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- Centre says no request from TN to change Parandur airport site

Our Bureau
Chennai

The Centre on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that the Tamil Nadu government has not sought any change in the proposed site for the greenfield airport at Parandur.

Replying to an unstarred question raised by DMK's Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament P Wilson, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said the Ministry of Civil Aviation had granted in-principle approval to Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) on April 7, 2025 for developing the international greenfield airport at Parandur.

Based on TIDCO's application submitted in September 2024, the estimated cost of Phase I is about ₹10,500 crore. Responding to a question on whether the new Tamil Nadu government had requested the Centre to shift the airport site, the Minister said it had not.

The statement assumes significance as there has been speculation following the change of government in Tamil Nadu over whether the Parandur airport project would be relocated or reviewed. On July 12, *business-line* had reported that the Aviation Ministry had said there was no communication with Tamil Nadu on Parandur airport, and the decision rests with the State.

MODERNISATION

On the ongoing airport expansion in Tamil Nadu, the Minister said that Chennai Airport's Phase II modernisation project, estimated at ₹2,467 crore, has achieved about 81 per cent physical progress and 71 per cent financial progress. Additional works under way include stormwater drain modification (₹209.01 crore), refurbishment of Terminal 1 (₹81.8 crore) and airside infrastructure development (₹480.06 crore).

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Airlines push for third ground handling agency at Mumbai airport

IN THE WORKS. Operator says competitive bidding process is underway and will conclude by month-end

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New Delhi

The airline industry has urged the Centre to ensure the appointment of a third ground handling agency at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), stating that the airport is not complying with the regulatory requirement.

However, the airport operator told *businessline* that the process of appointing a third ground handling agency is underway and is expected to conclude by the end of July.

Accordingly, the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), representing Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, in a representation to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) which was reviewed by *businessline*, said that Ground Handling Services Regulations, 2017, and the Airports Authority of India (Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2018, mandate that airports with annual passenger throughput exceeding 10 million passengers must have three ground handling agencies.



STRAIN ON CAPACITY. The federation said that AI Airport Services, in particular, had been facing challenges in handling Air India flights following additional business

Responding to *businessline's* queries on the matter, a CSMIA spokesperson said that the airport had initiated the selection process for a third ground handling agency earlier this year and had received seven applications by the bid submission deadline of February 28.

Following an assessment of the applicants' financial strength and technical capabilities, all seven qualified bidders were invited to participate in the request for qualification and proposal (RFQP) process on July 2, 2026.

According to the spokesperson, the competitive bidding process is currently underway and is expected to conclude by the end of July, following which the selected agency will be onboarded.

EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

The spokesperson added that, in the interim, ground handling services at CSMIA continue through the existing licensed agencies, ensuring safe, reliable and efficient airport operations.

On its part, the federation, in the representation, said that while major airports

such as Delhi and Hyderabad comply with the requirement, the CSMIA currently has only two operational ground handling agencies following the termination of the licence of Bird Worldwide Flight Services (BWFS) by the airport operator in January.

Besides, the FIA said that the reduction had left AI Airport Services Ltd (AIASL) and Adani as the only two operational ground handling agencies at the airport, placing additional pressure on existing resources as airline operations continue to grow.

FACING CHALLENGES

The federation stated that AI Airport Services Ltd, in particular, has been facing challenges in handling Air India flights following the additional business it received after the withdrawal of the third agency.

Furthermore, the industry body said that the operational impact becomes more evident during disruptions such as the strike at CSMIA on May 18, weather-related disruptions and seasonal traffic peaks.

Per the representation,

the availability of a third ground handling agency could have enabled FIA member airlines using empanelled agencies to mitigate operational disruptions through the availability of additional manpower.

NO CLARITY

Additionally, the federation said that member airlines had raised the issue with the airport operator but had not received any clarity regarding the appointment of a third ground handling agency.

In addition, the FIA requested the MoCA to review the existing ground handling framework at the CSMIA and ensure compliance with the regulatory requirement of maintaining three ground handling agencies.

The federation also said that the appointment of an additional agency would help them to restore operational stability, safeguard passenger convenience, improve competition and strengthen operational support, including through the reinstatement or appointment of another ground handling agency.



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Prime Minister to inaugurate Bhogapuram airport in Andhra Pradesh on August 1

Our Bureau
Hyderabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram on August 1 and dedicate Andhra Pradesh's newest international airport to the nation.

Developed by GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Ltd (GVIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports, the greenfield airport, about 45 km northeast of Visakhapatnam off NH 16, has been designed with an initial capacity of 6 million passengers per annum, scalable to more than 40 mppa when needed.

ALL CLEAR

The airport features a 3,800-metre Code 4E runway, an integrated passenger terminal, dedicated cargo facilities and advanced airside infrastructure capable of handling both domestic and international operations.

The airport has secured major statutory and regulatory clearances, including the Aerodrome Licence from the Directorate Gen-



NEW DESTINATION. A view of the Bhogapuram International Airport, about 45 km from Visakhapatnam. AP/DEEPAK

eral of Civil Aviation (DGCA), security vetting approvals from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), notification as an Immigration Check Post (ICP), Customs notification under Section 8 of the Customs Act, Consent to Operate (CTO) from the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, along with other mandatory clearances from the authorities concerned. These approvals pave the way for the commencement of scheduled commercial operations immediately after inauguration.

The airport will serve as the primary aviation gateway for Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and neighbouring southern

Odisha and Chhattisgarh, significantly improving access to major domestic and international destinations.

It is also expected to strengthen the Visakhapatnam Economic Region by supporting tourism, trade, logistics, manufacturing and investment. Ahead of the inauguration, the Central and State Governments have accelerated road connectivity with seven key approach roads, enhanced public transport services and improved highway connectivity are expected to provide seamless access for passengers travelling to and from the airport.

Its dedicated cargo infra, proximity to industrial cor-

ridors and planned aviation ecosystem will strengthen export competitiveness, improve logistics efficiency and support emerging sectors such as information technology, pharmaceuticals, electronics, seafood exports and advanced manufacturing.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

The airport has also been developed with sustainability at its core, incorporating renewable energy, rainwater harvesting, energy-efficient systems and environmentally responsible infra to support efficient, resilient and future-ready operations, said a GMR Group release.

2nd airport: DCM, Somanna revive Tumakuru bid

3 sites near Bengaluru already shortlisted

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara on Saturday reiterated his desire to see his native Tumakuru district become the location for Bengaluru's second international airport.

He was reacting to BJP state president B Y Vijayendra's open letter to Chief Minister D K Shivakumar urging the government to consider Tumakuru, not Kanakapura.

"I, too, had asked for the airport to come up near Tumakuru. If it comes up near Tumakuru, I will be very happy," Parameshwara, who represents Koratagere in Tumakuru in the Assembly, said.

"If it comes near Tumakuru, it will be good for us because it will improve connectivity for people from about 18-20 districts. Secondly, it may align with the existing international airport at Devanahalli. It is left to the technical teams to consider. Let's see what the government ultimately decides," he said.

The government has shortlisted Somanahalli and Chudahalli near Kanakapura Road in southern Bengaluru and Kunigal-Nelamangala near Tumakuru Road in the west as potential locations.

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G Parameshwara, Deputy CM

Earlier this month, a potential fourth site - in Harohalli, within Shivakumar's Assembly constituency Kanakapura - emerged, prompting Vijayendra's open letter.

Shivakumar has publicly said the second international airport will come up towards south of Bengaluru.

Somanna for Sira

Union Minister V Somanna, the Tumkur MP, said he has urged Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu to build the new airport at Sira in Tumakuru district.

"A new airport at Sira will place central Karnataka on a stronger path of development. The area around Sira is strategically located near Mumbai-Bengaluru industrial corridor, national investment and manufacturing zone, Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial corridor and several KIADB industrial areas," Somanna said.

"I appeal to the government to make the state's balanced and comprehensive development the guiding principle while taking a decision on the location," the minister said.



The site proposed for Bengaluru's second airport at Basavenahalli near Nelamangala. DH FILE PHOTO



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HINDUSTAN

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भोगापुरम हवाई अड्डे का पीएम करेंगे उद्घाटन

नई दिल्ली। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी एक अगस्त को आंध्र प्रदेश के भोगापुरम में नवनिर्मित अल्लूरी सीताराम राजू अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का उद्घाटन करेंगे। राज्य के नए अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का औपचारिक संचालन शुरू हो जाएगा। यह परियोजना उत्तर तटीय आंध्र प्रदेश के सबसे बड़े विमानन अवसंरचना प्रोजेक्ट्स में से एक मानी जा रही है।



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THE TRIBUNE

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Up to airlines to decide new flights at Halwara: Centre

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The Centre on Monday

declined to commit to any roadmap for expanding domestic or international flight operations from the

newly operational Halwara airport in Punjab, saying decisions on launching new routes rest entirely with airlines based on commercial viability.

Replying to a question by Rajya Sabha MP Dr Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Minister of State for Civil

Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said Air India currently operated 28 domestic flights a week to and from Halwara airport under the approved schedule.

The government, however, did not spell out any plans for adding new domestic

sectors or commencing international operations from the airport over the next two years.

Responding to queries on direct flights from Ludhiana to Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune and Ahmedabad, the Centre said India's domestic aviation sector had remained deregulated since the repeal of the Air Corporations Act in 1994.

It said airlines were free to determine the routes they operate, the aircraft they deploy and the markets they wish to serve. As a result, the decision to introduce services from Halwara or any other airport depends entirely on the operational and commercial viability assessed by airline operators.

The reply did not indicate whether the government had held consultations with scheduled airlines for launching additional services from Halwara, nor did it provide any timeline for introducing flights to major metropolitan cities sought by the MP.



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इंडिगो सीएफएम से खरीदेगी विमान के 1,000 इंजन

नई दिल्ली। देश की सबसे बड़ी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने दिग्गज इंजन निर्माता सीएफएम इंटरनेशनल के साथ 1,000 से अधिक एलईएपी-1ए इंजन खरीदने के लिए समझौता किया है। दोनों कंपनियों के बीच करार ब्रिटेन में फार्नबरो एयर शो के दौरान किया गया। सौदा पूरा होने पर यह विमानन इतिहास की सबसे बड़ी डील में शामिल हो जाएगा।

इंडिगो इन इंजनों का इस्तेमाल अपने ए320-निओ विमानों में करेगी। एयरलाइन लगातार नए विमान शामिल कर घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क का तेजी से विस्तार कर रही है। सीएफएम इंटरनेशनल दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी विमान इंजन निर्माता कंपनियों में से एक है। यह बोइंग 737 मैक्स के लिए भी इंजन बनाती है। व्यूरो



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Akasa Air eyes fund-raise, boosts share capital limit

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Mumbai

Akasa Air has revised its authorised share capital as it prepares to raise funds from existing and new investors.

Last August, the airline had raised around ₹1,200 crore by issuing compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).

According to a *Bloomberg* report, it is planning to raise another ₹1,000 crore in equity and debt as it targets expansion and navigates the challenges caused by West Asia conflict.

In a meeting earlier this month, airline's shareholders revised the company's authorised share capital from ₹171.50 crore to ₹197.50 crore.

The resolution said fund raising is planned to meet future capital requirements and the company proposes to raise additional capital by issuing CCPS on a private

placement basis. The CCPS issued last year carried a premium of ₹224.81 and that is not included in the authorised and paid-up capital.

However, in a statement Akasa Air said it is well capitalised with a clear long-term growth strategy.

"This financial strength allows us to execute our growth plans with confidence and make decisions that best support our long-term business objectives," it said.

GROWTH PLAN

Akasa Air said it also looks forward to availing the benefits of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to further strengthen its growth plans.

In FY26, Akasa Air saw 37 per cent rise in operating revenue on the back of 30 per cent growth in capacity. The airline inducted 10 aircraft in the last fiscal and grew its network to 32 destinations. It is targeting 30 per cent growth in FY27 as well.



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IndiGo, CFM International sign mega engine MoU

Our Bureau
Mumbai

IndiGo and CFM International have signed a memorandum of understanding for 1,000 plus LEAP-1A engines to power its 510 Airbus A320neo family aircraft. This is the largest single order ever placed for LEAP engines

and is a record for CFM International, the engine maker said. The MoU also includes CFM's extensive support in establishing IndiGo's upcoming engine MRO facility and support the airline through long-term material services agreement, including supply of spare parts ensuring high dispatch reliability and predictable costs.



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IndiGo selects Honeywell systems for A320neo plane



Farnborough (UK): Airline major IndiGo has selected Honeywell Aerospace's avionics, auxiliary power units (APUs) and long-term after-market support for its order of 810 Airbus A320neo family aircraft. The development assumes significance as Honeywell Aerospace has described it as the largest new-aircraft selectable equipment deal in its history. Accordingly, the agreement will see Honeywell Aerospace supply auxiliary power units, weather radar systems, traffic collision avoidance systems, flight management systems and comprehensive after-market support across IndiGo's future fleet.

These systems, the aerospace major said, are expected to enhance operational efficiency, flight safety, situational awareness and fuel efficiency across IndiGo's next-generation narrow-body fleet. OUR BUREAU



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कुछ दिनों से जारी उमस भरी गर्मी से मिली राहत

दिल्ली में बारिश और खराब मौसम, कई फ्लाइट रद्द व डायवर्ट

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली-एनसीआर के कई इलाकों में सोमवार को हल्की से मध्यम स्तर की बारिश दर्ज की गई, जिससे पिछले कुछ दिनों से जारी उमस भरी गर्मी से लोगों को बड़ी राहत मिली है। इस दौरान अधिकतम तापमान 32 से 34 डिग्री सेल्सियस के बीच रहा। हालांकि, सुबह और दोपहर के समय कुछ व्यस्त रास्तों पर मामूली जलभराव के कारण ट्रैफिक धीमा देखने को मिला। बारिश और

खराब मौसम का असर आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर भी दिखा। कम विजिबिलिटी और तेज हवाओं के कारण उड़ानों का संचालन प्रभावित रहा।

एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों के मुताबिक, दर्जनों उड़ानें रद्द करनी पड़ीं, जबकि इंडिगो, स्पाइसजेट समेत कई एयरलाइंस के विमानों को जयपुर, लखनऊ और चंडीगढ़ डायवर्ट किया गया। यात्रियों को घंटों इंतजार करना पड़ा। नागपुर जाने वाले एक यात्री ने बताया कि उनकी इंडिगो फ्लाइट सुबह 9:50 बजे थी, लेकिन खराब मौसम के कारण उड़ान

नहीं भर सकी। बाद में इसे शाम 4:50 बजे के लिए रीशेड्यूल किया गया। एयरलाइंस का कहना है कि सुरक्षित लैंडिंग संभव नहीं होने से कई विमानों का रूट बदलना पड़ा। एअर इंडिया, इंडिगो और विस्तारा ने ट्रेवल एडवाइजरी जारी कर यात्रियों को एयरपोर्ट आने से पहले उड़ान का ताजा स्टेटस जांचने की सलाह दी है। वहीं मौसम विभाग ने अगले 6 दिनों तक दिल्ली में भारी बारिश की संभावना जताते हुए लोगों को सतर्क रहने की चेतावनी दी है।



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वैश्विक विस्तार की तैयारी में कंपनी इंडिगो: सीएफएम से 1,000 इंजन का ऐतिहासिक करार

भास्कर न्यूज़ | नई दिल्ली

बजट एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने अपने आगामी 510 एयरबस ए320नियो विमानों के लिए 1,000 से ज्यादा सीएफएम लीप-1ए इंजन खरीदने को लेकर सीएफएम इंटरनेशनल के साथ करार किया है। यह लीप इंजनों के लिए अब तक का सबसे बड़ा सिंगल ऑर्डर है। यह सीएफएम इंटरनेशनल के लिए भी एक रिकॉर्ड है। इस डील में इंडिगो के आगामी इंजन मेंटेनेंस, रिपेयर और ओवरहॉल (एमआरओ) सेंटर की स्थापना में सीएफएम का सहयोग भी शामिल है। साथ ही स्पेयर पार्ट्स सप्लाई के लिए एक लंबी अवधि का करार भी हुआ है। इंडिगो के सीईओ बिली वॉल्श ने कहा कि कंपनी अब वैश्विक एयरलाइन बनने की दिशा में अगले चरण में कदम बढ़ा रही है। कंपनी का बेड़ा फिलहाल 375 से ज्यादा ए320/321 विमानों तक पहुंच चुका है। यह करार इंडिगो की भारत और दुनियाभर में अपने नेटवर्क को सुरक्षित, भरोसेमंद और किफायती बनाए रखने की रणनीति का हिस्सा है।



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अबु धाबी से अब 22 भारतीय शहरों के लिए सीधी फ्लाइट

अबु धाबी | जायेद इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट अगस्त से 22 भारतीय शहरों के लिए डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट्स तक बढ़ाएगा। अभी यहां से 17 भारतीय शहरों के लिए डायरेक्ट फ्लाइट सर्विस है। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने नवी मुंबई, इंदौर, लखनऊ से नई सर्विस शुरू की। इंडिगो और अकासा एयर भी उड़ानें संचालित कर रही हैं। भारत अबू धाबी का मजबूत टूरिज्म मार्केट है।



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1,331 कमर्शियल पायलट लाइसेंस इस साल 30 जून तक जारी हुए

लोकसभा प्रश्नोत्तर

नई दिल्ली, ग्रेट: नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने वर्ष 2026 में 30 जून तक कुल 1,331 कमर्शियल पायलट लाइसेंस (सीपीएल) जारी किए हैं। राज्यसभा में लिखित उत्तर में नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने बताया कि इनमें 791 कैडेट्स ने भारत के फ्लाईंग ट्रेनिंग संगठनों (एफटीओ) से, जबकि 540 कैडेट्स ने विदेशी एफटीओ से प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त किया।

इस तरह 41 प्रतिशत लाइसेंसधारी पायलटों ने विदेश में प्रशिक्षण लिया। सरकार के अनुसार, 2025 में 1,652 और 2024 में 1,347 कमर्शियल पायलट लाइसेंस जारी किए गए।

घटनाओं की रिपोर्टिंग के लिए डीजीसीए ताएगा डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म : डीजीसीए विमानन क्षेत्र में सुरक्षा निगरानी को और प्रभावी बनाने के लिए जल्द ही ईजीसीए पोर्टल पर घटना रिपोर्टिंग की

डिजिटल व्यवस्था शुरू करेगा। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने लिखित उत्तर में बताया कि इस प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से विमानन क्षेत्र से जुड़ी अनिवार्य घटना रिपोर्ट आनलाइन जमा और संसाधित की जा सकेगी।

जल जीवन मिशन में 1,810 अधिकारियों-ठेकेदारों पर कार्यवाई : केंद्र सरकार ने बताया कि जल जीवन मिशन के तहत वित्तीय अनियमितताओं और घटिया गुणवत्ता के कार्यों से संबंधित 18,790 शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं। जल शक्ति राज्य मंत्री वी. सोमन्ना ने लिखित उत्तर में कहा कि 635 विभागीय अधिकारियों, 1,020 ठेकेदारों व 155 थर्ड पार्टी निरीक्षण एजेंसियों पर कार्यवाई की गई है।

प्रदूषित नदी क्षेत्रों की संख्या घटी: जल शक्ति मंत्रालय ने बताया कि जैव रासायनिक आक्सीजन मांग (बीओडी) के आधार पर चिन्हित प्रदूषित नदी क्षेत्रों की संख्या वर्ष 2018 में 351 थी, जो घटकर 2025 में 296 रह गई है।

एअर इंडिया ने यात्रा से दो घंटा पहले टिकट किया रद्द, देना पड़ेगा 96 हजार जुर्माना

नई दिल्ली प्रतिनिधि, भोपाल

तकनीकी कारणों से कई बार उड़ान निरस्त होती और विमानन कंपनियां टिकट रद्द कर देती हैं। वे टिकट का पैसा तो वापस करती हैं, लेकिन उसकी वजह से होने वाले नुकसान की भरपाई से प्रायः इन्कार कर देती हैं। भोपाल की जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग ने इसे सेवा में कमी बताते हुए उपभोक्ता को नुकसान के रूप में 96 हजार रुपये की भरपाई करने का आदेश विमानन कंपनी एअर इंडिया को दिया है। बता दें कि यात्रियों का आरोप था कि एअर इंडिया ने उड़ान से केवल दो घंटे पहले टिकट निरस्त होने की सूचना दी थी। इससे उन्हें आर्थिक नुकसान के साथ मानसिक तनाव भी झेलना पड़ा।

डा. शैलेंद्र एवं सुष्मा निगम समेत छह यात्रियों ने 11 मई 2024 को भोपाल से श्रीनगर जाने के लिए एअर इंडिया का टिकट बुक कराया था। जिसका किराया 1.18 लाख रुपये था। यात्रियों ने पहलगांव, गुलमर्ग और श्रीनगर में

तकनीकी कारणों से फ्लाइट हुई थी निरस्त, भोपाल की जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग ने सुनाया फैसला

विमानन कंपनी ने किराया वापस तो किया लेकिन अन्य नुकसान की भरपाई से कर दिया था इन्कार



प्रतीकात्मक

होटल, हाउसबोट तथा स्थानीय वाहनों की अग्रिम बुकिंग कर रखी थी। श्रीनगर से दिल्ली की फ्लाइट और दिल्ली से भोपाल तक बंदे भारत एक्सप्रेस की एसी-1 और एसी-2 श्रेणी के टिकट भी लगभग \$4,670 रुपये में बुक किए गए थे। 11 मई को एअर इंडिया ने उड़ान से

केवल दो घंटे पहले टिकट निरस्त होने की सूचना दी। तब तक ये लोग हवाई अड्डे के लिए निकल चुके थे। एयर इंडिया ने अगले दिन की फ्लाइट में टिकट उपलब्ध करा दिए, लेकिन तब तक यात्रियों की कश्मीर में की गई अधिकांश अग्रिम बुकिंग रद्द हो चुकी थी। यात्रियों ने इस नुकसान की भरपाई का दावा किया तो विमानन कंपनी ने इन्कार कर दिया। उसके बाद मामला जिला उपभोक्ता आयोग पहुंचा। एअर इंडिया ने आयोग के समक्ष दलील दी कि विमान से पक्षी टकराने के कारण उड़ान निरस्त करनी पड़ी थी। कंपनी ने डीजीसीए के नियमों का पालन करते हुए यात्रियों को अगले दिन की फ्लाइट उपलब्ध कराई। आयोग के अध्यक्ष योगेश दत्त शुक्ल तथा सदस्य अंजुम फिरोज और प्रीति मुद्गल की पीठ ने कंपनी की दलील को नहीं माना। उनका कहना था कि फ्लाइट निरस्त होने से यात्रियों की पूर्व निर्धारित यात्रा योजना पूरी तरह प्रभावित हुई। उन्हें आर्थिक नुकसान व मानसिक कष्ट उठाना पड़ा।



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Pilots' Body Seeks Halt to Flights to Risky Destinations

Forum Gandhi

Mumbai: The Airline Pilots' Association of India has urged government to suspend commercial flights to UAE and other high-risk destinations in the Gulf, warning of sharply rising risks to civil aviation in view of the worsening security scenario in West Asia.

In a letter to civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and Directorate General of Civil Aviation Monday, the pilots' body said "the security situation has now deteriorated further" and that "recent reports of explicit threats directed against Dubai and Abu Dhabi, coupled with the continuing military escalation in the region, significantly heighten the risk to civil aviation operations".

The appeal comes as geopolitical tensions in West Asia continue to disrupt global aviation, forcing airlines to reroute flights and avoid conflict-affected airspace amid concerns over missile attacks, GPS jamming, electronic warfare, and sudden airspace closures.



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Will Carefully Weigh Funding Requests from Air India: SIA

Forum Gandhi

Mumbai: Singapore Airlines (SIA) said its board will carefully consider any request for additional capital from Air India, weighing it against the group's operating cash flows, aircraft investments and other capital needs. This follows investors of SIA seeking clarity on its exposure to loss-making Air India ahead of the former's AGM.

The Securities Investors Association (Singapore), the city-state's leading retail investor advocacy group, has queried SIA after the carrier reported a S\$945.2 million (₹7,058 crore) share of losses from Air India in the fiscal year ended March 31, reducing the carrying value of its 25.1% stake to S\$1.13 billion from S\$2.02 billion a year earlier. Even so, SIA reiterated that its investment in the carrier remains a cornerstone of its long-term India strategy.

The airline said its capital allocation follows a "disciplined evaluation process" that considers operating cash flow, investments in new aircraft and products, alongside strategic investments such as Air India to support sustainable long-term growth and returns.



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IndiGo Taps CFM for 1,000 Engines

NEW DELHI IndiGo on Monday announced it will place an order with CFM International for more than 1,000 engines to power its 510 A320 neo family planes. As part of the agreement, CFM will also provide support to the airline in establishing its engine MRO facility in Bengaluru. **Our Bureau**

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Agreement includes long-term maintenance support & assistance to establish the airline's engine MRO facility in India

A 1,000-engine LEAP: IndiGo signs record CFM deal

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, July 20

INDIGO ON MONDAY strengthened its long-term fleet expansion strategy by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with CFM International for more than 1,000 LEAP-1A engines to power 510 Airbus A320neo family aircraft in what is the largest single order ever placed for LEAP engines.

The agreement also deepens the airline's maintenance capabilities through support for a dedicated engine maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility in India, reinforcing its plans to become

LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP

■ IndiGo has worked with CFM for a decade, beginning with CFM56-5B-powered Airbus A320ceo aircraft before using LEAP-1A engines for its A320neo, A321neo fleet in 2019

■ On a list-price basis of \$14.5 mn, the order would likely be valued in billions

■ Airbus offers airlines a choice between CFM's LEAP-1A and Pratt & Whitney's GTF for the A320neo family



WILLIE WALSH
CEO DESIGNATE, INDIGO

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IndiGo's Airbus narrow-body order book and includes a long-term material services agreement for spare parts and maintenance support. The package is expected to ensure higher engine availability, predictable maintenance costs and improved fleet reliability as the airline accelerates aircraft inductions and expands its international network.

Airbus offers airlines a choice between CFM's LEAP-1A and Pratt & Whitney's geared turbofan (GTF) engines for the A320neo family, and the agreement signals IndiGo's continued preference for CFM as its engine partner.

"As IndiGo embarks on its

next phase of growth towards becoming a truly global airline, we are delighted to extend our long-standing partnership with CFM International," Willie Walsh, chief executive officer designate of IndiGo, said.

He added that CFM has supported the airline's growth journey since 2016 and currently powers more than 375 Airbus A320 and A321 family aircraft in its fleet. "The LEAP engine's industry-leading proven reliability makes it the ideal choice to support our scale, operational resilience and sustainability ambitions," he said.

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THE AGREEMENT ALSO marks a significant step in IndiGo's efforts to build in-house engine maintenance capability at a time when Indian carriers are looking to reduce dependence on overseas repair facilities. CFM will support the airline in establishing its upcoming engine MRO facility in India, enabling faster turnaround of engines and strengthening maintenance capacity as its fleet continues to grow. The move also aligns with the government's push to develop India as a global aviation MRO hub.

For CFM, the agreement secures a long-term stream of aftermarket business through servicing, repairs and spare parts support, an area that accounts for a significant share of revenues over an engine's operating life.

"IndiGo has trusted CFM to support its performance for a decade now, and we're honoured to renew that trust with today's agreement," H Lawrence Culp Jr, chairman and chief executive officer of GE Aerospace, said. He added that the company remains committed to strengthening

the LEAP programme while expanding its manufacturing, engineering and supplier ecosystem in India.

Safran chief executive officer Olivier Andrieu said the agreement reflected the long-standing partnership between the two companies and reaffirmed India's strategic importance for the group. He said Safran's investments in LEAP engine production and MRO capabilities would support IndiGo's expansion while contributing to the development of India's aerospace industry. Last year, Safran inaugurated its largest LEAP engine MRO facility globally in India, which will eventually have the capacity to undertake 300 engine shop visits annually.

IndiGo has worked with CFM for a decade, beginning with CFM56-5B-powered Airbus A320ceo aircraft before selecting LEAP-1A engines for its A320neo and A321neo fleet in 2019. CFM said India is now its third-largest market, with five Indian airlines operating more than 400 LEAP-powered aircraft and over 2,000 engines on order.

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Gulf-based airline exploring potential deal with SpiceJet

AKBAR MERCHANT
Mumbai, July 20

A GULF-BASED AIRLINE has conducted preliminary due diligence to evaluate a potential acquisition of troubled carrier SpiceJet, according to people familiar with the matter. The exercise, carried out through an advisory firm a few months ago, is understood to be at an exploratory stage, with no formal proposal submitted so far. It is not immediately clear whether the airline is evaluating the acquisition of a controlling stake or the carrier in its entirety.

Queries sent to SpiceJet remained unanswered till the time of going to the press.

The interest is driven largely by strategic considerations. An acquisition would provide the Gulf carrier access to bilateral flying rights between India and the Gulf, one of the country's busiest and most lucrative international aviation markets. The prospective bidder also operates Boeing 737 aircraft, similar to SpiceJet's fleet, offering operational and maintenance synergies.

"Gulf carriers have long been keen to deepen their presence in India but remain constrained by bilateral air

ESCAPE ROUTE



■ An accumulated losses of around **₹9,000 cr** and sizeable borrowings, continue to weigh on SpiceJet's balance sheet

■ It restored its net worth to positive territory following its qualified institutional placement and a series of settlements

■ SpiceJet's domestic market share declined to **2.5%** in May from **3.4%** in April

service agreements that limit additional flying rights," an aviation analyst said. "Acquiring an Indian airline offers a strategic gateway into the market. A new owner could subsequently expand operations by inducting more aircraft and utilise the airline's bilateral rights, subject to regulatory approvals and availability under the bilateral framework."

Gulf-based firm exploring potential deal with SpiceJet

THE INTEREST COMES even as SpiceJet continues to navigate a fragile financial recovery. In the latest reported quarter (Q3 FY26), the airline posted a consolidated net loss of ₹261 crore against a profit of ₹20 crore a year earlier, despite a 14% increase in revenue to ₹1,651 crore.

During the quarter, it settled liabilities worth ₹476 crore through equity allotment to creditors.

The company has also restored its net worth to positive territory following its qualified institutional placement and a series of creditor settlements, although accumulated losses of around ₹9,000 crore and sizeable borrowings, lease liabilities and trade payables continue to weigh on its balance sheet. The airline has not reported the January-March quarter earnings of FY26.

Operationally, the airline has also been under pressure. According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), SpiceJet's domestic market share declined to 2.5% in May from 3.4% in April after the exit of its wet-leased fleet and scheduled maintenance of several aircraft reduced available capacity.



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उड़ानों की निगरानी डिजिटल मंच से होगी: नायडू

नई दिल्ली। देश में विमानों की निगरानी के लिए जल्द डिजिटल मंच लाने की तैयारी है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री के. राममोहन नायडू ने सोमवार को कहा कि इस कदम से घटनाओं की रिपोर्टिंग समय पर होने से कार्यक्षमता में सुधार होगा। नायडू राज्यसभा में लिखित जवाब में यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय के पास सभी नियमों के पालन की निगरानी के लिए व्यवस्थित सुरक्षा निगरानी तंत्र है।





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विमान हादसे की अंतिम रिपोर्ट आने का इंतजार

नई दिल्ली। अहमदाबाद में एयर इंडिया की उड़ान एआई-171 के दुखद हादसे के एक वर्ष से अधिक समय बाद केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राज्य मंत्री मुरलीधर मोहोले ने सोमवार को राज्यसभा को बताया कि विमान दुर्घटना जांच ब्यूरो (एएआईबी) ने 12 जुलाई 2025 को शुरुआती जांच रिपोर्ट जारी कर दी थी। लेकिन अंतिम जांच रिपोर्ट अभी आनी बाकी है क्योंकि जांच जारी है।



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AIR INDIA EXPRESS PLANS TO ADD 50-60 NEW PLANES IN 18 MONTHS

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ABU DHABI: Air India Express expects to induct 50-60 aircraft over the next 12-18 months, with its fleet expansion plans remaining on track despite delays, the airline's chairman, Nipun Aggarwal, said on Wednesday.

"Between now and the end of next year, we should be getting 50-plus aircraft, if not more. That was the plan, and that remains on track," Aggarwal said on the sidelines of a panel discussion featuring United Arab Emirates (UAE) culture and tourism department director Haitham Ali Khamis and Abu Dhabi airport chief commercial officer Carsten Norland in Abu Dhabi.

Air India Express currently operates a fleet of over 100 aircraft, up from around 25 about three years ago. It launched three flights from Abu Dhabi to Navi Mumbai and Indore on July 15 and to Lucknow on July 16. The airline has announced Abu Dhabi-Guwahati flights from August. Air India Express operates over 500 daily flights with a fleet of over 100 planes.

Aggarwal said the airline expects deliveries to gather pace. He added that it will also be among the early operators of the Boeing 737 MAX 10, the largest variant of the series designed for up to 230 passengers, once the aircraft receives certification. "All in all, with the order that we have, we should be getting 50-60 aircraft deliveries in the next 12 to 18 months," Aggarwal said.

The fleet expansion comes as Air India Express continues to integrate and modernise its operations following the Tata Group's acquisition of Air India in 2022. The airline has been harmonising its fleet and product.

Aggarwal acknowledged that the transformation has faced setbacks due to factors beyond their control. "The industry has gone through several challenges, and we have been hit by multiple black swan events, which I do not think anybody could have forecasted when we started this transformation journey."

(The reporter was in Abu Dhabi on the invitation of the Department of Tourism and Culture, Abu Dhabi, and Air India Express)



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IndiGo to place order for 1k aircraft engines with CFM International

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NEW DELHI: The country's largest airline IndiGo on Monday announced it will place an order with CFM International for more than 1,000 engines to power its 510 A320 neo family planes.

IndiGo and CFM International, an equal joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines, have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the order at the

Farnborough International Airshow in the UK.

The order for more than 1,000 LEAP-1A engines to power 510 Airbus A320 neo family aircraft will also be the "largest single order ever placed for LEAP engines and a record for CFM International," a release said on Monday.

Financial details were not disclosed.

A320 neo family planes include A320 neos, A321 neos and A321 XLRs. All are narrow-body aircraft.

CFM International would also provide extensive support to the airline in establishing its engine MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) facility in Bengaluru. Besides, it will provide support to the IndiGo fleet through long-term material services agreement, including supply of spare parts.

Currently, IndiGo has an operational fleet of over 400 planes and over 900 Airbus aircraft are on order. IndiGo has been a customer of CFM International for 10 years.



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Air India Group aims to add 50-60 new planes in 18 months

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ABU DHABI: Air India Group expects to get 50-60 new aircraft in the next 18 months and the transformation programme is on track even as the airlines' industry has been impacted by multiple black swan events, according to a senior executive.

Loss-making Air India was acquired by Tata Group in January 2022 and the airline is in the middle of an ambitious transformation plan.

Nipun Aggarwal, chief com-

mercial officer of Air India and chairman of Air India Express, said there have been "tonnes of learning" in the last few years and that it was a complex as well as challenging project.

"I think this industry itself has gone through several challenges. And we have been hit by multiple black swan events, which I don't think anybody could have forecasted when we started this transformation journey. "The supply chain issues, the airspace issues, the oil price volatility, and the geopolitical issues," he said.

Aggarwal, who spoke after a

panel discussion in Abu Dhabi on July 15, said the group was dealing with the issues and added that "we are on track with our transformation programme". Air India has faced multiple headwinds, including the fatal crash of its Dreamliner last June that killed 260 people.

The airline has embarked on an ambitious five-year transformation plan and Aggarwal said most of the planned things are pretty much happening, including fleet modernisation and investments in MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul).



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IndiGo to order 1,000 engines from CFM International

IndiGo on Monday announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CFM International to order more than 1,000 LEAP-1A engines for the 510 Airbus A320neo family aircraft it has on order. The deal marks the largest single order ever placed for LEAP engines and sets a new record for CFM International. The MoU also covers CFM International's support for setting up IndiGo's upcoming engine maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility.



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पश्चिम एशिया में सुरक्षा के बिगड़ते हालात के बीच सोमवार को भारतीय एअरलाइन पायलट संघ (एएलपीए, इंडिया) ने सरकार से भारतीय एअरलाइन कंपनियों की दुबई एवं अबू धाबी समेत खाड़ी क्षेत्र के लिए सभी उड़ानों को अस्थायी रूप से निलंबित करने की मांग की। इसके साथ पायलट संघ ने कहा कि व्यापक सुरक्षा आकलन पूरा होने तक उड़ानों का यह निलंबन जारी रखा जाए।

पायलट संगठन ने नागर विमानन मंत्रालय और नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) को लिखे पत्र में कहा कि अमेरिका और ईरान के बीच

हाल में फिर से शुरू हुए संघर्ष के बाद क्षेत्र में सुरक्षा स्थिति और बिगड़ गई है। संगठन के मुताबिक, संघर्ष की वजह से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में उड़ान भरने वाले नागरिक विमानों के कई जोखिमों का सामना करने की आशंका है, इसलिए स्वतंत्र और व्यापक जोखिम आकलन किए जाने तक भारतीय एअरलाइंस की सभी वाणिज्यिक उड़ानों को प्रभावित खाड़ी गंतव्यों के लिए तत्काल प्रभाव से रोक दिया जाए।

इसके साथ ही संगठन ने जोखिम कम करने के उपायों, एअरलाइंस द्वारा मजबूत परिचालन जोखिम आकलन और मौजूदा खतरे के माहौल में पर्याप्त बीमा कवर तथा वैकल्पिक व्यवस्थाओं को सुनिश्चित करने की भी मांग की है।



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Singapore Air will 'carefully' scan Air India cash requests

First public indication of willingness to infuse fresh funds after queries from investor body

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Singapore Airlines (SIA), which owns a quarter of Air India, said it would "carefully consider any requests for additional capital" from the Tata Group airline, marking its first public indication of a willingness to infuse fresh funds into the loss-making carrier.

The Singapore flag carrier also reaffirmed its long-term commitment to its 25.1% stake in Air India.

"The Board will carefully consider any requests for additional capital from Air India, taking into consideration the Group's other capital requirements and Air India's business strategy," SIA said in a regulatory filing on Monday.

In the filing, the airline responded to queries from the Securities Investors Association (Singapore), or SIAS, a registered charity and one of Asia's largest investor lobby groups, as well as questions from shareholders ahead of its annual general meeting on 24 July.

Investors, including SIAS, have questioned the rationale behind Singapore Airlines' investment in Air India, in view of mounting losses at the Indian carrier.

Explaining its investment rationale, SIA said its stake in Air India provides direct access to the country's domestic aviation market and international traffic flows through Indian hubs, complementing its Singapore hub.

"The SIA Group is also the only non-Indian airline group with a direct stake in this important and fast-growing market," it said.

SIA said its capital allocation follows "a disciplined evaluation process" that considers operating cash flow, investment requirements in new aircraft and products, as well as strategic invest-



Investors questioned the rationale behind SIA's investment in Air India. — BLOOMBERG

ments such as Air India.

Air India and Singapore Airlines had yet to respond to queries from *Mint*.

"Singapore Airlines' language suggests a more measured approach to future capital commitments. Rather

holder seeking greater accountability on returns," said Gagan Dixit, senior vice-president, oil & gas and aviation at brokerage firm Elara Securities.

The comments come after Singapore Airlines' FY26 net profit more than

folded in May. Air India is expected to report a loss of about \$3.76 billion (around US\$3 billion or ₹28,400 crore) for FY26, nearly three times its estimated FY25 loss. Privately-held Air India is expected to file its earnings with the ministry of corporate affairs next month.

"This should not be interpreted as a sign that Singapore Airlines is pulling back. It is more a reflection of prudent capital allocation. Investors naturally want to see operational improvements, a clearer path to profitability and evidence that previous investments are delivering results before approving fresh capital," Dixit said.

FY26 losses at Air India, the country's second-largest carrier with a 25% market share, are expected to be more than 10 times those of market leader IndiGo, operated by InterGlobe Aviation, which reported a net loss of ₹2,400 crore.

The airline is also preparing for a leadership transition, with chief executive Campbell Wilson set to step down in September. The airline is still looking for his replacement. Air India has brought back former chairman and managing director Pradeep Singh Kharola to its senior management team, signalling the start of a planned leadership transition as Wilson departs.

Singapore Airlines acknowledged that Air India continues to face multiple headwinds, including high fuel prices, the depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US dollar, aircraft supply-chain disruptions, the continued closure of Pakistan's airspace for Indian carriers, and the AIJ71 crash last year.

Despite these challenges, it said Air India is making "tangible progress" in its transformation programme.

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CASH CALLS

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than signalling automatic support, it is indicating that any fresh funding request from Air India will be evaluated against the group's broader capital needs and Air India's business strategy. That is a reasonable stance for a share-

holder, largely due to its share of losses from Air India. The airline recognised a share of losses of ₹945.2 million (around US\$742.4 million) from its investment in Air India.

According to SIA's annual report



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Pilot bodies split as Gulf conflict brings back safety fears

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As US-Iran hostilities raise concerns over the safety of civilian aircraft flying in West Asia, a section of India's commercial pilots wants flights to Dubai, Abu Dhabi and other high-risk Gulf destinations suspended until the government completes a fresh threat assessment. India's largest pilots' association, however, disagrees, saying Indian carriers should not lose out while the war-hit region's own airlines continue flying.

The Airline Pilots' Association of India (Alpa India) has written to civil aviation minister K. Rammoan Naidu and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), seeking immediate suspension of commercial flights to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) until authorities complete a comprehensive security assessment. Alpa India is a member of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations, which represents over 100,000 pilots globally. In India, Alpa has over 2,500 members.

"The security situation has now deteriorated further," Alpa president Sam Thomas wrote in a letter dated 20 July, a copy of which was seen by *Mint*. "Recent reports of explicit threats directed against Dubai and Abu Dhabi, coupled with the continuing military escalation in the region, significantly heighten the risk to civil aviation operations," it said.

Thomas said civilian aircraft operating in or around conflict



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zones are vulnerable to missile engagements, misidentification, GPS interference, electronic warfare and rapidly changing airspace curbs. The consequences of a misjudgement in such an environment, he warned, could be catastrophic.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Indian Pilots, India's largest pilots' body with over 6,000 members, opposed any move

to suspend flights.

"The Middle Eastern carriers are continuing their operations into India and elsewhere. So why should Indian carriers stop operations?" asked C.S. Ramdewa, president of the federation.

He said Indian airlines had already suffered a huge disruption between late February and May, as flights in key West Asia markets were curtailed. "Middle East carriers like Emirates or Etihad didn't stop operations last time. But there were restrictions on Indian carriers, which impacted them."

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IndiGo to place order for over 1,000 aircraft engines with CFM International

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NEW DELHI: The country's largest airline IndiGo on Monday announced it will place an order with CFM International for more than 1,000 engines to power its 510 A320 neo family planes.

IndiGo and CFM International, an equal joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines, have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the order at the Farnborough International Airshow in the UK.

The order for more than 1,000 LEAP-1A engines to power 510 Airbus A320 neo family aircraft will also be the "largest single order ever

placed for LEAP engines and a record for CFM International," a release said on Monday.

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engine MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) facility in Bengaluru.

Besides, it will provide support to the IndiGo fleet through long-term material services agreement, including supply of spare parts.

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IndiGo to order more than 1k engines from CFM

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIGO, India's largest airline, on Monday announced it has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with CFM International for an order of 1,000+ LEAP-1A engines to power 510 Airbus A320neo Family aircraft. This will be the largest single order ever placed for LEAP engines and a record for Franco-American aircraft engine manufacturer CFM.

The MoU, inked at the Farnborough International Airshow in the UK, includes CFM's support in establishing IndiGo's upcoming engine MRO facility (maintenance, repair and overhaul) and supporting IndiGo's growing fleet through a long-term material services agreement, including the supply of spare parts, ensuring high dispatch reliability, predictable



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"IndiGo has trusted CFM to support its performance for a decade now, and we're honored to renew that trust with today's agreement. LEAP engines are delivering up to twice the time on wing in hot and harsh operating environments than when they entered service while continuing to provide fuel efficiency and reliability," said H. Lawrence Culp, Jr., Chairman and CEO at GE Aerospace.

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"As one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets, India is of strategic importance to Safran. Through our continued investments in the country, particularly in LEAP engine production and MRO capabilities, we are strengthening our long-term commitment to supporting IndiGo's remarkable growth and to contributing to the development of Indian aerospace industry," Safran CEO Olivier Andries said.

Meanwhile, many planes are grounded due to issues with Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines.

Earlier in the day, Honeywell Aerospace announced that IndiGo has selected its avionics and power systems for 810 new Airbus A320 neo family aircraft that are to be delivered in the coming years.



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DGCA ISSUES 1,331 PILOT LICENCES TILL JUNE: GOVT

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■ New Delhi

As many as 1,331 commercial pilot licences have been issued by aviation watchdog DGCA this year till June 30, and out of them, 41 per cent of the cadets were trained overseas, according to the Government.

The data was submitted to the Rajya Sabha on Monday as part of a written reply by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol.

This year, till June 30, commercial pilot licences were issued to 791 cadets from Indian Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) and 540 cadets from foreign FTOs.

The licences were issued to 1,652 cadets and 1,347 cadets in 2025 and 2024, respectively. As per the data, a total of 1,622 persons were issued the licences in 2023, higher than the 1,165 people who received the licences in 2022.

Currently, there are 41 DGCA-approved FTOs with 63 bases across the country with more than 400 aircraft.

DGCA norms stipulate Aircraft: Instructor: Student ratio as 1:1:10, which corresponds to training capacity of around 3,500 students at these FTOs at any given point of time, Mohol said.

The minister said the Government has taken several steps to strengthen pilot training infrastructure in the country, including simplifying and streamlining the approval and oversight process for FTOs, and revising training regulations.

IndiGo places over 1k engines' order for A320s May Cost \$14.5Bn At List Price

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IndiGo on Monday placed a record order for over 1,000 engines for its 510 Airbus A320neo family of aircraft.

Original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and airlines don't disclose the deal size as the price is negotiated with the customer, but based on the list price, the cost of the engines is around \$14.5 billion. The airline, which currently has a fleet of over 430 planes, has an order book of almost 1,000 aircraft that are to be delivered over a decade. It plans to double its fleet by 2030.

The order for LEAP-1A engines at the Farnborough Air Show was placed with CFM International, which will set up an engine maintenance repair overhaul (MRO) in the country.

The engine OEMs are going to grow their presence in India, thanks to massive orders from Indian carriers. India is CFM's third-largest market, with five Indian carriers operating more than 400 LEAP-powered aircraft and have 2,000 engines on order. CFM is a 50/50 joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines. Last Nov, Safran had inaugura-

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In a statement, IndiGo CEO-designate Willie Walsh said, CFM has been a partner since 2016, and supports IndiGo's fleet of over 375 Airbus planes. "With a strong installed base, manufacturing in Pune, a broad local supplier network, and advanced engineering in Bengaluru, we remain committed to supporting IndiGo's growth and expanding our presence in India," said GE Aerospace chairman & CEO H. Lawrence Culp Jr.

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Air India global rankings

Air India has been ranked fourth among the world's most on-time airlines in June 2026, recording an 86.85% on-time arrival rate.