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Hosur airport: five sites proposed, two may be shortlisted

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The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has evaluated five locations, including the existing Hosur airstrip of the Taneja Aerospace and Aviation Limited (TAAL), for the proposed airport at Hosur. A draft report has also been submitted in this regard.

The remaining locations are 2 km south of the Hosur airstrip near the TAAL; 10 km south of the airstrip, near Thogarai Agraharam; 27 km southeast of the airstrip, near Ulagam (close to Shoolagiri); and 16 km northeast of the airstrip, near Dhasapalli.

According to sources, a team from the AAI visited the locations two months ago and submitted a draft of the pre-feasibility study listing the pros and cons of each site.

“There will be a discussion between the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation and the AAI shortly. From the five sites, two will be shortlisted. The final report will be submitted shortly,” a source said.

Challenges in sites

There are quite a few challenges at each of these sites.

A waterbody runs along

one of them. In two of the sites, high-tension lines are installed. The site near the TAAL, and the one lying 2 km south of the firm are perhaps some of the better options. “The State government needs to get the approval of the Ministry of Defence for this project, as the airspace is controlled by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited,” a source said.

As more investments are coming its way, the State had some months ago proposed an airport at Hosur, spanning over 2,000 acres. Plans are afoot to turn Hosur into an important industrial hub. With discussions ongoing for a second airport at Bengaluru, the Tamil Nadu government is trying to expedite the Hosur airport project.

Overcoming hurdle

“The agreement between the Centre and the Bengaluru International Airport Limited indicates that another international airport cannot be set up within an 150-km aerial distance. But this ends in a decade. It will anyway take about eight years to get clearance, and set up the Hosur airport. It is possible to overcome this hurdle,” the source added.



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Two sites to be shortlisted for Hosur airport

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Flight delayed? Now take a walk!

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Air passengers can now move around in the event of a flight delay due to fog. Earlier passengers were kept seated on board so that the plane could start taxiing as soon as it got permission to do so, for takeoff when the fog lifted. The new rule allows passengers to disembark the aircraft and move to the departure terminal if their flight gets delayed due to bad weather.

Besides, if the replacement flight arrives later than three hours after the scheduled arrival time, passengers may also be able to claim compensation.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said, "Airlines have been instructed to proactively communicate with passengers about potential delays/cancellations due to visibility issues and to ensure that correct passenger contact information is recorded during ticket booking. The flight has to be cancelled if the delay is exceeding three hours".

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Wednesday conducted a high-level meeting to assess the preparedness of airlines, Delhi airport and the Airports Authority of India (AAI), considering the premature arrival of fog and smog in the National Capital Region. The meeting, officials said, was aimed at ensuring uninterrupted flight operations and better passenger comfort. The meeting was attended by Vumlungmang Vualnam, civil aviation secretary and other senior officials from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Indian Meteorological Department (IMD),



Delhi operator and airline officials.

"The preparations for managing visibility-related challenges this winter are moving in the right direction with good progress made in resolving the bottlenecks," the civil aviation ministry said in a release. According to the release, airlines have confirmed that they will adhere to the DGCA guidelines with respect to deploying CAT II/III compliant aircraft and pilots for Delhi and other airports that could be impacted by fog. Out of the four runways at the Delhi airport, which is also the country's busiest airport, three have CAT III ILS (Instrument Landing System) that will permit flight operations at low visibility levels.

The CAT II/III compliance will allow pilots to operate aircraft at low visibility conditions. Proper facilitation of passengers is the priority during times of flight delays and cancellations. Airlines should ensure that all check-in counters at airports are fully staffed to minimise passenger inconvenience, the minister said at the meeting.

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Delhi airport operator DIAL (Delhi International Airport Ltd) has been advised to install LED screens at prominent locations for providing real-time updates on visibility conditions to passengers. Besides, it has been asked to ensure increased availability of 'Follow Me' vehicles to guide aircraft during low visibility conditions.

While emphasising on having a passenger-centric approach, Naidu mentioned the importance of real-time coordination between Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs), airlines, ground handlers and airport operators to ensure seamless operations.



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THE ASIAN AGE

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Inform fliers on flight delays: Aviation minister tells airlines

New Delhi, Nov. 20: Civil aviation minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Wednesday held a review meeting with various stakeholders on fog preparedness and asked airlines to proactively inform passengers about flight delays as well as ensure check-in counters are fully staffed to help minimise travel disruptions. "The preparations for managing visibility-related challenges this winter are moving in the right direction with good progress made in resolving the bottlenecks," the civil aviation ministry said in a release.

Civil aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam, senior officials from the ministry, DGCA (director general of civil aviation), BCAS (bureau of civil aviation security), Indian meteorological department (IMD), Delhi airport operator DIAL and airline representatives, among others, participated in the meeting.

On Monday, bad weather conditions in the national



K. Rammohan Naidu

capital resulted in at least 15 flight diversions and a delay of more than 100 flights as visibility conditions were very poor.

Generally, the fog season starts in early December.

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Kenya nixes airport, energy deals with group

Kenyan President William Ruto said on Thursday he had ordered the cancellation of a procurement process that had been expected to award control of the country's main airport to Adani Group after its founder was indicted in the US.

Under the proposed deal worth nearly \$2 billion, the Adani group was to add a second runway at the Jomo

Kenyatta international airport and upgrade the passenger terminal in exchange for a 30-year lease. Ruto also said he was cancelling a separate 30-year, \$736-million public-private partnership deal that an Adani Group firm signed with the energy ministry last month to construct power transmission lines.

"I have directed agencies

within the ministry of transport and within the ministry of energy and petroleum to immediately cancel the ongoing procurement," Ruto said in his state of the nation address, attributing the decision to "new information provided by investigative agencies and partner nations".

Ruto's announcement was met with thunderous applause

and cheers from lawmakers in parliament, where he gave his address. The deals have drawn sharp criticism from many politicians and members of the public over concerns about a lack of transparency and value for money.

Representatives from Adani Group did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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DAINIK NAVJYOTI

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर एयर ट्राफिक में 21 प्रतिशत वृद्धि

नवज्योति, जयपुर। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट ने अक्टूबर, 2024 के दौरान यात्री भार में प्रभावशाली वृद्धि की है। जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर अक्टूबर के महीने में 4.97



लाख से अधिक लोगों ने यात्रा की, जो अक्टूबर, 2023 की तुलना में लगभग 21% की वृद्धि दर्शाता है। इसमें 4.6 लाख घरेलू यात्री और 37 हजार अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्री शामिल हैं। पिछले महीने सितंबर, 2024 की तुलना में अक्टूबर 2024 में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर यात्री भार में 9 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई।

इस अवधि में घरेलू यात्रियों और अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों में 9 प्रतिशत और 2 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई। पिछले साल अक्टूबर की तुलना में अक्टूबर, 2024 में एयर ट्राफिक मूवमेंट में 21% वृद्धि हुई है और सितंबर, 2024 की तुलना में 17% की वृद्धि हुई है। वर्तमान में जयपुर एयरपोर्ट 25 घरेलू शहरों और छह अंतरराष्ट्रीय गंतव्यों के लिए सीधी कनेक्टिविटी है।



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एयरपोर्ट बिजनेस में एक लाख करोड़ का निवेश करेंगे: जीत

एजेंसी/नवज्योति, नई दिल्ली। भारत को अगले पांच वर्षों में अधिक एयरपोर्ट्स की आवश्यकता होगी, क्योंकि इससे विकास के सपनों को पंख मिलेगा। भारत 2014 से अपने एयरपोर्ट्स की संख्या दोगुनी करने के लिए प्रयास कर रहा है, लेकिन आर्थिक सर्वेक्षण 2023-2024 में हवाई यात्रियों की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए और अधिक एयरपोर्ट्स की आवश्यकता बताई गई। इससे साफ स्पष्ट है कि भारत को एविएशन इंडस्ट्री को अभी लंबा रास्ता तय करना है।

अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स भारत में सात एयरपोर्ट्स का संचालन करता है, जिनमें मुंबई, लखनऊ, अहमदाबाद, जयपुर, गुवाहाटी, तिरुवनंतपुरम और मैंगलोर शामिल हैं। कंपनी मुंबई, अहमदाबाद, जयपुर, लखनऊ और गुवाहाटी में गेटवे डेवलपमेंट, क्षेत्रीय उपस्थिति में बड़ोत्तरी, उपभोक्ताओं और गैर-

यात्रियों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने समेत डिजिटल टेक्नॉलॉजी में निवेश के माध्यम से एयरपोर्ट्स के इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर को नए तरीके से परिभाषित कर रही है।

अदाणी एयरपोर्ट होल्डिंग्स के डायरेक्टर जीत अदाणी ने बताया है कि हमारे पास 8 एयरपोर्ट्स हैं, हम यहां पर फुल मिक्सड यूज डेवलपमेंट करना चाहते हैं। पहले चार सिटी साइड डेवलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स मुंबई, अहमदाबाद, लखनऊ और जयपुर में टर्मिनल्स के आसपास में शुरू किये जा चुके हैं। मुंबई और अहमदाबाद में निर्माण शुरू हो चुका है। जीत अदाणी ने कैपेक्स प्लान को लेकर कहा है कि अगले पांच वर्षों के लिए एक लाख करोड़ रु. के निवेश की योजना है, जिसमें मौजूदा टर्मिनल्स के विस्तार और एयरपोर्ट्स पर नए टर्मिनल बनाने के लिए करीब 20 हजार करोड़ रु. का इस्तेमाल किया जाएगा।



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Airport deal with Kenya cancelled

KENYAN PRESIDENT William Ruto said on Thursday he had ordered the cancellation of a procurement process that had been expected to award control of the country's main airport to Adani Group after its founder was indicted in the United States, reports **Reuters**. Under the proposed deal worth nearly \$2 billion, the group was to add a second runway at the Jomo Kenyatta international airport and upgrade the terminal in exchange for a 30-year lease. Ruto also said he was cancelling a separate 30-year, \$736-million public-private partnership deal that a group firm signed with the energy ministry last month.



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हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर सौर ऊर्जा प्लांट लगेगा

ट्रान्स हिंडन। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर सौर ऊर्जा से जगमग होगा। यहां केंद्र सरकार सौर ऊर्जा प्लांट लगवा रही, जिससे 40 फीसदी ऊर्जा की बचत होगी। करीब दो सप्ताह पहले शुरू हुआ काम अब ग्रिप का चौथा चरण लागू होने के कारण बंद है। ग्रिप हटते ही प्लांट लगाने का काम शुरू होगा और मार्च तक प्लांट शुरू हो जाएगा। ऊर्जा की बचत करने के उद्देश्य से नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय देश के 10 एयरपोर्ट पर सौर ऊर्जा प्लांट लगवा रहा है।



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Tirupati airport gets more quota of Srivani tickets

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has announced an increase in the daily quota of Srivani darshan tickets issued at Tirupati airport. The ticket allotment has been raised from 100 to 200. The tickets are issued upon presentation of a valid boarding pass by travellers. The Srivani Trust tickets offer special darshan privileges for devotees.



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KENYA DROPS AIRPORT DEAL WITH ADANI AFTER US INDICTMENTS

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NAIROBI: Kenyan President William Ruto said on Thursday he had ordered the cancellation of a procurement process that had been expected to award control of the country's main airport to India's Adani Group after its founder was indicted in the United States.

Under the proposed deal to expand the main Nairobi airport, Adani was to add a second runway at the Jomo Kenyatta international airport and upgrade the passenger terminal.

"I have directed agencies within the ministry of transport and within the ministry of energy and petroleum to immediately cancel the ongoing procurement," Ruto said in his state of the nation address, attributing the decision to "new information provided by investigative agencies and partner nations".

An Adani Group company signed a 30-year, \$736-million public-private partnership deal with the energy ministry last month to construct power transmission lines in a separate project.

Energy Minister Opiyo Wandayi on Thursday said there was no bribery or corruption involved in the award of the transmission lines contract.

Ruto's announcement was met by applause from lawmakers present in parliament, where he gave his address.

Representatives from Adani Group did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

U.S. authorities said on Wednesday that group founder Gautam Adani, one of the world's richest people, and seven other defendants agreed to pay about \$265 million in bribes to Indian government officials.

The Adani Group denied the allegations and said in a statement that it would seek "all possible legal recourse".

The airport proposal was made public in July, after it was leaked on social media four months after it was made.



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MILLENNIUM POST

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Kenya cancels airport, energy deals with Adani

NAIROBI: Kenya's president said Thursday he has cancelled multimillion-dollar airport expansion & energy deals with Adani group after US bribery and fraud indictments against group chief Gautam Adani.

President William Ruto said the decision was made "based on new information provided by our investigative agencies and partner nations." He didn't specify the US.

The Adani group had been in the process of signing an agreement that would modernize Kenya's main airport in the capital, Nairobi, with an additional runway and terminal constructed, in exchange for the group running the airport for 30 years. The widely criticised deal had sparked anti-Adani protests in Kenya

and a strike by airport workers, who said it would lead to degraded working conditions and job losses in some cases.

The Adani group had also been awarded a deal to construct power transmission lines in Kenya, East Africa's business hub. Also Thursday, Energy Minister Opiyo Wandayi told a parliamentary committee there had been no bribery or corruption involved on Kenya's part in signing that deal. US prosecutors indicted Adani this week on charges he duped investors in a massive solar energy project in India by concealing that it was facilitated by an alleged bribery scheme. He was charged with securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities and wire fraud.



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THE MORNING STANDARD

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Kenya cancels airport, energy deals with Adani group

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KENYA President William Ruto on Thursday said he has cancelled deals with Adani Group for multimillion-dollar airport expansion and energy after US bribery and fraud indictments against group chairman Gautam Adani.

In a state of the nation address, he said the decision was made "based on new information provided by our investigative agencies and partner nations". However, he didn't

mention the US. The group had been in the process of signing an agreement that would modernise Kenya's main airport in the capital, Nairobi, with an additional runway and terminal constructed, in exchange for the group running the airport for 30 years. The widely criti-

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'No bribery involved on Kenya's part in signing the deal'

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Kenya scraps \$2.6bn Adani deals in wake of indictment

Kenyan President William Ruto cancelled two deals with Adani Group worth about \$2.6 billion over alleged corruption, hours after company founder Gautam Adani was charged by the US authorities in a separate bribery scheme.

Ruto ordered his ministers to “immediately cancel the ongoing procurement process” involving the billionaire’s companies to manage the nation’s biggest airport and build high-voltage power-transmission lines. “I have stated in the past, and I reiterate today, that in the face of undisputed evidence or credible information on corruption, I will not hesitate to take decisive action,” Ruto told lawmakers in a state-of-the-nation address in the capital, Nairobi, on Thursday. The decision was “based on new information provided by our investigative agencies and partner nations,” he said. Adani Group wasn’t immediately available for comment.

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— William Ruto |
PRESIDENT, KENYA



Adani Airport Holdings earlier this year sought a 30-year concession worth \$1.85 billion to operate Nairobi’s main airport, while another unit in the vast conglomerate secured a \$736 million contract to construct and operate power lines in the East African nation.

While Ruto previously endorsed the transmission pact, saying Kenya urgently needs private investment for capital-intensive projects, his govt faced public criticism that the awards of the contracts were opaque. The President had no choice but to abandon the deals after the US indictment of Adani, according to Kenyan

lawmaker John Kaguchia.

“With Adani having been indicted in the US, it technically becomes impossible for Kenya to continue dealing with the group,” Kaguchia said on Citizen TV, a Nairobi-based broadcaster. “If it continues, then the US will discontinue all support, any financial partnership we’ve had with them, including the IMF and World Bank.”

In his speech, Ruto reiterated a previous pledge to fight graft and wastage of public resources in the country that ranks 126th out of 180 on Transparency International’s corruption perceptions index. “Of the many difficult assignments I have undertaken, the fight against corruption is one I now take on with resolve going forward,” Ruto said.

Thousands of Kenyans took to the streets earlier this year to protest against govt mismanagement and excessive taxation. More than 60 people died in the demonstrations. BLOOMBERG



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BANGALORE

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BIAL gets AAA credit rating

Bengaluru: Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the operator of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), bagged the coveted AAA credit rating with a stable outlook from leading agencies ICRA Ltd, India Ratings and Research Pvt Ltd, and Crisil Ratings Ltd, indicating the highest degree of financial safety and minimal credit risk.

BIAL's achievement underscores its status as the third-largest airport in India and largest in South India, with an annual passenger-handling capacity of 51.5 million. Passenger traffic is projected to grow by 10-11% in FY 2025, reaching 41-42 million passengers. Its operating income is also expected to rise by 20% in FY 2025, driven by airport expansion, higher passenger numbers and increased revenues. **TNN**



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विमानन कंपनियों को बम की चेतावनी वाली कॉलों में कमी

नई दिल्ली। एयरलाइंस को आने वाली फर्जी बम चेतावनी की कॉलों में कमी आई है। अधिकारियों ने ऐसी कॉल की परिस्थितियों से निपटने में सफलता हासिल की है। नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुलनम ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि कोहरे से संबंधित व्यवधानों से निपटने के लिए अपनाई जा रही प्रक्रियाओं को सुव्यवस्थित किया गया है। फर्जी बम कॉलों के बारे में एक प्रश्न के जवाब में उन्होंने कहा कि अधिकारियों ने उनसे सफलतापूर्वक निपट लिया है। एजेसी

Air India to 'refresh' its legacy ultra-long-haul B777s



MAKEOVER TIME. Air India has planned a gradual "hard or heavy" refresh programme for its fleet of B777 aircraft

Rohit Vaid
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The Tata Group-promoted Air India is set to initiate a "heavy refresh" programme for its fleet of legacy Boeing 777 aircraft to provide an upgraded ultra-long-haul flying experience for its passengers, sources told *businessline*.

The programme, as per sources, is expected to commence by February or March 2025, and will gradually enhance the cabin experience of the airline's 13 legacy Boeing 777s.

At present, Air India also has leased 11 Boeing 777s; these aircraft are not to be a part of this exercise.

As per sources, Air India has planned a gradual "hard or heavy" refresh programme for its fleet of old, legacy B777 aircraft to ensure its passengers on the ultra-long-haul flights have an elevated experience of the cabin.

NEW BRANDING

Notably, the programme will include changes to seat covers, carpets and curtains, and refurbish galleys and lavatories, in sync with Air India's new branding aspects.

"The cabin refresh of our B777 aircraft is a key part of our commitment to providing passengers with world-class service," sources told *businessline*.

"We believe this refresh

will bring a fresh new feel to the aircraft, offering both comfort and style while reinforcing our vibrant new brand identity."

According to the plan, passengers will get to experience new seat covers, curtains and carpets after the refresh whereas the aircraft galleys, where in-flight meals are kept and readied for serving, will also receive a makeover.

Besides, meal tables and stowage systems will be refurbished. Other features such as, armrests, fascia and trim panels as well as overhead bins will also be refurbished.

Already, light refresh activities are being done on these legacy B777 aircraft during major maintenance work.

The refresh programme is expected to make a "significant" impact on the airline's ultra-long-haul passenger experience, as the 777s serve Air India's most high-profile international routes to North America and Canada.

Presently, Air India's B777 aircraft operates on ultra-long-haul routes to cities in US and Canada.

The airline plans to expand its global network gradually, with more aircraft strengthening its fleet.

With its newly refreshed cabins, Air India aims to position itself as a competitive player in the global aviation market, attracting both business and leisure travellers alike.



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Saudi, India top domestic aviation recovery: Study

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India has seen the second fastest recovery in domestic seat capacity among top twenty aviation markets compared to 2019, OAG, an aviation data provider said in its latest analysis.

Domestic seat capacity in India in 2024 is 12.7 per cent higher compared to 2019. Seat capacity growth in India is 8 per cent higher compared to 2023 driven by addition of aircraft by Air India and IndiGo, alongside new routes.

Domestic airlines are scheduled to operate over 3,500 daily flights in winter season which is 5 per cent higher on a year-on-year basis. Currently, however, the airlines are operating between 3,150-3,180 flights daily.

The OAG analysis has revealed that among 20 major

markets only China, India, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Turkey registered a double digit seat capacity growth in 2024 over the pre-pandemic period.

Only Saudi Arabia has seen faster growth than India with 17.1 per cent seat addition. However it is a smaller market (2.17 lakh daily seats) compared to India which is the third largest in the world with over 6.5 lakh daily seats.

The analysis includes UAE which has seen 15 per cent growth in seats over the same period but purely international as the country has no domestic aviation market.

On a year-on-year basis Italy, Korea, Saudi Arabia and Thailand have witnessed double digit growth, OAG Aviation analysis shows.

"Across the twenty largest country markets in the world, half have yet to recover to 2019 capacity levels..." OAG said.

विमानन सचिव ने कहा ...

विमानन बेड़े में जुड़ेंगे और 600 विमान

दीपक पटेल

नई दिल्ली, 21 नवंबर

भारतीय विमानन कंपनियों के बेड़े में करीब 800 विमान हैं और अगले पांच वर्षों में इस बेड़े में करीब 600 विमान जोड़े जाएंगे। गुरुवार को नागरिक विमानन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुअल्मन ने यह जानकारी दी। 'वुमन इन एविएशन इंडिया अवाइर्स 2024' कार्यक्रम के दौरान अपने भाषण में उन्होंने कहा, 'देश के विमानन बुनियादी ढांचे में तेजी से विस्तार हो रहा है और पिछले दशक में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या दोगुनी से अधिक बढ़ते हुए 74 की तुलना में 157 हो गई है। यात्रियों की संख्या सालाना स्तर पर 11 करोड़ से बढ़कर 22 करोड़ हो गई है और विमान बेड़ा 400 से बढ़कर 800 हो गया है और ऐसा अनुमान है कि पांच वर्षों के भीतर यह संख्या बढ़कर 1400 हो जाएगी।'

वुअल्मन ने कहा, 'यह वृद्धि विमानन क्षेत्र में महिलाओं के लिए करियर की अपार संभावनाओं के संकेत दे रही है।' डीजीसीए के मुताबिक भारत के पास फिलहाल 803 वाणिज्यिक विमान हैं। इनमें से 72 फीसदी विमान, यूरोप की विमान निर्माता कंपनी एयरबस से लिए गए हैं जबकि 22 फीसदी विमान अमेरिका की विमान कंपनी बोइंग से लिए गए हैं।

देश में हवाई यात्रा बाजार में बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए भारतीय विमान कंपनियों ने पिछले वर्ष से चार महत्वपूर्ण विमानों के ऑर्डर दिए हैं। फरवरी 2023 में टाटा द्वारा संचालित एयर इंडिया समूह ने 470 विमानों के ऑर्डर दिए जिनमें से 250 ऑर्डर एयरबस और 220 अमेरिका की विमान निर्माता कंपनी बोइंग के पास है। जून 2023 में इंडिगो ने दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा विमान ऑर्डर दिया और इसने एयरबस से 500 ए320 नियो प्लेन के लिए करार किया। जनवरी 2024 में नई विमानन कंपनी अकासा एयर ने बोइंग को 150 बी737 मैक्स विमान के ऑर्डर दिए। इस वर्ष अक्टूबर में एयर इंडिया ने एयरबस को 85 और विमानों के ऑर्डर दिए। एयर इंडिया समूह और इंडिगो के पास फिलहाल 90 फीसदी से अधिक घरेलू यात्रियों का बाजार है। वुअल्मन ने केंद्र सरकार की योजना के बारे में बात की जिसके तहत 15,000 महिला स्वयं-सहायता समूह को ड्रोन दिए जाने हैं। इस योजना को पिछले वर्ष नवंबर में मंजूरी मिली थी।

विमानन सीट क्षमता में 12.7 फीसदी वृद्धि का अनुमान

सुरजीत दास गुप्ता

भारत में कोविड महामारी से पहले के दौर 2019 से लेकर वर्ष 2024 के बीच कुल विमानन सीट क्षमता में 12.7 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी का अनुमान है। यह दुनिया में सबसे अधिक सीट क्षमता वाले शीर्ष 20 देशों में पांचवें पायदान पर है।

ओएजी के एक अध्ययन के मुताबिक अन्य चार देशों ने भी भारत की तुलना में सीट क्षमता में तेजी से सुधार दिखाया है जिनमें सऊदी अरब (17.1 फीसदी की वृद्धि), यूएई (15 फीसदी), मेक्सिको (14.4 फीसदी) और तुर्किये (12.3 फीसदी) शामिल हैं। हालांकि 2024 में भी शीर्ष 20 देशों में से करीब आधे देशों में अब तक 2019 के पूर्व स्तर तक का सुधार नहीं दिख पाया है जिनमें फ्रांस, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, रूस, कनाडा, थाईलैंड और दक्षिण कोरिया शामिल हैं।

ओएजी के मुताबिक भारत में वर्ष 2024 में कुल सीट क्षमता में 8 फीसदी प्रति वर्ष की वृद्धि रही और इस लिहाज से यह सातवें पायदान पर रहा लेकिन इससे आगे रहने वाले देश सऊदी अरब (11.7 फीसदी वृद्धि) और यूएई (10.5 फीसदी वृद्धि) का प्रदर्शन अच्छा रहा।

चालू वित्त वर्ष 2019 और 2024 के बीच जिन देशों में सुधार नहीं दिखा उनमें भी उम्मीदें बन रही हैं। मिसाल के तौर पर मुक्त वीजा की पेशकश करने वाले देश थाईलैंड की विमानन क्षमता में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में वर्ष 2024 में 13.8 फीसदी की हुई। उसी



तरह इसी समान अवधि के दौरान दक्षिण कोरिया की क्षमता वृद्धि में भी 16.7 फीसदी की तेजी देखी गई। जर्मनी और इंडोनेशिया की क्षमता में कमी आने के बाद इसमें वृद्धि देखी गई है।

लेकिन आकलन करने पर भारत में विमानन क्षमता को लेकर कुछ गंभीर चुनौतियों के संकेत मिलते हैं। उदाहरण के तौर पर इंडिगो एयरलाइंस के पास ए320 और ए350 विमानों हैं लेकिन करीब 70 विमानों का परिचालन नहीं हो रहा है जिससे रोजाना 68,000 सीटों का नुकसान हो रहा है।

लेकिन इसमें सकारात्मक पहलू की ओर भी संकेत दिए गए हैं जिनमें दो मजबूत विमानन कंपनियां एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो ने विमानों के बड़े ऑर्डर दिए हैं और इसके चलते देश में वृद्धि देखी जाएगी।

वैश्विक स्तर विमानन सीटों में सुधार 2019 की तुलना में वर्ष 2024 में महज 2.4 फीसदी अधिक रही। वहीं 2024 में सालाना आधार पर विमानन क्षमता में सुधार 6.6 फीसदी रहा जो स्पष्ट तौर पर बेहतर हो सकता था।

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एयरलाइन में सीट वृद्धि

देश	सीट वृद्धि (2019 से 2024)	सीट वृद्धि (2024 बनाम 2023)
सऊदी अरब	17.1	11.7
यूएई	15.0	10.5
मेक्सिको	14.4	-3.3
तुर्किये	12.3	6.2
भारत	12.7	8.0
स्पेन	12.1	9.4
इटली	11.3	10.4
चीन	10.0	6.2
स्रोत- ओएजी		

संकेत हैं जबकि महामारी के बाद वर्ष 2023 में अधिक लोगों ने यात्राएं की थीं और जिसके चलते राजस्व एक नए स्तर पर पहुंच गया था। रहन-सहन की बढ़ती लागत, कराधान में बढ़ोतरी और भू-राजनीतिक स्तर की चुनौतियां लगातार दिखते रहने के कारण कई विमानन कंपनियां और एयरपोर्ट वर्ष 2025 में हाई अलर्ट में रहेंगे। विश्लेषकों का कहना है कि भारत और दुनिया में कार बिक्री में वृद्धि कम होने के आसार हैं। उनका कहना है कि विमानन उद्योग में भी कुछ ऐसे ही रुझान देखने को मिलेंगे।

India may land in top 5 with 12.7% growth in airline seat capacity

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India is projected to see a 12.7 per cent growth in overall airline seat capacity in 2024 compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019, ranking fifth among the top 20 countries with the highest seat capacity globally.

A study by global travel data provider OAG highlights that the four countries that have recovered faster than India include Saudi Arabia (growth of 17.1 per cent), the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (15 per cent), Mexico (14.4 per cent), and Türkiye (12.3 per cent). However, even in 2024, nearly half of the top 20 countries still have not fully recovered to 2019 levels. These include France, Australia, Russia, Canada, Thailand, and South Korea.

In 2024, India's overall seat capacity is expected to increase by 8 per cent year-on-year, placing it in seventh place. However, countries like Saudi Arabia (11.7 per cent) and the UAE (10.5 per cent), which are ahead, have done well.



Several countries that saw declines between 2019 and 2024 are also on the upswing. For instance, Thailand, benefiting from visa-free offerings, has seen an increase in airline capacity by 13.8 per cent in 2024 over the previous year. South Korea also saw an upsurge in capacity growth of 16.7 per cent in the same period. Both Germany and Indonesia have recovered after a shrink-

age in their seat capacity.

But the assessment points to some serious challenges in India's airline capacity. IndiGo, which operates the A320 and A350 aircraft, currently has about 70 aircraft grounded due to a delay in receiving parts from Pratt & Whitney, resulting in a loss of over 68,000 seats per day.

On a more positive note, the report

points out that with two major airlines — Air India and IndiGo — both having placed large aircraft orders, India's growth in the aviation sector is expected to take off.

Globally, seat capacity recovery in 2024 is just 2.4 per cent higher than in 2019. Year-on-year, global airline capacity grew by 6.6 per cent, a rate that could have been higher.

The research also projects that demand may be cooling slightly following the 'revenge travel' surge of 2023, which saw record-breaking revenues. While the appetite for travel remains, economic pressures like the rising cost of living, increased taxation, and ongoing geopolitical challenges will keep airlines and airports on high alert heading into 2025.

Analysts predict that, much like the passenger car industry, where pent-up demand has subsided, the growth in car sales in India and globally is expected to slow down. The question remains: Will the aviation industry see a similar trend?

Indian carriers projected to add 600 planes in next 5 yrs: Aviation secy

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New Delhi, 21 November

Indian carriers, which currently have approximately 800 planes in their fleet, are projected to add about 600 planes in the next five years, Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlungmang Vualnam said here on Thursday.

“India’s aviation infrastructure has expanded exponentially, with the number of airports more than doubling from 74 to 157 over the past decade. Passenger numbers have surged from 110 million to 220 million annually, and the aircraft fleet has grown from 400 to 800, with projections to reach 1,400 within five years,” he stated in his speech during ‘Women in Aviation

FLYING AIM

800

Current planes in fleet of Indian carriers

1,400

Projected aircraft within 5 years

■ **74 to 157:** Number of airports risen in India over the past decade

India Awards 2024’. “This growth signals abundant career opportunities in aviation for women and underscores their essential role in the industry’s future,”

Vualnam added.

According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India has 803 commercial aircraft right now. While 72 per cent of these planes are from European planemaker Airbus, about 22 per cent are from US-based aircraftmaker Boeing.

To meet the growing demand in the country’s air travel market, Indian carriers have made four significant aircraft orders since last year. In February 2023, the Tata-run Air India group placed an order for 470 planes — 250 with Airbus, and 220 with Boeing. In June 2023, IndiGo made the world’s largest aircraft order by signing a deal for 500 A320neo family planes from Airbus.

In January 2024, new airline Akasa Air placed an order for 150 B737 Max aircraft with Boeing. In October this year, Air India placed an order for 85 more planes with Airbus. Air India group and IndiGo hold more than 90 per cent of the domestic passenger market right now. Vualnam also talked about the central government’s scheme, which was approved in November last year, to provide drones to 15,000 women self-help groups (SHGs). This scheme enables “rural women to adopt cutting-edge technology for agricultural purposes like spraying fertilizers and pesticides,” he noted.

Vualnam also talked about the success of the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme

for drones, which has allowed 23 Indian companies to achieve a combined turnover of ₹1,400 crore from an initial budget of ₹120 crore. “With over 21,000 drones now registered in India, this sector offers immense opportunities for women to lead technological advancements,” he said.

Radha Bhatia, president, Women in Aviation India (WAI), said: “While India has the largest number of women pilots in the world, we are rooting for equal growth across all verticals of aviation... We are reaching out to remote corners of the country to inspire and encourage young girls to join the aviation industry. Many of these girls have never seen an aircraft or have never been exposed to the world of aviation.”

Founded in 2015 in New Delhi, WAI is a non-profit organisation working to encourage women to find and advance careers in the aviation industry.



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अहमदाबाद फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के चलते रद्द, बंगलुरु-लखनऊ फ्लाइट हुई जयपुर डायवर्ट

जयपुर-देहरादून फ्लाइट का 18 हजार फीट ऊंचाई पर इंजन फेल, दिल्ली में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

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जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार का दिन हवाई यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी भरा रहा। ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि एक तरफ जहां देहरादून गई फ्लाइट का मिड एयर इंजन फेल हो गया। वहीं, अहमदाबाद से जयपुर आ रही फ्लाइट भी तकनीकी खराबी के चलते रद्द रही। इसी प्रकार जयपुर से लखनऊ जा रही फ्लाइट में भी उड़ान भरने से पहले तकनीकी खराबी आ गई, जिसकी वजह से फ्लाइट 6 घंटे देरी से रवाना हुई। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार सबसे पहले जयपुर से देहरादून जा रही इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट 6ई-7468 का आसमान में 18 हजार फीट पर एक इंजन फेल हो गया। ऐसे में फ्लाइट में बैठे 70 यात्री घबरा गए। हालांकि करीब 30 मिनट बाद फ्लाइट की दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई।



इलस्ट्रेशन : संजय डिमरी

दरअसल इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से शाम 5:55 बजे देहरादून के लिए उड़ान भरनी थी, लेकिन तकनीकी कारणों की वजह से 40 मिनट देरी से 6:35 पर रवाना हुई, लेकिन करीब 25 मिनट बाद ही विमान के इंजन में खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने इसकी सूचना तुरंत नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट दिल्ली के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल को दी और फ्लाइट की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी। रात करीब 8:10 बजे दिल्ली के एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई। इस दौरान पैसेंजर की सांसें फूलती रही, इन्हें बाद में दूसरी फ्लाइट से देहरादून भेजा गया।

फ्लाइट में आई तकनीकी खराबी, 6 घंटे देरी से रवाना

उधर, जयपुर से लखनऊ जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-7319 जयपुर से सुबह 5:30 बजे लखनऊ के लिए रवाना होनी थी, लेकिन उड़ान भरने से पहले पायलट को विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। ऐसे में फ्लाइट 6 घंटे की देरी से दोपहर करीब 12 बजे रवाना हुई। इसी प्रकार अहमदाबाद की फ्लाइट 6ई-7217 रद्द रही। दरअसल, फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 8:35 बजे अहमदाबाद जाती है। पहले 9:25 बजे के लिए री-शेड्यूल किया गया, लेकिन उधर से आने वाले एयरक्राफ्ट में तकनीकी खराबी आने की वजह से बाद में दोनों तरफ से रद्द कर दिया गया। वहीं, लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर दृश्यता में कमी की वजह से इंडिगो की बंगलुरु से लखनऊ जा रही फ्लाइट 6ई-6353 को जयपुर डायवर्ट कर दिया गया।



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जयपुर से उड़ान, दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

जयपुर@पत्रिका. जयपुर से मंगलवार शाम को देहरादून जा रही एक फ्लाइट के इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी आ गई, जिसके बाद उसे दिल्ली इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। एयरपोर्ट प्रबंधन से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार, इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट मंगलवार शाम 6:35 बजे तय समय से करीब आधे घंटे की देरी से जयपुर से देहरादून के लिए रवाना हुई। उड़ान के लगभग आधे घंटे बाद पायलट को फ्लाइट के इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी का एहसास हुआ। उसने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के एटीसी को इसकी सूचना दी और इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी। इसके बाद फ्लाइट करीब आधे घंटे तक हवा में चक्कर लगाती रही। अंततः फ्लाइट ने दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग की। लैंडिंग के बाद फ्लाइट में सवार 70 यात्रियों को रात सवा आठ बजे दिल्ली से दूसरी फ्लाइट के जरिए देहरादून भेजा गया।

अहमदाबाद से नहीं आई फ्लाइट: वहीं, बुधवार को अहमदाबाद से सुबह 8:05 बजे जयपुर आने वाली फ्लाइट तकनीकी कारणों से रद्द कर दी गई। फ्लाइट के रवाना होने से पहले उसमें तकनीकी खामी का पता चला। इसके बाद यात्रियों को दूसरी फ्लाइट से जयपुर भेजा गया।



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एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट में सहयात्री का यौन उत्पीड़न

पणजी। एयर इंडिया की दिल्ली से गोवा जा रही फ्लाइट में एक महिला सहयात्री से यौन उत्पीड़न का मामला सामने आया है। दिल्ली की जनकपुरी की 28 वर्षीय महिला ने गोवा पहुंचने पर थाने में इसकी शिकायत की। इसके बाद हरियाणा के पानीपत निवासी 23 साल के जितेंद्र जांगिया को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया।

अहमदाबाद फ्लाइट तकनीकी खराबी के चलते रद्द, बंगलुरु-लखनऊ फ्लाइट हुई जयपुर डायवर्ट जयपुर-देहरादून फ्लाइट का 18 हजार फीट ऊंचाई पर इंजन फेल, दिल्ली में इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

एविएशन रिपोर्टर | जयपुर

जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर बुधवार का दिन हवाई यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी भरा रहा। ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि एक तरफ जहां देहरादून गई फ्लाइट का मिड एयर इंजन फेल हो गया। वहीं, अहमदाबाद से जयपुर आ रही फ्लाइट भी तकनीकी खराबी के चलते रद्द रही। इसी प्रकार जयपुर से लखनऊ जा रही फ्लाइट में भी उड़ान भरने से पहले तकनीकी खराबी आ गई, जिसकी वजह से फ्लाइट 6 घंटे देरी से रवाना हुई। एयरपोर्ट से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार सबसे पहले जयपुर से देहरादून जा रही इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट 6ई-7468 का आसमान में 18 हजार फीट पर एक इंजन फेल हो गया। ऐसे में फ्लाइट में बैठे 70 यात्री घबरा गए। हालांकि करीब 30 मिनट बाद फ्लाइट को दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई।



दरअसल इंडिगो एयरलाइंस की फ्लाइट को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट से शाम 5:55 बजे देहरादून के लिए उड़ान भरनी थी, लेकिन तकनीकी कारणों की वजह से 40 मिनट देरी से 6:35 पर रवाना हुई, लेकिन करीब 25 मिनट बाद ही विमान के इंजन में खराबी आ गई। पायलट ने इसकी सूचना तुरंत नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट दिल्ली के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल को दी और फ्लाइट की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग की अनुमति मांगी। रात करीब 8:10 बजे दिल्ली के एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराई गई। इस दौरान पैसेंजर की सांसें फूली रही, इन्हें बाद में दूसरी फ्लाइट से देहरादून भेजा गया।

फ्लाइट में आई तकनीकी खराबी, 6 घंटे देरी से रवाना

उधर, जयपुर से लखनऊ जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट संख्या 6ई-7319 जयपुर से सुबह 5:30 बजे लखनऊ के लिए रवाना होनी थी, लेकिन उड़ान भरने से पहले पायलट को विमान में तकनीकी खराबी का पता चला। ऐसे में फ्लाइट 6 घंटे की देरी से दोपहर करीब 12 बजे रवाना हुई। इसी प्रकार अहमदाबाद की फ्लाइट 6ई-7217 रद्द रही। दरअसल, फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 8:35 बजे अहमदाबाद जाती है। पहले 9:25 बजे के लिए री-शेड्यूल किया गया, लेकिन उधर से आने वाले एयरक्राफ्ट में तकनीकी खराबी आने की वजह से बाद में दोनों तरफ से रद्द कर दिया गया। वहीं, लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर दृश्यता में कमी की वजह से इंडिगो की बंगलुरु से लखनऊ जा रही फ्लाइट 6ई-6353 को जयपुर डायवर्ट कर दिया गया।



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AI to fly back 30 passengers stuck in Phuket for 3 days

NEW DELHI, PTI: Air India will fly back at the earliest, with around 30 remaining passengers who were among those stranded in Phuket for the past three days after the flight from Thailand's city to Delhi was cancelled due to a technical issue, according to sources.

Some Air India passengers took to social media to complain that they have been stuck at Phuket since November 16.

In a statement on Tuesday, Air India regretted the inconvenience caused to the passengers of flight AI377 which was to operate from Phuket to Delhi on November 16 after it was cancelled due to a technical issue.

The source in the know said there were around 144 passengers booked on that flight and most of them have returned. Around 30 remaining passengers will be flown back at the earliest, mostly on Wednesday, they added.

Further, the source said the technical issue in the aircraft concerned has been rectified.



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लखनऊ में मौसम खराब फ्लाइट जयपुर डायवर्ट

नवज्योति, जयपुर। लखनऊ एयरपोर्ट पर दृश्यता में कमी के चलते एक फ्लाइट को जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया। इंडिगो की फ्लाइट बैंगलुरु से लखनऊ के लिए आई थी। जहां कम दृश्यता के चलते फ्लाइट को कुछ देर होल्ड पर रखा। इसके बाद इसे जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर डायवर्ट किया गया।

देरी से रवाना हुई फ्लाइट: जयपुर से लखनऊ जाने वाली फ्लाइट देरी से रवाना हुई। इसके चलते यात्रियों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडिगो की फ्लाइट जयपुर से सुबह 5.30 बजे लखनऊ जाती है। तकनीकी खराबी के चलते वह फ्लाइट दोपहर 12 बजे लखनऊ के लिए रवाना हुई। जयपुर से सुबह

8.35 बजे अहमदाबाद जाने वाली फ्लाइट सुबह 9.25 बजे रवाना हुई।

उड़ते विमान में तकनीकी खराबी: जयपुर से देहरादून जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट में बीच आसमान में इंजन में तकनीकी खराबी हो गई। इसके चलते विमान की दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर सुरक्षित तरीके से लैंड कराया गया। यह इंडिगो की फ्लाइट जयपुर से शाम 6.35 बजे रवाना हुई थी। देहरादून लैंडिंग से पहले ही तकनीकी खराबी का पता चलते ही फ्लाइट को तुरंत दिल्ली की ओर डायवर्ट कर दिया गया। दिल्ली एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) से संपर्क करने के बाद विमान ने रात 8.10 बजे सुरक्षित लैंडिंग कराया गया।



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■ Indian Aviation Cos to Have 1.4k Planes in 5 Yrs



NEW DELHI Civil aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam on Thursday said the number of planes with

domestic airlines will increase to 1,400 in the next five years as he highlighted the growth potential of the country's aviation space. Leading carriers IndiGo and Air India have placed significant plane orders.



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Flights for Gwl, Indore, Ujjain discontinued for want of flyers

Our Staff Reporter

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The air service under 'PM Shree Paryatan Vayu Seva' has been discontinued for Gwalior, Indore and Ujjain for want of passengers. The flights (6-seater) for the three cities were stopped from October end as they failed to attract flyers to sustain operations. On the contrary, the flights for Singhrauli, Rewa and Khajuraho are getting enthusiastic response and seeing the increasing number of flyers, the frequency of flights to these destinations have been increased from this month.

The Company Secretary for Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Ankit Kaurav con-

firmed that flights under PM Shree Paryatan Seva have been discontinued for Indore, Ujjain and Gwalior. The aforesaid cities have multi transport facilities and have good road and rail connectivity so people prefer using them, said Kaurav. "Now we are focusing on flights for distant places to cut short the travel time," he added.

People in the tourism board, having knowledge of the matter, said that flight occupancy for routes to Gwalior, Indore and Ujjain were between 40 % and 50 %. Besides better road and rail connectivity to these cities, the travel cost is much cheaper than the air fare. Also, many people take road routes as the travel distance from Bhopal to these

cities is not that long.

An officer of Flyola Company, which operates flights, said that flights for Ujjain have been discontinued as blue bulls were spotted at the airport prompting the authorities to discontinue the service over safety concerns.

Taking the air route to reach your destination is expensive is not very pocket friendly. Besides, commuting to and fro airport and then long wait before boarding the plane is also very taxing for some.

Owing to the said reasons, flight occupancy to these three destinations remained thin prompting the authorities to discontinue the air service under PM Shree Paryatan Vayu Seva'.

Frequency of Rewa, Khajuraho and Singhrauli flights increased

The flights to Rewa, Khajuraho and Singhrauli are receiving overwhelming response with occupancy ranging between 70% and 80%. Now, contemplation is being done to introduce a 12-seater plane instead of six-seater plane which are currently ferrying passengers to these cities. Earlier, there was only one flight for Singhrauli from Bhopal. Seeing the overwhelming demand of passengers, the frequency of flights for Rewa and Singhrauli were increased to twice a week. And from this November, flights have been increased to six days a week to these two cities.



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UAE becomes favourite destination for Indians

Telugu people who travelled and living in Dubai is almost ten percent that is more than 4 lakhs

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UAE has seen an exponential increase in Indians travelling abroad. According to a report published by the Ministry of Tourism 2024, Indian nationals' departures has been increased by 152% in 2022.

Many Indian nationals travel for many reasons. The list includes leisure, tourism, or medical treatment, while some visit family or relatives living overseas. Others seek improved living conditions, and cultural experiences, or attend business and professional events.

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increased to 21.6million by 2022, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.82%.



Between 2012 and 2017, Saudi Arabia was the most popular destination. Even though the UAE has overtaken it, Saudi Arabia was the second most popular destination in 2022. Over the last decade, there has been a steep shift in the

countries that Indians are travelling to. In 2011, Thailand, Singapore and Bahrain were the most popular destinations with each country recording more than 8 lakh departures each.

However, since 2019, these

34 lakh Indian expats living in UAE, 4 lakh Telugus included

As per MEA over 34.25 lakhs of Indian expats are estimated to be living in the UAE. With Kerala being on the top with a population of 50% that travelled from India that is more than 17 lakhs. According to the same report, the population of Telugu people who travelled and living in Dubai is almost ten percent

three countries are not in the top 3 most popular destinations. Bahrain has made it to the top 10 destinations only once since 2016. In 2022, Singapore and Thailand will take 3rd and 4th places respectively while UAE being the 1st most travelled destination by Indians since 2019.

The UAE has emerged as the most popular destination for Indian travellers. This is not

only because the UAE hosts the largest number of Indian nationals in the GCC region, but also due to the key role of its two major airports—Dubai International Airport and Abu Dhabi International Airport which serve as key hubs with numerous connecting flights. As per MEA over 34.25 lakhs of Indian expats are estimated to be living in the UAE. With Kerala being on the top with a

population of 50% that travelled from India that is more than 17 lakhs.

According to the same report, the population of Telugu people who travelled and living in Dubai is almost ten percent that is more than 4 lakhs. The number is increasing in heavy numbers as there is an increase in employment in Blue-collar and white-collar jobs. 65% belong to the blue-collar category (employed mostly in construction companies, municipalities, and agricultural farms), 20% belong to the white-collar non-professional (clerical staff, shop assistants, salesmen, accountants) and 5% are professionals and businessmen and their family members.



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घरेलू विमानों का बेड़ा 1400 तक पहुंचेगा

नई दिल्ली। नागर विमानन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम ने गुरुवार को कहा कि अगले पांच साल में घरेलू विमानन कंपनियों के पास मौजूद विमानों की संख्या बढ़कर 1,400 हो जाएगी। बेड़े में वर्तमान में करीब 800 विमान हैं। प्रमुख विमानन कम्पनियों इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने विमानों के लिए बड़े टेके दे रखे हैं। यही, अगले 10 वर्षों में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या 74 से बढ़कर 157 हो जाएगी।



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Domestic airlines' fleet to touch 1,400 planes in five years

Civil aviation secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam on Thursday said the number of planes with domestic airlines will increase to 1,400 in the next five years as he highlighted the growth potential of the country's aviation space.

Currently, the fleet is around 800 aircraft and leading carriers IndiGo and Air India have placed significant plane orders.

At an event in the national capital, the secretary also mentioned the opportunities for women in the aviation sector, including in the drone segment. In the last 10 years, the number of airports has more than doubled from 74 to 157, Vualnam said.

He also said the number of passengers has doubled to around 220 million from 110 million.

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Domestic airlines' fleet to touch 1,400 planes in 5 yrs, says official

NEW DELHI: Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam on Thursday said the number of planes with domestic airlines will increase to 1,400 in the next five years as he highlighted the growth potential of the country's aviation space.

Currently, the fleet is around 800 aircraft and leading carriers IndiGo and Air India have placed significant plane orders.

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with the civil aviation ministry.

According to him, the Rs 120-crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme was successful and that beneficiary companies have seen their overall turnover rise to Rs 1,400 crore.

"New scheme for drones is required especially for component manufacturers. We will prepare and put up to the government but that is still at a preparation stage," the secretary noted.

The first Production Linked Incentive scheme for drones, introduced in 2021 with an outlay of Rs 120 crore for three financial years starting from 2021-22, has ended. PTI

Inform passengers on flight delays: Aviation Min to airlines

NEW DELHI: Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Wednesday held a review meeting with various stakeholders on fog preparedness and asked airlines to proactively inform passengers about flight delays as well as ensure check-in counters are fully staffed to help minimise travel disruptions.

"The preparations for managing visibility-related challenges this winter are moving in the right direction with good progress made in resolving the bottlenecks," the civil aviation ministry said in a release.

Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlung Vualnam, senior officials from the ministry, DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation), BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security), Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Delhi airport operator DIAL and airline representatives, among others, participated in the meeting.

On Monday, bad weather conditions in the national capital resulted in at least 15 flight diversions and a delay of more than 100 flights as visibility conditions were very poor.

Generally, the fog season starts in early December.

According to the release, airlines have confirmed that they will adhere to the DGCA guidelines with respect to deploying CAT II/III compliant aircraft and



pilots for Delhi and other airports that could be impacted by fog.

Out of the four runways at the Delhi airport, which is also the country's busiest airport, three have CAT III ILS (Instrument Landing System) that will permit flight operations at low visibility levels.

CAT II/III compliance will allow pilots to operate aircraft at low visibility conditions.

Airlines have been instructed to "proactively communicate with passengers about potential delays/ cancellations due to visibility issues and to ensure that correct passenger contact information is recorded during ticket booking. The flight has to be cancelled if the delay is exceeding three hours," the release said.

Proper facilitation of passengers is the priority during times

of flight delays and cancellations. Airlines should ensure that all check-in counters at airports are fully staffed to minimise passenger inconvenience, the minister said at the meeting.

Delhi airport operator DIAL (Delhi International Airport Ltd) has been advised to install LED screens at prominent locations for providing real-time updates on visibility conditions to passengers. Besides, it has been asked to ensure increased availability of 'Follow Me' vehicles to guide aircraft during low visibility conditions.

While emphasising on having a passenger-centric approach, Naidu mentioned the importance of real-time coordination between Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs), airlines, ground handlers and airport operators to ensure seamless operations. AGENCIES

मंत्रालय का निर्देश, तीन घंटे से ज्यादा फ्लाइट लेट हो, तो करनी होगी कैसल

विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

कोहरे की वजह से अगर कोई फ्लाइट में तीन घंटे से अधिक की देरी होती है, तो यात्रियों की सुविधा को देखते हुए उस फ्लाइट को एयरलाइंस को कैसल करना होगा। साथ ही तमाम एयरलाइंस को कोहरे के दौरान अपने एयरक्राफ्ट और पायलट कैट-3 वाले ऑपरेट करने होंगे। यह निर्देश केंद्रीय नागर विमानन मंत्री राम मोहन नायडू ने कोहरे को देखते हुए बुलाई हाई लेवल मीटिंग में दिए।

केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू ने कहा कि दिल्ली में इस बार कोहरे ने जल्दी दस्तक दे दी। कोहरे के मौसम को देखते हुए तमाम एयरलाइंस, एटीसी, ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग स्टाफ और एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेशन समेत सभी संबंधित एजेंसियों को आपस में और अधिक बेहतर तालमेल रखना होगा, ताकि फ्लाइट कम से कम लेट और कैसल हों और यात्रियों को असुविधा कम हो। यह भी कहा गया कि कोहरे के दौरान फ्लाइट को रास्ता दिखाने के लिए एयरपोर्ट पर 'फॉलो मी' चीकल भी होने चाहिए। एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेशन कंट्रोल



रूम (AOCC) से पूरे एयर ट्रेफिक मूवमेंट को अधिक से अधिक सामान्य बनाए रखने के लिए हर संभव प्रयास करने होंगे। दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के चार रनवे में से तीन कैट-3 आईएलएस सिस्टम से सक्रिय हो गए हैं। सभी एयरलाइंस इस बात को सुनिश्चित करें कि कोहरे के दौरान वह अपने एयरक्राफ्ट और पायलट कैट-2 और कैट-3 सिस्टम से लैस वाले ही तैनात करें, ताकि दिक्कतें कम से कम हों।

यह भी कहा गया है कि सभी एयरलाइंस और एयरपोर्ट ऑपरेशन डीजीसीए द्वारा दिए गए जरूरी दिशा-निर्देशों का पालन करें। ब्यूरो ऑफ सिविल एविएशन सिक्योरिटी

(BCAS) द्वारा कोहरे के दौरान फ्लाइट के डिले होने पर फ्लाइट से यात्रियों को डी-बोर्ड करने और फिर बोर्डिंग कराने वाले नियमों को पैसेंजर फ्रेंडली बनाने की भी सराहना की।

मीटिंग में विमानन मंत्रालय के सचिव, डीजीसीए, बीसीएएस, एएआई, एटीसी, दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट चलाने वाली कंपनी डायल, आईएमडी और अन्य तमाम संबंधित अधिकारियों ने हिस्सा लिया। दूसरी तरफ, गुरुवार को विमान इन एविएशन इंडिया द्वारा आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में शामिल हुए नागर विमानन सचिव मुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम ने कहा कि पांच साल में डोमेस्टिक एयरलाइंस के पास मौजूदा हवाई जहाजों की संख्या मौजूदा करीब 800 से बढ़कर 1400 के करीब हो जाएगी। इसके लिए इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने बड़ी संख्या में नए हवाई जहाज खरीदने के कंट्रैक्ट दे रखे हैं। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि अगले 10 सालों में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या मौजूदा 74 से दो गुना से भी अधिक बढ़कर 157 हो जाएगी। यात्रियों की संख्या भी डबल हो जाएगी।



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Number of hoax bomb threats to airlines have reduced: Civil Aviation Secretary

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Authorities have successfully handled the menace of hoax bomb calls to airlines and such calls have reduced. To a query about hoax bomb calls, Civil Aviation Secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam also said that authorities have tackled them successfully. He further said that procedures being adopted to deal with fog-related disruptions have been streamlined.

A few weeks back, hundreds of flights had received bomb threat calls that later turned out to be hoaxes. These threats had significantly impacted flight operations of various domestic carriers. "Our security have tackled this (hoax bomb calls) and we have seen also that we have been successful. The numbers have now gone down and from the airport threat assessment committee also, the consultation process has been streamlined. They have been made more responsive, (for) quick response..."

"We have successfully handled the hoax cases so that passengers and flights are not disrupted by hoax calls," Vualnam said.

As part of preparations for the



fog season during which generally there are flight disruptions due to low visibility conditions, the secretary said airlines have been instructed to timely inform passengers about delays or cancellations. "We will be issuing fresh instructions to remind airlines and airports for the arrangements for passengers".

"If there is any unavoidable delay in flights or cancellations, the procedures being adopted have been streamlined... BCAS has issued the circular and the drills are taking place. With this, there will be a better handling of fog season this year," he said.

Other steps include allowing passengers to exit from an aircraft through an airport depart-

ure gate in case there is a long delay in operating the flight after boarding. In this regard, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had issued a circular earlier this year.

"Now, with the drills and the space being earmarked, it has been activated. It requires holding areas to be earmarked and all those things... It will be applicable everywhere (airports) but Delhi is the top priority because of the weather and the volume of people," the secretary said on the sidelines of an event in the national capital.

On Wednesday, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu held a review meeting with various stakeholders on fog preparedness.



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पांच वर्ष में 1400 होगा घरेलू विमानों का बेड़ा

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

नागर विमानन सचिव वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम ने बृहस्पतिवार को कहा कि अगले पांच साल में घरेलू विमानन कंपनियों के पास मौजूद विमानों की संख्या बढ़कर 1,400 हो जाएगी। बेड़े में वर्तमान में करीब 800 विमान हैं। प्रमुख विमानन कम्पनियों इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया ने विमानों के लिए बड़े ठेके दे रखे हैं।

विमानन मंत्रालय के सहयोग से 'वीमेन इन एविएशन इंडिया'

द्वारा यहां आयोजित 'गिविंग विंग्स टू ड्रीम्स अवाइर्स 2024' में सचिव ने ड्रोन सहित विमानन क्षेत्र में महिलाओं के लिए मौजूद अवसरों का भी उल्लेख किया। वुअलनाम ने कहा कि अगले 10 वर्ष में हवाई अड्डों की संख्या मौजूदा 74 से दोगुना होकर 157 हो

जाएगी। यात्रियों की संख्या भी दोगुनी होकर 11 करोड़ से 22 करोड़ हो जाएगी।

उन्होंने साथ ही कहा कि 120 करोड़ रुपये की उत्पादन आधारित प्रोत्साहन (पीएलआई) योजना सफल रही और



लाभार्थी कंपनियों का कुल कारोबार बढ़कर 1,400 करोड़ रुपये हो गया है। ड्रोन के लिए पहली पीएलआई योजना की शुरुआत 20 करोड़ रुपये के परिव्यय के साथ 2021 में वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 से तीन वित्त वर्षों के लिए की गई थी जो अब समाप्त हो गई है।



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एयर इंडिया के विमान में महिला यात्री का यौन उत्पीड़न

पणजी। एयर इंडिया के दिल्ली से गोवा जा रहे विमान में महिला यात्री के यौन उत्पीड़न का मामला सामने आया है। दिल्ली निवासी एक महिला यात्री ने शिकायत दर्ज कराई है कि विमान में पुरुष यात्री ने उसका यौन उत्पीड़न किया। महिला यात्री की शिकायत के बाद पुलिस ने युवक को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है।

शिकायत के मुताबिक दिल्ली के जनकपुरी निवासी एक महिला मंगलवार को एयर इंडिया की दिल्ली से गोवा फ्लाइट में यात्रा कर रही थी। मंगलवार सुबह 11 बजे से दोपहर 1:20 बजे के बीच विमान में उसके पास वाली सीट पर बैठे यात्री ने कंबल खींच लिया और कथित तौर पर गलत हरकतें करने लगा। आरोपी जानबूझकर पीड़िता के बगल में कंबल खुला रखा। विमान जब दक्षिण गोवा के डबोल्मि स्थित गोवा अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उतरा तो महिला ने आरोपी युवक के खिलाफ पुलिस से शिकायत की।