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## कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट पर मिलेगा सस्ता भोजन चड़्ढा बोले- मांग पूरी

कोलकाता। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू किंजरापु ने रविवार को नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के शताब्दी समारोह के उद्घाटन के दौरान 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' की शुरुआत की।

यह कैफे, सस्ती दरों पर हवाई यात्रियों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण भोजन उपलब्ध कराएगा। आप के राज्यसभा सांसद राघव चड़्ढा ने सरकार की इस पहल का समर्थन किया। कहा कि आखिरकार हमारी मांग पूरी हुई। चड़्ढा ने संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में हवाईअड्डों पर महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा जोर-शोर से उठाया था।

उन्होंने कहा था कि यह लंबे समय से यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी का कारण बना हुआ है। चड़्ढा ने कहा, मुझे उम्मीद है कि उड़ान यात्री कैफे खोलने की मुहिम को देशभर के सभी हवाई अड्डों तक बढ़ाया जाएगा। एजेसी



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## Noida airport to drive economic growth with world-class commercial district

**Rohit Vaid**  
New Delhi

The upcoming Noida International Airport is set to boost the local economy, with around 172 acres carved out for a commercial district, which will house hotels, restaurants, bars and shopping centres as well as recreational facilities.

Speaking to *businessline*, Noida International Airport (NIA)'s Chief Executive Christoph Schnellmann said NIA is poised to become a hub for economic growth, with plans to develop world-class commercial real estate.

"Our vision is to establish a sustainable, innovative, and connected commercial community that supports both the airport and the surrounding region," he said.

Over time, the project aims to create a vibrant com-



Christoph Schnellmann, CEO, Noida International Airport

mercial district that seamlessly integrates with the airport, catering to diverse local, national and global businesses.

Schnellmann said, "Our development approach will be phased, with a strong emphasis on sustainability in all aspects of development."

One of the first movers in the commercial district is expected to be Roseate Hotels

and Resorts, which will develop an airport hotel with over 240 rooms. At present, both Delhi and Hyderabad have similar commercial areas, known as aerotropolises or aerocities.

**HYDERABAD AEROCITY**  
In India, Hyderabad aerocity is the biggest and is spread over 1,500 acres, followed by Delhi aerocity, which is built on 200 acres. Even the Bangalore International Airport is developing an aerocity.

According to industry insiders, an aerocity or commercial district is vital for airport developers, since the revenue earned from the leasing of the land parcel to hotels and other facilities goes directly to the airport developer-operator.

The upcoming Noida airport will be the second airport in the Delhi-National Capital Region. After com-

pletion of phase I, it would have one runway and one terminal, and would be able to handle around 12 million passengers per year.

Earlier this month, NIA completed the validation flight test. The flight was conducted by IndiGo, which verified the airport's approach procedures, confirming the accuracy and functionality of its navigational aids and air traffic control systems.

The airport development and operations concession were given to Zurich Airport International AG in 2019. The Switzerland-based company is implementing the project via its subsidiary, Yamuna International Airport (YIAPL). It currently operates the Zurich airport and nine airports in South America.



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DESHBANDHU

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## सरकार एयरपोर्ट्स पर शुरू करेगी सस्ती कैंटीन



- संसद में आप नेता ने उठाया था महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा
- 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' शुरू करने की योजना बनाई गई

नई दिल्ली, 22 दिसम्बर (एजेंसियाँ)। देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट्स पर महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा लंबे समय से यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी का कारण बना हुआ है। संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में आम आदमी पार्टी (आप) के राज्यसभा सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इस मुद्दे को पुरजोर तरीके से उठाते हुए एयरपोर्ट्स

पर महंगे दामों पर मिलने वाले पानी, चाय और स्नेक्स की समस्या को उजागर किया था। उनके इस प्रयास का नतीजा ये हुआ कि अब सरकार ने इस मुद्दे पर संज्ञान लेते हुए 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' शुरू करने की योजना बनाई है।

कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से की जाएगी शुरुआत

इसकी शुरुआत कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से की जाएगी, जहाँ सस्ती दरों पर खान-पान उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने घोषणा की है कि 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' की शुरुआत कोलकाता के नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से की जाएगी। हालांकि, यह एक पायलट प्रोजेक्ट होगा।

### 100 रुपए की मिल रही पानी की बोतल

संसद में एयरपोर्ट्स पर महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा उठाते हुए आप सांसद राघव ने कहा था, देश के एयरपोर्ट्स पर यात्रियों को अत्यधिक महंगे खानपान और खराब प्रबंधन के कारण भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ता है। एयरपोर्ट्स पर पानी की बोतल 100 रुपए की मिल रही है। एक कप चाय के लिए भी 200-250 रुपए खर्च करने पड़ते हैं। क्या सरकार एयरपोर्ट्स पर सस्ते और उचित मूल्य की कैंटीन शुरू नहीं कर सकती? उन्होंने कहा था, हमारे एयरपोर्ट्स की हालत अब बस अड्डों से भी बदतर हो गई है।



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## इंदौर को अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा देने की मांग

नई दिल्ली। नागर विमानन मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने रविवार को घोषणा की कि इंदौर के देवी अहिल्याबाई होलकर हवाई अड्डे की यात्री क्षमता और सुविधाएं बढ़ाने के लिए अगले तीन साल में नया टर्मिनल भवन तैयार किया जाएगा। नायडू ने शहर के हवाई अड्डे पर एयर ट्रेफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) के नए टॉवर-तकनीकी ब्लॉक और कचरा निपटान संयंत्र का लोकार्पण किया। उन्होंने इस मौके पर आयोजित समारोह में कहा नागर विमानन मंत्रालय इस हवाई अड्डे पर अगले तीन साल में नया टर्मिनल भवन बनाने की योजना पर काम कर रहा है। नायडू ने कहा कि यह टर्मिनल भवन वर्ष 2028 खत्म होने से पहले तैयार हो जाएगा। नागर विमानन मंत्री ने कहा कि फिलहाल इंदौर के हवाई अड्डे से हर साल 40 लाख लोग यात्रा कर सकते हैं, लेकिन नागरिक उड्डयन गतिविधियां बढ़ने से यह क्षमता प्रभावित हो रही है। लिहाजा मैं इंदौर के लोगों को भरोसा दिलाता हूँ कि इस क्षमता को चार महीने में बढ़ाकर 55 लाख यात्री किया जाएगा।



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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## Final Countdown

Earlier this month, the big hitters from far and wide parachuted into this sleepy town known more for its political roots and oranges, complete with their entourages. They were there to make a final pitch to one of the most sought-after family businesses in the country. From a former big boss of a global consumer giant to emissaries of Gulf royalty to some of the biggest Indophiles from the Far East, they came in droves and they came in heavy. We wonder if the airport ATC had a tough time managing the sudden spurt in charter flight traffic. Guess if one is looking to take a billion-dollar bite, one had better go all in.



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HINDUSTAN

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## हवाई अड्डों पर सस्ती कैंटीन शुरू होगी

नई दिल्ली। देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट पर आने वाले दिनों में सस्ता खानपान का सामान मिलेगा। इसके लिए केंद्र सरकार ने प्रत्येक हवाई अड्डे पर उड़ान यात्री कैफे खोलने का निर्णय लिया है। सबसे पहले कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट पर कैफे खुलेगा। यह मुद्दा शीतकालीन सत्र में आप के राज्यसभा सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने संसद में उठाया गया था। इस घोषणा पर सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने खुशी जाहिर करते हुए इसे एक सकारात्मक कदम बताया।



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MILLENNIUM POST

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## Finally, Govt heard voice of common man: Raghav Chadha on 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' at airports

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** In a significant victory for air travellers, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha's relentless efforts have prompted the Government to address the issue of overpriced food and beverages at airports.

Following Chadha's advocacy in Parliament, the Government has launched the 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' initiative, beginning with Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport.

This initiative aims to provide affordable food and drink options to passengers, addressing a long-standing concern of exorbitant airport prices.

Expressing his satisfaction with the initiative, Raghav Chadha said, "Finally, the



Raghav Chadha

government has heard the voice of the common man. While the initiative begins with Kolkata Airport, I hope it is extended to all airports nationwide. This will ensure that air travellers don't have to pay Rs 100-250 for basic items like water, tea, or coffee."

During the Winter session of Parliament, Chadha had criticised the high prices of basic items like water, tea, and snacks at airports.

### Takeaways

- » This initiative aims to provide affordable food and drink options to passengers, addressing a long-standing concern of exorbitant airport prices
- » During the Winter session of Parliament, Chadha had criticised the high prices of basic items like water, tea, and snacks at airports

His remarks drew attention to the burden placed on passengers, particularly when basic amenities cost upwards of Rs 100.

In response, the Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced the 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' at Kolkata Airport as a pilot project, with plans to expand to other airports managed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) if successful.

Chadha had previously raised these concerns in Parliament, criticising the high

costs passengers had to endure.

"A water bottle costs Rs 100, and tea is priced at Rs 200-250. Can't the Government establish affordable canteens at airports?" he had asked.

The launch of the 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' is expected to provide significant relief to travellers, making air travel more affordable and accessible, especially for the common people who have been burdened by rising costs.



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PUNJAB KESARI

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## एयरपोर्ट पर यात्रियों के लिए केंद्र सरकार शुरू करेगी सस्ती कैंटीन



नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट पर महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा लंबे समय से यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी का सबब बना हुआ है। संसद के इसी शीतकालीन सत्र में आम आदमी पार्टी (आप) के राज्यसभा सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इस मुद्दे को पुरजोर तरीके से उठाते हुए एयरपोर्ट पर महंगे दामों पर मिलने वाले पानी, चाय और स्नैक्स की समस्या को उजागर किया था। उनके इस प्रयास का नतीजा यह हुआ कि अब केंद्र सरकार ने इस मुद्दे पर संज्ञान लेते हुए एयरपोर्ट पर 'उड़ान यात्री कैफे' शुरू करने की योजना बनाई है। इसकी शुरुआत कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से की जाएगी, जहां सस्ती दरों पर खानपान उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इस बात पर खुशी जाहिर करते हुए कहा कि केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन

### ● राघव चड्ढा ने उठाया संसद में मुद्दा

मंत्रालय ने घोषणा की है कि उड़ान यात्री कैफे की शुरुआत कोलकाता के नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से की जाएगी। हालांकि यह एक पायलट प्रोजेक्ट होगा, जिसे बाद में एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया के अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर भी लागू किया जाएगा। इस कैफे में पानी की बोतल, चाय, कॉफी और स्नैक्स वाजिब दामों पर उपलब्ध होंगे, जिससे यात्रियों को काफी राहत मिलेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि आखिरकार सरकार ने आम जनता की पुकार सुन ली। भले ही शुरुआत कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से हुई है लेकिन उन्हें उम्मीद है कि इसे जल्द ही देश के बाकी एयरपोर्ट पर भी लागू किया जाएगा।



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## हवाई अड्डों पर जल्द शुरू होगी सस्ती कैटीन



नई दिल्ली (आईएनएस)। देश के सभी एयरपोर्ट्स पर महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा लंबे समय से यात्रियों के लिए परेशानी का कारण बना हुआ है। संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में आप के राज्यसभा सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इस मुद्दे को पुरजोर तरीके से उठाते हुए एयरपोर्ट्स पर महंगे दामों पर मिलने वाले पानी, चाय और स्नैक्स की समस्या को उजागर किया था। उनके

इस प्रयास का नतीजा ये हुआ कि अब सरकार ने इस मुद्दे पर संज्ञान लेते हुए उड़ान यात्री कैफे शुरू करने की योजना बनाई है।

इसकी शुरुआत कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से की जाएगी, जहां सस्ती दरों पर खान-पान उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने घोषणा की है कि उड़ान यात्री कैफे की शुरुआत कोलकाता के नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से की जाएगी। हालांकि, यह एक पायलट प्रोजेक्ट होगा, जिसे बाद में एयरपोर्ट अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया (एएआई) के अन्य हवाई अड्डों पर भी लागू किया जाएगा। इस कैफे में पानी की बोतल, चाय, कॉफी और स्नैक्स वाजिब दामों पर उपलब्ध होंगे, जिससे यात्रियों को काफी राहत मिलेगी। सांसद राघव चड्ढा ने इस बात पर खुशी जाहिर करते हुए इसे एक सकारात्मक कदम बताया। उन्होंने कहा, आखिरकार सरकार ने आम जनता की पुकार सुन ली।

■ संसद में राघव चड्ढा ने उठाया था महंगे खानपान का मुद्दा

■ शुरुआत कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट से की जाएगी



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

BANGALORE

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# Welcome treat: Mural art at KIA to cement B'luru-Oz ties

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**Bengaluru:** A vibrant mural celebrating the deep ties between Australia and Bengaluru was unveiled at the Kempegowda International Airport.

Located kerbside at the departure point of Terminal 2, the artwork serves as a welcoming visual treat for passengers at one of India's premier travel hubs.

The mural is a collaborative creation by the Aravani Art Project, an inclusive art collective that works with transgender artists to bring public spaces to life. Commissioned as part of a joint initiative by the Australian consulate-general in Bengaluru and Aravani, the artwork showcases iconic sights, landscapes, and activities that are emblematic of both regions. Among the highlighted symbols are the Vidhana Soudha and the Sydney Opera House—two architectural marvels that are culturally and historically significant.

Hilary McGeachy, Australian consul-general in Bengaluru, emphasised the mural's celebration of the people-to-people links at the heart of the



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Australia-India relationship.

"Four per cent of Australia's population is now of Indian origin. The airport is the perfect location to showcase that. Our consulate-general was warmly welcomed here, and we're delighted to be part of the Bengaluru Hubba this year," she told **STOI**.

McGeachy highlighted the collaboration with Aravani as a reflection of Australia's commitment to inclusivity and diversity. "The mural celebrates what makes both places unique and special—from the landscapes to our people. We hope it brings a smile to visitors and locals," she added.

Direct flights between Bengaluru and Sydney are fostering closer ties in areas

such as business, sports, tourism, education and the arts. With daily operations during the peak travel season, these connections are expected to grow further.

The mural also nods to the recent success of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) team in Women's Premier League, which featured three Australian players. This underscores women's cricket as an increasingly important aspect of the Australia-Bengaluru relationship.

Passengers and locals are encouraged to spot their favourite icons in the mural and share their impressions using the hashtag #GoDeBLR. This initiative not only enhances the airport experience but also highlights the growing friendship and shared cultural heritage between the two regions.

"Let this artwork serve as a reminder of our collective spirit, vibrant energy, and the incredible teamwork that brought this vision to life. Amidst the chaos, let's take a moment to pause and truly appreciate the effort that went into making this magic happen," said Poornima Sukumar on the behalf of Team Aravani Art Project.



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## Akasa Air continues to augment fleet strength

**Press Trust of India**  
New Delhi

Akasa Air is in continuous discussions with Boeing on aircraft deliveries and expects to add a few more planes to its fleet in the current fiscal, the airline's chief Vinay Dube said.

The carrier, which started flying in August 2022, currently has a fleet of 26 Boeing 737 MAX planes, and 200 aircraft are on order.

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Akasa Air, in January this year, announced an order for 150 Boeing planes, comprising 737 MAX 10 and 737 MAX 8-200 jets.



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**Press Trust of India**  
New Delhi

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## Foreign airlines eye new routes for expansion

**Aneesh Phadnis**

Mumbai

Indian travellers will be able to fly non-stop to Amman (Jordan) and Madrid (Spain) in 2025 with the restoration of direct connectivity.

While Royal Jordanian Airlines is returning to Mumbai in March after 10 years, Spanish airline Iberojet plans to start flights between Madrid and Delhi from April 2025.

These are among a growing list of overseas carriers eyeing a share of India's international traffic.

Royal Brunei Airlines, Cambodia Angkor Air and VietJet Thailand launched their flights to India in 2024. Airlines from Europe, including Wizz Air and Aegean Airlines, are exploring new routes to India as they receive new long-range aircraft between now and 2027.

### NEW FLIGHTS

This push comes amid a growth in international travel to/from India.

Iberojet's weekly flight will support Spanish tour operators which specialise in



**TAKING OFF.** Spanish airline Iberojet plans to start flights between Madrid and Delhi from April 2025

leisure tours to India, said Carlos Garrido de la Cierva, spokesperson of Avoris, the holding company of Iberojet. Indian travellers would be able to purchase tickets from the airline's website, he added.

Prior to the pandemic, Air India flew to Madrid but it has not restarted the service. Plans for a new non-stop connection from Madrid comes in the wake of Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's visit to India in October.

The two sides have designated 2026 as India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and

Artificial Intelligence during his visit.

### TOURIST FLOW

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, over 2.5 lakh Indian tourists visit Spain every year while India receives around 40,000 Spanish tourists.

Over 61 lakh foreign tourists visited India between January and August, registering a year-on-year growth of 3.7 per cent.

Foreign tourist arrivals, however, are still 10 per cent below the pre-pandemic level.

On the outbound side,

traffic is surging. Malaysia has received over a million Indian tourists in the first 11 months of 2024 and has extended visa-free entry until 2026.

Countries like Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam have also seen strong double digit growth in Indian arrivals.

### GROWING FLEET

Airlines are thus keen to tap this growth opportunity.

"Wizz Air is excited to take deliveries of the new Airbus A321XLR variant next year. While it will allow us to connect the remote dots on our existing network map, such as London-Jeddah or Milan-Abu Dhabi, we don't rule out the possibilities to unlock new markets such as India," an airline spokesperson said.

Aegean Airlines from Greece will receive its four Airbus A321Neo aircraft in 2026 and 2027.

These planes will have an extra fuel tank, and the airline intends to use them to launch new routes outside Europe.

These could include destinations in West Asia, Central Africa or India.



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## सूरत से बैकाक की पहली उड़ान में ही 1.80 लाख की शराब गटक गए यात्री

जेएनएन, नई दिल्ली : एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने शुक्रवार को गुजरात के सूरत से थाईलैंड की राजधानी बैकाक के लिए सीधी उड़ान शुरू की। पहले दिन ही चार घंटे की उड़ान वाली यह फ्लाइट यात्रियों से खचाखच भरी गई और उन्होंने लाल परी यानी शराब का भी खूब सेवन किया गया। यात्री विमान के भीतर 1.80 लाख की शराब गटक गए। हालत ये रहे कि विमान में मौजूद शराब का सारा स्टॉक भी खत्म हो गया।

मजेदार बात ये भी रही कि शराब के साथ चखने (खाद्य सामग्री) के लिए यात्रियों ने पिज्जा-बर्गर या अन्य फास्ट फूड की मांग नहीं कि बल्कि वे अपने साथ पारंपरिक गुजराती फूड्स थेपला और थमन आदि लाए हुए थे। इंटरनेट मीडिया पर चल रही इन खबरों के बाद एयरलाइन के अधिकारियों को सफाई देनी पड़ी।

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इनमें शिवास रीगल, बकाडी आदि ब्रांडों के अलावा बीयर प्रमुख रहीं। विमान का क्रू-स्टाफ भी शराब की बड़े स्तर पर हुई खपत को देखकर हैरान था। सूत्रों ने बताया कि हालत ये हो गई कि विमान के चालक दल सदस्यों को घोषणा करनी पड़ी कि शराब का स्टॉक खत्म हो गया है।

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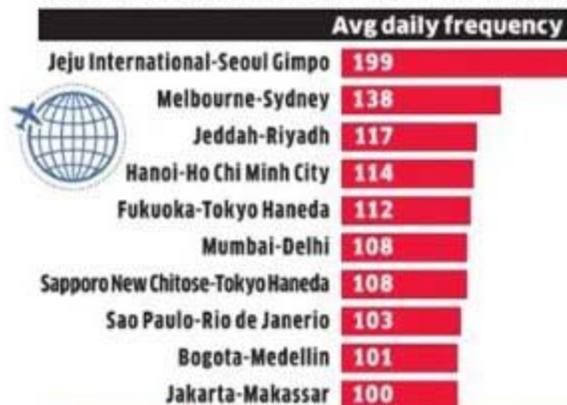
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## Global Air Travel in 2024

The busiest day for air travel this year...routes topping 100 flights per day... Aviation data provider OAG lists some interesting facts about travel in 2024...

**2024's 10 routes with an average daily frequency of 100 flights or more. These routes are among the busiest domestic routes in the world**



**19,278,320**

the airline seat capacity on Aug 2, the year's busiest for seats, exceeding 2023's busiest day by over 692K seats

**16,096,525**

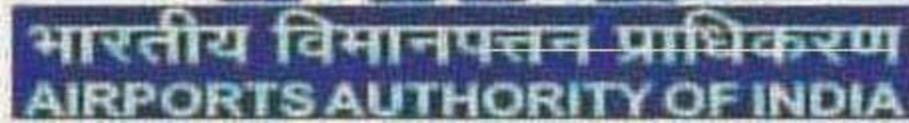
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seat capacity on Nov 28, the year's lowest

Last 15 years saw busiest annual days falling in July or August, expect in 2020 and 2021

Source: OAG Aviation Worldwide Ltd



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## अकासा अपने बेड़े में जोड़ सकती है और विमान

नई दिल्ली। अकासा ने कहा है कि कंपनी विमानों के लिए बोइंग से लगातार चर्चा कर रही है और उसे मार्च, 2025 तक कुछ और विमान मिलने की उम्मीद है। अगस्त, 2022 में परिवालन में आई एयरलाइन के पास फिलहाल 26 बोइंग 737 मैक्स विमानों का बेड़ा है और उसने 200 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया है।



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## अकासा एयर मार्च तक अपने बेड़े में करेगी नए विमानों की बढ़ोतरी

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अकासा एयर के सीईओ विनय दुबे ने बताया कि कंपनी विमान डिलीवरी को लेकर बोइंग के साथ सक्रिय बातचीत कर रही है। उम्मीद है कि चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25, जो मार्च 2025 में समाप्त के दौरान एयरलाइन अपने बेड़े में और नए विमान शामिल करेगी। अगस्त 2022 में परिचालन शुरू करने वाली इस एयरलाइन के पास वर्तमान में 26 बोइंग 737 मैक्स विमान हैं। कंपनी ने कुल 200 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया है।

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में, मुझे लगता है कि उपभोक्ता अकासा को एक दयालु और सौम्य एयरलाइन के रूप में देखते हैं, जो थोड़ी अधिक सहानुभूतिपूर्ण है। हम अपने यात्रियों के साथ इसी तरीके को बरकरार रखेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि एयरलाइन यह भी सुनिश्चित करना जारी रखेगी कि उसके कर्मचारी प्यार और सम्मान महसूस करें। इसी महीने, कंपनी के कुछ पायलटों ने कथित प्रशिक्षण और सुरक्षा मुद्दों के बारे में चिंता जताई थी, और एयरलाइन ने उन्हें निराधार और असत्य बताकर खारिज कर दिया था। एयरलाइन ने इस साल अपने बेड़े में चार विमान शामिल किए हैं। जब उनसे पूछा गया कि क्या विमान

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While noting that India is poised to emerge as the world's third largest aviation market, Mistry said there is also the opportunity for the country to emerge as a SAF hub in the region.

"The position can be further strengthened by the early adoption of innovative global accounting practices where India's SAF supplies can cater to the global aviation market, a true mark of act local, think global," he noted.

India is one of the world's fastest growing civil aviation markets and airlines are expanding their fleets as well as networks to cater to the rising traffic demand.

On mandating use of SAF, Mistry pointed out that the mandate is a work for scale but that can only come later.

"You can't have a mandate without technology maturity. That is a big risk."

In 2025, IATA expects SAF production to touch 2.1 million tonnes (2.7 billion litres).

India has the availability of lipids feedstocks like non-edible industrial oils, animal fats and tallow where the supply chains are not well developed with limited supply for biodiesel production, Mistry said.

The country's surplus annual biomass availability is estimated to be more than 200 Mt.

With multiple options available for road fleets, lipids-based feedstock must be used for India's SAF value chains. These oily feedstocks can be utilised at existing refineries by ASTM-qualified HEFA co-processing pathways, Mistry said. Consultancy Deloitte, in a report in October this year, said India has the potential to produce 8-10 million tonnes of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by 2040, and investments worth USD 70-85 billion will be required to achieve the projected production.

On the priorities under the SAF umbrella, Mistry said it is a question about more support to get the technologies to maturity and enable some sort of market development.

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## दिल्ली आ रहे एयर इंडिया के विमान में यात्रियों के बीच झगड़ा

मुंबई, (पंजाब केसरी): कोपेनहेगन (डेनमार्क) से दिल्ली आ रहे एयर इंडिया के विमान में सवार दो यात्रियों के बीच हाथ रखने की जगह को लेकर उस समय मारपीट हो गई, जब विमान रविवार को इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उतरने ही वाला था। विमान सुबह करीब 7:35 बजे उतरा।

एयर इंडिया के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि शनिवार को कोपेनहेगन-दिल्ली उड़ान में यात्रियों के बीच किसी मुद्दे को लेकर बहस हो गई थी, जिसे बाद में 'सौहार्दपूर्ण ढंग से' सुलझा लिया गया।

सूत्र के अनुसार, जब केबिन कृ खाना और पेय पदार्थ परोस रहा था, तब इकोनोमी क्लास में हाथ रखने की जगह को लेकर दो यात्रियों में बहस शुरू हो गई, जो बाद में तीखी नोकझोंक में बदल गई। केबिन कृ

ने एक यात्री को दूसरी सीट देकर उन्हें शांत किया।

### सूरत-बैकॉक की पहली उड़ान के दौरान शराब की अच्छी बिक्री

गुजरात के सूरत से थाईलैंड की राजधानी बैकॉक तक एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की पहली चार घंटे की उड़ान के दौरान विमान में शराब की अच्छी बिक्री हुई। हालांकि कुछ यात्रियों ने दावा किया कि शराब का भंडार खत्म हो गया था। यह उड़ान शुक्रवार को बोइंग 737-8 विमान द्वारा संचालित की गई। विमान में 175 यात्री और चालक दल के छह सदस्य सवार थे। विमान की यात्री क्षमता 176 है।



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# Liquor sale hits new high on AI Exp's first Surat-Bangkok flight

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**New Delhi:** A large number of Indian holidayers headed to Thailand get in "high spirits" while winging their way to the tourist paradise for desis. And when the holidayers are going from the dry state of Gujarat, the demand for onboard liquor touches new highs. Air India Express witnessed this on its inaugural Surat-Bangkok service on Dec 20 when, sources say, the airline had one of its highest ever liquor sale on a flight and had to refuse more to some flyers to avoid them turning unruly.

The first flight was operated on AI Express' 176-seater Boeing 737 MAX and had 175 "enthusiastic guests". AI Express sells 50 ml miniatures of Chivas Regal for Rs 600 and 50 ml miniatures of Red Label, Bacardi White Rum, Beefeater Gin and 330 ml Bira Lager (beer) for Rs 400. "On that flight, we saw a lot of demand for Chivas and Bira. As a policy we don't sell beyond two miniatures/cans to a passenger as there were several cases of unruly behaviour by passengers across airlines in the recent past. Our crew may sell more only if a passenger seems to be in complete control of him/herself after two drinks," sources said.

On the first Surat-Bangkok



The airline reportedly had one of its highest midair liquor sale and had to refuse more to some flyers to stop them from turning unruly

flight, some passengers had to be refused their third miniature/can for this reason. Kunj Patel, a passenger wrote on X: "The combination of alcohol and khaman, Suratians went viral! Air India (Express') first flight from Surat to Bangkok received 98% passengers on the first day itself. Passengers finished their stock of whiskey and beer: 300 passengers drank 15 litres of alcohol worth more than Rs 1.8 lakh in a 4-hour journey." While that may not be entirely correct for a 176-seater plane, the tweet shows how "maja ma" the passengers were.

"Our onboard liquor is very affordable and we offer hot meals unlike many low cost carriers. For that reason, we see a significant demand for the two on our flights, said sources.



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# Airfares from city soar to new heights this festive season

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**Chennai:** Planning to catch a flight for a holiday this festive season? Get ready to burn a hole in your pocket.

The festive season has triggered a significant surge in air travel demand, leading to a sharp increase in domestic and international flight fares from Chennai. Holidays for Christmas and New Year prompted travellers to head to their hometowns and popular tourist destinations, causing fares to skyrocket.

Flight prices have seen up to a four-fold increase in the past few days. For instance, fares from Chennai to Tuticorin jumped from ₹4,796 to ₹14,281, and fares rose from ₹4,300 to ₹17,695 for flights to Madurai. International routes are also impacted, with Chennai to Kuala Lumpur climbing from ₹11,016 to ₹33,903 and Chennai to Dubai increasing from ₹12,871 to ₹26,752.

### FLIGHTS FROM CHENNAI

To	Regular fare	Now
Madurai	₹4,300	₹17,695
Trichy	₹2,382	₹14,387
Coimbatore	₹3,485	₹9,418
Salem	₹3,537	₹8,007
Trivandrum	₹3,821	₹13,306
Kochi	₹3,678	₹18,377
Singapore	₹7,510	₹16,861
Kuala Lumpur	₹11,016	₹33,903
Thailand	₹8,891	₹17,437
Dubai	₹12,871	₹26,752

As train tickets are fully booked and private bus fares soar, many residents, especially those from southern districts, making last-minute bookings, are turning to flights for faster travel. This has resulted in a noticeable

rise in passenger numbers at Chennai Airport. International hotspots such as Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Thailand, and Dubai are also seeing heavy demand.

C Michael from Trichy, working in Chennai, said he tried to book flight tickets as train tickets were not available. "I didn't think a flight to Trichy would cost ₹15,000," he said.

Despite the steep prices, travellers are booking flights to ensure timely arrivals at their destinations. The increased demand has left many flights fully booked.

Former Air India general manager C. Mohan said, "As a consumer, I am upset with the dynamic pricing of airfares. But having served in the industry, I know airlines can't be blamed. Airfares have become demand-based in the market-driven economy. But it is high time the airfares are capped," he said.