना में नवंबर, 2024 में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर घरेलू 12 प्रतिशत और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों में 19 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई। बढ़ते यात्री भार और नए मार्गों के खुलने के साथ एयरलाइंस ने कई घरेलू गंतव्यों के सीधी उड़ानों का

संचालन शुरू किया है। वहीं नवंबर, 2024 में एयर ट्राफिक मूवमेंट (एटीएम) भी 4548 के उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गया। अंतरराष्ट्रीय एटीएम ने नवंबर, 2023 की तुलना में नवंबर 2024 में 68 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की। यह वृद्धि मुख्य रूप से सलाम एयरवेज की ओर से जयपुर से परिचालन को पुनर्जीवित करने के कारण हुई। एतिहाद एयरवेज भी आवृधाबी के लिए अतिरिक्त उड़ानें संचालित कर रहा है। वर्तमान में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट 26 घरेलू शहरों और छह अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए सीधी कनेक्टिविटी है।



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New scam lands at Bengaluru airport

NT Correspondent

BENGALURU



A Bengaluru resident has sounded the alarm on a fraudulent taxi scheme allegedly targeting passengers at Kempegowda International Airport. Mahesh Suthar, a tech professional, shared his experience on social media, warning travellers to be cautious of a fake app used by some taxi drivers to inflate fares.

Suthar recounted that he booked a taxi after landing at the airport, where the driver used an app resembling Uber to "start the trip." However, upon reaching his destination, the fare was inflated by Rs 1,000. When Suthar questioned the exorbitant charge, the driver claimed it was due to GST (Goods and Services Tax). The driver further refused to issue a proper receipt, stating it would be sent electronically at a later date.

Realising the scam, Suthar investigated the app, identifying it as "Blumeter." According to him, this app is designed to mimic Uber's interface while allowing drivers to manipulate fares by adding arbitrary surge pricing.

In his social media post, Suthar wrote:

"What an inventive new scam by @BLRAirport taxi today. This dude showed me an exact replica of @Uber app when he started and ended the trip with 1000 bucks extra baked in. Said the extra is because of GST, and when I asked for the bill, he said I'll get it next month. So cute!"

"They use an Android app called Blumeter," he went on to add.

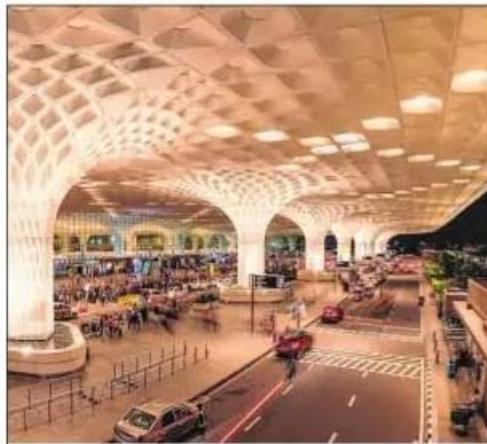


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Strong November growth for Mumbai Int'l Airport

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) recorded a strong growth in November by handling **27,200** air traffic movements with **4.77 million** passengers.

 Leading int'l routes Dubai, Abu Dhabi, London and the Middle-East	 Top domestic destinations Delhi, Bengaluru and Goa
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Busiest day: November 27

 3.40 mn Domestic pax	 11% Growth compared to Nov 2023
1.37 mn International pax	71,046 MT (metric tonne)
19,696 Domestic movements	32% Rise in auto product movement
7,504 International movements	18,653 MT Domestic shipments
	52,393 MT International

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उड़ान भवन कार्यालय का सामान जलकर खाक

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दक्षिण दिल्ली के सफदरजंग हवाई अड्डे के पास स्थित उड़ान भवन कार्यालय परिसर में बुधवार दोपहर आग लग गई। इस परिसर में नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के कार्यालय हैं। इस घटना में किसी के हताहत होने की सूचना नहीं मिली है, लेकिन कुछ कार्यालयों और उपकरणों को नुकसान पहुंचा है।

आग लगने के कारणों का भी पता नहीं चल पाया है। फायर विभाग के

मुताबिक उड़ान भवन के बेसमेंट में आग लगने की जानकारी दमकल विभाग को 12:53 बजे मिली थी। सूचना मिलते ही मौक पर दमकल टीम पहुंची। आग बेसमेंट स्थित बैटरूम में लगी थी। फायरकर्मियों ने 4:55 बजे आग पर पूरी तरह से काबू पा लिया।

आग के कारण परिसर में मौजूद कार्यालयों में धुआं फैलने की वजह से वहां मौजूद कर्मचारियों को सुरक्षित बाहर भेज दिया गया।



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THE HINDU

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Allow foreign airlines access to Kannur airport, says group

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NEW DELHI

A small group of people from Kannur in Kerala, comprising hoteliers, tour operators and architects, sat in protest at the Jantar Mantar here on Tuesday to press for their demand to grant "point of call" (POC) status for Kannur airport, which would allow international airlines to provide direct flights to it.

The group said they had met Union Minister Ram-mohan Naidu and presented their memorandum seeking POC status for Kannur airport. "Indian airlines have a 'monopoly' at the Kannur airport, but

they are not strong enough to deploy more aircraft and increase flights. On some days, a flight from Kannur to Dubai could cost you up to ₹30,000, whereas from Kozhikode, which is only 100 km away and is served by international airlines, the fare will be one-third this cost," Rasid Kunhi Paral, a tour operator, said.

Centre's stand

Though several cities are demanding POC status for their airports, the Centre has maintained that it needs to safeguard the interests of Indian airlines so that international airlines do not take away passenger traffic.

SC questions action against BJP MPs in Deoghar airport case

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday questioned the State of Jharkhand's action of initiating a case of criminal trespass and 'endangering lives of others' against BJP MPs Nishikant Dubey, Manoj Tiwari and others for entering the Air Traffic Control (ATC) room at Deoghar airport to seek clearance for their chartered flight.

"How is criminal trespass committed here? Was there any ingredients of Section 441 [criminal trespass] of the IPC like an intention to intimidate, insult or injure involved in their actions? How were they endangering the lives of others? Section 336 of IPC would have applied if they had taken off in the aircraft," Justice A.S. Oka, heading a Bench including Justice Manmohan, asked senior counsel appearing for the State government.

'Threatened, forced'

The FIR, registered under provisions of the IPC and the Aircraft Act, had alleged that the accused persons threatened and



coerced ATC personnel into permitting the take-off of a private aircraft in violation of safety regulations at the Deoghar airport in September 2022.

The case, investigated by the CID, alleged that the MPs and their companions along with their pilot entered the ATC and "pressured" the personnel to allow the take-off of their private aircraft even though the airport was not equipped for night operations.

"Whether an offence is made out under the Aircraft Act or not, we will leave that question open," Justice Oka orally said, reserving the case for judgment.

The Jharkhand counsel said the ATC was a prohibited area.



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FIRE BREAKS OUT IN BASEMENT OF UDAAN BHAWAN

NEW DELHI: A fire broke out at Udaan Bhawan office complex near Safdarjung Airport in south Delhi on Wednesday afternoon. No injuries were reported, fire officials said.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) director Atul Garg said that the fire was reported at 12.53pm, after which five fire tenders were pressed into service. "Fire was reported in the basement of the building. Firemen doused it within a few hours," he said.

Udaan Bhawan houses several offices of the Ministry of Aviation.

The damage caused by the fire is yet to be assessed. **HTC**



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IGIA: Agent arrested after 13-yr manhunt

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The IGI Airport Police team has arrested a proclaimed offender agent from Ludhiana, Punjab, after a 13-year-long pursuit, where Singh had been evading arrest since 2011 for his involvement in a passport fraud case.

An anonymous source tipped the IGI Airport Police about the agent.

The accused has been identified as Manjeet Singh alias Bitto (58) son of Maghar Singh resident of

Nirankari Mohalla, Millarganj, Ludhiana, Punjab.

According to the police, in November 2011, Singh orchestrated the illegal travel of a woman, Kulvinder Kaur, from Austria to Delhi using another person's passport.

Kaur's documents raised suspicions during immigration clearance at IGI Airport when discrepancies were found in her travel records, showing mismatched departure and arrival entries.

Following her arrest, she revealed that Singh, an agent, had arranged her

journey to Austria for Rs 10 lakh and later used her passport to facilitate the return of another individual.

Singh's associate, Gurdeep Singh, was arrested in 2011, but Singh managed to flee, leading to his proclamation as an offender in 2013 by a Patiala House Court order.

Despite multiple raids, he remained at large until a specialised IGI Airport Police team, led by Inspector Sushil Goyal, tracked and arrested him in Delhi based on local intelligence.

During interrogation, Singh confessed to his involvement, admitting to arranging fraudulent journeys and manipulating travel documents. Police are now investigating his bank accounts and probing his potential involvement in other cases. This arrest marks a significant step in the fight against illegal immigration networks. Police urged passengers to approach authorised agencies for travel documentation to avoid falling victim to fraudulent agents.



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PUNJAB KESARI

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सफदरजंग एयरपोर्ट पर उड़ान भवन के बेसमेंट में आग से हड़कंप

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): राजधानी दिल्ली के सफदरजंग एयरपोर्ट के पास उड़ान भवन के बेसमेंट के बैटरी रूम में बुधवार को अचानक आग लगने से हड़कंप मच गया। यह परिसर मुख्य रूप से नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के कार्यालयों का स्थान है। गनीमत रही कि इस घटना में कोई हताहत नहीं हुआ। हादसे के बाद वहां मौजूद स्टाफ तुरंत हरकत में आया और दमकल विभाग को सूचना देने के बाद खुद आग बुझाने में जुट गए। सूचना के बाद मौके पर पहुंचे दमकल कर्मियों ने छह टेंडरों की मदद से आग पर काबू पाया। अभी आग लगने के कारणों का पता नहीं चल सका है। फिलहाल पुलिस आग लगने के कारणों का पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है। आशंका जताई जा रही है कि शॉर्ट सर्किट के कारण आग लगी होगी। दिल्ली अग्निशमन विभाग के निदेशक अतुल गर्ग ने बताया कि उड़ान भवन के बेसमेंट में दोपहर 12.53 बजे आग लगने की सूचना मिली थी। सूचना मिलते ही दमकल की छह गाड़ियां मौके पर पहुंच गईं। जहां पता चला कि

बेसमेंट में बने बैटरी रूम में आग लगी है। फायर फाइटर्स ने कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया। दमकल सूत्रों की माने तो दोपहर के वक्त लगी आग पर शाम करीब 4 बजेकर 55 मिनट पर पूरी तरह से काबू पाया जा सका। सूत्रों की माने तो आग के कारण परिसर में तेजी से धुआं फैल गया था। वहां के स्टाफ ने सतर्कता दिखाते हुए न सिर्फ लोगों को तुरंत सुरक्षित बाहर निकाला, बल्कि दमकल कर्मियों के पहुंचने तक खुद ही आग पर काबू पाने का प्रयास करते रहे। अगर स्टाफ कर्मी सतर्कता नहीं दिखाते तो आग फैल सकती थी। जिसमें और भी ज्यादा नुकसान हो सकता था। उधर दमकल सूत्रों का कहना है कि आग की घटना में वहां लगे इलेक्ट्रिक उपकरणों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। दरअसल सूचना मिलते ही मौके पर पहुंचे फायर कर्मियों ने वहां इमारत में मौजूद सभी कर्मियों को बाहर निकाला और फिर आग बुझाई, जिससे कुछ देर के लिए अफरा-तफरी का माहौल था। लेकिन सभी पूरी तरह से सुरक्षित हैं।

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AQI Inches Ever Closer To Severe-Plus; Fog Makes Things Tougher

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New Delhi: The air quality inched closer to the severe-plus category as the air quality index (AQI) rose to 450 at 9pm on Wednesday. According to Central Pollution Control Board's bulletin released at 4pm, the city's average AQI was 445.

The combination of calm wind conditions and foggy weather led to a build-up of pollution as emissions from local and regional sources continued to remain high.

Dense fog was observed at Safdarjung, the city's base station, with the lowest visibility dipping to 50 metres. India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for dense to very dense fog for Thursday and Friday.

CPCB's data shows AQI was 439 at 12pm, which rose to 449 at 7pm. An AQI above 400 is considered severe while when it surpasses 450, it's called severe-plus. According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the air quality is likely to stay severe on Thursday.

"As calm wind conditions are prevailing in the city, there has been no improvement in the air quality. Since a western disturbance is impacting the region, easterly winds are blowing in the city, which are adding to the moisture content, leading to fog," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-president of Skymet Meteorology. Similar conditions are likely to prevail for the next two days, he added.

The visibility dropped to 50 metres at 6.30am, which improved to 100 metres at 7.30am and further to 200 metres at 8.30am. However, Palam recorded the lowest visibility of 300 metres from 6am to 9.30am, according to IMD. Since there was no dense fog formation at Delhi airport, no flight was diverted. However, some flights were delayed due to weather conditions at the origin airport, said an IGIA official.

WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?

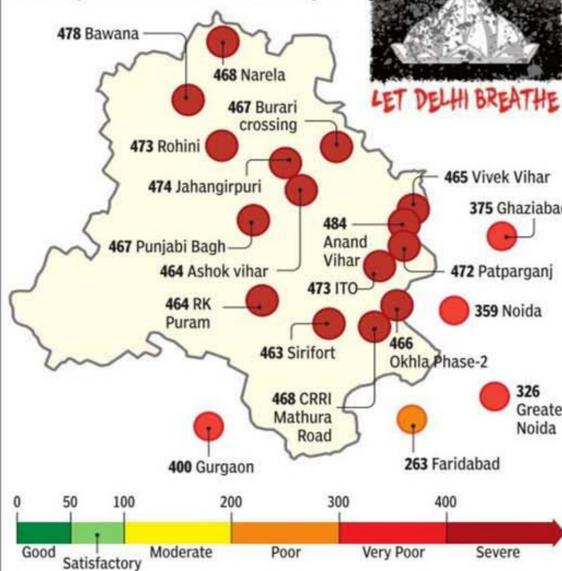
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Winter at a glance



Most polluted stations at 4 pm



The Met department has predicted that dense fog is likely at most stations on Thursday and Friday, with chances of very dense fog at isolated places. "Very dense fog contains PM and other pollutants, and in case exposed, it gets lodged in

the lungs, clogging them and decreasing their functional capacity, increasing episodes of wheezing, coughing and shortness of breath," IMD stated. The maximum temperature was 23 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal, and the

minimum was 7.6, one degree below normal. AQI at many stations remained in the higher end of the severe category the whole day. Anand Vihar was the most polluted station in the city with an AQI of 484 at 4pm.



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Feasibility study for new airport under way: Patil

The infrastructure development department has tasked Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDEC) with conducting a feasibility study for Bengaluru's proposed second international airport, MB Patil, industries and infrastructure development minister told the legislative council. Replying to a question from TN Javarayi Gowda, Patil said the study will assess road connectivity, hilly terrain, elevated structures, and multi-modal access via roads, rail, and Metro. It will also consider travel time, land availability with low population density, and access to water.



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3.4mn domestic flyers at city airport in Nov, up 6.6% in a yr

Mumbai: Passenger traffic growth at Mumbai airport maintained its momentum in Nov with 4.7 million flyers and 27,200 flights, said Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) on Tuesday.

The airport handled 3.4 million domestic passengers, registering a 6.6% growth compared to Nov 2023. For international traffic, the growth compared to Nov last year was 8.1% with 1.37 million travellers last month. The airport handled 19,696 domes-

tic and 7,504 international flights (including freighters). The busiest day was recorded on Nov 27, with 941 flights on a single day. Delhi, Bengaluru and Goa were the top three domestic destinations, catering to both leisure and business travellers. On the international front, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and London were the most frequented routes.

Mumbai airport handled 71,046MT of cargo, comprising 18,653MT of domestic shipments and 52,393MT of

international consignments. Key domestic commodities included consolidated cargo, engineering goods and postal mail, while international shipments were dominated by automobiles, pharmaceuticals and electronics. Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata were top performing domestic destinations, while London, Frankfurt and Dubai leading international hubs, said MIAL, adding cargo operations saw an 11% growth compared to Nov 2023. TNN



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विमान में बम की धमकी देने वाले पर एक लाख का जुर्माना, यात्रा पर भी लगेगी रोक नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने सुरक्षा नियमों में किया संशोधन, जोड़े दो नए प्रावधान

नई दिल्ली। एयरलाइन्स (विमान कंपनियां) को लगातार मिल रही फर्जी बम धमकियों के मददेनजर नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने विमान (सुरक्षा) नियम 2023 में संशोधन किया है और दो नए नियम 29ए और 30ए पेश किए गए हैं। इनके तहत दोषियों को सजा का सामना करने के साथ ही उन्हें उड़ान भरने से भी रोका जा सकता है और उन पर 1 लाख रुपये तक का जुर्माना भी लगाया जा सकता है।

आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, अक्टूबर में एयरलाइन्स को बम की 666 झूठी धमकियां मिलीं। वहीं, इस साल 14 नवंबर तक ऐसी धमकियों की कुल संख्या 999 थी। संशोधित नियमों के तहत अब नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएएस) के महानिदेशक (डीजी)



के पास किसी भी व्यक्ति या व्यक्तियों के समूह को विमान में प्रवेश से मना करने का अधिकार होगा। डीजी किसी भी व्यक्ति या व्यक्तियों के समूह को विमान छोड़ने का निर्देश दे सकते हैं।

यदि डीजी को लगता है कि सुरक्षा के हित में यह जरूरी है तो नियम 29ए के तहत लिखित में भी निर्देश जारी कर सकते हैं। वहीं, नियम 30ए किसी विमान, हवाईअड्डे या नागरिक उड्डयन सुविधा या दोनों की सुरक्षा को खतरे में डालने वाली झूठी सूचना के संचार पर रोक लगाने से जुड़ा है। ब्यूरो

गलत सूचना रोकने में कारगर होंगे नियम

विमानन क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञता वाली एक कानूनी फर्म सरोन एंड कंपनी के प्रबंध सल्लेदार नितिन सरोन ने कहा, यह संशोधित नियम उन लोगों से बचाव के तौर पर काम करेंगे जो गलत सूचना फैलाते हैं और विमान सुरक्षा को प्रभावित कर लोगों में दहशत पैदा करते हैं। हालांकि, नियमों में साफ तौर पर यह नहीं कहा गया है कि ऐसे लोगों को उड़ान भरने से रोका जाएगा (नो फ्लाई लिस्ट) या नहीं, लेकिन नया नियम 29ए बीसीएएस महानिदेशक को किसी व्यक्ति को विमान में चढ़ने से मना करने की शक्ति देता है।



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पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी से हेलीकॉप्टर सेवाओं का ठेका मुंबई (भाषा)।

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की हेलीकॉप्टर सेवा प्रदाता कंपनी पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी को चार हेलीकॉप्टर मुहैया कराने के लिए 2,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का 10 साल का ठेका मिला है।

कंपनी ने बुधवार को बयान में कहा, प्रतिस्पर्धी वैश्विक बोली के जरिये यह ठेका हासिल किया गया। पवन हंस इसके तहत ओएनजीसी के अपतटीय परिचालन के लिए चार एचएएल निर्मित थ्रु एनजी हेलीकॉप्टर तैनात करेगा। ओएनजीसी ने इन अत्याधुनिक भारत निर्मित हेलीकॉप्टर को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए पवन हंस को ठेका देने से जुड़ी अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है।



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Aequs to supply parts for Airbus door programme

Bengaluru: Bengaluru's Aequs Private Ltd has partnered with Dynamic Technologies Ltd to supply structural parts for the Airbus A220 Door Programme.

Aequs will manufacture and deliver over 200 complex parts, involving intricate tool design, forgings, machining, and surface treatments for 5 years. [ou.aai.in](#)

अकासा को एक और कारण बताओ नोटिस

दीपक पटेल
नई दिल्ली, 17 दिसंबर

नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने सोमवार को अकासा एयर को एक और कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया। इसमें कहा गया है कि उसके उड़ान संचालन निदेशक ने छह महीने की अनिवार्य अवधि के भीतर संचालन मैनुअल को संशोधित नहीं किया। अधिकारियों ने आज यह जानकारी दी।

यह इस महीने अकासा एयर को डीजीसीए का दूसरा कारण बताओ नोटिस है। इस साल अगस्त में बेंगलूरु हवाई अड्डे पर जांच के दौरान 'खराब रखरखाव मानक' और 'खामियां' पाए जाने के बाद नियामक ने 9 दिसंबर को अकासा एयर को कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया था। नियामक ने इस नोटिस का जवाब देने के लिए 15 दिन का समय दिया है। 16 दिसंबर को नियामक ने इस विमानन कंपनी को दूसरा कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी करते हुए कहा कि संचालन मैनुअल का संशोधन चक्र छह महीने से ज्यादा हो गया है, नहीं हुआ है जो डीजीसीए नियमों का उल्लंघन है। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि

संचालन मैनुअल को तय समयಾವधि में नहीं किया गया संशोधित

यह सुनिश्चित करना उड़ान संचालन निदेशक की जिम्मेदारी थी कि इन नियमों का पालन किया जाए। डीजीसीए ने इस नोटिस का जवाब देने के लिए कंपनी को 14 दिन का समय दिया है।

किसी भी विमानन कंपनी के परिचालन में सुरक्षा, नियामकीय अनुपालन और मानकीकृत प्रक्रियाओं को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए संचालन मैनुअल महत्वपूर्ण होती है। नियामकीय अपडेट को शामिल करने, परिचालन संबंधी बदलावों को पूरा करने और जांच या घटनाओं से सीखे गए सबक को शामिल करने के लिए अर्ध-वार्षिक संशोधन अनिवार्य होता है। इसे अपडेट करने में विफल रहने से सुरक्षा और अनुपालन का जोखिम होता है, जिससे डीजीसीए के दंड की आशंका रहती है। अगस्त 2022 में वाणिज्यिक उड़ानों का परिचालन करने वाली अकासा एयर के पास 26 विमानों का बेड़ा है।

IndiGo suggests increase in pilot rest time from Jun

DEEPAK PATEL

New Delhi, 18 December

IndiGo has proposed to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) a step-by-step increase in the weekly rest period for pilots, saying it wants the implementation to begin from June 2025, *Business Standard* has learnt.

The airline has opposed any increase in the “night duty window,” which refers to the period between 12 am and 5 am during which operations are subject to stricter fatigue management regulations, as it could have a “severe operational impact”.

To improve fatigue management, the DGCA revised the 2019 flight duty time limitation (FDTL) norms for pilots in January this year.

The updated rules raised the weekly rest period for flight crew from 36 hours to 48 hours and extended the “night duty window” from 12 am–5 am and 12 am–6 am.

The regulator planned to enforce these regulations from June this year but postponed implementation after Indian carriers strongly opposed the changes, citing the need to cancel 15–20 per cent of flights to comply. Currently, the DGCA is in discussions with airlines and pilot unions on how and from when to implement the new FDTL norms.

On December 4, IndiGo Chief Operating Officer Isidro Porqueras wrote to the DGCA chief D C Sharma, wherein he mentioned that the airline is ready to increase the weekly rest period from 36 hours to 40 hours from June 2025.

“We will assess the impact of this change, with a view to potentially increasing the weekly rest period post June

Perpetrators of bomb hoax may pay ₹1 lakh fine

Against the backdrop of the recent spate of hoax bomb calls targeting airlines, the government has amended the aircraft security rules whereby perpetrators can face penalties and could even be barred from flying. The civil aviation ministry has amended the Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. Two new rules—29A and 30A—have been introduced. Under the amended rules, now, the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has powers to “refuse admission to any person or group of persons in the aircraft”. With the new rule, the perpetrators can face penalties of up to ₹1 lakh.

PTI

2026,” Porqueras added.

He mentioned that the proposed change to redefine the “night duty window” as 12 am–6 am will have a “severe operational impact” and the airline proposes “retaining the current definition of night duty window”.

The rest norms for pilots become stricter when they are working during “night duty window”.

For example, no pilot can perform more than two consecutive night landings during the night duty window without a specified rest period in between. Also, a minimum rest period of 12 hours or equivalent to the preceding duty period (whichever is greater) must be provided before starting a duty that includes “night duty window”.





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DAINIK BHASKAR

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एअर इंडिया: छात्रों को किराए में 10% की छूट

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एअर इंडिया में यात्रा करने पर अब छात्रों को कई रियायतें मिलेंगी। विमानन कंपनी की साइट या मोबाइल ऐप पर बुकिंग करने पर उड़ानों के सभी आधार किराए पर 10% तक की छूट मिलेगी। साथ ही, 10 किलोग्राम अतिरिक्त सामान की अनुमति और एक बार मुफ्त डेट चेंज का विकल्प मिलेगा।

घरेलू यात्रा के लिए छात्र की आयु कम से कम 12 वर्ष होनी चाहिए। वहीं, अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा के लिए उनकी आयु 12-30 वर्ष के बीच होनी चाहिए। छात्र विशेष किराए के लिए तभी पात्र होंगे जब उन्होंने कम से कम एक वर्ष के लिए पूर्णकालिक शैक्षणिक पाठ्यक्रम में दाखिला लिया हो।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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बम की झूठी धमकी दी तो विमान में नहीं मिलेगा प्रवेश

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर : विमानों में बम की झूठी धमकी देना अब महंगा पड़ेगा। ऐसे लोगों पर एक लाख का जुर्माना लग सकता है और विमान में प्रवेश रोका जा सकता है। एयरलाइनों को हाल ही में दी गई बम की धमकियों को देखते हुए, नागरिक उड़्डयन मंत्रालय ने विमान (सुरक्षा) नियम, 2023 में संशोधन करते हुए दो नए नियम-29ए और 30ए पेश किए। संशोधित नियमों के तहत अब नागरिक उड़्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएएस) के महानिदेशक को किसी भी व्यक्ति या समूह को

- धमकियों को देखते हुए सरकार ने नियमों में किया संशोधन
- अपराधियों पर लगाया जा सकता है एक लाख तक का जुर्माना भी

विमान में प्रवेश देने से मना करने का अधिकार होगा। आंकड़ों के अनुसार, अक्टूबर में एयरलाइनों को 666 धमकियां मिलीं, जबकि इस साल 14 नवंबर तक यह संख्या 999 थी।

नौ दिसंबर को जारी अधिसूचना में कहा गया है कि प्रतिबंध ऐसी गलत सूचना फैलाने पर भी लगाया गया

है, जिससे यात्रियों, चालक दल और ग्राउंड कर्मियों या आम जनता में घबराहट पैदा हो सकती है या विमान परिचालन में बाधा आ सकती है।

सरीन एंड कंपनी के मैनेजिंग पार्टनर नितिन सरीन ने कहा कि संशोधित नियमों में ऐसे लोगों को नो-फ्लाई लिस्ट में डालने का विशेष उल्लेख नहीं है। हालांकि, नियम 29ए बीसीएएस के महानिदेशक को ऐसे व्यक्ति को विमान में चढ़ने से मना करने की शक्ति देता है। सरीन एंड कंपनी विमानन क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञता वाली एक कानूनी फर्म है।

Indian Airlines Oppose Pilot Rest Rules, Say Norms can be Implemented Only from 2026

Arindam Majumder

New Delhi: Airlines are opposing proposed rules on pilot work and rest, saying that they cannot fully implement them at least before 2026 as it would require an increase in their crew strength.

IndiGo and Air India have opposed a key amendment in the law which rewrites the definition of night period, extending it by an hour from 12 AM-5 AM to 12 AM-6AM, besides limiting the duty period to 10 hours.

“The proposed change to redefine the night duty hours will have a severe operational impact. We propose to retain the current definition on night duty,” IndiGo, India’s largest airline, said in a letter to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). ET has reviewed a copy of the letter.

The airlines said the new rules would require them to increase crew strength by 3-10% and an immediate implementation will lead to flight cancellations and disruptions.

In March, DGCA put the new rules in indefinite abeyance in front of severe resistance from airlines. The airlines said the rules will for-

ce them to cancel 20% of flights at the peak of summer travel season.

The reversal of stance came within days after the regulator itself acknowledged pilot fatigue as a concern saying that multiple incidents of death of pilots due to punishing schedules and its adverse impact on the health of pilots is an urgent wake up call to address these issues without further delay.

Following that, multiple pilot groups including the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP), which counts over 5,000 pilots as its members, moved court seeking an early implementation of the rules.

Last week, the Delhi HC, questioned the DGCA why the norms could not be notified sooner since they were ready in January 2024. The court told the DGCA to consider implementing the proposed norms from early 2025.

Air India, in its submission, said the regulator instead of prescribing uniform rules for all airlines should allow them to implement their own Fatigue Risk Management Systems (FRMS).

FRMS is a process where airlines collect data and analyse them using soft-

ware to monitor pilot fatigue. Global aviation watchdog ICAO also prescribes the use of FRMS against the traditional approach of regulators prescribing limits.



More Indians looking to fly biz class this holiday season

RAGHAV AGGARWAL
New Delhi, December 17

THE NUMBER OF Indians eyeing to fly business class has seen a sharp uptick this holiday season compared to last year. While the trend is more pronounced in international travel, travel agents and online platforms suggest that it is also emerging on many domestic routes.

Data shared by MakeMyTrip on Tuesday showed business class bookings from India across domestic as well as international routes have gone up by 50% this year compared to the same period last year. This is based on the analysis of search and booking data between December 16 and 31. For international bookings, there has been an 80% rise in business class bookings, and for domestic bookings, the jump is 27%.

Cleartrip said it has seen almost a 60% jump in business class bookings this year compared to last year.

According to travel agents and

SHIFT IN PREFERENCE

(% increase in bookings this season)

International routes



Primary reasons:

- Growing aspirations
- Focus on comfort
- Evolving corporate travel policies

Source: Cleartrip

Domestic routes



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industry executives, the key reason for the uptick is the rising demand for a better flight experience. "People now come and ask for seats with bigger leg space and better comfort," Pramod Singh, a Delhi-based travel

agent, said, adding: "They are ready to pay more for international flights." Alok Gupta, another Delhi-based travel agent said there is an increased focus on a better travel experience. "Now, they prefer to be able to watch

movies, have a drink and sleep better on a long flight," he said. Indiver Rastogi, president & group head, global business travel, at Thomas Cook (India) and SOTC Travel, said as premium cabin prices

stabilise, "corporate policies are shifting towards broader adoption of business class for employees, previously reserved for senior executives and CXOs". "Furthermore, airlines are offering more competitive pricing, value-added services and frequent-flyer programmes like IndiGo's Blue Chip, Singapore Airlines KrisFlyer making premium and business class cabins more accessible," he said.

In line with the trend, Indian airlines are also accelerating their plans to offer premium seats to customers. IndiGo has started offering business class seats on some routes from November. The seats offer a more plush feel, adjustable headrest and specially curated meals by the Oberoi. In April, it had placed its first-ever order for wide-body aircraft with Airbus.

Air India, is also undergoing a \$400-million refurbishment programme. Under the new owner Tata

Group, it has placed a massive order of around 570 planes with Boeing and Airbus. Out of these, around 80 are wide-body planes.

"The trend toward premiumisation is becoming increasingly pronounced as travellers are willing to spend more for a memorable holiday," said Rajesh Magow, co-founder and group CEO, MakeMyTrip.

"While international routes continue to lead the demand for business and premium economy travel, we are also seeing a steady rise in domestic bookings, particularly on high-traffic routes connecting key business hubs," Rastogi added.

According to Cleartrip, the international destinations which have seen the highest rise in demand for business seats this season are Bangkok, Bali and Kathmandu, while domestic destinations include Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Lucknow.

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DGCA issues show cause notice to Akasa Air

DGCA has issued a show cause notice to Akasa Air for violation of norms related to the airline's operations manual, according to sources.

When contacted, an Akasa Air spokesperson said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has raised certain findings for which they have issued a notice for clarification from the airline's flight operations team. So far this month, at least two show-cause notices issued by the regulator to the airline, which started flying in August 2022.



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विमानों में बम की झूठी धमकी पर लगेगा जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली, एजेन्सी। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने बम की झूठी धमकियों को लेकर एक बड़ा कदम उठाया है। अब विमानों में फर्जी बम की धमकी या गलत सूचना फैलाने वाले पर 1 लाख रुपये तक का जुर्माना लगेगा।

भी रोका जा सकता है। मंत्रालय ने विमान (सुरक्षा) नियम, 2023 में संशोधन किया है। इसके तहत दो नए नियम 29ए और 30ए पेश किए हैं। विमानन क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञता वाली कानूनी फर्म सरिन एंड कंपनी ने कहा

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SERIES OF BOMB HOAX THREATS DISRUPTED FLIGHT SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Govt makes fake bomb threats to flights punishable offence, fine up to ₹1 crore

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IN THE wake of scores of fake bomb threats to flights of Indian airlines in October, which had led to significant disruption in the country's civil aviation operations, the government has made communicating such false threats a punishable offence under the Aircraft (Security) Rules. The amended rules were notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on Monday and took immediate effect.

This is the first major change in the country's civil aviation regulations in the bid to curb the menace of bomb hoaxes to aircraft. MoCA is also pushing for legislative amendments to provide for strict punishment for such fake threats. So far, in the absence of legal provisions dealing specifically with bomb threats to aircraft, such hoax bomb threats have been dealt with in accordance with the country's criminal laws.

As per the amendment to the Aircraft (Security) Rules, bomb

hoaxes would be classified in the highest level of severity—Level 6—under the rules. Level 6 offences can attract a financial penalty ranging from ₹1 lakh (for individuals) to ₹1 crore (for an organisation with over 300 employees).

According to the gazette notification detailing the amendment to the Aircraft (Security) Rules, a new rule with the title "Prohibition to communicate false information" has been added.

This new rule states: "No person shall communicate false information so as to (a) jeopardize the safety and security of an aircraft, aerodrome or civil aviation facility or both; (b) cause panic among passengers, crew and ground personnel or the general public; or (c) disrupt the civil aviation operation".

Additionally, another rule has been inserted which authorises the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to issue written directions to "refuse admission to any person or group of persons in the aircraft" or "require any person

or group of persons to leave the aircraft". This new rule may be seen as a facilitating provision to ban those behind such threats from flying.

So far, the provisions to ban people from flying were only for unruly passengers, including anyone making a bomb threat while on board. It did not cover those sending bomb threats from outside through calls, social media, or emails.

Indian airlines were hit by a spate of bomb hoaxes in October. The threats, mostly posted by anonymous and unverified social media handles, sent the airlines, airports, and security agencies into a tizzy, and forced a few flight diversions and strict post-landing security checks and screenings in a number of cases.

Apart from causing distress and inconvenience to passengers, such bomb hoaxes can lead to severe pressure on the aviation security apparatus and infrastructure, and lead to significant revenue loss for airlines.

On October 21, Civil Aviation K Ram Mohan Naidu had announced that the government

planned to take legislative action to deal with fake bomb threats to aircraft and make the punishments harsher to deter pranksters from posting such threats.

Among the moves listed by Naidu were changes to the Aircraft (Security) Rules and amendments to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation (SUASCA) Act, 1982. According to MoCA officials, SUASCA Act amendments are currently at the inter-ministerial consultation stage.

The SUASCA Act applies mostly to acts of violence or intent to cause violence while the aircraft is operating. Naidu had said in October. MoCA wants the law's ambit to be expanded in order to deal with bomb threats even when an aircraft is on ground and not operating a flight, and make it a cognizable offence under the Act.

Apart from a jail term, the offence is likely to also attract a hefty fine, Naidu had said, adding that the details would be subject to the inter-ministerial discussions.



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Mumbai-Delhi route ranked world's 8th busiest domestic flight route in 2024

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INDIA'S BUSIEST flight route—Mumbai-Delhi—has been ranked as the eighth busiest domestic route globally in the 2024 rankings released by international aviation and travel data and analytics firm OAG. Within the Asia Pacific region, the Mumbai-Delhi route was ranked as the sixth busiest. International routes from India, however, did not make it to OAG's list of busiest international flight routes.

The Mumbai-Delhi route improved its ranking by one spot vis-à-vis last year's standings, and is the only domestic route from India in the top 10 domestic routes by seat capacity globally. However, in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic brought global aviation to a grinding halt, the route was ranked even higher at the sixth spot.

According to OAG data, the seat capacity deployed by airlines on the Mumbai-Delhi route in 2024 rose 9 per cent over last year to 7.96 million seats. However, the seat capacity on the route in 2024 was still 3 per cent lower than in 2019. While

TOP 10 BUSIEST DOMESTIC ROUTES OF 2024

2024 RANK	ROUTE	2023 RANK	SEATS IN 2024
1	Jeju International - Seoul Gimpo	1	14.18 mn
2	Sapporo New Chitose - Tokyo Haneda	2	11.93 mn
3	Fukuoka - Tokyo Haneda	3	11.34 mn
4	Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City	4	10.63 mn
5	Melbourne - Sydney	5	9.22 mn
6	Jeddah - Riyadh	8	8.7 mn
7	Tokyo Haneda - Okinawa Naha	7	8.03 mn
8	Mumbai - Delhi	9	7.96 mn
9	Beijing - Shanghai Hongqiao	6	7.71 mn
10	Guangzhou Baiyun - Shanghai Hongqiao	11	7.01 mn

Source: OAG

all major Indian carriers operate flights between India's financial capital and the national capital, Air India and IndiGo account for a bulk of the seat capacity on the trunk route.

It is worth noting that the Mumbai-Delhi trunk route has been at near saturation levels for a while now, which partly explains why the seat capacity on the route is still a tad lower than in 2019, even as India's domes-

tic market has expanded considerably with a wider network which has been expanding beyond the major cities. The country's domestic passenger traffic has exceeded the pre-pandemic levels, and is setting new records with every passing travel season since the pandemic ebbed.

India is the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, and also among the fastest-growing major aviation

markets globally.

The Jeju International-Seoul Gimpo route in South Korea, with a seat capacity of 14.18 million in 2024, maintained its position as the busiest domestic flight route in Asia Pacific as well as globally. In fact, the top five domestic routes globally in 2024 were the same as last year.

The Asia Pacific region dominated the list of the 10 busiest domestic flight routes in the world for 2024. The list includes three routes from Japan, two from China, and one each from India, South Korea, Vietnam, Australia, and Saudi Arabia.

No route from India in top international routes

The Asia Pacific region also dominated the list of the top 10 busiest international routes, although none of those routes were to or from India.

The title of the busiest international flight route in 2024 went to Hong Kong-Taipei, which was ranked at the third spot in 2023, per OAG's rankings. Kuala Lumpur-Singapore, which was ranked the busiest international route last year, slipped to the fourth spot in the 2024 rankings.

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पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी से हेलीकॉप्टर सेवाओं के लिए 10 साल का ठेका मिला

मुंबई, एजेंसी। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की हेलीकॉप्टर सेवा प्रदाता कंपनी पवन हंस को ओएनजीसी को चार हेलीकॉप्टर मुहैया कराने के लिए 2,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का 10 साल का ठेका मिला है। कंपनी ने बुधवार को बयान में कहा, प्रतिस्पर्धी वैश्विक बोली के जरिये यह ठेका हासिल किया गया। पवन हंस इसके तहत ओएनजीसी के अपतटीय परिचालन के लिए चार एचएएल निर्मित ध्रुव एनजी हेलीकॉप्टर तैनात करेगा। ओएनजीसी ने इन अत्याधुनिक भारत निर्मित हेलीकॉप्टर को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए पवन हंस को ठेका देने से जुड़ी अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है। पवन हंस लिमिटेड ने कहा, 'एचएएल के नए हेलीकॉप्टर अगले साल अपतटीय सेवा (चालक दल की आवाजाही) में तैनात किए जाएंगे। 2,141 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक मूल्य का यह ठेका 10 साल की अवधि के लिए दिया गया है।'



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Bomb threats: Govt amends aircraft security rules

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Against the backdrop of the recent spate of hoax bomb calls targeting airlines, the government has amended the aircraft security rules whereby perpetrators can face penalties and could even be barred from flying.

The civil aviation ministry has amended the Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. Two new rules—29A and 30A—have been introduced.

Airlines received 666 hoax bomb threats in October, while the total number of such threats stood at 999 this year till 14 November, as per official data.

Under the amended rules, the director general (DG) of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) now has powers to "refuse admission to any person or group of persons in the aircraft." Also, the DG can direct any person or group of persons to leave the aircraft, according to a notification.

In case the DG is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient in the interest of security, then the directions can be issued in writing under Rule 29A, the notification said.

Rule 30A pertains to prohibiting communication of false information that can jeopardize the safety and security of an aircraft, aerodrome or civil aviation facility or both.

The prohibition is also for



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spreading false information that can "cause panic among passengers, crew and ground personnel or the general public; or...disrupt the civil aviation operation," the notification dated December 9 said.

With the new rule, the perpetrators can face penalties of up to ₹1 lakh.

Nitin Sarin, managing partner at Sarin & Co., a law firm specializing in the aviation space, said the amended rules will act as a deterrent to those spreading false information that could adversely impact aircraft security and create panic among people.

"There is no specific mention of putting such people on a no-fly list in the amended rules. However, the new rule 29A that gives power to the BCAS DG to refuse boarding of an individual in an aircraft could be interpreted as being an enabler to permit the BCAS to create its own no-fly list," Sarin noted.



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Tehri to host Acro World Championship & Aero Show

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DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) is organising the Acro World Championship and Aero Show 2024 from December 19 to 23 in Tehri with the aim of developing the Tehri Lake area as a hub of Acro Paragliding.

Participants from 10 countries, including India, Turkey, the US, Czech Republic, Spain, Russia, Switzerland, France, Iran, Hungary, and Albania will grace the festival with their presence in which 30 Foreign Acro Pilots, 102 Indian SIV pilots, 25 Tandem Pilots and five BASE Jumpers have registered to participate in the show, being organized with the support of M/s Paragliding Mantra, Pune (Maharashtra) and the district administration.

Tourism Secretary and CEO



of UTDB Sachin Kurve on Wednesday said: "The Tehri Acro Festival not only promises an exhilarating experience for participants but also serves as a platform to showcase paragliding to the international community, firmly placing Tehri on the global paragliding map."

He further stated that during the event, the National SIV Championship will also be organised for Indian pilots. To make the show more attractive and to increase public

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participation in it, free tandem paragliding rides will be organised for the visitors and local people during the event, for which interested persons will have to register themselves free of cost at the venue. For the entertainment of the visitors coming to see the event, demonstrations of paragliding aero show and base jumping will also be organised. A total prize money of Rs 14.50 lakh will be given to the winners of the Acro Championship and national-level SIV competition.



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Government says it generally refrains from regulating airline fares but remains vigilant

NEW DELHI: The government on Monday said it generally refrains from regulating airfares to maintain market competitiveness but remains vigilant and intervenes to shift capacity from one sector to another to prevent exorbitant pricing.

Amid concerns in certain quarters that air ticket prices are on the rise and there is a need to make them more affordable, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol told the Rajya Sabha that airfares have moderated in 2024, relative to 2023.

“With the enhancement of capacity by induction of more aircraft fleet, modernisation of



airports and development of new airports, domestic passenger traffic has increased to 153,674,310 in 2023-24 as compared to 136,028,656 in the year 2022-23.

“Even in the current financial year 2024-25, as of October, domestic passenger traffic has reached 93,002,510, surpassing the corresponding figure of 87,995,187 for the fiscal

year 2023-24, thereby reflecting an impressive growth rate of 5.7 per cent,” Mohol said in a written reply.

Responding to queries from CPI-M member from Kerala John Brittas, the minister also said that given the complex dynamics of the Indian aviation industry, the government is playing the role of a facilitator by way of creating enabling environment to support the growth of the sector.

“Airfares are not subject to regulation by the government and airlines have the flexibility to determine their airfares based on their operational needs, while adhering to Rule

135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

“While the government generally refrains from regulating airfares to maintain market competitiveness, however, it remains vigilant, and the government intervenes to shift capacity from one sector to another to prevent exorbitant pricing to ensure passenger comfort and welfare,” the minister said.

According to him, airlines have been sensitised to ensure reasonability while fixing the airfares and to keep passengers’ interests in mind, and notably, during festival seasons, a decrease in airfares was observed in various sectors. ❀



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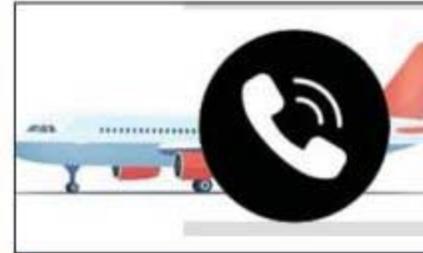
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विमान सुरक्षा नियमों में संशोधन

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। विमानन कंपनियों को निशाना बनाकर हाल में बम विस्फोट की धमकी वाले फोन कॉल के बढ़ते मामलों की पृष्ठभूमि में सरकार ने विमान सुरक्षा नियमों में संशोधन किया है, जिसके तहत ऐसा करने वालों को दंड का सामना करना पड़ सकता है और यहां तक कि उनके उड़ान भरने पर भी रोक लगायी जा सकती है। नए नियम के तहत, अपराधियों पर एक लाख रुपए तक का जुर्माना हो सकता है।

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने विमान (सुरक्षा) नियम, 2023 में संशोधन किया है। दो नए नियम - 29ए और 30ए - पेश किए गए हैं। आधिकारिक आंकड़ों के अनुसार, अक्टूबर में विमानन कंपनियों को 666 फर्जी बम धमकियां मिलीं, जबकि इस साल 14 नवम्बर तक ऐसी धमकियों की कुल संख्या 999 थी। संशोधित नियमों के तहत, अब नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो (बीसीएएस) के महानिदेशक को 'किसी भी व्यक्ति या व्यक्तियों के समूह को विमान में प्रवेश देने से मना करने' का अधिकार है। एक अधिसूचना के अनुसार, महानिदेशक किसी भी व्यक्ति या व्यक्तियों के समूह को विमान से बाहर जाने का निर्देश दे सकते हैं।

अधिसूचना में कहा गया है कि यदि महानिदेशक इस बात से संतुष्ट हों कि सुरक्षा के हित में यह आवश्यक या समीचीन है, तो नियम 29ए के



विमानन कंपनियों को बम की झूठी धमकी देने पर लग सकता है एक लाख रुपए तक का जुर्माना

तहत लिखित रूप में निर्देश जारी किए जा सकते हैं। नियम 30ए, झूठी सूचना के संचार पर रोक लगाने से संबंधित है, जो किसी विमान, हवाई अड्डे या नागर विमानन सुविधा या दोनों की सुरक्षा को खतरे में डाल सकता है।

नौ दिसम्बर की अधिसूचना में कहा गया कि यह प्रतिबंध गलत सूचना फैलाने पर भी लागू होगा, जिससे 'यात्रियों, चालक दल और जमीनी कर्मियों या आम जनता में दहशत फैल सकती है; या...नागरिक विमानन परिचालन में बाधा उत्पन्न हो सकती है'। नये नियम के तहत, अपराधियों पर एक लाख रुपए तक का जुर्माना हो सकता है।



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2nd in a week: DGCA issues notice to Akasa

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New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Monday issued a show cause notice to Akasa for alleged lapses in its operations manual and for the airline's director (flight operations) "failing to ensure compliance of civil aviation requirements (CAR or DGCA rules." This notice comes within a week of the regulator issuing a show cause to Akasa after finding certain maintenance lapse during a spot check of one of its aircraft and a section of the airline's pilots requesting Union aviation minister Rammohan Naidu to conduct an independent investigation into Akasa's management practices, training method and safety standards.

Sources say the latest no-

tice is for: "...revision cycle of operations manual exceeding six months cycle as accepted in approved (manual)" and non-compliance of CARs. On its part, the airline said in a statement: "Over the last few months, the DGCA has conducted a number of routine audits on Akasa Air flight operations department. On one of these audits, DGCA raised certain findings for which they have issued a notice for clarification. As always, we are working closely with the DGCA to clarify this issue and enhance our protocols as required by the regulator. Safety is of utmost importance, and we continuously strive to pursue the highest standards of safety."

However, a section of Akasa pilots points to "issues" in the airline's management practices and training.



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Aviation ministry acts on hoax threats

Individuals To Be Fined Up To ₹1L, Face Charges

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New Delhi: Individuals issuing hoax threats to flights and other aviation facilities will now be fined up to Rs 1 lakh, apart from facing criminal charges.

Following a spate of hoax bomb messages airlines received this year, the aviation ministry has notified new rules to curb this menace.

Under the new rules, govt has also granted Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) the authority to deny boarding or remove flyers from aircraft "in the interest of security".

About 1,000 flights received hoax threats this year, which cost airlines dearly and caused extreme inconvenience to passengers.

The notification, issued on Dec 9, provides for the two actions by amending the Aircraft (Security) Rules, and is in effect now. According to



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rule 29A, which pertains to "reserved right of admission in aircraft", the BCAS director general "may, if he is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient to do so in the interest of security, issue such directions in writing to refuse admission to any person or group of persons in the aircraft or require any person or persons to leave the aircraft".

The newly inserted rule 30A says: "Prohibition to communicate false information. No person shall communicate false information so as to (a) jeopardise safety and se-

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curity of an aircraft, aerodrome or civil aviation facility or both; (b) cause panic among passengers, crew and ground personnel or the general public; or disrupt civil aviation operation."

Noted aviation lawyer Nitin Sarin says the punishment for violating rule 30A (issuing hoax threats) falls in the highest (sixth) level of contravention and penalties that provides for a fine of Rs 1 lakh for an individual; Rs 50 lakh for a small organisation; Rs 75 lakh for a medium organisation and Rs 1 crore for a large organisation.