

● COMPANY CLARIFIES ON KENYA CANCELLATIONS

# Never entered into pact to run airport in Kenya: Adani

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**BILLIONAIRE GAUTAM ADANI'S** group on Saturday clarified on reports of Kenya cancelling more than \$2.5 billion in deals after US indictment on bribery charges, saying it had not entered into any binding agreement to operate Kenya's main airport.

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"We submit that the project does not fall within the ambit of item 4 of Para B, Part A, Schedule III of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (Sebi Listing Regulations) which requires intimation to be made for any awarding, bagging/

receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts other than in the ordinary course of business," it said refusing to confirm or deny the cancellation.

It went on to state that the award of the project was in the ordinary course of business of the company and its subsidiaries as they are engaged in the business of transmission and distribution of energy (among other things).

"Consequently, any cancellation of such Project will also not fall within the ambit of item 4 of Para B, Part A, Schedule III of the Sebi Listing Regulations," it added.

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nal. It was also to operate it on a 30-year lease.

Kenya's President in his state of the nation address on Thursday also stated that he was cancelling a separate 30-year, \$736-million public-private partnership that an Adani Group firm signed with the ministry of energy and petroleum last month to construct power transmission lines.

That followed US authorities indicting group founder and chairman Gautam Adani and seven others for allegedly agreeing to pay \$265 million to Indian officials to win lucrative solar power supply contracts. The Adani Group denied the allegations as baseless and said it would seek "all possible legal recourse". The tender to operate Kenya's main airport was put on hold following local protests.





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WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 23

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"Sanjay Kaushik is part of an illicit procurement network unlawfully obtaining export-controlled aviation goods and technology from the United States for entities in Russia, including sanctioned entities reportedly involved in providing aviation goods to the Russian government or military," federal prosecutors alleged. **PTI**





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## Navi Mumbai airport: A new high for IndiGo

**FPJ News Service**

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IndiGo, India's largest low-cost carrier, has successfully completed simulator validation for draft required navigation performance approaches at the upcoming Navi Mumbai international airport. The move aims to enhance operational efficiency and improve connectivity for passengers.

Surinder Narli, IndiGo air traffic management director, highlighted the achievement on LinkedIn, drawing praise from the colleagues. One said that the validation will reduce the workload on the flight inspection unit and enhance safety measures.



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# कनाडा में एयरपोर्ट पर भारतीयों की नहीं होगी अतिरिक्त जांच

## ऐलान के बाद पलटी टूडो सरकार

ओटावा। कनाडा ने भारत जाने वाले यात्रियों की अतिरिक्त जांच के अपने फैसले को वापस ले लिया है। कनाडा की ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री अनीता आनंद के कार्यालय ने सीबीसी न्यूज को बताया कि उन प्रतिबंधों को हटा दिया गया है। नए नियम पिछले सप्ताह ही लागू किए गए थे। कनाडा ने सोमवार को कहा था कि भारत जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए अत्यधिक सावधानी बरती जा रही है। एयर कनाडा ने भारत जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए एक नोटिस भी जारी किया था। नोटिस में कहा गया था, भारत जाने वाले सभी यात्रियों के लिए सुरक्षा संबंधी कड़े आदेशों के कारण आपकी आगामी फ्लाइट के लिए प्रतीक्षा समय अपेक्षा से अधिक होने



की उम्मीद है।

एयर कनाडा के प्रवक्ता ने ईमेल के जरिए इस बात की पुष्टि की जिसमें कहा गया कि ट्रांसपोर्ट कनाडा ने भारत जाने वाले यात्रियों के लिए सुरक्षा संबंधी जांच को देखते हुए आदेश जारी किए हैं और एयर कनाडा इनका पालन कर रहा है। वहीं टोरंटो पियर्सन एयरपोर्ट ने एक्स पर

एक पोस्ट में कहा, आज शाम टोरंटो पियर्सन में अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्री-बोर्ड स्क्रीनिंग में प्रस्थान करने वाले यात्रियों को सामान्य से ज्यादा वेटिंग टाइम का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। अगर यात्रा कर रहे हैं तो कृपया अपनी एयरलाइन पता करें और अपनी उड़ान पकड़ने के लिए पर्याप्त समय पर पहुंचें।

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## Air India to set up aircraft maintenance training institute in Bengaluru

**NT Correspondent**

**BENGALURU**

Air India on Friday said it is setting up a Basic Maintenance Training Organisation (BMTO), which will offer an integrated 2+2 years Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) programme certified by the Indian aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

The Air India BMTO is a step towards building a robust, future-ready aviation ecosystem in India, the company said.

It will serve the ambitions of the airline as it moves ahead in its transformation journey, strengthening the availability of aircraft maintenance engineers as Air India expands its fleet, making it self-reliant, it said in a release.

Air India has signed an agreement with Bengaluru Airport City Limited (BACL), a subsidiary of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), to develop a build-to-suit facility for the AME



programme that will feature modern classrooms, well-equipped laboratories for practical training and a team of qualified trainers.

The purpose-built campus, spread over 86,000 square feet at Bengaluru Airport City, is expected to be operational by mid-2026, it said.

The aim of the BMTO is to foster a workforce of skilled professionals for aircraft maintenance and engineering operations where students will receive hands-on experience and training, adhering to industry standards and Air India's specific

requirements, it added.

Till the new BMTO facility commences operations, Air India will implement a Cadet AME programme with other reputable institutions across Bengaluru and Hyderabad to ensure continuity in its commitment towards AME education and workforce development as well as to support its requirements for aircraft maintenance engineers.

Air India, Director, Aviation Academy Sunil Bhaskaran said, "The BMTO will establish a pipeline of skilled engineers trained to Air India standards."



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## Air India to offer integrated aircraft maintenance engineering programme

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MUMBAI

Air India on Friday said it will set up a Basic Maintenance Training Organisation (BMTO) that will offer an integrated aircraft maintenance engineering programme and the facility will be operational in mid-2026.

The BMTO will be housed close to Air India's new 12-bay Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Bengaluru that will be operational in early 2026.

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"The purpose-built campus, spread over 86,000 square feet at Bengaluru Airport City, is expected to be operational by mid-2026," a release said.

The programme will include two years of in-classroom academic course work followed by two years of practical on the job training at the MRO.



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## State keen on resuming direct flights to London

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### OUR CORRESPONDENT

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**KOLKATA:** The state government is keen on holding a discussion in the Assembly during its Winter Session starting from November 25 on its long-standing demand for resuming direct flights to London and other countries under European Unions from Kolkata.

The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) is expected to bring a proposal and a discussion on the proposal will take place in the House on November 27. State is expected to push forward its demand and urge the Centre to take steps so that the direct flight services from Kolkata. The cities like Delhi, Mumbai, even Hyderabad and Bangalore have direct flight services to Europe whereas in Kolkata, the direct flight was stopped many years ago.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had urged the Union Civil Aviation Ministry to resume direct flights between Kolkata and London, more than a decade after they were discontinued. The Chief Minister had stressed the importance of resuming flight services to Europe during the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) in the past. She had pointed out that resumption of direct flight services with Europe might bring business opportunities as well.

The state government has been pursuing this for more than the last ten years. Air India had started a direct flight between Kolkata and London in 2005. The services were, however, discontinued in September 2008 because of poor load factor. British airways, too, moved out of the sector in March 2009.



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■ **फ्लाइट में देरी तो  
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## AIRLINES TO DEPLOY TRAINED CREW, ARRANGE STAY

# Steps to fight fog effect on flights

SANJAY MANDAL

■ Crew trained to operate in low visibility on flights to fog-prone airports  
■ "Pre-arranged" accommodation and transportation for crew members so they are available as soon as the condition improves

Calcutta: Airlines are planning several measures to reduce delays during winter when fog plays havoc with flight schedules across India.

The Calcutta airport authorities said they are preparing to reduce disruptions triggered by fog in the city as well as at other airports.

The Category III-B instrument landing system, which was installed at the Calcutta airport in early 2018, allows flights to land even when the runway visual range is as low as 50m.

However, visibility often dips below 50m in winter because of fog, stalling flights.

On January 15, 238 flights to and from the city were delayed and 41 were cancelled because of fog at the Calcutta airport and many other cities, including Delhi. Altercations broke out between passengers and the airline staff.

IndiGo and Air India said they have made plans to minimise delays during winter.

"Qualified low visibility operations (LVO) crew are scheduled for flights during fog-prone periods, ensuring



Haze over EM Bypass on Friday afternoon. Picture by Pradip Sanyal

safety and operational reliability," said a spokesperson for IndiGo.

"Conditional captains are excluded from rosters during the fog season to minimise risks and maintain consistency in operations."

Conditional captains are those with less than 100 hours of experience as a flight commander, a pilot said.

"Often flights trying to land at an airport in low-visibility conditions get diverted because the crew are not certified to operate in such conditions. So, proper planning while preparing the roster can help avoid such inconveniences," the pilot said.

IndiGo said the crew will be strategically positioned near airports to reduce delays caused by transportation challenges during foggy conditions.

"Accommodations and transportation are pre-arranged for crew, ensuring they are readily available to operate flights as soon as conditions improve," the airline said. "Based on historical data and strategy, IndiGo carries additional fuel to account for holding patterns and taxi delays, reducing the need for diversions and gate returns."

Air India sources said it has strengthened its systems to ensure timely alerts are sent to passengers. "We have mobilised all resources for faster response to any fog disruption. Alternative airports have been identified and equipped for smooth handling of passengers... if there is any flight diversion," said an airline source.

"Air India is well-equipped with a large pool of CAT III-certified aircraft and pilots."

Calcutta airport sources said a dedicated team has been set up to coordinate with airlines and other agencies to handle fog delays.

"Non-essential work on the airfield will be stopped and unnecessary vehicles removed to ensure faster movement of aircraft amid low visibility," said an airport official. "This will reduce delays to some extent," he said.

Airport officials said the airlines should deploy more personnel in the terminal when there are major delays and hundreds of passengers are stranded.



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## *Airlines asked to provide beverages, snacks or meals to passengers of delayed flights*

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Airlines will now have to provide beverages and snacks to passengers when flights are delayed by two to four hours and meals on those delayed beyond four hours.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has advised airlines as low visibility in north India has started leading to delays this winter.

And when a flight is delayed on one sector, it leads to consequential delays on all other routes across the airline's network the aircraft is to operate that day.

**Airlines to provide drinking water for delays of flight up to two hours; tea or coffee with snacks/refreshments for delays between two and four 4 hours; and meals for delays exceeding four hours**

The aviation ministry on Friday said on X: "... airlines have been advised to provide facilities to passengers during flight delays. These measures are designed to prioritise passenger convenience during unforeseen disruptions. As per advisory issued by DGCA, airlines (have) to provide drinking water for delays of flight up to two hours; tea or coffee with

snacks/refreshments for delays between two and four 4 hours; and meals for delays exceeding four hours."

"These provisions aim to enhance passenger experience while addressing their basic needs during extended waiting times," the ministry added. Apart from this DGCA advisory, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has also

addressed one of the biggest issues passengers of delayed flights face every winter — remaining onboard aircraft for hours waiting for it to take off.

It has now allowed "smooth re-entry of passengers stranded inside aircraft due to weather or technical delays, minimising inconvenience and facilitating smoother re-boarding when flights resume. A drill of the same by concerned stakeholders is also being carried out," the aviation ministry had said on Wednesday.



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