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## नवंबर के बाद होगा एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन

संदीप वर्मा

यमुना सिटी। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का 30 अक्टूबर को उद्घाटन होना अब लगभग खटाई में पड़ गया है। हवाई अड्डे को अभी तक नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) से अभी तक 'एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस' नहीं मिला है, जिसके बिना विमानों का संचालन संभव नहीं है। टर्मिनल के हेड समेत कई तरह के

**अभी तक नहीं मिला नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय से काम पूरा होने का लाइसेंस**

फिनिशिंग वर्क अभी चल रहे हैं। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का समय भी अभी नहीं मिला है। माना जा रहा है कि बिहार चुनाव के बाद इसका उद्घाटन हो सकता है।

केंद्रीय उड़्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने सितंबर माह में

गाजियाबाद के हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का शुभारंभ 30 अक्टूबर को होने की घोषणा की थी।

उन्होंने दावा किया था कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी इसका उद्घाटन करेंगे। इसके अलावा 45 दिनों में लखनऊ, अयोध्या, हैदराबाद, बंगलुरु समेत देश के 10 शहरों में उड़ान सेवा शुरू होने का दावा था। हालांकि, अब 30

अक्टूबर के लिए मात्र 8 दिन का समय बचा है।

वहीं, हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण में अभी बहुत सा काम बचा है। इसके चलते न तो नागरिक उड़्डयन महानिदेशालय से हवाई अड्डे के संचालन का लाइसेंस मिला है। साथ ही निर्माण पूरा होने के बाद इसे न तो भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने पूरे एयरपोर्ट के संचालन की जिम्मेदारी अपने हाथों में ली है।

## उत्सवी माहौल में एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों को 'हंस' दे रहा दीवाली की बधाई

गौतम कुमार मिश्रा • जागरण

नई दिल्ली : इस बार दीवाली के उपलक्ष्य में देश के सबसे बड़े एयरपोर्ट की सजावट मां सरस्वती के वाहन हंस की थीम पर की गई है। यात्रियों के लिए ये हंस आकर्षण का केंद्र हैं। रंग-बिरंगे शीशे से की गई हंसों की सजावट दर्शकों का ध्यान दूर से ही खींच रही है। पिछले वर्ष दीवाली पर एयरपोर्ट की सजावट की थीम मोर थी। इस बार मोर के बजाय हंस को चुना गया है। हंस पवित्रता, ज्ञान व रचनात्मकता का प्रतीक है।

एयरपोर्ट पर हंस फोरकोर्ट व अंदर दोनों ही जगह दीवाली की बधाई देते नजर आते हैं। 40 कुशल शिल्पकारों की टीम ने इसे तैयार किया है। कांच के दो लाख टुकड़ों का इन हंसों को तैयार करने में इस्तेमाल किया गया है। इनसे परावर्तित होकर रोशनी जब दर्शकों तक पहुंचती है तो वे एकबारगी हंसों के आगे ठहरने को मजबूर हो जाते हैं। डायल का कहना है कि इस बार दीवाली पर हंस की थीम पर की गई सजावट कला व संस्कृति का मिलन है। यह भारत की समृद्ध शिल्प कला का भी प्रतीक है।

एयरपोर्ट पर आने वाले यात्री भारत की शिल्पकला को नजदीक से समझ सकें, यहां इसकी भी व्यवस्था

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● इस बार दीवाली पर हंस थीम पर की गई है आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट की सजावट



एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों का ध्यान खींच रही हंस की प्रतिमा • सौजन्य: सुधी पाठक

### शास्त्रीय नृत्य व सुगम संगीत का प्रदर्शन

एयरपोर्ट पर डेल वाइब्स श्रृंखला के तहत जीवंत संगीत और नृत्य प्रदर्शन भी आयोजित किए जा रहे हैं, जो भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत को दर्शाते हैं। इसमें भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों में प्रचलित शास्त्रीय नृत्य आधारित प्रस्तुतियां शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा सुगम संगीत आधारित कार्यक्रम भी यात्रियों का ध्यान खींच रहे हैं।

इस बार की गई है। उदाहरण के लिए बात दीवाली की हो तो दीये का जिक्र लाजिमी है, लेकिन दीया कैसे बनता है, यह भी जानना जरूरी है। एयरपोर्ट पर इसके लिए वर्कशॉप आयोजित हो रहे हैं। यात्री यहां कुंभकारों को दीया बनाते देख सकते हैं। यात्री अगर चाहें तो चाक

पर हाथ भी आजमा सकते हैं। इसी तरह दीवाली हो और रंगोली न बने, ऐसा हो सकता है क्या? नहीं न, तो एयरपोर्ट पर यात्री रंगोली निर्माण, तोरण निर्माण, सजावट इत्यादि से जुड़ी कार्यशाला में हिस्सा लेकर इन विषयों पर अपने ज्ञान को समृद्ध कर सकते हैं।



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## Dhaka int'l airport fire halts flight operations

**DHAKA:** A massive fire broke out on Saturday at the cargo complex of the international airport in Bangladesh's capital, forcing authorities to suspend all flight operations as thick black smoke engulfed the area.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) said the blaze broke out in the afternoon at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, prompting the deployment of over two dozen firefighting units, with additional teams rushing to the scene.

"We received the information at 2:30 pm and immediately dispatched our units to join the ones deployed at the airport," Fire Service spokesman Talha Bin Zassim said.

Thirty-six firefighting units are



**Fire and smoke are visible in the cargo area of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Saturday** AP/PTI

engaged in the operation, he said.

CAAB officials said the Air Force's fire units also joined the rescue campaign.

"Landings and takeoffs of all aircraft have been suspended until further notice. All our aircraft are confirmed safe," a CAAB spokesperson said.

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## Dhaka int'l airport...

At least nine flights of different airlines scheduled to land in Dhaka were diverted to Shah Amanat International Airport in southeastern Chattogram and Osmani International Airport in northeastern Sylhet. Eight of them landed in Chattogram and one in Sylhet.

According to local media reports, chemicals stored in the cargo zone posed a major challenge for firefighters.

Eyewitnesses said personnel from the army, air force, navy, and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) joined the firefighting and rescue efforts.

They described the fire as a major one, with thick smoke covering a large part of the airport and surrounding areas.

This is the third major incident of fire in Bangladesh within a span of five days.

An eight-storey factory building at the Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) was completely destroyed in a massive fire on Thursday. There were no casualties.

On Tuesday, 16 workers were killed and several others were injured in a fire that broke out at a four-storey garment factory and a chemical warehouse in Dhaka.

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THE PIONEER

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## AIRPORT ARRESTS UNDER SCRUTINY

The Supreme Court has emphasized the urgent need for international airport authorities to thoroughly understand relevant laws before detaining or arresting international travelers. This directive came while quashing the arrest and criminal case against NRI Rocky Abraham, who was detained at Delhi airport in January 2025 for allegedly carrying a deer horn, violating the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. After DNA tests, the horn was identified as a reindeer horn, which does not breach Indian wildlife laws. Abraham was held for nearly two weeks before bail with strict conditions. The court condemned the hasty arrest, highlighting its potential to damage India's international reputation and violate human rights. All proceedings against Abraham were declared unlawful and quashed, and he was allowed to seek damages in an appropriate forum.



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19 OCTOBER 2025

## Sensitise airport officers on laws: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
n New Delhi

There is an imminent need for jurisdictional agencies, handling affairs at international airports, to sensitise their officers in the prevailing laws before taking the drastic step of detention and arrest of an international traveller, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta made the observations while quashing the arrest and criminal proceedings against NRI Rocky Abraham, an Indian citizen settled in Italy for over two decades.

He was detained at the Delhi airport in January 2025 for allegedly carrying a deer horn in violation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Abraham was arrested after airport officials found the horn in his baggage and registered an FIR under Sections 39, 49, and 51 of the Act. He remained in custody for nearly two weeks before securing bail with onerous conditions, including a ban on leaving India.

The top court noted that the article recovered from the petitioner upon DNA analysis was a reindeer horn, which does not infringe any provision of law pertaining to forest or wildlife in India.

"This court feels an imminent need to require the jurisdictional agencies concerned, handling affairs at the international airports, to sensitise their officers in the prevailing laws before taking the drastic step of detention and arrest of an international traveller.

"Needless to State that any such step should not be taken in haste and must be proceeded by appropriate legal opinion and with a pragmatic approach," the bench said.

The apex court said such ill-advised actions tend to bring the reputation of the country to disrepute in the international fora, in addition to bringing the conduct of the concerned officers into breach of the human rights guarantees.

"Consequently, we hereby declare the arrest of the petitioner and so also the FIR and all proceedings sought to be taken thereunder against the petitioner to be unlawful. The same are hereby quashed.

The writ petition pending before the High Court and the proceedings, if any, pending before the jurisdictional trial Court shall also stand closed. The petitioner is given liberty to avail a suitable remedy seeking damages before the appropriate forum," it said.



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SWATANTRA BHARAT

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## ‘हवाई अड्डों पर अधिकारियों को मौजूदा कानूनों के प्रति संवेदनशील बनाने की जरूरत’

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों पर काम करने वाली क्षेत्रीय एजेंसियों के लिए यह बेहद जरूरी है कि वे अपने अधिकारियों को मौजूदा कानूनों के

■ अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री की गिरफ्तारी पर बोला सुप्रीम कोर्ट

बारे में पहले से ही संवेदनशील बनाएं, खासकर तब जब वे किसी अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री को हिरासत में लेने या गिरफ्तार करने जैसा गंभीर कदम उठाने जा रहे हों। जस्टिस विक्रम



नाथ और जस्टिस संदीप मेहता की बेंच ने यह टिप्पणी उस समय की, जब उन्होंने प्रवासी भारतीय (एनआरआई) रॉकी अब्राहम की गिरफ्तारी और उनके खिलाफ शुरू

की गई आपराधिक कार्यवाही को रद्द कर दिया। अब्राहम पिछले बीस वर्षों से इटली में बसे भारतीय नागरिक हैं। जनवरी 2025 में अब्राहम को दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे पर हिरासत में लिया गया था। उन पर आरोप था कि वह अपने सामान में हिरण की सींग लेकर जा रहे थे, जो कि वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 के तहत प्रतिबंधित है। हवाई अड्डे के अधिकारियों ने बैग से सींग बरामद होने के बाद उसके खिलाफ इस अधिनियम की धारा 39, 49 और 51 के तहत प्राथमिकी दर्ज की थी और उसे गिरफ्तार कर लिया था।

Airport suspends all operations after blaze

## Dhaka fire disrupts flights

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KUSHWAHA AND PTI

**Dhaka:** A massive fire broke out on Saturday at the cargo complex of the international airport in Bangladesh's capital, forcing authorities to suspend all flight operations as thick black smoke engulfed the area.



Smoke billows from the fire-ravaged cargo bay at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on Saturday. (Reuters)

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) said the blaze broke out in the afternoon at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, prompting the deployment of over two dozen firefighting units, with additional teams rushing to the scene.

"We received the information at 2.30pm and immediately dispatched our units to join the ones deployed at the airport," fire service spokesman Talha Bin Zaim said. Thirty-six firefighting units have been engaged, he added.

CAAB officials said the Air Force's fire units had also joined the rescue campaign.

"Landings and takeoffs of all aircraft have been suspended until further notice. All our

aircraft are confirmed safe," a CAAB spokesperson said.

At least nine flights of different airlines scheduled to land in Dhaka were diverted to Shah Amanat International Airport in southeastern Chattogram and Osman International Airport in northeastern Sylhet.

An Air India flight from Delhi to Dhaka was delayed for over two hours. "Due to the closure of Dhaka airport for all flight operations, flight AI237 scheduled to operate from Delhi to Dhaka on 18 October has been delayed. Consequently, the return flight AI238 set to operate from Dhaka to Delhi will also have a delayed departure," an Air India spokesperson said.

According to flight tracking website flightradar24, the flight scheduled to depart at 5.20pm will now leave at 9.15pm. Air India said its ground teams in Delhi and Dhaka were providing immediate assistance to passengers and keeping them informed about the flight status.

An IndiGo flight operating from Delhi to Dhaka was reportedly diverted to Calcutta, but there was no official confirmation from the airline. According to flightradar24, the flight left Delhi airport at 12.53pm but was diverted to Calcutta after the Dhaka airport suspended operations. The IndiGo flight, which was scheduled to take off from Calcutta for Dhaka on Saturday evening, was delayed.

Local media reports said chemicals stored in the cargo zone posed a major challenge for firefighters. Eyewitnesses reported that personnel from the army, air force, navy, and Border Guard Bangladesh participated in the firefighting and rescue efforts.



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THE TELEGRAPH

KOLKATA

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## Dhaka flights diverted to city

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**Calcutta:** Several Dhaka-bound flights were diverted to Calcutta because of the fire at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

At least four flights were reported to have landed in Calcutta till Saturday evening, said airport sources.

"An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Dhaka and another from Chennai to Dhaka were diverted to Calcutta," said an airport official in Calcutta.

"A FlyDubai flight from Dubai to Dhaka and a Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong were also diverted to Calcutta.

Flights to and out of Bangladesh's main airport were delayed or diverted to Satur-



Smoke rises from the cargo complex of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on Saturday. (PTI)

day after a major fire broke out in the cargo terminal around 2.30pm, officials said.

"Flight operations may be affected in Calcutta on Sunday as well. We are keeping a

close watch on the situation in Dhaka," the official added.

Following the fire, all flights to and from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport were temporarily suspended.

Several inbound flights were diverted to Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong and Osmani International Airport in Sylhet.

There was no immediate information as to what may have caused the blaze at Dhaka. Both domestic and international flights were affected.

Thirty-six firefighting units are working to douse the flames, an officer at the Fire Service and Civil Defence Media Cell, told Reuters.



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

CHENNAI

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## Flight from Chennai returns due to fire at Dhaka airport

**Chennai:** Flight operations between Chennai and Dhaka were disrupted on Friday following a fire incident at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka, leading to temporary runway closure and flight diversions.

An IndiGo flight (6E1113) operating from Chennai to Dhaka, which departed at 1.31pm, was diverted to Kolkata due to the closure of Dhaka airport. The aircraft later returned to Chennai as flight 6E9051, with an expected arrival at 9.45pm, according to Airport Authority officials.

Meanwhile, a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight (BG0364) bound for Dhaka from Chennai was delayed for several hours. The flight, originally scheduled to depart at 2.40 pm, was held back, and passengers were disembarked around 4.40 pm.

AAI officials confirmed that both disruptions were a result of the fire at the Dhaka airport terminal, which prompted authorities there to suspend operations temporarily. Normal flight services are expected to resume once safety clearances are issued and the runway is reopened. **TNN**



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

MUMBAI

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## Two airport staffers held with gold dust worth ₹2 crore

**Mumbai:** Two employees of AI Airport Services Limited (AIASL) were caught red handed while retrieving 1.2 kg of gold dust worth Rs 1.60 crore hidden in the aircraft by the smuggling syndicate.

On specific intelligence the DRI Mumbai unit kept vigilance on the aircraft that had arrived from Dammam, Saudi Arabia post disembarkation of passengers. The DRI officials intercepted the two staffers Shankar Ramchandra Patil and Sunil Verma who were assigned the task of cleaning the aircraft and were acting very suspiciously. On their physical examination the officials recovered 1,200 grams of gold dust. The accused had retrieved the gold dust and had hidden it inside the aero bridge. Upon inquiring they admitted to have retrieved the gold on behest of a syndicate that had promised them Rs 10,000 each. TNN



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20 OCTOBER 2025

## विमान में पावर बैंक में लगी आग सभी यात्री सुरक्षित

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर दीमापुर जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में एक यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लग गई, लेकिन चालक दल की तत्परता से स्थिति कुछ ही सेकंड में नियंत्रित कर ली गई। सभी यात्री और चालक दल के सदस्य सुरक्षित हैं।

इंडिगो ने बताया कि फ्लाइट-6ई 2107, जो दिल्ली से नगालैंड के दीमापुर के लिए रवाना हो रही थी, इस दौरान पावर बैंक में आग लग गई। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि कर्मचारियों ने मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) का पालन करते हुए आग पर तुरंत काबू पा लिया। बाद में करीब दो घंटे की देरी के बाद विमान ने 2:33 बजे उड़ान भरी और 4:45 बजे दीमापुर पहुंचा। इंडिगो ने यात्रियों के शांत और सहयोगी रवैये की सराहना की और बताया कि उन्हें रिक्रामेंट उपलब्ध कराए गए। जांच के बाद विमान को संचालन के लिए सुरक्षित घोषित किया गया। पिछले हफ्ते भी एयर चाइना के विमान में लिथियम बैटरी में आग लग गई थी। ब्यूरो



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## फ्लाइट में महिला को गलत तरीके से छूने पर नशे में धुत यूपी का यात्री गिरफ्तार

हैदराबाद। चेन्नई से हैदराबाद जा रही फ्लाइट में नशे में धुत एक यात्री को महिला को गलत तरीके से छूने के आरोप में गिरफ्तार किया गया। पुलिस ने रविवार को दी जानकारी में बताया कि शुक्रवार को 38 साल की महिला आईटी पेशवर फ्लाइट में अपने पति के बगल में बैठी थी। इस दौरान उसी फ्लाइट में सवार चेन्नई में काम करने वाला 45 साल का एक शख्स भी हैदराबाद होते हुए उत्तर प्रदेश जा रहा था।

नशे में धुत यह शख्स दंपती के बगल की सीट पर बैठा था। सफर के दौरान दंपती सो गए। जब फ्लाइट हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने वाली थी। इस दौरान महिला ने महसूस किया कि कोई उन्हें गलत तरीके से छू रहा था। महिला ने जैसे ही बगल में बैठे आरोपी का हाथ देखा उसने शोर मचा दिया। फ्लाइट के लैंड होते ही महिला ने आरजीआईए पुलिस में शिकायत दर्ज कराई। पुलिस ने तुरंत कार्रवाई करते हुए बीएनएस से जुड़ी धाराओं के तहत मामला दर्ज किया आरोपी यात्री को गिरफ्तार कर लिया। हालांकि, पुलिस के सामने आरोपी ने दावा किया कि उसने महिला को गलती से छू लिया था। पुलिस मामले में आगे जांच कर रही है। एजेसी



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## **Minor fire onboard IndiGo Delhi-Dimapur flight**

**New Delhi:** An incident involving a minor fire due to a passenger's electronic device occurred onboard an IndiGo flight operating from Delhi to Dimapur on Sunday. Initial investigations determined an overheated battery as the cause of the incident. However, the minor incident was brought under control by the aircraft's cabin crew's "swift action", an IndiGo spokesperson told *businessline*. The personal electronic equipment was stored in the seat-back pocket, the spokesperson said. OUR BUREAU



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## 'India has potential to sustain at least 5 major airlines'

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

India's booming air travel sector has the potential to support at least five major airlines, said Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu in an exclusive conversation with *businessline*.

In 2024, India's total air passenger traffic grew 7.72 per cent to 23.28 crore from 21.61 crore in 2023.

"We have not just doubled the number of airports in the last 11 years, we have also doubled the passenger traffic," said Naidu, adding that India is no longer a small

aviation market. "The current growth momentum of the industry has the potential to support at least five major airlines in the country having an average fleet size of over 100 aircraft."

According to the Minister, new policies, such as modified UDAN, new airport development, and widening and democratisation of air travel, will attract new players to the market.

### MARKET DUOPOLY

At present, the market faces a duopoly, with IndiGo having 65 per cent share and Air India Group at 27 per cent.

When asked about the



Ram Mohan Naidu,  
Civil Aviation Minister

duopoly, he said other airlines are trying to augment capacity. "Our airlines have more than 1,700 aircraft on order; we need more aircraft to accommodate the growing needs of air travellers," he

said, citing that policies such as modified UDAN will also lead to the development of helipads and smaller airfields, especially in the North-East. On the requirement of more pilots and trained manpower to sustain growth, he called for the formation of more FTOs (flying training organisations) and "more importantly the FTOs that provide quality training".

Naidu recently launched a performance-based ranking framework for FTOs. "None of the FTOs have achieved the top grades. This is a matter of concern; we only have 40 of these in the country."

## 'India-China flights to rebuild intra-regional connectivity'

**Our Bureau**  
Mumbai

The restart of passenger flights between India and China presents an opportunity to reclaim market share and rebuild Asia's intra-regional connectivity, said the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

### BORDER TENSIONS

Services were halted in early 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and remained sus-

pended amid prolonged border tensions. These will resume with IndiGo launching flights between Kolkata and Chengdu on October 26 and Delhi and Chengdu from November 10. On Saturday, China Eastern Airlines announced that it will launch three weekly flights between Shanghai and Delhi, starting November 9.

### ROBUST RECOVERY

The service will be operated with Airbus A330 aircraft,

and will offer passengers onward connection to Japan, Korea and Taiwan. "Direct flights will reduce travel time and costs for business travellers, students and tourists, supporting broader and deeper socioeconomic ties as well as accelerating economic activity on both sides. The restart will boost Asia's international traffic further, which has seen a robust recovery since travel restrictions began to be lifted in 2022," said IATA.

Before the disruption, In-

dia-China passenger traffic was growing at double-digit rates; it doubled between 2011 and 2019, reaching nearly 1 million annual passengers. Over half-a-million passengers flew between India and China in fiscal 2025, and the number is set to grow with the planned resumption of flights.

In the absence of non-stop flights, passengers between India and China transited via Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and other cities.

## 80 अरब डालर के निवेश से विस्तार करेगी एअर इंडिया

जयप्रकाश रंजन • जागरण

नई दिल्ली: टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयर इंडिया अपनी महत्वाकांक्षी विस्तार योजना को नई गति दे चुकी है। इस विस्तार योजना को अगले एक दशक तक कई चरणों में लागू किया जाएगा। विस्तार योजना की व्यापकता को इस बात से समझा जा सकता है कि अभी तक बोइंग और एयरबस से कुल 570 नए विमानों की खरीद का समझौता करने के बाद कंपनी ने इन दोनों कंपनियों से 300 और नए विमानों की आपूर्ति को लेकर बात शुरू की है।

वैसे आधिकारिक तौर पर एअर इंडिया ने अपनी कुल निवेश योजना के बारे में कुछ नहीं बताया है, लेकिन माना जा रहा है कि इन योजनाओं पर 80 अरब डालर तक की लागत आएगी। अभी कंपनी के पास करीब दो सौ के करीब



- फिलीपींस के बाद कई नई उड़ानें शुरू करेगी टाटा समूह की विमानन कंपनी
- एशिया, अफ्रीका, अमेरिका के लिए नई रूटों पर अध्ययन जारी, फैसला जल्द

है। लेकिन पिछले दो वर्षों में कुल 570 विमानों की खरीद का समझौता किया गया है। जो विमानन इतिहास में एकमुश्त दिया गया सबसे बड़ा आर्डर है। वर्ष 2023 में 470 विमानों का और बाद में वर्ष 2025 में 100 विमानों का समझौता किया गया है। एअर इंडिया 300 और नए विमान खरीदने की संभावना पर विचार कर रही है। इन विमानों की आपूर्ति वर्ष 2025 के अंत या वर्ष 2026 के शुरुआत से हो जाएगी। दुनिया की दिग्गज विमानन कंपनी यूनाइटेड एयरलाइंस (1000 विमान),

अमेरिका एयरलाइंस (1000 विमान) और चाइना साउथर्न एयरलाइंस (600 विमान) अभी एअर इंडिया से काफी आगे हैं।

कंपनी के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि नए विमान एअर इंडिया की वैश्विक ब्रांड इमेज को मजबूत करने में सबसे अहम भूमिका निभाएंगे। एअर इंडिया इसी सोच के साथ पिछले दो वर्षों से घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय रूटों का व्यापक अध्ययन कर रही है। एअर इंडिया की नजर दक्षिण पूर्व एशियाई देशों, अफ्रीका और अमेरिका के बाजारों

पर खास तौर पर है।

एअर इंडिया के सीईओ और एमडी कैपबेल विल्सन ने कहा कि हमारी विस्तार योजना भारत को दुनिया से जोड़ने का एक मजबूत माध्यम है। फिलीपींस जैसी उभरती अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के साथ सीधी कनेक्टिविटी न केवल यात्रियों को सुविधा प्रदान करेगी, बल्कि एअर इंडिया को वैश्विक स्तर पर एक प्रमुख कंपनी के रूप में स्थापित करेगी। एक अन्य अधिकारी ने बताया कि नए रूट पर सेवा शुरू करने के साथ सेवा गुणवत्ता पर भी ध्यान होगा। चीन के लिए भी जल्द ही सीधी उड़ान शुरू होगी। कंपनी की विस्तार योजना में कंपनी नोएडा और नवी मुंबई के नए हवाई अड्डों की भी अहम भूमिका होगी।



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## ■ AI to Bring Stranded Passengers from Milan



**NEW DELHI** Air India will operate a special flight from Milan to Delhi on Sunday to bring back

passengers stranded in the Italian city after the airline cancelled their flight on Friday due to a technical issue with the Dreamliner aircraft. Over 250 passengers were left stranded in Milan following the cancellation of flight AI138. Passengers took to social media, complaining about the lack of adequate facilities at the airport. The airline on Sunday said it will operate the special flight today to transport passengers affected by the cancellation. Air India also stated that its teams are proactively contacting passengers who had been rebooked on other airlines with post-Diwali arrivals.

## इंडिगो विमान में यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लगी

### दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे की घटना

नई दिल्ली, एजेसी। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआई) पर टैक्सिंग (रनवे पर जाने की प्रक्रिया) के समय इंडिगो विमान में यात्री के पावर बैंक में आग लग गई। सूत्रों ने बताया कि केविन क्रू ने आग को बुझा दिया। यह फ्लाइट दिल्ली से दीमापुर जा रही थी।

इंडिगो ने कहा कि इस घटना में किसी के घायल होने की खबर नहीं है। विमान में सवार सभी यात्री और चालक दल के सदस्य सुरक्षित हैं। एयरलाइन ने बयान में कहा कि 19 अक्टूबर को दिल्ली से नगालैंड के दीमापुर जाने वाली उड़ान संख्या 6ई 2107 विमान में सीट के पीछे के कवर में रखे एक यात्री के निजी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण में मामूली आग



■ रनवे में उड़ान भरते समय लगी आग, केविन क्रू ने समय रहते बुझाया

लगने के कारण वापस लौट आई। सूत्रों ने बताया कि विमान जब हवाई अड्डे पर रनवे पर जाने की प्रक्रिया कर रहा था, तभी पावर बैंक में आग लग गई। विमान में सवार यात्रियों की संख्या के बारे में विवरण उपलब्ध नहीं था।

मिलान में फंसे यात्रियों के लिए विशेष उड़ान

एयर इंडिया ने इटली के मिलान में फंसे यात्रियों को वापस भारत लाने के लिए एक विशेष उड़ान संचालित की। एयर इंडिया के मुताबिक, यह विशेष उड़ान एआई138डी रविवार को स्थानीय समयानुसार शाम 7:00 बजे मिलान से रवाना हुई और 20 अक्टूबर की सुबह दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। उधर, इंडोनेशिया के जकार्ता से सऊदी अरब के मदीना जा रहे एक विमान को रविवार को मार्ग परिवर्तित करके तिरुवनंतपुरम हवाई अड्डे पर उतारा गया। अधिकारी के अनुसार, एक यात्री उड़ान भरने के कुछ देर बाद बेहोश हो गया था।



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हैदराबाद, एजेंसी। चेन्नई से हैदराबाद जा रही उड़ान में 38 वर्षीय महिला आईटी पेशेवर को अनुचित तरीके से छूने के आरोप में एक व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार किया गया है। पुलिस ने रविवार को यह जानकारी दी।

पुलिस ने बताया कि यह घटना

शुक्रवार को हुई। चेन्नई में काम करने वाला 45 वर्षीय व्यक्ति हैदराबाद होते हुए उत्तर प्रदेश जा रहा था और वह नशे में था। महिला अपने पति के साथ बैठी थी, जबकि आरोपी यात्री विमान में उनके बगल में बैठा था।

पुलिस ने बताया कि पति-पत्नी विमान में सो गए थे। जब विमान

हैदराबाद हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने वाला था तो महिला को लगा कि कोई उसे अनुचित तरीके से छू रहा है। तभी उसने आरोपी व्यक्ति के हाथ को देखा और शोर मचा दिया। विमान के उतरने के बाद महिला ने राजीव गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पुलिस में शिकायत दर्ज कराई।



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## Air India to operate special flight for passengers stranded in Milan

Air India will operate a special flight from Milan to Delhi on Sunday to bring back passengers stranded in the Italian city after the airline had cancelled its flight on Friday following a technical issue with the Dreamliner aircraft. There were posts on social media complaining about the lack of adequate facilities for the passengers. "To ensure that the affected passengers can return home to India in time for the festive occasion, our teams expedited the rectification process on the aircraft at Milan and secured the necessary approvals to operate an additional commercial flight departing Milan at 1900 hours local time and arriving in Delhi on the morning of 20 October," a statement said. PH



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## China Eastern Airlines to resume direct flights

**Reuters**

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**BEIJING:** State-backed China Eastern Airlines will resume Shanghai-Delhi flights from November 9, the airline's website showed on Saturday, as China and India resume direct air links amid a diplomatic thaw after a five-year freeze.

The flights will operate three times a week on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the airline's online ticket sales platform showed. China Eastern Airlines did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

India's foreign ministry said earlier this month that commercial flights between the two neighbouring countries would restart after a five-year freeze.

The announcement followed PM Narendra Modi's first visit to China in over seven years, for a summit meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation regional security bloc. The two sides discussed ways to improve trade ties, while Modi raised concerns about India's burgeoning bilateral trade deficit. India and China's foreign ministries did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the Shanghai-Delhi flights.



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## On Nov. 9, China Eastern to restart Shanghai-Delhi flights

China Eastern Airlines will restart flights between Shanghai and New Delhi from November 9 with thrice weekly flights, *CCTV* said. They will be operated on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. DGCA officials say there are also requests from Chinese carriers such as Air China (Beijing-New Delhi flights) and Shandong (Kunming -Delhi flights) for passenger services as well as China Southern (Guangzhou -Delhi) and Sichuan Airline's (Chengdu-Delhi) for cargo services.



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## Power bank catches fire on board IndiGo plane headed to Dimapur

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
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A PASSENGER'S power bank caught fire on board a Dimapur-bound IndiGo plane while taxiing at the Delhi airport on Sunday, which was extinguished by the cabin crew, sources said.

No injury was reported in the incident, and all passengers and crew on board were safe, IndiGo said.

The airline said in a statement that flight 6E 2107 operating from Delhi to Dimapur, Nagaland, on October 19 returned to base due to a minor fire triggered by a passenger's personal electronic equipment stored in the seat-back pocket on board.

The sources said a power bank caught fire when the aircraft was taxiing at the airport.

"The crew managed the situation quickly by diligently following the standard operating procedure, and the incident was controlled within seconds," the statement said.

According to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com, the flight 6E 2107, operated with an Airbus A320 neo aircraft, took off from the Delhi airport at 14:33 hours and landed at Dimapur in Nagaland at 16:45 hours. The flight was scheduled to take off from the Delhi airport at 12:25 hours. Authorities were informed immediately in line with the set protocol, IndiGo said, adding that after all the necessary checks, the aircraft was cleared for operations.



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## एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट ने फिर दिया घोखा, इटली से चले और वहीं अटके

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य

एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में खराबी रुकने का नाम नहीं ले रही है। ताजा मामला इटली के शहर मिलान से दिल्ली आ रही फ्लाइट का है। दिवाली मनाने घर लौट रहे 256 यात्रियों और 10 से ज्यादा क्रू मेंबर्स का प्लान उस वक्त खराब हो गया जब मिलान से दिल्ली आ रही एयर इंडिया की ड्रीमलाइनर फ्लाइट में खराबी आ गई और उसे रद्द करना पड़ा। यह फ्लाइट शुक्रवार को उड़ान भरने वाली थी। एक यात्री जिसका शेंगेन वीजा 20 अक्टूबर को एक्सपायर हो रहा था उन्हें दूसरी एयरलाइन में रीबुक किया गया है ताकि वे दिवाली से पहले दिल्ली पहुंच सकें। बाकी यात्रियों को सोमवार के बाद दूसरी फ्लाइट्स से घर भेजा जाएगा। यानी उन्हें दिवाली

इटली में ही मनानी पड़ सकती है।

एयर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा कि AI 138, जो 17 अक्टूबर को मिलान से दिल्ली आने वाली थी, उसे रद्द कर दिया गया। ऐसा विमान में आई एक तकनीकी खराबी के कारण हुआ, जिसे ठीक करने में ज्यादा समय लग रहा था। हमने सभी यात्रियों और क्रू की सुरक्षा को सबसे ऊपर रखा। एयर इंडिया ने बताया कि सभी प्रभावित यात्रियों को होटल में ठहराया गया है। हालांकि, होटल की सीमित उपलब्धता के कारण, कुछ यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट के आसपास के इलाके से थोड़ी दूर ठहराना पड़ा। एयर इंडिया के प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि यात्रियों को 20 अक्टूबर या उसके बाद की वैकल्पिक उड़ानों में रीबुक किया गया है।

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# किरण मजूमदार-शाँ ने तो IndiGo की इज्जत उतार दी

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य

बायोकाँन की फाउंडर और भारतीय अरबपति उद्योगपति किरण मजूमदार-शाँ (Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw) को तो जानते ही होंगे। उन्होंने दिवाली से पहले भारत की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो (IndiGo) का बैंड बजा दिया। दरअसल, बैंड बजाया उनके एक ट्वीट ने जो कि इस समय सोशल मीडिया पर चर्चा का विषय बना हुआ है।

सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म ट्वीटर जो कि आजकल एक्स बन गया है, पर बंगलुरु की जानी-मानी बिजनेसवुमन किरण मजूमदार-शाँ ने ट्वीट किया, ₹@IndiGo6E अपने स्ट्रेच पैसेंजर्स के लिए इसे 'गॉरमेट क्यूजीन' कहता है! मुझे तो उनके रेगुलर आइटम ही

● 'कहते हो गॉरमेट क्यूजीन जबकि है बेस्वाद'

ज्यादा पैसे चार्ज किए जाते हैं। उन्होंने फ्लाइट में मिले मेन्यू की एक तस्वीर भी शेयर की। मेन्यू का पहला



पसंद हैं! ओबेरीय को इस बेस्वाद और बेमन से बने मेन्यू पर सोचना चाहिए - कृपया एक ग्राहक सर्वे करें और मैं शर्त लगाती हूँ कि 100% लोग यही कहेंगे। उल्लेखनीय है कि IndiGoStretch, एयरलाइन की प्रीमियम बिजनेस क्लास है। इसमें इकोनॉमी क्लास के मुकाबले बहुत

आइटम था 'जर्मन दाल और फेटा सलाद जिसमें चुकंदर का आलू मिला हुआ है।' बाकी डिशों में 'लवाश क्रीम चीज़ डिप के साथ', 'थेओडो ट्रेज़ लेचे केक', और 'भुने हुए मेवे, गुलाबी नमक और काली मिर्च' शामिल थे। मेन्यू में फ्लाइट में मिलने वाले ड्रिंक्स की लिस्ट भी थी।



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## IGIA: Power bank catches fire on board Dimapur-bound flight

**NEW DELHI:** A passenger's power bank caught fire on board a Dimapur-bound IndiGo plane while taxiing at the Delhi airport on Sunday, which was extinguished by the cabin crew, sources said.

No injuries were reported in the incident, and all passengers and crew on board were safe, IndiGo said.

The airline said in a statement that flight 6E 2107 operating from Delhi to Dimapur, Nagaland, on October 19 returned to bay due to a minor fire triggered by a passenger's personal electronic equipment stored in the seat-back pocket on board.

### No injuries were reported in the incident: IndiGo

The sources said a power bank caught fire when the aircraft was taxiing at the airport.

"The crew managed the situation quickly by diligently following the standard operating procedure, and the incident was controlled within seconds," the statement said.

According to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com, the flight AI2107, operated with an Airbus A320 neo aircraft, took off from the Delhi airport at 14:33 hours and landed at Dimapur (Nagaland) at 16:45 hours. The flight was scheduled to take off from the Delhi airport at 12:25 hours.

Relevant authorities were informed immediately in line with the set protocol, IndiGo said, adding that after all the necessary checks, the aircraft was cleared for operations.

"We thank our valued customers for remaining calm and cooperative during this incident. Our teams made all possible efforts to minimise inconvenience to passengers, including offering them refreshments," the airline said. #1



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## **Air India to operate Milan flight to bring back stranded passengers**

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■ New Delhi

Air India will operate a special flight from Milan to Delhi on Sunday to bring back passengers stranded in the Italian city after the airline had cancelled their flight on Friday following a technical issue with the Dreamliner aircraft.

More than 250 passengers were stranded at Milan after the flight cancellation on Friday. There were posts on social media complaining about the lack of adequate facilities for the passengers.

The airline on Sunday said it will operate a flight from Milan to Delhi today to accommodate passengers of flight AI138, which was cancelled on October 17 due to a technical issue.

"To ensure that the affected passengers can return home to India in time for the festive occasion, our teams expedited the rectification process on the aircraft at Milan and secured the necessary approvals to operate an additional commercial flight, AI138D, departing Milan at 1900 hours local time and arriving in Delhi on the morning of 20 October," Air India said in a statement.

The airline also said its teams are proactively reaching out to the affected passengers, who were previously rebooked on other airlines with post-Diwali arrivals, offering them the option to maintain their existing bookings or switch to the additional flight operating today.



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## Air India's spl flight to bring back passengers stranded in Milan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The 256 Delhi-bound passengers of Air India stuck in Milan since last Friday will finally be able to reach India in time for Diwali celebrations. AI has decided to operate a special flight on Sunday (Oct 19) to fly them home for the festival of lights, instead of the original alternate arrangements that would have seen them return starting Monday or post-Diwali.

The legacy AI Boeing 787 Dreamliner (VT-ANN) had developed a technical issue on landing in Milan last Friday, due to which it could not operate the return flight to Delhi.

AI said on X on Sunday: "Air India has extended all immediate assistance to affected passengers, including hotel accommodation and meals. Full refunds or complimentary rescheduling were also offered as per passenger preference. We remain committed to extending support and assistance to our passengers at every step."

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner VT-ANN had taken off from Delhi last Friday (Oct 17) at 2:54 pm as AI 137 and reached its destination about nine hours later, after taking a longer route bypassing Pakistani airspace. On landing in Italy, a technical issue was detected on the aircraft, which could not be rectified in time to operate the return AI 138 to Delhi.

AI's legacy wide-body fleet remains the Maharaja's Achilles' heel, both in terms of technical dispatch reliability and onboard experience.

Before VT-ANN, another AI Dreamliner had also faced an issue. The Indian DGCA has sought information from Boeing on that case, involving a B787 whose ram air turbine (RAT) automatically deployed just before touching down in the UK about two weeks ago.



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## Chinese carriers to resume India flight from Nov 9

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** China Eastern Airlines will be the first Chinese carrier to resume direct India flights with a thrice-weekly service between Shanghai and Delhi from Nov 9 after an over five-year lull.

IndiGo is the first Indian carrier that will resume China service with a daily between Kolkata and Guangzhou from Oct 26, and then Delhi and Guangzhou from Nov 10. Air India will fly to the country before the end of the year and other Chinese carriers will have India flights too.

In 2019, India and China had 539 direct flights, including by Air India, IndiGo, China Southern and China Eastern. Since 2020 travelling between India and China meant doing so through a third country, mostly in Southeast Asia.



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# UP man detained for 'groping' techie on Air India flight

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Hyderabad:** A flyer was arrested for allegedly groping a 38-year-old IT professional on an Air India Express flight from Chennai to Hyderabad on Friday.

The accused has been identified as Vinay Singh Chouhan, a 32-year-old native of UP employed with a construction company in Chennai. "The accused was travelling to his native place via Hyderabad. He was under the influence of alcohol," an officer said.

According to police officers at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), the complainant was seated beside her husband, and the accused next to the couple, on Flight IX-2882.

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suddenly felt someone touching her. Believing at first that her husband had brushed against her, she ignored the contact. But as the touch felt inappropriate, she opened her eyes and saw the co-passenger's hand on her body," a police officer said.

The woman raised the alarm and confronted the suspect. Cabin crew were alerted. After landing around 9.30am, she lodged a complaint.

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According to RGIA police officers, the complainant was seated beside her husband,

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someone touching her. Believing at first that her husband had brushed against her, she ignored the contact. But as the touch felt inappropriate, she opened her eyes and saw the co-passenger's hand on her body," a police officer said.

The woman raised the alarm and confronted the suspect. Cabin crew were alerted. After landing around 9.30am, she lodged a complaint. A case was then registered under Section 74 (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against Chouhan.

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### Police issue notice to flyer

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The investigation was assigned to a woman sub-inspector. "We have recorded the statements of the complainant and her husband. Since the punishment for the offence is below seven years, we have issued a notice to the accused asking him to appear for questioning," the police officer said.



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### Flyer held for 'groping' techie on flight to Hyd

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## Power bank catches fire in IndiGo plane at Delhi airport

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 19

A passenger's power bank caught fire on board a Dimapur-bound IndiGo plane while taxiing at the Delhi airport on Sunday, with the cabin crew extinguishing the fire, sources said.

No injuries were reported in the incident, and all passengers and crew on board were safe, IndiGo said.

The airline said in a statement that flight 6E 2107 operating from Delhi to Dimapur, Nagaland, on October 19 returned to bay due to a minor fire triggered by a passenger's personal electronic equipment stored in the seat-back pocket on board.

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