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एयरपोर्ट को जोड़ने वाली सड़कों के निर्माण पर पड़ेगा असर यमुना सिटी। नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा शुरू होने के साथ-साथ इसे जोड़ने के लिए चल रही सड़क परियोजनाओं का भी तेजी से निर्माण कार्य चल रहा है। अब दिल्ली-एनसीआर में ग्रेडेड रिस्पांस एक्शन प्लान (ग्रेप-2) के लगने से धूल-मिट्टी के बचाव के चलते इनके निर्माण की रफ्तार पर ब्रेक लग जाएगा। इन परियोजनाओं में सड़क बनाने में धूल-मिट्टी उड़ने के खतरे के कारण रफ्तार पर असर पड़ सकता है। इनमें कई बड़ी परियोजनाएं शामिल हैं। यमुना सिटी क्षेत्र में मंगलवार को प्रदूषण का स्तर अर्रिज जोन में लगभग 282 दर्ज किया गया। दिल्ली में वायु गुणवत्ता सूचकांक 302 पहुंचने के साथ-साथ रेड जोन में पहुंच गया। ब्यूरो

# Turbulence hits state's airports as UDAN scheme ends

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The suspension of flight services from Kalaburagi airport has put the spotlight on the struggles of regional airports in the state following the end of UDAN scheme, while raising a question mark over the future of new ones announced in Vijayapura, Raichur, Hassan and other cities.

Total aircraft movement from Kalaburagi, Hubballi, Mysuru and Belagavi airports plummeted by more than 60%, from 13,180 in 2021-22 to 5,372 in 2024-25. The movement of passengers also witnessed a decline, from 4,89,040 to 3,34,213 during this period.

The expiry of the Centre's Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme in 2021 is being cited as the main reason for the drop in traffic.

For the business community and other fliers, the end

Airports	2021-22		2024-25	
	Aircraft movement	Passenger movement	Aircraft movement	Passenger movement
Kalaburagi	1,619	64,507	541	18,632
Hubballi	3,778	1,42,517	1,770	1,27,997
Mysuru	2,738	72,937	724	38,692
Belagavi	5,045	2,09,079	2,337	1,48,892



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**Sharanabasappa Pappa, KKCCI president**

of flight services between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru from Oct 8 has come as a shock. Leaders from the region argue that the absence of air connectivity will affect growth.

"There is enough passenger traffic from Kalaburagi to operate the flights," Sha-

ranabasappa Pappa, Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries president (KKCCI), said.

"But airlines companies are not providing flight service at convenient times, forcing the passengers to switch to trains including Vande Bharat Express. Elected representatives from the region should exert pressure on both airline companies and the civil aviation ministry to operate flights,"

Airport director Kishore Killampalli said flight services were withdrawn as airline companies cited lack of passenger traffic.

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The situation is not that rosy in Belagavi as well. Airport Director S Tyagarajan said that of a total of 13 routes awarded to the airport under the UDAN scheme, only four - routes of Hyderabad, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Mumbai - are currently operational.

The rest were withdrawn by the airline companies after the expiry of three-year tenure, he said, adding that airlines have diverted their flights to airports where the scheme is operational.

Hubballi Airport Director Rupesh Kumar said the num-

ber of passenger movements has held steady despite a reduction in flight operations post-UDAN.

"Flights are being operated to five cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad and Bengaluru at present. We are expecting more flights after the construction of a new terminal on 20,000 square meters, which is four times the size of the existing one. Flight services to Delhi and Pune have become successful even after the end of the scheme in 2021", he said.

At Shivamogga airport, where UDAN scheme is operational, the number of flights has jumped to 1,400 during

2025-26 in just one year from 817 in 2024-25. Star Air and SpiceJet are operating flights to Tirupati, Goa, Hyderabad and Chennai under the UDAN scheme by availing subsidies.

Flights from Bidar to Bengaluru resumed from April 2025. The service was initially suspended in December 2023 but has been relaunched with support from the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme from the government.

National Industries & Commerce Committee district president Amarnath Patil has written a letter to the minister of civil aviation stating that air connectivity is essential from

Kalaburagi airport as per the special status accorded to Kalyana Karnataka region under Article 371-J of the Constitution.

"Kalaburagi airport has state-of-the-art facilities. However, the cancellation of flights has severely affected connectivity, economic growth, regional development and tourism", he added. Kalaburagi airport is now confined only to pilot training. Two private institutes are providing training to around 200 students at the airport. Around 30 Kalaburagi airport staff members are engaged in maintenance of the runway and other facilities.



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## 30 को नहीं होगा नोएडा एयरपोर्ट का शुभारंभ

पहली बार टली उद्घाटन की तिथि, नवंबर या अगले वर्ष जनवरी में होना संभावित

जागरण संवाददाता जेवर: नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट जेवर के जल्द संचालन की आस लगाए बैठे लोगों को अभी विमान सेवा के लिए थोड़ा इंतजार करना पड़ेगा। 30 अक्टूबर को प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के हाथों होने वाले संभावित उद्घाटन की संभावनाएं कम नजर आ रही हैं। केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने सितंबर में गाजियाबाद में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में एयरपोर्ट के उद्घाटन की तिथि 30 अक्टूबर व यात्री सेवा इसके 45 दिन के अंदर शुरू करने की घोषणा की थी। हालांकि प्रदेश सरकार के अलावा नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लि. और एयरपोर्ट की विकासकर्ता कंपनी यमुना इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट प्राइवेट



नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर तैयार टर्मिनल बिल्डिंग और एएन● जागरण आर्काइव

लिमिटेड की तरफ से उद्घाटन की तारीख का एलान नहीं किया गया था। सूत्रों की मानें तो नई संभावित तिथि नवंबर में या अगले वर्ष जनवरी में हो सकती है।

इससे पहले एयरपोर्ट का निर्माण पूरा होने की तारीख चार बार

टल चुकी है। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के प्रथम चरण में एक रनवे के साथ 29 सितंबर 2024 में काम पूरा होना था। इसमें विलंब होने पर तीन महीने का अतिरिक्त समय देते हुए दिसंबर 2024 में पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया। उसके

- नागर विमानन मंत्री ने गाजियाबाद में हुए कार्यक्रम में 30 अक्टूबर को शुभारंभ की दी थी जानकारी
- प्रदेश, नियाल की तरफ से शुभारंभ को लेकर अभी तक नहीं की गई घोषणा

बाद अप्रैल 2025 का समय तय किया गया, लेकिन काम पूरा नहीं होने मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने 10 मार्च को लखनऊ में बैठक कर मई में घरेलू टर्मिनल और जून में अंतरराष्ट्रीय टर्मिनल का काम पूरा करने के सख्त निर्देश दिए। इसके बाद भी काम पूरा नहीं हुआ।

केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री ने हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम में नोएडा एयरपोर्ट के 30 अक्टूबर को प्रधानमंत्री के हाथों शुभारंभ की बात कह जल्द शुभारंभ के कयासों को और बल दे दिया। महानिदेशालय नागर विमानन (डीजीसीए) की तरफ से नोएडा एयरपोर्ट को अभी तक एवरोड्रोम लाइसेंस भी जारी नहीं किया गया है।



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## जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बिगड़ा फ्लाइट्स का शेड्यूल

**नवज्योति, जयपुर।** दीवाली के त्योहार पर बस एवं ट्रेनों में अधिक भीड़ भाड़ के साथ ही लंबी दूरी की यात्रा के लिए यात्री हवाई यात्रा को प्राथमिकता रखते हैं लेकिन जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर शनिवार को तकनीकी खामियों के चलते तीन फ्लाइटों को रद्द किया गया। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। एयरपोर्ट सूत्रों से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार इंडिगो की अहमदाबाद की फ्लाइट 6 ई 72 17 रद्द रही। यह फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 8.35 बजे अहमदाबाद जानी थी। इसी प्रकार

इंडिगो की इंदौर की फ्लाइट 6 ई 7029 जयपुर से सुबह 10.05 बजे इंदौर जानी थी लेकिन फ्लाइट को एनवक्त पर रद्द किया गया। वहीं इंडिगो की अहमदाबाद की फ्लाइट 6 ई 276 जयपुर से शाम 6.55 बजे अहमदाबाद जानी थी लेकिन फ्लाइट को रद्द किया गया। इसके साथ ही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6 ई 7031 4 घंटे देरी से रवाना हुई। इसी प्रकार जयपुर से अहमदाबाद, उदुपूर, चंडीगढ़ जाने वाली फ्लाइटें देरी से रवाना हुईं। इससे यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

# एयरपोर्ट पर अवैध रूप से घुसने वाले वाहन ढेर होंगे



■ आशीष धामा

ग्रेटर नोएडा। नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट की सुरक्षा में संघ लगाना मुश्किल ही नहीं, नामुमकिन होगा। किसी भी अनधिकृत (घुसपैठिया) वाहन को मिलीसेकंड में मलबे का ढेर बनाने के लिए यहां पर क्रैश रेटेड बॉलार्ड सिस्टम सक्रिय कर दिया गया है। इसे एयरपोर्ट के पूर्वी-पश्चिमी द्वार पर स्थापित किया गया है।

एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षा तंत्र स्थापित करने वाली ईसेक सिक््योरिटी कंसल्टेंट कंपनी के परियोजना प्रबंधक अजित सिंह यादव ने बताया कि उन्नत तकनीक के सुरक्षा तंत्र को स्थापित कर इसे कुछ दिन पूर्व एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन के हवाले किया गया है। यह बॉलार्ड सिस्टम किसी भी वाहन को कुछ ही क्षण में रोकने और नष्ट करने की क्षमता रखता है। यह किसी भी संभावित खतरे को रनवे के एक किलोमीटर पहले ही निष्क्रिय कर देगा। बॉलार्ड सिस्टम के तहत सड़क पर



कंपनी ने लखनऊ, अहमदाबाद, नवी मुंबई समेत कई राष्ट्रीय और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट पर मजबूत सुरक्षा तंत्र लगाया है। नोएडा एयरपोर्ट पर भी विश्व की नवीनतम तकनीक से लैस सुरक्षा तंत्र स्थापित कर एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन को सौंप दिया गया है।

-अजीत सिंह यादव, परियोजना प्रबंधक, ई-सेक सिक््योरिटी कंसल्टेंट

जमीन के नीचे उच्च ताकत के मोटे गोल खंभे फिट किए जाते हैं, इनमें कुछ स्थायी होते हैं और कुछ उठने बिछने वाले होते हैं। यदि कोई वाहन बिना अनुमति के प्रवेश का प्रयास करता है तो बाहरी सेंसर, एआई युक्त कैमरों और रिन्यू प्रीक्वेंसी आइडेंटिफिकेशन सिस्टम नंबर प्लेट स्कैन करेंगे और अनधिकृत जोन में प्रवेश करते ही जमीन में लगे उच्च ताकत के गोल खंभे

ऊपर आ जाएंगे। द्वार पर बूम बैरियर के साथ टायर किलर भी लगाए गए हैं, जो अलर्ट मिलते ही लंबी नुकीली कीलें टायर को नष्ट कर वाहन को निष्क्रिय करने में मदद करेगी।

**टर्न स्टाइल सिस्टम भी लगा :** परिसर में टर्न स्टाइल सिस्टम भी सक्रिय किया जा चुका है, जो मानव प्रवेश को नियंत्रित करने के साथ और अधिक सख्त बनाएगा।



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योजना

बनेगा 25 किमी लंबा गलियारा, एनएचएआइ से निर्माण कराने की तैयारी

## नोएडा, ग्रैनो वेस्ट व गाजियाबाद से हवाई अड्डे तक पहुंचना होगा आसान

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ग्रैनो वेस्ट होते हुए नोएडा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे तक पहुंचने के लिए 25 किलोमीटर लंबे और 130 मीटर चौड़ा गलियारा बनाने की तैयारी है। हवाई अड्डा चालू होने के बाद संभावित यात्रियों के दबाव से निपटने के लिए बनने वाला यह गलियारा यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे के समानांतर चलेगा, लेकिन हवाई अड्डा टर्मिनल की विपरीत दिशा में होगा।

योजना है कि इस गलियारे का निर्माण राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण से कराया जाए। माना जा रहा है कि यह गलियारा नोएडा, ग्रैनो, ग्रैनो वेस्ट और गाजियाबाद के लोगों को हवाई अड्डे तक पहुंचाने

**दूसरे चरण के छह गांवों में अवैध निर्माण रोकना बनी चुनौती**

अधिग्रहण होने के बावजूद हवाई अड्डे के दूसरे चरण में शामिल छह गांवों में अनाधिकृत निर्माण वीडा अधिकारियों के लिए बड़ी चुनौती पेश कर रहा है। उपजिलाधिकारी जेवर अभय कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि रन्हेरा, कुरेब, करौली बांगर, दयानतपुर, वीरमपुर और मुदरह गांवों की 1181.27 हेक्टेयर भूमि दूसरे चरण में अधिग्रहित की जा चुकी है। मुआवजा लेने के बाद भी अवैध निर्माण कर रहे करीब दौ सौ लोगों को चिन्हित किया गया है। जिनके खिलाफ प्राथमिक दर्ज कराने की तैयारी है। साथ ही इन गांवों में अवैध निर्माण रोकने के लिए निर्माण सामग्री के लाने पर पूरी तरह से रोक लगा दी गई है।

का श्रेष्ठ विकल्प साबित होगा। यमुना एक्सप्रेस वे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, गौर चौक से सिरसा तक बने 30

किलोमीटर लंबे लिंक मार्ग को अलौदा के पास से जोड़ा जाए। इसके लिए तीन किलोमीटर का नया रास्ता बनाना होगा। यह गलियारा ग्रैनो वेस्ट

के गौर चौक से सिरसा, अलौदा के अलावा वीडा के प्रस्तावित सेक्टर- 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 व 16 से गुजरते हुए हवाई अड्डे को जोड़ेगा। खास बात यह है कि इसी गलियारे से हवाई अड्डे के कार्गो और एविएशन हब केंद्र भी जुड़ेंगे।

वीडा अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, पूरी परियोजना के लिए करीब 812 एकड़ जमीन का अधिग्रहण किया जाएगा। जिस पर 14 सौ से अधिक का खर्च अनुमानित है। जबकि सड़क के निर्माण पर तीन सौ करोड़ रुपये अतिरिक्त खर्च होंगे। पहले चरण में हवाई अड्डा कार्गो के लिए ग्रैनो की तरफ करीब पांच किलोमीटर लंबा हिस्सा बनाया जाएगा। वीडा सीईओ आरके सिंह ने बताया कि जैसे जैसे जमीन मिलती जाएगी, निर्माण कार्य आगे बढ़ाया जाएगा।



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## UDAN network to cover 120 new destinations

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

CIVIL Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha on Tuesday announced that the Regional Connectivity Scheme known popularly as UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) will be continued beyond 2027 and its network will extend to 120 new destinations.

Participating in the ninth anniversary celebrations of UDAN at Delhi, Sinha said, "The scheme will be continued beyond April 2027 through an expanded UDAN framework, focusing on connectivity with hilly, North-Eastern, and aspirational regions, and the development of around 120 new destinations."

UDAN, implemented by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, was launched on October 21, 2016, under the National Civil Aviation Policy to make flying accessible and affordable for all. It was launched with a 10-year vision, to connect Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through a market-driven yet financially supported model.

"UDAN is not just a scheme; it is a catalyst for change and a testament to India's commitment to making air travel inclusive, sustainable and an integral part of our development journey," said an official re-



### 649 routes operationalised, connecting 93 airports

Under the scheme, 649 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes. A key recent initiative has been the introduction of Comprehensive Guidelines for Seaplane Operations and UDAN 5.5.

lease from the Civil Aviation Ministry. So far, over 1.56 crore passengers have travelled on board the 3.23 lakh flights operated under it.

"It has been a transformational initiative aimed at making air travel affordable and accessible to the common citizen. The first UDAN flight, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017 between Shimla and Delhi, marked a new era in regional aviation connectivity," the Secretary added.

Under the scheme, 649 routes have been operationalised as on date connecting 93 unserved

and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes. "To support airline operators and regional infrastructure, the Government has disbursed more than ₹4,300 crore as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and invested ₹4,638 crore in airport development under RCS," the release said.

A key recent initiative has been the introduction of Comprehensive Guidelines for Seaplane Operations in August 2024, and the launch of the UDAN 5.5, a special bidding round for seaplanes and helicopters.

## Terminal 2 of Delhi airport to begin operations

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

TERMINAL 2 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport will open on October 25-26 after undergoing major maintenance works and a runway upgrade. Airlines are shifting their flights to the new terminal. Delhi will then have all three terminals operational.

An official told this newspaper, "Anti-sabotage operations by the security agencies are afoot in connection with the launch. The terminal too would be a 'smart' one like T1 and T3, and will offer flyers a much better experience."

IndiGo on Tuesday announced the distribution of its flights across the three terminals from September. A release said flights numbered 6E 5000 to 6E 5999, along with all international departures, will operate to/from T3. Flights numbered 6E 2000 - 6E 2999 will operate to/from T2, and the remaining domestic flights from T1.

Meanwhile, a third of AI's domestic flights will shift to T2.



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## IndiGo to resume operations at T2 from Oct 26

**New Delhi:** IndiGo will resume operations from Terminal 2 of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport from Oct 26, after a temporary shift earlier this year due to maintenance work, the airline said on Tuesday.

The move is part of the airline's revised terminal plan to enhance passenger convenience and streamline operations. It will now operate from all three terminals with a new distribution of flights.

Under the plan, flights numbered 6E 2000 – 6E 2999 will operate from Terminal 2, while 6E 5000 – 6E 5999 and all international flights will depart from Terminal 3. All other domestic flights will continue from Terminal 1, IndiGo said.

The airline temporarily shifted all operations from T2 to T1 in April 2025 for maintenance work.

IndiGo has advised passengers to check flight numbers and terminal details before travel, as some schedule adjustments may apply. Updated information is available on its website and mobile app. IANS

## दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे के टर्मिनल-2 से शुरू होगी इंडिगो की घरेलू उड़ान

अमर उजाला व्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। 26 अक्टूबर से शुरू हो रहे टर्मिनल-2 पर इंडिगो ने भी अपनी उड़ानों को शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। इससे पहले एयर इंडिया ने भी इसकी घोषणा की थी। इंडिगो यहां से अपनी घरेलू उड़ान शुरू कर रही है। इंडिगो 6ई-2000 से 6ई-2999 के बीच के नंबर वाली उड़ानों को टर्मिनल-2 से संचालित करेगी।

शेष उड़ानें टर्मिनल-1 या टर्मिनल-3 से संचालित होंगी। इंडिगो 26 अक्टूबर से अपनी सभी उड़ानें तीनों टर्मिनल से संचालित करेगी। इंडिगो के अनुसार, आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर नई व्यवस्था 26 अक्टूबर से लागू हो जाएगी। इस साल की शुरुआत में रखरखाव कार्यों के कारण एयरलाइन ने यहां से अपनी उड़ानों को अस्थायी रूप से शिफ्ट कर दिया था। नई व्यवस्था के अनुसार उड़ान संख्या 6ई-5000 से 6ई-5999 तक की सभी उड़ानें और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें टर्मिनल तीन से संचालित होंगी। जबकि 6ई-2000 से 6ई-2999 और 6ई-5000 से 6ई-5999 तक को छोड़कर अन्य उड़ानों को टर्मिनल एक से



एयर इंडिया के बाद अब इंडिगो ने भी उड़ानों को संचालित करने की बात कही

60 उड़ानें टर्मिनल-2 से एयर इंडिया संचालित करेगा

इंडिगो से पहले एयर इंडिया अपनी 180 दैनिक घरेलू उड़ानों में से 60 को टर्मिनल-2 पर स्थानांतरित करने की बात कह चुका है। एयर इंडिया के अनुसार जिस उड़ान संख्या का पहला अंक एक होगा उसे टर्मिनल 2 से संचालित किया जाएगा।

संचालित किया जाएगा। इंडिगो ने यात्रियों को यात्रा से पहले अपनी उड़ान संख्या और टर्मिनल विवरण ध्यान से जांचने की सलाह दी है, क्योंकि टर्मिनल में बदलाव के साथ उड़ान कार्यक्रम में भी बदलाव हो सकते हैं।



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## **IndiGo unveils new flights plan from Delhi airport**



**New Delhi:** IndiGo on Tuesday said it will have flights from all three terminals of the Delhi airport from October 26. The Indira Gandhi International Airport has three terminals and the revamped T2 will be operational from October 26. All international flights are operated from T3. #11



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## **Airbus to inaugurate new assembly line in China**



**PARIS/BEIJING:** Airbus is poised to open a second assembly line in China this week, days after marking a similar expansion in the US, industry sources said. The second line at the port city of Tianjin near Beijing will increase Airbus' manufacturing capability for best-selling A320 neo-family single-aisle jets. REUTERS



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## IndiGo to operate flights from Delhi airport's all 3 terminals from Oct 26

IndiGo on Tuesday said it will have flights from all three terminals of the Indira Gandhi International Airport from October 26. The revamped T2 will be operational from October 26. All international flights are operated from T3. In a release, the airline said it will operate "flights numbered 6E 2000 - 6E 2999 to/from Terminal 2, and flights numbered 6E 5000 - 6E 5999, along with all international departures, to/from Terminal 3.

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## 1.56 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों ने उठाया सस्ती यात्रा का लाभ

नई दिल्ली, 21 अक्टूबर (एजेंसियां)। 'उड़ान' (उड़े देश का आम नागरिक) योजना के मंगलवार को नौ साल पूरे हो गए और अब तक 1.56 करोड़ से अधिक यात्रियों ने सस्ती हवाई यात्रा का लाभ उठाया है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने 21 अक्टूबर 2016 को 'उड़ान' योजना की शुरुआत की थी जिसके तहत 27 अप्रैल 2017 को पहली फ्लाइट शुरू हुई थी।

इस योजना का लक्ष्य ऐसे हवाई अड्डों को देश के हवाई नेटवर्क से जोड़ना था जहां से सप्ताह में 14 से कम उड़ानों का संचालन हो रहा था। इसमें ऐसे हवाई अड्डे भी शामिल थे जहां से कोई नियमित उड़ान उपलब्ध नहीं थी। क्षेत्रीय संपर्क योजना (आरसीएस) 'उड़ान' के तहत आरसीएस सीटों पर होने वाले नुकसान की भरपाई के लिए केंद्र सरकार हर्जाना देती है। निविदा में सबसे कम हर्जाने की मांग करने वाली एयरलाइंस को रूटों का आवंटन किया जाता है।



### ■ 'उड़ान' योजना के पूरे हुए नौ साल

केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने बताया कि योजना के तहत अबतक 76 हवाई अड्डों और 15 हेलीपोर्ट से उड़ानें शुरू की गई हैं। इसके अलावा दो वाटर एयरोड्रम की भी शुरुआत की गई है। मंत्रालय ने बताया कि अब तक 3,22,851 उड़ानों का संचालन किया गया है और 1.56 करोड़ से अधिक घरेलू यात्री 'उड़ान' के तहत यात्रा कर चुके हैं। विमान सेवा कंपनियों को हर्जाने के तौर पर 4,314.82 करोड़ रुपए की राशि दी जा चुकी है।



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## अब इंडिगो ने भी टर्मिनल-2 से उड़ान संचालन की कही बात

जासं, नई दिल्ली : एअर इंडिया के बाद अब इंडिगो ने भी 26 अक्टूबर से शुरू हो रहे टर्मिनल-2 से अपनी उड़ानों को शुरू करने की घोषणा की है। इंडिगो की जिन उड़ानों का नंबर 6ई-2000 से 6ई-2999 के बीच होगा, ये टर्मिनल-2 से संचालित होंगी। शेष उड़ानें या तो टर्मिनल-1 या टर्मिनल-3 से संचालित होंगी। यानी इंडिगो अपनी उड़ानें 26 अक्टूबर से तीनों टर्मिनल से संचालित करने जा रही है।

इंडिगो के अनुसार, आइजीआइ एयरपोर्ट पर नई व्यवस्था 26 अक्टूबर से लागू हो जाएगी। नई व्यवस्था के अनुसार उड़ान संख्या- 6ई-5000 से 6ई-5999 तक की सभी उड़ानें और अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें

### एअर इंडिया 60 उड़ानें करेगा संचालित

इंडिगो से पूर्व एअर इंडिया अपनी 180 दैनिक घरेलू उड़ानों में से 60 को टर्मिनल-2 में स्थानांतरित करने की बात कहा चुका है। एअर इंडिया के अनुसार जिस उड़ान संख्या का पहला अंक एक होगा, उसे टर्मिनल 2 से संचालित किया जाएगा।

टर्मिनल-3 से संचालित होंगी। शेष (6ई-2000 से 6ई-2999 के बीच व 6ई-5000 से 6ई-5999 तक को छोड़कर ) उन्हें टर्मिनल-1 से संचालित किया जाएगा।



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## तकनीकी समस्या के कारण एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ान गुवाहाटी लौटी

डिब्रूगढ़, प्रेट्र: डिब्रूगढ़ जाने वाली एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की एक उड़ान सोमवार को तकनीकी खराबी आने के बाद गुवाहाटी लौट आई। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि बोइंग 737 मैक्स 8 विमान ने गुवाहाटी के लोकप्रिय गोपीनाथ बोरदोलोई अंतरराष्ट्रीय (एलजीबीआई) हवाईअड्डे से दोपहर 12.20 बजे उड़ान भरी। इसे दोपहर 1.25 बजे डिब्रूगढ़ हवाईअड्डे पर उतरना था।

हालांकि लैंडिंग से कुछ क्षण पहले पायलटों को विंग्स से संबंधित एवियोनिक्स में समस्या महसूस हुई। विमान को गुवाहाटी वापस ले जाने का निर्णय लिया गया। बाद में अलग विमान की व्यवस्था की गई और उड़ान आइएक्स -1186 गुवाहाटी से उड़ान भरकर शाम 6.20 बजे डिब्रूगढ़ पहुंची। एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के प्रबन्धता ने कहा, तकनीकी समस्या के कारण हमारी एक उड़ान गुवाहाटी लौट आई।

### आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट से लंदन लौटाई गई एसओएस की प्रोफेसर

नई दिल्ली, प्रेट्र: लंदन विश्वविद्यालय के स्कूल ऑफ ऑरिएंटल एंड आफ्रीकन स्टडीज (एसओएस) से जुड़ी एक प्रोफेसर को वीजा शर्तों के कथित उल्लंघन के कारण आइजीआई एयरपोर्ट से वापस भेज दिया गया। गृह मंत्रालय के सूत्र ने मंगलवार को बताया कि हिंदी की विद्वान और एसओएस में प्रोफेसर एमेरिता फ्रांसेस्का ओरसिनी को हांगकांग से आने के तुरंत बाद सोमवार को निर्वासित कर दिया गया। फ्रांसेस्का पर्यटक वीजा पर थीं, लेकिन वह वीजा शर्तों का उल्लंघन कर रही थीं। फ्रांसेस्का को वीजा शर्तों के उल्लंघन के कारण मार्च 2025 से 'ब्लैक लिस्ट' में रखा गया है। फ्रांसेस्का अपनी पुस्तक, 'द हिंदी पब्लिक स्फीयर 1920-1940: लैंग्वेज एंड लिटरेचर इन द एज ऑफ नेशनलिज्म' के लिए जानी जाती हैं।

**INTER-MINISTERIAL CONSULTATION ONGOING**

## New Funding Routes on Regional Flight Map

Budgetary support, other options on cards

**Arindam Majumder**

**New Delhi:** The government is looking at new mechanisms to fund its regional air connectivity scheme, including providing budgetary support to offset the losses that airlines may suffer due to flying to remote destinations.

The proposals are currently undergoing inter-ministerial consultation, people in the know said.

The government is planning to aggressively push the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme as it seeks to connect 120 new destinations in the next 10 years.

Under the scheme launched in 2016, the fare is capped for half of the seats to make air travel more affordable.

Since operations on hinterlands routes are commercially not viable because of the fare cap and low traffic, the government provides incentives to airlines, such as waiver of landing and navigation charges and subsidies.

Eighty percent of the subsidy is

### Fly High

Subsidy given to airlines in UDAN scheme (₹ cr)



provided by levying a fee of ₹6,500 per commercial flight. The rest is borne by governments in states where the airports are located.

"The scheme will be expanded aggressively, including by attracting helicopter and sea plane operators," said a government official.

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### Longer Subsidy Period

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"According to our calculations, the existing mechanism of funding will not be enough...to make those viable. So, we are examining alternative mechanisms," said the official.

Since 2016, the government has disbursed more than ₹4,300 crore as subsidy under the scheme and invested another ₹4,638 crore for developing and upgrading airports. The scheme has shown a mixed response, with only about 60% of the original 649 routes operational currently.

The official said the scrutiny of the scheme showed that there may be a requirement to increase the period of subsidy from the current three years. This may require the government to increase the fund size.

Under UDAN, airlines must start flights within four months of successfully bidding for a route. They will get three-year exclusivity on these routes, insulating them from any competitive pressure during this period. These remote airports levy a lower tax on aviation turbine fuel and do not charge airport fees.

"For smaller airlines, who are substantial players in remote connectivity, they can't start flights despite getting permission due to non-availability of aircraft or readiness of the airport. It becomes a big financial burden for them. So, there may be a requirement to increase the period of subsidy," a second government official said.

Finding a different way to fund the scheme is important for the government as India's mainline carriers like IndiGo and Air India may not be willing to cross-subsidise the scheme. In 2022, the government was forced to reverse a plan to increase the levy to ₹15,000 per flight, as it faced a pushback from airlines which argued that it would lead to increase in ticket prices, hurting their passengers.

"As we plan to expand the scheme, we also don't want to increase the burden on passengers by increasing the levy. So, there is a proposal that that budgetary support be given to the scheme," the second official said.

According to executives at regional carriers, government backing is important for the scheme as it has proved to be critical to improve regional connectivity.



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## Govt says 649 air routes connected under UDAN

THE GOVERNMENT ON Tuesday said the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN, which has helped operationalise 649 routes connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports in nine years, will be continued beyond April 2027. The scheme was launched on October 21, 2016, and the first flight was operated between Shimla and Delhi on April 27, 2017. As much as 649 routes have been operationalised, connect 93 airports, 15 heliports and 2 aerodromes.

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## IndiGo to resume T2 ops from Oct 26 at IGI

FE BUREAU  
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**INDIGO WILL RESUME** operations from Terminal 2 of Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport starting October 26, following a temporary shift earlier this year due to maintenance work.

The move comes soon after Air India earlier this month announced a similar shift of a portion of its domestic operations to Terminal 2, as part of ongoing efforts to streamline traffic across terminals. With this, IndiGo will operate from all three terminals — T1, T2, and T3 — under a revised

flight number distribution aimed at enhancing operational efficiency.

All IndiGo flights numbered 6E 2000 to 6E 2,999 will operate to and from Terminal 2, which is reopening for IndiGo services.

Flights numbered 6E 5000 to 6E 5999, along with all international flights, will depart from and arrive at Terminal 3, while all other domestic flights will continue to operate from Terminal 1. "With the objective of enhancing customer convenience and



airport efficiency, IndiGo will operate flights numbered 6E 2000–6E 2999 to/from Terminal 2, and flights numbered 6E 5000–6E 5999, along with all international departures, to/from Terminal 3. All other domestic flights will continue to operate to/from Terminal 1," the airline said.

Airlines had moved their T2 operations to Terminal 1 in

April due to maintenance work. The 40-year-old Terminal 2 was temporarily shut earlier this year and has since undergone significant upgrades. The refurbished terminal will now handle approximately 120 daily domestic flights operated by Air India and IndiGo, as part of efforts to streamline operations across terminals.

The airline has advised its passengers to check their flight numbers and terminal details carefully before travelling, as the changes may also involve adjustments to flight schedules.

## *Pilot aborts AI Express take-off after engine fault*

**HD Bureau**  
CHENNAI

A major safety incident was averted at Chennai International Airport on Sunday morning when the pilot of a Air India Express flight to Bengaluru detected a critical engine issue moments before take-off. The quick action of the cockpit crew prevented potential danger to 109 people aboard — 104 passengers and five crew members. The aircraft was scheduled to depart at 10:45 am, and was already taxiing when the commander observed abnormal engine parameters. He immediately halted the

take-off roll and directed the aircraft back to the parking bay, where airline engineers boarded to inspect the aircraft. Passengers remained seated during the inspection.

According to airline sources, the fault occurred in one of the aircraft's engines and was identified before any atmospheric load or high-speed run-up. The pilot's decision to abort the departure was taken as a precautionary safety measure, in line with standard operating procedures. The airline confirmed the flight was delayed but did not disclose the nature of the fault.

Air India Express is a su-



**The fault occurred in one of the aircraft's engines and was identified before any atmospheric load or high-speed run-up**

operates a fleet of Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 aircraft. Its operations have been under increased regulatory scrutiny following earlier safety-related incidents. Notably, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation reprimanded the carrier in March for delayed engine component replacement and for apparently altering maintenance records on an Airbus A320 aircraft. That case involved an airworthiness directive issued by European Union Aviation Safety Agency for CFM International LE-AP-1A engines.

The latest event again puts a spotlight on the importance

of robust maintenance and pre-flight checks in India's growing aviation sector. Aviation analysts say that detecting an engine issue on the ground before take-off is the kind of outcome every airline strives for — the cost of grounding an aircraft is far lower than the risk of an in-flight emergency.

At Chennai airport, engineers examined the aircraft's engine to ascertain whether the issue stemmed from a sensor anomaly, component wear, foreign-object damage or other fault. The airline reported that once cleared, passengers were re-accommodated on the next av-

ailable flight to Bengaluru. Airport officials confirmed there were no injuries and that operations were unaffected by the delay beyond the scheduled slot.

Aviation consultant Dr Meera Sharma observed: "What matters is not only that the fault was detected, but how the airline managed passenger communication and aircraft turnaround. The pilot's decision to abort before take-off is textbook. But the post-issue procedure — how maintenance is done, how the aircraft is restored to service and how records are updated — that is where the wider safety culture is tested."



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**DIBRUGARH (ASSAM)**

## **AI Express flight returns after snag**

A Dibrugarh-bound Air India Express flight on Monday returned to Guwahati after developing a technical snag, and later flew to its destination with a different aircraft, officials said. The Boeing 737 Max 8 carrier took off from Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport in Guwahati at 12.20 pm and was scheduled to land at Dibrugarh airport at 1.25 pm. However, moments before landing, the pilots observed a problem in the avionics related to one of the wings, an official said. "It decided to return to Guwahati. A different aircraft was arranged and flight IX-1186 flew from Guwahati and reached Dibrugarh at 6.20 pm," he added.



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## इंडिगो की उड़ानें अब तीनों टर्मिनल से संचालित होंगी

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। देश की प्रमुख विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो ने दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (आईजीआई) से उड़ानों के वितरण में बदलाव की घोषणा की है। इसे 26 अक्टूबर से लागू किया जाएगा। इसके तहत इंडिगो की उड़ानें अब तीनों टर्मिनल टी-1, टी-2 और टी-3 से संचालित होंगी।

इंडिगो से प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार, उड़ान नंबर 6ई 2000 से 6ई 2999 तक की उड़ानें अब टर्मिनल 2 से संचालित होंगी, जबकि उड़ान नंबर 6ई 5000 से 6ई 5999 और सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें टर्मिनल-3 से रवाना होंगी। बाकी सभी घरेलू उड़ानें

- इस व्यवस्था को 26 से लागू किया जाएगा
- यात्रा से पहले कंपनी की वेबसाइट जरूर देख लें

टर्मिनल-1 से ही उड़ान भरेंगी।

इंडिगो ने बताया कि इस बदलाव का उद्देश्य यात्रियों की सुविधा बढ़ाना और हवाई अड्डे की संचालन क्षमता को और कुशल बनाना है। कंपनी ने यात्रियों से आग्रह किया है कि वे अपनी यात्रा से पहले उड़ान और टर्मिनल की जानकारी कंपनी की वेबसाइट [www.goindigo.in](http://www.goindigo.in) या मोबाइल ऐप पर जांच लें।

## Foreign carriers 'poaching' Indian pilots would be disturbing: Elbers

Jagriti Chandra  
NEW DELHI

Poaching of Indian pilots on a large scale would be 'disturbing' as public and private players in the aviation sector were making large investments in adding new planes and developing airports, said IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers.

The CEO was explaining the rationale behind a working paper presented by the Indian government before the UN's aviation safety body, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), calling for a mechanism to curb poaching of Indian pilots by foreign carriers. Government sources said the paper was presented at the behest of the industry and was primarily about Indian aviation professionals migrating to Gulf carriers.

"Both IndiGo and Air India are making massive investments in buying new planes, and now we are collaborating with schools. There are both public and private sector investments in developing airports and other infrastructure. In that context it would be a bit disturbing if you have large groups of people being poached and moved away," Mr. Elbers told *The Hindu* in an exclusive interaction earlier this month.



Pieter Elbers

On whether attrition was a concern for IndiGo, Mr. Elbers said it "goes a bit up and down," but emphasised the need for 'stability' to enable long-term planning as airlines were investing in planes for the next 20 to 25 years.

The working paper titled 'Practices Impacting Orderly Conduct of International Civil Aviation' called for a "code of conduct" among Member States to regulate cross border staff recruitment reasoning that foreign airlines recruiting skilled personnel from Indian carriers that include pilots, engineers, technicians, and cabin crew disrupted the planned growth of domestic players.

The paper was submitted to the ICAO in August ahead of its General Assembly meeting in the last

week of September to be taken up for discussion.

"The impact is particularly severe for specialised roles such as AMEs [Aircraft Maintenance Engineers] and type-rated pilots [pilots trained on specific aircraft types], where replacement training can take months or even years. This practice creates an unfair competitive disadvantage where Indian carriers effectively subsidise the training costs of foreign airlines while bearing the operational disruption costs themselves," the paper asserted.

However, India's proposal failed to garner majority support at ICAO.

### Against labour market

"While the Commission expressed appreciation for the issues raised in the working paper, it noted the majority of States did not support the action items presented in the paper as these were considered to undermine the core principles of labour market competition. The Commission agreed with the views expressed by several States that these issues should be dealt with at a national level and do not fall within the purview of ICAO," according to the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations, which

also presented a counter paper. Pilot groupings have contested India's stance and said the proposal violates fundamental rights by restricting Indian professionals from seeking lawful employment overseas and fails to diagnose the root cause for pilots migrating due to dissatisfaction over poor working conditions, lack of contractual security, limited upward mobility and a lack of standardised pay structure.

### Duopoly dynamics

"This proposal risks institutionalising a form of bonded labour in a duopoly environment, where Indian pilots may be locked into employment with a single airline under unilateral and ever-changing service conditions," said Air Line Pilots' Association.

While proposing a Code of Conduct, the Working Paper references the DGCA's 2017 rule where the regulator for the first time determined notice period for pilots imposing one year for pilots in command and six months for first officers. This was until then only part of employment contracts with 3-6 months of notice period being the norm. However, the Delhi High Court in 2018 put a temporary stay on this rule.



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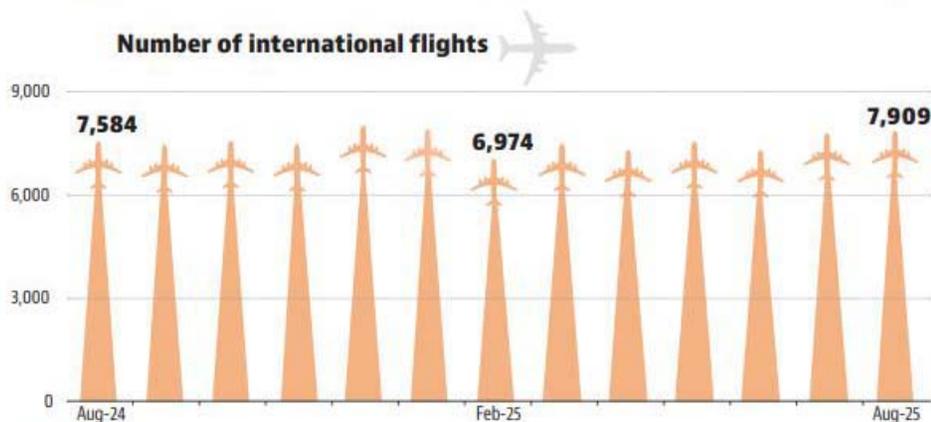
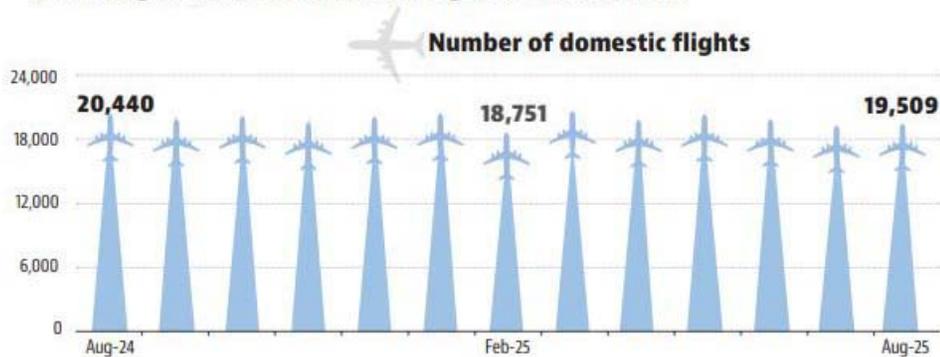
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## Air Traffic

In August 2025, the number of domestic flights from Mumbai declined around 5% over August 2024 levels. International flights increased about 4%.



Source: Airports Authority of India



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### AI to operate special flight for passengers stranded in Milan

Air India will operate a special flight from Milan to Delhi on Sunday to bring back passengers stranded in the Italian city after the airline had cancelled its flight on Friday following a technical issue with the Dreamliner aircraft. There were posts on social media complaining about the lack of adequate facilities for the passengers. “To ensure that the affected passengers can return home to India in time for the festive occasion, our teams expedited the rectification process on the aircraft at Milan and secured the necessary approvals to operate an additional commercial flight departing Milan at 1900 hours local time and arriving in Delhi on the morning of 20 October,” a statement said. PTI



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## UDAN flies high with 649 routes

**NEW DELHI:** The government on Tuesday said the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN, which has helped operationalise 649 routes connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports in nine years, will be continued beyond April 2027.

UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) was launched on October 21, 2016, and the first flight was operated between Shimla and Delhi on April 27, 2017.

Under the scheme, 649 routes have been operationalised connecting 93 unserved and

underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes, facilitating over 1.56 crore passengers through 3.23 lakh UDAN flights," the civil aviation ministry said in a release. More than Rs 4,300 crore has been disbursed to airlines as Viability Gap Funding (VGF), and Rs 4,638 crore has been invested for airport development under the regional air connectivity scheme.

Civil Aviation Secretary confirmed UDAN will continue beyond 2027, adding 120 new regional destinations.

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## **Air India to operate Milan flight to bring back stranded passengers**

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n New Delhi

Air India will operate a special flight from Milan to Delhi on Sunday to bring back passengers stranded in the Italian city after the airline had cancelled their flight on Friday following a technical issue with the Dreamliner aircraft.

More than 250 passengers were stranded at Milan after the flight cancellation on Friday. There were posts on social media complaining about the lack of adequate facilities for the passengers.

The airline on Sunday said it will operate a flight from Milan to Delhi today to accommodate passengers of flight AI138, which was cancelled on October 17 due to a technical issue.

"To ensure that the affected passengers can return home to India in time for the festive occasion, our teams expedited the rectification process on the aircraft at Milan and secured the necessary approvals to operate an additional commercial flight, AI138D, departing Milan at 1900 hours local time and arriving in Delhi on the morning of 20 October," Air India said in a statement.

The airline also said its teams are proactively reaching out to the affected passengers, who were previously rebooked on other airlines with post-Diwali arrivals, offering them the option to maintain their existing bookings or switch to the additional flight operating today.



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# Bomb hoax disrupts Dubai-M'luru flight

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**Bengaluru:** A Dubai-Mangaluru Airbus flight, with 169 passengers on board, was delayed for over two hours Friday after a tissue paper, with the words "bomb on board," was found inside the aircraft's toilet before take-off from Dubai International Airport.

Extensive security checks were carried out in Dubai following the discovery of the note. "The threat was later declared a hoax, and the flight departed after a delay of two hours and 28 minutes," police from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) station said.

However, as the flight approached Mangaluru, it was denied permission to land due to poor weather conditions. "The pilots were asked to divert to KIA instead," a source said.

During the diversion, the pilot informed Air Traffic

Control (ATC) about the bomb threat note found earlier. As a precautionary measure, a temporary emergency was declared at KIA to facilitate a priority landing. The aircraft landed safely in Bengaluru and was immediately moved to an isolation bay for inspection, officials added.

Meanwhile, the bomb threat assessment committee held an urgent meeting and declared it to be a non-specific threat (not life-threatening). "The emergency, which was in place at the runway for a short period, was lifted after the aircraft was isolated," the committee member added.

The passengers were deboarded, and intensive checks were conducted by the Central Industrial Security Force, and sniffer dogs were also deployed. "It was again reconfirmed as a hoax," the source added.





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# India's aircraft component sector takes flight

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**Mumbai:** Global aerospace giants are boosting their sourcing from India, accelerating growth in the country's emerging aircraft component sector. Local companies are expanding capacities, moving beyond basic manufacturing to higher-value work, and scouting for acquisitions, with revenue numbers soaring due to robust orders.

The sector is also gearing up to launch about Rs 5,700 crore of IPOs in the next few months, given the buoyant equity market and growing investor appetite for high-growth potential companies. It is also one of the few sectors that has been less affected by US import tariffs compared to other industries like tex-

tiles, gems, and auto parts, where duties are double (50%) than those on aerocomponents (25%).

"We build the business and invest for the long term. Tariffs are something we don't have control over as a company. The key thing is we are a critical part of our customer supply chain, and it is not something they can source elsewhere overnight. It takes years of planning for them to make any changes. We are critical enough for customers that paying tariffs is not a material issue. Our US customers, when they export products, get credit back on the duty," said Aequus chairman & CEO Aravind Melligeri.

The Belgaum-based company, which counts Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, Collins Aerospace, and Spirit Aero-

### Low Tariff Impact

> It is a sector where the impact of US tariffs is less compared to industries like textiles, gems, and auto parts

> The sector is gearing up to launch about ₹5,700cr of IPOs in the next few months



**What next?** India has 2% share in global aerospace supply chain, despite being a major aircraft buyer. Industry players aim to increase India's share to 10%

systems as customers, earned 89% of its Rs 925 crore revenue in FY25 from aerocomponents.

The numbers tell the growth story. The US-based Boeing sources components and critical systems of over \$1 billion annually from India

as compared to \$250 million a decade ago. Likewise, France's Airbus plans to increase its procurement to \$2 billion from India by 2030.

Azad Engineering, a Hyderabad-based supplier to Honeywell Aerospace, Rolls Royce, and Eaton Aerospace, saw an 84% jump in its aerospace and defence business revenue to Rs 81 crore in FY25, with a 215% jump in stock price since listing in Dec 2023.

"Earning the trust of an OEM — especially for life-critical and highly engineered components — requires years of consistent performance, precision, and reliability, not just by simply acquiring technology," said Azad Engineering chairman & CEO Rakesh Chopdar. "Having demonstrated these capabilities over time consis-

tently, we now enjoy the confidence of our global aerospace and defence customers, who entrust us with long-term contracts." Azad has an order book of Rs 1,700 crore, exceeding 20 times its annual sales. This strong momentum, said Chopdar, has "led us to establish an additional manufacturing facility in Tuniki Bollaram, Telangana".

To accelerate growth, Unimech Aerospace and Manufacturing has been exploring acquisitions and JVs. "We are evaluating precision manufacturing targets, both in India and the US," said company co-founder Rajanikanth Balaraman.

Data from IPO tracker Prime Database showed that SMPP and Aequus had received Sebi approval for Rs 4,000 crore and Rs 1,700 crore IPOs.



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## Indigo flight diverted to city due to engine snag

**Mumbai:** An IndiGo flight from Doha to Kochi was diverted to Mumbai on Sunday after one of its engines failed mid-air, aviation sources said. The Airbus A320 aircraft, operating as flight 6E1324 landed safely at 2.15 pm, they said. All passengers and crew members are safe. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a probe into the incident. IndiGo did not comment. IndiGo in a statement that "a technical issue was detected" on the said flight. "As a precautionary step, the pilots decided to divert the flight to Mumbai, and the aircraft landed safely. While the aircraft is undergoing necessary maintenance checks before resuming operations, an alternate aircraft was arranged that departed shortly thereafter with all the customers to conclude the journey. We regret the inconvenience caused to our customers and made all possible efforts to minimise it, including offering them refreshments," said the IndiGo spokesperson. TNN



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## Special AI flight to fly passengers stranded in Milan home for Diwali

**New Delhi:** The 256 Delhi-bound passengers of Air India stuck in Milan in Italy since last Friday (Oct 17) will finally be able to reach India in time for Diwali celebrations on a special flight on Monday, instead of the originally planned boarding for Monday or post Diwali. The legacy AI Boeing 787 Dreamliner (VT-ANN) had developed a technical problem on landing in Milan last Friday due to which it could not operate the return flight to Delhi.

AI, in a post on X, said the flight will arrive in Delhi on the morning of Oct 20.

"Air India has extended all immediate assistance to affected passengers, including hotel accommodation and meals. Full refunds or complimentary rescheduling were also offered as per passenger preference," the airline said. TNN