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## Govt accelerates push for new airport, shortlists 2 locations

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**Bengaluru:** The state govt is expediting plans for Bengaluru's second international airport, aiming to finalise the location soon amid growing criticism over delays and competition from Tamil Nadu's proposed greenfield airport at Hosur, just 35km from the city.

After initially identifying seven potential sites through a study by consulting firm Idec, the process slowed due to lack of consensus among ministers and distractions caused by byelections and polls in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. With bypolls concluded and the election campaign in Maharashtra's wrapping up on Monday, officials expect the project to gain momentum.

Infrastructure department (ID) officials say site selection is now in the final phase and a proposal will be sent to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) later this week after ID minister MB Patil returns from poll duty in Maharashtra. "Preliminary preparations are on track. The shortlist is now down to three. The govt has asked for a detailed analysis of pros and cons of these three sites. One or two will be finalised and a proposal sent to AAI thereaf-



**FULL STEAM:** Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar campaigns for Congress in Latur on Monday. Polls in Maharashtra was one reason for the delay in finalising the location for the second airport

ter," an official said.

The urgency stems from Tamil Nadu's plans to develop a greenfield international airport in Hosur, which could diminish Bengaluru's strategic advantage if Karnataka delays its proposal.

"Our govt is mindful of the fierce competition from Tamil Nadu," said Priyank Kharge, IT-BT minister and govt spokesperson. "The process to finalise a location is being expedited. There will be no delay."

In Aug, the govt shortlisted seven potential locations and intended to seek AAI's input on technical feasibility. But internal disagreements on the location delayed progress, forcing chief minister Siddaramaiah to temporarily put the project on hold.

Home minister G Parameshwara, representing Kolar, wanted the airport

near Tumakuru, while deputy CM DK Shivakumar preferred locations in his home district of Ramanagara, with Bidadi and Harohalli emerging as strong contenders.

But stakeholders and domain experts favour a site in southern Bengaluru to alleviate traffic congestion at the city's existing airport in the north. Adding complexity, Shivakumar is also proposing a skydeck in Hemmigepeera, which will fall within the air traffic zone of the potential Bidadi or Harohalli airport sites. To address concerns on the skydeck, the govt sought public feedback. BBMP chief engineer for projects, M Lokesh, said: "We are open to looking for an alternative site for the skydeck. More than 300 suggestions have come from the public. We will soon finalise the location keeping all factors in mind," Lokesh said.

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# हवाईअड्डों के लिए करेंगे 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये व्यय

देश में सात प्रमुख हवाईअड्डों का संचालन करने वाली और नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे का निर्माण कर रही अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड (एएचएल) के निदेशक जीत अदाणी की महत्वाकांक्षी योजनाएं हैं। उद्योगपति गौतम अदाणी के छोटे पुत्र ने साल 2019 में अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज (ईएल) के ग्रुप सीएफओ के कार्यालय में रणनीतिक वित्त, पूंजी बाजार, जोखिम और प्रशासन नीति टीम के रूप में काम करना शुरू किया और फिर साल 2022 में उन्हें समूह के हवाईअड्डा कारोबार का नेतृत्व करने के लिए कहा गया। पेन्सिलवेनिया विश्वविद्यालय से



इंजीनियरिंग स्नातक जीत समूह के डिजिटल और रक्षा कारोबारों के भी प्रभारी हैं। अहमदाबाद में दीपक पटेल के साथ विशेष बातचीत में 27 वर्षीय जीत ने हवाईअड्डा कारोबार के लिए अपने दृष्टिकोण के बारे में बताया, जिसके बारे में उम्मीद है कि वह अगले कुछ वर्षों में करीब एक लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश आकर्षित करेगा। प्रमुख अंश ...

**विमानन कंपनियों के बीच एकीकरण का हवाईअड्डों पर क्या प्रभाव होता है?**  
 इसके सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक दोनों प्रभाव होते हैं। सकारात्मक बात यह है कि हमारे जैसे बड़े देश के मामले में हमारे पास छोटी दूरी के मार्गों के साथ-साथ लंबी दूरी के मार्गों पर भी दमदार विमान कंपनियां हैं। टाटा समूह के समर्थन से एयर इंडिया काफी दमदार अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन कंपनी बनी रहेगी और यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि अब तक हम सिंगापुर, दोहा, दुबई और अब धाबी जैसे हबों के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय यातायात गंवा रहे थे। हमारे पास आखिरकार एक ऐसी विमानन कंपनी तो है, जो उस क्षमता को वापस ला सकती है। एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो दोनों ही दीर्घावधि के लिए यहां हैं। क्या दो विमानन कंपनी पूरे बाजार की सेवा करने में सक्षम होंगी, जबकि भारत आज के चीन वाले स्तर पर जा रहा है? हमें निश्चित रूप से दो से ज्यादा प्रमुख विमानन कंपनियों की जरूरत होगी। (एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो के पास फिलहाल घरेलू यात्री बाजार में 90 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा हिस्सेदारी है)।  
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 हवाई अड्डे के दृष्टिकोण से नकारात्मक बात यह है कि हम कंसंट्रेशन रिस्क देखना शुरू सकते हैं। हालांकि मैं सैद्धांतिक रूप से नकारात्मक स्थिति की बात कर रहा हूँ क्योंकि हमारे समूह के एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो के साथ बहुत अच्छे संबंध हैं।

एकीकरण के) नुकसान से कहीं ज्यादा हैं। मैं इससे काफी उत्साहित हूँ क्योंकि आखिरकार हम एयर इंडिया के साथ बैठकर 10 साल की योजना पर बात कर सकते हैं।

**तो, दो पक्षों के (इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया के) एकाधिकार से आपको परेशानी नहीं है?**  
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**नवी मुंबई हवाई अड्डा मार्च 2025 तक शुरू होने जा रहा है। क्या आपने इसके लिए विमानन कंपनियों के साथ करार कर लिया है?**  
 हमें प्रतिबद्धताएं मिली हैं। विमानन कंपनियां बहुत इच्छुक हैं और वे हम पर दबाव डाल रहीं हैं तथा चरण-2 निर्माण की समयसीमा के बारे में हमसे सवाल पूछ रही हैं, जो मार्च तक चरण-1 पूरा हो जाने के बाद शुरू होगा।

**अगले पांच वर्षों के लिए एएचएल की पूंजीगत व्यय के लिए क्या योजना है?**  
 मोटे तौर पर अगले पांच वर्षों के लिए हमारी आंतरिक निवेश योजना - जिस तरह से हमने अपनी रकम जुटाई और सब कुछ किया - एक लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की है। मौजूदा टर्मिनलों का विस्तार करने और हवाईअड्डों पर नए टर्मिनल बनाने के लिए करीब 20,000 करोड़ रुपये लगाए जाएंगे। मुंबई, अहमदाबाद, लखनऊ और जयपुर के हवाईअड्डों पर शुरुआती शहरी विकास परियोजना के लिए लगभग 20,000 करोड़ रुपये का उपयोग किया जाएगा। नवी मुंबई हवाईअड्डे पर चरण-2 के निर्माण के लिए करीब 18,000 करोड़ रुपये लगाए जाएंगे। हम भविष्य के विलय, अधिग्रहण और केंद्र सरकार के हवाईअड्डों के मुद्रीकरण (निजीकरण) के अगले दौर के लिए भी तकरीबन 20,000 करोड़ रुपये रख रहे हैं।

**क्या आप हवाई अड्डों के नजरिये से कंसंट्रेशन रिस्क के बारे में विस्तार से बता सकते हैं?**  
 मुझे नहीं लगता कि वास्तव में कोई कंसंट्रेशन रिस्क है। मैं कहूंगा कि फायदे (विमान कंपनियों के



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## दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर कोहरा- 100 विमान देरी से उड़े, 15 डायवर्ट और 7 रद्द किए गए

दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर प्रदूषण के कारण छाई धुंध से करीब 100 उड़ानों में देरी हुई। 15 उड़ानों का मार्ग बदलना पड़ा और 7 कैन्सल की गईं। अधिकांश उड़ानों को जयपुर और कुछ को देहरादून डायवर्ट किया गया। एयरइंडिया, स्पाइसजेट, इंडिगो जैसी एयरलाइन ने सोशल मीडिया के जरिए यात्रियों को बताया कि प्रदूषण के उच्च स्तर से जूझ रही दिल्ली में निम्न दृश्यता के कारण उड़ानें प्रभावित हो सकती हैं। दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. ( डायल ) ने सलाह दी है कि यात्री उड़ान की अपडेट जानकारी के लिए अपनी एयरलाइन से संपर्क करें।



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## जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रीभार का नया रिकॉर्ड, 20,160 ने यात्रा की

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** जयपुर एयरपोर्ट ने रविवार को एक नया इतिहास रचते हुए यात्रीभार का रिकॉर्ड बनाया। यहां से रविवार को कुल 20160 यात्रियों ने यात्रा की, जो अब तक की सबसे अधिक संख्या है। इससे पहले 12 नवंबर को 19717 यात्रियों के साथ यह रिकॉर्ड दर्ज था। जानकारी

के अनुसार रविवार को एयरपोर्ट पर कुल 140 फ्लाइट्स का आवागमन हुआ, जिसमें 70 फ्लाइट्स का आगमन (अराइवल) और 70 फ्लाइट्स का प्रस्थान (डिपार्टर) शामिल था।

**भोपाल की फ्लाइट रद्द:** जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से सोमवार को विमान को अनुपलब्धता के चलते

भोपाल की फ्लाइट रद्द रही। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडिगो की फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 5.25 बजे भोपाल जाती है। सोमवार को विमान उपलब्ध नहीं होने के कारण एयरलाइंस ने फ्लाइट को रद्द किया। एयरलाइंस के विमान रद्द की सूचना यात्रियों को समय पर नहीं दी।



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## भारतीय विमानन उद्योग ने पहली बार हासिल की उपलब्धि

आंकड़ा मजबूत वृद्धि  
और हवाई यात्रा की  
बढ़ती मांग का प्रतीक

# भारत में घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या पांच लाख के पार

एजेसी नई दिल्ली

पिछले रविवार को एक ही दिन में 505,412 घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों ने उड़ान भरी। यह उपलब्धि भारतीय विमानन उद्योग के लिए ऐतिहासिक मील का पत्थर है।



पहली बार हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या पांच लाख के पार गया है। यह आंकड़ा भारतीय विमानन उद्योग में मजबूत वृद्धि और हवाई यात्रा की बढ़ती मांग का प्रतीक है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने हवाई यातायात

की उपलब्धि की घोषणा करते हुए एक्स पर एक पोस्ट में कहा कि भारत का विमानन क्षेत्र पहले से कहीं अधिक तेजी से आगे बढ़ रहा है, सपनों और गंतव्यों को सहजता से जोड़ रहा है। किंजरापु ने एक्स पर कहा कि यह सस्ती, सहज और सुलभ हवाई यात्रा के प्रति हमारी प्रतिबद्धता का प्रमाण है।

## हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुनी हुई

मंत्रि ने कहा कि अप्रैल 2017 में शुरू की गई उड़ान योजना का उद्देश्य कम सेवा वाले क्षेत्रों में हवाई मार्गों को बेहतर बनाना है। भारत के विमानन उद्योग में पिछले दशक में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है और देश में परिचालन वाले हवाई अड्डों की संख्या तब से दोगुनी हो गई है। सरकार उड़ान की सुगमता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए समर्पित है। हवाई यात्रा सस्ती, निर्बाध और सभी के लिए सुलभ हो यह सुनिश्चित करना हमारा लक्ष्य है।



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# Adani sets \$2 billion for convention centre in Mumbai

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**MUMBAI:** The Adani group is planning to spend around \$2 billion to build Mumbai's largest international convention centre (ICC) near the international airport that it operates, two people aware of the matter said.

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has okayed the centre's design, which covers its broad scope, while approval for the detailed blueprint is expected in two months, one of the two people cited above said.

The plan puts the conglomerate in direct competition with Reliance's Jio World convention centre which operates at Bandra Kurla Complex, a coveted corporate hub.

Adani will build its own centre at the western suburb of Vile Parle, close to the airport, for maximum visibility. The group manages 11 airports in India.

The convention centre spanning 1.5 mn sq. ft, will be able to accommodate 15,000-20,000 people, the person cited above said. Total indoor area is likely to be 1.2 mn. sq. ft, with 0.3 mn

sq. ft for vehicle parking and other purposes. It will be owned and managed by Adani Airport Holdings Ltd, even though most of Adani's real estate projects are owned by Adani Realty.

The ICC will also host a five-star hotel with 275 rooms, the person added. At present, the Jio World Convention Centre is the city's largest, with a total area of about 1 mn s. ft, while Yashbhoomi in New Delhi is India's largest convention and exhibition centre spanning 3.2 mn sq. ft.

ICCs host conferences and exhibitions that connect local manufacturers with global buyers, playing a crucial role in promoting a country's trade and export potential.

"Large corporates often choose to develop convention centres near major transit and transportation hubs such as airports for hosting events like conferences and exhibitions, as they help in promoting their image and allow for networking on a global scale," said Anuj Puri, chairman, Anarock Property Consultants Pvt. Ltd. "These venues typically offer facilities that foster innovation and partnerships among participants," Puri added.



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# Once operational, water taxis to cut down travel time to Navi Mumbai airport: Gadkari

**THANE:** Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said the proposed water taxi services would enable people to reach the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport from anywhere in Mumbai in 17 minutes, thus effectively reducing the travel time.

The minister was addressing a poll rally in Maharashtra's Thane city on Sunday night where he spoke about the government's plans aimed at

transforming connectivity and alleviating traffic congestion in Mumbai and Thane.

The international airport in Navi Mumbai is expected to start operations in March 2025.

Gadkari said the proposed water taxi services, once operational, would enable commuters to reach the Navi Mumbai International Airport from any part of Mumbai "in just 17 minutes".

The minister said jetties have already been constructed near the airport to support this

initiative. "By harnessing the vast sea routes around Mumbai and Thane, we can significantly reduce traffic congestion and air pollution," he said.

Gadkari also highlighted the potential of introducing amphibious sea planes capable of landing in small water bodies, including lakes in Thane, eliminating the need for conventional runways. The government is actively seeking investors to develop and implement this project, he added. He also pro-

posed solutions for managing freight vehicle movement in urban regions and spoke about plans for a revolutionary inter-city electric bus service.

The 18-metre-long buses will have a seating capacity for 135 persons and offer a premium, flight-like experience, the minister said. These buses could run for 40 kilometres on a 30-second charge, symbolising a significant shift towards renewable energy in the transport sector, he said. PTI



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## Delhi-bound flights diverted due to poor visibility at IGI airport

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NEW DELHI, 18 NOVEMBER

Amid enforcement of "low visibility procedures" at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here, 14 Delhi-bound flights have been diverted to Jaipur and Dehradun so far on Monday as bad weather conditions resulted in poor visibility impacting aircraft operations in the national capital.

The Delhi Airport in the morning issued an advisory for passengers and informed that flight operations may get affected but the 'Low Visibility Procedures' are still in progress at the airport.

The advisory requested the passengers to contact their respective airlines for 'updated information' about their flights.

"Low Visibility Procedures are still in progress at Delhi Airport and flight operations may get affected at the Delhi Airport. Passengers are requested to contact the airline concerned for updated flight infor-



mation. Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted," the advisory reads.

The air quality level in the national capital has plunged to 'severe plus' levels. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 12 pm was 489 in the national capital.

According to the data of the CPCB, the Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at Dwarka Sector 8 is 500, Ashok Vihar is 497, Mundka is 495, Patparganj is 495, Anand Vihar is 495, Sonia Vihar at 491, RK Puram

is 483, Chandani Chowk is 466 and ITO is 447, as of 12 pm.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) imposed the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) Stage 4 in Delhi NCR from today, after the Air Quality Index (AQI) reached to 'severe plus' category. This decision was taken after Delhi's daily average AQI rose sharply to 441 by 4 PM on Sunday, and further escalated to 457 by 7 PM which prompted an emergency meeting of the GRAP Sub-Committee.





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# Debate over naming of New Bagdogra terminal

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What will be the name of the new Bagdogra Airport terminal? This question has sparked widespread discussions ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid its foundation stone.

While some advocate naming the terminal after Rabindranath Tagore, others support honouring Tenzing Norgay. Amid the ongoing debate, both offline and on social media, Darjeeling MLA Neeraj Zimba has written to Prime Minister Modi, urging him to name the new terminal in memory of Subash Ghisingh.

In his letter, Zimba emphasised that the proposed name, Subash Ghisingh International Airport, would resonate deeply with the people of Darjeeling, Sikkim, and the North-eastern region. He described Ghisingh



as a visionary leader who uplifted the Gorkha community and integrated their aspirations into the national mainstream.

Revered as the 'Father of Indian Gorkhas', Subash Ghisingh played a pivotal role during the tumultuous period of 1986, guiding the region through discord and championing peace and stability. His efforts led to the creation of the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council, a significant milestone in achieving regional autonomy and harmony within the Indian Union.

"Subash Ghisingh was

more than a political leader; he was a unifier and a torch bearer of dignity, who inspired generations to embrace their Indian identity while preserving their cultural heritage," Zimba, who also serves as the secretary general of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), stated.

Ghisingh's contribution extended beyond politics. His commitment to national integration earned him the prestigious Indira Gandhi National Integration Award, a testament to his legacy of harmony and unity, values that lie at the heart of India's Republic.

# DIAL to start repairs, some flights may be shifted to T1

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**New Delhi:** Nearly five months after a canopy and pillar at the 2009-era terminal 1 collapsed, Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) will finally begin repair work there. The expanded T1 has been barely operating at 20%-25% capacity for the past few months and T2 & T3 are therefore handling more flights, leading to massive congestion there on peak travel days.

Meanwhile, with low visibility hitting flight operations from mid-Nov itself this year, Union aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam conducted a detailed review of fog preparedness at IGIA till late Monday night. Some flights are likely to be shifted from T2 to T1 to decongest the former when fog-related delays happen, sources said.

“We have asked DIAL to begin repair work at T1. A detailed review has been done for the fog season to minimise passenger inconvenience. On Wednesday, the minister (Ram Mohan Naidu) will hold a meeting and then we will come out with the steps to be taken this time,” Vualnam told TOI.

T1 is currently handling 37 domestic flights daily, 24 of IndiGo and 13 of SpiceJet. “It is proposed to shift 11 more IndiGo flights from T2 to T1 to decongest the former. A decision could be taken during



Photo for representation

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### AN OFFICIAL SAYS

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the Wednesday meeting by the ministry,” said sources.

To avoid further delay, DIAL will begin implementing the T1 repair plan that has been prepared by Larsen & Toubro and vetted by IIT Delhi. The operator proposes to complete T1 interior restoration by Jan and the external side in five months by next March. Govt had directed DIAL to get any plan for T1 approved by it before implemen-

ting the same.

While the expanded T1 was to handle 4 crore passengers annually, it is currently operating at a fraction of that capacity due to the collapse of a canopy and part of roof built in 2009-10.

For airlines and passengers, this is the second winter of discontent at the country's busiest airport. Last winter, there was an issue with fog landings as only one runway had a CAT III instrument landing system. This time, there is a terminal-side capacity crunch since the collapse in June. T3 is massively overcrowded as it handles more flights along with the nearby T2 because the expanded T1 is yet to get fully operational. Once T1 gets fully operational, the other terminals – T2 and T3 – will see a marked reduction in congestion.

## AEROBRIDGE WILL HAVE TWO OPENINGS TO ALLOW BOARDING OF TWO FLIGHTS AT THE SAME TIME

# Two MARS aerobridges at airport's T2 soon

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**Ahmedabad:** The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in Ahmedabad is undergoing major expansions to boost customer experience and operational efficiency. To enable a maximum number of aircraft to schedule operations at the same time, two new fixed linked aerobridges with Multiple Apron Ramp System (MARS) configuration will be set up at the international Terminal 2 (T2). Such aerobridges can accommodate two aircraft at once.

"Typically, one walks into an aerobridge and goes straight into the aircraft. With the Multi Apron Ramp System, the same aerobridge will have

### NEW AEROBRIDGES IN SIX MONTHS

- Multiple Apron Ramp System (MARS) can accommodate two aircraft at one go
- MARS aerobridge will have two openings to facilitate positioning of two aircraft on either side of the structure to allow simultaneous boarding of two flights
- The new aerobridges are expected to be operational in the next six months
- Once the infrastructure is fully ready, domestic operations of certain airlines can be shifted from domestic to international terminal

two openings wherein different aircraft can be simultaneously positioned on different sides to handle the boarding of two flights in parallel. This will enable more efficient operations and passenger flow at the city airport," said a top source privy to the development.

The new aerobridges are expected to be operational in the next six months. "This will take the total number of aerobridges to 10 at the Ahmedabad airport's domestic and international terminals. One big and one small aircraft can be easily accommodated here,

and therefore, the time spent on the ground for each flight can be considerably reduced, further improving efficiency," officials said.

Sources at the airport confirmed that the construction work for aerobridges is complete and that they are awaiting

approvals from various agencies.

Terminal 2 is now being made into an integrated terminal, meaning it will be able to handle both domestic and international flights. "Once the infrastructure is fully ready, domestic operations of certain airlines can be shifted from T1 (domestic terminal) to T2. This will enable us to use the bigger, integrated terminal more optimally. At present, the international terminal is largely underutilised during the daytime as a majority of international operations are at night," said a source. This way, the passenger load on the domestic terminal will also reduce considerably during peak hours, the source added.





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# Domestic air passenger traffic hits single-day record

NEW DELHI, Nov 18: Marking a new record, domestic air passenger traffic crossed the 5 lakh-mark for the first time in a single day on Sunday, reflecting strong travel demand amid festive and wedding seasons.

In a post on X on Monday evening, the civil aviation ministry said that on November 17, Indian skies witnessed a historic milestone with 5,05,412 domestic passengers departing on a single day, crossing the 5 lakh-mark for the first time.

Airlines carried 5,05,412 passengers on Sunday (November 17) and the number of flight departures was at 3,173, according to the latest data from the ministry.

“Domestic travel has witnessed strong demand during the festive season. Daily flown pax crossed 5 lakh on 17th Nov. The high pax movement is largely backed by robust festive demand and the start of the wedding season. We expect strong demand to continue in the winter season,” Gaurav Patwari, Vice President - Air Category - at

travel portal Cleartrip, said.

The occupancy of flights operated by the main scheduled carriers on Sunday were above 90 per cent.

However, on-time performance (OTP) of the airlines have been impacted in recent days due to various factors. On Sunday, the OTP of IndiGo was at 74.2 per cent, followed by Alliance Air at 71 per cent and Akasa Air at 67.6 per cent. Among other airlines, SpiceJet and Air India's OTP stood at 66.1 per cent and 57.1 per cent, respectively.

In October, aviation watchdog DGCA said Indian airlines will operate 25,007 flights every week to and from 124 airports in the winter schedule that started from October 27. The number of flights is 3 per cent higher than 24,275 departures per week from 125 airports in the current summer schedule.

In comparison to the winter schedule 2023, the number of flights has increased by 5.37 per cent.

The winter schedule is from October 27, 2024 till March 29, 2025. – PTI



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## **Air travellers**

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## तकनीकी खराबी...माले जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान की आपात लैंडिंग

कोच्चि। बंगलूरु से माले जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान को तकनीकी खराबी के कारण कोच्चि में आपात स्थिति में उतारना पड़ा। मालदीव की राजधानी के लिए उड़ान 6ई1127 विमान से संचालित की जा रही थी, लेकिन इसमें तकनीकी समस्या आ गई, जिसके बाद इसे कोच्चि हवाईअड्डे पर भेजा गया और मंगलवार दोपहर 2.21 बजे सुरक्षित वहां उतारा गया। विमान में चालक दल के चार सदस्यों समेत 140 यात्री सवार थे। एजेंसी



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## जानलेवा लापरवाही • थाईलैंड के फुकेत में तीन दिन से फंसे यात्री एअर इंडिया ने खराब विमान से यात्रियों को रवाना किया, फिर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई

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एअर इंडिया का अपने यात्रियों को लेकर जानलेवा लापरवाही का मामला सामने आया है। विमानन कंपनी ने थाईलैंड के फुकेत से खराब विमान से ही यात्रियों को रवाना कर दिया। करीब ढाई घंटे बाद ही इसकी वापस फुकेत में ही आपत लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। 16 नवंबर को इस घटना के बाद 100 से ज्यादा यात्री वहीं फंसे थे। 30 यात्री 80 घंटे से अधिक समय से फुकेत में ही हैं। यात्रियों ने सोशल मीडिया पर

### बाकी बचे यात्रियों के आज लौटने की उम्मीद

एअर इंडिया ने एक बयान जारी कर यात्रियों को हुई असुविधा के लिए खेद जताई है। कंपनी के सूत्रों ने सफाई दी कि सभी 144 यात्रियों के स्टे का इंतजाम किया गया और सबको क्षतिपूर्ति के लिए मुआवजा दिया जाएगा। सूत्रों ने कहा कि कई यात्रियों को भेज दिया गया है। बाकी बचे 35-40 यात्रियों को शाम की फ्लाइट से रवाना किया जाएगा।

इसकी शिकायत की तो खुलासा हुआ। यात्रियों के अनुसार, 16 नवंबर की रात एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का विमान (एआई 377 आई बस 320) फुकेत से दिल्ली के लिए उड़ान भरने वाला था। इस बीच, तकनीकी खराबी के

बाद उड़ान 6 घंटे देर हो गई। बिना किसी सुविधा के बुजुर्गों, बच्चों समेत सभी यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर इंतजार करते रहे। इसके बाद विमान में बिठाया, लेकिन 1 घंटे बाद ही उड़ान रद्द कर यात्रियों को उतार दिया गया।

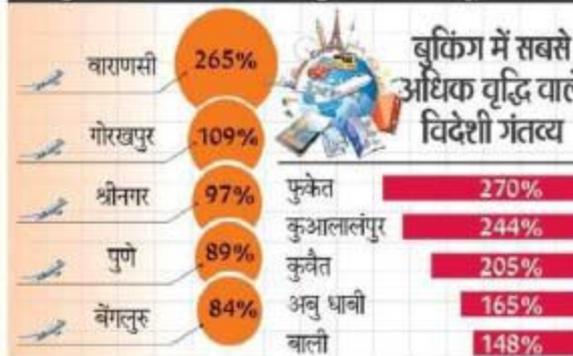
## रिपोर्ट • साल के अंत में प्रमुख घरेलू मार्गों के हवाई किराए में गिरावट शादियों के चलते उड़ानों की बुकिंग 80% बढ़ी, पर किराया 25% घटा

एजेंसी | नई दिल्ली

साल के अंत में यानी कि 23 नवंबर से 15 दिसंबर के बीच में लगभग 35 लाख शादियों के होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। इस अवधि में हवाई यात्रा की बुकिंग बढ़ने के बावजूद औसत हवाई किराए में गिरावट आई है। इक्सगो के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, देश के प्रमुख घरेलू मार्गों के हवाई किराए में साल दर साल 20-25% की गिरावट आई है। जबकि, बुकिंग में 70-80% की वृद्धि हुई है।

बंगलुरु-कोलकाता रूट पर औसत किराया 35% घटकर 4,778 रुपए, चेन्नई-कोलकाता पर 34% घटकर 4,873 रुपए और दिल्ली-गोवा पर 22% गिरकर 5,251 रुपए हो गया है। इसके अलावा महत्वपूर्ण कटौतियों में बंगलुरु-नई दिल्ली हवाई यात्रा का औसत किराया 15% कम होकर 6,739 रुपए और मुंबई-नई दिल्ली का 11% कम होकर 5,885 रुपए हो गया है।

### बुकिंग में सबसे अधिक वृद्धि वाले घरेलू गंतव्य



### छोटे मार्गों पर हवाई यात्रा का किराया 35% तक घटा

कोलकाता-बंगलुरु का किराया औसत 5,394 रु. है, जो 2023 की तुलना में 28% कम है। छोटे मार्गों पर, मुंबई-चेन्नई का औसत किराया 17% घटकर 3,477 रु. हो गया है। जबकि, अहमदाबाद-नई दिल्ली का किराया 35% घटकर 4,146 रु. हो गया है।

### टियर-2 के शहरों में सबसे अधिक विकास दर दर्ज की

बुकिंग में नई दिल्ली में 55%, बंगलुरु में 84% और मुंबई में 57% की साल दर साल की वृद्धि देखी गई है। टियर-2 के शहरों में सबसे अधिक विकास दर दर्ज की है। इनमें बुकिंग में गुवाहाटी में 80%, अहमदाबाद में 75% और रायपुर में 67% की वृद्धि देखी



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## इंडिगो ने बेंगलुरु से मॉरीशस के लिए सीधी उड़ान शुरू की



नई दिल्ली। देश की अग्रणी विमानन सेवा

कंपनी इंडिगो ने मंगलवार को चार साप्ताहिक उड़ानों के साथ बेंगलुरु-मॉरीशस मार्ग पर सीधी उड़ान की घोषणा की। इस नए मार्ग के साथ, मॉरीशस का पोर्ट लुइस अफ्रीका में इंडिगो का दूसरा गंतव्य बन गया है। एयरलाइन ने एक बयान में कहा कि इस नए गंतव्य के जुड़ने से न केवल पर्यटन में बढ़ती मांग पूरी होगी, बल्कि यह हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र में व्यापार, निवेश और व्यावसायिक सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभायेगा।



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## थाईलैंड में फंसे 30 यात्रियों की वापसी जल्द : एअर इंडिया

नई दिल्ली, प्रेस: थाईलैंड से दिल्ली की उड़ान को तकनीकी कारणों से निरस्त किए जाने के बाद तीन दिन से फुकेट में फंसे 30 यात्रियों को एअर इंडिया का विमान जल्द वापस लेकर आएगा। एअर इंडिया द्वारा मंगलवार को जारी बयान में विमानन कंपनी ने 16 नवंबर को उड़ान भरने वाली फ्लाइट एआइ377 के निरस्त किए जाने के बाद यात्रियों को हुई इस असुविधा के लिए खेद जताया है।

वहीं, कई यात्रियों ने इंटरनेट मीडिया पर विभिन्न पोस्ट कर शिकायत की कि वे तीन दिनों से फुकेट में फंसे हुए हैं। सूत्रों के अनुसार निरस्त की गई उड़ान में 144 यात्रियों ने टिकट बुकिंग कराई थी और उनमें से अधिकांश वापस आ चुके हैं। करीब 30 यात्री जल्द ही वापस लाए जाएंगे। उनकी वापसी बुधवार को हो सकती है। विमान में आई तकनीकी खराबी को दूर कर लिया गया है। एअर इंडिया ने बताया कि फुकेट में उनके कर्मचारियों ने फंसे हुए यात्रियों को होटल, भोजन व अन्य सुविधाएं देकर परेशानियां दूर करने की पूरी कोशिश की है।



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## 17 को भारतीय विमानन इतिहास में रिकार्ड 5.05 लाख ने की हवाई यात्रा

नई दिल्ली, प्रेट: घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या रविवार को एक दिन में पहली बार पांच लाख के आंकड़े को पार कर गई, जो एक रिकार्ड है। यह त्योहारों और विवाह समारोह के बीच मजबूत यात्रा मांग को दर्शाता है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने रविवार (17 नवंबर) को 3,173 उड़ानों का परिचालन किया और 5,05,412 यात्रियों ने इन उड़ानों के जरिये यात्रा की।

ट्रेवल प्लेटफार्म क्लियरट्रिप के वाइस प्रेसिडेंट गौरव पटवारी ने कहा, 'यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ने की मुख्य वजह त्योहारी मांग और शादी-ब्याह की शुरुआत है। हमें उम्मीद है कि सर्दियों में भी मांग मजबूत बनी रहेगी।' हालांकि, हाल के दिनों में विभिन्न कारणों से विमानन कंपनियों का समय पर सेवाएं देने का रिकार्ड प्रभावित हुआ है।



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## दिल्ली में कम दृश्यता के कारण फ्लाइट्स जयपुर डायवर्ट

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर कम दृश्यता के कारण करीब एक दर्जन घरेलू एवं इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट्स को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर मौसम खराब होने के कारण एटीसी ने विमानों को लैंड करने की अनुमति नहीं देते हुए कुछ फ्लाइटों को होल्ड पर रखा, इसके बाद इन्हें जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। डायवर्ट हुई फ्लाइटों में एयर इंडिया की वाशिंगटन से दिल्ली, पेरिस से दिल्ली, विजयवाड़ा से दिल्ली, इंदौर से दिल्ली, बेंगलुरु से दिल्ली, पुणे से दिल्ली और अहमदाबाद से दिल्ली आने वाली उड़ानें शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा स्पाइस जेट की बेंगलुरु से दिल्ली और इंडिगो की मुंबई से दिल्ली आने वाली फ्लाइट्स भी

डायवर्ट की गईं। दिल्ली एटीसी से क्लियरेंस मिलने पर यह फ्लाइट्स वापस रवाना हुईं।

### यात्रियों ने किया हंगामा:

पेरिस से दिल्ली जा रही फ्लाइट को मौसम खराब होने के कारण दोपहर 12.10 बजे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया था। यहाँ विमान के पायलटों ने ख़ुटी आवर्स पूरे होने का हवाला देते हुए विमान उड़ाने के लिए मना कर दिया।

एयरलाइंस ने यात्रियों को बस से दिल्ली भेजने का हवाला दिया तो यात्रियों ने मना कर दिया। इस पर यात्रियों ने एयरपोर्ट के अराइवल हॉल में दूसरे विमान से दिल्ली भेजने की मांग को लेकर हंगामा किया।

## Troubled Boeing to cut 2,500 jobs

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**BOEING WILL LAY** off more than 2,500 workers in the U.S. states of Washington, Oregon, South Carolina and Missouri, according to federally required filings posted on Monday and a union official, as part of the debt-heavy U.S. planemaker's plan to cut 17,000 jobs, or 10% of its global workforce.

Nearly 2,200 layoff notices went to workers in Washington and another 220 in South Carolina, the two states where Boeing builds commercial airliners.

Boeing declined to comment on the layoffs on Monday.

The aerospace giant started telling affected US workers on Wednesday that they will stay on Boeing's payroll until January 17, to comply with federal requirements to notify employees at least 60 days prior to ending their employment.

News that Boeing would send out the worker adjustment and Retraining Notification in mid-November was widely expected. Another round is expected in December. Boeing could also use workforce attrition, selective hiring and sales of subsidiaries to reduce workforce. Boeing shares gained 2.6% to close at \$143.87 on Monday. In October, Boeing's new CEO, Kelly Ortberg, said the company does not intend to "take people off production or out of the engineering labs".

Industry-watchers have been waiting for the WARNs for some indication of how the layoffs could affect workers in the company's key manufacturing hubs. However, several hundred engineers and production



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workers were among those who received pink slips last week.

The Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace said 438 of the union's members at Boeing received layoff notices last week, including 216 engineers and 220 technicians.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) District Lodge 837 in St. Louis said Boeing sent notices to 111 members, most of whom made wing components for the 777X.

Who is being laid off seems to vary between sections within Boeing, several non-union workers who received WARNs told Reuters. One engineer in Boeing Defense, Space & Security said all but two or three members of his 12-person team were let go, while another said she was the only one of her roughly 20-person team to receive a WARN. —REUTERS



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## Two more insolvency pleas against SpiceJet

**PTI**  
NEW DELHI

Two more insolvency petitions were filed by Sabarmati Aviation and JetAir 17 against budget carrier Spicejet at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday.

The NCLT issued a notice to the airline over the plea by operational creditor Sabarmati Aviation while asking another complainant, JetAir 17, to file additional documents in support of its claims of USD 27 million. During the proceedings, senior advocate Krishnendu Datta representing SpiceJet submitted that a reply would

be filed over the plea of Sabarmati Aviation.

However, he opposed the plea of JetAir 17 contending that their claims as an operational creditor are disputed.

In the matter of JetAir 17, the NCLT asked the company to file additional documents to support its claims as SpiceJet contended that it has not entered into a lease agreement with it. JetAir 17, an Irish company, operates within the renting and leasing of air passenger transport equipment industry.

Datta submitted that JetAir 17 is claiming its dues through Wilmington Trust, which had leased planes to SpiceJet.



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Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the number shows that air travel is now more accessible to the people and that the achievement was made possible due to

schemes like UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik).

UDAN, the regional air connectivity scheme, was launched in October 2016.

In a post on X, IndiGo said it was a defining moment for Indian aviation as 5 lakh customers take to the skies daily, within India.

"At IndiGo, this is not just a number, it's 3.1 lakh smiles that take off with us, every day," the airline said.

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## एयर इंडिया के 144 यात्री 3 80 घंटे तक फुकेत में फंसे

नई दिल्ली, एजेेंसी। एयर इंडिया के 144 यात्री थाइलैंड के फुकेत में पिछले 80 घंटों तक फंसे रहे। जानकारी के मुताबिक, विमान में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण यात्रियों की तीन दिन से अधिक समय तक दिल्ली वापसी नहीं हो पाई।

बताया जा रहा है कि मंगलवार शाम तक 110 से अधिक यात्री वापस आ गए हैं, लेकिन अभी भी 30 यात्री फुकेत में फंसे हुए हैं। एयर इंडिया के सूत्रों ने बताया कि उन्हें भी लाने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है। इस बीच, एयर इंडिया ने यात्रियों को हुई असुविधा के लिए खेद जताया है। दरअसल, एयर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआई377 को 16 नवंबर को फुकेत से शाम 5.50 बजे से कुल 144 यात्रियों को लेकर दिल्ली के लिए रवाना किया जाना था। लेकिन

■ फुकेत से दिल्ली तक आना था, 110 से अधिक पैसेंजर लौटे

तकनीकी दिक्कत के कारण विमान में पहले पांच घंटों की देरी हुई। इसके बाद यात्रियों को फ्लाइट कैंसिल की सूचना दी गई।

अगले दिन एयर इंडिया ने रात 8.44 बजे पर दूसरे विमान से यात्रियों को रवाना किया, लेकिन वह साढ़े तीन घंटे की यात्रा करने के बाद वापस थाई बीच पर लौट आया। इसके बाद से मंगलवार दोपहर तक करीब यात्री फुकेत में फंसे रहे। यात्रियों ने सोशल मीडिया पर अपने परेशानी साझा की। इधर, एयर इंडिया ने एक्स पर कुछ पोस्ट का जवाब दिया है। इसमें एयरलाइन ने इस घटना पर खेद जताते हुए माफी मांगी है।



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## AI Paris flyers sent in bus to Delhi after Jaipur diversion

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**NEW DELHI:** Air India faced a storm of criticism on Tuesday after passengers on its Paris-Delhi flight were diverted to Jaipur due to dense fog in the Capital. The passengers were then transported to Delhi by bus, sparking complaints about prolonged delays and discomfort.

Flight AI-2022 took off from the Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) airport in Paris at 10pm on Sunday, and was scheduled to reach Delhi at 10.35am on Monday. However, dense fog in Delhi meant that the flight was diverted to Jaipur, officials aware of the incident said.

Air India officials said that the crew were not allowed to operate further due to flight duty time limitations (FDTL)—regulations by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that mandate adequate

rest to flight crews for safety purposes.

According to passengers, after landing in Jaipur, they were kept on the aircraft for approximately five hours. Following this, they were transported to Delhi by bus, a decision that left many frustrated.

"Shameful and pathetic management from @airindia today as flight #AI2022 from CDG-DEL diverted to JAI. Pax stranded at JAI asked to spend 5 hrs inside the aircraft and then to take a bus from JAI to DEL. My wife and two months old is suffering and I am helpless." Vishal P, a passenger posted on X.

However, Jaipur airport officials said that visibility in Delhi remained poor, due to which the airline decided to send the passengers to the Capital by road.

"All the passengers were taken to Delhi by bus as visibil-

ity issues remained in Delhi throughout the day on Monday," an official said.

Separately, a group of passengers who were to travel for Phuket, Thailand to Delhi on an Air India flight on November 16 were stranded in that country for more than 80 hours after the plane developed technical difficulties and was cancelled.

The airliner is yet to provide an alternate flight for some of the passengers.

"Air India sincerely regrets the inconvenience to passengers of Flight AI-377 operating from Phuket to Delhi on November 16 which was cancelled due to a technical issue," an Air India spokesperson said.

However, another Air India plane is scheduled to pick up the last of the stranded passengers from Phuket, and the flight is scheduled to land in Delhi on Wednesday morning, officials said.



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## Domestic air traffic hits new record with 500K passengers

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**NEW DELHI:** India crossed the 500,000 mark in domestic air passengers on Sunday, the country's highest ever single-day passenger footfall. Industry experts attributed this to travel demand and the ongoing wedding season.

The civil aviation ministry released data showing 505,412 domestic passengers flew in 3,173 flights.

On X, announcing the numbers, the ministry posted: "India's aviation sector is soaring higher than ever, connecting dreams and destinations seamlessly."

Passenger traffic has increased consistently over the past two weeks. The industry saw 490,000 passengers on November 8, which rose to 496,000 on November 9, 497,000 on November 14, 499,000 on November 15 and 498,000 on November 16.

Government data showed around 362,000 domestic passengers travelled by air on Diwali (October 31).

Kinjal Shah, senior vice president and co-group head-corporate ratings, Icra, said domestic air passenger traffic in Diwali week 2024 was notably higher compared to last year.

"Overall, three days prior and three days post Diwali this year, the aggregate air passenger traffic was 7% higher than the similar period last year. Contributing factors include

flexible work-from-home options allowing people to extend trips, growth in tier-II and tier-III cities connectivity, and enhanced services and promotional fares offered by airlines," Shah said.

A senior airline ministry official said on condition of anonymity: "Marriages during this period are being observed to be a huge contributory factor in increasing passenger footfall."

"The exceptionally strong wedding season, combined with lower advance fares available a few weeks ago for November travel, has significantly boosted air passenger demand," Alok Bajpai, group CEO, ixigo, said.

He said flight bookings to major metro hubs and top leisure destinations like Delhi, Mumbai, Srinagar, Jaipur, and Goa are seeing a strong 70-80% year-on-year increase.

"Many travellers are returning to their workplaces post-Diwali, contributing to the elevated passenger movement. Wedding season has also emerged as one of the primary drivers behind this spike in bookings. Weddings in India involve extensive travel, with families and guests moving across cities and states, significantly boosting demand for flights," Nishant Pitti, CEO and co-founder of EaseMyTrip, said.

"We're confident this positive momentum will continue through the winter months," he added.



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## 'Airlines ferried a record 5 lakh domestic travellers on Sunday'

In a record for domestic air travel, airlines breached the 5-lakh mark in the total number of passengers ferried on a single day on Sunday. Indian airlines carried 5,05,412 domestic passengers on November 17, 2024, as per the Ministry of Civil Aviation data. The highest single day passenger traffic recorded last year was 4,56,082 on April 30 and in 2022 it was 4,35,500 on December 24, as per an analysis by independent aviation consultant Ameya Joshi.



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## China seeks resumption of direct flights to India



Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi said the country wants to restore direct flights with India, as border tensions ease. "We should strive to make tangible progress on the resumption of direct flights, dispatching of journalists, and facilitation of visa as soon as possible," Wang said in a meeting with external affairs minister S. Jaishankar in Rio de Janeiro on Monday.

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## 3 days & counting: AI flight leaves flyers stranded in Phuket

SHEKHAR SINGH @New Delhi

OVER 100 Delhi-bound Air India passengers faced a harrowing three-day ordeal in Phuket after the flight, originally scheduled to depart on November 16, was cancelled due to operational and technical setbacks. The disruption left travellers stranded, sparking outrage and criticism.



The trouble began when the crew exceeded their flight duty time limitations on November

16, leading to the flight's cancellation. Efforts to resume operations the next day with another crew failed when the Airbus A320 experienced technical issues mid-flight, forcing it to return to Phuket after two-and-a-half hours in the air.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has since demanded a detailed report from Air India. Meanwhile, 80% of the strand-

ed passengers have reportedly been flown back to India on alternative flights on November 17 and 18, airline sources said. The remaining 31 passengers are also scheduled to depart.

Many passengers shared their frustration. "Pathetic services. Flight AI-377 returned to Phuket after flying 3 hours above Phuket. More than 150 passengers stranded... Shub-

ham Maurya posted on X.

Initially, passengers were informed of a six-hour delay on November 16. They boarded the flight after prolonged waiting, only to be deboarded later. The same aircraft was prepared for departure the next day, but glitches persisted.

"Air India regrets the inconvenience to passengers of Flight AI377..." said an AI official.

## फुकेट में तीन दिन से फंसे AI के पैसिंजर तकनीकी खामी से फ्लाइट कैंसल, आज वापसी की है उम्मीद

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एयर इंडिया के कुछ यात्रियों ने सोशल मीडिया पर तीन दिनों से थाईलैंड के फुकेट में फंसे होने की शिकायत की। उनका कहना था कि वे 16 नवंबर से फुकेट में फंसे हुए हैं। शिकायत के बाद एयर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा कि तकनीकी समस्या की वजह से फ्लाइट कैंसल हुई थी। इससे यात्रियों को हुई असुविधा के लिए उसे खेद है। सूत्रों के



अनुसार, तीन दिनों से फुकेट में फंसे यात्रियों में से बाकी बचे 30 यात्रियों को एयर इंडिया जल्द से जल्द वापस लाएगी।

**144 यात्री थे सवार:** फ्लाइट में लगभग 144 यात्रियों की बुकिंग थी और उनमें से अधिकांश वापस लौट आए हैं। बाकी यात्रियों में से ज्यादातर बुधवार को आ जाएंगे। एयरक्राफ्ट में आई खामी को ठीक कर लिया गया है। एयरलाइन ने दावा किया कि यात्रियों को रिफंड के विकल्प भी दिए गए थे।



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## घरेलू उड़ानों के यात्रियों की संख्या रिकॉर्ड 5.05 लाख पर पहुंची



**नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी):** घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या रविवार को एक दिन में पहली बार पांच लाख के आंकड़े को पार कर गई जो एक नया रिकॉर्ड है। यह त्योहारों और विवाह समारोह के बीच मजबूत यात्रा मांग को दर्शाता है। नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने सोमवार शाम को 'एक्स' पर पोस्ट किया कि 17 नवंबर को भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र ने एक ऐतिहासिक मील का पत्थर पार किया, जब 5,05,412 घरेलू यात्रियों ने एक ही दिन में प्रस्थान किया।

मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, एयरलाइन कंपनियों ने रविवार (17 नवंबर) को 3,173 उड़ानों का परिचालन किया और 5,05,412 यात्रियों ने इन उड़ानों के जरिये यात्रा

### चाइनीज लैपटॉप बिक्री में गिरावट जारी

चीन की कंप्यूटर और लैपटॉप मैन्युफैक्चरिंग कंपनी लेनोवो को भारत में जोरदार झटका लगा है। लेनोवो की सेल में भारत में एक बार फिर गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। यह लगातार दूसरा साल है, जब लेनोवो की बिक्री में भारत में गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। वित्त वर्ष 2024 में कंपनी के नेट प्रॉफिट और सेल में गिरावट दर्ज की गई है, जिस वक्त कोविड 19 महामारी पीक पर थी, उस वक्त से कंप्यूटर मार्केट में गिरावट दर्ज की जा रही है। कंपनी की कुल इनकम में साल दर साल 14 फीसद की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। ऐसे में कमाई 10,847 करोड़ रुपये हो गई है। इस दौरान कंपनी की नेट प्रॉफिट 3 फीसद गिरकर 100 घट गया था। वित्त वर्ष 2023 के दौरान कंपनी की सेल में 12 फीसद की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। वहीं नेट प्रॉफिट में 45 फीसद की तेज गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। रिपोर्ट की मानें, तो आर्थिक अस्थिरता की वजह से लेनोवो की सेल में कमी दर्ज की जा रही है।

की हैं। यह पहला मौका है जब घरेलू हवाई यात्रियों की संख्या एक ही दिन में पांच लाख के आंकड़े को पार कर गई है।

नागर विमानन मंत्री के राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि इन आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि हवाई यात्रा अब ज्यादा लोगों की पहुंच में है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह उपलब्धि उड़ने देश का आम नागरिक (उड़ान) जैसी

योजनाओं की वजह से हासिल हो पाई है। क्षेत्रीय हवाई संपर्क योजना उड़ान की शुरुआत अक्टूबर, 2016 में हुई थी। यात्रा मंच क्लियरट्रिप के उपाध्यक्ष (हवाई श्रेणी) गौरव पटवारी ने कहा, "यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ने की मुख्य वजह त्योहारी मांग और शादी-ब्याह की शुरुआत है। हमें उम्मीद है कि सर्दियों में भी मांग मजबूत बनी रहेगी।"



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## असुविधा : तकनीकी खराबी के कारण फुकेट में अटका एयर इंडिया का विमान थाईलैंड से भारत... पांच घंटे की यात्रा तीन दिन की मुसीबत में बदली, अभी भी कई यात्री फंसे

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नई दिल्ली. थाईलैंड के फुकेट से नई दिल्ली आ रही एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में तकनीकी खराबी के कारण 142 यात्रियों को तीन दिन तक फुकेट में ही फंसे रहे। इनमें से करीब 40 यात्री अभी भी फुकेट में फंसे हुए हैं। इनके बुधवार को चौथे दिन भारत पहुंचने की संभावना है। हालात यह रही कि 5 घंटे में होने वाली यात्रा लोगों के लिए तीन दिन की मुसीबत में बदल गई।

एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआइ 377, 16 नवंबर को 142 यात्रियों के

### कू पर सही जानकारी नहीं देने का आरोप

यात्रियों ने आरोप लगाया कि एयरलाइन के कू मेंबरों ने सही जानकारी नहीं दी। हालांकि एयर लाइन ने मंगलवार शाम को कहा है कि यात्रियों को उठरने की

सुविधा दी गई है। उन्हें मुआकजा भी दिया जाएगा। थाईलैंड में रुके हुए यात्रियों को जल्द दिल्ली भेजा जाएगा। एयर इंडिया ने असुविधा के लिए खेद जताया है।

साथ फुकेट से दिल्ली आनी थी। पहले विमान में तकनीकी खामी आ गई, फिर पायलट और कू का ड्यूटी टाइम खत्म हो गया। इस वजह से यात्री 16 नवंबर की रात को थाईलैंड में ही फंसे रहे। अगले दिन फ्लाइट ने टेक ऑफ

किया लेकिन एक बार फिर तकनीकी खराबी के कारण विमान को थाईलैंड में ही लैंड करना पड़ा। इसके बाद अगले दिन वैकल्पिक उड़ानों से कुछ लोगों को भारत भेजा गया। अभी तक 40 यात्री थाईलैंड में फंसे हुए हैं।



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## Snag: Jaipur-Dehradun flight diverted to Delhi

**New Delhi:** IndiGo's Jaipur-Dehradun flight 6E-7468 diverted to Delhi reportedly following an engine failure on the turbo-prop ATR (VT-IRA) on Tuesday. The aircraft landed safely at Delhi Airport, where all preparations were made as per protocol.

In a statement, IndiGo said: 'IndiGo flight 6E 7468 operating from Jaipur to Dehradun, was diverted to Delhi due to technical issue. The aircraft will be back in operations after necessary maintenance. Refreshments were served to customers and an alternative aircraft has been arranged to facilitate their journey to destination. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to our customers.'

Sources said the ATR suffered an engine failure. TNN



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AHMEDABAD

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## Insolvency: SpiceJet faces 2 more pleas

**New Delhi:** Two more insolvency petitions were filed by Sabarmati Aviation and JetAir 17 against budget carrier SpiceJet at the NCLT on Monday.

The NCLT issued a notice to the airline over the plea by operational creditor Sabarmati Aviation while asking another complainant, JetAir 17, to file additional documents in support of its claims of \$27 million.

During the proceedings, senior advocate Krishnendu Datta representing SpiceJet submitted that a reply would be filed over the plea of Sabarmati Aviation. He, however, opposed JetAir 17's plea of contending that their claims as an operational creditor are disputed.

In the matter of JetAir 17, the NCLT asked the company to file additional documents to support its claims as SpiceJet contended that it has not entered into a lease agreement with it. AGENCIES



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BANGALORE

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## A 1st: Domestic flyers cross five-lakh mark

### 'Numbers Will Rise Further This Winter'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Nov 17 turned out to be Super Sunday for Indian aviation, with the number of domestic flyers in a day crossing the five-lakh mark for the first time ever. Like last year, domestic air travel this time started picking up soon after Diwali (Oct 31) with the wedding season beginning just before Nov 10. Since then about 4.9 lakh people were flying within the country. The five-lakh mark was finally breached on Nov 17.

Sanjay Kumar, a veteran of Indian aviation, said with airlines adding capacity and airfares being not very high, the numbers will rise further this winter. "The peak is yet to come and mid-Jan could be the peak of peaks for this year. The next two months will see an increase in travel with the marriage season; diaspora coming home to visit friends and relatives; students studying abroad coming back for Christmas holidays, and foreign and domestic tourists. I am very bullish on Indian aviation," Kumar said.

Sunday's 3,173 domestic flights carried the over 5 lakh passengers. Airlines went pretty full, with IndiGo, Air India, SpiceJet and Akasa seeing over 90% occupancy.

While IndiGo and Tata's Air India group are adding planes very aggressively, SpiceJet's return from the brink with recent funding, and the end of the strike at Boeing — which raises hopes that the troubled US aerospace major will steady deliveries of B737s to Akasa and AI Express — shows capacity will only increase. New airline Fly91 is adding planes along with another big regional player,

Star Air. IndiGo, Air India and Akasa currently have about 1,700 aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing.

Also, airports at Greater Noida and Navi Mumbai will open next summer, apart from several others across India. India is spending over Rs 92,000 crore on constructing new airports and expanding existing ones. According to aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu, India will have 200 airports in 2025 and 200 more will be developed in the next 20-25 years. The increased number of planes and airports will provide a further fillip to aviation.



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CHENNAI

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## Flights to Singapore, Sri Lanka cancelled due to operational issues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** As many as eight international flights – four set for departure and four arriving from countries such as Singapore and Sri Lanka – were cancelled on Monday due to operational difficulties. Among the cancelled flights were two Air India Express flights, one from

Singapore, scheduled to land at 12.30pm, and another from Sri Lanka.

A US Bangla Airlines flight from Dhaka, set to arrive at 12.55pm, and a Sri Lankan Airlines flight from Colombo, set to arrive at 2.55pm, were also cancelled.

Earlier, four flights to these countries were cancelled due to operational diffi-

culties. This led to their return flights being called off as well. Even as the airport authorities maintained that the airlines should have alerted their passengers in advance, some passengers who reached the airport in the early hours said they were not aware of the cancellation and argued with ground staffers.



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HYDERABAD

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## Domestic flyers cross 5L in a day for first time ever

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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HYDERABAD

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## 13 Delhi-bound flights diverted as visibility dips

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Dense fog at IGI Airport impacted flight operations on Monday. Fifteen Delhi-bound flights were diverted to Jaipur and Dehradun. According to Flightradar24, 349 flights were delayed on Monday.

According to the India Meteorological Department, the lowest visibility of 100 metres was recorded from 1 am to 8 am on Monday.

"A total of 15 flights were diverted between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm on Monday. Of these, 13 were diverted to Jaipur and one each to Dehradun and Lucknow due to captain minima (an operating procedure used when low visibility conditions do not meet the criteria for landing)," said an official at Delhi Airport.

Though the visibility improved later in the day, several flights were delayed due to the cascading effect.

The highest visibility at IGI Airport was recorded at 700 metres at 5 pm.

During the low visibility procedures period, CAT-I procedures, which are a basic set of precautions, are initiated for visibility above 550 metres. Those pilots who are CAT-II compliant are allowed to land when visibility is between 275-550 metres. However, CAT-III A and B pilots can land when visibility is below 275 metres and even at 50 metres.



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MUMBAI

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## Domestic traffic touches record high, crosses 5 lakh in 1 day

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An analyst said that with airlines adding capacity and airfares not very high at the moment, the numbers would rise further. "Mid-Jan could be the peak of peaks for this year. The next two months will see an increase in travel with the marriage season; diaspora coming home for visits; students studying abroad coming back for Christmas and foreign & domestic tourists. I am very bullish on Indian aviation."

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