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Kottayam greenfield airport set to get 'in-principle' okay; Defence, EIA nod in

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The Centre is considering granting 'in-principle' approval for a greenfield airport in Kottayam, Kerala, sources told *businessline*.

The greenfield airport is aimed at serving millions of pilgrims visiting the major pilgrimage site of Sabarimala.

The project is spread over 2,000 acres at Cheruvally Estate near Erumeli, sources said.

"It has already received site and defence clearance from the Centre, as well as 'Terms of Reference' approval for its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)," sources said.

"The Kerala government recently submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)," they said.

According to the DPR, the



The Cheruvally Estate where the Kerala govt proposes to build the Sabarimala greenfield airport

project will feature a 3,000-m runway capable of handling large aircraft such as Boeing 777s, a passenger terminal with a capacity of seven million annually, and a cargo facility.

APPROVAL STAGE

Sources said the project has reached the second stage of the Centre's Greenfield Airports Policy for getting 'in-principle' approval to start land acquisition for con-

struction and other activities. "The Ministry of Civil Aviation and associated ministries such as Home and Defence, along with IMD, are deliberating on granting 'in-principle' approval to the project," sources said, adding, "We are hopeful that the approval will be granted soon."

However, the journey to this stage was not easy, as an earlier plan for an airport on the same site was put on hold after the Kerala government had to withdraw land acquisition notices.

At that time, a High Court order had flagged issues like using a non-independent agency for the social impact study and unclear land ownership records.

These legal and procedural hurdles delayed the project for long, but now sources said these issues had been resolved with new documents and a Detailed Project Report.



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एएआई को समझौते के तहत जरूरी व्यवस्था करने का दिया था सुझाव, नहीं माना

सामरिक नियम-कायदों से बंधी वायुसेना, एयरफील्ड या एएलजी से रात्रि उड़ाने असंभव

हरिभूमि ब्यूरो ►► नई दिल्ली

देश की राष्ट्रीय राजधानी से सटा गाजियाबाद का हिंडन एयरबेस इन दिनों नागरिक विमानों की उड़ान में हो रही देरी के लिए चर्चा में बना हुआ है। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) का कहना है कि इसके लिए भारतीय वायुसेना और उसके कुछ जटिल नियम जिम्मेदार हैं। लेकिन दूसरी तरफ रक्षा सूत्रों ने शुक्रवार को बताया कि जिस सरकारी क्षेत्रीय संयोजकता योजना (आरसीएस- उड़ान) के तहत एएआई ने वायुसेना के देशभर में मौजूद एयरबेस और एडवांस लैंडिंग ग्राउंड से असेन्य उड़ानों के संचालन के लिए जो पंचवर्षीय समझौता किया था। उसके तहत अभी तक रनवे के इस्तेमाल, विमानों की पार्किंग से लेकर अन्य जरूरी छांचागत व्यवस्था को

हिंडन एयरबेस से नागरिक विमानों की उड़ान में देरी में वायुसेना की भूमिका नहीं



फाइल फोटो

पृथक आधार पर मुकम्मल नहीं किया गया है। जो कि इस पूरी समस्या की मूल जड़ है और इसका वायुसेना से तर्कसंगत आधार पर कोई लेना देना नहीं है। प्राधिकरण का ये कहना है कि मामले में उसे वायुसेना का सहयोग नहीं मिल रहा है। यह उचित नहीं है। वर्तमान में हिंडन एयरबेस से एयर इंडिया और ►► शेष पेज 7 पर

48 एयरफील्ड से उड़ान भरते विमान

सूत्रों ने कहा, देश में वायुसेना की कुल करीब 54 एयरफील्ड हैं। जिनमें से 39 एयरफील्ड और 9 एडवांस लैंडिंग ग्राउंड (एएलजी) को उड़ान योजना के तहत दोहरे (सेन्य, असेन्य) इस्तेमाल के लिए चयन किया गया था। बल की मुख्य एयरफील्ड में हिंडन, श्रीनगर, लेह, कुलीवाम और पुणे शामिल हैं। हिंडन एयरबेस 5 हजार 425 वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में फैला हुआ है। यहां से नागरिक उड़ानों की शुरुआत दिल्ली और एनसीआर के लोगों को हवाई यात्रा की सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए की गई थी। अग्नी हिंडन से शिमला, जम्मू, कलशुर्वा, फैजाबाद, काबुल, नासिक, हुबली और पिथौरागढ़ जैसे जगहों के लिए नागरिक विमान उड़ाव भर रहे हैं।



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Nanded airport closed as DGCA flags violations

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NEW DELHI: The civil aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has shut down Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Airport in Nanded after it found serious safety lapses, multiple officials aware of the matter told HT.

"The DGCA issued an order to shut down the Nanded airport after it found four serious issues with the airport," an official said.

"The lapses included big potholes on the runway, no power back up and inadequate fire tenders," the second official said. "The lapses have been categorized as L1

THE DISRUPTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT THE AIRPORT FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, AN OFFICIAL SAID

by the DGCA," he added.

The DGCA classifies safety-related audit findings into two tiers: Level 1 (L1) and Level 2 (L2). L1 refers to the most serious violations, considered direct safety hazards that demand immediate corrective action by the airline, while L2 violations

typically include procedural non-compliances or administrative oversights that do not pose an immediate danger but still require rectification. The airport operates for seven hours a day and has Star Air as its sole airline operator. The airline runs 10 daily flights to and from Nanded.

"One of the DGCA's observations was that the airport operated with Doppler VOR, which is less accurate than satellite-based systems," the official added.

Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd (MADC), which manages the airport, did not respond to queries sent to them.

People aware of the matter said that senior management officials of Star Air, the airline impacted due to the closure, met with ministry officials on Friday.

"The airline carries 5,000 passengers weekly. Due to heavy footfalls of the pilgrims in Nanded, the advance booking runs up to 180,000. The airline presented the impact of the closure not only on passengers but also on them," one of the people said. "The disruptions are expected to impact the airline for at least a week," the official added.

Nanded is a major centre for the Sikh community, drawing pilgrims from Punjab.

क्या एयरफोर्स की वजह से हो रही है हिंडन पर फ्लाइट में देरी?

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■ नई दिल्ली : हिंडन एयरपोर्ट में पिछले महीने कई सिविल फ्लाइट में देरी हुई और कुछ फ्लाइट को डायवर्ट तक करना पड़ा। भारत सरकार की उड़ान स्कीम के तहत एयरफोर्स के 39 एयरबेस और 9 अडवांस लैंडिंग ग्राउंड को दोहरे इस्तेमाल के लिए यानी मिलिट्री और सिविल दोनों के इस्तेमाल के लिए खोला गया था, इसमें से हिंडन भी एक है।

एयरफोर्स की ऑपरेशनल तैयारियां प्रभावित होने का डर

एयरफोर्स देखती है रनवे फैसिलिटी

2020 की शुरुआत में हिंडन एयरबेस में भी सिविल फ्लाइट शुरू की गईं। यहां टर्मिनल फैसिलिटी तो सिविल अथॉरिटी के जिम्मे है, लेकिन रनवे फैसिलिटी एयरफोर्स के पास है। एयरफोर्स सूत्रों के मुताबिक फायर फाइटिंग सर्विस, एटीसी कंट्रोल, बर्ड हेजाई कंट्रोल टीम, कम्युनिकेशन सर्विसेज टीम, ये सारा काम एयरफोर्स के लोग ही देखते हैं।



28 जुलाई को NBT में प्रकाशित खबर

चेकिंग के दौरान भी यात्रियों को होती है दिक्कत (फाइल फोटो)

300 लोगों की है हिंडन एयरपोर्ट टर्मिनल की कैपिसिटी, अभी 400 से ज्यादा पैसंजर आते हैं

2020 की शुरुआत में हिंडन एयरबेस पर भी सिविल फ्लाइट शुरू की गई थी

300-ha land parcel identified for new Dwarka airport

Tourist Influx Expected To Rise Significantly

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Rajkot: Connectivity to the temple town of Dwarka, visited by lakhs of Lord Krishna devotees every year, is set for a major boost with authorities finally identifying land for a new airport.

After several failed attempts, the Devbhumi Dwarka district administration has earmarked nearly 300 hectares near Vasai village, around 12 km from Dwarka, for the aviation facility.

Officials said the govern-



The district administration is preparing to begin the land acquisition process

ment already owns about 45% of this land, while the rest belongs to private holders. The district collector's office is preparing to initiate the acquisition process under the state's policy framework.

"This is the third time land has been identified for the project. Earlier proposals were rejected by the civil av-

iation department due to negative feasibility reports. Considering this is a coastal border region with vital army installations, all parameters are being reviewed with extra caution," said a senior official.

Once the acquisition is complete, the land will be handed over to the state civil aviation department for development in coordination with the Centre and after regulatory clearances.

Besides the ancient Dwarakadhish temple—the prime draw for pilgrims—the development of Shivrajpur beach and the Sudarshan Setu to Bet Dwarka have led to a massive influx of visitors.

Dwarka is presently connected by rail to north, north-east, and south India, with an 8-hour journey from Ahmedabad and a 17-hour journey from Mumbai. Officials

said the new airport will drastically reduce travel time for pilgrims and tourists, while also serving the Air Force's strategic needs in emergencies.

Other attractions expected to get a boost include the Marine National Park and coastal biodiversity hotspots in Devbhumi Dwarka and adjoining Jamnagar district.

Tourist numbers have already surged after the inauguration of the Sudarshan Setu bridge linking Bet Dwarka to the mainland. The tourism department is now planning infrastructure to cater to the growing crowds, including lakes, beaches, and a marine interpretation centre. The project aims to transform Bet Dwarka from a purely religious destination into a holistic tourism hub offering cultural, natural, and recreational experiences.



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Sniffer dog attacks 4-yr-old at Kol airport

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Kolkata: A four-year-old boy headed to Malaysia for a holiday with his family on Aug 12 was attacked by a Customs dog at Kolkata airport resulting in deep scratches on his back and leading to his hospitalisation. The family had to scuttle its trip and on Aug 19 lodged an FIR with NSCBI airport police station against the dog handler.

The child, Anav Jain, is now undergoing a treatment protocol that requires five doses of immunisation administered over 28 days.

The dog, a four-year-old female Alsatian named Nancy, was trained for narcotics detection at the Customs Canine Centre at Attari, airport sources said. Customs officials, when contacted, did not comment on the matter.

"My four-year-old son fell victim to a vicious attack by a Customs department dog named Nancy while we were en route to departure Gate 4A & 48 for our flight to Malaysia. The incompetent dog handler failed to control the dog, resulting in an unprovoked and 'severe-category' injury to my child," Rounak Jain, a businessman, said in the FIR.

He alleged that despite their cries for help, the dog handler "deserted his post and absconded with the dog, leaving us to deal with the traumatic aftermath alone".



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Customs dog attacks child at Kolkata airport

Boy Sustains Deep Scratches, Family Files Case Against Canine Handler

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Kolkata: A Customs dog at Kolkata airport allegedly attacked a four-year-old boy headed to Malaysia and Singapore for a holiday with family on Aug 12. The child sustained deep scratches on his back and had to be hospitalised.

The child is undergoing a treatment protocol that requires five doses of immunisation administered over 28 days. Forced to scuttle the trip, his family filed a complaint against the dog handler at NSCBI airport police station on Aug 19, based on which an FIR was registered.

In his complaint, the boy's father Rounak Jain stated that the family was heading to the departure gates to board their Malaysia-bound flight when the dog attacked his son. "The incompetent handler failed to control the dog, resulting in an unprovoked and 'severe category' injury to my child," he said. Despite their cries for help, he alleged that the handler "deserted his post and absconded with the dog, leaving

Apex court refuses urgent hearing against MCD circular on stray dogs

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday turned down a plea for urgent listing of an application against a circular issued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for removal of stray dogs from streets.

As the Chief Justice of India was heading a constitution bench on Thursday, before which mentioning of cases is not allowed, the case was mentioned before a bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi, which rejected the plea. The court noted that the order has already been reserved in cases related to stray dogs.

The controversy surrounding stray dogs remains unresolved with a three-judge bench having reserved its order on Aug 14 against a two-judge bench verdict to remove all stray dogs from the streets of the capital and National Capital Region (NCR).

While reserving its order, a three-judge bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria had blamed the inaction and inefficiency of local authorities in implementing Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules for the proliferation of stray dogs on the streets of NCR. **TNN**

us to deal with the traumatic aftermath alone".

Jain, a businessman, claimed that airport authorities displayed a "shocking lack of empathy and urgency" and only sprang into action when his son's condition deteriorated. "The airport doctor downplayed the severity of the dog bite, when it was painfully evident that my child urgently required immediate medical attention," his complaint stated. He further alleged that the family's request for CCTV footage was denied.

Bidhannagar Police registered an FIR against the dog handler under BNS Section 291, which deals with negligence

leading to human injuries from animal attacks and is punishable by six months in jail or a fine of ₹500, or both. Jain said they rushed his son to a private hospital in New Town, where he underwent overnight treatment and follow-ups for a week. The family provided authorities with all necessary documents, including hospital records.

The canine, a four-year-old female Alsatian named Nancy, had been trained to detect narcotics at the Customs Canine Centre at Attari, airport sources said. Airport authorities said they were investigating the claims. Customs officials, meanwhile, refused to comment.



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Hydroponic ganja, shark fin seized at city airport

Ganja Worth ₹12 Cr Seized From Two Indian Flyers

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Chennai: Chennai airport customs on Thursday foiled a drug smuggling bid from Thailand, seizing 12 kg of hydroponic ganja worth ₹12 crore from two Indian flyers who used identical concealment tricks in trolley bags — the second such bust this month.

Based on specific inputs from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), the air intelligence unit of Chennai Customs intercepted two passengers who arrived from Bangkok on a Thai Airlines flight that landed in Chennai in the early hours of Thursday.



One flyer had hidden four kg of hydroponic ganja in the false bottom of his checked-in trolley bag, packed in vacuum-sealed sachets with fruiting tops. The other concealed nearly eight kg in his baggage, camouflaged as a cake. In all, 12 kg of the highly potent weed, valued at ₹12 crore, was seized from the duo.

During interrogation, sleuths found that the smugglers were promised monetary compensation to carry the drug from Bangkok to Chennai and deliver the consignment to receivers waiting outside the airport. They suspect that both carriers must have been engaged by the same gang, though the flyers

did not know each other as they belonged to different states. They must have been sent on the same flight in the hope that at least one of them would successfully get out to deliver the consignment, said a customs official.

On Aug 7, customs sleuths at Chennai airport seized four kg of hydroponic ganja from a flyer who arrived from Malaysia. Hydroponic weed has replaced other synthetic drugs as a major party drug for its high tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content and easy availability, and is in huge demand in Bengaluru, Kerala, and Chennai.

In another seizure, customs sleuths prevented the smuggling of dried shark fins to Singapore from Chennai on Aug 17. About 11.6kg of shark fins were seized from two passengers.

The export of shark fins is prohibited under the Foreign Trade Policy, and the contraband was seized under the provisions of the Customs Act.



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एअर इंडिया की मुंबई- जोधपुर फ्लाइट उड़ान भरने से पहले ही रद्द

मुंबई। एअर इंडिया की मुंबई से जोधपुर जाने वाली फ्लाइट शुकवार को परिचालन से जुड़ी दिक्कतों की वजह से उड़ान भरने से पहले ही रद्द कर दी गई। एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि यात्रियों को उनके गंतव्य तक पहुंचाने के लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई थी। एयरलाइन ने आगे कहा कि 22 अगस्त को मुंबई से जोधपुर जाने वाली फ्लाइट एआई645 एक परिचालन से जुड़ी दिक्कत की वजह से वे में वापस आ गई। ब्यूरो



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A-I flight from Mumbai aborts takeoff due to 'operational' reasons

An Air India flight from Mumbai to Jodhpur aborted takeoff and returned to the bay on Friday due to "operational" reasons. Alternative arrangements were made to fly the passengers to their destination, the Tata-owned airline said in a statement, without sharing further details. "Flight AI645 operating from Mumbai to Jodhpur on August 22 returned to bay due to an operational issue. The cockpit crew decided to discontinue the take-off run following standard operating procedures and brought the aircraft back," Air India said in a statement. PTI



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न्यूयॉर्क से उड़े बोइंग के इंजन में खराबी आने से रास्ते से लौटा

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बोइंग के एक और विमान को आपातकालीन स्थिति का सामना करना पड़ा है। एयर फ्रांस के बोइंग 777 से संचालित विमान ने मंगलवार को न्यूयॉर्क से पेरिस के लिए उड़ान भरी थी। लेकिन अटलांटिक सागर के ऊपर से यूटर्न लेकर न्यूयॉर्क लौट आया। फ्लाइट ट्रैकर वेबसाइट के मुताबिक, विमान ने रात 12:28 बजे उड़ान भरी थी, लेकिन रात 1:14 बजे 'मेडे' घोषित कर लौट आया।

पायलट ने बाद में एटीसी को बताया कि विमान के दाएं इंजन में खराबी आ गई थी। इस विमान में यात्रियों और चालक दल सहित 311 लोग सवार थे और इसमें 6.5 घंटे का ईंधन था। मालूम हो, अहमदाबाद

मुंबई-जोधपुर एयर इंडिया फ्लाइट का टेकऑफ रद्द

मुंबई से जोधपुर जा रही एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआई 645 ने शुक्रवार को ऑपरेशनल समस्याओं के चलते टेकऑफ बीच में ही रोक दिया। एअर इंडिया ने यात्रियों को वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था के तहत उनकी मंजिल तक पहुंचाने की बात कही है। कंपनी ने कहा कि पायलट ने सुरक्षा के नियमों के अनुसार टेकऑफ रोकने का फैसला लिया।

में 12 जून को भी बोइंग का विमान फ्यूल कंट्रोल स्विच बंद होने के बाद क्रैश हो गया था। इस विमान के पायलट ने भी मेडे कॉल दिया था, लेकिन विमान लौट नहीं पाया और हदसे का शिकार हो गया था।



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कोझिकोड से विमान सेवा शुरू करेगी अकासा एयर

नई दिल्ली। नवोदित किफायती विमान सेवा कंपनी अकासा एयर आगामी 01 अक्टूबर से केरल के कोझिकोड (कालीकट) से मुंबई के लिए दैनिक विमान सेवा शुरू करेगी। एयरलाइंस ने शुक्रवार को बताया कि कोझिकोड उसके नेटवर्क में जुड़ने वाला 24वां घरेलू और कुल मिलाकर 30वां शहर होगा। इसके लिए बुकिंग शुरू हो गयी है। इससे पहले वह केरल में कोच्चि के लिए सेवा प्रदान कर रही है। मूर्तियों का शहर कोझिकोड अपनी सांस्कृतिक विरासत, दर्शनीय स्थलों और व्यापार के लिए जाना जाता है। अकासा एयर के सह-संस्थापक और मुख्य वाणिज्यिक अधिकारी, प्रवीण अय्यर ने कहा कि हमें कोझिकोड को अपने नेटवर्क में 30वें शहर के रूप में जोड़कर खुशी हो रही है। यह अकासा एयर की विकास यात्रा में एक मील का पत्थर साबित होगा और केरल में हमारी कनेक्टिविटी का विस्तार करेगा।



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GMR Airports board clears proposal to raise up to ₹5K cr

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NEW DELHI

GMR Airports' board on Thursday approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore through issuance of securities.

Besides, the board of the company has approved setting up of a wholly-owned subsidiary as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to undertake the cargo city project at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital.

The proposals were cleared by the board at its meeting held on Thursday.

According to a regulatory filing the board has given its

nod to an enabling resolution for raising of funds up to Rs 5,000 crore in one or more tranches, through issue of securities, including fully paid-up equity shares and non-convertible debentures.

The company might also look at issuing Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) to raise the funds, it added. Meanwhile, GMR Airports Ltd will be developing the cargo city spread over 50.5 acres of land at the IGIA.

The IGIA is the country's largest airport and is operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), a subsidiary of GMR Airports.



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पार्किंग न मिलने से उड़ता रहा विमान

अव्यवस्था

ट्रांस हिंडन, वरिष्ठ संवाददाता। हिंडन एयरपोर्ट पर अव्यवस्थाएं बढ़ रही हैं। गुरुवार को पटना से आया विमान पार्किंग न मिलने से एयरपोर्ट के ऊपर करीब 20 मिनट तक चक्कर लगाता रहा। जगह होने पर विमान को उतारा गया और यात्रियों ने राहत की सांस ली।

बसुंधरा में रहने वाले अमित किशोर दोस्त राजीव रंजन के साथ पटना गए थे। उन्हें बुधवार को एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान से गाजियाबाद लौटना था। अमित ने बताया कि पटना

यात्री ने डीजीसीए से शिकायत की

एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के विमान से आए यात्री अमित किशोर ने नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) से शिकायत की है। वहीं, हिंडन विमानपत्तन सलाहकार समिति के अध्यक्ष और स्थानीय सांसद अतुल गर्ग का कहना है कि अतिरिक्त पार्किंग की मांग की गई है। कुछ उड़ानों को कम किए जाने पर मंथन चल रहा है।

से सुबह 10:50 बजे उड़ान थी। सवा नौ बजे इसे रद्द किए जाने का संदेश मिला। कर्मचारियों ने बताया कि हिंडन पर पार्किंग की समस्या होने के कारण उड़ान रद्द कर दी गई है। उनकी नाराजगी के बाद शाम चार बजे का वैकल्पिक रूट का टिकट दिया गया। दिल्ली जाने वाले इस विमान में जब उन्होंने प्रवेश किया तो राजीव रंजन की सीट पर कोई

और बैठा था। कंपनी ने एक ही सीट दो लोगों को दे दी थी। 40 मिनट माथापाची के बाद कंपनी के अधिकारी ने कहा कि जो पहले आया है, वही बैठेगा। अमित और राजीव विमान से उतर गए। पुलिस में शिकायत की चेतावनी देने के बाद उन्हें गुरुवार सुबह का टिकट दिया गया। विमान उड़ा, लेकिन 20 मिनट तक एयरपोर्ट के आसपास घूमता रहा।



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Celebi withdraws plea in HC against revocation of airport security clearance

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■ Mumbai

The subsidiary of Turkiye-based airport ground handling services major Celebi on Thursday withdrew its plea in the Bombay High Court against revocation of its security clearance by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

A bench of justices BP Colabawalla and Firdosh Pooniwalla allowed the same and disposed of the plea. The Bombay HC had been deferring hearing of the plea awaiting a verdict on an identical plea before Delhi HC, which was dismissed last

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month. On July 7, the Delhi HC dismissed a writ petition by another Celebi subsidiary seeking suspension and annulment of the security clearance cancellation.

Celebi's counsel Chetan Kapadia on Thursday told Bombay HC bench that the firm seeks to withdraw its plea, which the court accepted. The petition had sought

suspension and annulment of the administrative decision of security clearance cancellation granted by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security under the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India.

The HC had last month also vacated its earlier interim order restraining Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) from finalising tenders for ground and bridge handling services post termination of Celebi's contract.

A single bench had then said the interim protection granted in May cannot be continued in view of the judgment passed by the Delhi High Court in July dismissing the petition filed by Celebi

against similar contract termination of the Delhi airport and revocation of security clearance.

Amid the backlash in India over Turkiye's support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, India's aviation security regulator BCAS revoked the security clearance of Celebi Airport Services India on grounds related to national security with immediate effect.

The company had moved the High Court against revocation of its security clearance and subsequent termination of its contract with MIAL. Celebi holds 59 per cent capital of Celebi Nas Airport Services India Private Limited.



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India-China direct flights likely to start in a mth

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New Delhi: India and China could resume direct flights within a month, with airlines on both sides expecting an announcement when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Tianjin later this month for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit.

Sources said that Chinese

carriers could realistically resume flights "tomorrow", if required, but airlines in India "might need to do some work" before that.

"The air service agreement (ASA) between India and China has to be revised. There can be dialogue on that. But the issue is, do we wait for the ASA to be revised or resume flights under the existing bilateral arrange-

ments? The latter seems more likely," a source said.

IndiGo and Air India have some operational issues to address, including their pre-pandemic slots at Chinese airports being given away to other carriers. "Our airlines will take some time. We are of the view that flights should resume when carriers on both sides are able to resume operations," the source said.



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Air India cuts loss but AI Express sees it rising

New Delhi: Tata's full service Air India managed to cut its loss by almost a quarter, while the low cost (LCC) Air India Express saw its loss more than triple in the first fiscal (FY26) of the salt-to-satellite conglomerate consolidating its airline business. AIX Connect (erstwhile AirAsia India) was merged into AI Express last Oct. The merged LCC's provisional loss in FY25 was Rs 5,678 crore, up from Rs 1,357 crore combined loss of AI Express (Rs 163 crore) and AIX Connect (Rs 1,194 crore). Vistara was merged into Air India last Nov and the combined full service carrier's loss in FY25 was 3,890, down from combined loss of Rs 5,025 crore of AI (Rs 4,444 crore) and Vistara (Rs 581 crore) in FY 24. TNN



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THE TRIBUNE

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Panel demands mandatory mountain training for pilots

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

A parliamentary panel has issued a scathing indictment of India's aviation safety regime, warning that helicopter operations during the Char Dham Yatra remain mired in regulatory confusion, reactive measures and systemic neglect, despite a spate of fatal accidents earlier this year.

The Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, chaired by JDU MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, said the

oversight structure created "a responsibility vacuum" between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority.

"The DGCA's position of being a passive licensing authority represents an abdication of its ultimate responsibility for ensuring the safety of all civil aviation activities within the country," the report said, adding that ambiguity between Central and state regulators had created an "inherently unsafe and unsustainable" two-tier system.

Tata's aviation bet bleeds as AI, Express post ₹9,568-crore loss

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Tata Group's aviation gamble is under fresh scrutiny after official data revealed that Air India and Air India Express together suffered a pre-tax loss of Rs 9,568.4 crore in 2024-25, raising questions about the long-term viability of the national carrier's revival plan.

Air India, once the flag bearer of Indian aviation, reported a loss before tax of Rs 3,890.2 crore in the last financial year. More worrying was the performance of Air India Express, the group's low-cost arm which had historically been profitable but swung to a massive Rs 5,678.2 crore loss in 2024-25. Both airlines were acquired by the Tata Group in January 2022 with hopes of a turnaround.

Debt burden across airlines hints at trouble



The provisional figures were disclosed by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

In contrast, IndiGo, India's largest carrier by market share, registered a pre-tax profit of Rs 7,587.5 crore, underlining the widening gap in financial

performance between the Tata-owned airlines and their chief rival. Among smaller players, Akasa Air lost Rs 1,983.4 crore while SpiceJet posted a comparatively lower loss of Rs 58.1 crore.

The debt burden across airlines also paints a troubling picture. Air India alone carried Rs 26,879.6

crore in debt, while IndiGo's obligations stood at an even higher Rs 67,088.4 crore. Air India Express had dues of Rs 617.5 crore, SpiceJet Rs 886 crore and Akasa Air Rs 78.5 crore.

Explaining the numbers, Mohol told Parliament that following the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in 1994, the aviation sector was deregulated and airlines now took independent calls on raising funds, restructuring loans and other financial decisions based on commercial considerations.

The data highlights how the Tata Group, despite significant investments and brand repositioning efforts, continues to battle mounting losses in aviation while rivals such as IndiGo are pulling ahead with record profits.