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Kolkata Airport posts highest FY24 profit in India

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Kolkata airport, which has no direct aerial connectivity with Europe and America, has achieved the highest profit among all 137 Airports Authority of India (AAI) operated airports for the financial year 2024-25, with a profit of approximately Rs 670 crore.

This record profit was achieved despite a marginal 3 percent drop in its revenue to Rs 1,527.51 crore with 77 percent of the revenue coming from aeronautical charges, official sources said. Kolkata airport or Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport's profit in 2024-25 was two-and-a-half times that of Chennai, the second on the list.



The higher profit came despite a slight 3 pc dip in revenue from Rs 1,578.6 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 1,527.5 crore in 2024-25. Of the earnings, about 77 percent of the revenue came from aeronautical charges as the airport handled nearly 1.5 lakh flights and 2.2 crore passengers.

The average passenger per flight count at 152 in 2024-25

also surpassed the previous highest of 146 in 2023-24. The average passenger count per flight in 2019 was 143 flyers (before Covid-19) and in 2023 and 2022 (post Covid-19), the average passenger count per flight was 129 and 123, respectively.

NSCBI Director Vikram Singh said the achievement was possible owing concerted efforts among the stakeholders and extra vigilance to stop leakage of funds for unnecessary gadgets. He hoped the revenue and profit would also go up in future with new flights being added to destinations like China and Cambodia.

IndiGo, India's largest airline by passenger volume and fleet, has commenced direct flights between Kolkata and Siem Reap, marking the

first air link between India and Cambodia by an Indian carrier. The thrice-weekly service, launched on 13 November, is operated using Airbus A320neo aircraft and expands IndiGo's international footprint to 46 destinations.

Siem Reap, Cambodia's second-largest city and gateway to the UNESCO-listed Angkor Wat, is expected to attract growing volumes of Indian leisure and cultural travellers. Cambodia offers simplified entry through visa on arrival and e-visa options, further easing access for Indian tourists.

IndiGo on 26 September began direct flight to China after a five-year hiatus, between India and mainland China with the launch of a daily non-stop service from Kolkata to Guangzhou.



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नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट उद्घाटन के दिन ही उड़ान भरेंगे सपने

ग्रेटर नोएडा। दिसंबर की शुरुआत में ही नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के हाथों प्रस्तावित है। इसके साथ ही पहली उड़ान भी नोएडा एयरपोर्ट से उसी दिन कराए जाने की तैयारी भी चालू है। आधिकारिक सूत्रों के मुताबिक शासन से निर्देश है कि कॉमर्शियल ऑपरेशन भी उद्घाटन के साथ ही शुरू कर लिए जाएं। इसके लिए अलग-अलग एयरलाइंस के साथ भी बातचीत नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड - नावल के अधिकारी कर रहे हैं। एयरपोर्ट की तैयारियों से जुड़े आधिकारिक सूत्रों का कहना है कि

पीएम मोदी उद्घाटन करने के साथ फ्लाइट कर सकते हैं रवाना

अभी तक प्रयास यही था कि एयरपोर्ट का उद्घाटन नवंबर में करा लिया जाए। इसके 30 से 45 दिन के अंदर कॉमर्शियल फ्लाइट आमतौर पर शुरू हो जाती है। नवंबर के अंत तक कॉमर्शियल ऑपरेशन के लिए एयरोड्रम लाइसेंस मिलने की उम्मीद है। इसके लिए जरूरी टेस्टिंग और मानकों को पूरा करने के बाद महानिदेशक नागरिक उड्डयन- डीजीसीए से सैद्धांतिक सहमति भी बन गई है।



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BUSINESS LINE

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New Year's eve: Mumbai airfares cheaper than Navi Mumbai

Aneesh Phadnis
Mumbai

Airlines are stimulating travel demand from Navi Mumbai airport, which begins commercial operations on December 25.

Yet that does not necessarily mean all flights from Navi Mumbai will be cheaper when compared to Mumbai.

Online portals on Wednesday evening showed that one-way economy class tickets for travel on December 25 to Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad and Nagpur were cheaper from Mumbai. Tickets to Kochi, Lucknow and Mangalore were cheaper from Navi Mumbai.

A similar trend was seen on scanning flights options for travel on New Year's eve. Tickets for Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad for flights were cheaper from Mumbai.

Tickets to Kochi, Lucknow, Mangalore and Nag-

One-way economy fares for travel on December 31

Destination	Ticket price from	
	Navi Mumbai	Mumbai
Delhi	₹5,329	₹4,999
Bengaluru	₹5,630	₹4,538
Hyderabad	₹4,357	₹4,156
Kochi	₹6,876	₹8,205
Mangaluru	₹6,280	₹7,173
Ahmedabad	₹7,056	₹4,194



Source: Online travel portals. Fares as on Nov 19 evening

pur were cheaper from Navi Mumbai. There are no flights listed to Goa on December 31 from Navi Mumbai.

TIMINGS, FEES

The first month of operations at Navi Mumbai airport will see 23 daily departures operated by Akasa Air and IndiGo, and these will scale up to 34 next February as the airport begins 24-hour operations.

While Akasa is operating flights to four cities, IndiGo

will be flying to 10 destinations in the launch phase.

An airline source said it is too early to assess demand and pricing trends for Navi Mumbai.

Typically 30-40 per cent of seats get sold in last seven days before departure. "Bookings from Navi Mumbai flights will pick up from December," he said.

Another executive said ticket prices from Navi Mumbai could be higher because of the higher user de-

velopment fee component levied by Navi Mumbai airport.

Ticket prices will also depend on flight timings. "Mumbai airport has been supply constrained, and with opening of Navi Mumbai we see significant demand boost. Going forward, ticket prices from both the airports may stabilise," he said.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

Prices for Christmas day travel showed wide variance, with tickets to Delhi and Hyderabad from Navi Mumbai priced 2x-3x, and 171 per cent higher than those from Mumbai on Wednesday.

The price difference for travel to Nagpur was just 2.8 per cent.

For travel on December 31, fares to Ahmedabad were 68 per cent higher from Navi Mumbai, compared to Mumbai. Fares to Lucknow and Nagpur from both airports were nearly identical with less than a per cent difference.

South B'luru to house city's 2nd airport: DKS

CM launches IT, space, startup policies at tech summit

BENGALURU, DHNS

The government is considering a second airport in south Bengaluru, said Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 on Tuesday, where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah unveiled the Karnataka Space Technology, IT and Startup Policy 2025-30.

The state government had finalised three locations for the second international airport: two on Kanakapura Road near Kaggalipura and Harohalli in the south and a third site on Nelamangala-Kunigal Road.

Inaugurating the three-day tech summit, Siddaramaiah said the state has always led the country in policy innovation. Karnataka launched the country's first IT policy in 1997, he said and that the new policy is aimed at transforming the



IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge (left) with CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM D K Shivakumar at the Bengaluru Tech Summit on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PRASHANT H G

state into a global destination for innovation and deep tech.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Shivakumar said, "We are spending over Rs 1 lakh crore to improve Bengaluru's infrastructure." He listed out mega projects, including a 40-km twin tunnel costing Rs 42,500 crore, a double decker metro line (41 km) costing Rs 18,000 crore and the 74-km Bengaluru Business Corridor costing Rs 27,000 crore. He said the government will start a separate secretariat for NRIs to streamline services and a residential layout for NRIs.

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South B'luru to house city's 2nd airport: DKS

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Shivakumar also announced that the government will build an international complex to house global business houses in the city apart from building a world-class AI city spread over 9,000 acres near Bidadi.

Explaining new policies, Siddaramaiah said with the Space Tech policy 2025-2030, the government aims to position Karnataka as the country's leading space technology hub, capturing 50% of the national market and 5% globally by 2034.

Though more details of the Startup Policy will be revealed at the Future Makers Conclave at the BTS on November 20, the CM mentioned that the policy aims to enable the cre-

ation of 25,000 startups over the next five years through strategic interventions in funding, market access, infrastructure talent development and social inclusion.

Under the Space Technology policy, Karnataka aims to hold 50% of the national market share - \$22 billion market by 2033. As part of this, a space technology cell will be set up under Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS).

Under the new IT policy 2025-2030, the government targets to achieve generation of over 90 lakh direct and indirect jobs before 2030. Currently, the state accounts for 43.67% of the nation's total software exports.

"Karnataka is home to

over 16,000 startups and the state accounts for nearly 47% of the country's total startup funding. Karnataka contributes 42% of India's IT exports, valued at over Rs 3.2 lakh crore, growing at a rapid 27% year-on-year," he said, adding the state hosts over 550 Global Capability Centres (GCCs).

Shivakumar said 60 nations are participating in the event. "Over 1,200 exhibitors, 15,000 delegates, and more than 10,000 startups are attending the BTS event," he said.

The CM also launched the KEO (Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source), an AI-ready personal computer designed and developed in the state for Rs 18,999.

Govt to submit new DPR on Mekedatu to water commission

Aims to provide 4.75 tmcft drinking water to Bengaluru

BENGALLURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Tuesday that the state government would prepare a new Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the Mekedatu project and submit it to the Central Water Commission (CWC).

"We have just reviewed the (Supreme) Court's decision. We will open an office at the chief engineer (CE) level at Ramanagara in Bengaluru South district. It was pending for the last 4-5 years. We will take it forward. So, we will prepare a new plan of action on this and

will submit it to the CWC," Shivakumar told reporters after a high-level meeting with officials on implementing the Mekedatu project.

The meeting comes days after the Supreme Court's ruling that set aside Tamil Nadu's petition against the Mekedatu project.

The DPR was rejected earlier, the deputy chief minister said, adding that applications will be submitted again to the Union government.

"We have to provide details of the quantity of forest area that gets submerged. We have decided to build a specific of-



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar take part in a meeting on Mekedatu drinking water project in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

ice; there is already a small office at Harobe. We have decided to open an office at the CE level in Ramanagara, since it will be close to both Mandya and Ramanagara," he said.

The Mekedatu initiative is a pet project of Shivakumar, and the Congress had conducted a padayatra on the issue when the BJP was in power.

The project aims to supply 4.75 tmcft of drinking water to Bengaluru and surrounding areas and will also generate 400 MW of hydroelectric power.

For this, Karnataka plans to construct a concrete gravity dam at Mekedatu with a storage capacity of 67.16 tmcft. Alongside water and power

supply, the state also hopes to bolster its tourism sector through the project.

'Harmony beneficial'

Former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said Karnataka's legal battle on the Mekedatu issue will benefit if the state seeks the Union government's approval with "trust" and "harmony."

He noted that "bringing politics" into the matter or making it a "matter of political prestige" would harm Karnataka's interests.

Bommai claimed the project would have reached an advanced stage by now if the Congress had not undertaken its padayatra.

Stating that Tamil Nadu would not withdraw its case, the former chief minister cautioned the state government to complete every stage "very intelligently."



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हवाई उड़ानें शुरू करने पर आज होगा मंथन

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
ग्रेटर नोएडा, 19 नवंबर।

नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर व्यावसायिक उड़ानें शुरू करने की आखिरी मुहर पर गुरुवार को मंथन किया जाएगा। इसके लिए उड्डयन विभाग के अपर मुख्य सचिव दीपक कुमार हवाई अड्डे पर अधिकारियों के साथ समीक्षा कर तैयारियों को परखेंगे।

नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एअरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (नायल) के सीईओ आरके सिंह ने बताया कि गुरुवार को हवाई अड्डा स्थल पर दोपहर तीन बजे अपर मुख्य सचिव निरीक्षण कर बैठक करेंगे। इसमें नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) और नागरिक सुरक्षा उड्डयन ब्यूरो (बकास) के अधिकारी भी शामिल होंगे। बताया गया है कि उड़ानें शुरू होने से पहले तैयारियों को लेकर होने वाली इस समीक्षा के बाद ही एअरोड्रम लाइसेंस का रास्ता खुलेगा।



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Navi Mumbai Int'l Airport to start ops from Dec 25

MUMBAI: Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) will start commercial flight operations from December 25 and initially, there will be 23 scheduled daily departures. In the first month, the airport will operate for 12 hours between 8 am and 8 pm, handling 23 scheduled daily departures.

During this period, the airport will manage up to 10 flight movements per hour, a release said on Monday.

The airport has been developed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd (NMIAL), an SPV jointly owned by Adani Group and the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO).

NMIA, the second main airport in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 8. In the ini-

tial phase, NMIA will handle around 120 air traffic movements daily.

From February 2026, it will transition to round-the-clock operations, expanding to 34 daily departures.

"The inaugural flight to arrive at NMIA will be IndiGo 6E460 from Bengaluru, scheduled to touchdown at 8:00 am. Shortly after, IndiGo 6E882 will depart for Hyderabad at 8:40 am, marking the first outbound service from the new airport.

"During the initial launch period, passengers will benefit from services operated by IndiGo, Air India Express, and Akasa Air, connecting Mumbai to 16 major domestic destinations," the release said.

The first phase of NMIA has been built at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore.

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बम धमकी के बाद कड़ी जांच, यात्रियों को परेशानी

चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा जांच से कई उड़ानें हुई लेट

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हाल ही दिल्ली के लाल किला इलाके में कार बम धमाके के बाद देशभर में सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई है। चेन्नई एयरपोर्ट पर भी पांच स्तरीय सुरक्षा व्यवस्था लागू की गई है। इस

दौरान बार-बार बम की धमकी की अफवाहें आने से प्रशासन ने सुरक्षा जांच और कड़ी कर दी। यात्रियों को जूते, बेल्ट, जैकेट और सर्द के कपड़े जांच के लिए उतारने पड़ रहे हैं, जिससे प्रक्रिया में अतिरिक्त समय लग रहा है। बोर्डिंग गेट पर भी अतिरिक्त जांच की जा रही है।

इन सख्त उपायों के चलते लुफ्थान्सा एयरलाइंस की फ्रैंकफर्ट, एमिरेट्स की दुबई, एयर एशिया की कुआलालंपुर, सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस की सिंगापुर, इंडिगो की दोहा, थाई एयरलाइंस की थाईलैंड, एयर

सुरक्षा जांच में भाषा की समस्या

यात्रियों ने प्रशासन से मांग की है कि सुरक्षा जांच में अतिरिक्त केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सीआइएसएफ) कर्मियों की तैनाती की जाए। उन्होंने यह भी कहा अधिकतर सीआइएसएफ अधिकारी केवल हिंदी बोलते हैं, जिससे तमिल या अंग्रेजी बोलने

वाले यात्रियों को संवाद में परेशानी होती है। यात्रियों ने आग्रह किया है कि महत्वपूर्ण सुरक्षा बिंदुओं पर तमिल या अंग्रेजी बोलने वाले कर्मियों को तैनात किया जाए, ताकि जांच प्रक्रिया तेज और सहज हो सके।

अरेबिया की शारजाह और अबुधाबी, एतिहाद की अबुधाबी और ओमान एयरलाइंस की मस्कट जाने वाली

उड़ानों में देरी हुई। सामान्य से अधिक यात्री होने के कारण सुरक्षा क्षेत्रों में भीड़ बढ़ गई।



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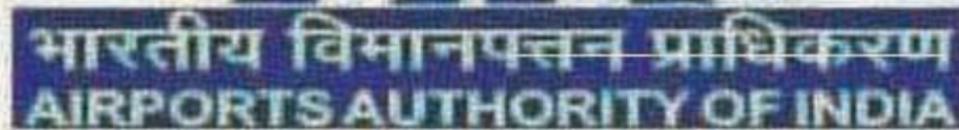
जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट

फ्लाइट शेड्यूल में कोई सुधार नहीं, मुंबई आने-जाने वाले प्रभावित



जयपुर @ पत्रिका. जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर फ्लाइट का शेड्यूल लगातार बिगड़ रहा है, जिससे यात्रियों को परेशानी हो रही है। सोमवार को मुंबई से आवाजाही करने वाले लोग ज्यादा परेशान हुए। जानकारी के अनुसार इंडिगो एयरलाइन की शाम 6:20 बजे, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की शाम 6:10 बजे, इंडिगो एयरलाइन की शाम 6:55 बजे मुंबई से, इंडिगो एयरलाइन की रात 8:20 बजे देहरादून, कोलकाता से रात 9:30 बजे, इंदौर से रात 10:05 बजे, स्पाइसजेट एयरलाइन की पुणे से रात 9:10 बजे आने वाली फ्लाइट एक-एक घंटे की देरी से जयपुर

पहुंची। इनके अलावा इंडिगो एयरलाइन की शाम 7:05 बजे कोलकाता से आने वाली फ्लाइट आधा घंटे देरी से आई। वहीं, जयपुर से एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की शाम 6:40 बजे मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट डेढ़ घंटे, इंडिगो की शाम 7:05 बजे मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट एक घंटे की देरी से रवाना हुई। इंडिगो एयरलाइन की शाम 5:30 बजे उदयपुर, शाम 5:35 बजे देहरादून, शाम 6:20 बजे अहमदाबाद जाने वाली फ्लाइट आधा-आधा घंटे की देरी से जयपुर से रवाना हुई। इंडिगो एयरलाइन की रात 8:35 बजे इंदौर जाने वाली फ्लाइट का संचालन रद्द रहा।



भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
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नवी मुंबई एयरपोर्ट, उड़ानें 25 दिसंबर से

नवी मुंबई@ पत्रिका. नवी मुंबई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर 25 दिसंबर से वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें शुरू होंगी। शुरुआती एक महीने में एयरपोर्ट सुबह 8 बजे से रात 8 बजे तक 12 घंटे संचालित होगा और रोज 23 निर्धारित डिपार्चर होंगे।

मृत लेपर्ड का पोस्टमार्टम: प्रथम दृष्टया ट्रॉमेटिक शॉक बताया मौत का कारण बेरहमी से पिटाई... सिर की हड्डी-पसलियां टूटी, अंदरूनी चोटों में भारी रक्तस्राव

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जयपुर. नाहरगढ़ सेंचुरी के जंगल में मृत मिली मादा लेपर्ड की बेरहमी से पिटाई की गई थी। उसके सिर की हड्डी और पसलियां टूटी मिलीं। पैरों में भी गंभीर चोटें थीं। अंदरूनी चोटों के कारण भारी मात्रा में रक्तस्राव हुआ, जिससे शरीर में ब्लड क्लॉट बन गए। आशंका है कि हमले के कुछ ही घंटों बाद उसकी दर्द और सदमे से मौत हो गई। नाहरगढ़ जैविक उद्यान के रेस्क्यू सेंटर में मंगलवार को लेपर्ड का पोस्टमार्टम किया गया। प्रारंभिक जांच में मौत का



कारण ट्रॉमेटिक शॉक माना जा रहा है। वहीं वन विभाग मामले पर चुप्पी साधे हुए हैं। लेपर्ड के विभिन्न सैपल जांच के लिए बरेली स्थित भारतीय पशु चिकित्सा अनुसंधान संस्थान भेजे गए हैं। शुक्रवार रात एक मादा लेपर्ड गुर्जर घाटी स्थित एक घर में घुस गई थी। उसे देखकर लोग घबरा गए और कुछ व्यक्तियों ने पकड़कर डंडों से पीटा।

...तो बच जाती जान

घटना की सूचना मिलने पर वन विभाग की टीम मौके पर पहुंच गई थी। टीम ने लेपर्ड को गंभीर रूप से घायल हालत में जंगल की ओर जाते हुए देखा भी था। वह लड़खड़ाते हुए चल रही थी। उस समय रेस्क्यू कर तत्काल उपचार किया जाता तो उसकी जान बच सकती थी। लेपर्ड की मौत के बाद वन्यजीव प्रेमियों में आकोश है। उनका कहना है कि यह केवल हमला नहीं, बल्कि हत्या है। आरोपियों की पहचान तक न होना गंभीर लापरवाही है। उनका कहना है कि यदि वन विभाग आरोपियों तक नहीं पहुंच पा रहा है, तो उसे तुरंत पुलिस की मदद लेनी चाहिए।

वन्यजीव प्रेमियों में खुशी

जैसलमेर में देखी गई दुर्लभ प्रजाति की बिल्ली की आबादी

थार में नजर आई दुर्लभ प्रजाति की एशियाटिक कैराकल

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पोकरण (जैसलमेर) . भारत-पाक सीमा से सटे सरहदी जिले के रामगढ़ क्षेत्र में दुर्लभ प्रजाति की एशियाटिक कैराकल बिल्ली नजर आई है। अनुमान है कि यहां कैराकल के लगभग 10 जोड़े हैं। गौरतलब है कि रेगिस्तानी क्षेत्रों में पाई जाने वाली इस प्रजाति की संख्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों में लगातार घटती जा रही है। इसी गिरावट के कारण एशियाटिक कैराकल को गंभीर संकटग्रस्त प्रजाति की श्रेणी में शामिल किया गया है। जैसलमेर के वन्यजीवप्रेमी सुमेर सिंह भाटी और पंकज विरनोई ने



पोकरण . रामगढ़ क्षेत्र में नजर आई एशियाटिक कैराकल।

एशियाटिक कैराकल के फोटो पत्रिका को उपलब्ध करवाए हैं।

विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि यह थार में कैराकल की वापसी का संकेत है।

यदि संरक्षण के प्रयासों के साथ इनके प्राकृतिक आवास को बचाने की दिशा में कदम बढ़ाए, तो इनकी संख्या में बढ़ोतरी की संभावना है।

कैराकल की प्रमुख विशेषताएं

■ इसके कान लंबे होते हैं और काले फर से ढके रहते हैं। कानों के सिरे पर मौजूद लंबे काले बाल इसे सुंदर और विशिष्ट बनाते हैं।

■ कैराकल हवा में लगभग 3 मीटर तक उछल सकती है, जो दुनिया की बहुत कम बिल्लियों में पाई जाने वाली क्षमता है। यह उड़ते पक्षियों को भी झपटकर पकड़ लेती है।

■ यह इंसानी गतिविधियों से दूर रहती है और जमीन पर कम निशान छोड़ता है।

■ इसका शरीर पतला और एथलेटिक होता है, जो इसे रेत, झाड़ियों और घास वाले क्षेत्रों में तेजी से घूमने-फिरने में सक्षम बनाता है।

■ कैराकल बेहद कम पानी में भी जीवित रह सकती है। इसे अधिकांश नमी अपने शिकार से ही मिल जाती है।

■ एशियाटिक कैराकल शांत और छिपकर रहने वाली बिल्ली है। इसकी जीवनशैली अत्यंत गुप्त होती है।

आपातकालीन तैयारियों का किया मूल्यांकन

मॉकड्रिल : एयरपोर्ट पर बम से हड़कंप, चंद मिनट में खाली कराया टर्मिनल

सूचना मिलते ही सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने तत्काल लिया एक्शन, मौके पर पहुंचीं

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डॉंग स्व्वायड और टीसीवी वाहन को बुलाया गया। इसके बाद गहनता से चप्पा-चप्पा खंगाला गया। इस दौरान सदिग्ध बैग और बम दोनों मिले। उसे एयरपोर्ट से बाहर लाकर डिफ्यूज किया गया। इसके बाद एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन और सुरक्षा एजेंसियों ने राहत की सांस ली। दरअसल, यह एक मॉकड्रिल थी। इसे दोपहर ढाई से सवा तीन बजे के बीच एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन, सीआइएसएफ, पुलिस समेत



अन्य सुरक्षा एजेंसियों और एयरलाइन कंपनियों के प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में पूरा किया गया।

बताया जा रहा है कि इस मॉकड्रिल को रियल टाइम बम धमकी, सर्व ऑपरेशन और रिस्पॉन्स टाइम नोट करने के लिए किया गया। इसके साथ ही एयरपोर्ट की आपातकालीन तैयारियों का भी मूल्यांकन किया गया। यात्रियों को परेशानी न हो, इसलिए यह ड्रिल नोटम (नोटिस टू एयरटाइम) टाइम में की गई।





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DELHI

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Mumbai airport to shut operations for 6 hours today

Mumbai: Mumbai airport will shut operations for six hours Thursday as both runways will close for the annual, scheduled post-monsoon maintenance work, forcing a halt in arrivals and departures between 11 am and 5 pm.

The closure is necessary as Mumbai has intersecting cross runways; any work at the intersection requires shutting both, leaving the airport with no operational runway. Airlines were informed months in advance. 158



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MUMBAI

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Airport shut for 6 hrs tomorrow

Mumbai: The Mumbai airport will temporarily shut both its runways for six hours on Nov 20 to carry out its annual post-monsoon maintenance. The runways will be closed from 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs, and a NOTAM has been issued in advance, said Mumbai International Airport Ltd. The airport operator said coordination with airlines and began six months ago. **TNN**



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AMAR UJALA

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कोलंबो की दो उड़ानें खराब मौसम के कारण तिरुवनंतपुरम डायवर्ट

तिरुवनंतपुरम। इस्तांबुल और सऊदी अरब से श्रीलंका जा रही दो उड़ानों को बुधवार को कोलंबो में खराब मौसम के चलते तिरुवनंतपुरम अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे पर डायवर्ट किया गया। तिरुवनंतपुरम इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड (टीआईएल) ने एक विज्ञप्ति जारी कर यह जानकारी दी।

जानकारी के मुताबिक, एक उड़ान तुर्किश एयरलाइन की थी और इस्तांबुल से 258 यात्रियों और 10 कर्मीदल के साथ कोलंबो जा थी। दूसरी उड़ान श्रीलंकन एयरलाइन की थी, जो सऊदी अरब के दम्माम से 188 लोगों के साथ कोलंबो लौट रही थी। दोनों उड़ानों ने सुबह 7 बजे तिरुवनंतपुरम हवाई अड्डे पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग की। एजेंसी



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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राहत के प्रयास • पाक बैन से 4,030 करोड़ का नुकसान एअर इंडिया ने मांगी चीन के मिलिट्री एयरस्पेस के इस्तेमाल की अनुमति

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पाकिस्तान द्वारा एयरस्पेस बंद करने से हो रहे भारी नुकसान के बीच एअर इंडिया ने चीन के संवेदनशील शिनजियांग मिलिट्री जोन से विमान गुजारने की अनुमति मांगी है। टाटा समूह की एयरलाइन ने भारत सरकार से राजनयिक स्तर पर चीन को इसके लिए मनाने का अनुरोध किया है। एअर इंडिया का अनुमान है कि इस प्रतिबंध से उसे सालाना 45.5 करोड़ डॉलर (करीब 4,030 करोड़ रुपए) का घाटा हो सकता है। यह आंकड़ा वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के कुल घाटे 43.9 करोड़ डॉलर से भी ज्यादा है। कंपनी के मुताबिक, रास्ता बंद होने से अमेरिका, यूरोप और कनाडा जाने वाली उड़ानों का

एविएशन इंडस्ट्री को 10,500 करोड़ तक घाटे का अंदेशा

रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा की एक ताजा रिपोर्ट में अंदेशा जताया गया है कि भारतीय एविएशन इंडस्ट्री वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में 9,500 से 10,500 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा दर्ज कर सकती है। यह वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में हुए करीब 5,500 करोड़ रुपए के घाटे से भी ज्यादा है।

खर्च 29% और यात्रा का समय तीन घंटे तक बढ़ गया है। एअर इंडिया ने हॉटान, काशागर और उरुम्की जैसे एयरपोर्ट्स तक इमरजेंसी एक्सेस भी मांगी है। चीन की अनुमति मिलने पर नुकसान में खासी कमी आ सकती है।



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गूगल द्वारा कमीशन की गई कांतार रिपोर्ट में दावा भारत की ट्रेवल इंडस्ट्री में बड़ा बदलाव

घरेलू यात्राओं में 72 प्रतिशत यात्री लागत को दे रहे कम महत्व

नई दिल्ली, 19 नवम्बर (एजेंसियां)। भारत की ट्रेवल इंडस्ट्री में बड़ा बदलाव देखने को मिल रहा है और ग्राहकों के विश्वास और खर्च में तेजी देखी रही है। यह जानकारी बुधवार को जारी रिपोर्ट में दी गई।

गूगल द्वारा कमीशन की गई कांतार रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत में 88 प्रतिशत यात्री घूमना चाहते हैं। वहीं, इंडस्ट्री का फोकस प्रीमियमाइजेशन और वैल्यू मैक्सिमाइजेशन पर है।

रिपोर्ट में कहा गया कि घरेलू यात्राओं में 72 प्रतिशत यात्री लागत को कम महत्व देते हैं और 81 प्रतिशत यात्री अनुमान से अधिक खर्च हैं। यह प्रीमियमीकरण ग्लोबल ट्रिप्स में भी तेजी से बढ़ रहा है जहां औसत खर्च घरेलू यात्रा के खर्च का 3.2 गुना है। गूगल इंडिया के ट्रेवल एवं फूडटेक हेड शौरभ कर्पाड़िया



■ देश में बढ़ते ट्रेवल का फायदा प्रमुख तौर पर हवाई क्षेत्र को भी मिल रहा

ने कहा, यात्रा करना अब सेल्फ-एक्सप्रेसन का एक रूप बन गया है। हालांकि, बुकिंग के तरीकों में अभी भी एकरूपता नहीं है और हम देख रहे हैं कि हमारा डिजिटल इकोसिस्टम इस जटिलता को सरल बना रहा है। देश में बढ़ते

■ यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ने की वजह क्षमता विस्तार भी हो रहा

ट्रेवल का फायदा प्रमुख तौर पर हवाई क्षेत्र को भी मिल रहा है। घरेलू यात्री ट्रैफिक अक्टूबर में 1.42 करोड़ रहने का अनुमान है, जो कि सालाना आधार पर 4.5 प्रतिशत और सितंबर के मुकाबले 12.9 प्रतिशत अधिक है। रेटिंग

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स्पाइसजेट ने 10 करोड़ से ज्यादा इक्विटी शेयर का किया आवंटन, 442 करोड़ का कर्ज उतारा

नई दिल्ली। वित्तीय तंगी से जूझ रही निजी विमान सेवा कंपनी स्पाइसजेट ने विमान लीज पर देने वाली कंपनी कार्लाइल एविएशन को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर इक्विटी शेयर जारी कर 442 करोड़ रुपए का कर्ज उतार दिया है। एयरलाइंस ने बुधवार को एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में बताया कि उसने कार्लाइल एविएशन को 10,41,72,634 इक्विटी शेयर जारी किये हैं। प्राथमिकता के आधार पर जारी 10 रुपये अंकित मूल्य वाले ये शेयर 32.32 रुपए के प्रीमियम पर 42.32 रुपए प्रति शेयर के हिसाब से जारी किये गये हैं। इससे कंपनी को 442.50 करोड़ रुपए (पांच करोड़ डॉलर) की देनदारी समाप्त करने में मदद मिली है।



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DAINIK JAGRAN

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पटना के लिए रिकार्ड स्तर पर पहुंचा विमान किराया

जासं, पटना : नीतीश कुमार के शपथ ग्रहण समारोह का असर हवाई उड़ानों पर भी पड़ा है। समारोह में शामिल होने के लिए दिल्ली और मुंबई से बड़ी संख्या में एनडीए के केंद्रीय मंत्री, सांसद और बड़े नेता पटना पहुंच रहे हैं। इस कारण गुरुवार को दोनों महानगरों से पटना आने वाली अधिकांश फ्लाइटें पूरी तरह फुल हैं।

19 नवंबर को दिल्ली-पटना का अधिकतम किराया 23,500 रुपये पहुंच गया, दिल्ली-पटना-दिल्ली सेक्टर का न्यूनतम किराया 21,400 रुपये हो गया। 20 नवंबर को दिल्ली-पटना का किराया 21,493 रुपये से 23,500 रुपये तक रहा। हालांकि, पटना से दिल्ली की उड़ानों में किराया अपेक्षाकृत कम रहा।



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SpiceJet Pares ₹442cr Debt via Carlyle Deal

Press Trust of India

Mumbai: SpiceJet on Wednesday said it has completed the allotment of equity shares to Carlyle Aviation Partners, helping the airline wipe out ₹442.25 crore (\$50 million) of liabilities from its balance sheet and strengthen long-term financial stability.

The carrier had announced on September 11 that it reached a settlement with the global aircraft leasing firm to restructure lease dues worth \$121.18 million. The deal, it said, would enable SpiceJet to secure \$89.5 million in liquidity and bolster its ongoing restructuring plan.



The agreement also includes a mechanism under which, if Carlyle realises proceeds above \$50 million from the sale of the allotted shares, part of the excess will be used to offset future lease obligations, the airline noted.

According to the company, the Allotment Committee of the Board, in its November 18 meeting, approved issuing 10,41,72,634 equity shares of face value ₹10 each at ₹42.32 per

share (including a premium of ₹32.32) on a preferential, non-promoter basis.

In addition, the settlement entitles SpiceJet to \$79.6 million in cash maintenance reserves for future aircraft and engine upkeep, and \$9.9 million in maintenance credits to offset lease dues.

"This is an important milestone in our restructuring journey and reflects our commitment to building a financially resilient SpiceJet. The reduction of liabilities, coupled with access to significant maintenance reserves and credits, gives us the support we need as we revive our fleet and expand operations," said CMD Ajay Singh.

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Airline urges govt to convince Beijing for route clearance as Pakistan remains out of bounds

AI eyes China military airspace to cut costs

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TACKLING HEADWINDS

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countries erupted in April. For Air India, the country's only carrier with a major international network, fuel costs have risen by 29% and journey times by up to three hours on some long-haul routes, accord-

ing to the document submitted to Indian officials in October. The Indian government is reviewing Air India's plea to allow an alternative routing and emergency access to air-

ports in case of diversions at Hotan, Kashgar and Urumqi in Xinjiang, aiming to reach the US, Canada and Europe faster, the document said. "Air India's long-haul network is under severe operational and financial strain... Securing Hotan route will be a strategic option," it added.

The airline, owned by Tata Group and Singapore Airlines, estimated the Pakistan airspace closure's impact on its profit before tax at \$455 million annually — a significant amount given its FY25 loss stood at \$439 million.

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AI eyes China military airspace...

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report on China's military said the command's responsibilities include responding to any conflict with India.

China's military has much greater control of the country's airspace than in most other aviation markets, restricting flight paths. Open-source intelligence tracker Damien Symon said China's military has recently expanded an airbase at Hotan.

Data from AirNav Radar shows no non-Chinese airlines departed or arrived at Hotan airport in the last 12 months.

Shukor Yusof, founder of aviation consultancy Endau Analytics, said, "Air India can try, but it's doubtful China will accede" to access given the region's terrain, lack of emer-

gency airports and possibility of security issues.

Airspace globally has been constricted due to proliferating conflict zones.

US carriers have been banned from flying over Russia since the Ukraine war began in 2022 and pulled out of many US-India routes. That gave Air India a near-monopoly on non-stop flights from India.

But after the Pakistan airspace closure, Air India's Delhi-Washington route was suspended in August. Now other routes are under review, with the direct Mumbai- and Bengaluru to San Francisco routes "becoming unviable" due to an additional three hours of travel time, including a technical stop

in Kolkata, the document said.

"Passengers (are) shifting to foreign carriers due to shorter flight time as they have the benefit of Pakistan overflight," the document said.

Air India estimates the requested Hotan route in China could substantially cut extra fuel requirements and flight times, help restore passenger and cargo capacity it trimmed by as much as 15% on routes like New York- and Vancouver-Delhi, and reduce losses by an estimated \$1.13 million per week.

With no signs of airspace ban easing, Air India also wants "temporary subsidy till Pakistan airspace opens", the document said. **REUTERS**



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TENNECO CLEAN AIR INDIA SHARES JUMP 24% ON DEBUT



SHARES OF
TENNECO
Clean Air
India ended
with a
premium of

nearly 24% against the
issue price of ₹397. The
stock started trading at
₹498, up 25.44% from the
issue price, and closed at
₹491.20, up 23.72%.
Market valuation stood at
₹19,825.04 cr, reports PTL



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SpiceJet cuts debt by ₹442 cr after share allotment to Carlyle

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New Delhi, November 19

SPICEJET ON WEDNESDAY said it has completed the allotment of equity shares to global aircraft leasing and financing firm Carlyle Aviation Partners, a move that has helped the airline reduce its liabilities by ₹442.25 crore and strengthen its long-term financial position.

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Chairman and Managing

Director Ajay Singh said: "The removal of liabilities, combined with access to substantial maintenance reserves and credits, provides us with meaningful support as we continue to revive our fleet and expand operations."

The company had earlier announced on September 11 that it had reached a settlement with Carlyle Aviation Partners to restructure certain lease dues amounting to \$121.18 million. The agreement was expected to unlock \$89.5 million in liquidity and support the airline's broader restructuring efforts.

Singh added that several other restructuring initiatives are underway and expressed hope of concluding them soon.

Aviation industry's loss may widen to ₹10,500 cr this FY

PTI
NEW DELHI

Domestic aviation industry's net losses are projected to nearly double to Rs 9,500 to Rs 10,500 crore in the current fiscal ending March next year, mainly impacted by moderating passenger growth and higher costs due to aircraft deliveries, a report said on Tuesday.

While maintaining a stable outlook and projecting 4-6 per cent domestic passenger traffic growth in FY26, rating agency Icra said the airline industry's financial performance is expected to remain under pressure.

"The Indian aviation sector is projected to report a wider net loss of Rs 95-105 billion in FY2026, compared to an estimated loss of Rs 55 billion in FY2025. The deterioration is linked to moderating passenger growth, coupled with higher deliveries of aircraft, which increase capital and operational expenses. Icra



forecasts the industry's interest coverage ratio to range between 1.5 and 1.7 times for FY2026," it said in the report.

The agency also said the expected losses are significantly lower than Rs 21,600 crore and Rs 17,900 crore reported in FY2022 and FY2023, respectively.

In the last financial year, the passenger traffic growth was 7.6 per cent, translating to total passenger volumes of 16.53 crore.

However, the report said, growth prospects for the current fiscal year are expected to

remain moderate due to cross-border tensions, global disruptions, travel hesitancy post the June 2025 aircraft tragedy and recent disruptions related to air traffic control operations. In October, domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have reached 1.43 crore, a year-on-year growth of 4.5 per cent and a sequential increase of 12.9 per cent from September.

"This momentum in travel demand was supported by an expansion in capacity, with domestic departures reaching approximately 99,816 during

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October, representing a sequential increase of 10.8 per cent and a 1.7 per cent rise year-on-year," the report said.

Supply chain bottlenecks and engine failure-related aircraft groundings also continue to hit the industry.

"As of March 31, 2025, around 133 aircraft across select airlines were grounded, representing 15-17 per cent of the total industry fleet. These operational setbacks have led to increased costs, including grounding-related expenses, higher lease rentals for replacement aircraft, and reduced fuel efficiency," the report said.



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DGCA slaps fine on IndiGo

DGCA has imposed a penalty of Rs 20 lakh on IndiGo for violation related to instrument flight procedure at the Udaipur airport. Informing the BSE about the fine, IndiGo's parent InterGlobe Aviation on Tuesday said there is no material impact on financials, operations or other activities of the company.



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Wild elephant rescued from canal near Shivanasamudra

NT Correspondent

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A wild elephant that had fallen into a deep canal near Shivanasamudra in Malavalli taluk was successfully rescued by the Forest Department after a two-day operation.

The elephant had wandered near a private power generation unit, and on Saturday night (November 15), it accidentally entered a 20-foot-deep canal gate that supplies water to the facility. Due to the strong water current, the elephant was unable to climb back out.

Officials noticed the elephant missing on Sunday morning and suspected it had fallen into the canal. De-



spite waiting until evening, the elephant did not surface. Under the leadership of DCF Raghu and Mysuru Wildlife Division DCF Prabhu, the Forest Department launched a rescue operation by reducing the water flow in the canal.

The team first provided food to the elephant and then administered a tran-

quilizer shot. Once the elephant was sedated, it was lifted using a hydraulic crane, secured with ropes, and placed onto a container. It was then transported by truck to a safer location.

Due to prolonged exposure to water, the tip of the elephant's trunk had turned pale, and there is a possibility of fungal infection on its legs. Veterinary care is being provided to ensure its recovery.

The successful rescue has been widely appreciated, highlighting the dedication and swift action of the Forest Department in protecting wildlife. The elephant is now safe, and its health will continue to be monitored.



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MANCHERIAL

Tigers return to former poaching hotspot

The district's forests are witnessing a welcome rise in tiger activity, with big cats moving confidently across the landscape. A female tiger from Tadoba Andhari Reserve migrated to the Luxettipet range last winter and has since settled there. Now known as L1, she has occasionally preyed on cattle, but her long-term presence is viewed as a positive ecological sign. Another female tiger, also believed to have come from Maharashtra, has been travelling between Kasipet and Tiryani mandals for the past five months. Its repeated cattle kills have raised concerns among villagers, though officials note the tiger appears to be marking territory and displaying behaviour that warrants closer study. Local tiger populations are also moving safely through an area once scarred by poaching, where three tigers were killed between 2016 and 2023. Forest officials attribute the improved protection of wildlife to stronger patrolling, greater public awareness, and strict action against offenders.



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डीजीसीए ने इंडिगो पर 20 लाख का लगाया जुर्माना



नई दिल्ली। विमानन नियामक नागरिक विमानन महानिदेशालय ने उदयपुर हवाई अड्डे पर इंस्ट्रूमेंट उड़ान प्रक्रिया से संबंधित उल्लंघन के लिए इंडिगो पर 20 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है। मंगलवार को बीएसई को जुर्माने की जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि कंपनी की अन्य गतिविधियों पर इसका कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा है। कंपनी ने कहा, जुर्माना, कंपनी द्वारा उदयपुर हवाई अड्डे के लिए तैयार की गई।



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THE HINDU

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With 75 MAXs flydubai bets big on Boeing after Airbus order

Jagriti Chandra
DUBAI

"We are always looking to expand", Dubai-based carrier flydubai's CEO Ghaith Al Ghaith said moments before it announced a second aircraft agreement in two days, this time for Boeing's 75 MAXs.

flydubai announced a Memorandum of Agreement with Boeing for 75 737 MAX aircraft, valued at \$13 billion, and options for 75 more aircraft.

"We are always looking at possibilities to expand and improve our operations," Mr. Ghaith said at the Dubai Airshow 2025.

To a question on whether they were confident in the manufacturer despite



Higher and higher: A Flydubai Boeing 737 MAX 8 performs a display flight at Al-Maktoum International Airport. AFP

delays in aircraft deliveries, he replied, "We are very confident in our country, in Dubai, and what lies ahead more than any time ever in my lifetime."

The multiple orders from the airline, and Emirates' 65 Boeing 777-9 order at the airshow come amid a huge economic transformation in neigh-

bouring Saudi Arabia including expanded airports and new airlines, including full-service carrier Riyadh Air that started flights to London last month.

On Tuesday, the airline had also announced a 150-aircraft order for Airbus A321 neo. The deliveries are expected to start from 2031 until 2043 and will

help the airline add 15 more seats and fly two hours longer than the current equipment in its fleet.

Along with Emirates, flydubai announced plans to offer Starlink WiFi on its aircraft.

Emirates Group, Chairman and CEO Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum said flydubai was leaving its low-cost roots behind.

"They started as a low-cost airline, that is what we needed at the time," the chairman told *The Hindu*.

The 'luxury side' of Dubai and the changes in the past 15 years since the launch of flydubai in March 2010 compel changes at the airline, he explained.

(The writer was in Dubai on flydubai's invitation)



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{ **BUSINESS** } REPORT SAYS

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Air India and civil aviation authorities in India, China and Pakistan did not respond to Reuters' queries. China's defence ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



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SpiceJet settles dues with Carlyle

Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Wednesday said it has completed allotment of equity shares to global aircraft leasing and financing firm Carlyle Aviation Partners in a move that has helped it shave off ₹442.25 crore (\$50 million) liabilities from its balance sheet, besides providing long-term financial stability.

On 11 September, the company announced reaching a settlement with the firm for the restructuring of its certain lease dues to the tune of \$121.18 million, and said that it would help the carrier secure \$89.5 million liquidity and support its ongoing restructuring efforts.

The settlement agreement with CAP also provides for a mechanism under which, in the event lessors realise proceeds above \$50-million from the sale of the issued shares, a portion of such excess will be applied to offset future lease obligations, the airline said.

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DGCA slaps ₹20 lakh fine on IndiGo

NEW DELHI: Aviation regulator DGCA has imposed a penalty of Rs 20 lakh on IndiGo for violation related to instrument flight procedure at the Udaipur airport.

Informing the BSE about the fine, IndiGo's parent InterGlobe Aviation on Tuesday said there is no material impact on financials, operations or other activities of the company.

The penalty pertains to "implementation of Standard Instrument Departure (SID) Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) formulated by the Company for Udaipur Airport, instead of being promulgated by AAI as mandated under Rule 133A of The Aircraft Rules, 1937, read along with DGCA CAR 9/EN para nos 2.2 and 2.34," it said in a filing. **PTI**



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Domestic aviation sector's loss may widen to ₹9,500-10,500 cr in FY26

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MUMBAI: The domestic aviation industry's net losses are expected to nearly double to Rs 9,500-10,500 crore in FY26, driven by slowing passenger growth and rising costs linked to new aircraft deliveries, according to a report by Ica released on Tuesday.

Despite maintaining a stable outlook and projecting 4-6 per cent domestic passenger traffic growth for FY26, the rating agency said the sector's financial performance will remain under pressure.

Ica estimates the industry's net loss to widen to Rs 95-105 billion in FY26 from around Rs 55 billion in FY25, as moderating demand and higher capital and operational expenses weigh on carriers. The indus-

try's interest coverage ratio is projected to remain between 1.5 and 1.7 times.

Even with these pressures, the projected losses are far lower than the steep losses of Rs 21,600 crore and Rs 17,900 crore reported in FY22 and FY23.

Domestic passenger traffic grew 7.6 per cent last fiscal, reaching 16.53 crore travellers.

However, growth this year is expected to stay subdued due to cross-border tensions, global disruptions, post-tragedy travel hesitancy following the June 2025 aircraft crash, and recent air traffic control-related disruptions.

In October, domestic air traffic is estimated at 1.43 crore passengers, up 4.5 per

cent year-on-year and 12.9 per cent compared with September.

This growth was supported by increased capacity, with domestic departures rising to nearly 99,816 — a 10.8 per cent sequential increase and a 1.7 per cent rise year-on-year.

The sector continues to face supply chain issues and widespread aircraft groundings due to engine failures.

As of March 31, 2025, around 133 aircraft across major airlines were grounded, accounting for 15-17 per cent of the total fleet.

These challenges have pushed up costs through grounding expenses, higher lease rentals for substitute aircraft, and reduced fuel efficiency.

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Amid Pak blockade, AI seeks govt's help for using China military airspace

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AIR India has asked the Centre to persuade China to allow their aircraft to use a section of its restricted military airspace in Xinjiang as the ongoing Pakistan airspace closure continues to inflict steep financial losses on Indian carriers. India-China flights resumed only last month after a five-and-a-half-year suspension.

A source confirmed the development to this newspaper. "We requested the government some time ago to take up with China the possibility of opening a portion of its military airspace for Indian aircraft," an official said.

"The Pakistan airspace ban has forced us to fly a circuitous route to Western destinations, sharply pushing up operational costs. The financial toll has been heavy," the official said.

The source added that the airline can only move forward if diplomatic efforts succeed. "It all depends on government-to-government talks. Without China's approval, Air India cannot operate through that corridor," the source said.

Air India CEO Campbell Wil-



India-Pak airspace closure touches seven months

Pakistan closed its airspace to India on April 24, two days after the Pahalgam terror attack, for one month. India responded in kind. Since then, both countries have extended the closure through monthly NOTAMs, leaving the restrictions in place for nearly seven months now.

son said at a Delhi event last month that the airline had suffered ₹4,000 crore in losses in recent months due to Pakistan's overflight restrictions, which have lengthened flight times to North America and Europe.

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seven months now.

The Tata Group assumed ownership of Air India in January 2022. The airline has also faced major financial strain following the fatal crash of AI171 on June 12 in Ahmedabad, which killed 260 people and led to huge compensation payouts.

Travel time to the US has increased by at least three hours, alongside higher fuel consumption. The Ministry of Civil Aviation was asked for comment but had not responded at the time of going to the print.

Domestic aviation industry's loss may widen to ₹9,500-₹10,500cr this fiscal: Report

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Domestic aviation industry's net losses are projected to nearly double to ₹9,500 to ₹10,500 crore in the current fiscal ending March next year, mainly impacted by moderating passenger growth and higher costs due to aircraft deliveries, a report said on Tuesday. While maintaining a stable outlook and projecting 4-6 per cent domestic passenger traffic growth in FY26, rating agency Icra said the airline industry's financial performance is expected to remain under pressure.

"The Indian aviation sector is projected to report a wider net loss of ₹95-105 billion in FY2026, compared to an estimated loss of ₹55 billion in FY2025. The deterioration is linked to moderating passenger growth, coupled with higher deliveries of aircraft, which increase capital and operational expenses.

Icra forecasts the industry's interest coverage ratio to range between 1.5 and 1.7



times for FY2026," it said in the report. The agency also said the expected losses are significantly lower than ₹21,600 crore and ₹17,900 crore reported in FY2022 and FY2023, respectively.

In the last financial year, the passenger traffic growth was 7.6 per cent, translating to total passenger volumes of 16.53 crore. However, the report said, growth prospects for the current fiscal year are expected to remain moderate due to cross-border tensions, global disruptions, travel hesitancy post the June

2025 aircraft tragedy and recent disruptions related to air traffic control operations.

In October, domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have reached 1.43 crore, a year-on-year growth of 4.5 per cent and a sequential increase of 12.9 per cent from September.

"This momentum in travel demand was supported by an expansion in capacity, with domestic departures reaching approximately 99,816 during October, representing a sequential increase of 10.8 per cent and a 1.7 per

cent rise year-on-year," the report said.

Supply chain bottlenecks and engine failure-related aircraft groundings also continue to hit the industry.

"As of March 31, 2025, around 133 aircraft across select airlines were grounded, representing 15-17 per cent of the total industry fleet. These operational setbacks have led to increased costs, including grounding-related expenses, higher lease rentals for replacement aircraft and reduced fuel efficiency," the report said.



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DGCA revamp may better guard flyers' interest

New Delhi: An old plan to restructure Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) into a financially and administratively autonomous organisation like SEBI or TRAI has been set into motion as part of a major reform to strengthen aviation safety oversight and better protect air travellers' interests, reports **Saurabh Sinha**. A parliamentary panel sought restructuring to give teeth to the civil aviation regulator as air traffic has grown exponentially in the last decade while DGCA battles legacy issues like staff shortage that can't be tackled at the required pace in its current setup.

Sources said the restructuring would happen in a "staggered manner" after ministry took a view on a DGCA report based on the panel's advice.

Where Air Passengers Pay Extra

Japan, which has seen tourist numbers surge to new highs after the pandemic slump, last week faced calls from lawmakers to triple the departure tax from the current 280 yen (around \$1.8). Like Japan, many countries include the departure tax in the ticket price, leaving most passengers unaware they are paying it.



Airline taxes can account for up to 40% of a ticket fare, depending on route and class

Source: IATA, Statista