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### ■ Passengers stranded ■ Several flights delayed

# Cyberattack disrupts systems at major European airports

**Brussels, Sept. 20:** A cyber-attack targeting check-in and boarding systems has snarled air traffic and caused delays at some of Europe's top airports, officials said on Saturday.

The Brussels airport says the attack means that only manual check-in and boarding were possible there, and the incident was having a "large impact" on flight schedules.

"There was a cyber-attack on Friday night, 19 September, against the service provider for the check-in and boarding systems affecting several European airports, including Brussels Airport," it said in a statement.

Authorities at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport said a service provider for pas-

▶ **LONDON HEATHROW Airport, Europe's busiest, said 'a technical issue' affected a service provider for check-in and boarding systems**

senger handling systems was attacked on Friday evening, prompting airport operators to cut off connections to the systems.

London Heathrow Airport, Europe's busiest, said "a technical issue" affected a service provider for check-in and boarding systems.

"Collins Aerospace, which provides check-in and boarding systems for several airlines across multiple airports globally, is experiencing a technical issue that may cause

delays for departing passengers," Heathrow said in a statement.

The airports advised travellers to check their flight status and apologised for any inconvenience.

Formed in 2018, Collins is a US aviation and defence technology company and a subsidiary of RTX Corp., which was formerly Raytheon Technologies.

The company's system doesn't offer direct check-in for passengers, but provides the technology that allows passengers to check themselves in, print boarding passes and bag tags, and dispatch their own luggage, all from a kiosk. — AP

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## नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के 40 किमी के दायरे में नहीं होगा कोई टोल

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट अगले महीने शुरू हो जाएगा। यहां आने में यात्रियों को कोई असुविधा नहीं हो। इसके लिए भी योजनाओं पर काम यमुना प्राधिकरण ने शुरू कर दिया है।

अधिकारियों का कहना है कि किसी भी एक्सप्रेसवे, राष्ट्रीय व राज्य राजमार्ग से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट आने पर

**एक्सप्रेसवे व ईपीई इंटरचेंज को भी टोल फ्री रखने की तैयारी**

40 किमी दायरे में कोई टोल नहीं रहेगा। प्राधिकरण के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि नोएडा एयरपोर्ट की जरूरत को देखते हुए पहले ही जेवर टोल प्लाजा को शिफ्ट नहीं होने दिया गया। जबकि, टोल

कलैक्शन में लगी कंपनी ने यह प्रस्ताव भी दिया कि इससे उनको राजस्व हानि होगी।

इस प्रस्ताव का खारिज कर ग्रेटर नोएडा की तरफ से एयरपोर्ट जाने के लिए पूरे रास्ते को टोल मुक्त रखने का फैसला लिया गया। अब ईस्टर्न पेरीफेरल एक्सप्रेसवे पर एयरपोर्ट जाने के लिए बन रहे इंटरचेंज पर भी टोल

नहीं लगाए जाने पर सहमति बन गई है। ऐसे में गाजियाबाद, मेरठ, फरीदाबाद से आने पर भी कोई टोल एयरपोर्ट जाने के लिए नहीं देना होगा।

अधिकारियों का कहना है कि प्राधिकरण ने इसके लिए एनएचएआई, जेपी समूह के अलावा दूसरे स्टेकहोल्डर्स से भी बात की है। ब्यूरो

“हमारे प्रयास है कि यात्रियों का नोएडा एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचना सुगम हो। इसके लिए सभी अड़चनों को दूर किया जा रहा है। इंटरचेंज बनाने का काम भी तेज कराया गया है। - राकेश कुमार सिंह, सीईओ, नायल व यमुना प्राधिकरण

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**भास्कर एक्सक्लूसिव**

सर्दियों में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट होगा गुलजार, यात्रीभार हर माह 4.15 से बढ़कर 5 लाख हो जाएगा

# विंटर शेड्यूल 26 अक्टूबर से; जयपुर को 13 नई फ्लाइट मिलेंगी, 52 से 65 हो जाएंगी, मुंबई के लिए सर्वाधिक 11, जैसलमेर और उदयपुर की शुरू होंगी

एविएशन रिपोर्टर | जयपुर

विंटर शेड्यूल में जयपुर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट फिर व्यस्त हो जाएगा। फ्लाइट्स की संख्या 52 से बढ़कर जहां 65 से अधिक हो जाएगी, वहीं यात्रियों की संख्या भी 4.15 लाख से बढ़कर 5 लाख तक पहुंच जाएगी। जयपुर से नई फ्लाइट शुरू करने के लिए इंडिगो, स्पाइसजेट, एयर इंडिया सहित विभिन्न एयरलाइंस ने डीजीसीए को प्रस्ताव भेजे हैं। ये सभी प्रस्ताव डोमेस्टिक फ्लाइट के हैं। बता दें कि अभी संचालित हो रही 52 फ्लाइट में 7 इंटरनेशनल हैं। जबकि डोमेस्टिक में सबसे ज्यादा 9 फ्लाइट मुंबई की हैं। यह विंटर शेड्यूल में 11 तक पहुंच सकती है। जैसलमेर और उदयपुर के लिए जहां नई फ्लाइट्स मिल सकती है, वहीं अहमदाबाद, चेन्नई और गोवा कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ सकती है। विंटर शेड्यूल 15 अक्टूबर तक तय होने की उम्मीद है।

### गोवा के लिए सुबह-शाम दोनों समय मिलेगी फ्लाइट

देश में हर साल अक्टूबर और मार्च के अंतिम रविवार को फ्लाइट्स के शेड्यूल में बदलाव होता है। यानी इस साल 26 अक्टूबर से जयपुर सहित देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट्स पर विंटर शेड्यूल लागू हो जाएगा। इसमें गोवा जाने के इच्छुक हवाई यात्रियों के लिए अच्छी खबर है। अभी तक जयपुर से गोवा के लिए अलसुबह सिर्फ केवल एक फ्लाइट चल रही थी। विंटर शेड्यूल में गोवा के लिए रोजाना 2 फ्लाइट संचालित होंगी। नई फ्लाइट शाम को चलेगी। यह फ्लाइट गोवा के पुराने दाबोलिम एयरपोर्ट के लिए संचालित होगी। इसके साथ ही अन्य शहरों के लिए भी एयर कनेक्टिविटी में बढ़ोतरी होगी। एयरलाइंस ने जयपुर से विभिन्न शहरों के लिए फ्लाइट शुरू करने के लिए प्रस्ताव दे दिए हैं। चूंकि राजस्थान में सर्दियों के दौरान पर्यटकों की आवाक अधिक रहती है, इसलिए फ्लाइट संख्या भी बढ़ेगी।



### अहमदाबाद, चेन्नई व गोवा की कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ेगी

- फ्लाइट 6ई-7524 जयपुर से शाम 6:20 बजे अहमदाबाद जाएगी।
- फ्लाइट 6ई-5362 जयपुर से सुबह 10 बजे चेन्नई जाएगी।
- फ्लाइट 6ई-7517 जयपुर से शाम 5:30 बजे उदयपुर जाएगी।
- फ्लाइट 6ई-7675 जयपुर से सुबह 9:20 बजे जैसलमेर जाएगी।
- फ्लाइट 6ई-7148 जयपुर से शाम 8:55 बजे इंदौर जाएगी।
- फ्लाइट 6ई-6429 जयपुर से शाम 7:40 बजे गोवा जाएगी।
- बंगलुरु की 7, नई दिल्ली-हैदराबाद, अहमदाबाद की 5, इंदौर की 3
- जयपुर-मुंबई के लिए 11 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-नई दिल्ली के लिए 5 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-बंगलुरु के लिए 7 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-हैदराबाद के लिए 5 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-पुणे के लिए 3 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-कोलकाता के लिए 4 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-अहमदाबाद के लिए 5 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-चेन्नई के लिए 2 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-उदयपुर के लिए 2 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-चंडीगढ़ के लिए 3 फ्लाइट
- जयपुर-इंदौर के लिए 3
- जयपुर-गोवा के लिए 2
- जयपुर-देहरादून के लिए 2
- सूरत व लखनऊ की 1-1 फ्लाइट



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अहमदाबाद प्लेन हादसे के बाद डीजीसीए का नोटिस- जीएसआर 751ई सर्कुलर की पालना करें

# एयरपोर्ट रेंज में बिल्डिंग ऊंचाई के नियमों में कोई बदलाव नहीं, डीजीसीए के 2015 के नियम ही मान्य

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ऑपरेशनल कारणों से नोटिस दिए थे

रनवे से 500 मीटर की दूरी तो 10 मीटर की ही बिल्डिंग

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट रेंज में बिल्डिंगों की ऊंचाई को लेकर नियमों में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। एयरपोर्ट और जेडीए 2015 में जारी जीएसआर 751ई सर्कुलर के अनुसार ही शहर में बिल्डिंग ऊंचाई की परमिशन और एनओसी दे रहे हैं। अहमदाबाद प्लेन हादसे के बाद नागरिक विमानन निदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने जीएसआर सर्कुलर की सख्ती से पालना के लिए एयरपोर्ट पेरीफेरी में कुछ मकानों की ऊंचाई को लेकर नोटिस दिए थे। इससे बिल्डिंगों की अधिकतम ऊंचाई पर संशय खड़ा हो गया था। भास्कर ने जेडीए और एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों से बात कि तो सामने आया कि डीजीसीए ने नियमों में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया है। जेडीए भी डीजीसीए के सर्कुलर के अनुसार ही निर्माणकर्ता से एनओसी मांगता है।



डीजीसीए एयरपोर्ट के नो फ्लाई जोन में बिल्डिंग की ऊंचाई की एनओसी 2015 के नियमों के अनुसार कलर कोडेड जॉनिंग मैप से देता है। जेडीए, हाउसिंग बोर्ड भी निर्माणकर्ता को तय बिल्डिंग बायलॉज के अनुसार ही परमिशन देते हैं। डीजीसीए के अनुसार 2020 तक जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर रडार नहीं था। इसके लगने के बाद 2015 के सर्कुलर जीएसआर 751ई की अनुसार एनओसी लेना जरूरी है।

रनवे से दूरी	500	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000	4500
ऊंचाई	10	20	30	40	45	45	45	48	73
हॉरिजेंटल	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	73

DGCA के अनुसार आंकड़े मीटर में

एयरपोर्ट रनवे से 500 मीटर दूरी : टोंक रोड, मौसम केन्द्र रोड, एयरपोर्ट रोड  
1 किमी की दूरी : जवाहर सक्किल, सीताबाड़ी, जगतपुरा 7 नंबर सड़क, मालवीय नगर  
4.5 किमी दूरी: गोपालपुरा, मॉडल टाउन, प्रतापनगर, सांगानेर, टोंक फाटक, झालाना एरिया

DGCA के अनुसार परमिशन दे रहे : जेडीए

■ बिल्डिंग ऊंचाई को लेकर नया नियम जारी नहीं किया है। एयरपोर्ट रेंज में जेडीए डीजीसीए के नियमों के अनुसार ऊंचाई की परमिशन दे रहा है। नो-फ्लाई जोन में डीजीसीए से सीसीजेडएम के अनुसार एनओसी जरूरी है।  
-अंकुर दाधीच, जेडीए के एसीटीपी

ऊंचाई के नियमों में बदलाव नहीं किए

■ नई बिल्डिंगों की ऊंचाई के नियमों में कोई बदलाव नहीं। एयरपोर्ट रेंज में 2015 जीएसआर 751ई के नियम लागू हैं। लोकल अथॉरिटी को सीसीजेडएम के अनुसार परमिशन देना जरूरी है।  
-चरण सिंह, चीफ को-ऑर्डिनेटिंग इंचार्ज, एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी

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## Even before launch, Navi Mumbai airport's 'digital twin' goes live

**Dhairya Gajara**

MUMBAI

The Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) will have a 'digital twin' from day one which will ensure smooth operations of the airport. The one-of-its-kind 'airport in a box' technology integrates building information modelling (BIM) with geographic information system (GIS) to predict failures, plan resources smartly and optimise maintenance.

With the nearing of NMIA's tentative inauguration on September 30, the airport operator Adani Airports Holding Ltd (AAHL) has commenced preparations in full swing to keep India's first natively digital airport ready. Adani Digital Lab, the technology and digital transformation arm for the Adani Group, will employ a series of technological initiatives to make NMIA future-ready.

AAHL's plug and play system will serve as a unified plat-



form stacking technological services for the new airport, eliminating the need to rebuild information technology systems.

One of the most distinctive characteristics will be the airport's digital twin, which already exists as a multi-dimensional digital replica of the airport. The technology, named 'airport in a box', will integrate BIM to GIS to predict failures, plan resources smarter and optimise maintenance. The "future-ready infrastructure" will feature enterprise asset management, green tech development and a

strong cyber security ecosystem.

According to AAHL, capacity expansions will no longer be treated as disjointed projects as they will seamlessly integrate into digital-native operations. It focuses on creating a robust framework that supports operations today and scales for future requirements.

The greenfield airport will also benefit from Adani Digital Lab's avio software, which streamlines operations for all airport stakeholders including the operator, airlines, security agencies, ground handlers,

and service providers. Adani Digital Lab is also working on integrating video analytics, baggage arrival monitoring, temperature control as well as BIM with avio app.

Similarly, the Adani One App will integrate all airport services into a single, user-friendly digital platform. Already downloaded by around 15 million people at all AAHL-operated airports, passengers can pre-book lounges, shop for food and beverages, navigate the airport and benefit from Adani Rewards, India's first airport-specific loyalty programme.



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## 2 fliers nabbed with weed worth ₹20cr

**Somendra Sharma**

MUMBAI

In two separate cases, the Mumbai airport Customs have arrested two passengers for allegedly smuggling drugs worth Rs20 crore. In the first case, 10.08kg of hydroponic weed worth Rs10.08 crore was allegedly found in the luggage of Siddiq Khorajiya, a Mira Road resident, who had arrived from Bangkok on Friday. In the second case, Aquib Khan, a resident of Valsad, was intercepted after landing from Bangkok the same day. His baggage allegedly contained weed valued at Rs9.98 crore. The duo said that they took to the crime to make quick money, said the officials. Advocates Ashish Singh and Birendra Yadav represented them in the court, which remanded both men to judicial custody.

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Should Trump speak at the site next to a 'Trump Gold Card' sign, in the Oval office at the White House on Friday.

## US 'Gold Card' visa for super rich launched

Press Trust of India  
www.hindustantimes.com

**NEW YORK, USA (Hindustan Times):** US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to launch the 'Gold Card' aimed at setting up a new visa pathway for designers of extraordinary ability who are committed to supporting the United States.

Under the Gold Card programme, signed on Friday, individuals who can pay \$1 million to the US Treasury or \$2 million if a corporation is sponsoring them, will get access to expedited visa treatment and a path to Green Card in the country.

"We're taking in hundreds of millions of dollars. The Gold Card will be taking in hundreds of billions of dollars, and companies will be able to keep more people here now. They need people of expertise, great expertise," Trump said. Trump said the gold card will be a "lifetime thing" and "we're going to take that money and we're going to make sure, we're going to make sure." "To apply, an applicant must pay a non-refundable processing fee three up applicant's processing fee is received, the process of visa adjudication will take place, assuming applicant without additional documents in a timely manner," the official website of the programme said.

The website said that if approved, an individual "must make a gift of \$1 million, which has been determined to provide sufficient evidence that the individual will substantially benefit the US." The applicants must be "eligible for lawful permanent

Trump Times' US prosecutor for not probing his foes

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump said on Saturday he had "been" Eric Robert by withdrawing his nomination to lead federal prosecutor in Virginia, Robert was overseeing a broad investigation into New York Attorney General Letitia James, a prosecutor Trump critic, and had also raised concerns about a case involving an FBI director James County, Florida and NY reported. "Today I withdrew the nomination of Eric Robert as US Attorney for Eastern District of Virginia, his resignation is final," Trump said on Truth Social. **ANAND**

resident status, admissible to the United States, and a visa must be available," the website added.

The Gold Card programme entry for high-value cardholders in American industry, including successful entrepreneurs, inventors, and investments, is said.

"Each of them are 'Trump program' Gold Cards, a chance for a visa following an initial months' investment and entrepreneurs," it added. The programme will give even someone and provide entry to immigrants who can make significant contributions to the US economy.

## No adverse impact on Indian airports on cyberattack issues: Government official



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■ New Delhi

Indian airports have not faced any adverse impact so far in relation to the cyber attack on systems used at various European airports, a senior Government official said on Saturday.

London Heathrow, Berlin and some other airports in Europe are grappling with operational disruptions due to the cyber attack incident at systems of Collins Aerospace that are used at the airports.

Following the cyber attack issue at various European airports, authorities took an update about the operations at Indian airports, the Government official said.

There has been no adverse impact on Indian airports till now in relation to the European cyber security incident. According to the official, Collins MUSE application is mainly used in

European countries and only some European airports have been impacted so far.

There has been no official comments from airport operators in India against the backdrop of the issues being faced by European airports.

"A third-party passenger system disruption at Heathrow may cause delays in the check-in process. Our ground teams in London are working to minimise inconvenience," Air India said in a post on X late afternoon on Saturday.

Passengers flying with Air India from London today (Saturday) are advised to complete their web check-in before arriving at the airport to help ensure a smooth experience, the airline said. As per a BBC report, several European airports have been hit by a cyber-attack affecting an electronic check-in and baggage system.

# एक सुनहरे भविष्य की शुरुआत: 30 अक्टूबर को शुभारंभ, दिल्ली आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर घटेगा दबाव, उद्घाटन के 45 दिनों के भीतर वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें शुरू होंगी, कई अहम शहरों तक बढ़ेगी कनेक्टिविटी

## भारत की उड़ान को नए पंख, जेवर में एशिया का सबसे बड़ा नया एयरपोर्ट बनकर हुआ तैयार

नोएडा में नए एयरपोर्ट से एनसीआर के कई शहरों की बदल जाएगी तस्वीर

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नई दिल्ली. दिल्ली-एनसीआर के ग्रेटर नोएडा के पास उत्तरप्रदेश के जेवर में बन रहा नया अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा शुभारंभ के लिए तैयार हो गया है। अत्याधुनिक सुविधाओं वाला यह एयरपोर्ट न केवल भारत बल्कि एशिया का सबसे बड़ा ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट होगा। नोएडा में नया एयरपोर्ट के शुरू होने से न केवल दिल्ली-एनसीआर बल्कि यूपी व

पड़ोसी राज्यों के कई शहरों में विकास से तस्वीर ही बदल जाएगी।

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने गाजियाबाद में एक कार्यक्रम में कहा कि नोएडा हवाई अड्डा का उद्घाटन 30 अक्टूबर को प्रस्तावित किया गया है। उद्घाटन के 45 दिनों के भीतर वाणिज्यिक उड़ानें शुरू की जाएगी। यहां से देश के प्रमुख शहरों तक सीधी उड़ानें मिलेंगी। दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अन्तरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का दबाव कम होगा। इससे राजस्थान, छत्तीसगढ़, मध्यप्रदेश, उत्तरप्रदेश, हरियाणा के उद्यमियों व यात्रियों को उड़ानें मिलने से फायदा होगा।

एयरपोर्ट पर यह होगा खास

- दस एयरोबिज की व्यवस्था होने से यात्री एक समय में एक साथ दस विमानों में सवार हो सकेंगे व उतर सकेंगे।
- पहले फेज में एक रनवे व एक टर्मिनल होगा। जिसकी क्षमता सालाना 1.2 करोड़ यात्रियों की होगी।
- एयरपोर्ट के सभी चरण पूरे होने पर सालाना सात करोड़ यात्रियों को हैंडल कर सकेगा।
- एक लाख वर्गमीटर में फेले टर्मिनल भवन में 28 विमान स्टैंड हो सकेंगे।



यात्रियों को ये सुविधाएं

- नि:शुल्क वाइ-फाइ से इंटरनेट सुविधा मिलेगी।
- नि:शुल्क लाइब्रेरी व किड्स जोन का उपयोग कर सकेंगे।
- घरेलू अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए अलग प्रवेश-निकास

पहले फेज में दस शहरों के लिए उड़ानें

- एयरपोर्ट से पहले फेज में दस शहरों के लिए उड़ानें शुरू होगी।
- एयरलाइन कंपनी इंडिगो यहां से कुछ इंटरनेशनल फ्लाइट भी शुरू करेगी।



सीधी बस सेवा से जुड़ेंगे शहर

नए एयरपोर्ट तक आवाजाही के लिए सीधी बस सेवाएं शुरू होंगी। दिल्ली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, हरियाणा, गुरुग्राम, गाजियाबाद, मेरठ, बुलंदशहर, अलीगढ़, मथुरा, आगरा आदि शहरों से सीधी बसें जेवर एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचेंगी। ऐसे में इन शहरों की कनेक्टिविटी व रफ्तार पर भी सीधा प्रभाव दिखाई देगा।

एनसीआर के आस-पास बढ़ेगी तस्वीर

दिल्ली-एनसीआर के ग्रेटर नोएडा, गुरुग्राम, बुलंद शहर, गाजियाबाद, मेरठ, मथुरा व अलीगढ़ की तस्वीर ही बदल जाएगी। इन क्षेत्रों में विकास व रोजगार के नए द्वार खुलेंगे। रियल एस्टेट व कॉर्पोरेट गतिविधियां बढ़ेंगी।

राजस्थान, मप्र व छग तक बढ़ेगी कनेक्टिविटी

जेवर एयरपोर्ट शुरू होने से राजस्थान, उत्तरप्रदेश, छत्तीसगढ़, मध्यप्रदेश, हरियाणा, गुजरात राज्य के उद्यमियों व यात्रियों की राजधानी नई दिल्ली से कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ जाएगी। सीधी व अधिक संख्या में वैकल्पिक उड़ानें मिलने से समय की बचत के साथ बिजनेस पर्यटन व उद्योग गतिविधियों को अधिक फायदा मिलेगा।

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# Cyberattack hits European airport check-ins

### AGENCIES

Brussels, 20 September

A cyberattack targeting check-in and boarding systems disrupted air traffic and caused delays at several of Europe's major airports on Saturday, officials said, though the initial impact appeared to be limited.

The disruptions to electronic systems initially reported at Brussels, Berlin's Brandenburg and London's Heathrow airports meant that only manual check-in and boarding was possible.

Many other European airports said their operations were unaffected.

"There was a cyberattack on Friday night 19 September against the service provider



People at BER airport after a cyberattack caused delays in Berlin, Germany, on Saturday. AGENCIES

for the check-in and boarding systems affecting several European airports including Brussels Airport," said Brussels Airport in a statement, initially reporting a "large impact" on flight schedules.

Airports said the issue

centred around a provider of check-in and boarding systems - not airlines or the airports themselves.

Collins Aerospace, whose systems help passengers check themselves in, print boarding passes and bag tags and

A CYBERATTACK ON COLLINS AEROSPACE'S CHECK-IN AND BOARDING SYSTEMS DISRUPTED OPERATIONS AT MAJOR EUROPEAN AIRPORTS, INCLUDING BRUSSELS, BERLIN AND LONDON HEATHROW, FORCING MANUAL PROCESSING AND CAUSING DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS. OFFICIALS SAID THE IMPACT APPEARED LIMITED AS THE DAY PROGRESSED, WITH BRUSSELS REPORTING NINE CANCELLATIONS AND SEVERAL DELAYS, WHILE HEATHROW DESCRIBED THE DISRUPTION AS MINIMAL.

dispatch their luggage from a kiosk, cited a "cyber-related disruption" to its MUSE (Multi-User System Environment) software at "select airports."

As the day wore on, the fallout appeared to be contained.

Brussels Airport spokesperson Ihsane Chioua Lekhli told broadcaster VTM that by mid-morning, nine flights had been canceled, four were

redirected to another airport and 15 faced delays of an hour or more. She said it wasn't immediately clear how long the disruptions might last.

Axel Schmidt, head of communications at the Brandenburg airport, said that by late morning, "we don't have any flights canceled due to this specific reason, but that could change." The Berlin airport said operators

had cut off connections to affected systems.

Heathrow, Europe's busiest airport, said the disruption has been "minimal" with no flight cancellations directly linked to the problems afflicting Collins.

A spokesperson would not provide details as to how many flights have been delayed as a result of the cyberattack.

The airports advised travelers to check their flight status and apologized for any inconvenience.

Collins, an aviation and defence technology company that is a subsidiary of RTX Corporation, formerly Raytheon Technologies, said it was "actively working to resolve the issue and restore full functionality to our customers as quickly as possible."

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## Cyberattack triggers chaos at European airports

BRUSSELS/LONDON, SEPT 20

A cyberattack on a provider of check-in and boarding systems disrupted operations at several major European airports including London's Heathrow, the continent's busiest, causing flight delays and cancellations on Saturday.

Collins Aerospace, which provides systems for several airlines at airports globally, was experiencing a technical issue that may cause delays for departing passengers, Heathrow said.

Brussels Airport and Berlin Airport were also affected, they said separately.

RTX, Collins Aerospace's parent company, said it was aware of a "cyber-related disruption" to its MUSE software at selected airports, without naming them. Hours later, Dublin Airport said it was also facing minor impact from the issue, along with Cork Airport, Ireland's second biggest after Dublin.

"The impact is limited to electronic customer check-in and baggage drop and can be



Travellers wait near a check-in area at Heathrow Airport in Greater London, Britain. REUTERS

mitigated with manual check-in operations," RTX said in an emailed statement, adding that it was working to fix the issue as quickly as possible. It did not give any information on who might be behind the attack.

At Heathrow, Berlin and Brussels, 29 departures and arrivals were cancelled so far, aviation data provider Cirium said.

In total, 651 departures were scheduled from Heathrow, 228 from Brussels and 226 from Berlin on Saturday.

The disruption is the latest in a string of increasingly sophisticated cyber and ransomware attacks targeting governments and companies across the world, hitting sectors from healthcare and defence to

retail and autos. A recent breach at luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover brought its production to a halt.

Rob Jardin, chief digital officer at cybersecurity experts NymVPN, said the incident highlighted the vulnerability of critical infrastructure when it relies on third-party suppliers.

"Increasingly, hackers are not just criminals but are

being weaponised by hostile nation states against Europe, with supply chains seen as an easy way to cause chaos."

Germany's federal office for information security, the BSI, said it was in touch with Berlin Airport over "infrastructure disruptions" as a result of an outage affecting a global system for handling passengers.

Britain's National Cyber Security Centre said it was working with Collins Aerospace and affected UK airports to fully understand the incident's impact.

Brussels Airport said on its website it was having to use manual check-in and boarding procedures, adding the incident occurred on Friday night.

"This has a large impact on the flight schedule and will unfortunately cause delays and cancellations," it said.

The airport said that 10 flights had been cancelled so far, with an average delay of one hour for all departing flights. —Agencies

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BUSINESS LINE

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# Airlines brace for rise in US bookings as visiting Indians on H-1B rush to beat Sunday deadline

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Airlines could see further pressure on loads and yields on US routes with the Trump administration increasing the H-1B visa fees.

Many American companies like Microsoft and Amazon have issued advisories asking their employees outside the US to return before the Sunday deadline. This has set off demand for airline tickets.

"There has been a notable increase in last-minute bookings to the US since this morning. This increase in bookings for same-day or next-day travel is atypical for a long-haul segment," a MakeMyTrip spokesperson said. A travel agent from Chennai said that he had received nine enquiries since



**ROUTE SLUMP.** Airlines reported higher queries to the US as employees are heading back

this morning for tickets to travel to the US immediately.

### MAJOR SECTOR

Over seven million passengers flew between India and the US (two way) in FY25. A majority of them flew one

stop via a West Asian or European hub.

Air India is the largest carrier on the India-US market, followed by Emirates and Qatar Airways. Air India's business has been impacted more than others with the closure of Pakistan

airspace that requires its aircraft to take longer routes.

### SOFTENING DEMAND

Among the US carriers, United and American Airlines operate daily flights to Delhi.

According to aviation in-

dustry sources, airlines have seen softening of demand on the India-US routes for the past several months due to tightening of visa norms by the Trump administration. "Indian tourist arrivals into the US have been impacted this year. Student movement into the US and Canada, too, has been lower. The H-1B visa fee will depress the demand further," an aviation industry source said.

An executive of a West Asian airline said there will definitely be an impact on business on the India-US routes, but its vast global network will allow it to tap demand for other markets.

Indian tourist arrivals in the US during the first three months of Calendar Year 2025 were flat. March saw a decline 3.6 per cent and June saw an even bigger decline of 8 per cent.



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## एयर इंडिया, एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की बिक्री टीमों का एकीकरण

गुरुग्राम, 19 सितम्बर (एजेंसियां)। एयर इंडिया समूह ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि उसने एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के साथ दोनों की बिक्री टीम का एकीकरण किया है और एकीकृत टीम के नेतृत्व का भार मनीष पुरी को दिया गया है। श्री पुरी की

पदोन्नति कर उन्हें वैश्विक बिक्री प्रमुख बनाया गया है। एयर इंडिया की एक विज्ञप्ति में कहा गया है कि एकीकरण का यह कदम व्यावसायिक दक्षता बढ़ाने और यात्रा व्यापार समुदाय के साथ बेहतर जुड़ाव के लिए उठाया गया

है। इस कदम के साथ, दोनों एयरलाइनों के पास अब घरेलू और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजारों में एयर इंडिया समूह का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली एक ही बिक्री टीम होगी।

इस वह समेकित बिक्री कार्य की देखरेख करेंगे, व्यापारिक हितधारकों के साथ साझेदारी को मजबूत करेंगे और पारस्परिक लाभ के साथ एक ही ढांचे के तहत दोनों वाहकों का निर्बाध प्रतिनिधित्व सुनिश्चित करेंगे। एयर इंडिया के मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी निपुण अग्रवाल ने बयान में इस कदम को परिचालन को सरल बनाने और अपने साझेदारों को बेहतर मान देने की दोनों एयरलाइनों की यात्रा में एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि बताया है। उन्होंने कहा, 'इस एकीकृत दृष्टिकोण के साथ, हमारे व्यापारिक साझेदारों के लिए एयर इंडिया समूह के लिए एकल संपर्क बिंदु प्राप्त करना आसान हो जाएगा। हमारा ध्यान सभी बाजारों में अपने साझेदारों के साथ संबंधों को गहरा करने और विशेष दक्षता के साथ अपनी पहुँच का विस्तार करने पर होगा।'

**एकीकरण का यह कदम  
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## एयरबस गुजरात में गति शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय में एक आरएंडडी सेंटर ऑफ़ एकसीलेंस करेगा स्थापित

नई दिल्ली, 20 सितम्बर (एजेंसियां)। एयरोस्पेस कंपनी एयरबस ने घोषणा की है कंपनी भारत के इनोवेशन सिस्टम को मजबूत बनाने की अपनी प्रतिबद्धता के तहत गुजरात में गति शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय में एक रिसर्च एंड डेवलपमेंट सेंटर ऑफ़ एकसीलेंस सेट अप करेगी। एयरबस के प्रबंध निदेशक जुर्गन वेस्टरमेयर ने केंद्रीय इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव से मुलाकात के बाद इस योजना की घोषणा की। उन्होंने कहा कि कंपनी हर साल 100 से अधिक भारतीय सप्लायर से 1 बिलियन डॉलर से अधिक मूल्य के कंपोनेंट खरीदती है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री वैष्णव ने कहा, 'एयरबस इंडिया के एमडी जुर्गन वेस्टरमेयर से यह जानकर खुशी हुई कि एयरबस 1 बिलियन डॉलर से अधिक मूल्य के कंपोनेंट खरीदती है और इसके 100 से अधिक भारतीय सप्लायर हैं। मजबूत डिजाइन क्षमता के

साथ, यह जल्द ही गति शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय में एक आरएंडडी सेंटर ऑफ़ एकसीलेंस स्थापित करेगी।' एयरक्राफ्ट मेकर कंपनी ने बेंगलुरु में एक डिजिटल सेंटर स्थापित किया है, जिसे वह अपने

■ एयरबस के प्रबंध निदेशक जुर्गन वेस्टरमेयर ने केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव से मुलाकात के बाद इस योजना की घोषणा की

डिजिटल परिवर्तन की रीढ़ की हड्डी कहती है। फ्रांस के टूलूज में मुख्यालय के बाद एयरबस का बेंगलुरु हब उसकी दूसरी सबसे बड़ी डिजिटल सुविधा है। कंपनी ने 2018 में दुनिया भर के सभी डिजीजनों को सपोर्ट करने के लिए एक ग्लोबल कैपेबिलिटी सेंटर जीसीसी स्थापित कर भारत में अपनी डिजिटल क्षमताओं का विस्तार किया।

एयरक्राफ्ट मेकर कंपनी ने अपने विभिन्न साइटों पर 3600 से अधिक कर्मचारियों को नियुक्त किया है, जिसमें व्यवसाय को आईटी समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए 1500 से अधिक कुशल आईटी पेशेवर शामिल हैं।



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### **Air India Express launches daily direct flights to Bangkok**

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Air India Express will start daily direct flights between Bengaluru and Bangkok from October 18.

The four-hour flight will depart Bengaluru at 11 am and reach Bangkok at 4.45 pm. The return flight will leave Bangkok at 5.45 pm and land in Bengaluru at 8.30 pm.

As an introductory offer, round-trip fares start at Rs 16,800, with bookings open on the airline's website.

Air India Express currently operates more than 440 weekly flights from Bengaluru, connecting to 30 domestic cities and 13 international destinations, including Al Ain, Bahrain, Doha, Dubai, Jeddah, Kuwait, Muscat, Phuket, Ras al Khaimah, Riyadh, Salalah, Sharjah, and Singapore.

# 'India can meet local need for SAF, export surplus'

**Jagriti Chandra**

NEW DELHI

India holds immense capacity to develop a strong domestic sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry that is capable of fully meeting its internal demand while also having excess available for export, says a feasibility study conducted by the Centre.

The report underlines that India has the capacity to produce more than 14 - 33 million tonne (MT) per year of SAF from feedstocks such as vegetable oils, sugarcane bagasse, rice straw and municipal solid waste forming the bulk of the biogenic feedstocks.

The estimate though does not include the potential SAF production from waste gas fermentation or power-to-liquids based SAF.

The report has been brought out by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in partnership with UN aviation watchdog, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). It is also supported by the European Union. The study is part of the ICAO ACT-SAF (Assistance, Capacity-building and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuels) Programme.

The report will be presented by the Indian delegation led by Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu next week during the ICAO's General Assembly 2025 that starts from September 23. The once in a



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three-year event is held to establish global policy and review ICAO's work.

## **Aspirational target**

India has set targets of a 1% SAF blend by 2027, 2% by 2028 and 5% by 2030 for international flights in line with compliance with ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA).

The study calls for urgent policy measures such as the setting up of a SAF Council with high-level representatives from government departments and CEOs from relevant stakeholders to develop a vision and strategy for the domestic SAF sector.

It also presses for urgent action for a policy framework for SAF development in India to find solutions to various challenges, including high production costs.

The study recommends alcohol-to-jet (AtJ) SAF production process as the "largest opportunity for India".

PASSENGERS STRANDED IN SEVERAL CITIES

# Cyberattack disrupts check-in operations at European airports

REUTERS

BRUSSELS, FRANKFURT, LONDON, SEPTEMBER 20

A CYBERATTACK on a provider of check-in and boarding systems disrupted operations on Saturday at several major European airports including London's Heathrow, the continent's busiest, causing flight delays and cancellations. The disruption is the latest in a string of increasingly sophisticated cyber and ransomware attacks targeting governments and companies across the world, hitting sectors from healthcare and defence to retail and autos. A recent breach at luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover brought its production to a halt.

Collins Aerospace, which provides systems for several airlines at airports globally, is experiencing a technical issue that may cause delays for departing passengers, Heathrow said.

Brussels Airport and Berlin Airport were also affected, they said separately. Hours later, Dublin Airport said it was also facing minor impact from the issue, along with Cork Airport, Ireland's second biggest after Dublin.

RTX, Collins Aerospace's parent company, said it was aware of a "cyber-related disruption" to its MUSE software at selected airports, without naming them.

"The impact is limited to electronic customer check-in and baggage drop and can be mitigated with manual check-in operations," RTX said, adding that it was working to fix the issue as quickly as possible. It did not give any information on who might be behind the attack.

A spokesperson for the European Commission said there were currently no indications of a "widespread or severe attack" and that the origin of the incident was still under investigation. At Heathrow, Berlin and Brussels, 29 departures and arrivals have been cancelled so far, aviation data provider Cirium said. In total, 651 departures were scheduled from Heathrow, 228 from Brussels and 226 from Berlin Saturday.

Passengers with a flight scheduled for Saturday were advised by



Travellers wait near check-in desks at Heathrow Airport Terminal 2 on Saturday. Reuters

EXPLAINED

**E** Multi-User System Environment

MUSE (Multi-User System Environment) software by Collins Aerospace enables multiple airlines to share check-in and boarding infrastructure at airports. It eliminates the need for dedicated servers and complex setups, streamlining passenger processing. It supports manual and automated check-in, integrates with mobile peripherals, and ensures operational continuity even during disruptions.

the affected airports to confirm their travel with airlines before heading to the airport.

Berlin Airport said on its website there were longer waiting times at check-in and it was working on a quick solution. Frankfurt Airport, Germany's largest, was not affected, a spokesperson said.

"I arrived here at the airport station at about quarter past nine, and we haven't been told anything except that there was a technical fault," Kim Reisen told Reuters at Berlin Airport.

"Of course, online you can read that it was probably a cyberattack, and now we're waiting here to see what happens."

## Indian airports not impacted, govt check finds

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE DELHI Airport uses the same check-in and baggage software that was impacted by a cyberattack at multiple European airports, but Delhi has not yet experienced any disruptions, a government audit has found.

An Air India advisory said, "A third-party passenger system disruption at Heathrow may cause delays in the check-in process. Our ground teams in London are working to minimise inconvenience. Passengers flying with us from London today are advised to complete their web check-in before arriving at the airport to help ensure a smooth experience."

A senior IT Ministry official said the government had contacted the chief information security officer of GMR, which manages airports in Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Goa. While the Delhi airport was found to be using the Muse software, Hyderabad and Goa airports were not using it. No issues observed at the Bengaluru airport too.

"Delhi has not faced any impact so far but there is no clear communication from the vendor Collins," said the official.



# Ukhand govt to resume Chardham heli services if weather improves

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given its go ahead for resuming helicopter services at Uttarakhand chardham pilgrimage sites with expectations that monsoon may subside in coming days.

However, the date of restoration of heli sorties is yet to be finalized as the weather condition in high hills is still not conducive.

Decision to resume heli services for Uttarakhand chardham pilgrimage was taken in a review meeting of the DGCA authorities chaired by Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu in the presence of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Delhi.

Although Naidu accepted the state government's proposal of resumption of heli services he directed that special measures must be taken to ensure safer and convenient Chardham Yatra. The minister made it



clear that negligence in the safety of pilgrims will not be tolerated. Apart from the review meeting a DGCA team recently assessed the helipads in the state, inspected helicopters and operating firms between September 13 and 16.

Following its assessment DGCA gave clearance to resume heli services for Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri and Badrinath. However, it was done by the DGCA with a rider that every helicopter operating firm and pilots have to take extra safety measures for the pilgrims. "Heli services to chardham shrines have

been allowed to resume but sorties can take place only after weather improves in the state.

Safety of the pilgrims will be our top priority. Pedestrian pilgrimage is still going on for Kedarnath, Badrinath and Gangotri barring Yamunotri. The Yamunotri Shrine route is still under renovation.

It will be resumed soon" said Uttarakhand tourism minister Satpal Maharaj. It's significant that charter heli services are made available to the pilgrims from Dehradun to all four chardham shrines. However shuttle services are

provided only for Kedarnath helipad from the Guptkashi, Phata and Sitapur helipad clusters.

Officials in Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) informed that six heli service firms have been allowed to operate shuttle services from Guptkashi, Phata, and Sitapur while seven firms will operate charter flights from Dehradun.

Helicopter services for Chardham pilgrimage were suspended following a series of mishaps in the air killing several pilgrims in the months of May and June.

This had raised serious concerns for the safety of the pilgrims and fitness of the flying machines in Uttarakhand. In resumed heli services passengers will be tipped off with adequate safety briefing.

This will include essential information like proper use of seatbelts, safe boarding and deboarding procedures along with steps needed during an emergency, informed an UCADA official.



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Even with red tape and hangar headaches, aviation's most exclusive club is growing

## THE PJ LIFE: INSIDE INDIA'S PRIVATE JET RUSH

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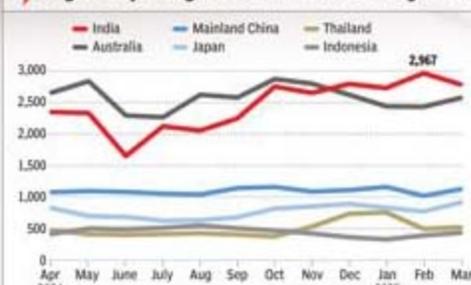
**I**n HBO's hit series 'Succession', private jets are often the backdrop for deals, betrayals and boardroom drama. In one memorable Season 3 scene, a company executive suggests grounding the Roy family's jets. Roman Roy (Kieran Culkin) reacts instantly: "The PJs? No." A plaintive cry from someone who knows that once you've flown private, there's no going back to commercial.

That attachment isn't just fiction. The fly private lifestyle is taking off in India as the ranks of the ultra-wealthy swell. According to a recent report by the Asian Sky Group, India has overtaken China to become Asia's top market for private jet activity between 2020 and 2024, monthly flights tripling to 2,400. In the first quarter of 2025, five of Asia Pacific's ten busiest routes were in India. Of these four centred around Mumbai (Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, and Jamnagar) while the fifth was Delhi-Jaipur.

Alud Davies, media and publications director at Asian Sky Group, says India recorded a net fleet increase of 18 jets during 2024, more than any other country in the Asia Pacific region. "The country's fleet grew from 132 in 2020 to 168 in 2024 — a 27% jump. This puts India third in the region for total fleet size, just behind China and Australia, and ahead of Singapore and Japan," he says. In Asia Pacific, about one-third of private jets are long-range models, like the Gulfstream G650 and Bombardier Global 6000, but Davies says medium and large jets are more popular in India. "Medium jets include the Hawker 800-900, Cessna Citation 680XL series and Gulfstream G200," says Davies, adding that large cabins matter more in India than long-range.

Charter firms are responding by investing in sleeker fleets, even exploring electric and hybrid models. In 2014, when Kanika Tekriwal launched JetSetGo, a private jet and helicopter charter marketplace, private jets were seen as toys for old-world business barons. A decade later, she says the scene has widened but it is quick to temper the media hype. "There's definitely been an increase

### Flights Departing From India Have Steadily Risen



Source: Asian Sky Quarterly (Q1 results, 2025)

since the pandemic but the numbers are not crazy biggers." However, there has been a big shift in perceptions. "Earlier, if you flew a private jet, it was considered a waste of money. Post-pandemic, it's considered a safer mode of travel and a workhorse, not a luxury." The clientele has changed too. "Today, our customer base is a lot of young start-up founders. Before the pandemic, the average age of the private jet traveller used to be around 40-52. Now, that's come down to about 41. So that's a huge shift," Tekriwal says.

### BUY A PLANE. BEG FOR PARKING

Demand is up but infrastructure and regulations haven't kept up. "Be it regulations, cost or ease of operations, it's only become more difficult. Private jets have the same regulations as commercial airplanes, so it is not the most favourable environment," says Tekriwal. And if you thought car parking is a problem in big cities, jet owners have it worse. "Aircraft parking is not available in most places. You don't have private terminals except in three or four airports, so a lot of people actually don't park their planes where they use them. They ferry them up and down. And India

is one of the few countries where there is a major shortage of hangars — almost 80% of jets are not parked in hangars," Tekriwal says.

Despite her trailblazing role in private aviation, the gender skew is stark. "About 97% of our customer base remains men. I am yet to find a woman who owns a private jet. I mean, apart from me, I don't think there is one in India," says Tekriwal. She may own jets but is far from a constant private flier. "Are you crazy? I travel 90% by commercial, 10% by private. I can't afford it," she laughs, revealing that even her Cannes trip, where she walked the red carpet this year, was "very comfortably and happily" down on Emirates.

High prices, red tape and operating headaches are steering many wealthy individuals away from outright ownership. Instead, they are opting for charters. Rajesh Rajan, CEO and co-founder of Bengaluru-based Indiagets, says most new customers now prefer chartering over buying, since outright ownership comes with significant operational, regulatory and maintenance responsibilities. For would-be buyers, the initial outlay itself is daunting. "A new small

jet, like a 4-5 seater, starts at \$3-4 million. A pre-owned jet typically starts at around \$2 million," he notes.

While fractional ownership (where multiple people co-own and co-use a jet) is common in the West, it hasn't taken off in India due to lack of a policy. "In India, you need a Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) to own and commercially operate an aircraft. Multiple individuals or entities cannot be owners in an NSOP. So, even if you and I had the money, we couldn't buy a plane in our names — we'd need to set up a company to hold it. Now, in a fractional model, if 25 people wanted to co-own an aircraft, legally I'd have to add each of them as directors in the holding company and get them all security cleared. This makes the model practically unworkable. Unlike in the US, where ownership and operation can be separated, in India the operator must also be the legal owner. That's been a huge challenge," Rajan explains.

Hajan sees the subscription model as the next evolution — akin to a "prepaid SIM card." Indiagets itself is exploring this. "If you're going from Delhi to Mumbai, you simply pay into a subscription. For, say, Rs 25 lakh, you can buy a certain flight-hour pack and top up as you need," he adds.

### JETS AND JUGAAD

In true desi style, even the skies run on jugaad — unused flight hours are quietly leased out like spare bedrooms on Airbnb. Aviation expert Sanjay Lazar says this is called 'empty-leg charters'. "They discretely lease or charter out unused hours through private operators to offset costs and avoid regulatory complexity," adds Lazar.

Many jets are registered abroad. A Bengaluru businessman recently bought a Rs 200-crore Gulfstream G280 — its puja was posted on Instagram by a well-known Panditji — but it was reportedly registered in San Marino, California. According to investment banking consultant Sarthak Ahuja, this reflects global wealth mobility. "Many wealthy Indians have a base abroad and may use wealth from their international businesses to buy jets," says Ahuja, who recently made a viral reel on why India has outpaced China in private jet flight volumes. Chinese buyers, he says, now risk attracting official scrutiny. "The Communist Party is currently against overt displays of wealth by private business owners, which has led to billionaires becoming cautious." Add to that China's real estate crash and a recent exodus of millionaires, and you have an industry losing momentum. Infrastructure, too, plays a part. China's high-speed trains offer a good alternative to jets. "India does not have bullet trains so the need for jets," notes Ahuja.

New models are emerging. "A number of companies are now entering the air taxi business, which will democratise access," says Ahuja. Startups like



TOP 5 ROUTES WITHIN INDIA

Source: ASG (Q1 results, 2025)

### SHAADI IN THE SKIES

Private aviation isn't just about boardrooms — it's also about barnats. Why arrive on a ghodi when you can land in a Gulfstream? Devanshi Patel, founder of Shaave Events in Mumbai, is the go-to person for snagging private jet rentals for clients who want to fly off for a big fat wedding or a pilgrimage to Prayagraj. "When I started around 10 years ago, there was maybe one charter for weddings per year. Now, we do five or six such charters annually," she says. The wedding jet experience is far from mundane. "We personalise everything from food catering with options like also puri for Gujarati weddings or chole bhature for Punjabi celebrations, to onboard entertainment like hosting a mentalist or a DJ-curated playlist. But we can't set up a DJ console. We don't want people jumping and dancing on an aircraft," she laughs. The big wedding charters, going up to 100 seats, include personal touches such as red carpets at the terminal, customised headrest covers, eye masks and wedding-themed giveaways. Patel has also organised smaller charters for more intimate events like proposals or milestone parties.

It's not all fun and games or about avoiding the hot politics. "There's actually a shortage of business class seats in India today," Rajan says. Air travel demand from business and industry hubs such as Coimbatore and Tirupur has exploded. "Many of them now charter aircraft. They go in the morning and return in the evening. For these travellers, private aviation is not about luxury but about saving time."



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## Mumbai-Phuket flight diverted to Chennai over threat msg in loo

**New Delhi:** A Mumbai-Phuket IndiGo flight was diverted to Chennai after a suspected bomb threat message was found in the aircraft lavatory. The Airbus A320 aircraft took off from Mumbai at 3.33pm Friday and was flying over the Bay of Bengal when the threat message was discovered. The pilots decided to divert the aircraft to Chennai, where it landed at 7.16pm.

“IndiGo flight 6E 1089 operating from Mumbai to Phuket on Sept 19 was diverted to Chennai due to a security threat noticed onboard. As per established protocol, relevant authorities were immediately informed, and the flight will undergo necessary security checks in Chennai. Owing to night curfew at Phuket airport, resumption of the journey has been scheduled for later in the night,” said an IndiGo spokesperson, adding that efforts were being made to minimise inconvenience to customers. TNN