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## AAI to construct parking-cum-patient waiting lounge at a cost of ₹11.73 crore in AIIMS

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) announced the commencement of construction for the parking-cum-patient waiting lounge at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

The project is funded under AAI's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative with the total estimated cost for construction being Rs 11.73 crore. The Bhoomi Poojan ceremony held on 17th October 2024 in the august presence of M. Suresh, Chair-



man, AAI, Karan Singh, Additional Director Administration, AIIMS and AAI Board Members.

This initiative is part of AAI's ongoing commitment to supporting social welfare and infrastructure develop-

ment. The proposed facility will be located near gate number 2 at AIIMS and is aimed at alleviating congestion and providing much-needed space for the attendants of patients as well as dedicated parking.

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People shop for the upcoming Diwali at Sadar Bazar in New Delhi on Saturday. — PTI

## Modi in Varanasi today, set to open ₹6K-cr airport projects

*Inaugurate sport complex, girls hostel, tourism projects*

New Delhi, Oct. 19: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a number of development initiatives, including multiple airport projects across the country worth over ₹6,100 crore, during his visit to Varanasi on Sunday, his office said. The PMO in a statement that Mr Modi will also inaugurate R.J. Sankara Eye Hospital, in the holy town. It will provide comprehensive consultation and treatment for various eye conditions.

Mr Modi will lay the foundation stone for expansion of airport runway and construction of a new terminal building and allied works of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, costing around ₹2,870 crore all told.

He will lay the foundation stone of new civil



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union minister Jitendra Singh, CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan and others during "Karmayogi Saptah" — National Learning Week" in New Delhi on Saturday. — PTI

enclave at Agra airport worth more than ₹570 crore, at Darbhanga airport worth around ₹910 crore, and at Bagdogra airport worth around ₹1,550 crore, it said.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate new terminal buildings of airports in

Rewa, Ambikapur, and Saharanpur being constructed at the cost of more than ₹220 crore.

The combined passenger handling capacity of these airports will increase to more than 2.3 crore passengers annually.

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## Modi to open ₹6K-cr airport projects

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The designs of these airports are influenced and derived from the common elements of heritage structures of the region, the statement said. Among other projects, Mr Modi will inaugurate phases 2 and 3 of the redevelopment of Varanasi Sports Complex worth over ₹210 crore under "Khelo India" scheme and the "Smart City" mission.

The project includes construction of a state-of-the-art sports complex featuring a National Centre of Excellence, players' hostels, sports science centre, practice fields for various sports, indoor shooting ranges, and combat sports arenas.

The PM will also inaugurate a 100-

bed girls' and boys' hostel and a public pavilion at Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Sports Stadium in Lalpur, it said.

He will inaugurate tourism development projects in Buddhism-related areas in Sarnath. These enhancements include the construction of pedestrian-friendly streets, new sewer lines and upgraded drainage system, and a zone with modern designer vending carts to promote local handicraft vendors.

Mr Modi will also inaugurate initiatives like tourism development works at Banasur temple and Gurudham temple, and beautification and redevelopment of parks, the statement added. — PTI

## 5 chosen spots for 2nd airport

**W**ith Bengaluru rapidly growing into a global metropolis, a second international airport is becoming a necessity for its residents and businesses. The government has identified five potential locations for this project, though no final decision has been made yet. Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil has stated that a final decision will be taken after a meeting next week. He shared this update after an important meeting held at his office on Friday. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Patil clarified, "There is no truth to reports that the location for the second international airport has already been finalised. We have short-listed five locations, including Dabaspet, Nelamangala, Bidadi, and Harohalli. Another location was also discussed today. The final decision will be made in the next meeting, scheduled for next week." Patil stressed that the decision on the airport's location would not be influenced by any political interests. "The convenience of Bengaluru's residents and businesses is our priority, and we will ensure that the second airport significantly contributes to our economic growth," he added.

The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has requested 45 acres of land near Hebbal to develop a multi-modal transport hub. However, Minister Patil clarified that this land is not under the control of the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB).

In 2001, it was handed over to a private entity under the "Single Unit Complex" plan. As a result, the metro corporation has been advised to negotiate with the concerned private company.



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### उदयपुर एयरपोर्ट : भूमि अवाप्ति को हरी झंडी

मनोजशर्मा | जयपुर

राज्य सरकार ने उदयपुर के डबोक एयरपोर्ट के विकास एवं विस्तार के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को अशोक गहलोत सरकार में आवंटित की गई 145 एकड़ जमीन को हरी झंडी दे दी है। इसमें करीब 126 एकड़ (51.0313) जमीन निजी भूमि है और बाकी सरकारी। निजी भूमि अवाप्ति के लिए राज्य के नागरिक उड्डयन विभाग ने अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है। इससे उदयपुर एयरपोर्ट का विस्तार जल्द हो सकेगा। इसके लिए आवश्यक जमीन भी मिल जाएगी। उड्डयन विभाग के संयुक्त सचिव दाताराम के अनुसार पांच गांवों के 357 खसरों की

126 एकड़ जमीन अवाप्ति की अधिसूचना जारी की गई है। इसमें डबोक, घणौली, दुस डांगियान, रवतपुरा दुस एवं मंदेसर गांव शामिल है। गौरतलब है कि गहलोत सरकार ने पिछले साल अगस्त में एयरपोर्ट के लिए यह जमीन आवंटित करने का निर्णय किया था। सरकार बदलने के बाद राज्य की भजनलाल शर्मा सरकार ने पूर्ववती अशोक गहलोत सरकार के आखिरी 6 महीनों में किए गए फैसलों की समीक्षा के लिए मंत्रीमंडलीय उपसमिति का गठन किया था। यह मामला भी उस समिति में चला गया था। समिति की हरी झंडी मिलने के साथ ही सरकार ने जमीन अवाप्ति की अधिसूचना बुधवार को जारी कर दी है।



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## मप्र में रीवा हवाई अड्डे का लोकार्पण करेंगे मोदी

मध्य प्रदेश के विंध्य क्षेत्र को मिलेगी बड़ी सौगात



भोपाल, 19 अक्टूबर (एजेंसियां)।

मध्य प्रदेश के विंध्य क्षेत्र को रविवार 20 अक्टूबर को बड़ी सौगात मिलने वाली है। इस क्षेत्र के रीवा जिले में बने प्रदेश के छोटे हवाई अड्डे का प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र

मोदी लोकार्पण करने वाले हैं। मिली जानकारी के अनुसार रीवा के एयरपोर्ट का प्रधानमंत्री मोदी रविवार को बनारस से वर्चुअली लोकार्पण करेंगे, मुख्यमंत्री डॉ.मोहन यादव इस मौके पर रीवा में मौजूद रहेंगे। रीवा एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से न सिर्फ विंध्य क्षेत्र की कनेक्टिविटी अन्य शहरों के साथ बेहतर होगी, बल्कि आर्थिक विस्तार और विकास के द्वार भी खुलेंगे। शुरुआत में रीवा से भोपाल के बीच 72 सीटर हवाई जहाज का संचालन किया जाएगा। विंध्य का इकलौता एयरपोर्ट होने के चलते यात्री उड़ानों के साथ-साथ माल वाहक उड़ानों का भी परिचालन जल्द यहां से शुरू किया जाएगा। जिससे क्षेत्र में रोजगार, व्यापार और पर्यटन का विस्तार होगा। रीवा एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण मात्र डेढ़ साल में हुआ है। 15 फरवरी 2023 को इसका शिलान्यास हुआ था, और अब यह एयरपोर्ट बन कर तैयार हो चुका है। राज्य में वर्तमान में भोपाल, इंदौर, ग्वालियर, खजुराहो और जबलपुर में हवाई अड्डे हैं। राज्य का छठा हवाईअड्डा विंध्य क्षेत्र के रीवा में शुरू होने जा रहा है।

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## एयर इंडिया 27 अक्टूबर से बेंगलुरु और लंदन हीथ्रो के बीच शुरू करेगी सीधी उड़ान

नई दिल्ली, 19 अक्टूबर (एजेंसियां)। राष्ट्रीय विमानन कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने शनिवार को घोषणा की कि वह 27 अक्टूबर से बेंगलुरु और लंदन हीथ्रो के बीच दैनिक नॉन-स्टॉप सेवाएं शुरू करेगी। इस कदम से लंदन हीथ्रो को भारत में एयर इंडिया के तीनों हब से जोड़ने में मदद मिलेगी। नई उड़ानों के लिए बुकिंग शुरू हो गई है। नई उड़ानें एयर इंडिया के वर्तमान में संचालित बेंगलुरु-लंदन गैटविक मार्ग की जगह लेंगी और बेंगलुरु और लंदन के बीच आवृत्ति को सप्ताह में 5 से बढ़ाकर 7 बार कर दिया जाएगा।

एयर इंडिया के एक बयान के अनुसार, नॉन-स्टॉप सेवा बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलाइनर विमान के माध्यम से संचालित की जाएगी। इसमें बिजनेस क्लास में 18 फ्लैट बेड और इकोनॉमी क्लास में 238 विशाल सीटें होंगी। इससे लंदन हीथ्रो में आने-जाने वालों की क्षमता में प्रति सप्ताह 3,584 सीटों की वृद्धि होगी। एयर इंडिया वर्तमान में दिल्ली और मुंबई से लंदन हीथ्रो के लिए सप्ताह में 31 उड़ानें संचालित करती है। एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि वह चार शहरों अहमदाबाद, अमृतसर, गोवा और कोच्चि से लंदन गैटविक के लिए सप्ताह में 12 उड़ानें संचालित करना जारी रखेगी।

इस महीने की शुरुआत में एयर इंडिया ने कहा था कि अगले महीने दोनों एयरलाइनों के विलय के बाद

विस्तारा द्वारा संचालित उड़ानें फ्लाइट कोड 'एआई2' का उपयोग करना शुरू कर देगी। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन ने कहा कि 12 नवंबर को



एकीकरण के बावजूद विस्तारा का अनुभव वही रहेगा। इस विलय में टाटा समूह और सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस के बीच संयुक्त उद्यम विस्तारा और एयर इंडिया शामिल हैं।

इस बीच इस साल नौ महीने की अवधि (जनवरी-सितंबर) में टाटा समूह द्वारा संचालित एयर इंडिया ने 13.9 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी के साथ 1.64 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों को उड़ाया और विस्तारा ने 1.15 करोड़ हवाई यात्रियों के साथ 9.8 प्रतिशत की बाजार हिस्सेदारी हासिल की। डीजीसीए के आंकड़ों के अनुसार एआईएक्स कनेक्ट (पूर्ववर्ती एयरएशिया इंडिया) ने इस वर्ष नौ महीनों में 61.02 लाख यात्रियों को यात्रा कराई, इससे इसकी बाजार हिस्सेदारी 5.1 प्रतिशत रही।

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**TDSAT HAD HELD AERA LACKS CERTAIN REGULATORY POWERS**

# 'AERA Plea Against Order on Tariffs Maintainable'

**Indu Bhan**

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Friday held as maintainable an appeal of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) against a telecom disputes settlement appellate tribunal decision related to its powers to regulate tariff on certain non-aeronautical services. A bench comprising chief justice DY Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra held that the "AERA can file an appeal under Section 31 of the AERA Act in view of our conclusion that it is a necessary party in appeals against the tariff orders issued by it".

The court said that when it comes to appeals against the tariff orders issued by the AERA, it is not just acting as an "expert body" but as a regulator interested in the outcome of the proceedings.

"AERA has a statutory duty to regulate tariff upon a consideration of multiple factors to ensure that airports are run in an economically viable manner without compromising on the interests of the public. This statutory role is evident, inter alia, from the factors that AE-

RA must consider while determining tariff and the power to amend tariff from time to time in public interest," the apex court said.

When the AERA determines the tariff for aeronautical services, it is acting as a regulator and an interested party, according to the judgment. "Its interest lies in ensu-

**Court said that when it comes to appeals against tariff orders issued by AERA, it is acting also as a regulator interested in outcome of proceedings**

ring that concerns of public interest which animate the statute and performance of its functions by AERA are duly preserved. The AERA is a "necessary party in the appeal against its tariff order before TDSAT and it must be impleaded as a respon-

dent," it said. The court also directed its registry to list the matters before a regular bench for deciding the appeals on merits.

The TDSAT had in January last year held that the AERA lacks the authority to impose tariffs on services such as ground and cargo handling.



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## नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार के लिए जमीन ली जाएगी

### प्रोजेक्ट अपडेट | 1 |

ग्रेंटर नोएडा, कार्यालय संवाददाता। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के विस्तार के लिए 1200 हेक्टेयर जमीन का और अधिग्रहण किया जाएगा। यमुना प्राधिकरण जल्द इससे संबंधित प्रस्ताव तैयार कर प्रशासन को भेजेगा।

एविएशन हब का क्षेत्रफल बढ़ाने की शासन से स्वीकृति मिल चुकी है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को छह रनवे के साथ देश का सबसे बड़ा एयरपोर्ट बनाने के

लिए जमीन की जरूरत पड़ रही है। मास्टर प्लान-2041 में एविएशन हब का दायरा बढ़ाया गया है।

एयरपोर्ट के लिए यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में पांच हजार हेक्टेयर जमीन आरक्षित की गई थी। यमुना प्राधिकरण व नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड के सीईओ डॉ. अरुणवीर सिंह का कहना है कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर छह रनवे के लिए और जमीन की जरूरत थी। इसलिए मास्टर प्लान में एविएशन हब का क्षेत्र बढ़ाकर 6286 हेक्टेयर किया गया है।

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### चिंताजनक

नई दिल्ली। बम की झूठी धमकी से विमानन कंपनियों को भारी नुकसान हो रहा। एक सप्ताह में में बम की धमकी के 70 से अधिक मामले सामने आए हैं। आईएटीए के अनुसार झूठी धमकी के कारण दुनियाभर के विमानन क्षेत्र को सालाना दस अरब डॉलर से अधिक का नुकसान होता है।

# झूठी धमकियों से विमानन कंपनियों के करोड़ों बर्बाद



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से अधिक झूठी धमकी विमानों को बीते एक सप्ताह में मिली है

### इस तरह बढ़ जाता है कंपनियों का खर्च

- धमकी के बाद विमान का रूट डायवर्ट होने से खर्च बढ़ता है।
- धमकी के बाद विमान की जांच में सुरक्षा पंजिसियों का खर्च।
- यात्रियों के गंतव्य तक नहीं पहुंचने तक उनका ख्याल रखना।
- रूट बदलने के कारण विमान का दूसरा फेरा रद्द करना पड़ता है।
- गंभीर स्थिति में विमान कई दिनों तक स्टैंडबाई पर रहता है।

### ईंधन की होती भारी बर्बादी

सबसे ज्यादा बर्बादी ईंधन की होती है। बोइंग 777 की लैंडिंग के दौरान वजन 250 टन होना चाहिए। उड़ान भरने के दौरान विमान का वजन 350 टन वजन होता है। इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग से पहले 100 टन ईंधन बर्बाद करना पड़ता है। इस वजह से एक इटके में एक करोड़ का नुकसान होता है।

### बढ़ रहे धमकी भरे फोन

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के अनुसार 2014 से 2016 के बीच विमान कंपनियों को 102 धमकी भरी संदेश आए। इस कारण 200 से अधिक उड़ानें प्रभावित हुईं। 2024 में ऐसा पहली बार हुआ है जब चंद दिनों में 50 से ज्यादा धमकियां मिली हैं।

### रूट डायवर्ट से नुकसान

विमान कंपनियों के जानकारों का कहना है कि झूठी सूचना के बाद अगर किसी घरेलू विमान का रूट डायवर्ट होता है तो उसे 13 से 17 लाख रुपये का नुकसान होता है। एक महीने में विमान कंपनियों को औसतन से दो से तीन बार ऐसी स्थिति का सामना करना पड़ता है।

### अंतरराष्ट्रीय सेवा बुरी तरह प्रभावित

विमान अंतरराष्ट्रीय सेवा के लिए उड़ान भर चुका है। इस बीच धमकी मिलती है तो उसे 60 लाख से अधिक का नुकसान हो सकता है। तीसरे देश से समन्वय बनाने और लैंडिंग के बाद होने वाली देरी सबसे अधिक भारी पड़ती है।

### हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर धमकी से हड़कंप

ट्रांस हिंडन, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार दोपहर आदमपुर (जालंधर) से पहुंची स्टार एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी से हड़कंप मच गया। फ्लाइट की सघन तलाशी में कुछ संदिग्ध नहीं मिला है।

शाम साढ़े छह बजे फ्लाइट हिंडन से रवाना हुई। इसमें एक बच्चा और 58 यात्री सवार थे। एहतियातन एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा को भी बढ़ा दिया गया है। आदमपुर से फ्लाइट दोपहर बाद ढाई बजे हिंडन पहुंची थी।

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नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे का क्षेत्रफल बढ़ाने के लिए शासन से मिली मंजूरी

# बारह सौ हेक्टेयर जमीन का होगा अधिग्रहण

जनसत्ता संवाददाता  
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 19 अक्टूबर।

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के विस्तार के लिए 1200 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण किया जाएगा। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण जल्द ही जमीन अधिग्रहण से संबंधित प्रस्ताव तैयार कर प्रशासन को भेजेगा। एविएशन हब का क्षेत्रफल बढ़ाने के लिए शासन से मंजूरी मिल गई है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को छह रनवे के साथ देश का सबसे बड़ा हवाई अड्डा बनाने के लिए जमीन की जरूरत है। कई बड़ी परियोजनाओं को क्रियान्वित किया जाना है। इसे देखते हुए मास्टर प्लान-2041 में

क्षेत्रफल बढ़ाकर 6286 हेक्टेयर किया गया



वीडा और नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा लिमिटेड के सीईओ अरुणवीर सिंह का कहना है कि नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर छह रनवे के लिए अधिक जमीन की जरूरत थी, इसलिए मास्टर प्लान में एविएशन हब का क्षेत्रफल बढ़ाकर 6286 हेक्टेयर कर दिया गया है। शासन से इसकी मंजूरी मिल गई है। जल्द ही इस जमीन के अधिग्रहण का प्रस्ताव जिला प्रशासन को भेजा जाएगा।

एविएशन हब का दायरा बढ़ाया गया है। हवाई अड्डे के लिए यमुना प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में पांच हजार हेक्टेयर जमीन आरक्षित की गई थी। दो रनवे वाले हवाई अड्डे के पहले

चरण के लिए 1334 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण किया जा चुका है। दूसरे चरण में एविएशन उद्योग और एयरक्राफ्ट रख-रखाव, मरम्मत, और ओवरहालिंग (एमआरओ

सेंटर) के लिए 1365 हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया भी लगभग पूरी हो चुकी है। प्राधिकरण के मुताबिक, शेष 2084 हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहण की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।

इस जमीन के अधिग्रहण के साथ ही एविएशन हब की सीमा अलीगढ़ जिले के टप्पल क्षेत्र तक पहुंच गई है। टप्पल में मल्टी माडल लाजिस्टिक हब परियोजना प्रस्तावित है। इसके लिए करीब दो हजार हेक्टेयर जमीन अधिग्रहण का प्रस्ताव अलीगढ़ जिला प्रशासन को भेजा गया है। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक चौथे चरण में एविएशन हब के लिए 1200 हेक्टेयर जमीन का अधिग्रहण भी किया जाएगा।

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## PM Modi to inaugurate Madhya Pradesh's 6th airport in Rewa today

*Project will boost investment & tourism in Vindhya region says CM Yadav*

**SATYAPRAKASH SHARMA**

**BHOPAL:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the much-anticipated airport in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, on Sunday. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will be present at the inaugural function of the airport.

CM Yadav said the airport will transform the Vindhya region's connectivity, tourism, and investment landscape.

"Rewa Airport will boost tourism, attract investment, and enhance connectivity for districts like Sidhi, Satna, and Maunji, as well as neighbouring states", the CM said.

Praising PM Modi for driving MP's development, CM Yadav emphasised the inauguration of Rewa Airport as another transformative step, and the airport will be a game changer for the region.

He lauded the initiative as another significant milestone



**PM Narendra Modi**

for Madhya Pradesh, marking the state's sixth airport.

The airport, licensed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), is part of the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, aimed at improving air travel accessibility for smaller cities.

With its inauguration, Rewa will join cities like Bhopal, Jabalpur, Khajuraho,

Indore, and Gwalior in offering air connectivity, benefiting over 65 lakh residents in Madhya Pradesh and neighbouring Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh states.

Built for Rs 450 crore on 102 hectares of land, the airport features modern amenities, including a 30-meter-wide, 800-meter-long runway. With services starting for 72-seater aircraft to Bhopal, it is poised

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for future expansion to other major cities. Additionally, the airport has been designed with a 50-year vision, positioning it as a long-term asset for the region.

The airport's strategic location near key assets such as Singrauli's power plants, Bandhavgarh National Park, and Asia's largest solar power plant is expected to drive economic growth.

# KDA poised to set up Aero City near Chakeri Airport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

After the New Kanpur City Project, Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) is now poised to set up Aero City on 1257.43 acres of land near Chakeri Airport. In the proposed township, mixed use of land would be available which included residential, commercial and industrial facilities.

Even residential and commercial construction could be carried out on a single plot. With the township being set up adjacent to the airport, it will facilitate the investors to visit the spot frequently. The scheme also envisaged setting up of big hotels, convention centre, shopping complex and other basic amenities.

Vice-Chairman Madan Singh Garbyal along with officers inspected the spot adjacent to the Chakeri Airport on Thursday and studied the situation of land according to the layout. He said detailed action plan was being prepared to launch Aero City



Housing Scheme in due course. Secretary Abhay Kumar Pandey, Chief City Planner Manoj Kumar and other officers were present. **BASEMENTS SEALED:** The Kanpur Development Authority launched drive against illegal construction on Thursday and sealed basements of four premises in

Chamanganj area. At the four-storeyed House No.88/443, Humayun Bagh illegal operation of an office in the basement was sealed. Thereafter, the squad reached the seven-storeyed house No 105/590 of Mohd Arif in Chamanganj and sealed the gym operating in the basement. In the basement of

Mohd Asif's three-storeyed house No.105/242, Chamanganj, a slipper-shoe manufacturing unit was sealed. The squad also sealed a garment manufacturing unit operating in the basement of four-storeyed house No.105/247. OSD Sat Shukla said an FIR would lodged if anyone tried to remove the seal.

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RAJASTHAN PATRIKA

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## रीवा में 450 करोड़ की लागत से तैयार प्रदेश के छठे एयरपोर्ट का लोकार्पण आज करेंगे पीएम

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**भोपाल.** प्रदेश को छठा और विंध्य को पहले एयरपोर्ट की सौगात सोमवार को मिलेगी। पीएम मोदी रीवा के एयरपोर्ट का शुभारंभ बनारस से वर्चुअली करेंगे। इस मौके पर सीएम डॉ. मोहन यादव व अन्य जनप्रतिनिधि मौजूद रहेंगे।

एयरपोर्ट 450 करोड़ की लागत से 102 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर तैयार किया गया है। 30 मीटर चौड़ा और 800 मीटर लंबा रनवे है। दोनों ओर 3.5 मीटर के दो शेल्डर रन-वे बनाए हैं। यहां से कार्गो विमान भी उड़ान भर सकेंगे। सबसे पहले भोपाल के लिए 72 सीटर विमान सेवा शुरू होगी। बाद में राज्य के अंदर व बाहर सेवा का विस्तार किया जाएगा। प्रयोग के तौर पर

जनरेटिव एआइ सुविधा भी होगी जो कि प्रदेश के किसी एयरपोर्ट पर उपलब्ध पहली सुविधा होगी। स्क्रीनिंग उपकरण और प्रशिक्षित कर्मियों से लैस सुरक्षा व्यवस्था का इंतजाम किया है। बता दें कि अभी भोपाल, जबलपुर, खजुराहो, इंदौर और ग्वालियर एयरपोर्ट है। रीवा एयरपोर्ट से विंध्य और मग्न के अलावा पड़ोसी राज्य उत्तरप्रदेश व छत्तीसगढ़ को भी लाभ होगा।

### निवेश व पर्यटन को मिलेगा फायदा

सीएम ने बताया कि रीवा एयरपोर्ट की योजना अगले 50 वर्ष को ध्यान में रखकर योजना तैयार की गई। यह एयरकनेक्टिविटी औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में तो मददगार होगी ही, साथ में पर्यटन को भी बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

# PM Modi to lay foundation for new Bagdogra Airport terminal

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for the first phase of the Bagdogra Airport New Terminal Project via videoconferencing on 20 October.

Darjeeling MP Raju Bista expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister, sharing the news and initiating preparations for the ceremony.

The MP highlighted that the first phase will involve the construction of a new terminal spanning 70,390 square metres with future phases adding another 50,000 square meters.

The terminal is designed to handle 3,000 peak-hour passengers and more than 10 million passengers annually. It will feature 10 parking bays for A321 aircrafts, two link taxiways, and multi-level parking facilities.

Bagdogra Airport, the only commercial airport serving north Bengal, caters to a wide population across districts like Darjeeling, Kalimpong,



Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, North and South Dinajpur, and Malda.

It also serves travellers from Sikkim, lower Assam, eastern Bihar, and neighbouring countries such as Bhutan, Nepal, and Bangladesh, making it the second-busiest airport in West Bengal.

The development of Bagdogra Airport is, therefore, vital to enhancing air connectivity in the region.

In the past decade, passenger traffic has surged from around 3,000 daily passengers on 20 flights to nearly 10,000 passengers on approximately 60 flights daily. However, the airport facilities have remained largely unchanged.

"Upgrading Bagdogra to an international airport has been one of my key devel-

opmental priorities since my election," Mr Bista said, adding, "Thanks to PM Modi, civil aviation minister K R Naidu, and former minister Jyotiraditya Scindia for their support in realising this vision."

Mr Bista also noted that the new terminal will be a sustainable "green building," utilising renewable energy and maximising natural light.

"Once completed, Bagdogra will be the first international airport in our region, becoming a hub for travel, tourism and trade," he added.

He emphasised that this development will transform Siliguri, the Darjeeling Hills, Terai, and the Dooars into world-class destinations for investment in travel, tourism, tea, healthcare, education, and beyond.

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TIMES OF INDIA

NEW DELHI

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# 8 flights linked to IGI get hoax bomb threats on social media

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Eight flights to and from Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi received bomb threats on social media on Saturday. An airport official said after thorough checking, nothing suspicious was found.

An official at IGI Airport said bomb threats via X were received for six flights originating from Delhi and two Delhi-bound flights. Of the total flights, six were international and two were domestic.

“After bomb threats were received, most of the flights had already landed at Delhi airport. No flight made an emergency landing at Delhi airport on Saturday. The standard operating procedure was followed, and thorough security checks were conducted,” said an airport official.

Among the flights that received threats on Saturday were two IndiGo flights. An IndiGo spokesperson said, “Flight 6E 184, operating

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from Jodhpur to Delhi, received a security-related alert. The aircraft landed in Delhi, and customers disembarked. We are coordinating with the security agencies as per procedure. Ensuring the safety and security of our customers and crew remains paramount in all facets of our operations. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused our customers and appreciate their understanding.”

The spokesperson said Flight 6E 11, operating from Delhi to Istanbul, received a security-related alert. “The customers were safely disembarked. At IndiGo, the safety and security of our customers

and crew remain paramount in all facets of our operations. We worked closely with the relevant authorities, and standard operating procedures were followed. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused our customers and appreciate their understanding,” said the IndiGo spokesperson.

On Wednesday, three airlines reported bomb threats targeting their flights, which turned out to be hoaxes.

# Amid high plane parking demand, Noida airport to get 9 more bays

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**Jewar (Greater Noida):** Driven by strong demand for slots from airlines, the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) has decided to increase the number of aircraft parking bays. Commercial operations are likely to start by April next year. The airport is expected to see about 50 lakh passengers in its first year itself, NIA CEO Christoph Schnellmann told **TOI** on Saturday.

“Even before the airport gets operational, we have already started to expand the apron position beyond what was originally anticipated. There is a lot of interest among airlines we have signed up with to base aircraft here at night. There is in fact large demand for night parking. We had made 25 parking bays as per plan but are now adding nine more,” Schnellmann said.

The Delhi airport has a large number of parking bays occupied for over 2-3 years now by IndiGo Airbus A320 fleet due to Pratt & Whitney engines issues and planes of grounded GoAir.

So that is one opportunity that the upcoming airport got from airlines it has tied up with— IndiGo and Akasa. “We are in talks with all other domestic and international airlines, including Tata Group carriers, and are seeing good response from them,” the CEO said.

Given the massive growth in Indian



## ALL SET FOR GRAND BEGINNING

aviation, he expects the second phase of development to kickstart well before the end of this decade.

“We target to start operations in April 2025 with an initial capacity of 1.2 crore passengers annually (CPA). Seeing the way aviation here is growing, airlines are inducting planes and interest in NIA, we expect to handle 50 lakh passengers in the first year itself. Handling close to half the capacity in that kind of timeframe is significant for a big greenfield airport,” the CEO added.

NIA will compete for traffic with IGIA. UP has aggressively tried to woo airlines

by reducing the tax rate of jet fuel while Delhi still levies among the highest rates.

As per original plans, NIA is supposed to grow from 1.2 CPA to 3 CPA by nearly doubling Terminal I. Subsequently, a second runway and second terminal (also to be developed in two phases) will see its capacity grow to 5 CPA and then 7 CPA. “We expect phase two of T1 to initiate in 2-3 years from when we start operations,” Schnellmann said.

Phase-I is being developed at a cost of about Rs 6,000 crore. NIA will in a month or two submit its tariff proposal to Airport Economic Regulatory Authority. The CEO didn't comment on whether NIA will have a user development fee on incoming passengers too—something levied at many airports in India to balance the UDF requirement by splitting it between arriving and departing flyers.

“We have put a lot of emphasis on terminal infrastructure being quick and easy to use for both airlines and passengers, thereby achieving cost efficiency. Cost of travel will be similar to that at other similar sized airports,” he said.

From the first day itself, NIA will be capable of handling international flights apart from domestic ones. “We have a mixed rotation where domestic and international passengers board and alight from two different levels, respectively. So an aircraft coming from, say, Mumbai, can have its next flight to Dubai,” he said.



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### Govt zeroes in on south B'loru for 2nd airport

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bengaluru:** The govt is reportedly favouring locations in south Bengaluru for building a second airport for the rapidly expanding state capital. This is in view of the population of flyers, manufacturing hubs, and air operations at the existing Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

A high-level meeting, attended by deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar along with infrastructure minister MB Patil, Friday resolved to finalise a location within a week and directed officials to submit a detailed report.

Initially, the govt considered seven locations in north, west, and southern parts of the city. Four of them were shortlisted. "There are four places to choose from — Dobbaspeth, Nelamangala, Bidadi and Harohalli. KIADB recommended another place during the meeting. We have directed the officials to explore all pos-

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**MB Patil** | INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTER

sibilities and come back with a report. Within one week, we will finalise one place, keeping in mind the economy and future of Karnataka and Bengaluru," Patil explained.

Sources present at the meeting told **TOI** that Shivakumar and other officials favoured south Bengaluru locations, preferably either Bidadi or Harohalli.

"It is technically not possible to choose Dobbaspeth or Nelamangala, as these regions are exactly parallel to the operational flying lines of KIA and not suitable for building an airport. Hence, the DCM also suggested finalising either Bidadi or Harohalli along with Electronics City," an official explained.

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## Merger won't affect Vistara in-flight experience, says Air India chief

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Air India chief Campbell Wilson on Friday said 'Vistara in-flight experience is not going away' and the routes serviced by Vistara will have the flight code 'AI2' post merger.

The merger of the two full service carriers is scheduled to be completed on November 12, following which Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in Air India. Vistara is a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines.

Post the merger, the vintage 'Maharaja' will be retained through the frequent flyer programme of the integrated entity. The existing members of Club



Vistara will be seamlessly transferred to Air India's Flying Returns program. With this merger, Flying Returns will also evolve into an all-new avatar 'Maharaja Club,' Air India said in a statement on Friday. In a message sent to Vistara customers on Friday, Wilson said they can continue to enjoy the same world-class fleet, exceptional service, and familiar faces under the

new code 'AI2XXX'.

"With the merger on the horizon and the changes that come with it, we wanted to assure you that your Vistara in-flight experience is not going away. You can continue to enjoy the same world-class fleet, exceptional service, and familiar faces under the new code AI2XXX," the CEO and MD of Air India said.

In the statement, Air India said the routes and schedule operated by Vistara aircraft will continue to be the same, alongside the airline's in-flight experience that includes the product and service such as menu and cutlery on the Vistara aircraft.— PTI

# 24 घंटे में 30 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी...सतर्कता बढ़ाई, सुरक्षित पहुंचे विमान

इनमें सात अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शामिल, विस्तारा की सबसे अधिक पांच...जांच में कुछ नहीं निकला

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली/मुंबई। देशभर में 24 घंटे के भीतर भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों की 30 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिलने के बाद अफरा-तफरी मच गई। इनमें विस्तारा, एअर इंडिया, इंडिगो, अकासा एयर, विस्तारा, स्पाइसजेट, स्टार एयर और एलायंस एयर की घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें शामिल हैं। हालांकि सभी उड़ानों के अपने गंतव्य पर सुरक्षित पहुंचने पर लोगों ने राहत की सांस ली। विमानों की जांच में कुछ नहीं निकला। गृह मंत्रालय ने हवाईअड्डों पर एहतियातन सतर्कता बढ़ा दी है।

बीते एक हफ्ते में 70 उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिल चुकी है, जांच में सभी फर्जी निकलीं। विस्तारा के प्रवक्ता ने शनिवार को बताया कि सोशल मीडिया पर पांच अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों में बम की धमकी मिली। इनमें सिंगापुर से मुंबई, मुंबई से फ्रैंकफर्ट, मुंबई से सिंगापुर, दिल्ली से बैंकॉक और मुंबई से कोलंबो जा रही उड़ानें थीं। शक्रवार को भी विस्तारा की तीन

**70** उड़ानों में हफ्तेभर में मिलीं बम की धमकियां...सभी झूठी



बम की धमकी के बाद बिहार के दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को उतारकर विमान की तलाशी ली गई। जांच में कुछ नहीं निकला।

**गृह मंत्रालय ने मांगी रिपोर्ट...** गृह मंत्रालय ने धमकियों पर कड़ा रुख अपनाया है। गृह मंत्रालय ने नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय, केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल, नागरिक उड्डयन ब्यूरो, राष्ट्रीय जांच एजेंसी और खुफिया ब्यूरो (आईबी) को बम धमकियों पर रिपोर्ट देने के निर्देश दिए हैं।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों दिल्ली से लंदन, दिल्ली से पेरिस और दिल्ली से हांगकांग को बम की धमकी मिली थी। पेरिस और हांगकांग की उड़ानें सुरक्षित गंतव्य पर उतरीं। वहीं, दिल्ली से लंदन जा रही उड़ान को एहतियातन फ्रैंकफर्ट में उतारा गया। जांच के बाद उसे लंदन रवाना किया गया।

लखनऊ में रनवे से वापस बुलाया

लखनऊ। अजमेर जाने वाले स्टार एयर के विमान में बम की सूचना मिलने के बाद लखनऊ के अमीसी एयरपोर्ट के रनवे पर तैयार उड़ान संख्या एस5-223 को वापस टैक्सी वे पर लाया गया। गहन जांच के बाद दो घंटे की देरी से विमान को शाम 4:10 बजे रवाना किया जा सका। ब्यूरो

इंडिगो की चार उड़ानें...मुंबई से इस्तांबुल, दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल, जोधपुर से दिल्ली और हैदराबाद से चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली उड़ान को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। शौचालय में मिला नोट...उदयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाले विस्तारा के विमान के शौचालय में एक नोट मिला, जिसमें बम की सूचना थी। लैंडिंग के बाद जांच में कुछ नहीं मिला।

आरोपियों को नो फ्लाई सूची में डालने की तैयारी नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय बम की झूठी धमकी देने वालों को नो-फ्लाई सूची में डालने की तैयारी कर रहा है।

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धमकी के बाद नागरिक उड्डयन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो के महानिदेशक जुलिफकार हसन ने विमानन कंपनियों के सीईओ के साथ शनिवार को बैठक की। हसन ने कहा, भारतीय आकाश पूरी तरह सुरक्षित है। मौजूदा प्रोटोकॉल का सख्ती से पालन हो रहा है। हम यात्रियों को आश्वस्त करते हैं कि बिना किसी डर के उड़ान भरें। >> धमकियों पर अंकुश जल्द : पेज 10

**एक झूठी धमकी यानी तीन करोड़ तक का नुकसान :** बम का एक झूठी धमकी पर एयरलाइंस को तीन करोड़ रुपये तक का नुकसान होता है। सोमवार को मुंबई से एअर इंडिया का बोइंग 777 न्यूयॉर्क के लिए उड़ा। धमकी के बाद उसे दो घंटे में ही दिल्ली में उतरना पड़ा। उसे 100 टन ईंधन हवा में गिराना पड़ा, क्योंकि लैंडिंग के लिए वजन 250 टन करना था। एक लाख रुपये टन के हिसाब से उसे एक करोड़ रुपये का नुकसान हुआ। 200 यात्रियों व चालक दल को होटल में ठहराने, अगली फ्लाइट छूटने पर मुआवजा व वापसी के लिए खाली विमान न्यूयॉर्क भेजने में दो करोड़ और खर्च हुए। वहीं, 15 अक्टूबर को नई दिल्ली से शिकागो के लिए उड़े बोइंग 777 को कनाडा में उतरना पड़ा। यहां से यात्रियों को दूसरी उड़ान से शिकागो भेजने और दो दिन तक जांच के लिए रुकने पर एयरलाइंस को 15 से 20 करोड़ रुपये तक का नुकसान झेलना पड़ा।



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## नई चुनौती • इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग, सैकड़ों यात्री घंटों परेशान अब एक दिन में 30 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

केंद्र ने डीजीसीए प्रमुख  
को हटाया, सचिव बनाया

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली/मुंबई

देश में यात्री विमानों को मिल रही धमकी का सिलसिला एक दिन बाद फिर शुरू हो गया। शनिवार को 30 से ज्यादा विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। इसके चलते विमानों की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। फिर प्रोटोकॉल के तहत पूरी जांच पड़ताल के बाद विमानों को रवाना किया गया। इसके चलते सैकड़ों यात्री घंटों परेशान हुए। केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय ने इस संबंध में नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय और नागरिक उड्डयन ब्यूरो से विस्तृत रिपोर्ट मांगी है। सीआईएसएफ, एनआई और आईबी को भी रिपोर्ट देने को कहा गया है। वहीं, देर शाम केंद्रीय कार्मिक मंत्रालय ने डीजीसीए प्रमुख विक्रम देव दत्त को पद से हटाते हुए कोयला मंत्रालय में सचिव बना दिया। इस बदलाव को धमकी वाले मामलों से जोड़कर देखा जा रहा है।

बता दें कि धमकी के 11 केस दिल्ली-मुंबई में दर्ज हुए हैं। जनवरी से लेकर अब तक विमानों को 400 धमकियां मिल चुकी हैं। अकेले जून में 100 धमकियां मिली थीं। जबकि अक्टूबर के बीते 7 दिन में मिली 70 से ज्यादा धमकियां फर्जी मिली हैं।

धमकियों से हफ्तेभर में 200 करोड़ का नुकसान



नई दिल्ली में विमान से उतरते यात्री

विमान में बम होने की सूचना मिलने पर फ्लाइट को अपने निर्धारित एयरपोर्ट के बजाय नजदीकी हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा जाता है। इससे ईंधन की खपत तो ज्यादा होती ही है, विमान की दोबारा जांच करने, यात्रियों को होटलों में ठहराने और उन्हें

उनके मंजिल तक पहुंचाने के लिए व्यवस्था करनी पड़ती है। एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, इन सब पर करीब 3 करोड़ रुपये तक खर्च हो जाते हैं। इस हफ्ते विस्तारा, एअर इंडिया, इंडिगो, अकासा, स्पाइसजेट, स्टार एयर और अलायंस एयर की 70 से ज्यादा घरेलू व अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को धमकी मिल चुकी है।

**सरकार बोली... हमारा आकाश सुरक्षित है**

एक साथ 30 धमकियां मिलने के बाद विमान कंपनियों के बड़े अधिकारियों ने ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी के अफसरों से मुलाकात की। ब्यूरो के डायरेक्टर जनरल जुल्फिकार हसन ने उन्हें आश्वस्त किया कि भारतीय आकाश पूरी तरह सुरक्षित है।

**इन विमानों को मिली धमकी**

• **विस्तारा:** यूके-106 (सिंगापुर से मुंबई), यूके-027 (मुंबई से फ्रैंकफर्ट), यूके-107 (मुंबई से सिंगापुर), यूके-121 (दिल्ली से बैंकॉक) और यूके-131 (मुंबई से

कोलंबो) हैं। इसके अलावा उदयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाली उड़ान यूके-624 को लैंडिंग के बाद जांच के लिए एक आइसोलेशन बे में ले जाया गया।

• **इंडिगो:** 6ई-17 (मुंबई से इस्तांबुल), 6ई-11 (दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल), 6ई-184 (जोधपुर से दिल्ली) और 6ई-108 (हैदराबाद से चंडीगढ़) हैं।

• **अकासा:** क्यूपी 1323, 1371, 1373, 1385, 14051

• **एयर इंडिया:** एआई 101, 105, 126, 119, 1611

• **स्टार एयर:** लखनऊ- किशनगढ़।

**भास्कर एक्सपर्ट:** यह संयोग नहीं, प्रयोग है, तह तक जाना जरूरी

एक जैसी इतनी धमकियां मिलना संयोग नहीं, बल्कि किसी बड़े प्रयोग का हिस्सा लगता है। यह ऐसी गुत्थी है, जिसकी तह तक जाने की जरूरत है। एक हफ्ते में 70 से ज्यादा कॉल। इससे एयरलाइंस और यात्री परेशान हो रहे हैं। हैरानी है कि इस तरह की धमकियां सिर्फ भारतीय कंपनियों को ही मिल रही हैं। इन सबालों के जवाब के लिए खुफिया एजेंसियों को एकजुट होकर समस्या ढूंढनी होगी। अगर हॉक्स कॉल करने वाले स्मार्ट हैं तो सस्कारी एजेंसियों को उनसे दो कदम आगे बढ़ना होगा। - जितेंद्र भार्गव, पूर्व कार्यकारी निदेशक, एअर इंडिया

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## डीजीसीए ने दी मंजूरी, 30 अक्टूबर तक उड़ान भरेगा इंडिगो का विमान रांची से अब गोवा और जयपुर के लिए सीधी विमान सेवा शुरू होगी, अभी किराया और समय तय नहीं

विंटर शेड्यूल में इसे  
शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव  
भेजा गया था

भास्कर न्यूज़ | रांची

रांची से गोवा और जयपुर के लिए सीधी विमान सेवा शुरू होगी। इंडिगो की ये फ्लाइट 30 अक्टूबर तक उड़ान भरने लगेगी। इसके लिए डायरेक्टर जनरल ऑफ सिविल एविएशन (डीजीसीए) की अनुमति मिल गई है। बिरसा मुंडा एयरपोर्ट के डायरेक्टर आरआर मौर्य ने बताया

रांची से बेंगलुरु के लिए अब सात फ्लाइट



रांची से बेंगलुरु के लिए भी एक फ्लाइट बढ़ाई गई है। अब छह की जगह सात विमान उड़ान भरेगा। डीजीसीए ने इसकी भी मंजूरी दे दी है। दरअसल रांची से बेंगलुरु के लिए यात्रियों का लोड बढ़ गया है। इसे देखते हुए एक फ्लाइट बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया था। इंडिगो की यह फ्लाइट भी 30 अक्टूबर तक उड़ान भरने लगेगी। इससे यात्रियों को काफी सहूलियत होगी।

कि गोवा और जयपुर की सीधी फ्लाइट की लंबे समय से मांग उठ रही थी। विंटर शेड्यूल में इसे शुरू

करने का प्रस्ताव भेजा गया था। अब डीजीसीए की मंजूरी मिली है। उन्होंने बताया कि अभी इस फ्लाइट का

किराया और समय तय नहीं हुआ है। इंडिगो जल्दी ही किराया तय करेगा। फिर डीजीसीए से समय सारिणी मिलते ही एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन इसे लागू कराएगा।

इस विमान सेवा के शुरू होने से गोवा और जयपुर जाने वाले यात्रियों को काफी सुविधा होगी। गौरतलब है कि एक साल पहले भी रांची से गोवा के लिए सीधी विमान सेवा शुरू हुई थी। लेकिन यात्रियों की कमी को देखते हुए कुछ दिन बाद ही इसे बंद करना पड़ा था। अब एक बार फिर इसे शुरू किया जा रहा है।



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# विमान उड़ाने की धमकियां बनीं यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी का सबब मोहाली एयरपोर्ट पर चली लंबी जांच से डरे कई यात्री रोने लगे

जागरण टीम, नई दिल्ली : विमानों में बम होने की फर्जी सूचनाओं ने विमानन कंपनियों के साथ ही यात्रियों के लिए भी बड़ी समस्या खड़ी कर दी है। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से लेकर देश के ज्यादातर हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा बेहद सख्त कर दी गई है, जिससे यात्रियों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है और उनमें भय का माहौल है। तमाम परेशानियों के बावजूद त्याहोरी सौजन होने के कारण विमान फुल आ-जा रहे हैं।

मोहाली के शहीद भगत सिंह इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार को विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी के कारण अफरा-तफरी का माहौल रहा। करीब दो घंटे चली जांच के बाद एजेंसियों के हाथ कुछ नहीं लगा। लुधियाना के दयानंद मेडिकल कालेज एंड अस्पताल की सीनियर न्यूरोलाजिस्ट डा. मोनिका सिंगला को काफी परेशानी उठानी पड़ी। उन्होंने बताया कि सुबह दस बजे विशाखापत्तनम से इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में मोहाली के लिए रवाना हुई। दोपहर 12.45 बजे मोहाली पहुंचने पर यात्रियों को 40 मिनट तक विमान से उतरने नहीं दिया गया। गहन जांच के बाद उन्हें विमान से बाहर निकाला गया। इसके बाद फिर जांच हुई जहां स्लीपर डाग और

### एयरलाइंस के संचालन पर पड़ रहा काफी असर

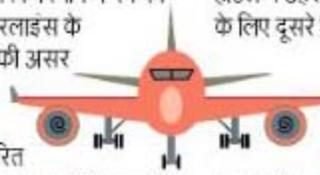
दिल्ली में एक एयरलाइंस के प्रवक्ता ने स्वीकार किया कि विमान में बम की धमकियों से एयरलाइंस के संचालन पर काफी असर पड़ रहा है।

ऐसी स्थिति में विमान को निर्धारित एयरपोर्ट की बजाय नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट पर उतारना पड़ रहा है। इससे ईंधन की

स्कैनर थे। जांच के बाद उन्हें रनवे से दूर खड़ी बसों में बिठाया गया। कारण पूछने पर अधिकारियों ने कोई जवाब नहीं दिया, जिससे यात्रियों में डर बढ़ता गया। कई यात्री रोने लगे। बस में बिठाने के डेढ़ घंटे बाद पीने के लिए पानी मिला। खाने के लिए कुछ नहीं था। ढाई घंटे तक बस में ही बैठे रहे। दिल्ली से उड़ान भरने वाली स्पाइसजेट की फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिलने के बाद बिहार के दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार दोपहर से शाम तक गहन छानबीन की गई। करीब ढाई घंटे तक गहन जांच में कुछ बरामद नहीं हुआ। दोपहर बाद की सभी फ्लाइटें जांच के बाद ही उड़ान भर सकीं। जयपुर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर शुक्रवार रात आपात लैंडिंग के बाद यात्रियों को घंटों तक विमान में बैठे रहना पड़ा।

खपत तो ज्यादा होती ही है, यात्रियों को होटल में ठहराने व गतव्य तक पहुंचाने के लिए दूसरे विमान की व्यवस्था करने में काफी खर्च आता है। एयरपोर्ट पर विमान का पार्किंग शुल्क देना पड़ता है। किसी यात्री की अगर कोई कनेक्टिंग फ्लाइट होती है तो उसका मुआवजा देना पड़ता है।

एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा बढ़ी: वाराणसी के लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई है। सीआइएसएफ के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि बम थ्रेट कमेटी ने बैठक कर अलर्ट जारी किया है। लखनऊ के चौधरी चरण सिंह एयरपोर्ट से गोवा जाने वाला इंडिगो का विमान 6ई399 दोपहर 2:35 बजे की जगह 3:21 बजे उड़ान भर सका। इसमें सवार नीलेश मिसरा ने कहा कि देरी और ऊपर से जवाब न देना, यह रोजाना की बात हो गई है। भोपाल के राजा भोज एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी के प्रवक्ता सिद्धार्थ यादव का कहना था कि सुरक्षा में कोई कमी नहीं है, हम पूरी तरह अलर्ट हैं। व्यस्ततम इंदौर एयरपोर्ट पर धमकियों का कोई असर नहीं देखा गया। हिमाचल प्रदेश के कांगड़ा हवाई अड्डा पर सब सामान्य है।



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## 30 विमानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी

जागरण न्यूज़ नेटवर्क • नई दिल्ली : विमानों में बम होने की फर्जी सूचनाओं ने भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के सामने बहुत बड़ा संकट पैदा कर दिया है। शनिवार को एअर इंडिया, विस्तारा, स्पाइसजेट, स्टार एयर, अकासा एयर और इंडिगो समेत कुछ दूसरी कंपनियों की 30 से ज्यादा उड़ानों में बम होने की सूचना मिली, लेकिन जांच में कोई विस्फोटक नहीं मिला। इससे हजारों यात्रियों और कर्मचारियों को बेवजह परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

पिछले एक सप्ताह में भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों को ऐसी तकरीबन 80 उड़ानों के लिए काल आ चुकी है और सभी फर्जी पाई गईं। ऐसे में शनिवार को नागर विमानन सुरक्षा ब्यूरो की विशेष बैठक बुलाई गई और हालात से निपटने की समीक्षा की गई। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के कार्यालय में बैठक में ब्यूरो के अधिकारियों ने विमानन कंपनियों के सीईओ को बम की धमकियों से निपटने के लिए मानक संचालन प्रक्रियाओं का पालन करने का निर्देश दिया। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने दो दिन पहले कहा



- फर्जी काल बनी भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के लिए बड़ी मुसीबत
- अकेले दिल्ली से उड़ान भरने वाले 10 से ज्यादा विमानों में बम की धमकी

था कि सरकार फर्जी काल करके उड़ानों को प्रभावित करने वालों के खिलाफ सख्त कानून बनाएगी।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि शनिवार को 30 से ज्यादा उड़ानों में बम होने की धमकियां मिली हैं। इनमें घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें दोनों शामिल हैं। ज्यादातर सूचनाएं इंटरनेट मीडिया पर साझा की गई हैं। यह बात भी सामने आई है कि एक विमान के शौचालय में बम होने की सूचना एक पर्ची पर दी गई है। अकेले दिल्ली से उड़ान भरने वाले 10 से ज्यादा

विमानों में बम होने की धमकी मिली। इसके बाद उड़ानों की या तो सुरक्षित लैंडिंग करवाई गई या फिर आसपास के हवाईअड्डों पर डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। स्टार एयरलाइंस की अमदपुर (पंजाब) से हिंडन एयरपोर्ट सिविल टर्मिनल पहुंची फ्लाइट को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। बचाव दल ने फ्लाइट की जांच की, लेकिन कुछ संदिग्ध नहीं मिला।

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## 42 करोड़ नहीं दिए तो दो विमानों को बम से उड़ा देंगे...

सोनी राजा • जागरण

नई दिल्ली: एअर इंडिया की तीन उड़ानों में से दो में बम हैं। 42 करोड़ रुपये नहीं दिए तो उड़ानों में विस्फोटक लेकर सफर कर रहे हमारे साथी बम से उड़ा देंगे। पायलट ने इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करने की कोशिश भी की तो लैंड होने से पहले हवा में ही उड़ान में विस्फोट कर दिया जाएगा। यह कोई अफवाह नहीं है और न ही इसे अफवाह समझा जाए। आप क्या परसंद करेंगे लैंडिंग या विस्फोट?

शुक्रवार शाम को मिले इस मैसेज को पढ़कर आइजीआइ

• शुक्रवार शाम को आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा टीम को एक्स और ईमेल पर मिली धमकी

एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा टीम के हाथ-पैर फूल गए। उन्हें समझ ही नहीं आ रहा था कि कैसे मामले को सुलझाया जाए। बाद में शिकायत आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट थाना पुलिस को दी गई।

रोहित सिंह नामक आइडी से एक्स व ईमेल पर शुक्रवार शाम को एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा टीम को एअर इंडिया की तीन में से दो में विस्फोटक होने की जानकारी मिली। ईमेल में लिखा था कि एतीन उड़ानों प्ल 302 (दिल्ली से सिडनी), एप्ल

• एअर इंडिया की तीन उड़ानों में से दो में विस्फोटक लेकर दो लोगों के चढ़ने की कही गई बात

308 (दिल्ली से मेलबर्न), प्ल 121 (दिल्ली से फ्रैंकफर्ट) में से दो में बम है। अगर उड़ानों की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करवाई गई, तो विस्फोट हो सकता है। इसे झूठी धमकी समझने की गलती न करें। ईमेल में कहा गया कि उनके दो साथी एअर इंडिया की दो उड़ानों में विस्फोटक लेकर सफर कर रहे हैं। दोनों उड़ानें एक ही एयरपोर्ट से उड़ी हैं।

आरोपित ने विस्फोट न करने के लिए एअर इंडिया से 42 करोड़ रुपये

की मांग की। कहा, अगर पैसे नहीं दिए गए तो दोनों उड़ानों को एयरपोर्ट पर उतरने नहीं दिया जाएगा। इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग का प्रयास किया गया तो उड़ान में मौजूद उनके सहयोगी विस्फोट कर देंगे। ईमेल में कहा गया है कि जैसे ही उन्हें पैसे मिल जाएंगे, वह अपने साथियों को एक कोडवर्ड देंगे, जिसकी एनाउंसमेंट पायलट की ओर से उड़ान में की जाएगी। इस कोडवर्ड को सुनकर उनका साथी समझ जाएगा कि पैसे मिल गए हैं और कोई विस्फोट नहीं होगा। एक्स पर रोहित सिंह के नाम से बनाई गई इस आइडी को देखने से प्रतीत होता है कि इसे हाल ही में बनाया गया है। इसको कोई फालो भी नहीं करता है।

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## एक फर्जी काल से विमानन कंपनी को होता है तीन करोड़ का नुकसान

प्रथम पृष्ठ से आगे

फर्जी काल मिलने से विमानन कंपनियों को काफी आर्थिक नुकसान उठाना पड़ता है। एक अनुमान के मुताबिक, फर्जी काल आने के बाद उड़ानों के विलंब होने पर विमानन कंपनियों को तीन करोड़ रुपये तक का नुकसान होता है। दरअसल, जब विमानों में बम होने का संदेश मिलता है तो इसका मार्ग बदलना पड़ता है या आपात लैंडिंग करानी पड़ती है। यदि विमान की दो घंटे के भीतर आपात लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी तो भारी मात्रा में ईंधन को डंप करना पड़ता है। यदि 100 टन ईंधन को डंप करना पड़ा तो एक लाख रुपये प्रति टन के हिसाब से विमानन कंपनियों को ईंधन के मद में ही एक करोड़ का नुकसान हो जाता है। आपात लैंडिंग की स्थिति में हवाईअड्डे पर अतिरिक्त पार्किंग

चार्ज भी लगता है। सैकड़ों यात्रियों और चालक दल के सदस्यों को यदि होटलों में ठहराना पड़े तो उसका खर्च अलग से लगता है। विमान की सुरक्षा जांच होने के बाद नए सिरे से उड़ान भरने के लिए चालक दल के नए सदस्य आते हैं।

एयर न्यूजीलैंड के विमान में मिली बम की घमकी : मेलबर्न, एपी : आस्ट्रेलियाई अधिकारियों ने शनिवार को न्यूजीलैंड से सिडनी जाने वाली उड़ान में बम की सूचना मिलने पर कार्रवाई की। पुलिस ने कहा कि कोई खतरा नहीं था। एयर न्यूजीलैंड का विमान बम की घमकी के कारण यात्रियों के साथ सिडनी हवाईअड्डे पर घंटों खड़ा रहा। फ्लाइट एनजेड-247 स्थानीय समयानुसार शाम 5:40 बजे वेलिंगटन से आई। बम की घमकी के मद्देनजर सामरिक संचालन इकाई व अग्निशमन दल को बुलाया गया।



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## Govt Names DGCA Chief Vikram Dev Dutt as Coal Secy

PTI

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Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as secretary, ministry of coal, according to a personnel ministry order.

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Tanmay Kumar has been named as secretary, ministry of environment, forest and climate change. Kumar, who is currently special secretary in the same ministry, will succeed Leena Nandan upon her superannuation on December 31, 2024.



# Saturday scare: 34 flights get security threats

● Threats from same X account; airline CEOs meet regulator

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New Delhi, October 19

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Indian carriers, and even to overseas airlines like American Airlines, Jet-Blue and Air New Zealand.

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Later, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) officials met the CEOs of Indian airlines in New Delhi. The CEOs were told that they need to keep all stakeholders in the loop about any threats that they receive, and about the action taken, along with their SOPs.

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## 34 flights get security alerts

"INDIAN SKIES ARE absolutely safe. The current protocol is robust and is being strictly followed," BCAS DG Zulfiqar Hasan reassured travellers. As per investigations being conducted, the IP addresses associated with the threats have been traced back to London, Germany, the US and Canada. The Indian carriers that received threats from the account on Saturday were Air India, Vistara, IndiGo, Akasa Air, SpiceJet, Alliance Air and Star Air. Barring Star Air, which received threats for four flights, all the other carriers received threats for five flights each. With the latest incidents, the number of confirmed instances of bomb threats to Indian carriers this week has risen to around 70. All the previous threats this week—posted from different anonymous social media accounts—turned out to be fake.

Sources in the government said efforts are on to trace and nab the individuals or groups behind these anonymous



accounts. The use of virtual private networks (VPNs) by those posting the threats has made it challenging for the agencies. Government agencies are learnt to be in contact with social media platforms and VPN service providers to trace these threats. The spate of hoax bomb threats started on Monday when three international flights of Indian carriers were targeted.

Another 10 flights received threats on Tuesday, followed by at least seven threats on Wednesday. While a minor from Chhattisgarh was apprehended earlier this week in connection with the bomb threats issued on Monday, the threats, via social

media posts, continued. The relevant government ministries—including the ministry of civil aviation (MoCA) and the ministry of home affairs (MHA)—and agencies have gone into a huddle in view of these threats. MoCA is learnt to be working closely with the BCAS to formalise an earlier proposal of putting the perpetrators of hoax bomb threats on the no-fly list.

The government is also considering changes in current rules and legislation to ensure stringent punishment for the culprits. Although most bomb threats turn out to be fake, airlines as well as aviation authorities globally take them with utmost seriousness.

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नई दिल्ली/मुंबई, एजेसी/ प्रमुख संवाददाता। एक ही दिन में सर्वाधिक 30 विमानों को शनिवार को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई। इन धमकियों से देशभर में हड़कंप मच गया। इससे जहां विमान कंपनियों व सुरक्षा एजेंसियां परेशान हुईं, वहीं हजारों यात्री विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर घंटों फंसे रहे। विमानों की जांच में कुछ भी संदिग्ध नहीं मिला। एयर इंडिया, इंडिगो, अकासा एयर, स्पाइसजेट, विस्तारा, स्टार एयर और एलायंस एयर के विमानों को बम की धमकी मिली। इस हफ्ते 70 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम की धमकी मिली है।

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## हवाई अड्डों पर घंटों हजारों यात्री फंसे



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## सुरक्षा निर्देशों का पालन करें

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**CC** प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए सभी संबंधित अधिकारियों को तुरंत सतर्क कर दिया गया। उदयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट के शौचालय में एक नोट मिला, जिसमें कहा गया था कि विमान में बम है। -विस्तारा एयरलाइन

**CC** मुंबई और दिल्ली से इस्तांबुल की उड़ानों को धमकी मिली। जोधपुर से दिल्ली आ रहे विमान में बम का संदेश मिला। हैदराबाद से चंडीगढ़ विमान की लैंडिंग के बाद विमान को अलग जगह ले जाया गया, सभी यात्रियों को उतारकर जांच की गई। -इंडिगो

की धमकी दी गयी। दिल्ली-दरभंगा, मुंबई-दरभंगा विमान में बम की धमकी पर दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी घोषित कर दी गई। मुंबई पुलिस के अनुसार,

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# Dozens of flights receive bomb threats in one day

## HTC and Agencies

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**NEW DELHI:** Close to 30 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Saturday, marking a dramatic escalation in a week-long spate of hoax alerts that have thrown the country's aviation sector into disarray.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) convened an urgent meeting with airline representatives, including several CEOs, to address the crisis. BCAS director general Zulfiqar Hasan sought to calm public fears, stating, "Indian skies are absolutely safe. The current protocol is robust and is being strictly followed. We reassure

## THE THREATS, MOSTLY MADE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES, TARGETED A WIDE RANGE OF AIRLINES

passengers that they should fly without any fear and in fact fly even more."

The threats, primarily delivered through social media websites, targeted a wide range of carriers including Air India, IndiGo, Akasa Air, Vistara, SpiceJet, and Alliance Air. In at least one instance, a threatening note was discovered in an aircraft lavatory – a departure

from the typical modus operandi this past week when the hoaxes were made online.

Vistara reported that five of its international flights were affected, including UK106 (Singapore to Mumbai), UK027 (Mumbai to Frankfurt), UK107 (Mumbai to Singapore), UK121 (Delhi to Bangkok) and UK131 (Mumbai to Colombo), news agency PTI reported.

A Vistara spokesperson said, "Following the protocol, all relevant authorities were promptly alerted and all security procedures are being adhered to, as per the guidance from the authorities and security agencies", the agency reported.

IndiGo acknowledged threats

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to at least four of its flights, including 6E17 (Mumbai to Istanbul), 6E11 (Delhi to Istanbul), 6E184 (Jodhpur to Delhi) and 6E108 (Hyderabad to Chandigarh). The airline stated that upon landing in Chandigarh, one aircraft "was isolated and all passengers were safely disembarked."

In Darbhanga, a SpiceJet flight bound for Delhi was evacuated and searched following a hoax threat. Darbhanga Sadar DSP Amit Kumar reported, "At around 1:34 pm, SpiceJet received a bomb threat via Twitter (now X) concerning the Delhi-Darbhanga flight." The incident caused significant delays and rescheduling at Darbhanga airport.

At Lucknow's Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, a Star Air flight (S5 223) to Kishangarh with 38 passengers was delayed due to a bomb hoax.

The airport's Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was activated, and the aircraft was moved to an isolation bay for thorough security checks.

This recent surge follows a pattern that began earlier in the week. Since Monday, at least 70 flights received similar threats, most of which turned out to be hoaxes. The incidents have led to numerous flight diversions, delays, and emergency landings, causing substantial disruption to air travel and incurring significant costs for airlines.

The repeated nature of these threats has exposed vulnerabilities in the aviation security system. As one senior SpiceJet official revealed, this was the third hoax bomb threat in the past week targeting flights from Darbhanga to Mumbai alone.

Some of the threats have led to serious outcomes. On Thursday, an Air India flight from Mumbai to London was intercepted by Royal Air Force fighter jets after receiving a bomb threat. The flight's captain was recorded saying, "We have a suspected bomb on board, requesting priority landing."

Civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu described the matter as being of "grave concern" following a high-level meeting on Wednesday. He later added, "Action is being taken on this. We can't comment on any kind of a conspiracy but from whatever little bit we know these calls are coming from some minors and pranksters."

As investigations continue, authorities have reportedly suspended or blocked ten social media handles linked to the threats. Security agencies have noted common phrases used in these threats, such as "blood will spread everywhere", "explosive devices", "this is not a joke" and "you will all die", suggesting a potential pattern or coordinated effort.



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punishment for the culprits.

On Saturday, the top brass of BCAS held a meeting with representatives of airlines. The agency emphasised that airlines must continue to follow the stringent standard operating procedures (SOPs) pertaining to security, and also aim to minimise passenger inconvenience while dealing with bomb threats, per sources.

Although most bomb threats turn out to be fake, airlines as well as aviation authorities globally take them with utmost seriousness. The security checks, which often take a few hours, result in disruptions like delays and even rescheduling of the remainder of the flight in some cases, which hit the airlines financially.

When an aircraft receives a bomb threat deemed as a specific threat, a detailed security protocol is followed which could include diverting the aircraft to a suitable nearby airport and taking it to an isolated bay, where passengers are quickly made to deplane. The aircraft as well as passengers' bags and the plane's cargo are subject to a thorough security screening. After the screening and security checks, if the threat is found to be a hoax, the aircraft is released for operations.



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# ‘Vistara experience will continue post-merger’

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## Over 30 flights receive bomb threats

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**NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI:** More than 30 flights of various Indian airlines, including Vistara, Air India and IndiGo, received bomb threats on Saturday, according to sources.

Flights of Air India, IndiGo, Akasa Air, Vistara, SpiceJet, Star Air and Alliance Air have received the threats, the sources said.

So far this week, at least 70 flights of Indian carriers have received bomb threats and most of them turned out to be hoaxes. The sources said more than 30 flights, including domestic and international ones, operated by domestic airlines have received bomb threats through social media since Saturday morning. In at least one of the flights, a note was found in the lavatory saying there was a bomb in the flight. On Saturday, Vistara said five of its flights on interna-



REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

tional routes received security threats through social media while IndiGo said at least four of its flights got security-related alerts. The five flights of Vistara are UK106 (Singapore to Mumbai), UK027 (Mumbai to Frankfurt), UK107 (Mumbai to Singapore), UK121 (Delhi to Bangkok) and UK131 (Mumbai to Colombo).

"Following the protocol, all relevant authorities were promptly alerted and all security procedures are being adhered to, as per the guidance

from the authorities and security agencies," an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

Besides, there was a security concern regarding Vistara flight UK624 from Udaipur to Mumbai, and after landing, the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay for mandatory checks.

A note was found in the lavatory of the aircraft saying there is a bomb in the flight, a source in the know said.

IndiGo issued statements for at least four flights with respect to the threats.

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Tanmay Kumar has been named as secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Kumar, who is currently special secretary

in the same ministry, will succeed Leena Nandan upon her superannuation on December 31, 2024.

Subrata Gupta will be secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Gupta, a 1990 batch IAS officer, is presently serving in his cadre state West Bengal. He will take charge from Anita Praveen, who is due to superannuate on November 30, 2024. S Gopalakrishnan, Director General, National Productivity Council under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has been appointed as chairman of the Staff Selection Commission. He has been appointed in place of Rakesh Ranjan, a 1992 batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre. Ranjan has taken voluntary retirement from service with effect from October 31, 2024, the order said.

Puneet Kumar Goel, a 1991 batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been named as secretary of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. **AGENCIES**

## ‘Vistara in-flight experience is not going away’ post merger: Air India

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** Air India chief Campbell Wilson on Friday said “Vistara in-flight experience is not going away” and the routes serviced by Vistara will have the flight code ‘AI2’ post merger.

The merger of the two full service carriers is scheduled to be completed on November 12, following which Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in Air India. Vistara is a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines.

Post the merger, the vintage ‘Maharaja’ will be retained through the frequent flyer programme of the integrated entity.

“The existing members of Club Vistara will be seamlessly transferred to Air India’s Flying Returns program. With this merger, Flying Returns will also evolve into an all-new avatar ‘Maharaja Club,’” Air India said in a statement on Friday.

In a message sent to Vistara customers on Friday, Wilson said they can continue to enjoy the same world-class fleet, exceptional service, and familiar faces under the new code ‘AI2XXX’.

“With the merger on the horizon and the changes that come with it, we wanted to assure you that your Vistara in-flight experience is not going away. You can continue to enjoy the same world-class fleet, exceptional service, and familiar faces under the new code AI2XXX,” the CEO and MD of Air India said.



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In the statement, Air India said the routes and schedule operated by Vistara aircraft will continue to be the same, alongside the airline’s in-flight experience that includes the product and service such as menu and cutlery on the Vistara aircraft.

There are concerns in certain quarters on whether Vistara passengers will continue to get the same services like now, post-merger as Air India, which is in the transformation phase, has been facing certain service issues in recent times.

Air India, in the statement, reiterated that the experience offered by Vistara will continue for customers post merger and

### Highlights

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that Vistara will be identified by a special four-digit Air India code beginning with the digit ‘2’.

“For instance, UK 955 will become AI 2955 helping customers identify them while booking... after November 12,” it said.

On Wednesday, Vistara Chairman Bhaskar Bhat said the integrated entity will share the best practices of the two airlines and the livery of Vistara will stay for some time.

The Air India-Vistara merger, announced in November 2022, will also see Singapore Airlines acquiring a 25.1 per cent stake in the merged entity.



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## 24 घंटे में 30 से ज़्यादा उड़ानों में बम की कॉल

### एविएशन सेफ्टी बॉडी ने की एयरलाइंस संग मीटिंग

■ पीटीआई, नई दिल्ली/मुंबई

विस्तार, एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो सहित कई भारतीय एयरलाइन की 30 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। ये सभी धमकियां एक दिन में शनिवार को मिलीं। जांच में अधिकतर कॉल झूठी पाई गईं लेकिन इस वजह से पूरे देश के एयरपोर्ट

बम की अफवाह से कई एयरपोर्ट पर मची रही अफरातफरी

पर अफरातफरी का माहौल रहा और यात्री दहशत में दिखे। साथ ही एयरलाइन को करोड़ों का नुकसान हुआ।

इस सप्ताह अब तक भारतीय एयरलाइन की कम से कम 70 उड़ानों को बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली है और उनमें से अधिकतर फर्जी निकलीं। सूत्रों ने बताया कि घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों सहित घरेलू एयरलाइन द्वारा संचालित 30 से अधिक उड़ानों को शनिवार सुबह से सोशल मीडिया पर बम से उड़ाने की धमकी मिली। एक उड़ान के शौचालय में एक नेट मिला, जिसमें कहा गया था कि



उड़ान में बम है। शनिवार को विस्तार ने कहा कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय रूट पर उसकी पांच उड़ानों को सोशल मीडिया के जरिए सुरक्षा संबंधी धमकी मिली, जबकि इंडिगो ने कहा कि उसकी कम से कम चार उड़ानों को सुरक्षा संबंधी अलर्ट मिले।

विस्तार एयरलाइन ने कहा, प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए सभी संबंधित अधिकारियों को तुरंत सतर्क कर दिया गया और सुरक्षा प्रक्रियाओं का पालन किया गया। इससे पहले शुक्रवार को विस्तार की तीन अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों को

लंदन, जर्मनी, कनाडा से जुड़े 1P अड्रेस मिले

धमकियों के बाद ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिस्कोरिटी (BCAS) ने शनिवार की शाम एयरलाइंस के CEOs के साथ बैठक की। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय के कार्यालय में हुई बैठक में अधिकारियों ने एयरलाइंस को धमकियों से निपटने के लिए मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया यानी SOP का पालन करने का निर्देश दिया। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि धमकियों की जांच के दौरान कुछ 1P अड्रेस लंदन, जर्मनी, कनाडा और अमेरिका से जुड़े पाए गए हैं।

बम की धमकियां मिलीं, जो झूठी निकलीं और एहतियात के तौर पर एक उड़ान को फ्रैकफर्ट की ओर मोड़ दिया गया। पिछले एक हफ्ते में भारतीय एयरलाइन द्वारा संचालित 70 से अधिक उड़ानों को बम की धमकियां मिली हैं, जो बाद में झूठी निकलीं।

## ‘उड़ान’ योजना विमानन क्षेत्र की उपलब्धि : मनोज चाको

● फ्लाई 91 के एमडी व सीइओ ने कहा, पीएम मोदी के दूरदर्शी नेतृत्व का परिणाम

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली



भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र में पिछले दशक में क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस), जिसे लोकप्रिय रूप में ‘उड़ान’ (उड़े देश का आम नागरिक) योजना ने तस्वीर बदल दी है। इससे विमानन क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है, जिसका श्रेय प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के नेतृत्व वाली दूरदर्शी सरकार को जाता है। विकास और नवाचार के लिए अनुकूल माहौल को बढ़ावा देकर, भारत दुनिया में सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते विमानन बाजार के रूप में उभरा है। भारत की विमानन कंपनियों को वैश्विक मान्यता मिली है, जिन्होंने व्यवसाय मॉडल और परिचालन मानक, दोनों ही क्षेत्रों में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन किया है।

इस संबंध में फ्लाई 91 के एमडी व सीइओ मनोज चाको का कहना है कि आठ साल पहले शुरू की गई क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस) यानि उड़ान योजना नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय इस प्रगति

में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रहा है, जिसने हवाई मार्गों को खोला है और ऐसी पहलें शुरू की हैं, जिन्होंने दुनिया भर से पर्याप्त निवेश आकर्षित करने के साथ उद्योग जगत के लिए एक गेम-चेंजर के रूप में सामने आई हैं। इस योजना का उद्देश्य भारत के टियर 2 और टियर 3 शहरों के प्रमुख शहरों के बीच के हवाई संपर्क सेवा की सुविधा को कमी को खाई को पाटना है, जिससे क्षेत्रीय अर्थव्यवस्थाओं को भी बहुत जरूरी बढ़ावा मिला है।

चाको ने कहा, आरसीएस-उड़ान योजना वास्तव में भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र की आधारशिला रही है। इसने निवेशकों के बीच विश्वास बढ़ाया है और फ्लाई 91 जैसी नई विमानन कंपनियों के लिए मार्ग प्रशस्त किया है, जो भारत की पहली निजी इन्फ्रस्ट्रक्चर-वित्तपोषित स्टार्टअप एयरलाइन है।

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# The backbone of Star Air's growth: RCS-UDAN scheme

BY CAPTAIN SIMRAN  
SINGH TIWANA

The Government of India's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) has been pivotal to Star Air's journey and growth. Since our inception, we've been dedicated to Connecting Real India, and UDAN has enabled us to do exactly that—connecting the underserved and unserved regions of the country, ensuring affordable air travel for everyone.

When we launched our first two routes in January 2019, between Hubli to Bengaluru and Hubli To Tirupati, it was a significant milestone for us. It symbolized the beginning of our mission to enhance regional connectivity, starting with this crucial route. Today, I am proud to say that since that first flight, we've flown over 1.3 million passengers by fulfilling dreams of many who had tasted flight for the first time!



Today powered by the UDAN scheme we operate to 22 airports Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra. Through this initiative, Star Air was awarded 44 routes under UDAN 2 and 3-8 routes under UDAN-2 and 36 routes under UDAN-3. Further, we have been awarded 44 more routes under UDAN 5, giving us the opportunity to bring air connectivity to even more regions.

The UDAN scheme has been instrumental in providing the necessary support for us to operate routes that otherwise may not have been viable. Through the infrastructural development that came along UDAN, allowed us to expand steadily into tier 2 and tier 3 cities, bringing us closer to our goal of Connecting Real India. We have seen the joy in the eyes of many as they took to sky for the first time. We are see many business come up to support this new air connectivity. Clearly proving

the economic multiplier Air Connectivity is.

Our fleet has grown alongside our aspirations. What started with one Embraer E145 aircraft in 2019 has now expanded to five E145s and four Embraer E175s. This growth has enabled us to launch new routes, access more destinations, and serve an even larger number of passengers.

Thanks to the RCS-UDAN initiative, Star Air is well on its way to realizing its vision of providing swift, affordable, and comfortable air travel to every corner of India. The backbone of our success has been this visionary scheme UDAN, which continues to empower regional carriers like us to play an essential role in India's aviation landscape.

We look forward to many more milestones as we continue to build on these solid foundation.

(Author of the article is Chief Executive Officer, Star Air)

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## Bomb threats to 30 more flights, regulator shifted

DGCA appointed coal secy in fresh shuffle

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AMID waves after waves of hoax bomb threats shaking up the aviation industry, the government on Saturday shifted the regulator out of the civil aviation ministry.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Vikram Dev Dutt was appointed coal secretary as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle. A joint secretary level official is likely to take his place at the earliest, according to sources.

The transfers happened on a day when fresh bomb threats forced over 30 flights, including those on international routes, to make emergency landings. The affected carriers included Air India, Vistara, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Alliance Air, and Akasa Air.

"The Internet Protocol (IP) addresses from the threats today and the ones earlier this week have been traced to London, Germany, Canada and the US. However, it is possible the Virtual Private Networks (VPN) were used by some to hide their real locations," a source said.

In less than a week, hoax bomb threats have impacted close to 70 flights. On Saturday, officials from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had a meeting with the CEOs of different airline operators in the civil aviation ministry.

They were briefed about the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for tackling threats, which cause fear and inconvenience to passengers and losses for the airlines.

The DGCA and the BCAS are expected to issue fresh guidelines to manage the situation.

Sources said a note was found in the rest room of one of the airlines warning of a bomb in a flight. However, all the threats were fake. Sources said IndiGo, Akasa, Vistara, Air India, SpiceJet and Alliance Air received five threats each.

The civil aviation ministry is reviewing regulations to introduce harsher penalties. The authorities are contemplating a five-year jail term and placing offenders on a no-fly list. At present, hoax bomb threats are dealt with under existing criminal laws. The government is exploring legal options to introduce a deterrent. **PT**

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NEW DELHI

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## Over 30 flights receive bomb threats

### AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, 19 OCTOBER

Over 30 flights of various Indian carriers, including Vistara, Air India and IndiGo, received security alerts on Saturday relating to bomb threats, causing flight delays and disruption in the normal schedule.

At least five flights of Akasa Air (QP 1323, QP 1371, QP 1373, QP 1385, QP 1405), five of Vistara (UK 106, UK 27, UK 107, UK 121, UK 131), five of Air India (AI 101, AI 105, AI 126, AI 119, AI 161), and five IndiGo flights (6E 11, 6E 17, 6E 58, 6E 108, 6E 184) are reported to have received bomb threats through social media since Saturday morning.

An Air India Express flight from Dubai to Jaipur made emergency landing at the Jaipur airport around midnight last night following a bomb threat. The passengers were safely debarked and the aircraft subjected to a thorough search and security checking. This resulted in the return Dubai flight being



delayed by several hours, leaving the passengers stranded at the airport.

Flights of Air India, IndiGo, Akasa Air, Vistara, SpiceJet, Star Air and Alliance Air received threats, sources said.

So far this week, at least 70 flights of Indian carriers have received bomb threats with all of them turning out to be hoaxes.

In a Vistara flight, UK624 from Udaipur to Mumbai, a note was found in the aircraft's lavatory saying there was a bomb in the flight.

A Star Asia flight to Kishanganj from Lucknow was delayed for over 2 hours

after receiving a bomb threat.

On Friday, three international flights of Vistara received bomb threats which turned out to be hoaxes and one of the flights was diverted to Frankfurt as a precautionary measure.

The Civil Aviation Ministry plans to put in place strict norms to prevent incidents of hoax bomb threats to airlines, including placing the perpetrators in the no-fly list.

Earlier, the Ministry of Home Affairs sought a report from the Ministry of Civil Aviation on the series of bomb threats to various airlines across the country.

FRENCH FIRM OUTLINES PLAN FOR FACILITIES

## City set to have flight simulator



A simulator cockpit of an Airbus A320.  
Picture courtesy: Simaero

SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: A French company plans to set up simulators in Calcutta to train pilots, a facility now lacking in this part of the country.

Simaero, headquartered in Paris, will set up its first pilot training centre in Delhi-NCR and the facility will have eight full-flight simulators. The company is planning two more satellite facilities and the first would be in Calcutta, said a Simaero official.

A flight simulator is a pilot-training device in which the cockpit and instruments on an aircraft are duplicated and the conditions of actual flight simulated.

"The Delhi facility near

the airport will be operational in the first quarter of 2025. Initially, there will be two to three simulators and later the number will go up. In the next five years we are planning to develop two satellite centres and the first one will be in Calcutta," Khushbeg Jattana, the general manager of Simaero India, told Metro. "Calcutta will have three to four simulators."

The second satellite unit would be in south India, probably in Bangalore, he said.

The Delhi facility will have flight simulators for Airbus A320, ATR 72-600 and Boeing 737.

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The exterior of a simulator cockpit of the ATR 72-600. Picture courtesy: Simaero

## City set to have flight simulator

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Jattana, of Simaero India, said the demand for flight simulators is huge in eastern India as there are no such facilities there.

The demand is not just among pilots based in Calcutta and other places in eastern India, said Jattana. He hinted that pilots in Nepal and Bangladesh, too, can avail of such a facility in eastern India "as there are many airlines and pilots there but no simulators".

The company is looking at spending \$100 million in the next five years to train around 5,000 pilots.

Air India, too, is installing flight simulators at its aviation training academy in Gurugram. It will house 20 simulators to train pilots for the Airbus and Boeing fleets.

According to Simaero, India has approximately 12,000 pilots and the country's growing aviation sector requires three times more pilots over the next two decades.

"There is a deficit of three to five flight simulators every year in India," said Jattana.

In India, pilots said, rules framed by the directorate general of civil aviation state that

they have to undergo skill tests every six months to renew their licence.

"The skill tests can either be done in an aircraft or flight simulator. However, training in an actual aircraft is very costly because of the involvement of aviation turbine fuel," said a senior pilot based in Delhi.

Another pilot, based in Calcutta, said pilots from the city undergo refresher training in Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Chennai and even abroad as there are no simulators here.

"Because of the shortage of simulators across India, slots are often not available. So, we have to go abroad to get trained," said the pilot.

The pilots have to undergo training to handle all normal and emergency procedures, including engine failure, engine fire, hydraulic failure, pressurisation failure and electrical failure.

They are also trained in using upgraded instrument landing systems and operating flights in dense fog, rain and other adverse weather conditions, said the pilot.

"The cost of setting up a simulator is \$10-12 million.

So there are only a few simulators," said an official of an airline.

The senior pilot from Delhi said that in the mid-1980s, the simulators had basic features. "So, we did half the training in simulators and the rest in aircraft. In the 1990s, the six-axis flight simulators were introduced, which gave the complete feel of an aircraft cockpit," the pilot said.

He said there should be more simulators in India to bring down the training cost.

"Now, the cost is 20 per cent more compared to other countries. More simulators can bring down the cost," he said.

Pilots, however, agree that simulators cannot train a pilot in handling hijacking situations like the one faced by IC 814. The Indian Airlines flight was hijacked while it was on its way from Kathmandu to Delhi in December 1999 and taken to Kandahar in Afghanistan.

"Such skills are taught in classes. However, each hijacking situation is different from another. What finally matters is the sharpness of mind and the ability to make decisions on the ground," said the pilot.

# Aviation security chief meets airline CEOs over bomb threats

## 30-40 Flights Targeted In Highest Number Of Threats In A Day

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi/Mumbai:** The aviation sector faced an unprecedented wave of hoax bomb threats Saturday, with 30 to 40 flights across Indian carriers and five Delta Air Lines flights being targeted. This marks the highest number of threats in a single day, adding to the disruption the industry has endured over the week since Monday.

The hoaxes included threats to both domestic and international flights, with Saturday being the first instance where a foreign airliner was affected. Over the past week, more than 70 hoax alerts have been received, impacting airline schedules.

Aviation sources said a major airport temporarily ran out of isolation bays used for aircraft inspections following bomb threats. "Some messages came for flights that had landed and passengers had alighted. This is crazy. Over 80-90 threats in seven days," an official said.

Among Delta's flights receiving threats were DL3 (New York to London), DL8 (Tokyo to Los Angeles), DL20 (Seattle to London), DL27 (Atlanta to Seoul), and DL32 (Dallas to Atlanta). A threatening message, posted in response to a Delta customer service tweet on X, said: "Hi. There



Passengers of an IndiGo flight that received a bomb threat come out of the Chandigarh airport on Saturday

are bombs placed onboard of 5 your planes. No one will make it out alive. Hurry up and evacuate the plane."

The message was shared by the now-restricted account @adamlanza111. Indian carriers also faced social media threats. On Thursday, Air India flights were targeted by @psychotichuman, which has since been temporarily restricted by X.

Among the flights affected Saturday were several Indigo services, including flights from Mumbai and Delhi to Istanbul, Jeddah to Mumbai, Hyderabad to Calicut, and Hyderabad to Chandigarh. SpiceJet also reported threats to its Amritsar-Dubai, Darbhanga-Mumbai, and Delhi-Dharamshala services, among others. Akasa Air flights targeted included

routes from Bengaluru to Guwahati, Goa to Mumbai, and Hyderabad to Delhi. Alliance Air flights from Agatti Island to Cochin and Shimla to Dharamshala were also hit.

While most flights reached their destinations safely, thorough security protocols required after threats caused delays. Aircraft targeted by specific threats — those that mention flight numbers and other details — must undergo extensive checks. An official said: "These disruptions have a cascading effect, causing delays for other flights operated by the same aircraft."

However, only one flight — a Vistara Delhi-London service — was diverted Friday. A Vistara spokesperson said: "As a precautionary measure, pilots decided to divert to Frankfurt. Flight landed safe-

ly at Frankfurt where all mandatory checks were conducted by security agencies following which, the aircraft was cleared to conclude the journey." Other Vistara flights targeted included Singapore-Mumbai (UK106), Mumbai-Frankfurt (UK027), Mumbai-Singapore (UK107), Delhi-Bangkok (UK121), and Mumbai-Colombo (UK131).

Air India also reported disruptions, with a Newark-Mumbai flight delayed by three hours while undergoing additional security checks. Several other AI flights to destinations like New York, London, and Chicago were also targeted. IndiGo and Akasa Air were similarly affected.

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security chief Zulfiqar Hasan held a meeting with airline CEOs to discuss the issue. "Indian skies are absolutely safe. The current protocol is robust and is being strictly followed. We reassure passengers that they should fly without any fear and in fact fly even more," Hasan said.

An official said: "While attempts are being made to end or minimise this menace with the home ministry actively involved, we have to minimise passenger inconvenience and disruptions while ensuring security." Airlines have increased efforts to provide refreshments and basic necessities for affected passengers.

# From Dec 28, higher compensation for int'l flyers for death, delay

## THE REVISED LIABILITY LIMITS FOR AIRLINES



The revised upper limit for compensation payable under the Montreal Convention 199 pertaining to international flights (approx. amount). The liability limits are indicated in SDR (Special Drawing Rights), a unit of account defined by the International Monetary Fund. 1 SDR is about ₹112 as of Oct 19

|   | Current                  | Revised                  |  |
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|  Death, Injury | ₹1.4cr<br>(1.2L SDR)     | ₹1.7cr<br>(1.5L SDR)     |  |
| Flight delay  | ₹6L<br>(5,300 SDR)       | ₹7L<br>(6,300 SDR)       |  |
| Baggage delay, damage etc   | ₹1.4L<br>(1,300 SDR)     | ₹1.7L<br>(1,500 SDR)     |  |
| Cargo lost, damaged   | ₹2,500/kg<br>(22 SDR/kg) | ₹2,900/kg<br>(26 SDR/kg) |  |

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**Mumbai:** In a move set to benefit passengers boarding international flights, including those to and from India, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has announced significant increases in compensation limits payable by airlines in cases of death, injury, flight delay, and baggage and cargo issues.

The revised upper limit for compensation payable under the Montreal Convention will take effect on Dec 28, said ICAO Saturday. For instance, the upper limit for compensation in the event of death has increased from 1,28,821 Special Drawing Rights (SDR) to 1,51,880 SDR. In case of international flights to/from India, this is an increase from Rs 1.4 crore to Rs 1.7 crore, based on current rates.

The Montreal Convention, formally known as the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (MC99), establishes a comprehensive framework for international air travel. It sets liability limits for airlines in cases of injury, death, delay, baggage, and cargo issues.

The revision comes as part of the Convention's built-in review mechanism, which adjusts for inflation every five years. ICAO has asked these countries to put in place legal provisions by the end of Dec. The MC99 liability limits apply to 140 coun-

tries, including India.

The revision pertains solely to the upper limit for compensation payable by airlines and is not an indicator of the actual compensation the next of kin might receive in the event of death.

For instance, the compensation payable for the 21 deaths and 167 non-fatal injuries in the 2020 Air India Express IX-1344 Dubai-Calicut accident came under the provisions of MC99. The then govt-owned airline paid the next of kin compensation, ranging from Rs 10 lakh for families of adults over 12 years old to Rs 5 lakh for families of children under 12 years. An interim compensation of Rs 2 lakh was provided to critically injured passengers and about Rs 50,000 to other injured passengers.

The passengers sought legal recourse for compensation payable to them under MC99. They contended that under the Convention, a fixed amount of Rs 1.34 crore must be paid. Kerala HC dismissed the case, stating that the petitioners voluntarily accepted the compensation initially offered by Air India Express and so could not subsequently challenge it as being lower. The petitioners moved the Supreme Court. Last Oct, the SC issued a notice to Air India, now a private carrier, in response to the special leave petitions filed by passengers seeking higher compensation for the death of their kin.



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# Govt may put hoax callers on no-fly list for 5 yrs

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**New Delhi:** The civil aviation ministry, concerned over the recent string of hoax threats about bombs on flights, is taking a fresh look at old suggestions of the Bureau of Civil Aviation and Security (BCAS) such as putting individuals behind hoax threats on 'no-fly' list for five years and revisiting the Aircraft Act, 1934 — proposed to be replaced by the Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024, passed in August by the Lok Sabha — to provide for a specialised legal regime to deal with hoax threats.

Sources said BCAS had last year suggested including special provisions in the Aircraft Act to deal more firmly with hoax bomb calls and messages. Its other key suggestion, made in July this year, was to amend the DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements to put hoax callers on "no-fly" list for five years.

As of now, the rules cover only unruly passengers travelling or boarding aircraft, not non-passengers, and leave it to the airline to decide on duration of the 'no-

fly' ban. BCAS had said Indian Penal Code (IPC) provisions are not deterrent enough in the light of the serious impact hoax calls and messages, mostly from pranksters, tend to have on flight schedules and the related losses, besides the inconvenience caused to the passengers and public.

BCAS is said to have submitted that introducing a dedicated provisions in the Aircraft Act, 1934, against hoax calls, including stricter bail and stern punishment, would keep pranksters from mak-

ing that hoax call or posting a false bomb threat.

The Bill to amend the Aircraft Act, 1934 — the Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024 — was passed by the Lok Sabha in August this year. The bill, however, did not incorporate the BCAS suggestion to include a dedicated legal framework to deal with hoax bomb threats to flights.

Aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu said Thursday "a strict barrier" was being created for "people trying to do these kinds of pranks" and hinted at changes in rules and legislation to achieve this.

**STERN ACTION**

# One bomb hoax can cost an airline over ₹3 cr

From Dumping Fuel And Grounding Aircraft To Putting Up Passengers And Crew In Hotels, Airlines Are Taking A Big Hit This Festive Season

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An Air India Boeing 777 took off from Mumbai this Monday (Oct 14) with almost 130 tonnes of jet fuel in its tanks for a 16-hour nonstop journey to New York's JFK airport. Soon after take-off, the airline received a call saying there was a bomb in the plane. JFK-bound AI 119 was immediately diverted and within two hours of take-off, it was preparing to land in Delhi. But there was a problem.

"The maximum landing weight of a B777 is 250 tonnes. A full flight like this weighs about 340-350 tonnes with passengers, baggage and cargo on take-off. Landing within two hours means dumping about 100 tonnes of fuel. At almost Rs 1 lakh per tonne, the fuel wastage cost alone works out to Rs 1 crore," said a senior pilot.

Add to it other expenses like the unexpected landing and parking charges at IGI Airport, putting up over 200 passengers and crew in Delhi hotels, compensating them later for missed connections, grounding of aircraft before it can be back in



service after thorough checks and arranging a fresh pair of operating crew, and the aircraft not reaching JFK to fly passengers from there to India on a scheduled return flight — the total cost of this one hoax threat works out to way over Rs 3 crore, say senior officials.

## Costs Adding Up

The spate of hoax threats since last Sunday — close to 40 by late Thursday — is having a massive financial impact on airlines. Rough estimates by airline officials peg the extra expense at about Rs 60-80 crore.

Take the case of Air India B777 (VT-ALM) that took off from Delhi this Tuesday (Oct 15) for Chicago. Twelve hours later, the aircraft with over 200 passengers on board landed in the remote Canadian town of Iqaluit after a bomb threat. The aircraft landed there on Oct 15 at 5.21 am EDT. The next commercial flight it flew was three

and a half days later. First it reached Chicago from Iqaluit as a ferry flight — with no passengers as the stranded passengers had been flown earlier to Chicago on a Canadian Air Force A330 for which AI will pay — and then took off as a commercial flight to Delhi at 5.15 pm on Oct 18.

The average monthly rental of a B777 is between \$400,000 and \$600,000 — this works out to an average daily rental of about \$17,000. Not flying means \$17,000 down the drain every single day. Now, had it not been for the hoax threat, the aircraft would have reached Chicago and then after a few hours, left for Delhi as a regular flight. But not reaching Chicago meant over 200 passengers and crew stranded in Iqaluit for whom accommodation, meals and other basic necessities had to be arranged in a remote town. Then flying them to Chicago on a Canadian Air Force plane.

And, meanwhile, having to deal with Delhi-bound passengers in Chicago's O'Hare Airport whose aircraft didn't show up because it was stranded in Iqaluit. The overall cost of this one threat would run into over Rs 15-20 crore, including the cost of a B777 grounded for that long, said multiple people.

## 'Financial Terrorism'

No big airline that has been a victim of these threats in the last few days commented on this issue. "This is the peak festive rush season and we don't want to create a scare among travellers. Suffice it to say that this is a sort of financial terrorism against airlines and should be dealt with severely," said a senior airline official.

IndiGo, too, has got threats for several flights, both domestic and international. Very of-

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ten when a flight gets a threat message and is not diverted. The destination airport asks it to hold or hover. This has happened with AI in London, AI Express in Singapore, and perhaps others too. "A B777 burns 7-8 tonnes of fuel every hour and an A320 2.5 tonnes. At Rs 1 lakh per tonne and two hours of hovering, the cost of fuel burn alone is over several crores for all affected airlines," said a pilot.

"Due to the extra time spent in air, very often the same crew can't operate the next flight this aircraft will operate after being cleared by security agencies

post checks. They will need to be rested and given hotel accommodation in that city. It has not been uncommon to have aircraft out of action for 20-25 hours during these crazy hoax message times. While this a force majeure event beyond our control, many passengers who miss connections will take us to court and eventually we will have to settle by paying damages," said a senior official of a big airline.

Making matters worse is the fact there are two types of threats. A specific one where a particular flight number is named or a generic one like the one Air India got on Thursday, saying five AI flights have bombs in them.

"Risk assessment is done. The source of the threat is seen, whether it came via X (former Twitter), WhatsApp, call or mail. Based on an evaluation matrix, the code is decided — whether red (very serious), amber (serious) or green (most likely hoax). But in no circumstances is any threat dismissed as it is better to be safe, even if it means losses and angry passengers, than sorry," said an official.

In cases assessed to be serious, flight has to land at the nearest suitable airport. "To avoid oversight landings, we can dump fuel when the aircraft is holding at over 5,000 feet. Fuel jettisoned from that altitude will vapourise. In Delhi, we dump a little south of the capital near Sakras and in Mumbai over the sea," said a pilot.



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## DGCA chief appointed Coal Secy

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Aviation regulator DGCA chief Vikram Dev Dutt has been appointed as Coal Secretary, as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre on Saturday.

Dutt is a 1993 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dutt, Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as secretary, Ministry of Coal, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Senior bureaucrat V Umashankar has been appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Umashankar, a 1993 batch IAS officer, is presently working in his cadre state Haryana.

Tanmay Kumar has been named as secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Kumar, who is currently Special Secretary in the same ministry, will succeed Leena Nandan upon her superannuation on December 31, 2024. — TNS