

भास्कर खास • जयपुर में तुरंत लागू नहीं होता प्रोटोकॉल, क्योंकि निजी और सरकारी एजेंसियों में समन्वय नहीं जयपुर एयरपोर्ट; लो विजिबिलिटी प्रोटोकॉल व्यवस्था होल्ड पर, कोहरे में 30 मिनट तक आसमान में चक्कर काटती हैं फ्लाइट

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट को निजी हाथों में दिए एक साल से अधिक समय हो चुका है। अब इसका असर भी नजर आने लगा है। ताजा उदाहरण विंटर सीजन का है। जब-जब जयपुर में कोहरा छाता है तो फ्लाइट्स को तुरंत लैंडिंग की अनुमति नहीं दी जाती। पायलट को 25 से 30 मिनट तक आसमान में ही चक्कर काटने को कहा जाता है। 31 दिसंबर की रात ऐसा तीन फ्लाइट्स के साथ हुआ था। इसमें दो बेंगलुरु की और एक चंडीगढ़ की फ्लाइट थी। एलवीपी व्यवस्था लागू होने तक इन तीनों फ्लाइट की लैंडिंग होल्ड कर

दी गई थी। दरअसल, एयरपोर्ट पर रात 11 बजे अचानक घना कोहरा छा गया। इंडिगो की एक फ्लाइट ने लैंडिंग के लिए अप्रोच किया तो पता चला कि रनवे पर विजुअल रेंज कम है। एयर टैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) ने पायलट को विमान को कुछ देर होल्ड पर रखने को कहा। पायलट को बताया गया कि एयरपोर्ट पर लो विजिबिलिटी प्रोटोकॉल (एलवीपी) लागू करने के निर्देश दिए जा चुके हैं, लेकिन अभी यह पूरी तरह लागू नहीं हो सका है। इसके बाद विमान ने जयपुर के आसमान में 3 से 4 चक्कर लगाए। करीब 25 मिनट बाद फ्लाइट की एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग हो सकी।

एविएशन एक्सपर्ट का कहना है कि कोहरे की स्थिति में जब रनवे पर दृश्यता कम हो जाती है तो सेफगार्डिंग प्रोसेस करते हुए लो विजिबिलिटी प्रोटोकॉल (एलवीपी) लागू किया जाता है। इस दौरान सिविल और इलेक्ट्रिकल वर्क बंद करा दिए जाते हैं। सीएनएस के अधिकारी अपने इक्विपमेंट चेक करते हैं। इलेक्ट्रिकल वाले अपने ऑपरेशन को डीजल जनरेटर मोड पर डाल देते हैं और सीआईएसएफ सारे गेट बंद कर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था मजबूत करती है। इस दौरान कैट-थ्री बी और आईएलएस की मदद से सिर्फ 75 मीटर दृश्यता में भी विमान की लैंडिंग कराई जाती है। एटीसी की ओर से जब एलवीपी प्रोटोकॉल लागू करने के निर्देश दिए जाते हैं तो अलग-अलग एजेंसियां अपनी जिम्मेदारी पूरी कर रिपोर्ट करती हैं, लेकिन अभी एयरपोर्ट का संचालन निजी हाथों में है, ऐसे में कुछ एजेंसियों की ढिलाई की बात सामने आ रही है। ऐसे में विमान को होल्ड पर रखा जाता है।



- इंडिगो की बेंगलुरु से जयपुर आ रही फ्लाइट 6ई-6273 को रात 11:55 बजे लैंड होना था। पायलट ने रात 11:10 बजे लैंडिंग के लिए अप्रोच किया, लेकिन 11:37 बजे लैंड हो सकी।
- इंडिगो की ही बेंगलुरु से जयपुर आ रही फ्लाइट 6ई-838 को रात 10:35 बजे लैंड होना था। फ्लाइट बेंगलुरु से ही 1:10 घंटे लेट चल रही थी। पायलट ने जयपुर में रात 11:14 बजे लैंडिंग के लिए अप्रोच किया, लेकिन रात 11:41 बजे लैंड हो सकी।
- इंडिगो की चंडीगढ़ से जयपुर आ रही फ्लाइट 6ई-7413 को रात 11 बजे लैंड होना था, लेकिन फ्लाइट चंडीगढ़ से ही 45 मिनट लेट चली थी। पायलट ने रात 11:17 बजे लैंडिंग के लिए अप्रोच किया, लेकिन रात 11:50 बजे ही लैंडिंग हो सकी।



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Hyd airport sets record

Hyderabad: The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) at Shamshabad reached a major milestone on January 18 by handling 94,630 passengers and 607 aircraft movements in a single day, according to a statement. This record surpassed the RGIA's previous record which was set on December 22 last when the airport handled over 92k passengers in a single day. In December 2024, RGIA recorded 27 lakh flyers, 23 lakh of them in the domestic sector. Airport authorities expressed their gratitude to passengers for their continued trust, calling it a proud moment for everyone involved in RGIA's operations.



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SC reprieve to Dubey in Deoghar airport case

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UPHOLDING the Jharkhand High Court's judgement which quashed the FIR against lawmakers Nishikant Dubey and Manoj Tiwari, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said BJP MPs will not be prosecuted in connection with an FIR of Jharkhand police for allegedly forcing the Deoghar air traffic control to allow their aircraft to take off after sunset three years ago.

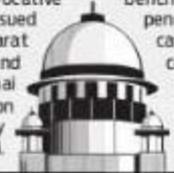
A two-judge bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan passed the order on Tuesday, after hearing an appeal filed by the state government challenging the Jharkhand High Court judgment. The bench, however, granted the state government the liberty to forward the material collected during its probe to the authorised officer under the Aircraft Act within four weeks.

"We permit the state of Jharkhand to forward the materials collected by it during investigation to such an authorised officer under the Aircraft Act, 1934 within four weeks, who shall take a decision in accordance with law as to whether a complaint needs to be filed under the Aircraft Act, 1934 and the rules framed," said Justice Manmohan, pro-

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC stays case against Congress MP
The Supreme Court stayed proceedings against Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi, booked in Jamnagar, Gujarat, for allegedly posting an edited video of a provocative song. A bench issued notice to the Gujarat government and complainant Kishanbhai Deepakbhai Nanda on an appeal filed by Pratapgarhi.

Ad-hoc judges for criminal cases
The SC on Tuesday suggested the appointment of ad-hoc judges in high courts to deal with the huge pendency of criminal appeals. A special bench referred to the data on pendency of criminal cases in several high courts and said in Allahabad High Court alone there were 63,000 criminal appeals pending.



nouncing the judgement.

Refusing to interfere with the Jharkhand High Court's verdict, the apex court said there were no grounds to revive the case under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 441 (criminal trespass) and 336 (endangering life or personal safety of others). According to the prosecution, Dubey, Tiwari, and others were accused of pressuring the ATC to allow their take off.

The Jharkhand government had contended that the ATC area is a protected zone and these two lawmakers allegedly flouted rules at the particular area.

In 2023, the Jharkhand HC had quashed the FIR against Dubey and Tiwari concerning the ATS clearance issue at Deoghar airport. It was challenged by the Jharkhand govt in the apex court seeking a direction for revival of the case against the two leaders.

The FIR was registered following instructions from the Deoghar deputy commissioner. The Jharkhand police filed an FIR against pilot of the chartered plane, Dubey, Tiwari and others for allegedly pressuring officials at the airport to clear their chartered flight for take-off on the night of August 31.

SC dismisses ED plea challenging bail to Bhujbal

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IN a partial relief to former Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and current NCP MLA Chhagan Bhujbal, the Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected the ED's plea challenging his bail in a money-laundering case.

A two-judge bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan also rejected Bhujbal's plea challenging his arrest in the matter. While rejecting Bhujbal's plea, the bench said, "You were released on bail in 2018 in the ED case. It is not necessary to go into the question of the illegality of his (Bhujbal) arrest at the present stage."

On May 4, 2018, the Bombay HC granted bail to Bhujbal in the money laundering case. The order was challenged by the ED in the SC through a Special Leave Petition.

Rejecting ED's plea, the SC said as the orders were passed in 2018, no case for interference is made out at this stage.



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एयरपोर्ट तक पहुंचने के लिए 10,000 'वाटर टैक्सी' का प्रस्ताव

मुंबई, (पंजाब केसरी): केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने मुंबई के दूरदराज उपनगरों से लोगों को नवी मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे तक पहुंचाने के लिए 10,000 वाटर टैक्सी का प्रस्ताव रखा है।

उन्होंने यहां आईसीईआरपी 2025 प्रदर्शनी में यह जानकारी दी। गडकरी ने सुझाव दिया कि उन्होंने पहले ही महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस के साथ इस प्रस्ताव पर चर्चा की है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि 'वाटर टैक्सी' वित्तीय राजधानी के उत्तर में अरब सागर के किनारे स्थित विरार जैसे उपनगरों और ठाणे क्रीक के साथ उत्तर पूर्व में कल्याण-डोंबिवली जैसे उपनगरों



से लोगों को 70 मिनट में नए हवाई अड्डे तक पहुंचा सकती हैं। उन्होंने कहा, 'वसई-विरार से कल्याण-डोंबिवली तक मुंबई के सभी हिस्सों से वाटर टैक्सी 70 मिनट में नए हवाई अड्डे से जुड़ सकती हैं। मैंने पहले ही मुख्यमंत्री के साथ इस प्रस्ताव पर चर्चा की है। हमें मुंबई

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में 10,000 वाटर टैक्सियों की जरूरत है।' नये हवाई अड्डे से यात्री उड़ानें अगले साल अप्रैल से शुरू होने वाली हैं। यात्रियों की आवाजही को सुविधाजनक बनाने के लिए नये हवाई अड्डे को मेट्रो रेल से जोड़ने की योजना पर काम चल रहा है।

This decentralised ID tech is easing AIRLINE TRAVEL IN INDIA

Digi Yatra says it is one of the largest successful implementations of this blockchain-based tech

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Most of those who have used it, love the Digi Yatra app. No more fishing out some govt ID, and possibly losing it in the hurry to catch a flight. No hunting to find your boarding pass. Just stand in front of a camera at the terminal entrance, and you are in.

Siddharth Sharma, head of IT operations at Digi Yatra Foundation, says the usage numbers are staggering – 8 million downloads and used over 38 million times across 24 airports in just 22 months. “It is one of the largest successful implementations of self-sovereign identity or decentralised ID,” he says.

Self-sovereign identity is a digital identity model that allows users to

“Digi Yatra is being looked at by international bodies like IATA and ICAO as an example of achieving successful, at scale, and volume roll out of digital travel and identity credentials.

Siddharth Sharma | HEAD, IT OPERATIONS, DIGI YATRA FOUNDATION

control their online information. The Digi Yatra app, Sharma says, does digitally what the attested photocopy of yesteryears would do. Like the latter, it’s a certified proof. The app combines and automates the process that involves two documents at the airport – boarding pass and government id (which is proof of identity) – and which are physically checked by CISF personnel.

How the process works

To register on the app, you follow the standard eKYC approach of entering your Aadhaar number, receiving an



DIGI YATRA FOUNDATION TEAM: Standing (L-R): Viveck Karwanyoon (CFO), Siddharth Sharma (head IT operations), Tejaswi (QA lead), Suresh Khadakbhavi (CEO), Ram Kunchur (tech advisor to CEO and former product innovation head), Anil (consultant), Kumarjit (AWS cloud lead); Sitting (L-R): Nitika Bajwa (lead business consultant), Ashwini Abhijit (EA to CEO)

OTP on the registered phone, and authenticating yourself with the OTP. Once you authenticate, UIDAI sends your Aadhaar details to the phone. Privacy, Sharma says, is at the Foundation’s core, so the app takes minimum required information.

“For the use case of the airport, we only need your name, your age, which will come from date of birth, and your gender. We don’t need your Aadhaar number so we take only the masked Aadhaar number. The Aadhaar image is also taken with just one purpose – to validate proof of presence, because we want to validate that it is indeed you who are doing the registration,” he says.

To validate your presence, you are asked to take a selfie. This data is sent to a facial matching engine wherein your image will be validated with the Aadhaar image. If these two images match, everything is sent to the Digi Yatra backend, where a ‘digital stamp’ will be put onto the Aadhaar information collected. This

“Digi Yatra is currently available only in English, but will soon support all 22 official languages. We are also planning to introduce an AI chatbot capable of rich interactions. It will assist users with enrollment and respond to general queries.

is called a VC, or verified credential.

This verified credential, Sharma says, is sent back to the user’s phone, and sits in the Digi Yatra wallet. “Whatever was used to create this is then immediately purged – no data is retained in the central ecosystem. We have no database,” he says.

In the concept of decentralised, or self-sovereign id, this is called a trust triangle. “This trust triangle includes the holder, which is you, the issuer, which is Digi Yatra Foundation, and the verifier, which is the airport. Now, airports will do an API

(application programming interface) handshake with our ecosystem, wherein every time you travel, you will share the VC with the airport directly from your phone. We will only establish a safe connection between the two to talk to each other,” Sharma says.

The second document you show is the boarding pass. Just before travel, you scan the boarding pass, or upload a PDF of it. Here also, there’s privacy by design – only those details that are needed are taken. “We only take what is there in the QR code on the boarding pass,” Sharma says, “because it follows a standard that all airlines follow globally.” It consists of basic details – your name, seat number, PNR, day of travel, origin destination and sequence number.

Then, the name on this is matched with the name on the VC. If these match, the boarding pass gets linked. This data is shared only with the origin airport, which will keep it in

“Privacy by design’ is core to Digi Yatra. There is no data which is centrally stored in the ecosystem. Out of the 8 million users, we don’t know anyone.

their biometric gallery. At the terminal entrance, when you stand before the camera, in seconds, your real-time face at the airport is matched with the VC image shared with the airport. And once this is matched, a request goes to the airline system to validate that you are there on today’s flight. “If a ‘yes’ comes, the gate opens,” Sharma says.

No data stored

Questions were raised recently whether other governmental authorities would have access to the travel data. Sharma says the data shared with the airport is deleted from their biometric gallery within 24 hours of your flight’s departure. Users, he says, can opt-out by deleting the app, leaving no data trail.

“We plan to implement more ID options like driver’s license and passport for creating verified credentials. Passport integration will be a step towards introducing Digi Yatra for international flows, covering both foreign nationals for domestic travel and for international travel between two countries. To achieve this, Digi Yatra is working on functionalities like reading NFC chip based e-passport, and API-based integration with passport APIs.

Self-sovereign identity uses blockchain technology for certificates and digital signatures on the VC. It uses facial recognition technology and AI while validating your selfie with the Aadhaar image. There is a machine learning element in the algorithm used for identifying the QR code in the boarding pass PDF.

“All of this adheres to W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) standards,” Sharma says.

Wider Tunnel Road Under Runway May Ease IGIA Terminal Transfers

DIAL Proposes Adding 6-Lane Underpass For Signal-Free Travel Between T1 & T3

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New Delhi: Delhi International Airport Ltd, which operates Indira Gandhi International Airport, proposes to widen India's only tunnel-road-under-a-runway as part of a comprehensive plan to make the 7km commute between Terminal 1 and Terminals 3/2 less painful for transit flyers.

With T1 to start handling four crore passengers annually from this summer, the volume of transit traffic is set to rise exponentially. To handle this rush, DIAL has proposed a Y-shaped flyover to connect the Northern Access Road with the roads leading to Dwarka and to Dhaula Kuan and Vasant Vihar.

The plan is to widen the existing 6-lane tunnel road (three lanes for traffic going in each direction) by adding a new 6-lane underpass section. The proposed flyover, meanwhile, will make travelling between T1 and T3 signal-free at the currently choked NSG junction. Coping with the increased vehicular movement will require widening of the Northern Access Road linking the two terminals.

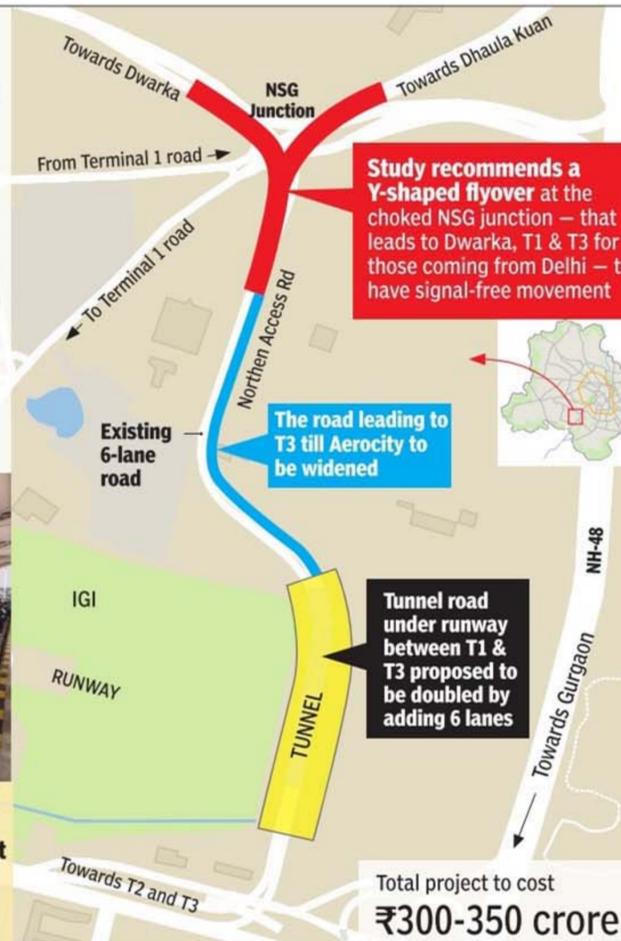
The entire project is expected to cost Rs 300-350 crore. DIAL has requested both Delhi and central govts for assistance as the road belongs to the state's PWD. A person knowledgeable about the development said, "It is proposed that

CENTRE MAY BEAR 80% OF THE COST

- > IGIA handled almost **8 crore passengers** in 2024
- > Airport's peak capacity is estimated to touch 14 crore per annum in next few years
- > Significant transit traffic exists between T3/2 & T1
- > Air train still 3-4 years away
- > Govt had asked DIAL to do traffic study for congestion-free airport connectivity, keeping 2034 traffic in mind
- > DIAL then appointed a Japanese consultant for detailed traffic flow study



> DIAL has requested Delhi govt to implement it. Road belongs to PWD. **State govt may bear 20% cost and balance 80% through Centre's UD Fund**



The airport handled eight crore passengers in 2024 and its peak capacity could touch 14 crore passengers annually in the next few years once T2 is demolished to make way for a bigger T4. Some years ago, the Centre had asked DIAL to undertake a detailed traffic study to be able to provide congestion free connectivity to IGIA factoring in 2034 traffic volumes. DIAL accordingly appointed Japanese consultant Nippon Koei, which recommended the Y-shaped flyover and wider Northern Access Road as a "top priority".

IGIA is among the world's busiest airports with distant terminals that are not connected by an automated people mover like most other global hubs that handle this kind of footfall. The proposed air train linking T3/2, T1, Aerocity and cargo city was delayed by Covid and is still 3-4 years away from becoming a reality.

The last date for sending a request for proposal for this project is learnt to be Feb-end. "DIAL proposes to implement an elevated cum at-grade automated people mover system at Delhi Airport on design, build, finance, operate and transfer model. (This is intended to provide reliable, fast and seamless connectivity between T1 and T3/2 spanning route length of around 7.7 km via Aerocity and cargo city," DIAL's tender document says.

the state share of funds be 20% of the Centre though its urban development fund, 80%. The request has been

sent to the two govts." The LG's office had written to the state govt in Aug 2023 to take "appropriate ac-

tion" about the twin proposals, "which are extremely critical for improving connectivity to IGIA".



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SC upholds HC's order to junk FIR against BJP MPs in Deoghar case

New Delhi: SC Tuesday dismissed Jharkhand govt plea and upheld HC's decision to quash an FIR against BJP MPs **Nishikant Dubey**, Manoj Tiwari, and other persons related to the 2022 Deoghar airport incident where allegedly the Air



Traffic Control (ATC) was forced to give clearance for an unscheduled chartered flight.

Raising questions on how police can conduct investigation for violation of Aircraft Act, a bench of Justices A S Oka and Manmohan asked the state to forward the materials collected during investigation to the authorised officer who can take a decision whether a complaint against MPs needed to be filed under the Act. FIR was registered on a complaint by the in-charge of security at the Deoghar airport. The MPs had allegedly forced Deoghar ATC personnel to clear their chartered flight to take off after the scheduled permitted time on Aug 31, 2022, in violation of security protocol at airports. TNN

City rail stations to get ₹2k cr upgrade with facilities akin to airports

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After the successful transformation of Cheralpally railway terminal, as many as 12 stations across the city are set for comprehensive upgradation at a cost of ₹2,000 crore. These stations will be enhanced to match the facilities typically found in domestic airports, officials said.

Apart from Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Kacheguda, which are major rail terminals, smaller stations such as Begumpet, Hi-Tec City, Hafizpet, Malakpet, Malkajgiri, Uppuguda and Yakutpura are now being revamped with modern amenities. Among them, SCR has accorded priority to Begumpet station, given its strategic location.

Some upgrades include aesthetic entrances, wider roads for smooth access, dedicated pedestrian pathways, well-planned parking, improved lighting, landscaping, local art and culture, a second entry for the station building and circulating area as per feasibility, high-level platforms and platform shelters, high-quality public announcement systems and LED name boards.

"We are conducting a technical and economic viability assessment for upgrading Kacheguda (₹474 crore) and Lingampally stations (₹310 crore) following the Cheralpally model, incorporating additional railway tracks, coach maintenance facilities and improved passenger amenities," said a senior SCR official.



MODERN SECUNDERABAD RAILWAY STATION BY '26

Current Status	Daily trains	Daily footfall
	180	1.5 lakh

Redevelopment plans

- Two new G+3 buildings on north and south side of the station
- Centralised passenger amenities
- Spaces for retail, cafeterias, and recreational facilities
- 5,000 kWp solar power plant

Enhanced accessibility:

- Multi-level and underground parking
- Walkways
- New FOBs
- Skyways
- Travelators
- Escalators



Objective is to redevelop and regenerate the core area with multi-modal integration, seamless transfer, connectivity, convenient pick-up and drop-off areas, mobility & adequate parking facilities to decongest the circulating area and integrate with the city road network –Railway official



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विमान में तकनीकी खराबी, यात्री परेशान

जयपुर। जयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट में तकनीकी खराबी हो गई। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। हालांकि कुछ यात्रियों को दूसरी फ्लाइट से मुंबई भेजा गया। एयर इंडिया की जयपुर से मुंबई जाने वाली फ्लाइट में यात्री सवार हो गए थे। इसके बाद पायलट को विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। इसके बाद यात्रियों को वापस नीचे उतारा गया। इसके बाद कुछ यात्रियों को दूसरे विमान से मुंबई भेजा गया।

जयपुर-उदयपुर फ्लाइट रद्द: जयपुर से उदयपुर जाने वाली फ्लाइट का संचालन सोमवार को रद्द रहा। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 6.15 बजे उदयपुर के लिए जाती है। सोमवार को यह फ्लाइट तकनीकी कारणों के चलते रद्द रही। इसके चलते यात्री एयरपोर्ट पर ही परेशान होते रहे।

16 परिचालक निलंबित: राजस्थान रोडवेज प्रशासन ने बिना टिकट बसों में यात्रा कराने वाले 16 परिचालकों को निलंबित किया है। इसको लेकर कार्यकारी निदेशक यातायात की ओर से आदेश जारी किए गए। गौरतलब है कि एमडी पुरुषोत्तम शर्मा के निर्देश पर विशेष चैकिंग अभियान चलाया जा रहा है। इसके तहत बिना टिकट यात्रा कराने वाले परिचालकों पर कड़ी कार्रवाई की जा रही है।



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AI Express adds 30kg free checked baggage on select flights

AIR INDIA EXPRESS on Tuesday said checked-in baggage allowance has been increased to 30 kilograms from 20 kilograms for passengers on its flights to the Middle East and Singapore. The airline also offers an additional complimentary checked-in baggage allowance of 10 kg for families travelling with infants. [0](#)

DGCA and ICAO work together on air mobility future



AVIATION WATCHDOG
DGCA is working with ICAO and other civil aviation authorities to study the latest changes in the regulatory framework for advanced air mobility, its chief Faiz Ahmed Kidwai said on Tuesday and also emphasised that innovation cannot be at the cost of safety.

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दुखद: विमान में बिगड़ी मासूम की तबीयत, मौत

कोच्चि। कतर से केरल आ रहे विमान में 11 माह के मासूम की अचानक तबीयत बिगड़ गई। कोच्चि हवाई अड्डे पर लैंडिंग के बाद तुरंत उसे अस्पताल ले जाया गया, जहां उसने दम तोड़ दिया।

पुलिस के अनुसार, समय पूर्व जन्म के कारण मासूम को श्वास संबंधी बीमारी थी। उसे इलाज के लिए गृह राज्य लाया जा रहा था। तभी उसकी तबीयत बिगड़ गई। मासूम की पहचान फेसिन अहमद के रूप में हुई है। इसके माता-पिता मूलरूप से मलप्पुरम के निवासी हैं।

विमान से महाकुम्भ जाना छह गुना तक महंगा हुआ



नई दिल्ली, विशेष संवाददाता। महाकुम्भ में स्नान करने के इच्छुक श्रद्धालुओं की जेब पर महंगे किराए का बोझ बढ़ गया है। विमानन कंपनियों ने महाकुम्भ की अवधि के दौरान दिल्ली से प्रयागराज के बीच हवाई टिकट की कीमतों में पांच से छह गुना तक की बढ़ोतरी कर दी है।

हवाई टिकटों की ये कीमतें हर रोज परिवर्तित (बढ़) भी हो रही हैं। होली के दौरान दिल्ली से प्रयागराज जाना

विशेष एवं शाही स्नान से जुड़ी तिथियों से पहले हवाई टिकट का किराया

तिथि	कीमतें
27 जनवरी	18 हजार
28 जनवरी	33 हजार
29 जनवरी	14 हजार
31 जनवरी	23 हजार
01 फरवरी	22.3 हजार
02 फरवरी	22.8 हजार
10 फरवरी	22.8 हजार
11 फरवरी	21 हजार
12 फरवरी	14.9 हजार
24 फरवरी	14.2 हजार
25 फरवरी	21 हजार
26 फरवरी	6170

नोट: कीमतें दिल्ली से प्रयागराज के बीच की मंगलवार शाम की हैं। आगे घट बढ़ सकती हैं।

मौजूदा समय की तुलना में करीब चार से पांच गुना सस्ता है। होली पर दिल्ली

से प्रयागराज का टिकट पांच हजार रुपये में मिल रहा, लेकिन महाकुम्भ की अवधि में यह 32 हजार तक है।

महाकुम्भ में देश और दुनिया के कई हिस्सों से श्रद्धालु पहुंच रहे हैं। श्रद्धालुओं की भीड़ को देखते हुए विमानन कंपनियों कई शहरों से सीधे प्रयागराज की उड़ान सेवा शुरू की है। वर्तमान में प्रति सप्ताह 117 से अधिक उड़ान प्रयागराज से संचालित हो रही है।

दिल्ली से प्रयागराज ही नहीं, अन्य शहरों से महाकुम्भ में पहुंचना महंगा हो गया है। विमानन कंपनियों ने मुंबई, चेन्नई, भोपाल, अहमदाबाद, चंडीगढ़ समेत अन्य सभी शहरों से प्रयागराज तक का हवाई टिकट पहले से पांच से सात गुना तक बढ़ा दिया है।



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Govt. begins search for trial sites for air taxis

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The Centre has begun the task of identifying trial sites for air taxis or electric-vertical take off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft.

Officials said the visits covered "Gujarat and another State", and are being carried out by an expert team of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Ministry of Civil

Aviation, Airports Authority of India and industry players in eVTOL space.

"We are looking at a regulatory sandbox within India. DGCA officials have started field visits to firm up sites where trials can take place," Vumlunmang Vualnam, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, said at the Urban Air Mobility Expo organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).



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Cape Town Convention to ease aircraft leasing: Aviation secy

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GREATER NOIDA: The government is set to soon approve the Cape Town Convention to make it easier to lease and buy aircraft in India, ministry of civil aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam said on Tuesday.

".. work is in progress on the bill or the law to ratify the Cape Town convention..and our Union Cabinet has approved it. It will go to the Parliament, and we are hopeful that sooner rather than later, the Cape Town convention will have a legal lighting in India, it will become enforceable in India, greatly supporting the leasing and acquiring of aircraft for our companies here.. So the legal framework-the regulatory framework, is a good foundation that we are on," he said.

He also mentioned that the Aircraft Act of 1934 was amended last year, effective January 1 this year, to address the modern needs of the aviation sector. "The revised legislation, now titled Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, focuses on redefin-



Vumlunmang Vualnam,
secretary, ministry of civil
aviation.

ing regulatory frameworks and encouraging state-of-the-art design, manufacturing, and maintenance," he added.

Speaking about the growth in Indian aviation at the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) International Conference on Air Mobility, Vualnam said that the number of air passengers has grown 10 times in the last 10 years, from 160 million to 380 million in 2024.

Faiz Ahmed, director general, DGCA said that the regulator is working with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other international regulatory agencies to integrate the latest technologies (in advanced air

mobility ecosystem of the country). "As a safety regulator, it is DGCA's mandate to see innovation does not come at the cost of safety", he said.

Vualnam said, "...Ten years ago, we had 160 million air passengers and reached 380 million throughput of air passengers last year...we are on a strong foundation of growth and by the year 2047 there will be 3500 million passengers."

Speaking of the foundation of the airport infrastructure, Vualnam said that the number of airports in India have grown, and the government projects that by the time India reaches peaks in Bharat, 2047 India will have 350 airports climbing from the 159 that we have today.

Discussing the rationale behind projecting growth in air travel in India, Vualnam said, "Some may wonder why such numbers, but it's really based on the air passengers that we estimate." He said that currently, people in India take only 0.13 air trips per person each year, which is much lower compared to other countries.



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Busy Bee retreats from Go First bid amid liquidation process

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Busy Bee Airways Pvt. Ltd, former bidder for bankrupt airline Go First, on Tuesday withdrew its plea challenging the 18 December decision of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) reserving the liquidation order. During a hearing in the NCLT on Tuesday, the company expressed its interest to submit a resolution plan to acquire the grounded carrier. The bidder also filed a plea requesting the tribunal to direct the resolution professional (RP) and the committee of creditors (CoC) to halt any liquidation-related actions.

Since the NCLT had already passed its liquidation order for Go First on 20 January, the bidder withdrew its plea, stating it would explore other options for relief. In its plea, Busy Bee Airways also sought updated and comprehensive details about Go First, as requested in emails dated 6 May 2024, 27 May



NCLT passed the liquidation order on 20 January. REUTERS

2024, 1 June 2021, and 2 July 2021. The bidder now has the option to move the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), challenging the liquidation order.

Busy Bee Airways, majority-owned by Nishant Pitti and linked to SpiceJet chairman and managing director Ajay Singh, had previously expressed interest in acquiring the insolvent airline but withdrew its bid after Go First was left without any operational aircraft. The firm was incorporated on 19 April 2017 in Delhi

with a paid-up capital of ₹1 lakh, according to data from the ministry of corporate affairs.

Media reports suggest that the consortium of Ajay Singh and Nishant Pitti had reportedly offered a bid of approximately ₹1,800 crore for Go First, compared to an earlier offer of ₹1,600 crore. The group had also raised its upfront payment proposal to ₹500 crore from ₹290 crore, along with plans to use proceeds from an arbitration case against engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney to settle debts owed to financial creditors.

This bid was submitted in their personal capacities, while another bid was made by Jaid-eep Mirchandani-owned Sky One Airways. However, the latter bid was reportedly withdrawn after the Delhi high court ruling on 26 April, which allowed lessors to repossess all 54 Go First aircraft on lease, leaving the airline without planes and rendering it an unviable asset.

For an extended version of the story, go to [livemint.com](https://www.livemint.com)



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NCLT orders liquidation of Go First

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NEW DELHI: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered the liquidation of Go First, marking the final chapter for the budget airline that ceased operations in May 2023. The decision, detailed in a 15-page order on Monday, comes after months of unsuccessful attempts to find a viable resolution for the financially troubled carrier.

The tribunal's decision largely hinged on the unanimous recommendation from the Committee of Creditors (CoC), which voted with 100 per cent approval for liquidation. In its ruling, the NCLT



emphasised that it found “no merit in interfering with the commercial wisdom of the CoC,” acknowledging the committee's authority to make liquidation decisions at any point after its formation and before confirming a resolution plan.

Despite attracting potential investors during the insolvency resolution process, including Busy Bee Airways

(backed by SpiceJet chief Ajay Singh) and Sharjah-based Sky One, no successful resolution emerged. Adding to the airline's challenges, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) deregistered all 54 aircraft in Go First's fleet during the process.

The airline's journey, which began in 2005 with its inaugural Mumbai-Ahmedabad flight, spanned over 17 years of operations. Go First, originally launched as Go Air, had ambitious expansion plans, evidenced by two separate orders of 72 Airbus A320 neo aircraft each—one in 2011-12 and another in 2016-17.

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The carrier achieved a significant milestone in 2018-19 by launching international operations.

However, financial troubles plagued the airline in its final years. The company reported substantial losses in the fiscal year ending March 2023, with total losses reaching approximately Rs 1,800 crore,

including Rs 800 crore in notional losses due to accounting standards.

The collapse of Go First, which operated for nearly two decades, leaves a void in the market and raises questions about the sustainability of low-cost carriers in India's competitive aviation landscape.



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बेंगलुरु एयरो इंडिया शो से प्रभावित होंगी उड़ानें

बेंगलुरु। बेंगलुरु में आगामी 'एयरो इंडिया शो 2025' के मद्देनजर केंपेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर व्यावसायिक उड़ानों का परिचालन 5 से 14 फरवरी तक प्रभावित रहेगा। केंपेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे का संचालन करने वाले बेंगलौर अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन लिमिटेड ने इस संबंध में यात्री परामर्श जारी किया। बायल ने मंगलवार को कहा, 5 से 14 फरवरी तक रोजाना कुछ घंटे के लिए हवाई क्षेत्र बंद रहने की वजह से केंपेगौड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर व्यावसायिक विमान परिचालन प्रभावित होगा। यह वायु सेना केंद्र पर आगामी एयरो इंडिया शो 2025 के चलते हो रहा है। बायल ने यात्रियों को सलाह दी है कि वे विमान उड़ान के कार्यक्रम में बदलाव की जानकारी संबंधित एयरलाइन से लें। 'एयरो इंडिया' भारत की प्रतिष्ठित हवाई और रक्षा प्रदर्शनी है जहां वैश्विक विमानन क्षेत्र के लोग और भारतीय वायु सेना हवा में विमानों के करतब से दर्शकों को मंत्रमुग्ध करते हैं।



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उड़ान के दौरान बच्चे की तबीयत बिगड़ी, अस्पताल में दम तोड़ा

कोच्चि। केरल जाने वाली एक उड़ान में 11 माह के बच्चे की तबीयत बिगड़ गई और उसने कोच्चि के एक अस्पताल में दम तोड़ दिया। पुलिस ने बताया बच्चे की पहचान फेसिन अहमद के रूप में हुई है जिसके माता-पिता मूलरूप से मलप्पुरम के निवासी हैं। बच्चा जब उड़ान में अपनी मां के साथ कतर से लौट रहा था उसी समय उसकी तबीयत बिगड़ गई। बच्चे को उड़ान में बेचैनी हुई और विमान के नेदुम्बसेरी हवाईअड्डे पर उतरने के तुरंत बाद उसे अंगमाली के एक अस्पताल ले जाया गया। पुलिस ने बताया, समय से पहले जन्मा बच्चा पहले ही स्वास्थ्य संबंधी समस्याओं से जूझ रहा था और उसे इलाज के लिए उसके गृह राज्य लाया जा रहा था।

NCLT orders Go First liquidation

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Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday ordered the liquidation of budget carrier Go First, which stopped flying nearly three years ago.

In May 2023, the airline had filed for a voluntary insolvency resolution process.



END GAME

In a 15-page order, the NCLT bench said the application filed by Shailendra Ajmera, the resolution professional of Go Airlines (India), "is allowed by ordering liquidation of the corporate debtor".

On July 23, 2024, the airline's committee of creditors (CoC) had with 100 per cent voting share decided to liquidate the corporate debtor.

They authorised resolution professional to move an appropriate application before the tribunal for liquidation.

The NCLT said CoC is empowered to make the decision to liquidate the corporate debtor, any time after its constitution and before confirmation of the resolution plan.

"It is well settled that the decision taken by the CoC for liquidation in commercial wisdom of the CoC should not be interfered with by the Adjudicating Authority. Further, the resolution for liquidation of the corporate debtor was approved by the CoC with 100 per cent voting. Therefore, this Adjudicating Authority sees no merit in interfering with the commercial wisdom of the CoC," it noted.

During insolvency resolution, there were at least two bidders — Busy Bee Airways, along with SpiceJet chief Ajay Singh, and Sharjah-based aviation entity Sky One.

Travel portal EaseMyTrip's co-founder Nishant Pitti was the majority shareholder in Busy Bee Airways. The resolution process also saw the aviation regulator DGCA deregistering 54 aircraft of Go First.

Section 33(2) of IBC provides the adjudicating authority shall pass an order for liquidation of the corporate debtor, if CoC by more than 66 per cent of votes pass the resolution for liquidation.



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Hyd-based Cyient, Deutsche Aircraft expand partnership

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Hyderabad: In what marks an expansion of its ongoing strategic partnership with Deutsche Aircraft, Hyderabad-based engineering services provider Cyient Ltd on Monday said it secured a multi-year contract from the German aircraft manufacturer to manage the advanced technical documentation for its 40-seater regional turboprop, the D328eco.

Cyient Ltd is now responsible for managing the technical documentation to support the product lifecycle of safety-critical aviation systems for the D328eco. "The solution will support Deutsche Aircraft's global customer base with a modular and scalable architecture, personalised user experience, faster time to



market, and worldwide access through any device," Cyient said.

While the contract is expected to strengthen Cyient's position as a trusted partner in the Indian and European aerospace markets, for Deutsche Aircraft, it marks a major step in its 'Make in India' mission.

"We are excited to further strengthen our collaboration with Deutsche Aircraft by contributing to another critical milestone for the D328eco aircraft development," said Cyient executive vice chairman and MD Krishna Bodanapu.