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## **Air India flight safety auditor found dead**

**Gurgaon:** A flight safety auditor of Air India from Mumbai was found dead in his room at a PG accommodation in Gurgaon where he was staying for the last few days, the police said. The deceased was identified as Prafull Sawant. The police handed over the body to his kin after the postmortem, and have been questioning the staff and inmates of the PG as part of the probe into the case. According to the police, Sawant, a Mumbai resident and an Air India flight safety auditor, had been living at Gaurav PG in Sector 30 for a few days. The PG staff informed the police that Sawant had returned to his room after having breakfast on Monday morning. The PG staff said that Sawant's daily routine was normal and he had no problems till morning, said police. No suicide note was found in the room. — PTI



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## अमेरिका जा रहा एअर इंडिया का बोइंग विमान 3 घंटे बाद वापस लौटा

नई दिल्ली। एअर इंडिया के बोइंग विमान में एक बार फिर तकनीकी खराबी का मामला सामने आया है। मुंबई से अमेरिका के न्यूवर्क जा रही एअर इंडिया की फ्लाइट एआई191 को तीन घंटे बाद मुंबई लौटना पड़ा। विमान में कितने यात्री सवार थे इसकी जानकारी नहीं दी गई। उड़ान ट्रेकिंग वेबसाइट



फ्लाइटट्रेडर24 के मुताबिक, एअर इंडिया के इस बोइंग विमान ने बुधवार तड़के 1.50 बजे मुंबई से उड़ान भरी थी। करीब तीन घंटे हवा में रहने के बाद विमान

में तकनीकी समस्या का पता चला, जिसके बाद विमान मुंबई एयरपोर्ट पर लौट आया। एयरलाइन प्रबंधन ने कहा कि विमान के चालक दल को संदिग्ध तकनीकी समस्या के कारण एहतियातन मुंबई वापस लौटना पड़ा। विमान सुरक्षित रूप से मुंबई में उतर गया और विमान का आवश्यक निरीक्षण किया जा रहा है। एअर इंडिया ने बताया कि उड़ान संख्या एआई-191 (मुंबई से न्यूवर्क) और एआई-144 (न्यूवर्क से मुंबई) दोनों उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। मुंबई में फंसे यात्रियों को होटल में ठहराने की व्यवस्था की गई है और उन्हें अन्य एअर इंडिया या साझेदार एयरलाइनों की फ्लाइट से गंतव्य तक भेजा जा रहा है। एजेसी



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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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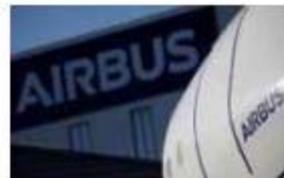
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## Airbus to inaugurate new assembly line in China



**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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## Lessors protest India draft rules on payment of dues to reclaim jets

A group of global lessors has asked India to reconsider draft [aviation](#) rules they say complicate the task of reclaiming aircraft from distressed carriers by requiring lessors to first clear airline taxes and salaries, sources said. India is a key market for lessors as hundreds of new planes are on order by the likes of Air India and IndiGo. About 80 per cent of commercial passenger jets in the country are leased rather than owned, well above the global average of 58 per cent. The bankruptcy of Indian airline Go First in 2023 left lessors scrambling to reclaim planes as they negotiated its complex laws, leading some to call India a risky jurisdiction.

REUTERS



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## A-I's Newark-bound jet returns to Mumbai after technical issue

A Newark-bound Air India (A-I) flight, operated with a Boeing 777 aircraft, returned to Mumbai on Wednesday morning due to a technical issue. The Boeing 777 plane, which took off at around 1.50 am for Newark on Wednesday, was airborne for over three hours before returning to Mumbai, according to information available on website Flightradar24.com. "The flight landed safely back in Mumbai, and the aircraft is undergoing necessary inspections," the airline said. ¶¶



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DAINIK BHASKAR

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## हादसा टला • विमान में 166 यात्री सवार थे इंडिगो फ्लाइट में फ्यूल लीक, मे-डे कॉल, फिर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

भास्कर न्यूज़। वाराणसी

देश में बुधवार को दो विमानों की इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग करानी पड़ी। पहली घटना वाराणसी में हुई। यहां कोलकाता से श्रीनगर जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-6961 में फ्यूल लीक होने लगा। उस वक्त विमान हवा में था और इसमें क्रू समेत 166 यात्री सवार थे। पायलट को लीकेज का सिग्नल मिलते ही उसने नजदीक के एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को मे-डे कॉल किया। इसके बाद पायलट ने शाम 4:10 बजे विमान को वाराणसी के लाल बहादुर शास्त्री इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट

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आया एआई का विमान

इससे पहले, बुधवार तड़के एअर इंडिया की न्यूयॉर्क जा रही फ्लाइट एआई 191 तीन घंटे उड़ान के बाद वापस मुंबई लौट आई। विमान ने देररात 1.50 बजे उड़ान भरी थी। रास्ते में तकनीकी खराबी आते ही पायलट विमान मुंबई लौटा लाया। कंपनी ने यात्रियों की संख्या नहीं बताई है।

पर सुरक्षित उतार लिया। हवाई पट्टी पर पहले से मौजूद सुरक्षा तंत्र ने सभी यात्रियों को बाहर निकाला।



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## इंडिगो मुंबई से मदीना के लिए शुरू करेगी दैनिक उड़ान

नई दिल्ली। विमान सेवा कंपनी इंडिगो मुंबई से सऊदी अरब के धार्मिक शहर मदीना के लिए 15 नवंबर से सीधी दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करेगी। एयरलाइंस ने बुधवार को बताया कि इस नए रूट के लिए बुकिंग शुरू हो गई है। वह इस मार्ग पर एयरबस ए320 विमान का परिचालन करेगी। मुंबई से सीधे मदीना को जोड़ने वाली यह पहली उड़ान होगी। इंडिगो सऊदी अरब के चार शहरों जेद्दाह, रियाद, दम्मम और मदीना के लिए सप्ताह में 150 से अधिक उड़ानों का परिचालन पहले से कर रही है। वह मदीना के लिए हैदराबाद से सप्ताह में चार उड़ानों का परिचालन करती है जिसे 16 नवंबर से बढ़ाकर दैनिक सेवा में बदल दिया जाएगा।



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RS DAINIK JAGRAN

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## एअर इंडिया का नेवार्क जा रहा विमान तकनीकी खराबी के कारण मुंबई लौटा

नई दिल्ली, ग्रेट : एअर इंडिया का विमान बुधवार सुबह तकनीकी खराबी के कारण मुंबई लौट आया। यह विमान अमेरिका के नेवार्क जा रहा था। उड़ान ट्रेकिंग वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध



जानकारी के अनुसार, बुधवार को लगभग 1.50 बजे नेवार्क के लिए उड़ान भरने वाला बोइंग 777 विमान मुंबई लौटने से पहले तीन घंटे से अधिक समय तक हवा में रहा। एयरलाइन ने कहा, "22 अक्टूबर को मुंबई से नेवार्क जाने वाली उड़ान एआइ191 के चालक दल ने सख्त तकनीकी खराबी के कारण एहतियातन मुंबई वापसी की। उड़ान सुरक्षित रूप से मुंबई वापस आ गई और विमान की आवश्यक जांच की जा रही है।" एअर इंडिया ने कहा कि एआइ191 और एआइ144 (नेवार्क से मुंबई के लिए निर्धारित) रद्द कर दी गई। मुंबई में सभी प्रभावित यात्रियों को होटल में ठहरने की व्यवस्था की गई है और उनके गंतव्य के लिए एअर इंडिया और अन्य एयरलाइनों की वैकल्पिक उड़ानों में उनकी बुकिंग कर दी गई है। यात्रियों की संख्या के बारे में जानकारी नहीं दी गई है। एयरलाइन ने कहा कि नेवार्क से आने वाले एआइ144 के यात्रियों को भी इसके बारे में सूचित कर दिया गया है और उन्हें यथाशीघ्र वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था के साथ सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है।



## Jet tycoon amasses \$1.5-billion fortune on air travel spikes

When Boeing was navigating one of its most difficult periods last year, a relatively unknown plane buyer gave the manufacturer a much-needed shot of relief.

A deal for up to 80 narrowbody jets came shortly after a prolonged strike at one of the US firm's key factories. And just months earlier, a mid-air panel blowout on an Alaska Airlines had reignited scrutiny of the firm's manufacturing practices after fatal accidents.

Godminas Ziemelis saw an opportunity. The Dubai-based entrepreneur had just spent more than a year convincing the manufacturer to work with his Ireland-based plane leasing outfit Avin. Boeing, he says, preferred to deal instead with airlines directly.

"We hired Michael Pompeo partly to represent our interests, and we finally got attention," from Boeing's top management, said Ziemelis, referring to the former US Secretary of State. His firm's order, he argued, one of the first after the strike, was a "very, very important deal", for Boeing.

Ziemelis, 48, has made a business of convincing others on the merits of so-called wet leasing, a risky aviation trade that involves hiring out planes to airlines complete with pilots, cabin crew and maintenance support. It's proved a lucrative business. He's built up a fortune of \$1.5 billion.

**Wet leasing typically comes at a higher cost than traditional 'dry' leasing, making it a harder sell to cost-conscious and budget airlines**

### One-stop solution

Ziemelis offers a one-stop shop solution during unexpected peaks in demand, or when airlines face unplanned maintenance. He's amassed an empire of 187 aircraft, leasing planes on a short-term basis to the likes of Germany's Eurowings and Mexico's Grupo Viva Aerobus.

Ziemelis's business pitch hinges on the promise of speed and flexibility.

Airlines facing delivery delays or struggling with staffing and maintenance often can't wait months to bring new aircraft into service. Wet leasing, formally known as ACMI for aircraft, crew, maintenance, and insurance offers an immediate — if pricey — stop gap.

### Flying high

A law school graduate, Ziemelis has invested in areas ranging from agriculture to real estate. He started in aviation in the early 2000s, helping privatise and restructure the state-owned airline in his home country of Lithuania.

Over the next two decades, he built an empire spanning pilot training schools and maintenance hangars to full-scale charter operators. There are more than 200 firms in the Avia group of companies, supported by about 14,000 aviation workers. By 2030, it plans to have 700 aircraft in its fleet.

— Bloomberg



Godminas Ziemelis



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## IndiGo plane en route to Srinagar hit by tech glitch



AN INDIGO PLANE

en route to Srinagar from Kolkata made a precautionary landing at the Varanasi airport on Wednesday evening due to a technical issue. Sources said malfunctioning of a sensor in the aircraft led to a false alarm of fuel leakage, following which the plane landed in Varanasi.



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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. UDAN was launched on October 21, 2016. "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.

## Pilot averts crisis with mid-roll abort

**HDBureau**

CHENNAI

A pilot's prompt decision to abort take-off at Chennai International Airport prevented what could have been a serious incident when a SpiceJet flight bound for Hyderabad encountered a technical failure. The incident occurred at around 6:00 am as the aircraft began its take-off roll on Tuesday carrying 74 passengers and 5 crew members.

Airport officials say the aircraft was brought to a controlled stop after the captain detected the malfunction, alerted air traffic control and initiated the abort procedure. The plane was towed back to the bay



**The aircraft was brought to a controlled stop after the captain detected the malfunction**

and the passengers disembarked safely, and were accommodated in airport lounges while alternative arrangements were made.

The incident highlights operational vulnerability amid increasing flight activity at Chennai. Airport infra-

structure and airline safety procedures are now under renewed scrutiny. According to airport data, the facility handled over 22 million passengers and more than 150 000 aircraft movements in the April 2024-March 2025 period. Industry analysts

say that an aborted take-off during the high-speed roll phase is one of the most critical safety events an airline can face. In this case, the swift action by the flight crew appears to have minimised risk of runway excursion or catastrophic failure. A former senior pilot, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "an abort at that stage demands flawless crew coordination and perfect air-traffic-control response". SpiceJet confirmed the incident but did not elaborate immediately on the technical details. Airport officials conveyed that the malfunction prompted an immediate stop and the aircraft was sent for engineering inspection. No injuries were reported.

# कोलकाता से श्रीनगर जा रहा था इंडिगो का विमान, गड़बड़ी दूर नहीं होने पर दूसरे विमानों से गए यात्री फ्यूल लीकेज के अलर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग

**उत्तर प्रदेश**

**बाबतपुर (वाराणसी), संवाद।** फ्यूल लीकेज के अलर्ट पर कोलकाता से श्रीनगर जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान की बुधवार शाम बाबतपुर एयरपोर्ट पर इमरजेंसी लैंडिंग कराई गई। एयरपोर्ट पर इंजीनियरों ने तकनीकी खराबी दूर करने का प्रयास किया लेकिन असफल रहे। अंततः तकरीबन साढ़े चार घंटे बाद रात 8.40 बजे के बाद दूसरे विमानों से यात्रियों को भेजा गया।

कोलकाता से तय समय पर उड़ान भरकर श्रीनगर (जम्मू-कश्मीर) जा रहे इंडिगो के विमान 6ई 6961 के चालक दल को विमान में फ्यूल लीक होने की आशंका हुई। जानकारी पर विमान में सवार 166 यात्री सहम गए। चालक दल ने वाराणसी एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल से सम्पर्क कर विमान उतारने की इजाजत मांगी। अनुमति पर विमान को शाम 4.10 बजे बाबतपुर एयरपोर्ट पर उतारा।

सभी यात्रियों को टर्मिनल भवन के अराइवल हॉल में बैठाया गया। इसके बाद टेक्निकल टीम ने विमान की जांच-पड़ताल शुरू की। रात 8.40 बजे तक गड़बड़ी दूर नहीं हो सकी तो विमान को एप्रन पर आन ग्राउंड कर दिया गया। एयरलाइंस ने अन्य विमानों से यात्रियों को दिल्ली और अन्य शहरों को भेजा

**अमेरिका जा रहा एयर इंडिया का विमान लौटा**

मुंबई। अमेरिका के नेवार्क के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले एयर इंडिया के एक विमान को मंगलवार देर रात वापस मुंबई लौटना पड़ा। विमानन कंपनी ने बताया कि देर रात 1:50 बजे मुंबई से नेवार्क के लिए उड़ान भरने वाले एआई191 के चालक दल ने सदिग्ध तकनीकी खराबी के कारण वापसी की। उड़ानों पर निगरानी रखने वाली वेबसाइट 'फ्लाइटरेडार24 डॉट कॉम' के अनुसार, बोइंग 777 विमान तीन घंटे से ज्यादा समय तक हवा में रहने के बाद मुंबई लौटा। विमान सुरक्षित रूप से उतरा।

गया। इसके बाद वहां से श्रीनगर भेजा जाएगा। एयरपोर्ट निदेशक पुनीत गुप्ता ने तकनीकी खराबी की पुष्टि की।

**नियम के उल्लंघन पर पायलट का लाइसेंस होता है निरस्त :** विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय का सख्त निर्देश है कि विमान में फ्यूल लीकेज या अन्य तकनीकी खराबी का अलर्ट पर पायलट को तुरंत नजदीकी एटीसी के अधिकारियों से सम्पर्क कर नजदीकी एयरपोर्ट पर आपात लैंडिंग कराई जाती है। ऐसा नहीं करने पर पायलट का लाइसेंस निरस्त कर दिया जाता है।



केरल के प्रमदम स्टेडियम में बुधवार को राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को लेकर पहुंचे हेलीकॉप्टर का पहिया लैंडिंग के बाद हेलीपैड पर धंस गया।

## राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू के हेलीकॉप्टर के पहिये धंसने

**पथनमथिड्रा (केरल), एजेंसी।** राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को सबरीमला ले जा रहे हेलीकॉप्टर के पहिये बुधवार सुबह केरल के प्रमदम स्थित राजीव गांधी इंडोर स्टेडियम में उतरते समय कंक्रीट के नवनिर्मित हेलीपैड पर गड्ढे में फंस गए। कोई नुकसान नहीं हुआ।

राष्ट्रपति के पंजाब के लिए रवाना होने के बाद जवानों ने धक्का देकर हेलीकॉप्टर के पहियों को गड्ढों से

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राष्ट्रपति प्रमदम से सड़क मार्ग से पंजाब जाकर उन्होंने सबरीमला में भगवान अयप्पा मंदिर में पूजा-अर्चना की। वह अयप्पा मंदिर में पूजा-अर्चना करने वाली पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति हैं। हालांकि, देश के राष्ट्रपति के तौर पर ऐसा करने वाली वह दूसरी हैं। उनसे पहले पूर्व राष्ट्रपति वीवी गिरि ने 1970 के दशक में सबरीमला के दर्शन किए थे।

निकला। वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि हेलीकॉप्टर उतारने के लिए आखिरी समय में स्टेडियम को चुना

गया था। मंगलवार देर रात हेलीपैड बना। कंक्रीट पूरी तरह जमा नहीं था, इसलिए पहिये धंस गए थे।

## Inquiry finds recurring RAT activations on Boeing 787s

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**NEW DELHI:** When Air India Flight 117's emergency power system deployed unexpectedly during a landing in Birmingham on October 4, it was part of a pattern affecting dozens of the aircraft — a Boeing 787 — worldwide, the aviation regulator has learnt.

As the Boeing Dreamliner jet approached the runway for landing, its emergency power turbine — the RAT, or ram air turbine — unexpectedly folded out of its fuselage when the jet was at 1,600 feet.

According to people aware of the matter, who asked not to be named, Boeing has told India's aviation regulator that 31 similar incidents have occurred globally on 787 aircraft.

Nearly all — 29 cases — involved planes without a modified component that prevents the malfunction.

The RAT is a small turbine that drops from the fuselage to generate emergency power if both engines or main electrical systems fail.

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present. The aircraft landed safely, and the plane returned to Delhi the next day after checks.

Boeing did not respond to requests for a comment.

The 31 incidents typically occurred within six months of maintenance requiring the RAT to be manually stowed, according to officials familiar with Boeing's briefing. The Birmingham aircraft, VT-ANO, had undergone RAT maintenance in July.

Boeing identified the cause as a faulty locking mechanism. When technicians stow the RAT while hydraulic pressure remains high, a toggle assembly may not lock properly. Vibrations from landing, gear operation or rough runways can then shake it loose, deploying the turbine.

The manufacturer introduced an improved shuttle valve in 2014 to regulate hydraulic pressure and ensure proper locking. But Boeing and parts supplier Collins Aerospace have not issued a service bulletin requiring airlines to install the upgrade, the official cited above said.

That means operators are not mandated to retrofit their fleets.

India operates 32 Boeing 787 aircraft. Nineteen still lack the modified shuttle valve.

After the Birmingham incident, Air India identified 16 aircraft that had undergone RAT maintenance in the past six months.

The airline repeated the stowage procedure on 14 planes and scheduled the remaining two for checks during routine maintenance.

"RAT stowage was repeated for 14 aircraft, and the remaining two are scheduled for verification during ongoing base maintenance," an official aware of the developments said.

Boeing published guidance in 2015 instructing technicians to hold the stow switch until hydraulic pressure drops below 200 PSI — about six seconds after stowing. Normal system pressure runs at 5,000 PSI.



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## INDIGO FLIGHT LANDS IN VARANASI AFTER 'FUEL LEAK'

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However, according to Gomti Zone Police, the IndiGo flight 6E-6961 was diverted to Varanasi after the pilot detected a fuel leakage mid-air. The plane safely landed at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at 4.10 pm, police said.

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## China Eastern Airlines to resume direct flights

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**BEIJING:** State-backed China Eastern Airlines will resume Shanghai-Delhi flights from November 9, the airline's website showed on Saturday, as China and India resume direct air links amid a diplomatic thaw after a five-year freeze.

The flights will operate three times a week on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the airline's online ticket sales platform showed. China Eastern Airlines did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

India's foreign ministry said earlier this month that commercial flights between the two neighbouring countries would restart after a five-year freeze.

The announcement followed PM Narendra Modi's first visit to China in over seven years, for a summit meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation regional security bloc. The two sides discussed ways to improve trade ties, while Modi raised concerns about India's burgeoning bilateral trade deficit. India and China's foreign ministries did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the Shanghai-Delhi flights.



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## Kolkata-Srinagar flight lands in Varanasi after fuel leak alert, all onboard safe

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However, the Gomti Zone Police said the IndiGo flight 6E-6961 was diverted to Varanasi after the pilot detected a fuel leakage mid-air. Assessing the gravity of the situation, the pilot contacted Air Traffic Control (ATC) at Varanasi and sought permission for an emergency landing.

The aircraft safely landed at Lal

Bahadur Shastri International Airport at 4:10pm, police said. All 166 passengers were reported to be safe and were escorted to the arrival hall after landing, they said.

A technical team is inspecting the aircraft to identify and fix the fault. Authorities said the situation is "completely normal and under control." "IndiGo flight 6E 6961, operating from Kolkata to Srinagar, made a precautionary landing at Varanasi airport due to a suspected technical issue. As a safety measure, the aircraft has been grounded for necessary checks, and an alternate aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey," the airline said.

The flight was operated with A320 neo aircraft, information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com read.



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## Birmingham AI flight scare not one-off

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## Jet lessors protest draft rules on dues

**A** group of global lessors has asked India to reconsider draft aviation rules they say complicate the task of reclaiming aircraft from distressed carriers by requiring lessors to first clear airline taxes and salaries, sources said.

The bankruptcy of Go First in 2023 left lessors scrambling to reclaim planes as they negotiated its complex laws, leading some to call India a risky jurisdiction. That prompted New Delhi's new law this year to ease repossession.

But the draft rules released in September to give effect to the law say wages to employees and government taxes owed by a distressed airline "shall have priority and would need to be cleared" by lessors before they can take their planes back. The rules are impractical and could delay plane repossessions, the Aviation Working Group has told India's civil aviation ministry in a letter, said three industry sources with knowledge of the confidential communication.

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## UDAN flies high with 649 routes

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**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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## अब दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट के तीनों टर्मिनलों से इंडिगो की उड़ानें

पावनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली

राजधानी दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए बड़ी खबर है। देश की सबसे बड़ी निजी एयरलाइन इंडिगो ने घोषणा की है कि 26 अक्टूबर से उसकी उड़ानें एयरपोर्ट के तीनों टर्मिनलों टी1, टी2 और टी3 से संचालित की जाएंगी। कंपनी ने बताया कि नया टर्मिनल-2 (टी2) 26 अक्टूबर से परिचालन में आ जाएगा। यहां से 6ई 2000 से 6ई 2999 तक की संख्या वाली उड़ानें संचालित होंगी।

वहीं, सभी अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानें और 6ई 5000 से 6ई 5999 संख्या वाली उड़ानें टर्मिनल-3 (टी3) से उड़ान भरेंगी। इंडिगो की अन्य सभी घरेलू उड़ानें पहले की तरह टर्मिनल-1 (टी1) से संचालित होती रहेंगी। कंपनी ने यात्रियों से अनुरोध किया है कि वे यात्रा से पहले अपने टिकट और टर्मिनल विवरण की जांच



■ 26 अक्टूबर से नया टर्मिनल-2 हो जाएगा चालू

अवश्य करें, ताकि किसी तरह की असुविधा न हो। एयरपोर्ट अधिकारियों के अनुसार, इस बदलाव का उद्देश्य बढ़ती यात्री संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए हवाई अड्डे के संचालन को और सुचारू बनाना है। नया टर्मिनल-2 अत्याधुनिक सुविधाओं से लैस होगा, जिससे यात्रियों को तेज और आरामदायक यात्रा अनुभव मिलेगा।



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**सुविधा:** मुंबई के लिए भी नई फ्लाइट का शेड्यूल जल्द

## दिल्ली के लिए एयर इंडिया की नई उड़ान 26 से

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रायपुर. स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट रायपुर से दिल्ली के लिए 26 अक्टूबर से एयर इंडिया और इंडिगो की नई फ्लाइट उड़ान भरेगी। नागरिक उड्डयन निदेशालय (डीजीसीए) द्वारा नई फ्लाइट का संचालन करने की स्वीकृत दी गई है। साथ ही इसका शेड्यूल भी जारी किया गया है। इस नई फ्लाइट के शुरू होने पर इस फ्लाइट के शुरू होने के बाद दिल्ली- रायपुर के बीच 8 फ्लाइटों का संचालन होगा। इसमें 5 इंडिगो और एयर इंडिया की तीन फ्लाइट

**रायपुर से अब रोजाना 48 उड़ान:** स्वामी विवेकानंद एयरपोर्ट रायपुर में इस समय 48 फ्लाइटों का संचालन होता है। इसके जरिए रोजाना विभिन्न शहरों से करीब 6500 यात्रियों का आवागमन होता है। इसमें सबसे ज्यादा दिल्ली के लिए 6, मुंबई, हैदराबाद के लिए 3-3 फ्लाइटें शामिल हैं। दो अतिरिक्त फ्लाइटों के शुरू होने पर रोजाना 52 फ्लाइटों का संचालन होगा। अभी रायपुर एयरपोर्ट से हर दिन 24 उड़ानें

रोजाना उपलब्ध होगी। दोनों ही नई फ्लाइटों का शेड्यूल जारी किया गया है। साथ ही टैब्लस संचालकों को टिकटों की बुकिंग करने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। बताया जाता है कि विटर सीजन में जल्दी ही मुंबई के नई फ्लाइट के संचालन की कवायद चल रही है।

शेड्यूल तय करते ही इसकी अधिकृत रूप से घोषणा की जाएगी। बता दें कि इस समय रायपुर- दिल्ली के बीच 6 फ्लाइटें उड़ान भरती हैं। विटर सीजन के शुरू होते ही 26 अक्टूबर से इंडिगो की एक नई फ्लाइट दिल्ली-रायपुर- दिल्ली के बीच संचालित होगी।



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## Coming soon, curbs on carrying power banks on aircraft

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**New Delhi:** India may soon adopt stricter rules for power banks on board aircraft following recent instances worldwide, including one in the country, of lithium-ion batteries catching fire.

On Sunday, a passenger's power bank caught fire on a Dimapur-bound IndiGo flight when the aircraft was taxiing at Delhi airport. Now, Directorate General of Civil Aviation is "taking up this issue", said a senior official.

The regulator is learnt to be taking technical inputs on the issue. Foreign airlines are increasingly putting restrictions on power banks. Some require the power bank to be kept in the seat pocket or in a bag under the seat in front and not in overhead bins.

From Oct 1, Dubai-based Emirates "prohibited" use any power bank. While it allows a passenger to carry one power bank under 100 Watt Hours, they can neither use it to charge a device, nor charge the power bank in the aircraft



A power bank caught fire on a Dimapur-bound flight Sunday

cabin. The new regulations also mandate that "all power banks accepted for transport must have capacity rating information available".

Most phones and sophisticated lithium battery-powered devices have an internal trickle system that slowly adds current into the battery to prevent overcharging, but many basic power banks may not have this safeguard.

Singapore Airlines from April 1 did not allow flyers to charge power banks via onboard USB ports, or use them to charge their devices.

Last week, there was a lithium battery fire on an Air China flight from China to South Korea, forcing it to be diverted to Shanghai.



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## Fuel leak scare: IndiGo flight to Srinagar lands in Varanasi

**New Delhi:** An IndiGo flight from Kolkata to Srinagar with 166 people on board was diverted to Varanasi on Wednesday after the crew suspected a fuel leak. The pilots sought priority landing in Varanasi, where they safely touched down at 4.06pm, officials said. The aircraft — an Airbus 320neo — remains grounded for checks.

The aircraft had taken off from Kolkata at 2.45pm. During cruise a while later, the pilots saw the fuel level fluctuate and, suspecting a leakage, decided to divert to Varanasi.

Sources said initial checks on the ground did not reveal any fuel leak and the issue might have been caused by a sensor malfunction.

IndiGo said in a statement, "On Oct 22, IndiGo flight 6E 6961, operating from Kolkata to Srinagar, made a precautionary landing at Varanasi airport due to a suspected technical issue. As a safety measure, the aircraft has been grounded for necessary checks, and an alternate aircraft has been arranged to continue the journey." **TNN**



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## Technical glitch hits Mum-Newark AI flight

**New Delhi:** An Air India flight from Mumbai to Newark turned back to the city Wednesday, four hours after takeoff, following a suspected technical snag. The Boeing 777, which departed at 1.14am with over 100 passengers on board, landed safely at 5.30am. The corresponding Newark-Mumbai flight was consequently cancelled.

An AI spokesperson said, "AI-191 operating from Mumbai to Newark on Oct 22 made a precautionary air return due to a suspected technical issue. Aircraft is undergoing inspection." Affected passengers were booked on alternate flights. TNN



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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 Aequs chairman & CEO Aravind Melligeri.

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

### Low Tariff Impact

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**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 Rajnikanth Balaraman.

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