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## Centre approves development of Kota-Bundi greenfield airport

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

The Centre has approved the development of a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan, at an estimated cost of ₹1,507 crore.

Accordingly, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday, approved the proposal of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of the airport.

### LAND TRANSFERRED

Under the proposal, the State government of Rajasthan has transferred 440.06 hectare of land to the Airports Authority of India for the development of the airport.

The greenfield airport envisaged will be suitable for the operation of Airbus 321-type aircraft.

"The project includes construction of a terminal building spanning an area of 20,000 sq m, capable of handling 1,000 peak hour passengers (PHP), with an annual capacity of 2 million passen-

Air travel for everyone		
	2014	2025
Operational airports	74	162
Passengers	16.8 Cr	41.2 Cr

**READY FOR TAKE-OFF.** Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw addressing the media in New Delhi, on Tuesday

gers per annum (MPPA)...," an official communique said.

At present, the Kota Airport is suitable for the operation of small aircraft such as the DO-228.

Besides, the terminal building spans an area of only 400 sq m, which is capable of handling just 50 passengers during peak hours.

### KOTA AIRPORT

"The existing airport cannot be developed for commercial operations due to inadequate land availability and

urbanisation around the airport," the communique said.

Kota, situated on the banks of the Chambal River, is recognised as the industrial capital of Rajasthan.

In addition, Kota is renowned as the educational coaching hub of India.

"Kota's prominence in educational and industrial sectors makes the greenfield airport a critical infrastructure project, aimed at addressing the anticipated traffic growth in the region," the communique said.

# कोटा-बूंदी में बनेगा नया हवाई अड्डा

संकेत कुमार

नई दिल्ली, 19 अगस्त

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने मंगलवार को 9,814 करोड़ रुपये की 2 बड़ी बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दे दी है। इसमें राजस्थान के कोटा-बूंदी में नए हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण और ओडिशा में कटक और भुवनेश्वर को जोड़ने वाली 6 लेन की एक्सप्रेस कंट्रोल्ड रिंग रोड शामिल है।

केंद्रीय रेलवे, संचार, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और आईटी मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने कहा कि 1,507 करोड़ रुपये की कोटा-बूंदी एयरपोर्ट परियोजना हाइब्रिड एन्युटी मॉडल (एचएएम) पर विकसित की जाएगी, जिसकी मांग स्थानीय लोग लंबे समय से कर रहे थे।

वैष्णव ने कहा, 'ट्रेन या फ्लाइट से लंबे समय से पूरे देश से विद्यार्थी कोटा आते हैं। लंबे समय से यहां अच्छे और आधुनिक हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण की मांग हो रही थी।' मंत्रिमंडल के फैसलों



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की घोषणा करते हुए वैष्णव ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने कहा, 'मौजूदा हवाई अड्डा चालू रहेगा, क्योंकि यह शहर के बीचोबीच है। नए हवाई अड्डे से अतिरिक्त क्षमता तैयार होगी।'

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) के आंतरिक संसाधनों से इस हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण

होगा। इसमें 20,000 वर्ग मीटर का टर्मिनल, 3,200 मीटर का रनवे होगा, तथा इसे प्रतिवर्ष 20 लाख यात्रियों को संभालने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है। इसके लिए राजस्थान सरकार 1,089 एकड़ जमीन मुफ्त मुहैया कराएगी, जिससे काम तत्काल शुरू हो सकेगा। इस परियोजना को 2 साल में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है।

वैष्णव ने कहा कि भारत के विमान क्षेत्र की वृद्धि 2014 से हो रही है और देश में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या 74 से बढ़कर 162 हो गई है, जबकि हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या 16.8 करोड़ से बढ़कर 41.2 करोड़ हो गई है और इसमें ढाई गुना बढ़ोतरी हुई है। दूसरी परियोजना 111 किलोमीटर 6 लेन सड़क की है, जो ओडिशा के टांगी और रामेश्वर को जोड़ेगी। इसके लिए 8,307 करोड़ रुपये मंजूर किए गए हैं। इसमें परियोजना की परिचालन और रखरखाव लागत शामिल है, ढाई साल में पूरी होगी।



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THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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## Cabinet nod to airport at Kota-Bundi for ₹1,507 cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, August 19

**THE UNION CABINET** on Tuesday cleared a proposal to set up a new airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of ₹1,507 crore.

The airport, to be completed in two years, will have an annual passenger handling capacity of 2 million and 1,089 acres (around 440.06 hectares) of land is being provided free of cost by the Rajasthan government for the project.

Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting, information & broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the greenfield airport project at Kota-Bundi will be funded by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) through its internal accruals.

Kota-Bundi constituency is represented by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for developing a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi at an estimated cost of ₹1,507 crore, according to an official release.



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THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

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# Cabinet body clears ₹9.8K-cr projects in Rajasthan, Odisha

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**JAIPUR/NEW DELHI:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday approved the Airports Authority of India's proposal to develop a Greenfield Airport at Kota-Bundi, Rajasthan, at an estimated cost of ₹1,507 crore, and also approved the Capital Region Ring Road project in Odisha for ₹8,307 crore.

A Press Information Bureau (PIB) release states, Kota, situated on the banks of the Chambal River, is recognised as the industrial capital of Rajasthan.

In addition, Kota is renowned as the educational coaching hub of India. The Government of Rajasthan has transferred 440.06 hectares of land to Airport Authority of India (AAI) for development of a Greenfield Airport, suitable for operation of the Airbus A-321 type aircraft.

The project includes construction of a Terminal Building spanning an area of 20,000 sqm capable of handling 1000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) with yearly capacity of 2 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).

The Union Cabinet also approved the construction of a

**THE KOTA AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO HANDLE 2 MILLION PASSENGERS ANNUALLY IN RAJASTHAN, WHILE THE HIGHWAY PROJECT WILL CUT TRAVEL TIMES IN ODISHA**

six-lane, 111-km-long access-controlled Capital Region Ring Road in Odisha, or Bhubaneswar Bypass, at a total capital cost of ₹8307.74 crore in hybrid annuity mode.

The ring road will connect Rameshwar with Tangi, which is on the existing Chennai-Kolkata national highway experiencing significant congestion due to high traffic volumes, passing through cities of Khordha, Bhubaneswar, and Cuttack.

The project will provide significant benefit to Odisha and other eastern states by diverting heavy commercial traffic away from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Khordha and enhancing the efficiency of freight movement, reducing logistics cost, and driving socio-economic growth in the region, a PIB release said.



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THE HINDU

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# 2,500 international passengers use free Wi-Fi at airport daily

Initially, about 500 international passengers were using the facility daily, AAI officials say, adding that the number of users increased recently

### PORT CALL

**The Hindu Bureau**  
CHENNAI

Nearly 2,500 international passengers use the free Wi-Fi facility every day at the Chennai airport.

International passengers had been, for years, raising the need for free Wi-Fi at the airport.

Following this, in June this year, kiosks were installed at the international departure and arrival halls of the airport.

Officials of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said that, initially, about 500 international passengers were using it every day, and that it had grown to nearly 2,500 passengers.

To avail themselves of the facility, passengers have to scan their boarding pass and passport and obtain an OTP in a voucher.

"We have fixed four free Wi-Fi kiosks; two of them are near boarding gate 10 in the security hold area and near the food court of the departure hall, and the other two kiosks are near the immigration area and



**High demand:** In June this year, kiosks were put up at the departure and arrival halls of the airport for the free Wi-Fi facility. FILE PHOTO

**To use the facility, passengers have to scan their boarding pass and passport and obtain an OTP**

the baggage belt 6 at the arrival hall," an official said.

Meanwhile, some passengers expressed doubts over the need to provide the boarding pass and other details to use the facility.

However, AAI officials clarified that it was inevitable as it was done as per the requirements of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Vasanthi K., a frequent air passenger, said that for everything - from making a

payment to buying a coffee or even to book a cab, Wi-Fi was needed.

Also, when senior citizens travel alone, free Wi-Fi becomes useful in getting in touch with their family, she said.

"Once when I travelled alone to Mexico, I was able to get in touch with my husband since there was free Wi-Fi available at the airport. These are basic necessities. I'm glad that it has finally come to Chennai, after all these years," she further said.

"My daughter would find it difficult every time she landed in Chennai. From now, this problem would not persist," she added.

# Cabinet clears ₹1,507-cr greenfield airport in Rajasthan's Kota-Bundi

SUKALP SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

THE CABINET Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Tuesday approved a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of ₹1,507 crore. The proposed airport, expected to have the capacity to handle up to 2 million passengers annually, will primarily serve Kota, the state's industrial capital and coaching centre hub, where students from across the country come to prepare for competitive exams such as JEE and NEET. It is expected to be completed in around two years.

Kota city currently has a small airport, which can handle very small aircraft and only a handful of passengers, rendering it unusable for regular commercial operations by airlines. At present, the nearest major airport to Kota is the Jaipur airport, about 250 km away.

"The existing (Kota) airport cannot be developed for commercial operations due to inadequate land availability and urbanization around the airport," a government statement after the CCEA meeting said.

The new Kota-Bundi airport will be built outside the city — at a distance of 23 km from the existing Kota airport — and will be developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on land provided free of cost by the Rajasthan government. The project will be funded through the internal accruals of the AAI.

"The Government of Rajasthan has transferred 440.06 hectares of land to AAI for development of a Greenfield Airport, suitable for operation of (Airbus) A-321 type aircraft. The project includes construction of a Terminal Building spanning an area of 20,000 sqm capable of handling 1,000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) with an-



I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi, Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

nual capacity of 2 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA), Runway 11/29 of dimensions 3200m x 45m, Apron with 07 parking bays for A-321 type aircraft, two Link Taxiways, ATC (air traffic control) cum Technical Block, Fire Station, car park and allied works," the government said.

With the capability to handle operations of A321-sized jets, the airport will be ready for domestic flights of all durations, and even short-haul international flights.

"Kota's prominence in educational and industrial sectors makes the greenfield airport a critical infrastructure project, aimed at addressing the anticipated traffic growth in the region," the government said.

The government, which has been making efforts to increase penetration of air travel in unserved and under-served areas, expects the new Kota airport to improve regional air connectivity and promote the local economy.

Amid the government's push for regional air connectivity, the number of airports in India have more than doubled to 162 from 74 over the past 11 years.

## 6-lane ring road in Odisha for ₹8.3K cr gets Cabinet nod

DHEERAJ MISHRA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

THE UNION Cabinet Tuesday approved the construction of a 6-lane 111-km access-controlled ring road, also called Bhubaneswar Bypass, in Odisha. The project will be implemented on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM), a variant of Public-Private partnership, at a cost of ₹8,307 crore.

The 6-lane ring road will start from Tangi and end at Rameshwar on NH-16. It will bypass cities like Khordha, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, which see heavy traffic.

NH-16 is part of the Golden Quadrilateral project and runs along the eastern coast connecting Kolkata and Chennai. Officials said since the NH passes through congested cities like Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, the ring road project was conceived to divert heavy commercial traffic away from these cities and enhance the efficiency of freight movement.



## RS 9,814 CRORE INFRA PUSH

# Cabinet clears Kota airport, Bhubaneswar six-lane ring road

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved two flagship projects — a new greenfield airport in Kota, Rajasthan, and a six-lane ring road around Bhubaneswar, Odisha — worth Rs 9,814 crore.

The first project involves the development of a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan, with an estimated investment of Rs 1,507 crore. To be executed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the



### Highlights

- The first project involves the development of a greenfield airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan, with an estimated investment of Rs 1,507 crore
- The second approval is for a six-lane, access-controlled ring road in Odisha, spanning 111 km along National Highway 16

project will replace Kota's existing small airport with a modern facility featuring a 20,000-square-metre terminal building and a 3,200-metre runway. Spread across 1,089 acres provided by the Rajasthan government, the airport will be capable of handling up to 2 million passengers annually.

Officials said the airport's strategic location—along the route linking Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Delhi—positions it as a critical hub for air connectivity in north and western India. Expected to be completed within 24 months, the project is likely to boost Kota's stature as an industrial and educational hub by attracting fresh investment, supporting local businesses, and providing easier access for students, professionals, and tourists.

The second approval is for a six-lane, access-controlled ring road in Odisha, spanning 111 km along National Highway 16. With an outlay of Rs

8,307 crore under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), the road will connect Rameshwar and Tangi, easing traffic congestion in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. Designed for completion within two and a half years, the project also includes a 15-year operation and maintenance component.

The ring road is projected to increase average vehicle speeds by 60 per cent and cut travel time by nearly one-third. It will streamline cargo transport, particularly for iron ore and other minerals, reducing logistics costs and improving supply chain efficiency. Officials noted that the project will enhance multi-modal connectivity in the rapidly expanding Bhubaneswar-Cuttack corridor, foster industrial growth, and improve residents' quality of life by curbing urban sprawl, lowering pollution, and easing traffic bottlenecks.

Both projects form part of the government's wider push to modernise infrastructure.

Since 2014, the number of operational airports in India has more than doubled—from 74 to 162—while annual passenger traffic has jumped from 16.8 crore to 41.2 crore. The initiatives align with parallel investments in highways, metro networks, ports, housing, and industrial corridors, signalling a comprehensive approach to nation-building.

By filling critical gaps in transport networks and urban planning, the Cabinet's decisions aim to generate employment, attract investment, and unlock new economic opportunities. The government has emphasised timely execution and sustainability, underlining its commitment to ensuring these projects deliver long-term benefits for regional economies and national growth.

The decisions reaffirm government's focus on boosting regional connectivity, decongesting urban centres, and driving economic growth.

AMAR UJALA

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## कोटा-बूंदी में नया एयरपोर्ट ओडिशा में बनेगा रिंग रोड कैबिनेट की बैठक में प्रस्तावों पर लगी मुहर

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने राजस्थान के कोटा-बूंदी में एक नए ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट विकसित करने की मंजूरी दी गई है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में मंगलवार को हुई कैबिनेट की बैठक में ओडिशा की राजधानी भुवनेश्वर के लिए छह लेन के नए रिंग रोड के निर्माण को भी मंजूरी दी है।

नए एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण पर 1,507 करोड़ रुपये की लागत आएगी, जबकि कटक से भुवनेश्वर के बीच बनने वाले रिंगरोड पर 8,307 करोड़ रुपये खर्च होने का अनुमान है। रिंगरोड छह लेन का होगा और इसकी कुल लंबाई 111 किमी होगी। बैठक के निर्णयों की जानकारी देते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने बताया कि कोटा शहर में फिलहाल बेहद सीमित क्षमता वाला एयरपोर्ट है। बूंदी में बनने जा रहे नए ग्रीन फील्ड एयरपोर्ट की क्षमता प्रतिवर्ष 20 लाख यात्रियों की होगी। नए एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण के लिए राजस्थान सरकार 1,000 एकड़ भूमि उपलब्ध कराएगी। यह एयरपोर्ट 20,000 वर्गमीटर क्षेत्र में फैला होगा, जिसमें 3200 मीटर का रनवे होगा। इसके निर्माण के लिए दो साल का लक्ष्य तय किया गया है। इस एयरपोर्ट के निर्माण के साथ ही बीते



### व्यापार और शिक्षा को मिलेगा बढ़ावा : शाह

केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने कोटा-बूंदी में नए एयरपोर्ट और ओडिशा में रिंग रोड के निर्माण को मंजूरी देने के कैबिनेट के फैसले की सराहना की।

■ सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट में शाह ने कहा कि हवाईअड्डे के टर्मिनल भवन के विकास, रनवे के आकार में वृद्धि और अन्य सहायक बुनियादी ढांचे के निर्माण में तेजी आएगी। इस महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय से कोटा और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में उद्योग, व्यापार, शिक्षा और रोजगार को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

■ वहीं, ओडिशा में रिंग रोड के निर्माण से विकास का एक नया मार्ग खुलेगा, राज्य के व्यापार, वाणिज्य और पर्यटन को नई गति मिलेगी तथा युवाओं के लिए रोजगार के व्यापक अवसर पैदा होंगे।

11 साल में नए एयरपोर्टों की संख्या 74 से बढ़ कर 162 हो जाएगी। व्यं



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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## कोटा-बूंदी एयरपोर्ट को मंजूरी, 1507 करोड़ रु. में तैयार होगा

कोटा | पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता वाली केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल की आर्थिक मामलों की समिति (सीसीईए) ने मंगलवार को कोटा-बूंदी ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट निर्माण को मंजूरी दे दी। एएआई ने 1507 करोड़ की अनुमानित लागत बताई, जिसे स्वीकृत कर लिया।

केंद्र सरकार के बड़े बजट के प्रोजेक्ट से जुड़े मामलों की मंजूरी के लिए यह सर्वोच्च समिति होती है। इधर, वर्तमान में इस ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट के दो बड़े टेंडर प्रक्रिया में हैं। पहला टेंडर एयर साइड कार्यों के लिए 467.67 करोड़ का जारी किया था।



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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## एयरपोर्ट; युवती से अभद्रता करने वाला गिरफ्तार

जयपुर | जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट टी-1 पर बनी एक शॉप पर युवती से अभद्रता करने का मामला सामने आया है। पुलिस ने मामला दर्ज करते हुए यात्री को गिरफ्तार कर लिया। थानाधिकारी संदीप ने बताया कि गिरफ्तार आरोपी चेतन कौशिक (53) निवासी इमली वाला फाटक है।



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# Hyd airport rolls out smart kiosks

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 18

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL), part of the GMR Aero-led consortium, said it had unveiled 10 virtual information kiosks (VIK) and interactive terminal maps at the Shamshabad airport. The kiosks have been installed at check-in halls, boarding gates, arrivals and baggage claim areas. They provide passengers with real-time flight updates, 3D navigation, emergency support, Wi-Fi access for international travellers and instant feedback options. In addition, GHIAL has launc-

hed interactive terminal maps on its official website ([www.hyderabad.aero](http://www.hyderabad.aero)), providing insights into boarding gates, retail zones, dining options and essential amenities.

GHIAL CEO Pradeep Panicker said: "As we advance towards becoming a global aviation hub, these intelligent kiosks and enhanced digital maps represent a significant step forward in our digital transformation agenda to enhance passenger convenience." On offer is a smart flight management: Real-time updates via touchscreen or boarding pass scan; Wi-Fi Access providing passport-based login for travellers.



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## कोटा-बूंदी में बनेगा नया एयरपोर्ट, 20 लाख यात्रियों की होगी क्षमता

■ NBT रिपोर्ट, नई दिल्ली: पीएम नरेन्द्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में आर्थिक मामलों की मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति ने मंगलवार को 9814 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी। कोटा-बूंदी में नया एयरपोर्ट बनाया जाएगा। साथ ही, ओडिशा के कटक और भुवनेश्वर में 6 लेन एक्सेस कंट्रोल्ड रिंग रोड का निर्माण होगा। सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने बताया कि कोटा-बूंदी एयरपोर्ट तैयार करने में 1507 करोड़ रुपये



लगेगे। 2 साल में बनाने का लक्ष्य है। अभी कोटा में मौजूद एयरपोर्ट से छोटे हवाई जहाजों की सेवा ही मिल पाती है, लिहाजा नया एयरपोर्ट बनाने की जरूरत महसूस की गई। क्षमता सालाना 20 लाख यात्रियों को सेवा देने की होगी। वहीं, कटक और भुवनेश्वर के लिए 6 लेन एक्सेस कंट्रोल्ड रिंग रोड का निर्माण होगा। इसे छह साल में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य है।

# कोटा-बूंदी में नए एयरपोर्ट को मंजूरी

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) केंद्र सरकार ने मंगलवार को राजस्थान के कोटा-बूंदी में 1,507 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से एक नए हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण को मंजूरी दी। सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने मंत्रिमंडल के इस फैसले की संवाददाताओं को जानकारी दी। मंत्रिमंडल की आर्थिक मामलों की समिति (सीसीईए) ने इस प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दी। वैष्णव ने कहा कि भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) इस परियोजना के लिए वित्त का इंटरजाम आंतरिक स्रोतों से करेगा। हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण 24 माह में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि हवाई अड्डे के लिए राजस्थान सरकार 1,089 एकड़ (करीब 440 हेक्टेयर) जमीन निःशुल्क



**1,507 करोड़  
होंगे खर्च**

## भुवनेश्वर बाईपास सड़क परियोजना को मंजूरी

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने ओडिशा में 6-लेन की एक्सेस-कंट्रोल कैपिटल रीजन रिंग रोड (भुवनेश्वर बाईपास - 110.875 किमी) के निर्माण को मंजूरी दी है। इस परियोजना को 8,307.74 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से हाइविड एन्युइटी मोड (एएएएम) का उपयोग करके विकसित किया जाएगा। पीएम मोदी ने कैबिनेट के इस फैसले पर खुशी जताते हुए, इसे ऐतिहासिक कदम कतार दिया है।

उपलब्ध कराएगी। इसकी क्षमता सालाना 20 लाख यात्रियों को संभालने की होगी। वैष्णव ने कि यह हवाई अड्डा क्षेत्रीय हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करने के साथ स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ावा भी देगा। यह हवाई अड्डा कोटा-बूंदी में बनाया जाना है जो लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला का संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र भी है।

## दावा: दस्तावेज और तथ्य उपलब्ध नहीं कराए 3200 मेगावाट बिजली खरीद पर सवाल, विशेषज्ञों ने की सुनवाई स्थगित करने की मांग

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जयपुर. प्रदेश में 3200 मेगावाट बिजली खरीद अनुबंध को लेकर उठे सवालों के बीच विशेषज्ञों ने राजस्थान विद्युत विनियामक आयोग से जनसुनवाई टालने की मांग की है। उनका कहना है कि अभी तक कई महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज और तथ्य उपलब्ध नहीं कराए गए हैं। ऐसे में जल्दबाजी में सुनवाई करना हितधारकों के साथ न्याय नहीं होगा। दस्तावेज मिलने के बाद उसी आधार पर हितधारक अपना पक्ष रख सकते हैं। आपत्तिकर्ता एवं ऊर्जा विशेषज्ञ डी.डी. अग्रवाल ने बताया कि उर्जा विकास निगम ने 25 साल की अवधि के लिए 3200 मेगावाट बिजली खरीद का प्रस्ताव आयोग में पेश किया है। इस खरीद पर अनुमानित तौर पर 3.25 लाख करोड़ रुपए खर्च होने का दावा है। हितधारकों का मानना है कि इतनी बड़ी खरीद का तकनीकी व वाणिज्यिक स्तर पर गहन विश्लेषण वेहद जरूरी है।



### आयोग को भेजे पत्र में कई बिंदु उठाए

- ऊर्जा आकलन समिति की पिछली 10 बैठकों की रिपोर्ट और डिस्कॉम्स की वास्तविक उपलब्धियों की जानकारी उपलब्ध कराएं।
- विद्युत उत्पादन, प्रसारण निगम जैसी बिजली कंपनियों की टिप्पणी अभी तक साझा नहीं की गई है।
- डेटा गैप्स की कॉपी अभी तक उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई।
- डिस्कॉम्स की बोर्ड बैठकों में पारित प्रस्ताव और बिजली खरीद पर उनकी टिप्पणी भी नहीं दी गई।



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## कोटा-बूंदी में बनेगा नया एयरपोर्ट



■ दो साल में 1507 करोड़  
की लागत से होगा निर्माण,  
कैबिनेट की हरी झंडी

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। केंद्र सरकार ने मंगलवार को राजस्थान के कोटा-बूंदी में 1507 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से एक नए हवाईअड्डे के निर्माण को मंजूरी दी। मंत्रिमंडल की आर्थिक मामलों की समिति ने इस प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दी।

सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने मंत्रिमंडल के इस फैसले की जानकारी दी। उन्होंने कहा, भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण इस परियोजना के लिए वित्त का इंतजाम आंतरिक स्रोतों से करेगा। हवाईअड्डे का निर्माण 24 माह में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। उन्होंने कहा, हवाईअड्डे के लिए राजस्थान सरकार 1089 एकड़ जमीन निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराएगी। इसकी क्षमता सालाना 20 लाख यात्रियों को संभालने की होगी। वैष्णव ने कहा, यह हवाईअड्डा क्षेत्रीय हवाई संपर्क को मजबूत करने के साथ स्थानीय अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ावा भी देगा। यह हवाईअड्डा कोटा-बूंदी में बनाया जाना है जो लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला का संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र भी है।

प्रस्तावित हवाईअड्डे में 20 हजार वर्गमीटर क्षेत्रफल का टर्मिनल भवन होगा जो प्रति घंटे 1000 यात्रियों और सालाना 20 लाख यात्रियों को संभाल सकेगा।



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### RGIA rolls out virtual kiosks, terminal maps

**Hyderabad:** GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL) launched virtual information kiosks (VIK) and interactive terminal maps at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA). The rollout includes 10 strategically placed kiosks across check-in halls, boarding gates, arrivals, and baggage claim areas, offering passengers real-time flight updates, 3D navigation, emergency support, Wi-Fi access for international travellers, and instant feedback options. TNN



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## इंडियन ऑयल और एयर इंडिया में समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर



नई दिल्ली (वि)। इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (आईओसी) ने एयर इंडिया के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किया है। इस समझौते के तहत आईओसी, एअर इंडिया को सतत विमानन ईंधन (एसएएफ) की आपूर्ति करेगी, जो भारत में हरित और स्वच्छ विमानन की दिशा में एक अहम कदम है। ज्ञापन पर इंडियन ऑयल के कार्यकारी निदेशक (विमानन) शैलेश धर और एयर इंडिया के समूह प्रमुख - शासन, जोखिम और अनुपालन (जीआरसी) और कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के पी बालाजी ने हस्ताक्षर किए। आईओसी के अध्यक्ष एएस साहनी ने कहा कि यह समझौता भारत के सतत विमानन ईंधन की आपूर्ति की दिशा में एक रणनीतिक कदम है। एयर इंडिया के सीईओ एंड एमडी कैपबेल विल्सन ने कहा कि इस समझौते के माध्यम से एयर इंडिया विमानन क्षेत्र में सतत विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।



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## मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर इंडिगो के खड़े यात्री विमान में लगी आग



मुंबई। मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर खड़े इंडिगो के यात्री विमान में मंगलवार को आग लग गई। एयरलाइन ने बताया कि घटना में कोई हताहत नहीं हुआ। आग को तुरंत बुझा दिया गया। इंडिगो के प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि यह एक मामूली आग थी और इसके कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए घटना की जांच की जा रही है।



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## IndianOil, Air India ink MoU for SAF supply



**New Delhi:** Indian Oil Corporation Ltd and Air India signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Monday for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), in a significant move towards decarbonising the aviation sector. The agreement was formalised in Gurugram by Shailesh Dhar, Executive Director (Aviation) at IndianOil, and P Balaji, Group Head of Governance, Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Affairs at Air India. The signing took place in the presence of AS Sahnay, Chairman of IndianOil, and Campbell Wilson, CEO of Air India. The partnership leverages IndianOil's recent achievement as the first Indian company to receive ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery. The certification validates the firm's ability to produce fuel meeting global standards. OUR BUREAU



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## Akasa Air completes fund raise, onboards investors



**Mumbai:** Akasa Air has completed its latest fundraising and onboarded new investors such as Premji Invest, Claypond Capital (investment office of Dr Ranjan Pai) and funds managed by 360 One Asset. The family of late Rajesh Jhunjhunwala, original investor in the airline, has also made an additional capital infusion. While Akasa Air did not disclose the investment sum, sources had earlier pegged the figure at ₹1,100 crore. Akasa Air had announced signing of investment agreements in February. The Competition Commission of India granted its nod in April but permission from government for the share sale was received only recently. Akasa Air which completed three years on August 8 has flown 20 million passengers till now. Its fleet comprises 30 Boeing 737 Max aircraft. our

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## IOC signs pact for supply of sustainable aviation fuel to A-I

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has signed a landmark agreement to supply sustainable aviation fuel to Air India (A-I), representing a significant step towards a greener and cleaner aviation in India. IOC plans to begin production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from used cooking oil starting December this year at its Panipat refinery, according to Chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney. The facility is expected to produce 35,000 tonne of green fuel annually, using waste cooking oil sourced from hotel and restaurant chains such as ITC and Haldiram's. SAF is an alternative fuel made from non-petroleum feedstocks that reduces emissions from air transportation.

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## Akasa Air completes fundraising, Premji Invest joins Jhunjhunwalas

**DEEPAK PATEL**  
New Delhi, 19 August

Akasa Air on Tuesday announced the completion of its strategic investment transactions, first unveiled in February this year, after receiving all regulatory approvals. The fundraising brings in Premji Invest, 360 ONE Asset and Claypond Capital, alongside additional capital from the Jhunjhunwala family, to accelerate the airline's expansion and long-term growth plans.

The transaction is estimated at about \$125 million, according to people familiar with the matter. Akasa said the funds will be directed towards expanding operations, enhancing customer experience, and investing in safety, reliability and advanced technology. The airline has set a

target of becoming one of the world's top 30 carriers by 2030. The new investors in Akasa include Premji Invest, the investment arm of Azim Premji whose returns support the Azim Premji Foundation; funds managed by 360 ONE Asset, a leading wealth and asset management firm; and Claypond Capital, the investment office of Manipal Group chairman Ranjan Pai. The Jhunjhunwala family, already a key shareholder, has also infused additional capital, the airline stated.

The infusion comes against the backdrop of widening losses. Akasa's standalone net loss rose 18.7 per cent year-on-year to about ₹1,983 crore in 2024-25 (FY25), driven by higher employee, maintenance, airport and forex costs, according to



people aware of the matter. In FY24, its net loss had more than doubled to ₹1,670 crore from ₹744 crore a year earlier. Vinay Dube, founder and chief executive officer of Akasa Air, on Tuesday said the fresh capital would allow the airline to scale sustainably while keeping custo-

mers and employees at the centre of its operations. He also thanked Jhunjhunwala family for its continued belief in the airline, and the Ministry of Civil Aviation for its support.

"We warmly welcome our new investors to the Akasian family and deeply appreciate their confidence in our team. Their support affirms our vision and strengthens our ability to scale sustainably while keeping customers and employees at the heart of our operations," Dube said.

When asked about FY25 losses, an airline spokesperson had responded in June that the airline remains "net cash positive" at the operating level and that the losses are in line with its business plan for the foundational years.



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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## अकासा: 1,088 करोड़ रुपए की नई फंडिंग

मुंबई | बजट एयरलाइन अकासा एयर ने मंगलवार को रणनीतिक फंडिंग पूरी होने की घोषणा की है। इसमें अजीम प्रेमजी की निवेश फर्म प्रेमजी इन्वेस्ट, 360 वन एसेट और क्लेपॉड कैपिटल के साथ-साथ झुनझुनवाला परिवार ने अतिरिक्त पूंजी निवेश की है। करीब 1,088 करोड़ रुपए की इस पूंजी से अकासा परिचालन क्षमताओं का विस्तार करेगी।



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## जयपुर से गाजियाबाद जाने वाली एक मात्र फ्लाइट का संचालन बंद

जयपुर | जयपुर से गाजियाबाद की एकमात्र फ्लाइट एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस एयरलाइन द्वारा स्थायी रूप से बंद कर दी गई है। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार फ्लाइट संख्या आईएक्स-1176/78 जयपुर-गाजियाबाद-जयपुर के बीच संचालित होती थी। ये फ्लाइट गाजियाबाद से सुबह 8:55 बजे जयपुर पहुंचती थी। वहीं वापसी में जयपुर से सुबह 9:30 बजे गाजियाबाद जाती थी। एयरलाइन द्वारा 15 अगस्त से फ्लाइट का संचालन बंद कर दिया। ऐसे में फ्लाइट बंद होने से यात्रियों को परेशानी हो रही है।



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## एयर इंडिया विमान का टेकऑफ बीच में रोका

एजेंसी/नई दिल्ली। केरल के कोच्चि हवाई अड्डे पर रविवार रात दिल्ली आ रहे एयर इंडिया के एक विमान में तकनीकी खराबी आने के कारण टेकऑफ बीच में ही रोकना पड़ा। एयर इंडिया के एक प्रवक्ता ने सोमवार को बताया कि 17 अगस्त को उड़ान संख्या एआई504 में टेकऑफ के चरण में खराबी के कारण टेकऑफ रद्द करना पड़ा जिससे उड़ान में देरी हुई। चालक दल के सदस्यों ने मानक परिचालन प्रक्रियाओं का पालन करते हुए टेकऑफ रोककर विमान को जांच के लिए 'बे' में ले जाने का फैसला किया।



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## जयपुर-गाजियाबाद फ्लाइट स्थाई रूप से बंद

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** जयपुर से गाजियाबाद के लिए एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की फ्लाइट का संचालन अब स्थाई रूप से बंद हो गया है। यह फ्लाइट गाजियाबाद से रोजाना सुबह 8.55 बजे जयपुर पहुंचती थी और वहां से सुबह 9.30 बजे गाजियाबाद के लिए रवाना होती थी। यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए शुरु

की गई यह फ्लाइट 15 अगस्त से बंद कर दी गई है। गाजियाबाद के लिए यह एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस को एकमात्र सीधी उड़ान थी, जिसके रुकने से यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। अब यात्रियों को गाजियाबाद तक पहुंचने के लिए दिल्ली वा अन्य रूटों का सहारा लेना पड़ेगा।



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## **IOC, Air India Sign Pact for Sustainable Aviation Fuel Supply**

New Delhi: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has signed a landmark agreement to supply sustainable aviation fuel to Air India, representing a significant step towards a greener and cleaner aviation in India.

IOC plans to begin production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from used cooking oil starting December this year at its Panipat refinery, according to chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney. The facility is expected to produce 35,000 tonne of green fuel annually, using waste cooking oil sourced from hotel and restaurant chains such as ITC and Haldiram's.

SAF is an alternative fuel made from non-petroleum feedstocks that reduces emissions from air transportation. It can be blended up to 50 % in conventional aviation turbine fuel (ATF or jet fuel), depending on availability. India has mandated 1% SAF blending in jet fuel sold to international airlines from 2027. —PTI



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## IOC, Air India ink pact for supply of aviation fuel



INDIAN OIL CORPORATION (IOC) has signed an agreement to supply sustainable aviation fuel to Air India. IOC plans to begin production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from used cooking oil starting December this year at its Panipat refinery, its chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney said.



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THE HINDU

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## IOC, AI ink green aviation fuel deal

**The Hindu Bureau**  
HYDERABAD

Days after it became the first company in India to receive ISCC CORSIA certification for sustainable aviation fuel output at Panipat refinery, State-owned oil refiner and marketer Indian Oil Corporation has entered into an MoU with Air India for supply of SAF.

The MoU, announced by IOC on Tuesday, outlines a commitment to promote the adoption of low-carbon fuels in aviation and contribute to the transition towards a more sustainable air transport operations.

"With our ISCC CORSIA-certified SAF from Panipat, Indian Oil is ready to provide a sustainable fuel solution that will help decarbo-



Wilson and Sahney look on as officials sign MoU .

nise air travel, said IOC Chairman A. S. Sahney.

Air India CEO Campbell Wilson said "Through this MoU, Air India is committed to support the Government of India's initiatives to promote sustainable development in aviation sector and to further its own sustainability goals to achieve the IATA Net Zero by 2050 target."

# Air Canada to resume ops as flight attendants' union ends 4-day strike

Reuters

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**MONTREAL/TORONTO:** Air Canada's unionised flight attendants reached an agreement with the country's largest carrier on Tuesday, ending the first strike by its cabin crew in 40 years that had upended travel plans for hundreds of thousands of passengers.

The strike that lasted nearly four days had led the airline that serves about 130,000 people daily to withdraw its third quarter and full-year earnings guidance. Shares of Air Canada rose 4% in early trading. They have lost 14% of their value so far this year.

The carrier said it would gradually resume operations and a full restoration may require a week or more, while the union said it has completed mediation with the airline and its low-cost affiliate Air Canada Rouge. Air Canada said some flights will be cancelled over the next seven to ten days until the schedule is stabilised and that customers with cancelled flights can choose between a refund, travel credit,



**Air Canada aircraft sit parked at Vancouver International Airport in Richmond, British Columbia, on Monday.** AP

or rebooking on another airline.

The flight attendants walked off the job on Saturday after contract talks with the carrier failed. They had sought pay for tasks such as boarding passengers. While the details of the negotiations were not immediately released, the union said unpaid work was over.

The CUPE, which represents Air Canada's 10,400 flight attendants, wanted to make gains on unpaid work that go beyond recent advances secured by their counterparts at US carriers like American Airlines.



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# 5.7k flights cancelled in 2025, Govt tells RS

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**NEW DELHI:** As many as 5,706 flights were cancelled by Indian carriers due to regulatory issues and geopolitical issues this year till June 30, the civil aviation ministry informed Rajya Sabha on Monday.

In a written response to Congress MPs Phulo Devi Netam and Ranjeet Ranjan, Minister of State (MoS) for civil aviation Murlidhar Mohol revealed the airline-wise flight cancellations and or reschedulings in 2025, noting that IndiGo recorded the maximum cancellations.

According to the data provided by the ministry, domestic airlines carried 7.34% more passengers between January and June 2025 compared to the same period last year.

The total number of departures till June 30 stood at 356,811 for IndiGo, 161,204 for the Air India Group (including Air India Express), 24,447 for Akasa Air,

10,141 for Alliance Air, and 19,476 for SpiceJet.

With regards to cancellations, IndiGo was the highest at 3,274 in the first six months of the year. The Air India Group cancelled 1,468 flights in this period, while Akasa reported 64, Alliance Air 499, and SpiceJet 401.

These disruptions not only inconvenienced passengers, but also imposed financial strain on carriers, the MoS said.

"Airlines incur costs due to delays and cancellations, including additional fuel, crew overtime, maintenance, airport fees, and rebooking expenses. Further, Airlines are required to provide refunds or compensation to passengers for cancellations or significant delays," Mohol said in the reply.

The DGCA mandates that airlines provide refunds or compensation under rules titled "Facilities to be provided to passengers by airlines due to denied boarding, cancellation of flights and delays in flights".



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## Indian Oil to supply sustainable aviation fuel to Air India; MoU inked to set the ball rolling

**SUKALP SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

TATA GROUP airline Air India and India's largest refiner and fuel retailer Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have inked a memorandum of understanding, laying the groundwork for supply of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) manufactured by IOC to Air India. This is the first agreement between an Indian airline and a fuel supplier with respect to SAF, a biofuel that is expected to be a key pillar of the aviation sector's decarbonisation efforts over the coming years and decades.

The initial agreement between IOC and Air India comes close on the heels of the refiner receiving international certification

**Sustainable aviation fuel is a biofuel that is produced from sustainable feedstocks and has chemistry similar to conventional aviation turbine fuel**

for production of the biofuel from used cooking oil at its Panipat refinery. Although the agreement is an initial one, executives in the two companies expect it to translate into a firm SAF supply pact over the coming months.

By the end of this calendar year, IOC will have the capacity to produce 35,000 tonnes per year of SAF from used cooking oil, which will be sourced from large

hotel chains, restaurants, and sweets and snacks majors like Haidiram's, which usually discard cooking oil after single use.

IOC became the first company in India to receive the ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat refinery in Haryana. ISCC CORSIA is a certification system for compliance with the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) criteria for SAF. It is a prerequisite for commercial SAF production. According to IOC, the certification also sets a benchmark for other domestic refiners and industry players to scale up SAF production.

SAF is a biofuel that is produced from sustainable feedstocks and has chemistry similar to conventional aviation turbine

fuel (ATF) or jet fuel, which is derived from crude oil. This means that existing aircraft engines can easily use the SAF-ATF blend. For instance, Airbus claims that all its aircraft are capable of flying on a maximum 50 per cent blend of SAF and conventional fuel. Various Indian airlines have already operated successfully a few test and demonstration flights using jet fuel doped with SAF in various proportions. According to aviation industry and energy experts, SAF alone is likely to account for over 60 per cent of the global aviation industry's decarbonisation efforts.

The year 2027 will be an important one for adoption of SAF globally with the mandatory phase of CORSIA kicking in.

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Akasa Air did not disclose details about the quantum of funds mopped up. #11

## Akasa raises funds from Premji, others

**A**kasa Air on Tuesday said it has raised funds from investors, including Premji Invest and Claypond Capital, and the investments will be utilized mainly for expanding operations.

The airline did not disclose details about the quantum of funds mopped up as part of the strategic investment transactions announced in February this year. In a statement, it said the closure of the funding round follows receipt of all requisite regulatory approvals.

"The investors include Premji Invest—a leading global investment firm whose returns primarily support the work of Azim Premji Foundation, funds managed by 360 ONE Asset—a leading asset management firm and Claypond Capital—the investment office of Dr Ranjan Pai, alongside an additional capital infusion from the Jhunjhunwala family, who are existing investors in Akasa Air," it said. **PTI**



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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## Akasa raises funds from Premji Invest, others

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AKASA Air announced on Tuesday that it has raised fresh capital from investors including Premji Invest (the global investment arm of Azim Premji), Claypond Capital (investment office of Dr. Ranjan Pal), and 360 ONE Asset, along with additional capital infusion committed by the Jhunjhunwala family, who are major stakeholders in the airline.

The airline didn't disclose precise details about the quantum of funds raised during the announcement, but sources indicate the amount to be about \$125 million. The airline said funds will accelerate its strategic road map to rank among top 30 airlines in the world by the



end of this decade. These investments will be directed towards expanding operations, enhancing customer experience and investing in safety, reliability and advanced technology added the airline.

Commenting on transaction closure, Vinay Dube, founder and CEO, Akasa Air, said,

"Their support affirms our vision and strengthens our ability to scale sustainably while keeping customers and employees at the heart of our operations. We remain grateful to the Jhunjhunwala family for not just helping us take flight but for their continued belief in our dream to redefine air travel in India." Akasa Air has a fleet of 30 aircraft and currently flies to 23 domestic and 5 international destinations.



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THE PIONEER

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## BJP leader slams Air India poor services

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**

■ New Delhi

Air India is once again in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons as former Rajya Sabha Member and BJP leader Dr Zafar Islam lashed out at the national carrier over a seat reassignment incident, despite having paid extra for his preferred seat.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Dr Islam expressed frustration over being moved from seat 10C — which he had booked and paid for — to seat 28D without any explanation, apology, or advance notice from the airline staff.

"Air India's services have declined terribly. Paid for my seat 10C but they pushed me to 28D without any explanation, apologies or reasoning," he posted.

"I was on board of Air India @airindia earlier and never encountered such

complaints by any customer. They need to improve ASAP."

Dr Islam's criticism carries additional weight due to his past role as an independent director on the airline's board before its 2022 privatization under the Tata Group.

His remarks point to a widening gap between the airline's promises of transformation and the growing number of customer grievances.

The post has gone viral, fuelling public debate over Air India's service standards — especially in light of other recent complaints from high-profile figures. Earlier this month, BJP spokesperson and senior advocate Jaiveer Shergill launched a scathing attack on the airline, sarcastically awarding it an "Oscar" in every category for "worst airlines." Citing broken seats, rude staff, and poor ground service, Shergill

wrote, "Flying Air India is not a pleasant experience but today it broke all records!"

Similarly, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently slammed Air India after being allotted a broken seat during a flight from Bhopal to Delhi. He questioned the airline's integrity under its new management, calling it an "unethical" practice to charge full fare while offering substandard seating.

These back-to-back complaints from senior politicians are adding to public scrutiny of the airline's operations. Despite multiple rounds of restructuring and branding efforts by the Tata Group, passenger experience continues to face criticism across the board — from economy seating issues to premium service lapses.

Air India has yet to issue an official response to Dr Islam's post or the broader spate of political backlash.



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## CONSUMER PANEL FINES ALLIANCE AIR WITH ₹50,000 FOR DEFICIENCY IN SERVICE



A Delhi consumer forum has imposed a ₹50,000 fine on Alliance Air Aviation Ltd for deficiency in service, saying a six-hour delay in the flight's departure was "mental torture" for passengers. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (southwest) comprising president Suresh Kumar Gupta and member Harshali Kaur, was hearing a complaint filed by two women who sought compensation due to the delay in the flight's departure on June 5, 2022. In an order on July 7, the forum said, "There is nothing on record that the delay was on account of reasons beyond the control of the opposite party (Alliance Air). The delay is about six hours, and the information about the delay was not provided to the passengers, including the complainants." The airline should have provided the passengers with refreshment, it said. The passengers were observed to have not even been offered water. "There is negligence on the part of the opposite party in maintaining the aircraft as an engineering snag was allegedly detected after the aircraft was pushed from its bay. The long wait of the passengers for departure was nothing but mental torture. There was deficiency in service," the forum held.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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## **Akasa raises ₹1,200 cr from key investors**

**New Delhi:** India's youngest airline Akasa on Tuesday said it has completed funding transaction of about Rs 1,200 crore from new investors including Premji Invest, asset management firm 360 ONE Asset, and the investment office of Ranjan Pal. Existing investor Jhunjhunwala family has also infused additional capital. THE



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THE TRIBUNE

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## **MP flags ordeal as flight aborts take-off at Kochi airport**

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18**

Several passengers, including members of Parliament, faced an unexpected delay at Kochi airport on Sunday night after a Delhi-bound Air India flight aborted its take-off due to a technical snag.

"Something was unusual with this flight (AI 504). It just felt like the flight skid on the runway but hasn't taken off yet. Air India cancelled it and announced a new flight at 1 am, which hasn't started boarding. Today is the third flight which has been AOG (aircraft on the ground)," Hiba Eden, a Congress MP wrote on X. —TNS