



# Corporate Communications Directorate

ASIAN AGE

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## **CBI files fresh case against AAI official**

**New Delhi:** The CBI on Thursday said that it has registered a fresh case against a senior manager of the Airports Authority of India for allegedly siphoning off ₹18.12 crores from the authority's accounts during his tenure at Jaipur airport, taking the total embezzled amount to more than ₹250 crores. AAI senior manager Rahul Vijay, was arrested by the CBI last month for allegedly transferring over ₹232 crores of the public sector company's funds into his personal account for trading purposes during his posting in Dehradun. The new case against Vijay, was registered on a complaint from a manager (finance) of AAI, Jaipur airport.



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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

GUWAHATI

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### 'Yatri Seva Diwas' held at Dibrugarh airport

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 18: The Airports Authority of India (AAI), Dibrugarh airport, celebrated 'Yatri Seva Diwas' on Wednesday with great enthusiasm, reflecting the AAI's commitment to passenger happiness, community service, and cultural connect, a release stated.

The celebrations began with a welcoming ceremony, wherein passengers were greeted with *tikas* and invited to click photographs at specially designed booths.

Disembarking from the first flight of the day – 6E-6371 (Delhi-Dibrugarh) – Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was welcomed by the airport director along with officials of the AAI, Dibrugarh. The Union Minister was also greeted with a *tika* and invited to click photographs with the AAI's Di-

brugarh airport team.

Further, a plantation drive was organised to highlight the AAI's dedication to sustainability and creating a greener tomorrow. To ensure the well-being of travellers and airport staff, free health check-up kiosks were set up, providing complimentary health services. The terminal building became vibrant with cultural dance performances, showcasing the rich traditions of Assam.

Moreover, children passengers participated enthusiastically in a quiz and painting competition, making the celebration more interactive and joyful. As a token of appreciation, gifts and chocolates were distributed among children and cultural performers, adding smiles to the special occasion.

The day-long celebration created a warm and lively atmosphere at the airport.



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### Vijayapura Greenfield Airport gets revised budget approval

**T**he Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved the revised estimate of ₹618.75 crore for the development of Vijayapura's upcoming "Greenfield" Airport. Briefing reporters, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said the project will be designed to handle large aircraft, not just ATR planes, ensuring broader connectivity. The original cost approved was ₹347.92 crore, with an additional ₹270.08 crore now sanctioned.

The cabinet also cleared the purchase of medical equipment worth ₹10.89 crore for a new cardiac unit at the Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences. The unit will be established under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, expanding cardiac care access in the region. Additionally, the cabinet approved the installation of 10 "Towers of the Harmonious Call Blocking System" in central prisons across Ballari, Vijayapura, Dharwad, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, and Tumakuru. This project, estimated at ₹16.75 crore, is aimed at curbing illegal mobile phone usage by inmates. — PTI





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BUSINESS STANDARD

DELHI

20 SEPTEMBER 2025

## Construction worker falls to death at Delhi airport

**DEEPAK PATEL**

New Delhi, 19 September

A construction worker fell from a height and died accidentally on September 5 while working on the airside near Terminal 3 of Delhi airport, sources told *Business Standard* on Friday.

The incident comes over a year after the collapse of the canopy at Terminal 1 on June 28, 2024, which killed 45-year-old cab driver Ramesh Kumar and injured at least eight others. An expert committee later found flaws in design, workmanship,

and maintenance as possible causes of that accident.

The Delhi Police has registered an FIR in connection with the September 5 case, according to sources. GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) manages the Delhi airport, which is India's busiest airport.

When asked about compensation, immediate assistance, accountability, and safety measures related to this incident, a DIAL spokesperson said: "The labourer, Mr Sukhdev (35), was employed by a third-party

contractor appointed by DIAL, to carry out certain construction works at the airside. Initial inquiry suggests that he fell from a height on 5th September 2025 while not adhering to prescribed safety protocols. He was rushed to the hospital immediately, but despite the best efforts, he could not survive."

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved family during this difficult time. We understand that the contractor has extended financial aid to the family, and we remain in close touch to ensure necessary sup-

port," the spokesperson added.

Earlier this year, DIAL dismissed the report of the expert committee formed to investigate the canopy collapse incident as "inaccurate."

The operator, however, admitted it had not provided "all documents" to the committee during the probe. DIAL attributed the roof collapse solely to incessant rainfall — the highest in the region since 1936 — which, it said, caused water accumulation beyond the roof's load-bearing capacity.



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DAILY GUARDIAN

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## K'taka Cabinet approves Rs 271 cr for Vijayapura 'Greenfield' Airport

**TDG NETWORK**  
BENGALURU

Karnataka Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil said on Friday that the state cabinet has approved an additional allocation of Rs 270.83 crore for the Vijayapura "Greenfield" Airport to facilitate operations of Airbus-320 type aircraft, night landing facilities, and other related infrastructure.

He explained that the cabinet, at its meeting on Thursday, discussed the proposal in detail before granting approval.

With this, the airport's total development cost will rise to Rs 618.75 crore. The escalation, Patil, who is also the Vijayapura district in-charge noted, stemmed from modifying the original design--intended only for ATR aircraft operations--to also accommodate Airbus-320 aircraft.

According to a statement issued by the Minister's Of-

fice, of the fresh allocation, Rs 65 crore has been earmarked for night-landing works, paved shoulders on both sides of the runway, and compensation for land acquisition.

Another Rs 52 crore will go towards developing an approach road linking Vijayapura Airport with National Highway-50. In addition, Rs 25 crore will be used to procure two ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire-fighting) vehicles along with equipment, it said.

"A further Rs 2.76 crore has been set aside for BDS (Baggage Detection System) equipment and Rs 13.09 crore for DVOR (Doppler VHF Omni-Directional Range) equipment procurement and installation," it added.

Patil clarified that these requirements, though essential, were not included in the original project approval.



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कवायद

यीडा ने निकाली फ्लैट निर्माण के लिए भूखंड की योजना

## हवाई अड्डे के उद्घाटन की घोषणा से यमुना शहर को मिली नई उड़ान

आशीष दुबे  
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 19 सितंबर।

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के उद्घाटन की घोषणा ने यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे क्षेत्र के रियल एस्टेट सेक्टर को नई उड़ान दे दी है। इस महीने के अंत में हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन और डेढ़ महीने के भीतर देश के दस प्रमुख शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू होने की घोषणा ने न केवल निवेशकों को आकर्षित किया है, बल्कि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (यीडा) के अधिकारियों के हौसले भी बलंद कर दिए हैं।

इससे उत्साहित होकर यीडा ने यमुना शहर में बड़े पैमाने पर आवास उपलब्ध कराने के लिए ग्रुप

यीडा के विशेष कार्यधिकारी शैलेंद्र भाटिया ने बताया कि हवाई अड्डे के जल्द शुरू होने की घोषणा ने निवेशकों का मनोबल बढ़ाया है। क्षेत्र में निवेश और लोगों की बढ़ती मौजूदगी से इस मर्तबा ग्रुप हाउसिंग भूखंड योजना को काफी अच्छा परिणाम मिलने की उम्मीद है।



परिणाम मिलने की उम्मीद है।

हाउसिंग भूखंडों की योजना को जारी किया है। यीडा के तीन सेक्टरों में कुल बहुमंजिला फ्लैट

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के उद्घाटन की तारीख 30 अक्टूबर तय की गई है। ऐसे में 25 अक्टूबर तक की लक्ष्मणरेखा के भीतर काम पूरा करने को लेकर नोएडा एअरपोर्ट लिमिटेड और यीडा अधिकारियों ने कवायद शुरू कर दी है। अधूरे कामों की सूची बनाई जा रही है। जो काम बचे हैं, उन्हें 25 अक्टूबर तक हर हाल में पूरा करने के लिए युद्ध स्तर पर काम किया जा रहा है।

बनाने की 16 भूखंडों की योजना में शुक्रवार दोपहर 11 बजे से आवेदन प्रक्रिया शुरू हुई है।

28 अक्टूबर तक इसमें आवेदन किए जा सकते हैं। 28 नवंबर को ई नीलामी के जरिए आवंटन किया जाएगा।

इसके अलावा नवरात्र में होटल भूखंड योजना निकालने की भी तैयारी है। बता दें कि नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के पास कुछ एक निर्माणाधीन टाउनशिप परियोजनाओं के अलावा लोगों के रहने के लिए अभी विकल्प मौजूद नहीं हैं। लोगों को यहां आवास उपलब्ध कराने के लिए ग्रुप हाउसिंग परियोजना को निकाला गया है। जबकि इसी साल मई महीने में भी इस योजना को जारी किया गया था। तब निर्माण जारी रहने और हवाई उड़ान का कार्यक्रम तय नहीं होने से यह योजना असफल हो गई थी।

# भारत की उड़ान को नए पंख, जेवर में एशिया का सबसे बड़ा नया एयरपोर्ट बनकर हुआ तैयार

नोएडा में नए एयरपोर्ट से एनसीआर के कई शहरों की बदल जाएगी तस्वीर

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नई दिल्ली. दिल्ली-एनसीआर के ग्रेटर नोएडा के पास उत्तरप्रदेश के जेवर में बन रहा नया अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा शुभारम्भ के लिए तैयार हो गया है। अत्याधुनिक सुविधाओं वाला यह एयरपोर्ट न केवल भारत बल्कि एशिया का सबसे बड़ा ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट होगा। नोएडा में नया एयरपोर्ट के शुरू होने से न केवल दिल्ली-एनसीआर बल्कि यूपी व

पड़ोसी राज्यों के कई शहरों में विकास से तस्वीर ही बदल जाएगी।

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने गाजियाबाद में एक कार्यक्रम में कहा कि नोएडा हवाई अड्डा का उद्घाटन 30 अक्टूबर को प्रस्तावित किया गया है। उद्घाटन के 45 दिनों के भीतर वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें शुरू की जाएगी। यहां से देश के प्रमुख शहरों तक सीधी उड़ानें मिलेंगी। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अन्तरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का दबाव कम होगा। इससे राजस्थान, छत्तीसगढ़, मध्यप्रदेश, उत्तरप्रदेश, हरियाणा के उद्यमियों व यात्रियों को उड़ानें मिलने से फायदा होगा।

एयरपोर्ट पर यह होगा खास

- दस एयरोबिज की व्यवस्था होने से यात्री एक समय में एक साथ दस विमानों में सवार हो सकेंगे व उतर सकेंगे।
- पहले फेज में एक रनवे व एक टर्मिनल होगा। जिसकी क्षमता सालाना 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों की होगी।
- एयरपोर्ट के सभी घरण पूरे होने पर सालाना सात करोड़ यात्रियों को हैंडल कर सकेगा।
- एक लाख वर्गमीटर में फैले टर्मिनल भवन में 28 विमान स्टैंड हो सकेंगे।



पहले फेज में दस शहरों के लिए उड़ानें

- एयरपोर्ट से पहले फेज में दस शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू होगी।
- एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो यहां से कुछ इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट भी शुरू करेगी।

यात्रियों को ये सुविधाएं

- निःशुल्क वाइ-फाइ से इंटरनेट सुविधा मिलेगी।
- निःशुल्क लाइब्रेरी व किड्स जॉन का उपयोग कर सकेंगे।
- घरेलू-अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए अलग प्रवेश-निकास



सीधी बस सेवा से जुड़ेंगे शहर

नए एयरपोर्ट तक आवाजाही के लिए सीधी बस सेवाएं शुरू होगी। दिल्ली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, हरियाणा, गुरुग्राम, गाजियाबाद, मेरठ, बुलंदशहर, अलीगढ़, मथुरा, आगरा आदि शहरों से सीधी बसें जेवर एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचेंगी। ऐसे में इन शहरों की कनेक्टिविटी व रफ्तार पर भी सीधा प्रभाव दिखाई देगा।

एनसीआर के आस-पास बदलेगी तस्वीर:

दिल्ली-एनसीआर के ग्रेटर नोएडा, गुरुग्राम, बुलंद शहर, गाजियाबाद, मेरठ, मथुरा व अलीगढ़ की तस्वीर ही बदल जाएगी। इन क्षेत्रों में विकास व रोजगार के नए द्वार खुलेंगे। रियल एस्टेट व कॉमर्सियल गतिविधियां बढ़ेंगी।

राजस्थान, मप्र व छग तक बढ़ेगी कनेक्टिविटी

जेवर एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से राजस्थान, उत्तरप्रदेश, छत्तीसगढ़, मध्यप्रदेश, हरियाणा, गुजरात राज्य के उद्यमियों व यात्रियों की राजधानी नई दिल्ली से कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ जाएगी। सीधी व अधिक संख्या में वैकल्पिक उड़ानें मिलने से समय की बचत के साथ बिजनेस, पर्यटन व उद्योग गतिविधियों को अधिक फायदा मिलेगा।



## Corporate Communications Directorate

THE TIMES OF INDIA

AHMEDABAD

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# New navigation system for Keshod airport

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Gandhinagar:** The Union ministry of civil aviation plans to install advanced navigational systems at Keshod airport in Junagadh district once its runway extension to 2,500 metres was completed.



The information was provided by Union civil aviation minister Ramohan Naidu Kinjarapu to Rajya Sabha member **Parimal Nathwani**.

As part of the master plan, the ministry has proposed installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS), CAT-I Approach Lighting System, and DVOR navigation system at the airport.

The move comes in response to Nathwani's representation highlighting frequent

flight cancellations at Keshod due to poor weather and inadequate navigational facilities.

The minister said a work order for extending the runway was already issued. Since ILS requires a runway of over 1,800m, the facility cannot be installed on the current 1,300m strip.

In his letter, Nathwani had raised the issue of persistent disruptions, especially low morning fog and inadequate navigational infrastructure, defeating the purpose of the regional connectivity scheme under which Keshod was revived to improve tourist access to Gir National Park and Somnath Temple.

Earlier, in response to Nathwani's question in Parliament, the govt had stated that the runway extension project was estimated at Rs 190.56 crore, with Jan 2027 as the projected completion date.

## Amenities to backend, N Mum airport to go digital from Day 1

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** When Navi Mumbai airport starts handling commercial flights, it will be India's first airport to be digital from Day One.

Passengers can still hold on to their paper boarding passes or go digital if they please. But backend operations will largely be paperless. What will also be different is that employees of various stakeholders such as the airport operator, airlines, ground handling companies, security agencies, among others, will have access to real-time information about the airport on their mobile phones via an in-house app. Information from within the terminal building such as the length of passenger queues and baggage delivery status, or from airside movement of aircraft and ground vehicles on runway and taxiways.

The digital system is currently operational at the Mumbai airport, making it the "digital twin" of the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport. The Mumbai airport introduced the in-house app called 'aviio' last Sept. The app streamlines processes and enhances collaboration to ensure smoother operations, said Adani Enterprises' subsidiary Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) on Wednesday, announcing a suite of digital initiatives ahead of Navi Mumbai airport's inauguration on Sept 30 by Prime Minister Modi. "Avio bridges the biggest silos that exist in the aviation industry today by democratizing data and making it accessible across partner ecosystems," it said.

If a baggage conveyor belt, for instance, starts vibrating abnormally, the airport maintenance crew will immediately get a notification alert on the app. Integration of location-detecting technology allows airports to receive real-time position

### 'PRE-BOOK LOUNGE, HOTEL, CAB & SHOP ON APP'



#### Adani Enterprises' subsidiary Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) on Wednesday announced a suite of digital initiatives:

➤ In-house avio mobile app for stakeholders engaged at the airport

#### Adani One app for passengers

➤ A digital platform that combines all airport services in one place

A passenger who has scanned their boarding pass on the app, for instance, will get real-time update when their check-in bag is loaded onto the conveyor belt at arrivals

'Airport in a Box' | A smart digital system designed for efficient, scalable, and replicable operations

➤ Navi Mumbai airport will replicate digital systems and learnings currently underway at Mumbai airport

➤ This makes it easier to expand airports without starting from scratch each time



#### Meta Analysis

In its initial phase, Navi Mumbai will handle 20 million passengers per annum. Digitisation makes airports seamless, data-driven and passenger-friendly, but it also raises the stakes on cybersecurity. Robust cyber defences become crucial to protect critical systems, sensitive data and passenger information.

nal data of aircraft and ground vehicles, reducing their reliance on airlines for this information. "Airport teams can accurately monitor key metrics such as different aircraft's runway occupancy time (ROT) and taxi times, enabling proactive management and optimization of vital runway resources," said AAHL. For passenger management through terminal, for instance, information gathered at the airport entry gate such as vo-

lumes of passengers or ratio of men to women entering would be available to the CISF personnel manning the security checks. It will help them decide whether to increase or decrease the relevant gender-based security checkpoints.

On digitisation of passenger amenities, for instance, arrival flyers who have scanned their boarding pass on Adani One passenger app would get an alert when their check-in bag is loaded onto

the conveyor belt. "We're looking at plans to let passengers pre-book their slots in the pre-departure security queue," said an official. Departure passengers can order a meal or a beverage on the app and have it delivered at their boarding gate. Passengers can pre-book lounges, cabs, hotels, earn rewards, shop and track flights on the app. AAHL said: "We are constantly investing in upgrading our cybersecurity as the threat profile keeps changing."



# Corporate Communications Directorate

BUSINESS LINE

DELHI

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## **Air India unifies sales team to boost engagement**



**Mumbai:** Air India and Air India Express sales teams have been integrated to ensure greater efficiency and improved engagement with travel trade community. The integrated sales team would be led by Manish Puri who has been appointed as head of global sales, the airline announced on Friday. OUR BUREAU



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## चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट पर इंडिगो फ्लाइट की अपातकालीन लैंडिंग



चेन्नई। मुंबई से  
फुकेत जा रही  
इंडिगो की एक

फ्लाइट को अचानक सुरक्षा कारणों से चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। फ्लाइट पर बम होने की धमकी दी गई थी। यह मामला उस समय सामने आया जब 6 ई 1089 नंबर की उड़ान मुंबई से रवाना हुई और बीच रास्ते में सुरक्षा एजेंसियों को खतरे का अलर्ट मिला। सूचना मिलते ही विमानन सुरक्षा एजेंसियां तुरंत सक्रिय हो गईं। एयरलाइंस ने तुरंत तय किया कि फ्लाइट को सुरक्षित रूप से नजदीकी बड़े एयरपोर्ट पर उतारना चाहिए।

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## Noida International Airport set for October 30 launch

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The Noida International Airport, also known as Jewar Airport, will be inaugurated on 30 October, Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu announced on Thursday. Flight operations are expected to begin within 45 days, initially connecting at least 10 major cities including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata.

In its first phase, the airport will operate a single runway and a terminal with an annual capacity of 12 million passengers. Future expansion across four phases will raise capacity to 70 million passengers.

Located 75 km from Delhi, Jewar Airport will become



Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) conducted the first flight validation on December 9, 2024. (File Photo)

the NCR's second international gateway after Indira Gandhi International Airport. Officials said it will not only ease pressure on Delhi's airport but also act as a key hub for cargo operations, driving economic growth and boosting connectivity for western Uttar Pradesh.

Developed through a Public-Private Partnership between the Uttar Pradesh

government and Zurich Airport International AG, the facility is equipped with six road links, a rapid rail-cum-metro corridor, pod taxis, and a CAT-III B Instrument Landing System to ensure operations in low visibility.

The airport is projected to generate about one lakh direct and indirect jobs, while spurring real estate development and strengthening regional aviation.



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# Air India crash: Pilot's father demands probe, says son's image tarnished

MUMBAI, DHNS

Nearly three months after the Air India plane crash, Pushkaraj Sabharwal, the father of late Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, who was commanding the ill-fated flight, has sought a formal probe into one of the worst air accidents in the country while criticising the investi-

gations conducted by Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB).

In a letter to the Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha and AAIB Director General GVG Yugandhar, Pushkaraj Sabharwal said that "selective leaks" about accident have led to speculation that Capt Sumeet Sabharwal (56)

was under tremendous psychological pressure and therefore was contemplating death.

Pushkaraj Sabharwal stated that the inquiry at present had only been limited to Rule 9 of the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017 - and called on the authorities to invoke Rule 12, which provides for a formal

court-like investigation.

The June 12, 2025, Air India Flight AI71 crash involving the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner has led to the death of 260 people, including 241 on board.

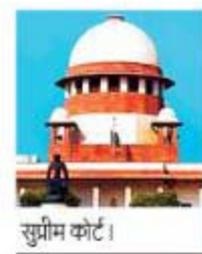
The 15-page preliminary findings of the AAIB had said: "The aircraft achieved the maximum recorded airspeed of 180 Knots IAS at about 08:08:42

UTC and immediately thereafter, the Engine 1 and Engine 2 fuel cutoff switches transitioned from RUN to CUTOFF position one after another with a time gap of 01 sec...In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he CUTOFF. The other pilot responded that he did not do so."

## एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना की स्वतंत्र जांच के लिए सुप्रीम कोर्ट में याचिका

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर : सुप्रीम कोर्ट में एक जनहित याचिका दायर की गई है, जिसमें एअर इंडिया विमान दुर्घटना की स्वतंत्र और अदालत की निगरानी में जांच की मांग की गई है। 12 जून को हुई इस दुर्घटना में यात्री, चालक दल और जमीन पर मौजूद 265 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी। अहमदाबाद से उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद ही विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया था।

शीर्ष अदालत में यह याचिका "कांस्टीट्यूशन बाय सेप्टी मैटर्स फाउंडेशन" नामक एक गैरसरकारी संगठन ने दायर की है। याचिका में आरोप लगाया गया है कि आधिकारिक जांच से नागरिकों के जीवन, समानता और सही जानकारी प्राप्त करने के मौलिक अधिकारों का उल्लंघन होता है। याचिका में कहा गया है कि एयरक्राफ्ट एक्सीडेंट इन्वेस्टिगेशन ब्यूरो (एएआइबी) ने 12 जुलाई को अपनी प्रारंभिक रिपोर्ट जारी की थी। इसमें हादसे का कारण "फ्यूल कटआफ सिच" को "रन" से



सुप्रीम कोर्ट।

जांच से सही जानकारी प्राप्त करने के अधिकार का उल्लंघन होता है

"कटआफ" स्थिति में ले जाना बताया गया था, यानी इसमें पायलट की गलती थी। रिपोर्ट में महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी छिपाई गई है, जिसमें पूरा डिजिटल फ्लाइंग डाटा रिकार्डर आउटपुट, क्राफ्ट वाइस रिकार्डर ट्रांसक्रिप्ट और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एयरक्राफ्ट फाल्ट रिकार्डिंग डाटा शामिल है। याचिका के अनुसार, दुर्घटना की पारदर्शी व निष्पक्ष जानकारी के लिए ये चीजें जरूरी हैं। याचिका में कहा गया है कि रिपोर्ट में ईंधन सिच में खराबी, बिजली की खराबी, रैम एयर टरबाइन का इस्तेमाल और बिजली संबंधी गड़बड़ियों को नजरअंदाज किया गया है।



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## PIL in Apex Court Seeks Independent Probe into AI Crash

**New Delhi:** A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court, seeking an independent court-monitored probe into the crash of Air India flight AI771 that killed 265 people, including passengers, crew members and people on the ground, on June 12.

The plea has been filed by "Constitution by Safety Matters Foundation", an aviation safety NGO led by Captain Amit Singh (FRAeS), alleging that the official probe violates citizens' fundamental rights to life, equality and access to truthful information. The plea says the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau issued its preliminary report on July 12, attributing the accident to "fuel cutoff switches" being moved from "run" to "cutoff", effectively suggesting a pilot error.

It alleges that the report withholds information, including the full Digital Flight Data Recorder output, complete Cockpit Voice Recorder transcripts with time stamps and Electronic Aircraft Fault Recording data. —PTI

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### INDIGO AND THALES SIGN 11-YEAR AVIONICS MAINTENANCE DEAL FOR A320 FLEET

To enhance operational efficiency and fleet availability, IndiGo, India's largest airline, has signed an 11-year strategic maintenance agreement with Thales, a global leader in aerospace technology, for its current fleet of 430 Airbus A320 aircraft and a future order of over 800 A32X aircraft. As part of this long-term collaboration, Thales will provide comprehensive



avionics repair services through its 'Avionics-By-The-Hour' (ABTH) and 'Repair-By-The-Hour' (RBTH) programs. Thomas Got, Vice President, Aviation Global Services, Thales, said "this strategic partnership with IndiGo underscores our commitment to delivering airlines world-class avionics support and services. Our new MRO facility in India increases Thales's ability to provide a swift, reliable service, backed by the power of our global organisation, to meet the evolving demands of the Indian aviation industry." Parichay Datta, Senior Vice-president, Engineering, IndiGo, said "We are pleased to partner with Thales, a leading aerospace company trusted worldwide for its expertise in avionics support, to augment IndiGo's maintenance and repairs capabilities. With IndiGo's growing scale and fleet, this association aligns with our commitment to offer a hassle-free and safe flying experience to our customers, while ensuring operational excellence and reliability."



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## AI Exp makes emergency landing

**PTI**

**VISAKHAPATNAM**

An Air India Express flight traveling from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad with 103 passengers onboard made an emergency landing shortly after takeoff on Thursday. According to officials, the pilot of flight IX 2658 reported an engine issue, believed to be caused by a bird strike. The flight, which

**BIRD-HIT SUSPECTED**



had departed at 2:38 p.m., returned to Visakhapatnam

airport by 3:00 p.m.

Airport director N. Purushottam confirmed the plane landed safely and all passengers were deboarded without incident. An Air India Express spokesperson stated the flight was canceled to allow for a full inspection of the aircraft. The airline has offered affected passengers several options, including complimentary rescheduling on the next available flight or a full refund.



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## Plea in SC slams AAIB report, seeks independent probe

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a court-monitored independent probe into the June 12 Air India crash in Ahmedabad, which killed 260 people, including 19 on the ground. The London-bound Boeing 787-8 aircraft went down minutes after take-off, leaving a lone survivor. The plea filed by non-profit Safety Matters Foundation, headed by Amit Singh, a former pilot, has challenged the preliminary report released by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on July 12, alleging that it violated the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017, which mandate full disclosure of factual data gathered in the early stages of an inquiry.



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HINDUSTAN TIMES

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## INDIGO FLIGHT DIVERTED DUE TO BOMB THREAT

**CHENNAI:** An IndiGo flight from Mumbai to Phuket in Thailand made an emergency landing at the Chennai airport following an alleged bomb threat, an airport official said on Friday.

Security personnel and officials at the airport who checked the flight found it to be a hoax. Further investigation was on, the official added.

"IndiGo flight 6E 1089 operating from Mumbai to Phuket on September 19, was diverted to Chennai due to a security threat noticed onboard," the airlines said. As per the established protocol, relevant authorities were informed immediately, and the flight will undergo necessary security checks in Chennai.

"We are making all efforts to minimise inconvenience to customers including offering them refreshments and sharing regular updates with them," the statement said.

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## What Akasa gets right about airline operations in India

**F**ortunes in civil aviation swing more than in most other sectors, given that it is vulnerable to any number of factors, including external ones. There could be a billionaire in the cockpit one day, and before you know it, they would have lost it all.

Yet, perhaps, no other sector allows players such latitude in shaping their trajectory. Start with the right intent and the right people, and a few wrong twists and turns will be forgiven and forgotten. Both Jet Airways (until its closure) and IndiGo, India's two private-sector success stories in civil aviation, have been through many twists and turns but both had the right intent and the right people at the helm almost all through. In the Indian context, founders and owners hold the key to success.

While they might blame circumstances, environment, government actions or inaction for airline failures, these actually stem more from poor administrative or financial management, wrong intent, poor handling of people or some fundamental flaw in the business model than anything extraneous.

That's why the Indian flying public should rejoice that Akasa Air now shows promise of becoming a strong number three in a market that is veering towards a duopoly, with all the inherent risks and dangers of such a market structure.

The airline recently surged ahead of rivals in many sectoral parameters, including load factor — at 90.2% in August, it was higher than both the market leader IndiGo and SpiceJet (which has always had high loads despite floundering over the last few years). With 30 aircraft, the airline now flies to 24 domestic and six international destinations. Capacity and revenue have risen by over 45% in a single year, and, while the airline is still making losses, new and heavyweight investors have backed it, bringing in much-needed funds. The Rakesh Jhunjhunwala family, too, has reaffirmed its confidence by putting in further funds, while holding less than 51% stake. The airline's distributed ownership works well to keep all shareholders in check.

There are two areas where Akasa appears to have stolen a march over rivals, which should hold it in good stead if it stays the

course. First, while the airline has been accused of being rather top-heavy right from the start, the fact remains that, unlike Air India and others in the past, it primarily has seasoned aviation professionals, many of whom have cut their teeth in full service airlines. Senior management in IndiGo, I can confirm, takes this minnow more seriously for now than it does its closest rival, Air India, which only evokes mild amusement.

Second, and perhaps the single-most important factor, is its people-handling, led by CEO Vinay Dube. Dube, in his earlier role as CEO of Go First, has closely seen how mismanagement in this regard can destroy a good business. Akasa has not only managed to move past the unpleasant episode with its

pilots in 2023, but its staff also seems to be among the happiest in the sector. The airline took measures to mollify its crew, including introducing a "21 days on and 9 days off" work pattern that the pilots were seeking.

Two recent experiences I had with the airline staff validated what I hear from the industry. In an era of short fuses and pursed lips, if one's luggage at check-in exceeds the limit

by even 100 grams, one can expect to be firmly told to pay extra luggage charges. However, a check-in counter staffer at the MOPA airport in Goa patiently helped organise my baggage in a way that would obviate the need to pay extra for baggage, while keeping to the company's rules. It wasn't the fact that she saved me a few thousand rupees that made the interaction so unusually pleasant. It was her handling of the entire episode, given how unaccustomed passengers are to such treatment at airport counters across cities. The sceptic in me could pin this to the "Goa effect" — people are quite willing to go out of their way to help others in the state — as an alternative explanation, but if it is indeed an example of a broader culture at the airline, then Akasa is certainly leagues ahead of others.

On an Akasa flight to the national capital, an infant faced a serious medical emergency, seeming almost inert soon after take-off. An announcement sought help from doctors on board and, on their advice, the captain lost no time in diverting the flight to Mumbai, where an equipped ambulance was waiting on the tarmac when we landed. Again, although the crew on the flight was very young, it handled the crisis with calmness and maturity — rare in such stressful situations. The captain apologised for the delay, but everybody knew how every minute of the delay went into attempting to saving a young life.

Akasa insiders tell me that the airline has a very open office atmosphere, with easy access for all to the top management — another factor that is a make-or-break in today's aviation landscape. I will end here by saying that if the airline continues determinedly on this path, India's flying public can hope for light at the end of the duopoly tunnel that the sector seems to have entered.



Anjali Bhargava



The Indian flying public should rejoice that Akasa Air now shows promise of becoming a strong number three in a market that is veering towards a duopoly. SHUTTERSTOCK

## AI171 crash: PIL seeks probe monitored by SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

A PIL before the Supreme Court has sought an independent probe under its "supervision and control" into the June 12 Air India Boeing Dreamliner crash in Ahmedabad, in which 260 people were killed.

The plea by Safety Matters Foundation, an aviation safety NGO founded by Captain Amit Singh, says that the preliminary report issued by Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is "incomplete, selective, and lacking in transparency, thereby undermining the credibility of the investigative process and the trust of the travelling public".

The plea said the report fails to comply with Rule 2(25) of the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017, which states that such a report serves the purpose of disseminating all data obtained during the early stages of the investigation. "Instead, the report contains selective disclosures, such as paraphrased references to cockpit voice recordings without timestamps, full transcripts, or corroborative context. This selective presentation creates a misleading impression and undermines transparency... such selective disclosure of partial information has the effect of shaping a biased public perception, one that tends to attribute the cause of the accident to pilot error while absolving the manufacturer and the airline of potential responsibility," it said.

The father of Sumeet Sabharwal demanded that the Centre initiate a formal probe into the crash.



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## DGCA approves resumption of helicopter ops for Char Dham Yatra

**MUMBAI:** Aviation safety regulator DGCA has approved the resumption of helicopter operations for the 2025 Char Dham Yatra starting from September 15-16, following the monsoon break, according to an official release.

Union Minister for Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu also held multiple review meetings, alongside Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama, in Dehradun and Delhi to ensure close coordination between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Airports Authority of India, the state government and Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA), it added. As per the directives of the minister, DGCA also carried out a comprehensive inspection/audit of all helipads, helicopters, operators' preparedness and support facilities from September 13-16, it said, adding that after the approval for recommencement of helicopter operations has been granted to UCADA and helicopter operators. ■



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MORNING STANDARD

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## Pak airspace to remain shut for Indian airlines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ New Delhi

PAKISTAN has once again extended its closure of airspace for Indian aircraft and airlines for another month, now till the morning of October 24. This marks the sixth time the neighbouring country has extended its airspace restrictions. India is yet to respond to this move.

A fresh NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) was issued by the Pakistan Airports Authority on Friday. The existing airspace closure by both countries ends at 5.29 am on September 24.

In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attacks in Kashmir on April 22 in which 26 people were killed, both the countries closed their airspace for each other. The reciprocal closure has been extended every month by India and Pakistan before the expiration of the deadline.

Asked about India's stance, an official in the Aviation Ministry said, "We have not received any directive as of now (Friday late night)." India is expected to reciprocate the gesture shortly with its own NOTAM.

A NOTAM is a notice containing information that is essential for personnel involved in flight operations.

## HP Consumer Commission orders Air-India to pay ₹52,500 to Subramanian Swamy over missed flight

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ Shimla

Himachal Pradesh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission on ordered Air India to refund ₹2,500, the ticket amount along with interest and pay ₹50,000 towards compensation for harassment and litigation costs to BJP leader Subramanian Swamy. Holding Air India guilty of deficiency in service, in a recent order the bench of Justice Inder Singh Mehta (President) and Partap Singh Thakur (Member) said the carrier clearly violated norms when change in flight timings.

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The ticket showed the departure time as 7:50am on October 19, 2019. However, when Swamy arrived at Delhi airport, he was informed that the flight had already departed at 6:50am.

Left stranded, Swamy was forced to buy another ticket to Chandigarh, from where a

special chopper was arranged to take him to Shimla, where he was scheduled to preside over a lecture on nationalism at Himachal Pradesh University.

Air India argued that the rescheduled time was reflected in its records and that repeated calls were made to Dr Swamy to inform him, but he allegedly did not respond.

The airline further claimed that since the ticket was booked in Swamy's name, the complaint filed by Bhagwat was not maintainable as he was not the actual passenger.

The commission rejected these arguments, noting that the ticket clearly mentioned the departure time as 7:50am. It also observed that Air India

had failed to produce call records or examine its staff member who allegedly contacted Swamy. It ruled that Mr Bhagwat, who had purchased the ticket using his own funds, was a consumer under the law and therefore entitled to seek redress.

In its order, the commission directed Air India to refund the ₹2,500 ticket cost with 9 per cent annual interest from the date of filing of the complaint.

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# Low on fuel, flight diverted to Rajkot

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**Ahmedabad:** Picture this: You're flying to Ahmedabad for an important meeting scheduled at 11.30am. You book a flight expected to land an hour earlier, giving you enough time to get to your destination. Instead, you find the flight making an unscheduled detour to Rajkot, 250km away. Passengers on IndiGo flight 6E 2124 from Delhi to Ahmedabad faced a similar situation on Thursday morning, after the aircraft was unable to land in the city and had to be diverted due to low fuel margins, as learnt from sources.

The flight took off from Delhi at its scheduled departure time of 8.55am, and approached Ahmedabad ahead of its scheduled arrival window of 10.40am.

However, air traffic controllers at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport did not immediately grant landing clearance, citing congestion. With the aircraft kept in a holding pattern and fuel reserves running low, the crew opted to divert to Rajkot. The Airbus



touched down safely at Rajkot International Airport at around 10.42am.

Passengers reported that the captain made an announcement citing a "low-fuel condition" as the reason for the diversion. After refuelling in Rajkot, the aircraft safely continued its journey to Ahmedabad. IndiGo Airlines did not respond to TOI's email query regarding the episode.

Aviation sources stressed that such diversions are not uncommon. If holding times extend beyond safe limits, pilots are required to divert, as aircraft carry only a defined reserve of fuel for contingencies. "Low fuel in such situations does not mean the aircraft is unsafe. It simply indicates that after accounting for flying time, reserves, and an alternate airport, the safety buffer is narrowing. In this case, the aircraft had ample fuel to reach Rajkot and refuel," explained a source.



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HYDERABAD

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## **Bird-hit AI flight lands safely in Visakhapatnam**

**Visakhapatnam:** An Air India flight bound for Hyderabad was forced to make an emergency landing at the Visakhapatnam International Airport on Thursday after a suspected bird strike caused engine trouble. The aircraft, carrying 103 passengers, landed safely thanks to the pilot's swift response, averting a potential mishap.

Flight IX 2658 departed Visakhapatnam at 2:38 p.m. and reported engine issues to Air Traffic Control (ATC) at 2.47 pm. The aircraft returned and landed safely at 3pm. The pilot detected the issue mid-air and promptly requested an emergency landing. TNN



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## AI Express flight suffers bird hit at Visakhapatnam

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An Air India Express flight from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad with 103 passengers was forced to return to the Visakhapatnam airport shortly after takeoff on Thursday following a bird strike, officials said.

Confirming the incident, a spokesperson for the airline said the aircraft landed safely, but the flight was cancelled pending a technical assessment of its airworthiness.

"One of our aircraft suffered a bird strike at Visakhapatnam and returned to the airport after takeoff," the airline said in a statement. — TNS